

Council in Focus



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Controlling noise over summer

In summer, we tend to see an increase in the number of complaints about unreasonable noise.

Tolerance to noise can vary depending on circumstances. We make every effort to resolve noise complaints, however they can be complex. Noise complaints are looked into by experienced officers who will determine whether they consider the noise to be excessive. This generally does not include noise generated by people going about their day to day lives. Sound generated at one property that can be heard at another property does not necessarily mean the noise is excessive.

Excessive noise can occur and be responded to by us at any time of the day or night. It's a common misunderstanding that we can't take noise enforcement action outside of certain hours (such as before 10pm). Our Noise Control Officers have several enforcement options ranging from giving a verbal warning to proceeding with prosecution. Penalties can be as high as an initial \$10,000 fine and an additional \$1000 fine for every day the offence occurs.

We offer a 24 hour, 7 day a week response to noise complaints. If you have any questions about noise control or would like to make a complaint, phone us on 0800 746 467. If you phone outside of working hours, please wait for the 'noise' option and follow the instructions given.

New playground in Morrinsville



Morrinsville parks are well equipped for the kids this summer. A new playground has been installed at Wiseley Park (pictured above).

Council in Focus in the New Year

Council in Focus is taking a break over Christmas and New Year (we hope you are too!) The first edition for 2012 will be in the Piako Post on 25 January. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please phone 0800 746 467 if you have any urgent queries during our office closure.

'Splash into summer' pool party

Come to the Morrinsville Heated Pools for a splashing good time on 16 December between 12-2pm! There will be lots of games and competitions. Normal pool entry cost. Under 8 year olds must be supervised by an adult/caregiver over 16 years of age. Phone 07 889 7295 for more information.



Upcoming Community Events

14-16 December - Once upon a Christmas, Future Te Aroha

16 December - 'Splash into summer' pool party, Morrinsville Heated Pools

16 December - 'Splash into summer' pool party, Matamata Sports Centre

17-18 December - Gypsy Fair, Matamata Primary School

17 December - Te Aroha Street Market, Whitaker Street

17 December - Waharoa Village Market, Waharoa Village Green

18 December - Christmas at the Park, Bedford Park Matamata

18 December - Te Aroha Model Railway Display, Burgess Street

1 January - Te Aroha Model Railway Display, Burgess Street

7 January - Morrinsville Country Market - Canada Street

14 January - Matamata Flea Market - Matamata Primary School

Taking care of your pets this summer

If you are heading away over the summer period, make sure you have organised alternative accommodation or a sitter for your pets. Your pets need care and attention every day so it is not a good idea to leave them on their own for long periods of time. If you have any questions regarding taking care of your pets this summer, you can talk to one of our Animal Control Officers.

Animal Control is a 24 hour service in our district. If you have an urgent complaint or query over the summer period phone us on 0800 746 467.



Looking for fun school holiday activities?

Then head along to your local library this week to sign up for the Kiwanis Summer Reading Programme!

The 'Big Bush Read' started this week and children can register at local libraries, or online at www.mpdc.govt.nz/summer-reading.

The reading programme is loads of fun and encourages kids to keep up their reading over the summer holidays. Registered children read library books (either by themselves or with an adult) then report in to library staff; each time they report in they receive a small incentive, an activity sheet and a sticker for their folder.

If you are going away for the holidays, you can still take part. Kids can check in using the phone, fax, email,

or online at the website address above. There are fun activity days during the programme, where children can get involved in fun bush themed crafts.



Once children have checked in three times they are eligible for the finale party at their local pool - where they can have a free swim, receive a certificate and listen to the exciting storyteller.

For more information on the Big Bush Read visit your local library or www.mpdc.govt.nz/summer-reading.



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