

Council in Focus

Waharoa/Raungaiti wastewater

The Waharoa and Raungaiti wastewater project has been running to schedule and the project is on track to be completed by June 2012.

The project which started in March this year will see the urban areas of Waharoa and Raungaiti connected to a Council wastewater system. Currently the properties in those areas use septic tanks to collect their wastewater.

Residents should be informed of any road closures and detours that have been put in place during the project.

If you would like more information, please contact Council on 0800 746 467.

Matamata BMX track opening

The Matamata BMX Club are holding a grand opening at the new BMX park at Burwood Road in Matamata.

The opening will be held on Sunday 30 October at 1pm. There will be plenty of fun activities, riding displays, a sausage sizzle and prizes to be won. For more information contact Bob McGrail on 07 888 7588.

How we prioritise our roading work

We undertake road maintenance throughout the district to keep our roads safe. To ensure we get best value for money with our limited funds, we use a range of methods to prioritise our work.

For us to be able to keep our roads safe, we rely on our engineering staff, Police, traffic studies and the public to tell us what sites in our district need attention. From there we complete a risk analysis of all the sites. As part of the risk analysis, we look at the crash statistics to determine which sites are the most urgent.

Not all crashes are reported to the Police therefore we rely on the public to fill out a Council crash report. We can then include these sites when we prioritise our work.

If you have had a crash recently that wasn't reported to the Police, please fill out the crash report form which can be found at www.mppdc.govt.nz under the roading section.



Last choice car - plan b4 u party

At approximately 11:30pm on Wednesday 29 July 2009, a Subaru Legacy was travelling south on a rural road in the Wellington Region.

The driver, Richard was a young man who had recently brought this car and wanted to show it off to his friends. As a result he had two passengers in the car at the time, one in the front and one in the right rear.

Richard made a bad driving decision and crashed, resulting in his death. His passengers received serious injuries which they still suffer the effects of. A blood sample taken from Richard showed that he had a blood alcohol level over the legal limit.

As part of the 'plan b4 you party' campaign, we have the car available to showcase how drink driving can result in life changing experiences. This display is FREE for the public and has been kindly supplied by Fulton Hogan in conjunction with Matamata-Piako District Council and New Zealand Police.

Locations:

- Corner of Canada and Thames Street, Morrinsville between 10am-1pm Tuesday 25 October.
- Bedford Park in Matamata, between 10am-1pm and then at the New World carpark from 1pm-2pm on Wednesday 26 October.
- Rewi Street, Te Aroha next to Piako Motors, between 10am-1pm Thursday 27 October.

What's on

20 October - Matamata Tower spinners and weavers, Tower Museum

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21 October - Matamata Country Music Club concert night, Matamata Primary Hall

27 October - Matamata Tower spinners and weavers, Tower Museum

28 October - 'The Mall' by Matamata College

29 October - Waharoa and districts craft and flea market

Notice of Meetings

The following meetings have been scheduled for the month of November 2011.

Morrinsville Community Board – Events Centre, Ron Ladd Place, Morrinsville on Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 6pm.

Matamata Community Board – Matamata Area Office, Tainui Street, Matamata on Monday 7 November 2011 at 5.30pm.

Te Aroha Community Board – Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Monday 21 November 2011 at 6pm.

Please note: Matamata Community Board meeting is the 1st Monday of the month.

Public Forum: a public forum is held at the beginning of the Community Board meetings. If you would like to discuss an issue or topic relating to your ward please contact Caroline Hubbard on 0800 746 467.

Matamata-Piako District Council – Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 9:15am.

Corporate and Operations Committee – Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Wednesday 23 November 2011 at 9:15am.

This notice is made in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Notice of Consultation - Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

We want to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes in to our landfills. To do this, we are proposing to work with our neighbouring Councils.

A draft joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) has been developed by the Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki and Matamata-Piako District Councils. All Councils are required to develop and adopt a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

The three Councils have approved the draft plan and now invite you to make a submission and have your say on the draft WMMP.

Copies of the draft WMMP summary can be obtained and the draft WMMP and Waste Assessment documents can be viewed at our Council offices, libraries or by contacting Customer Services. The draft documents are also available online at www.mppdc.govt.nz.

Each Council will receive submissions from their own district. Any person or organisation can make a submission. All submissions must be in writing and received no later than 5pm Monday 21 November 2011.

You can send us your submission:

- by posting it to 'Chief Executive, Matamata-Piako District Council, PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342'.

- online at www.mppdc.govt.nz
- by emailing it to wmmpsubmissions@mpdc.govt.nz
- by faxing it 07 884 8865

The Eastern Waikato Regional Solid Waste Joint Committee (a Joint Committee of the three Councils), will be hearing and deliberating on the submissions received.

Any person who makes a submission will also have the opportunity to speak to their submission at the hearing, which will be held on Monday, 12 December 2011 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber at Hauraki District Council, corner William Street and Belmont Road, Paeroa.

Any queries regarding the draft WMMP should be directed to the Corporate Strategy Manager at Matamata-Piako District Council. Phone 0800 746 467.

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