

Council in Focus

Business to Business Awards Finalists

Nominations are in, voting has closed, finalists have been confirmed and winners will be announced on the night - congratulations to all the finalists for the 2011 Business Night Out:

Business Night Out 2011

Business Excellence

Matamata

ASB Matamata
Matamata Timber & Hardware
Pictiur Perfect Kodak Express
Mimico
New World Supermarket
Gloss Beauty Boutique
L J Hooker Matamata
Horse and Jockey Inn
Baigent Motors

Morrinsville

Essenza Coffee Company
Seales Winslow
Nicholson United Autos
Fitness Furnishings and Caffeine
Belfor Auto 1
BaaNs Property Management

Te Aroha

Addictions Gift Shop
Bunnings Te Aroha
Palace Hotel
Te Aroha & District Community Hospital

Customer Service

Matamata

Horse and Jockey Inn
Matamata i-SITE Visitor Centre
Espresso To Go
Sen Sushi
Matamata Timber & Hardware

Morrinsville

BaaNs Property Management
Grab a Fix Espresso
Marc 1 Wheels and Tyres
The Green Beanie
Wallace Gallery

Te Aroha

Best Meats 2
Chasing Cats
Healthfit Te Aroha
Piako Stationery
Te Aroha and District
Community Hospital

We asked for your feedback - here's what you told us...

We're developing a plan for our community for the next ten years. We asked for your feedback in August on six of the major issues we're facing, and now we're using this feedback to help write the Our Community Our Future plan. Here's a summary of what the community told us:



We asked: how much are you willing to pay?

You said:

243 people said 'stick to the current services and the have to dos'
293 people said 'do the have to dos, but look at what current services can be reduced'
238 people said 'stick with the current services and add some of the choose to do'

We asked: should we change the rating system?

You said:

393 people said 'keep the rating system as it is'
341 people said 'change to a more user pays system'
40 people said 'make rates more tax based'

We asked: should we do more to support economic growth?

You said:

458 people said 'continue providing the current economic development services'
149 people said 'cut back on the current economic development services'
163 people said 'drive economic development in our community'

What happens next? Council will use this feedback to make decisions that will guide the development of the Our Community Our Future plan. You'll have another opportunity to have your say on these issues as well as other Council projects and activities when we publish the draft plan in early 2012. Watch this space and www.ourcommunity-ourfuture.co.nz for the latest info on Council plans for the coming years.

Upcoming Community Arts Events

5 October - Altrusa Nite N Day Fashion Show - Wallace Gallery (note: this was previously advertised incorrectly as 4 October, we apologise for any inconvenience)

8 October - Matamata Flea Market, Matamata Primary School
13-15 October - Matamata Historical Society Annual Book Fair, Alibi (94-96 Broadway)

13-15 October - Morrinsville Lyceum Painting Circle Annual Exhibition, Lyceum Clubrooms, Moorhouse St

14-16 October - Matamata Society of Arts Inc Annual Exhibition, Matamata Memorial Centre

15 October - Te Aroha Street Market, Whitaker St

For more information on these events, visit:
www.tearohanz.co.nz
www.morrinsvillenz.co.nz

Signs need to be safe

Signs are important for many groups and businesses but it's essential that they meet District Plan requirements for the safety of people (especially drivers) in our district.

One way to ensure signs in our district are safe is having rules for the size of lettering on signs. This is because the faster a vehicle is travelling past a sign, the less time people have to read it and small lettering could be distracting. The minimum letter heights for the different speed zones are:

50 km/hr - minimum of 75mm	60 km/hr - minimum of 85mm
70 km/hr - minimum of 100mm	80 km/hr - minimum of 125mm
100 km/hr - minimum of 175mm	

If you are wanting to put up a sign, you need to make sure your sign meets the District Plan requirements (including minimum letter sizes) or you could be asked to remove the sign. If you have any questions about signs in the district, you can call our duty Planner on 0800 746 467 or read section 3.5 of the District Plan, which is available at www.mpdc.govt.nz.

Keep reading Council in Focus over the next few editions to learn more about signage rules in the district.

Did you know you can look up library books online using the library catalogue? Go to <http://library.mpdc.govt.nz> to try it out!

Temporary Road Closures - Quine Road and Rewi Street

Quine Road

Matamata-Piako District Council will close the following road to ordinary traffic for the period stated below so the Thames Valley Car Club Inc can conduct a hill-climb event.

Road to be closed

Quine Rd from approximately 3.2 km north of the Morrinsville-Tahuna Rd intersection (Rapid number 333), to approximately 3.0 km south of the Kauri Rd intersection (0.5 km south of rapid number 609).

Date and time of closure

Saturday 8 October 2011 from 10am to 5pm

Rewi Street

Matamata-Piako District Council will also close the following road to ordinary traffic for the period stated below so Te Aroha RSA can hold their 80th Anniversary Celebrations.

Road to be closed

Rewi Street Te Aroha: from Kenrick Street to Lawrence Avenue

Date and time of closure

Saturday 8 October 2011 - 10am to 4pm

This notice is made in accordance with Section 342(b) of the Local Government Act 1974, and paragraphs 11(e) and 11(A) of the tenth schedule.

Don McLeod
Chief Executive Officer