

Council in Focus



Resource Consents Grant

An annual fund of \$25,000 is available for not-for-profit community groups who need financial assistance with the cost of resource consents.

Community groups can apply for funding at any time of the year and can ask for up to \$5000 towards the cost of the resource consent process.

To apply for funding, your group must be a not-for-profit community group and should:

- have a high ratio of volunteers to paid employees
- have a high degree of public access to the group
- primarily be funded from grants, donations, subscriptions or similar and not from fees, charges or funding from central government

The grant has been introduced as part of Council's contribution to the social and cultural well-being of the community. Each application will be considered by Councillors to determine whether or not funding will be awarded.



If you would like an application form you can download it at www.mpd.govt.nz under 'our services' then 'grants' or contact Council on 0800 746 467 or email info@mpdc.govt.nz

Mobility Scooter Club - 3 October

Te Aroha is hosting a Mobility Scooter Club get together with a difference, this time we are going on an outing, finishing with a cup of tea and cake.

All scooter users are welcome to attend the social get together with other scooter users. If you have any questions about mobility scooters, feel free to come along and we can answer any questions you may have.

People are encouraged to book early for catering purposes. Please meet outside the Te Aroha RSA at 10am. If there is heavy rain on the day, it will be postponed.

To register your interest in attending please contact Gary Darkes on 0508 726 6837.

What's on

- 8 September - Matamata Tower Spinners and Weavers - Tower Museum
- 10 September - Craft and Market Fair - Matamata Primary School field
- 10 September - Piako Good Companions Dance - Senior Citizens Lounge Morrinsville
- 17 September - Morrinsville Country Music Spectacular

Rubbish reminders

If you receive Council's kerbside rubbish and recycling service, it's important that you have your rubbish and recycling out by 7.30am on your collection day.

If you are not sure when your collection day is, you can check at www.mpd.govt.nz or you can phone Council on 0800 746 467.

If you need more rubbish bags, you can purchase these at any Council office for \$3.50 each.



What do you think of Council in Focus?

We have been running our fortnightly 'Council in Focus' ads for three months now and we want to know what you think.

Is the content relevant and interesting? Is the ad an easy way for you to find out Council news? Is fortnightly frequent enough? Is the ad easy to find in the newspaper?

We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we communicate with our residents and your feedback is appreciated. Email info@mpdc.govt.nz to tell us what you think, or phone Council on 0800 746 467 to speak to the Communications team.

Business to Business Awards 2011

Now is your chance to have your say on which businesses you think provide the best Customer Service. The nominees below have been nominated by other businesses, with the top five going through to public vote. Now it's up to you to have the final say. Below are the top five nominees from Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha. You may nominate one business that you think should win in each of the three main towns. Please note that you do not have to vote for a business in each town.

Business Night Out 2011

Send your vote to the address below before Friday, 23 September 2011.
Business to Business Awards, Matamata-Piako District Council, PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342

Or you can drop your vote into any Council office or vote online at www.mpd.govt.nz/business-awards.html

Please note that only original voting forms from the newspaper (no copies) or nominations submitted through the website will be accepted. You can only submit one voting form.

Customer Service Finalists - vote now!

Matamata Finalists (tick one box only)

- Horse and Jockey Inn
- Matamata i-SITE visitor centre
- Espresso To Go
- Sen Sushi
- Matamata Timber & Hardware Ltd

Morrinsville Finalists (tick one box only)

- BaaNs Property Management
- Grab a fix Espresso
- Marc 1 Wheels & Tyres Ltd
- The Green Beanie
- Wallace Gallery

Te Aroha Finalists (tick one box only)

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

Please provide your contact details (votes without this information won't be accepted)

Name: _____
Address: _____

Registration of interest from building services contractors to provide building maintenance services

Qualified and registered trades people and companies are invited to register their interest to provide building maintenance services to Council owned buildings and property. A register will be kept for each of the three towns – Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Matamata for the following trades:

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| Carpentry/building | Plumbing/Gas Fitting |
| Electrical | Painting |
| Flooring | Roofing |

Contractors will stay on the register for a maximum period of five years, subject to satisfactory performance. Each trade class will have a maximum number of providers. The type of work carried out is generally of a responsive maintenance nature.

Please contact Council on 0800 746 467 for an information pack/ application form or send an email to info@mpdc.govt.nz to receive it electronically.

This pack will detail the type of work and Councils requirements in carrying out this work. It also details the experience, qualifications and standards required.

Applications for inclusion on the 2011/2012 register close at 4pm on Wednesday 14 September 2011.

Applications must be placed in the tenders box in the foyer of the Te Aroha Council Office or posted or emailed so that they arrive before 14 September 2011.