

# 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](http://www.ourcommunity-ourfuture.co.nz) for the latest info on Council plans for the coming years.

**We asked:** who should pay for growth?

**You said:**

582 people said 'developers pay for growth'  
12 people said 'ratepayers pay for growth'  
193 people said 'developers and ratepayers share the cost of growth'

**We asked:** how should we fund our roads?

**You said:**

483 people said 'increase rates to keep maintaining roads to the current standard'  
243 people said 'reduce road maintenance to keep roading rates around the same level'

**We asked:** how should we manage water supply for the future?

**You said:**

65 people said 'install new water services to meet demand'  
183 people said 'Install water meters on all residential properties'  
436 people said 'encourage water conservation'

*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!*

## Town clock still on the mend

The west clock face of the Matamata town clock has been repaired and is now ticking along nicely, however, we are now facing more issues with the other faces.

The south clock face is also having timing problems and has been removed until a replacement arrives in the country. The clock faces are manufactured by a German company who has discovered that the four faces of the town clock all came from a faulty batch, which was also supplied to other Councils around the country. The company is sending three new clock faces via airfreight to New Zealand to replace the south face, which is currently not working and the east and north faces, which will eventually have the same problem. The company has apologised for the fault and is providing the new clock faces free of charge.

Council has asked residents to be patient while the repairs are underway.

"Currently there is no south face to the clock and once the three new ones arrive, the north and east faces will be taken out also. It could take up to five working days to have all the faces back in place," says Council CEO, Don McLeod.

"We understand that the town clock is important to Matamata's character and we want it to be back up and running without timing issues as soon as possible. The community's patience is much appreciated."

Once the new clock faces are in place, they should last for the next 30 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](http://www.tearohanz.co.nz)  
[www.morrinsvillenz.co.nz](http://www.morrinsvillenz.co.nz)  
[www.matamatanz.co.nz](http://www.matamatanz.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](http://www.mpdc.govt.nz).

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