

Council in Focus

Our Community Our Future Plan



You'll see us throughout the document highlighting the important bits you need to know

Your opinion will help shape the community and future of Matamata-Piako



We are currently working on our Long Term Plan (LTP) that we will be consulting on in April this year.

Not really sure what the LTP is about?

The LTP is about setting our projects' strategic and financial direction for the community for the next ten years.

We review our LTP every three years to make sure we are still on the right track for developing and servicing our community.

It's important that you check out our LTP and have your say on it because you determine what we focus on for the next ten years.

Keep an eye out for the LTP summary in your local newspaper in April. If you want to see the full version of our plan, it will be available at Council offices and libraries in April also.

The LTP summary will be in your local newspaper mid April



Community Arts Events

11-12 February - Morrinsville Motorama, Morrinsville Polo Grounds
15 February - Patchwork and stitching group 10am-2pm Te Aroha Arts Centre
18 February - Te Aroha Street Market, Whitaker Street
18 February - Oak Lane Lodge Jazz and Blues Day, 78a Horrell Road, Morrinsville

Fire restrictions may be imposed

Despite the wet start to summer, the warm drying winds and hot days have increased the fire danger in our district.

C'mon
Keep it Green

Caution must be taken when lighting a fire, especially if you are near long grass, drains or hedge/tree lines. These particular areas are very dry and will catch fire easily.

The Fire Service have responded to a number of out of control fires this summer - we want to keep that number down in our district so please take care.

Fires should not be left unattended and water or other methods of controlling the fire should be available on site. If your fire does get out of control, you may be liable for the costs incurred to extinguish the fire.

If there is no significant rainfall over the next few weeks, a restricted fire season may be imposed over the whole district. If you require advice or an update on the Fire Season status please contact us on 0800 746 467.

Important notice to all rate payers

Third instalment rates notices for 2011/2012 have been posted out. Last day for payment of this instalment is Monday 27 February 2012.

A 10% additional charge will be added to any part of this third instalment that remains unpaid at 5pm 27 February 2012.

Payment options:

- cash, cheque and eftpos - at your area office
- automatic payments - please check that your payments will cover the current years rates
- direct debits - will be processed on the night of 27 February 2012
- electronic banking - please ensure the correct references are lodged with your payment. These can be found on the back of your rates invoice.

If you have not received your rates notice or need to check your account balance please contact Customer Services for assistance on 0800 746 467.

Do the changes to the building act affect you?

Changes to the building act will be implemented nationwide from 1 March. If you work in the industry, we want to make sure you know all about them. If the changes affect you, your business should have received a letter notifying you about our information evenings.

If you didn't get a letter, our building team are happy to chat with you regarding the changes, just give them a call during normal office hours on 0800 746 467.



Waharoa residents soon to have homes connected to wastewater

Waharoa residents will no longer need to use septic tanks once all the homes are connected to the Matamata wastewater system. With all the pipe work in place, work has begun on connecting the township to the new system.

This project is a huge milestone as the town will no longer face the health issues that come with having septic tanks.

Residents from Mowbray Road south will be the first to be connected in Waharoa with the entire project scheduled to be complete by May.

Proposed temporary road closure - Quine Road

Matamata-Piako District Council proposes to close the following road to ordinary traffic for the period stated below so the Hamilton Motorcycle Club can conduct a hillclimb motorsport event.

Road to be closed: Quine Road from a point approximately 3.2 km north of the Morrinsville-Tahuna Road intersection (Rapid number 333), to approximately 3.0 km south of the Kauri Road intersection (0.5 km south of rapid number 609).

Date and time of closure: Sunday 15 April 2012 - 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Submissions on the proposed closure should be in writing to Mike van Grootel, to reach Matamata-Piako District Council Office at PO Box 266, Te Aroha, no later than 12pm on Wednesday 14 March 2012.

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

Hetana Street Upgrade

This is great news for us as Matamata attracts a large number of tourists to Hobbiton who then continue to explore our district. Hetana Street is one of Matamata's busiest streets as the public toilets are located on the street and the Information Centre is on the corner.

The road and footpath will be upgraded to include more carparks and the work will begin in February and will be completed in eight weeks. Access to all facilities and businesses within the area will be maintained at all times.

Save water now to avoid shortages

The weather this summer has kept our water supply at a good level, however demand is slowly creeping up and we need to conserve water now to avoid a restriction during February.

On average, our daily water usage is:
Matamata - 5600m³
Morrinsville - 6600m³
Te Aroha - 5400m³


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Last month, daily water usage peaked at:
Matamata - 5800m³
Morrinsville - 7400m³
Te Aroha - 6900m³

For tips on water saving, visit www.mpdc.govt.nz and head to the news section to find 'Water Conservation'