






Wednesday 24 May 2017

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Easter Sunday trading policy adopted by Council

Matamata-Piako District Council has voted in favour of adopting a new policy to give businesses the option of opening on Easter Sunday.

While the central government directive has given councils the power to determine if shops should be able to open on Easter Sunday, the decision of whether to open or not is still up to the business owner.

Additionally, employees cannot be forced to work Easter Sunday even if the shop is open.

The Council received 80 submissions on the draft policy, with opinion split on opening on Easter Sunday.

Following a hearing of submitters to the policy Council voted it in. The policy takes effect from Easter Sunday 2018.

You can view it on the council website, and at offices and libraries.



Queen's Birthday rubbish collection dates

Kerbside collection for Queen's Birthday week is one day later than usual:

Te Aroha (rubbish only):
Friday 9 June

Morrinsville (rubbish & recycling):
Saturday 10 June

Matamata (rubbish only):
Saturday 10 June



If you have your rubbish collected by a private contractor, for example those in rural areas of the district, you may wish to contact them to check if there are any changes to your collection days.

25 May Last day for rates

Please contact customer services for any enquiries



Important notice - Refuse bag supply 2017/18 from Council offices

Council's kerbside refuse and recycling collection customers will be receiving a voucher in the mail again this year, which will entitle the ratepayer to a one-year supply of refuse bags (52 bags).

This voucher needs to be presented at any of the Council offices in order to collect the refuse bags. Vouchers will be sent out from 1 June 2017 and refuse bags will be available for collection from the offices from 6 June 2017.

Note: Vouchers are specific to a property/property owner. Please ensure you are bringing in the voucher for the property you are

collecting bags for. If you are not the property owner, photo ID will be required to receive your bags.

You can collect your bags between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday or on Saturday 10 June and Saturday 17 June between 9am and 12pm.

Council offices are located at Kenrick Street in Te Aroha, Canada Street in Morrinsville and Cnr Tainui and Tui Streets (old pancake house) in Matamata.

Note: This year's vouchers are printed on **orange** card. Please look out for them in your mailbox.

Notice of Meetings

Chief Executive Officer Performance Committee: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha, Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 3pm.

Te Manawhenua Forum: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha, Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 10am.

Matamata-Piako District Council: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha Wednesday, 14 June 2017 at 9.15am.

Matamata-Piako District Council: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha Tuesday 20 June, Wednesday 21 June (if required) 2017 at 9.15am. Council to hear submissions to Plan Change 47 of the District Plan.

Audit and Risk Committee: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha Tuesday, 27 June 2017 at 10.30am.

Corporate and Operations Committee: Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at 9.15am.

Please note the following hearing has been postponed:

Matamata-Piako District Council District Licensing Committee (Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012): Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha Thursday, 1 June 2017 at 10am.

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

Seeing the wood for the trees

District Plan Change 48 (Protected Trees) was approved by the Council on 10 May and is taking effect today (24 May). The plan change offers landowners increased flexibility to carry out maintenance and pruning work while still protecting the significance of the trees.

All trees are a vital part of our environment and our communities and while the District Plan only protects those trees that are deemed significant, we want to encourage a greater appreciation of their role in preserving our rural and urban environments.

Among other benefits, trees:

- sustain our pristine wild areas and landscapes for all to enjoy
- provide shelter and shade for stock, benefiting animal welfare and farm productivity
- have a special spiritual significance for Maori, in the exercise of kaitiakitanga
- stabilise stream banks, improve water quality and reduce global warming
- are planted to commemorate a person or event
- just bring that "feel good" factor.

