

Council in Focus

Warm water at Matamata Pools

Great news for Matamata Sports Centre users, the new bore is working which means we have consistently warm pools!

Bring the family down for a swim in our nice warm 27-30° water.



Grazing contract

Tenders are called for a Grazing Licence on Council owned utilities land in Waihou.

Location: Barker/Campbell Road, Waihou (off State Highway 26, behind Kaimai Valley Services Depot).

The grazing land consists of old landfill and wastewater plant land and is approximately 15.05 hectares. It is offered for a term of three years with two rights of renewal, totalling a further three years. The grazing land offered does not permit the grazing of horses, bulls or pigs.

This licence is available from 1 September 2014.

A copy of the proposed licence, Conditions of Tender and a plan of the site can be obtained from Dave Locke, Matamata-Piako District Council, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha or by phoning 0800 746 467.

Tenders close on Thursday 6 March, 2014 at 4pm.

Don McLeod
Chief Executive Officer

Important notice to all ratepayers

Third instalment rates notices for 2013/2014 have been posted to ratepayers. Last day for payment of this instalment is Tuesday 25 February 2014.

A 10% additional charge will be added to any part of this third instalment that remains unpaid at 5pm on 25 February 2014.

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 25 February 2014.

Electronic banking – please ensure the correct references are lodged with your payment. These can be found on the back of your rates invoice.

Credit card – at www.mpd.govt.nz/pay-my-rates

If you have not received your rates notice or need to check your account balance please contact customer services on 0800 746 467.

Don McLeod
Chief Executive Officer

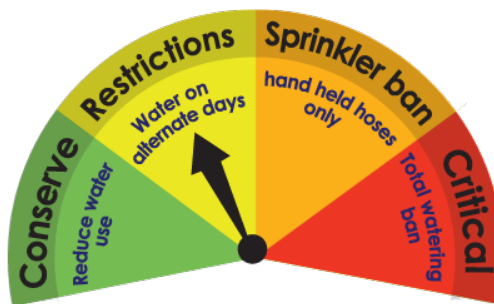
Water watch - every drop counts

Due to the high water demand across our district, water restrictions have moved to level two and hosing is now restricted to alternate days only.

If you live at an even street number you can hose on even dates (e.g. 24 Bloggs St, can water on February 12, 14, 16, 18 etc), if you live at an odd street number you can hose on uneven dates (e.g. 23 Bloggs St can water on February 13, 15, 17, 19 etc)

We ask people to conserve water wherever possible, to help reduce the possibility of further restrictions and ensure we have water for essential and emergency needs. If you see any excess water use please call us 0800 746 467.

Keep an eye on www.mpd.govt.nz for updates on the water situation and suggestions on how to save water in your home.



Transport and utilities review - summary of submissions now available

Matamata-Piako District Council has prepared a summary of submissions on:

- Plan Change 43 – Transportation reviews the transportation section of the District Plan (section 9), and also includes some amendments to the standards in the Development Manual.
- Plan Change 44 – Works and Network Utilities reviews the works and network utilities section of the District Plan (section 8).

The summary of submissions may be inspected, and a further submission made, at any Council office or library, or at www.mpd.govt.nz.

Please contact Ally van Kuijk on 0800 746 467 if you have any questions about the plan change.

The following persons may make a further submission on the plan change:

- any person representing a relevant aspect of public interest,
- any person who has an interest in the proposed plan change greater than the interest that the general public has,
- Matamata-Piako District Council.

You may make a further submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Matamata-Piako District Council by one of the following methods:

- post to PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342
- fax to 07 884 8865
- email submissions@mpdc.govt.nz
- online at www.mpd.govt.nz.

The further submission must be made using Form 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003 and must

Restricted fire season now in force

Our district is experiencing very dry conditions and with a long dry summer period predicted we have moved to a restricted fire season. The restricted fire season is now spread across the entire Thames Valley District.

This means fire permits are required for all fires in the open air. Permits can be arranged at Council offices but at this stage it is unlikely that any permits will be issued.

"We are asking the community to avoid lighting any fires and to inform us as soon as possible if they see a fire," says Nicole Nooyen, Communications Officer.

Protect our district and avoid scenes like below this summer. Most rural fires are detected by the general public or property owners, if you see smoke or fire dial 111 and ask for Fire.



relate to a matter in an original submission to the plan change. Copies of this form are available from the locations listed above.

You must also send a copy of your submission to the original submitter within five working days of lodging your submission with Council.

Further submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday 26 February, 2014.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the plan change under the Resource Management Act 1991 is as follows:

- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.
- Matamata-Piako District Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions), give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the plan change, and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the plan change to the Environment Court if, in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the plan change.

This notice is prepared in accordance with clause 7 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Don McLeod
Chief Executive Officer