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LINK TE HONONGA

WAIKATO DISTRICT NEWS
NGAA PAANUI O TE TAKIWAA
O WAIKATO



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Being involved in local body elections is not just a right;
it's your opportunity to have your say on what's important
to you, your whanau and your community.

This October 2019 is your chance to have a say on who represents
your community and the Waikato district for the next three years. Know
someone who could make a difference? Suggest they stand for Council
at this year's elections.

REPRESENT YOUR
COMMUNITY
**STAND
FOR COUNCIL**



WAIVOTE



WAISTAND



WAINOT

We're introducing a Maaori flavor to Link

We thought it was about time we introduce a Maaori flavor to the district's Link newsletter. The Waikato district has a strong and rich Maaori culture and we wanted to celebrate that.

From now on you will see regular headings translated into Maaori such as Te Hononga (The Link) and He Paanui Whakapoto (Just Briefly).



TOP 5 | NGAA WHAAINGA MATUA E RIMA

With elections just around the corner, here are your top 5 ways to get involved with Council.

1

Stand for Mayor, as a Councillor or on a Community Board at the upcoming elections

2

Make sure you're enrolled and vote on Election Day

3

Attend a Council or Community Board meeting

4

Participate in consultation. Make sure you have your say.

5

Keep up to date with news on Council's website and Facebook page



From back left, Sharone Eketone, Josiah Barton, Elijah Tamati, Sheryl Paekau, Jamie Wara, I-Jay Huirama, Elizabeth Saunders, Anne Saunders, Tessa Ryan, and Pam Osborne are all whanau and work together at Waikato District Council.

Keeping it whanau

It's a whanau affair at Waikato District Council. In the Ngaaruawaahia office alone there are ten members of the one family – siblings, cousins and a few aunts thrown in for good measure.

While ten from one whanau is on the larger side, we're also known to employ husbands and wives, partners, mother/daughter and father/son combos. We love supporting local families by offering employment opportunities.

Engagement coordinator I-Jay Huirama often gets comments around how great it is that Council isn't shy of hiring both locals and whanau.

"It's basically a big family atmosphere here at Council. The community should be proud that one of the biggest employers in the district is more than ok with supporting local and employing family."

Chief Executive Gavin Ion says the organisation couldn't function the way it does without the presence of local staff members.

"Having that extra-special connection with our community means we really have the heart of the community at the centre of everything we do. Our staff work tirelessly to work towards achieving our vision of creating Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities because it's their community too."

WOULD YOU CONSIDER STANDING FOR COUNCIL?

The Waikato District Council's Mayor, 13 Councillors and 30 Community Board Members represent you, your family and the community. They are accountable to you, the residents and ratepayers, for the planning, direction and management of resources to meet the present and future needs of the district.

Successful candidates need to have a clear understanding of what the community needs and who they are.

Do you know someone who would make a great Mayor, Councillor or Community Board member? Why not ask them to consider standing for Council at this year's elections.

Nominations

Nominations for those wanting to be Mayor, Councillor or Community Board member will open on Friday 19 July 2019 and close at noon on Friday 16 August 2019. Nomination papers will be available during this period at:

- Council's Main Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia
- Huntly Office, 142 Main Street, Huntly
- Raglan Office, 7 Bow Street, Raglan
- Te Kauwhata Office, 1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata
- Tuakau Office, 2 Dominion Road, Tuakau
- by accessing www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz
- by telephoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- a New Zealand citizen (by birth or naturalisation ceremony); and
- enrolled as a Parliamentary elector (anywhere in New Zealand); and
- nominated by two electors whose names appear on the electoral roll within the respective area that a candidate is standing for.

A \$200 nomination deposit is also required, to be paid at the time you provide your completed nomination paper. As a reminder, all council offices are cash-free now, so you can pay by EFTPOS, internet banking or by credit card (a 2% surcharge will apply).

Don't leave your nomination to the last minute!

About Waikato District Council

The purpose of Waikato District Council is to meet the current and future needs of your community. This includes good-quality local infrastructure, public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

Council's vision is that we work together as a district to build Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities (He noohanga aahuru, he iwi whai ora, he hāpori tuuhono tahi) as our district grows.

Liveable communities are well-planned and people-friendly, providing for a range of quality residential options, social infrastructure, walkways and open spaces. They reflect what's important to people, and support a shared sense of belonging both to the local community and the wider district.

Thriving communities participate in Council decision-making and community-led projects, provide input into the management of their local assets, and sustain the local business sector providing local employment.

Connected communities have fit-for-purpose infrastructure to create liveable, thriving communities. Connectivity through roads, cycleways, walkways and digital capabilities enable rapid information sharing and engaging in activities together. By these means, people in connected communities access services and amenities that meet their social, health, education and employment needs.



Are you enrolled to vote?

If you want to have your say on issues that affect you, your whanau and your community, then it's important to make sure you're enrolled and ready to vote.

Although electoral rolls close on Friday 12 August you can still enrol to vote after this date.

Visit elections.org.nz to enroll

- Freephone 0800 36 76 56, or free-text your name and address to 3676
- Visit any PostShop for an enrolment form.

*You can also check your enrolment details are up to date by visiting elections.org.nz. This is especially important to do if you've moved house.

If you are a ratepayer in the Waikato district, but don't live here, you may also be able to enrol on the non-resident ratepayer roll. Contact the electoral office on **0800 922 822** or download a form from [votewaikato.co.nz](https://www.votewaikato.co.nz).

Voting

You will be voting for:

- Waikato District Mayor (the Mayor is elected on a district-wide vote)
- Waikato District Councillors (13 Councillors are elected to represent 10 Wards, or areas, in our District)
- Community Board members (Community Boards in Huntly, Ngaaruawaahia, Onewhero-Tuakau, Taupiri and Raglan look after local interests and provide a link between the community and the Council)

In addition to voting for a Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members, Waikato District electors will also vote for:

- Waikato Regional Council members
- Counties Manukau District Health Board members+
- Te Kauwhata Licensing Trust members+

+ Only for those residents living within the respective areas of the DHB and Licensing Trust.

++ The Health Minister has appointed a commissioner to head up the Waikato DHB. This means there will be no election for this board.

Key dates

16 July	Candidate information evening, doors open 5.30pm for a 6pm start Expected finish time 8pm, Pokeno Hall, Corner Market St and Great South Rd
17 July	Candidate information evening, doors open 5pm for a 5.30pm start – expected finish time 7.30pm, Waikato District Council Ngaaruawaahia Office, 15 Galileo St
19 July	Nominations open
16 August	Nominations close (noon) and electoral rolls close (close of business)
17 August	Public notice of day of election, candidates' names and other information
20-25 September	Delivery of voting documents
20 September – 12 October	Special voting period
12 October	Election Day (voting closes at noon), progress results announced
17-23 October	Public notice of results
17-23 October	Elected candidates come into office (Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members)

For further information, including FAQs, visit www.votewaikato.co.nz.

VOTE 
WAIKATO.

“Be the same or be the change”

THIS IS WHAT COUNCIL DOES

WAIKATO IS HOME TO...

73,600
PEOPLE

(24.1% IDENTIFY
AS MAAORI)



174 NEW
NZ
CITIZENS IN 2017/18

14,812 DOGS



WE PROVIDE...

9,137,000

LITRES OF
DRINKING WATER A DAY

**55 PUBLIC
TOILETS**
USED BY 4,000
PEOPLE EVERYDAY

12 
SKATEPARKS

**KERBSIDE
COLLECTIONS
OF 10,438
TONNES OF
REFUSE EACH YEAR**

51 
PLAYGROUNDS

3 SWIMMING
POOLS

WAIKATO SPANS...

OVER

450,000

HECTARES
OF LAND

IN 2017/18 WE SUPPORTED...

151

COMMUNITY
GROUPS



AND

231

DOGS WERE
RE-HOMED



WE MAINTAIN...

1,836KMS

OF SEALED ROADS

241KMS
OF FOOTPATHS

600KMS
OF UNSEALED
ROADS

113 PARKS AND
RESERVES



39      
COMMUNITY HALLS

WE OPERATE...

6

LIBRARIES THAT SERVICE
15,689 LIBRARY MEMBERS



30

WATER
RESERVOIRS
WITH A TOTAL
CAPACITY OF **30,917m³**



7 WATER TREATMENT
PLANTS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY
OF **19,206m³**
PER DAY



21
CEMETERIES



2 ANIMAL
SHELTERS

25 DOG
EXERCISE AREAS

These statistics were from the last financial year.

BRINGING THE WORLD TO THE WAIKATO

E Mauria mai ana te Ao ki Waikato

Kat Jenkins

Bringing the world to the Waikato is a feature that tells us a little more about Waikato District Council staff who are from around the world.

Name: Kat Jenkins

Job title: Risk Advisor

Country of origin and how long you lived there: I was born in the North of Scotland but moved to Sweden when I was 1. I was in Sweden until I was 5 then back to Scotland to start school. At 14 I moved to Australia where I lived until I was 36. I identify as being Scottish. I haven't visited Scotland since 2006 but intend to go back next year 2020.

How long have you been in NZ? Five years this month.

What do you love about the Waikato District?

I've always liked being in the wilderness and I love the feeling of being remote. The wildness of the West Coast really appeals to this sense of place for me. I love the scenery; it's green, rugged and beautiful.

What is the biggest difference between life in New Zealand and life in your country of origin? The climate is much better here than in Scotland; it affords much more of an outdoor lifestyle. There are a lot of similarities though and I think that appeals to my sense of nostalgia. I was really a child when I left Scotland so my memory is influenced by my understanding of the world at that age. I remember it as being beautiful but hard. For me New Zealand is beautiful and full of opportunity. It's easier to live here.

What do you miss most about home? The craic.

What's one thing about life in your home country that most New Zealanders would not know about?

Scotland is a small country but when you are outside of the cities and the towns it feels totally remote. Because of the sometimes harsh climate in the North there can be a real sense of desolation and I think this can have a strong influence on people. Scots seem to have quite a particular character full of humour; likely this is as a result of living in this type of environment.

You need to convince someone to go on holiday to your country of origin. What do you say? It is intensely ancient and full of magic.



Risk Advisor Kat Jenkins has a mixed background but has been in New Zealand for five years.

THIS IS WHAT I DO

Anei taku Mahi

Anton Marais

This is what I do is a feature that tells us a little more about Waikato District Council staff and what they do.

Name: Anton Marais

Family: I am married and have one 10 year old daughter, one dog (yip it's registered), 2 cats (microchipped), 2 chickens, and several fish (in a small tank).

Role: My role is Business Intelligence Team Leader, which means I collect information and help people figure things out and have a team of really smart people to help me. My main interest lies in maps that can show where things are and how things are related to each other and the local environment. A picture can say a thousand words.

Waikato District Council's Business Intelligence Team Leader Anton Marais says he has a really interesting and diverse role.



How long have you worked for Waikato District Council? I have been working at the council for a bit over eleven years. I was born in South Africa, then went on an extended OE to the UK and lived there for nearly 10 years. We travelled to NZ and we couldn't wait to fill in a visa application. NZ is the place to live!

What does your role involve? I have a really interesting and diverse role, I get to work with a lot of different people. I get to do a range of cool things like work with images taken from Satellites, aeroplanes or drones, build cool apps or do really complicated calculations. My role is a team leader and I work in an awesome team with some highly skilled people so I am constantly learning new things.

What's the most rewarding aspect of your role? My team gets to do some geeky stuff and find solutions to problems. The best part is when the solution is plotted out on a map and we can see patterns emerge or things like 'hot spots', or 'areas most affected'. The information comes alive when you can see the big picture. My role requires an amazing mix of science and creativity.

What has been the most challenging aspect of your role? All fields relating to technology are moving so fast, it's hard to keep-up. I did some research work only a few years ago and it was leading technology, now it is just about main stream, especially in fields like machine learning, AI and big data. The big challenge is to try to find ways to reduce complexity into smaller understandable pieces of information. There is always a challenge working

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New playground at The Point

Ngaaruawaahia's The Point playground will soon be out of action. Not to worry though, a brand new playground will soon be ready for the town's young people.

Work will start towards the end of this month on removing the current playground before the new equipment is installed. The playground will be closed for around two weeks.

The Ngaaruawaahia Community Board chose the award-winning playground designers Playground People to create an inviting and exciting new play space at The Point.



New equipment will include sand play, a flying fox, a waka see-saw and a marae-style play structure.

Deadline extended

Council has extended the deadline for making a 'further submission' on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (Stage 1) while it reviews and corrects omissions from the Summary of Submissions it issued in April. Council has discovered that a handful of the nearly 1,000 submissions were not published in its Summary of Submissions for its community to consider in order to make a 'further submission', and several other submission summaries needed minor corrections.

Council says it is extending the original deadline of Monday 27 May and it will announce a new closing date for further submissions once it is certain it has corrected and published all omissions. Keep an eye on www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/pdp for the latest updates.

Cemeteries Bylaw consultation

We'll soon be asking your opinion on changes we want to make to the Cemeteries Bylaw.

You might remember that we spoke with you in 2016 about updating the bylaw. These updates included introducing a rule around reserving plots. We intend to amend this rule, but first want to check in with you... Keep an eye out on our website for further details about this consultation so you can have your say.

with a diverse range of people in the council, everyone has a special language, accountants speak accountish, engineers speak engineerish (very similar to gibberish), planners speak planglish and legalese. My challenge is to use my technese to help translate all these into a common language of a picture or a map.

Tell us something about your role that most people won't know about: GIS stands for

Geographical Information Systems, but this is outdated and more up to date terms are Location or Spatial Intelligence. Sometimes we have to check our maps for colour combinations to ensure they are colour blind compatible.

Why is Waikato District Council a great place to work? The Waikato is in a very interesting geographical location, this brings a range of diverse challenges. The diverse range of people, both staff and communities, makes for a real opportunity for learning.

Free business advice available

Waikato business people can now access free advice, support and potential funding to help their enterprise grow with Open Waikato and Te Waka's business growth experts. The service offers support for start-ups plus advice on business expansion, export market development, research and development funding and product development. The service is based out of Waikato Innovation Park, Ruakura in Hamilton and has extended its offering to Waikato district including:

- Tuakau sessions are held every second Monday of the month from 9am to 12pm at the Waikato District Council office on Dominion Rd.
- Huntly sessions are held every second Monday of the month from 1pm to 4pm at the Waikato District Council Library on Main St.
- Raglan sessions are held every second Thursday morning of the month from 9am to 12pm at the Waikato District Council & Library on Bow St.

Appointments can be made by emailing info@openwaikato.co.nz or by calling Open Waikato's freephone 0800 252 626.

GOT A QUESTION ABOUT COUNCIL BUSINESS?

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Raglan

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1 Main Road
Te Kauwhata

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Tuakau