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Turangawaewae gets the *Royal* treatment

Thousands of people descended on Ngaruawahia when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall met with Kiwi royalty at Turangawaewae Marae in November.



Source: The Office of The Kiingitanga, Craig Brown.

While it was the first visit for the Duchess, it was the second time for the Prince of Wales to the home of the Kiingitanga. The Prince of Wales last visited Turangawaewae Marae in 1994.

With a powhiri involving 200 people, a special ceremonial waka taua salute and a mass haka by the Waka Kaihoe, it was an impressive event for all who attended.

Ending with an afternoon high tea in Kimiora for nearly 400 people, Waikato District Mayor, Allan Sanson said it was an absolute privilege to be involved.

"The high tea saw around 40 people from our district attend, including a number who have contributed significantly to their communities, along with business leaders and some of our Councillors," Mayor Sanson said.

Well known Ngaruawahia resident, World War II veteran and life member of the Ngaruawahia RSA, Matt Ryan attended. "It was a wonderful day and an honour to meet and talk with Prince Charles. Turangawaewae Marae did our people proud," he said.

Royal watchers Dave and Shirley Brocklehurst made a special trip of support and were fortunate enough to shake hands and speak briefly with the Royal couple. "This was our first visit to a marae. Turangawaewae is a magical place and we had a day we will never forget."

Mayor Allan Sanson said it was an honour to be able to assist with hosting the Royals in our district, partnering with Waikato-Tainui and the Regional Council.

"We value the relationship we have with the office of King Tuheitia and Waikato-Tainui, and this visit was a great example of how we can work together."

Council facilitated a roading upgrade to Turangawaewae prior to the visit and ensured that the roads and surrounds along the Royals route were clean, clear and up to scratch.

The Royal visit to Turangawaewae was covered by national and international media and was a wonderful opportunity for the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to spend time with King Tuheitia.

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Mayor's message

November represents five years since we amalgamated part of the Franklin district into the Waikato district. It was a significant change for the district, but it has brought richness and diversity to our community along with substantial economic benefits.

The amalgamation took months of planning and it meant welcoming on board three new Councillors and opening a fourth office in Tuakau. Geographically, the Waikato district is now one of the largest local authorities in the country.

We have encountered some challenges since taking on parts of the northern Waikato, inheriting a large roading network and high demands given the geography of the area.

In the future the economic benefits will be huge, demonstrated by the residential growth taking place in Pokeno and Tuakau and the construction of the Yashili dairy factory, which officially opened on 6 November. This has created employment opportunities and brought more residents to the town. We expect to see further industrial development in Pokeno driven by demand both locally and also out of Auckland.

Other parts of our district continue to grow too – Te Kauwhata, Horotiu and Tamahere, just to name a few, and it is anticipated that the development and popularity of other areas will increase over time.

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank our Councillors and staff for the work they have done to help make the Waikato such a great place to live, work and play.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season.



Allan Sanson Mayor, Waikato District Council
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Thinking of developing in Pokeno's main street?

Council has adopted a design guide that will direct the look of new development (including enhancements to existing properties) on Pokeno's main street.

The Waikato District Plan recognises the effect that a design of streets, buildings and space has on the vitality and economic potential of the town centre.

As a result, it sets out design assessment criteria which are used for the consideration of applications for properties within the Pokeno Business Zone. These design assessment criteria cover a wide range of matters to ensure that developments within the town centre area reflect good urban design practice.

This means anyone wishing to develop a site on the main street in the future will need to be aware of the design principles before they prepare building plans and consent applications.

The design guide sets out architectural form, materials and signage templates. It is available on Council's website.



New website coming soon!

Keep an eye out for a new Waikato District Council website early in the New Year. The new website will not only have a fresh look but it will be mobile responsive and include some exciting new features.



Water restrictions - what do they mean?

Great news – it's going to be a long, hot summer! But as people use swimming and paddling pools, water their gardens and run sprinklers for lawns, water supplies throughout the district will be placed under pressure.

One way of ensuring there is enough water for everyone is through water restrictions.

So what do you need to know?

There are different levels of restrictions in place depending on the water alert level.

Water Alert Level 1 means you can only use sprinklers between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm. Hand-held hosing can be used at any time.

Water Alert Level 2 means you can only use sprinklers between 6am-8am and 6pm-8pm on alternate days. Hand-held hosing can be used at any time.

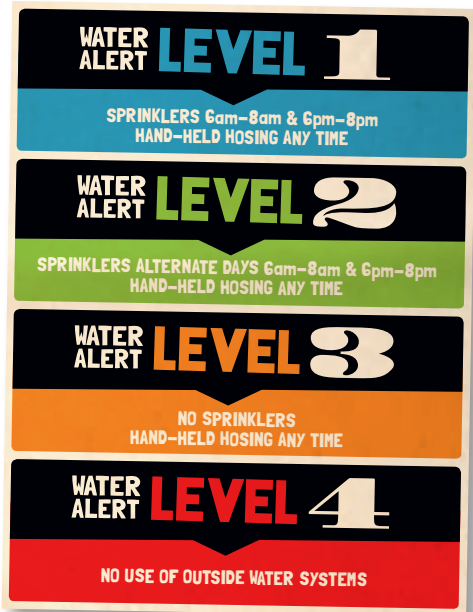
Water Alert Level 3 means hand-held hosing only is allowed and no sprinklers at all.

Water Alert Level 4 means you can't use any outside water systems.

An easy way to find out what water alert level you are on is to subscribe at

WWW.SMARTWATER.ORG.NZ

You will receive updates on water restrictions as the summer progresses as well as handy water-saving tips. There are monthly prize draws too, so subscribe now to be in to win.



Less waste saves more

Council has awarded Xtreme Zero Waste a five year sole provider contract to manage Raglan's refuse and recycling service.

Xtreme Zero Waste's contract covers management of the Raglan Resource Recovery Centre, a weekly kerbside collection, street bins and zero waste education.

They also offer more services including the reuse shop, metal and wood yards, e-waste, drop-off, business recycling, consultancy and mentoring, waste audits and site tours and food waste collections.

At approximately 75 per cent diversion from landfill, they're turning Raglan's waste into resources and moving forward towards zero waste which is great work.



We asked Pukekawa – Do you want the same rubbish and recycling service that other communities in the Waikato district receive?

As part of our long-term planning we wanted to offer our Pukekawa residents the most efficient and cost-effective service, so we offered a weekly kerbside pre-paid refuse collection, a weekly two crate recycling collection and a phone-in inorganic collection from private properties.

But we needed 65 per cent of respondents to say yes if the service was to go ahead.

- 1000 letters were sent out to residents
- 286 letters were returned
- 167 responses voted Yes (58%)
- 119 voted No

This means the service offered will not be going ahead.



Respect you, *respect me*

'Respect our staff' is what we're asking customers to do when they visit one of our libraries or Council offices.

Unfortunately in the past year our library and front of house staff have been abused, spat at, yelled at and intimidated by their customers. They have witnessed assaults and been threatened by members of the community they work in.

We're taking a stand not just for ourselves, but also for our valued customers. In response to this anti-social behaviour we've launched a Zero Tolerance campaign to tell customers it's never okay to take it out on staff.

The campaign will consist of a series of posters being displayed in all libraries and Council offices highlighting the 'Respect you, respect me' theme.

'Words are still weapons. We're not your target' is one of the campaign's messages.

"While the majority of our customers are polite and courteous, there are some individuals who take out their frustrations on staff," said Sue Duignan, Waikato District Council Customer Support General Manager.

"We're asking customers to stop and think about their behaviour. Libraries are an important facility and an integral part of the local community. Everyone should feel welcome and safe in our libraries," she said.

The Zero Tolerance Campaign has the full backing of the Waikato Police.

North West Waikato Prevention Sergeant Neil Moucher said it was unacceptable that library and front of house Council staff offering a service to the community were being rewarded with intimidation and violence.

"Our libraries provide a fantastic service to our communities. It is really disappointing to hear that staff are being treated in this way. Verbal and physical abuse of staff will not be tolerated and the Police will be working closely with the Council to ensure this anti-social behaviour stops."

**WORDS
ARE STILL
WEAPONS.**

**WE'RE NOT
YOUR TARGET.**

Waikato District Council has

**ZERO TOLERANCE FOR
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

This means yelling, violence, theft, intimidation, weapons, threats, harassment, aggression, swearing, spitting, damage, abuse, and sexual harassment.

If you abuse or disrespect our staff or other library visitors, we will call the Police and you can be trespassed and prosecuted.

**#respectyou
#respectme**



So we need your help! Help to spread the word that anti-social behaviour is not acceptable in our communities.

Anti-social behaviour includes yelling, violence, theft, intimidation, weapons, threats, harassment, aggression, swearing, spitting, damage, abuse and sexual harassment.

We hope we can count on your support!

Christmas and New Year Hours

Refuse Transfer Stations

Date	Huntly	Te Kauwhata	Raglan
Mon 21 Dec	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tues 22 Dec	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed
Weds 23 Dec	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 24 Dec	7.30am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	Closed
Fri 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sat 26 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun 27 Dec	10am - 4pm	11am - 4pm	8.30am - 4.30pm
Mon 28 Dec	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm
Tues 29 Dec	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed
Weds 30 Dec	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 31 Dec	7.30am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	Closed
Fri 1 Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sat 2 Jan	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm
Sun 3 Jan	10am - 4pm	11am - 4pm	8.30am - 4.30pm
Mon 4 Jan	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm

Libraries

Date	Waikato District Libraries	Meremere Library
Mon 21 Dec	9am - 5pm	9am - 12pm
Tues 22 Dec	9am - 5pm	Closed
Weds 23 Dec	9am - 5pm	2pm - 5pm
Thurs 24 Dec	9am - 3pm	Closed
Fri 25 Dec	Closed	Closed
Sat 26 Dec	Closed	Closed
Sun 27 Dec	Closed	Closed
Mon 28 Dec	Closed	Closed
Tues 29 Dec	9am - 5pm	Closed
Weds 30 Dec	9am - 5pm	2pm - 5pm
Thurs 31 Dec	9am - 3pm	Closed
Fri 1 Jan	Closed	Closed
Sat 2 Jan	Closed	Closed
Sun 3 Jan	Closed	Closed
Mon 4 Jan	Closed	Closed

Swimming Pools

Date	Tuakau	Huntly	Ngaruawahia
Mon 21 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Tues 22 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Weds 23 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Thurs 24 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 5pm
Fri 25 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sat 26 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sun 27 Dec	10am - 6pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Mon 28 Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 29 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Weds 30 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 6pm	12pm - 5pm
Thurs 31 Dec	9am - 5pm	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 5pm
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Refuse & Recycling

Normal collection		Date to be collected
Thurs 24 Dec	still	Thurs 24 Dec
Fri 25 Dec	changes to	Sat 26 Dec
Mon 28 Dec	still	Mon 28 Dec
Tues 29 Dec	still	Tues 29 Dec
Weds 30 Dec	still	Weds 30 Dec
Thurs 31 Dec	still	Thurs 31 Dec
Fri 1 Jan	changes to	Sat 2 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	changes to	Tues 5 Jan
Tues 5 Jan	changes to	Weds 6 Jan
Weds 6 Jan	changes to	Thurs 7 Jan
Thurs 7 Jan	changes to	Fri 8 Jan
Fri 8 Jan	changes to	Sat 9 Jan

Raglan

Normal collection		Date to be collected
Mon 28 Dec	changes to	Tues 29 Dec
Tues 29 Dec	changes to	Weds 30 Dec
Mon 4 Jan	changes to	Tues 5 Jan
Tues 5 Jan	changes to	Weds 6 Jan

Council offices

Waikato District Council offices will be closed from **3pm Thursday 24 December**. Normal hours will resume on **Tuesday 5 January 2016**.

Emergency calls (all hours)

For all emergency calls regarding Council services, free phone **0800 492 452**.



Connecting with Council

Got an idea or issue you want to discuss? Contact your local Councillor or Community Board/Committee member. They're elected to represent you and are always happy to discuss any questions or issues you may have.

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Wishing you
all a safe
and happy
festive season



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Heading off these holidays?

If you're on the road this summer, whether it's to the beach, visiting friends and family or off on that well deserved holiday –

Be smart and plan ahead

It's important to drive fresh and catch up on lost sleep before you head away.

Remember to take regular breaks – every two hours is best on long trips plus it's a great way to see the sights! Take turns at driving if you can and if you're tired, pull over for a 10 to 20 minute power nap.

With the changes last year to the alcohol driving limits and the fact that 27 per cent of all crashes in the Waikato district involve drink driving, if you're planning to have a few, make sure you make arrangements to get home safely – have a sober driver or why not see if you can stay the night?

The more planning you do, the safer and more enjoyable your trip will be and you'll help keep everyone safe on our roads.

BBQ food safety

Barbecues are delicious and fun but with the warmer weather upon us, special care needs to be taken when preparing, cooking and storing food for an outdoor cook-up.

Warm temperatures and cooking food outside provides the ideal situation for pathogens to multiply and cause food-borne illness. To keep those illnesses away follow the **'4Cs Rule'** – Clean, Cook, Cover, Chill.

Clean

- Always wash your hands before handling food.
- Wash knives and utensils and scrub chopping boards between preparing raw and cooked food.

Cook

- Pre-cook chicken, meat patties and sausages before barbecuing.
- Make sure meat gets cooked until the juices run clear and there is no pink flesh.
- Use one set of utensils for raw meat and poultry and another set for cooked food.
- Place cooked items on a clean plate, not the one that was used for raw meat.

Cover

- Cover and refrigerate or chill leftovers as soon as possible after cooking.
- Throw out perishable food that you have left at room temperature for more than two hours.

Chill

- Keep meat, poultry and other perishable food cold until you are ready to cook it.
- Use an icepack and cool bag or chilly-bin to keep food cold outdoors.
- In the refrigerator, store raw meat and poultry away from 'ready to eat' foods.





Events for 2016

One of the new features of our revamped website will be the ability to promote community events.

If you're planning an event for 2016 and would like to add it to our website please email events@waidc.govt.nz

Make sure you include:

- Name of the event
- Start/end date and time
- Description of the event
- Cost
- Contact details (name, phone and email)
- Image to go alongside your event information (optional)
- Event's website or Facebook page link (optional).

Please note, we reserve the right to edit or refuse to publish any event.

Tuakau Centennial Pool

There has been some confusion around the prices for using the Tuakau Centennial Pool.

There has been an increase of 50 cents to the adult entry fee; however there is now no charge for parents/caregivers supervising children.

The correct prices are as follows:

• Children	\$2.00
• Students/Seniors	\$2.00
• Adults	\$4.00
• Children under 2 years	Free of charge
• Parents/caregivers supervising their children	Free of charge
• One lane hire charge	\$20/hour/lane



Fire Season

It's time to be extra vigilant about the danger of fires. With the hotter months on their way, a restricted fire season will be just around the corner.

Property owners are urged to ensure sections, especially vacant properties, are maintained to reduce potential fire hazards. Long grass and rubbish pose a potential danger. If you're considering lighting a fire make sure you check the fire status and whether you need a permit at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/Services/Rural-fires.aspx



Applying for funding?

If you represent a group that applies for funding, please note the Annual Plan submission process can no longer be used for that. The ways to apply for funding are set out on our website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/Services/Funding.aspx

Planning a party?

If you're planning a party, be considerate of your neighbours and take a few simple steps:

- Inform your neighbours about the event in advance
- Ask them to phone you if the noise is too loud
- Consider the timing of your event
- Keep doors and windows closed to contain the noise
- Reduce the bass level of the music
- Ask guests to keep the noise down when entering or leaving your home.

Noise control – If you experience noise that you feel is too loud call the Council anytime on 0800 492 452. As we have to assess the volume, it's important to call us when the noise is occurring.

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