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# ENJOY YOUR SUMMER IN THE WAIKATO





# Merry Christmas

## Allan Sanson – Mayor

As we come to the end of another busy year, it's a great time to reflect on all that our communities have accomplished in 2018. I've been pleased to see another Long Term Plan put together for the next 10 years, as well as the release of the Proposed District Plan. Both of these documents will help us realise our potential in the years to come. I've also been pleased to see how involved our communities have been in the Blueprint process. This work will give Council direction and an indication as to what is most important to you. It will be an important document because it helps us to create Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities. Look out for opportunities to share your thoughts on how the Blueprint for the district is shaping up early next year. With just a few more sleeps until the festive season hits us, I'm looking forward to spending time with my family.



This Christmas Trisha and I will be enjoying the excitement of sharing Christmas festivities with the grandchildren, which is always a special time for us with the little ones. We intend on spending the summer break catching up with extended family and friends, hopefully a spot of fishing and catching up on jobs at home. Please take care on the roads and water this summer. Trisha and I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy start to 2019.

## Dynes Fulton – Hukanui-Waerenga

It's been an extremely busy year and I'm excited to see the direction Council has been moving in. The start-up rail service has created a large amount of work for Council which has taken a lot of energy. The end result will be very positive for Council and our communities. We're enjoying working with Government on the corridor work which caters for the very large growth in our district. It's also been great to be working in such a positive environment at Council itself. As Councillors we predominantly work with senior staff, but it's been a pleasure to work with all staff who show a real commitment to the district and its people. I appreciate the dedication by staff and admire the work they do for Council. This festive season I'll be heading to the beach where I'll catch up with family and friends for a good break. I look forward to an even busier 2019.



## Shelley Lynch – Huntly

Wishing everyone a great Christmas and a safe and happy break. Hopefully you will get to enjoy some sun, a few bevs with friends and time with your families. My Brian and I will be at home on the deck so give us a wave if you're walking around Puketirini. Merry Christmas everyone and roll on 2019, I can't wait.



## Bronwyn Main – Onewhero Te Akau

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Catch up with friends and family, enjoy yourselves, recharge your batteries and be kind to yourself and those around you.



Take time to appreciate what you have and what you have achieved - large or small. Acknowledge those around you and be positive about all things.

Warmest regards for Christmas and a great 2019.

Stay Safe

Merry Christmas

## Lisa Thomson – Raglan

Christmas for many is a time when you pack your summer gear and head for a well-deserved rest. For us here in Raglan, it marks the start of the busy season and sharing our spaces with the many, particularly when the sun is shining. For Christmas I will be with my two teenagers and whanau here in Raglan. For us it's about being together and feeling blessed to have the simple things and being grateful that we live in this beautiful place we call home. "The way to happiness is; keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, give much. Fill your life with love, do as you would be done by" - Buddha



## Jacqui Church – Awaroa ke Tuakau

Kia ora koutou katoa

As always I am most humbled to have served you again this triennium which will finish later in 2019. Here in the north Waikato we are experiencing unprecedented growth and development, in our towns of Tuakau, Pokeno and Mercer as well as our rural areas. Remember consultation leads to plans leads to budgets leads to actions and actual outcomes like new infrastructure for all - so hang in there with the processes, as a lot is happening. I would like to acknowledge your positivity and pro-activeness in adding your time, opinions, energy and experience to help us plan and grow the best possible places to live. Christmas and the holidays is a time for us to celebrate our strength and togetherness with the family and friends we love. I believe this is also true for our communities; we are stronger by continuing to work together, for our future and for the common good of all. Season's greetings to you and yours!



## Eugene Patterson – Ngaruawahia

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Enjoy time with family and friends. Relax, have fun and keep safe. I am looking forward to 2019 and working with and for our community to achieve their goals and aspirations.



from  
your

# Councillors



## Janet Gibb – Ngaruawahia

Tena koutou

As I get older each year I find how time flies by quicker than ever – maybe it is due to being constantly on the go and meeting all the commitments at work, in the community or supporting and enjoying friends and family. Christmas is about spending time with family and friends. My Christmas is spent with my immediate family – dad, brother and sisters, nieces and nephews, husband and children. It is the season to wish one another joy and love and peace. It's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime. It's always a time of year to stop and be grateful we live in such a beautiful country, a time to rejuvenate, relax and celebrate life. I also appreciate what I have – there are too many around the world and in our own country who are struggling – give them a thought and help if you can.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nu la



## Rob McGuire – Eureka

It has been another busy year with my Council and community commitments and family life. In Eureka Ward, community groups have been working on big and small projects. It is heartening that these groups care about ensuring their 'space' is a good place to live and I greatly appreciate their support. This year I had the opportunity to travel to visit friends and Jill's extended family in the UK; it was great to see everyone, and we saw some amazing places, but it bought home to me that there is no-where better than New Zealand and the Waikato to live and work. We hope to spend time during Christmas and the holiday season with our family, including our four wonderful grandchildren. Jill and I wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.



## Aksel Bech - Tamahere

I am delighted that across the Waikato district, 2018 has gotten the community master planning underway as we respond to unprecedented growth – this is to ensure that this growth builds and strengthens our existing communities, building on the values we collectively treasure and hold dear.

It is also wonderful to see the construction for us locally in Tamahere of our new commercial Hub, Playground and Skatepark – with playing fields already in use, we are all itching to see these new facilities open and able to be used along with ultra-fast fibre (finally!) being rolled out in the Matangi, Tauwhare and Tamahere areas along with others in the district.

The holidays will see us as a family spend some time at the beach. We are expecting family from overseas to join us in our very own blend of a Danish Christmas Eve/Jule Aften followed by a traditional Kiwi Xmas morning.

Glædelig Jul - Aksel.



## Stephanie Henderson - Awaroa ki Tuakau

Christmas is a time for peace and families spending time together, watching the old Christmas movies, listening to and singing along with the wonderful Christmas songs. I am looking forward to spending Christmas with my family, who all come home for Christmas dinner and our annual Jenga competition. The holiday period is a time for doing the things that we struggle to make time for during the year. This year I am making time to take part in a number of charity fundraising events. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, safe travels and a New Year that facilitates everyone's New Year's resolutions.



## Jan Sedgwick – Whangamarino

The end of the year is always a good time for reflection and plans! As councillor for the fast-growing Whangamarino ward, I've concentrated on making sure all my residents had clear and early communication about changes and opportunities we face. I've used my 'red-tape-cutting' skills on more than a few occasions to help with issues and happy to do so when needed.

My Christmas will be spent with family and friends, as well as the Guide Dog pup we are currently fostering. And my wish is for a safe and happy holiday season, and an increase in positivity and happiness for 2019.



## Noel Smith – Newcastle

Reflecting on 2018 I am pleased with the progress around Newcastle ward. There are three distinct areas within Newcastle. Rotokauri, hard on the boundary of Hamilton and every day the city creeps ever closer. To the west is Whatawhata, a go-ahead community that celebrates diversity. The focus here is the proposed new community facility 'Our Place'. Te Kowhai to the north is getting used to growth with potentially up to 500 more homes in the village. Having been involved in some way with most of the projects and many more across the district, I am looking forward to the Christmas break and spending time with my extended family and doing some travel. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season and best wishes for 2019.



## Frank McNally – Huntly

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and remember; the festive season is a time for families and kids. Looking forward, I'm excited for the development of Huntly and the plans that are being made. I've lived here all my life and wouldn't live anywhere else.





# Christmas and New Year hours

## District-wide kerbside collection

There are a number of changes to rubbish and recycling over the holiday period. See below for changes that may impact you.

Normal collection		Date to be collected	Raglan Collection Only
Tue 25 December	Changes to	Wed 26 December	Thu 27 December
Wed 26 December	Changes to	Thu 27 December	Thu, 27 December
Thu 27 December	Changes to	Fri 28 December	Fri, 28 December
Fri 28 December	Changes to	Sat 29 December	Fri, 28 December
Sat 29 December	No change		
Sun 30 December	No change		
Mon 31 December	No change		
Tue 1 January	Changes to	Wed 2 January	Thu, 3 January
Wed 2 January	Changes to	Thu 3 January	Thu, 3 January
Thu 3 January	Changes to	Fri 4 January	Fri, 4 January
Fri 4 January	Changes to	Sat 5 January	Fri, 4 January
Sat 5 January	No change		
Sun 6 January	No change		
Mon 7 January	Services return to normal		

\*Te Uku and Te Mata remain the same over the Christmas New Year period.

\*\*Glen Murray rural recycling collection will be on 12 January 2019.

## Refuse and recycling

Refuse and recycling transfer stations and resource recovery centre hours are as follows:

Date	Huntly Transfer Station 07 828 9719	Te Kauwhata Transfer Station 07 826 3456	Xtreme Zero Waste, Raglan 07 825 6509
Mon 24 December	7.30am-3pm		12.30pm-3pm
Tue 25 December	Closed		Closed
Wed 26 December	Closed		Closed
Thu 27 December	7.30am-4.30pm	10am-3pm	12.30pm-5pm
Fri 28 December	7.30am-4.30pm		12.30pm-5pm
Sat 29 December	10am-4pm		10am-5pm
Sun 30 December	10am-4pm	11am-4pm	10am-5pm
Mon 31 December	10am-3pm		12.30pm-3pm
Tue 1 January	Closed		Closed
Wed 2 January	Closed		Closed
Thu 3 January	7.30am-4.30pm	10am-3pm	12.30pm-5pm
Fri 4 January	7.30am-4.30pm		12.30pm-5pm
Sat 5 January	10am-4pm		10am-5pm
Sun 6 January	10am-4pm	11am-4pm	10am-5pm
Mon 7 January	7.30am-4.30pm		12.30pm-5pm

## Libraries

Between Christmas and New Year we are operating a library service only.

Date	Waikato District Libraries	Meremere Library
Fri 21 December	All sites closed at 3pm	
Sat 22 December	9.30am - 12.30pm	
Sun 23 December	Closed	
Mon 24 December	Closed	
Tue 25 December	Closed	
Wed 26 December	Closed	
Thu 27 December	9am - 5pm	
Fri 28 December	9am - 5pm	9am - 5pm
Sat 29 December	Closed	
Sun 30 December	Closed	
Mon 31 December	9am - 3pm	9am - 12pm
Tue 1 January	Closed	
Wed 2 January	Closed	
Thu 3 January	Normal business hours resume	

Library late nights will not run during the holiday period.

## Swimming pools opening dates

Ngaruawahia Swimming Pool	
Open now until 31 March	
School term	3-5pm
Weekends	1-5pm
School Holidays	12-5pm
Public Holidays	Closed except 2 January

Tuakau Centennial Pool	
Open now until 24 March	
Open daily during season	from 10am - 6pm
Public Holidays	Closed except 2 January

Genesis Energy Huntly Aquatic Centre	
Mon-Fri	6.30am-7pm
Sat and Sunday	9am-5pm
Public Holidays	Closed except 2 January

## Council offices

Waikato District Council offices will be closed from 3pm Friday 21 December. Normal hours will resume on Thursday 3 January, 2019.

## Emergency calls (all hours)

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



# TOP 5 DAY TRIPS

The top 5 day trips  
around the Waikato district...

1

## Raglan

Head over the hill to Raglan, grab some fish n chips for lunch and park up and admire the beauty



2

## Te Awa trail

Grab your bike and head down to the river. Find the Te Awa trail and head either north to Ngaruawahia or south towards Hamilton



3

## Port Waikato

Battle against the sand dunes at Port Waikato and go for a dip



4

## Rangiriri

Explore our history at Rangiriri



5

## Pokeno

Cool off with a world-famous Pokeno ice cream



# TOP 5 KIDS FISHING SPOTS

The top 5 fishing spots for kids  
in the Waikato district...



Port Waikato wharf

The Waikato River

1

## Port Waikato wharf

2

## Raglan wharf

3

## Port Waikato dunes by Maraetai

4

## Lake Hakanoa with a long line

5

## Find a safe spot along the Waikato River

# TOP 5 RESERVES

The top 5 reserves in the Waikato district to visit this summer...



The Point, Ngaruawahia



Port Waikato, Philips Reserve

- 1 The Point, Ngaruawahia**
- 2 Lake Kimihia**
- 3 Raglan Domain (Papahua)**
- 4 Philips Reserve, Port Waikato**
- 5 Mercer Esplanade**

## THIS IS WHO I AM

*Bronwyn Main*

*This is who I am is a feature that tells us a little bit more about our elected members.*

**Name:** Bronwyn Main

**Ward:** I am privileged to represent the Onewhero Te Akau Ward

**Family:** I am married to Ross, stepmother to Fraser and "Mum" to five very spoiled Burmese cats. We have a sheep and beef farm at Te Akau, on the beautiful west coast slightly north of Raglan.

**What is your favourite thing about the Waikato District?**

The people and the land.

Waikato District has some stunning geographic features including the diverse spectacular and beautiful west coast as well as unique growing communities combined with some of the best farming land in New Zealand.

**One place you want to go:** Japan or Greece, both because of their interesting cultures, food, history and things to see.

**What is the biggest issue facing the Waikato District in the next few years?** Growth, resources and finances.

**Favourite holiday destination?** New Zealand – Whangamata, International – Rarotonga.

**What annoys you the most?:** Insincere people. Treat people as you would like to be treated.

**Your favourite album?:** Elton John, Peachtree Road.

**Favourite TV programme:** Mrs Browns Boys

**Worst thing on TV:** Ads

**Favourite meal:** Savoury mince on toast - serious yummm.

**What's your favourite sports team?:** All Blacks of course!!!!

**Favourite sports event:** The annual Maori Pakeha rugby game at Te Akau. It's part of folk lore and every year a new chapter is formed.

**You've got a day off, what do you do?:** What's that?! Go shopping, just enjoy the beautiful landscape of our farm, cook, enjoy my garden.



*Councillor Bronwyn Main says she is privileged to represent the Onewhero Te Akau Ward.*

# THIS IS WHAT I ~~DO~~ *did*

Rose Gray

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



**Name:** Rose Gray

**Family:** My partner Allan, daughters Victoria and Janice, three grandchildren and a very special extended family.

**Role:** Democracy Manager

**How long have you worked for Waikato District Council?**

20 years; 3 years as the Roding Group Secretary and 17 years in Democracy.

**What does your role involve?** Managing the governance of council meetings including community boards, leading a team of committee secretaries and catering staff, assisting the Mayor with Citizenship and Community Awards Ceremonies, Events Manager for the Mayor's ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony and Deputy Electoral Officer for local body elections.

**What's the most rewarding aspect of your role?** Attending meetings with Councillors who debate issues and make informed decisions. Because of the advice I provide I'm proud that no decision has been overturned in the minutes because of not following procedure or legislation.

**What has been the most challenging aspect of your role?** An unhappy customer threatened Council which caused us to go into lockdown mode. Staff were sent home for their own protection, whilst my staff and I continued (with security from the Local Controller for Civil Defence Emergency Management) to process the final rush of nominations for the local body elections in 2016 which happened to be on this day. The deadline to receive these nominations was midday, and with all of our area offices closed, we had to process nominations for the entire district via email. This was a very challenging time under the pressure of the situation. We received over half of the nominations for the vacancies on this day which meant that had we not stayed and processed these, there would have been bi-elections held throughout the district. We felt very proud of our achievement at this time.

**Tell us something about your role that most people won't know about:** The stars are now aligned for me to retire on 14 February 2019 from a role that I have truly loved. This reason alone made the decision difficult to make, but I look forward now to spending some 'no responsibility' time with family and friends.

**Why is Council a great place to work?** Opportunities are available to advance your personal and professional growth, and the sharing of knowledge and laughter around the tea tables during breaks. I am very grateful to George Ridley and Gavin Ion for employing me.

*Democracy Manager Rose Gray is retiring in February after 20 years of service to the people of the Waikato district.*

# BRINGING THE WORLD TO THE WAIKATO

Sebastiaan Boer

*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.*



*People & Capability Advisor Sebastiaan Boer moved from the Netherlands around 10 years ago.*

**Name:** Sebastiaan Boer

**Job title:** People & Capability Advisor

**Country of origin and how long you lived there:** The Netherlands up until the age of 28.

**How long have you been in NZ?** 10/11 years

**What do you love about the Waikato District?** My (new) hometown Raglan!

**What is the biggest difference between life in New Zealand and life in your country of origin?** In my opinion the quality of life, the space and the sheer natural beauty.

**What do you miss most about home?** Some good friends and certain typical Dutch treats and other food.

**What's one thing about life in your home country that most New Zealanders would not know about?** The Netherlands is smaller than the Canterbury region yet has a population of 17 million!

**You need to convince someone to go on holiday to your country of origin. What do you say?** Definitely to visit Amsterdam and from there to go north and visit Volendam, Enkhuizen and if you have time go even further north and visit our small islands, starting with Texel. Yes, we have islands!

**It's the people that makes working at Waikato District Council great.**



# Guess what we've got?

Ngaruawahia Swimming Pool on Market St is now home to an inflatable obstacle course. Our outdoor swimming pools in Ngaruawahia and Tuakau are now open for the summer season. For opening times and entry price, visit our website.

## Blueprint update

**Commencing in August 2018, the Blueprint process has seen 24 community and technical workshops held around the district. This work will result in 10 Local Area Blueprints and a district-wide Blueprint.**



*24 community and technical workshops were held around the district as part of Council's consultation with the community.*

In total, staff and Councillors have invested well over 500 equivalent hours of both work and personal time into this process. The turnout from the community at each of our workshops has also been fantastic to see, Mayor Allan Sanson says.

"The Blueprint project is an undeniable example of us collaborating with you, our community. The project has seen problem solving and innovation to come up with possible ideas for our towns," Mr Sanson says.

The next steps are:

- Preparing a draft Blueprint for your feedback in February/ March 2019
- Incorporate feedback and submit for Council approval in May 2019
- Embed Blueprint into Council planning and process.

For more information on Blueprints, visit [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/blueprints](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/blueprints).

# Found in a rubbish bag on the side of the road

**This is Poppy. She's pictured with her new family. Poppy was found tied up in a rubbish sack on the side of the State Highway by a member of the public.**

After being safely delivered to our Animal Control team, Poppy was put in an isolation unit at the pound for observation because we were concerned about her health. She was very dehydrated but this was resolved with treatment.

One of our staff fostered Poppy for the week so that she could socialise with their dogs and children. They adored her and knew that whoever adopted her would be getting a very special dog. Since then, Poppy has been adopted by one of our Te Kauwhata library team. They had just moved into their new home and were ready for a puppy so the timing was perfect!

Poppy is now living out her happily-ever-after with three great boys and their parents. She is settling into her new home well and is a much loved member of the family.

In her short time with us Poppy has been fostered by two staff members, adopted by a third staff member, entertained staff children on Teachers Strike day and featured in our new recruitment videos – this girl has a very bright future ahead of her!



*Poppy with her new "brothers".*



*The beloved Poppy in her new home.*



If you are thinking of adopting a dog, please remember the wonderful dogs we have in our Pound. You can check out the available dogs on our Pound Pups Facebook page: [@WaikatoPoundPups](#).

# Upcoming summer events win Council funding

A number of exciting events will be happening next year thanks in part to funding from Council.



Fred Graham – a master carver at work

Tupuna Awa is a world class exhibition featuring 14 stunning works by one of New Zealand's leading contemporary Maaori artists, Fred Graham (Ngaati Koroki Kahukura). The works relate to sites of significance along the Waikato River, including a number of sites located within the Waikato district. With \$5,000 Council support, the exhibition will be held at the Rangiriri Cultural & Heritage Centre during March 2019 as part of the month-long Waikato River Festival, He Piko He Taniwha, run by Tainui Waka Tourism Inc.

Te Kauwhata Village 2019 Charity Cycle Challenge is expected to attract 350 contestants to take part in three different distance events starting and finishing in the village on Sunday 10 March. This popular annual event has been hosted by Te Kauwhata Lions



Visitors at the Old School Arts Centre during Raglan Arts Weekend



Te Kauwhata's 2019 Charity Cycling Challenge is expected to attract 350 contestants

Club since 2010 and attracts a number of sponsors. Next year's event will be supported with \$5,000 Council funding.

2019 Raglan Arts Weekend is moving from Auckland Anniversary Weekend to Easter weekend (Saturday 20 April-Monday 22 April) next year with a preview exhibition to be held at the Raglan Old School Arts Centre in the weeks leading up to Easter. The three-day event puts local art and creativity on display through artist open studios, and will be supported with \$2,000 Council funding.

## Apply for your community project funding this summer

Applications are open now for a range of Council-administered funds to support community projects and events for next year.

There are funds for supporting creative and performing arts, heritage, conservation and a range of other community projects and events – so get your thinking caps on this summer and tell us what you need.

Three funds have closing dates in February for their first round of applications for the year:

- Waikato District Council Discretionary Grants Fund (closes Friday 2 February)
- Creative Communities Fund (closes Friday 16 February)
- Heritage Project Fund (closes Friday 16 February)

The Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust Fund has a single funding round for the year which has also just opened again for applications and closes on Friday 13 April.

In the past financial year the Council committed grants totaling more than \$800,000 for distribution to 174 community groups and charities throughout the district enabling communities to come together to meet local needs.

These included more than \$613,000 of targeted and discretionary Council funds, another \$71,256 distributed on behalf of the Creative Communities Scheme Fund, and \$125,529 distributed on behalf of the Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust, an independent trust the Council administers.

For more information visit:

[www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/funding](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/funding)

# Saving water outside your home

Summer is finally here and with the warmer weather the amount of water we use goes up (for example, watering gardens and filling up swimming pools). Less rainfall and increased use puts pressure on our water supply.

Here are some simple ways to reduce your water use over the summer months. Remember, small savings add up to make a big difference!

## In your garden:

- Water your garden early in the morning or later in the evening to reduce water loss to evaporation.
- Drip line irrigation and soaker hoses are two of the best ways to water shrubs, plants and vegetables, as they water the root zone directly. Sprinklers can lose a lot of water to evaporation and runoff.

## Involve the kids:

- Encourage your kids to become leak detectives, looking for leaky taps or pipes around the garden or inside the home. Fixing leaks can help save up to 500 litres a day.
- Kids love to play with water. Check out some water play ideas that use less water at [www.smartwater.org.nz/smart-water-play](http://www.smartwater.org.nz/smart-water-play). For example, instead of using water balloons, try making sponge water bombs. They're great fun for all ages, use less water and can be reused over and over.

## Outdoor jobs:

- Wash your car and your pets on an area of lawn that needs watering.
- Use a broom instead of your hose when cleaning areas like patios and driveways.

For more tips and information on saving water visit [www.smartwater.org.nz](http://www.smartwater.org.nz)



## WATER ALERT LEVEL 1

### Sprinklers

6 – 8AM & 6 – 8PM

Hand-held hosing  
any time



[smartwater.org.nz](http://smartwater.org.nz)



# Dodgy dumpers Facebook page proving to be a great success



Thanks to everyone that has reported illegal dumping on our Dodgy Dumpers Facebook Group. We launched this group at the beginning of August and since then we've received lots of reports of rubbish on the Group page, which have been cleaned up by our Illegal Dumping team. You've also helped us raise awareness of this issue by sharing our Facebook posts with your friends.

Since the beginning of the year our team have responded to more than 740 reports to pick up rubbish that has been illegally dumped – that's more than 2 every day! – and we've sent out 59 infringements.

Unfortunately we can't issue infringements unless we have sufficient evidence so we can't do it without your help. You can report any dumping you see by phoning 0800 492 452 any time, via the Facebook Group @dodgydumpers, on the Council's website: [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dumpers](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dumpers) or by phoning 0800 492 452. If you can, please record any details of the vehicle involved (including the registration plate, colour, make and model of the vehicle) and the time of day to help us take further action.

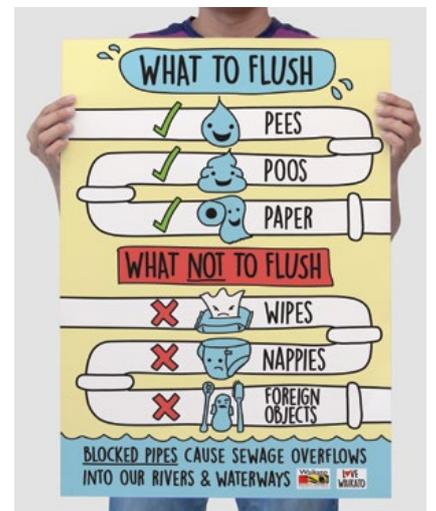
Thanks for all your support. Together we can keep our district clean and beautiful!

## Get ready for the fire season

Attention rural property owners – summer is here and rural property owners and occupiers should have strategies in place should a fire start at or around your property. Ask yourself this – can the fire service easily access your property? A fire truck needs plenty of space to get through, so make sure your access point is clear of any debris or overhanging branches. A delay in getting up your driveway could be the difference in saving your property or even a life.



## Remember the 3Ps this summer



This summer don't forget the 3 P's – only pee, poo and paper down the loo. With visitor numbers increasing in our towns over the warmer months, everyone needs to be reminded. Please do your bit to keep our networks free from anything that could clog them.

## Summer photo competition

Show us your favourite spot in the district (tag us on Facebook, Instagram, or email [events@waicd.govt.nz](mailto:events@waicd.govt.nz)) and be in to win a raft of prizes including petrol vouchers and a goody hamper. Our favourite photo will also appear on the front page of the February Link.



## District Plan update

Thanks to those who made a submission on the *Proposed Waikato District Plan (Stage 1)*. We received over 900 submissions in total and we're busy summarising these now. Those who submitted will be receiving a letter shortly to formally acknowledge their submission. We're planning on releasing a summary of the submissions and calling for further submissions in the early part of next year.

There will be an opportunity to speak to your submission at the hearings, which are planned to start in the second half of the year, after which a decision on your submission will be made. We are also currently working on stage 2 of the Proposed District Plan (Hazards and Climate Change) and anticipate notifying this in the first half of next year. Keep an eye on Council's website and Facebook page for further updates.

### GOT A QUESTION ABOUT COUNCIL BUSINESS?

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[twitter.com/WaikatoDistrict](https://twitter.com/WaikatoDistrict)

[waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://waikatodistrict.govt.nz)

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Ngaruawahia

#### Huntly Office

142 Main Street  
Huntly

#### Ngaruawahia Office

15 Galileo Street  
Ngaruawahia

#### Raglan Office

7 Bow Street  
Raglan

#### Te Kauwhata Office

1 Main Road  
Te Kauwhata

#### Tuakau Office

2 Dominion Road  
Tuakau

Dates for the next Link:

Our next edition of Link will be distributed from 18 - 23 February 2019. If you don't receive your Link during this period please contact [news@waicd.govt.nz](mailto:news@waicd.govt.nz) with your address details so we can look into the non-delivery. Please note that if you have a 'No Junk Mail' sign on your mailbox we can't deliver the newsletter.