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## Waerenga-Whitikahu NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



### WOODLANDS HERITAGE HOMESTEAD GARDENS, VENUE & CAFE

Woodlands historic homestead, gardens and function centre has a very long history, spanning over 140 years. Built of kauri and rimu, the homestead was built in the 1872 - 1875 period. Following on from a number of property managers, and subsequent owners, in 1928 Don and Irene Riddell took over the homestead however, with no children of their own, and following the death of Irene in 1983, the estate was bequeathed to the Presbyterian Support Services. Originally set on 98,000 acres of land, stretching across Taupiri, Orini, Te Hoe, down to Eureka, Tauwhare, Ruakura and back to Hukanui now known as Gordonton, the homestead in 1988, with a mere surround of 15 acres was gifted, for public use, to the former Waikato County Council. Currently administered by the Woodlands Trust Board, with local Susan Woolerton at the helm, the estate is impeccably managed by Kirstie Alley. A popular wedding venue, Woodlands also hosts other functions, including corporate luncheons, corporate board meetings and governance trainings. The gardens are open, free of charge to the public seven days a week between 10am - 4pm, with a tiny \$3 fee to visit the historic homestead from Tuesday - Sunday.



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# Councillor's December Calendar

- **Performance and Strategy Committee Meeting** Monday 04 December 9:30am - 12pm, Chambers
- **Workshop** Tuesday 05 December 9:30 - 11:00am, Online
- **Te Kauwhata Community Committee Meeting** Wednesday 06 December from 7pm, St John Hall, Baird Rd, Te Kauwhata
- **WDC Housing Strategy Workshop** Thursday 07 December 12:00 - 2pm, Online
- **Te Kauwhata A & P Show** Saturday 9 December from 9:00am, Te Kauwhata Domain
- **Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting** Monday 11 December 9:30 - 12:30pm, Committee Rooms 1 - 2
- **Zero Harm Site Visit** - Raglan Holiday Park, Papahua Reserve 1:30 - 4:30pm, Whaingaroa
- **Waerenga Hall Committee End of Year Meeting** - from 7:30pm, Waerenga
- **Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee Meeting** Wednesday 13 December 9:30am - 12pm, Chambers
- **Infrastructure Committee Meeting** Wednesday 13 December 1 - 3:30pm, Chambers



## Te Puna O Te Aroha Puna Reo Meremere Early Childcare

Thanks to the Meremere Development Committee, tamariki at Te Puna O Te Aroha Puna Reo, Early Childcare Centre, Meremere, get to enjoy a fortnightly Music & Movement Programme. The centre is managed by Mrs Lauren Wisman, a community facing education practitioner, who strives to uphold the philosophy that tamariki-mokopuna are entitled to an early childcare education.

## ARKANDA LIVING & ANTIQUES WHITIKAHU

Owners, of Arkanda Living & Antiques, Taran and Wayne have established, in a beautiful rural setting, a fantastic array of antiques, of French, English and Asian vintage. I recently took the opportunity to meet with them both and simply could not resist purchasing a tiny glass piece for my home. In addition to their delightful array of antiques, Taran and Wayne hold pottery classes. As I travel to the southern most part of our ward, I discover hidden jewels such as this. Why not visit Arkanda, at 128a Whitikahu Road, over the summer holidays, you won't be disappointed.



## TE KAUWHATA ROAD WORKS, TE KAUWHATA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT and WDC ECONOMIC NETWORKING FORUM

Road works are currently underway, on Te Kauwhata Road. It's great that we're finally getting our road sorted and that's got to be a plus! Over the next two - three weeks, pre-reseal repairs and resurfacing work will continue under STOP/GO traffic management. Defect repairs at the Te Kauwhata and Travers Road intersection, will continue, with as little inconvenience as possible. Speed restrictions and loose chip signs will be left in place - please continue to drive to the conditions and be mindful of other road users. Please be advised that on 28 November, further works, to fix the failed pavement on the western side of the railway crossing will occur. It is anticipated that these works will be completed in half a day, under STOP/GO traffic management. It is acknowledged that whilst road works can be an inconvenience, your patience is appreciated.

A recent onsite visit, to the soon to be opened, multi-million dollar wastewater treatment plant, proved to be incredibly insightful. A direct result of the leadership of our previous Council, led by former Mayor Allan Sanson, the technological capacity and capabilities of the plant, are second to none in the southern hemisphere. The level of investment is extraordinary. A date has yet to be set however, an open day for public viewing is expected. Keep an eye out, don't miss the opportunity to see first hand, what a tangible outcome of Council decision making looks like.

I recently attended a local Economic Networking Forum, hosted by Councils, Economic and Community Development, Procurement, and Community Growth Teams, at our very own Hampton Downs Speedway. Keynote speaker for the afternoon, Dr Maggie Hong, Principal Analyst for Council, presented informative economic data pertinent to employment, mortgages, interest rates, and net migration, all with the associated benefits and challenges. Data like this informs the LTP and aids in determining spend prioritisations. Council is on track for delivery of its 2024 - 2034 LTP.

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