

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

26 April 2019

April was a quiet month in Council with only our monthly Council meeting to attend. However I was still busy with community meetings and events that included the monthly Eureka/Tamahere Heritage Committee meeting, with the Committee also visiting Woodlands to learn about the history of the estate and get an update on their plans for the future and a visit to Raglan with the Heritage Funding Committee to hear submissions from several local groups for funding. Also in Raglan we had an opportunity to visit the sites of innovative signs placed next to sites of historical significance. I also represented Council at the ANZAC service at Eureka Cenotaph on 25th April attended by around 30 residents.



Waikato District Council is again combining with Hamilton City Council to run a **Dirty Dog Challenge**. Dogs and their owners will navigate their way through a mud-filled obstacle course. The challenge will be held at the Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp, 48 Waingaro Road, on Saturday 15th June from 10am. There is a 2.5km or 6km event – cost for one person and one dog is \$40. For more details and to register for the event go to



www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dirty-dog-challenge



Have you visited the **Matangi Little Library** yet? This is situated in the village using a 'swap a book' system– well worth a visit if you are short of reading material.

I have previously mentioned the **Proposed Waikato District Plan**. The Summary of Submissions for Stage 1 of the District Plan Review has been prepared by the Resource Management Policy team and will be published on Monday 29 April with further submissions closing on Monday 27 May at 9am.

The summary documents and original submissions will be available for viewing from the 29th at Council offices and libraries and also available electronically via the consultation page on our website.

Stage 2 is currently in progress with our policy team finalising the relevant policy frameworks. A draft for public feedback will be released in mid-2019. To read the review see on line at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans/district-plan-review

Unfortunately, **Council will not be running an inorganic waste service this year, 2019**. The service was not included in your 2018/19 refuse and recycling targeted rate. The long-term future of the inorganic collection will be part of a solid waste review starting this year and will take into consideration central governments direction to us to reduce waste to landfill – currently all items collected through inorganic collections goes to landfill. Waikato residents will have an opportunity to have their say on how waste is collected through this year's review. You are also welcome to email me your feedback.

The **Expressway** team have been taking advantage of the long dry summer and spring to keep the works on track. There is a milestone this week on the Longswamp section when traffic begins switching onto sections of the new lanes. On the Hamilton section; in June, after the Fieldays, traffic will be switched from Cambridge Road onto two new lanes at Tamahere. The section of Cambridge Road north of Cherry Lane will then close so the expressway route can be excavated through the old highway. Users of Cherry Lane and Bollard Road will be provided with a sealed temporary access onto the new highway lanes.

If you are part of a group that would like a presentation about the Expressway project, book or find more information by emailing info@cityedgealliance.co.nz or phoning 0800 322 044.



Contact me anytime

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