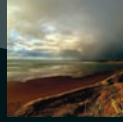
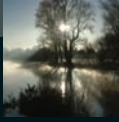


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Waikato District News



## Te Kauwhata Library *wins award*



**When the new Te Kauwhata Library opened in May, local councillor Jan Sedgwick said the building not only created a grand statement at the entrance to the Te Kauwhata village, but also contributed to improved community pride.**

"The new library is a great start to a rejuvenation of Te Kauwhata village and we are all very proud of it," Cr Sedgwick said.

Project managed by Waikato District Council design manager Campbell Moore and designed by Opus Architecture, Cr Sedgwick described the building's architecture as "superb".

Her tribute has just been endorsed, with a New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) Waikato Bay of Plenty

Architecture Award for Public Architecture presented to Opus Architecture for the Te Kauwhata Library in the institute's 2011 regional awards.

Waikato District Council general manager stakeholder relations Jo Ireland said the community and indeed the district have embraced the new facility.

The new library offers a large quantity of new books as well as study zones, separate teen and children's areas, a multi-

purpose meeting room with kitchen facilities, and free wireless internet for library users.

"We have had record numbers of new members and visitors through the doors since the library opened. These encouraging statistics and feedback from our customers indicate that the library now inspires people to come in to relax and read, study or use the internet rather than to just borrow and return books," said Ms Ireland. ■

“A sculptural and vivacious exterior leads via a sweeping entry into a central vortex which then spills out to the pleasant pools that are the book spaces. The architect's stated belief that 'good public architecture should be robust and enduring, but should also delight and inspire people' has been ably realised in this project. The library is a building that should make its town proud.”

The 2011 Waikato / Bay of Plenty Architecture Awards judging panel of Adam Mercer, Sean Harris, John Henderson and Glenn McHardie.

# Mayor's message

Last month this council joined industry leaders, innovators and a futurist at an economic summit.

Our aim was to bring these pivotal people and the council together to help us shape an economic strategy for the Waikato district.

We talked about how we generate economic growth, where we are going and what we can each contribute to the journey. We discussed the big picture, the small details and made some important connections.

It didn't surprise any of us the recurrent message of the day was that we must be more enabling. We need to address development with a pragmatic, individual approach. Our customers and their needs vary greatly and we are on a growth threshold that requires some forward thinking and a can-do attitude. And, while we need to abide by the rules of local government, we can listen and we can respond.

The importance of collaboration was another highlight. Our industries need to consider synergies as they develop in terms of location, transport, technology, education, people and complimentary industries to ensure industry growth and support our population. It all contributes to how we leverage from each other to develop and future-proof this district. We are living in exciting times and what we do now has huge implications for shaping our future.



This is the start of a conversation we all need to contribute to. And it's an ongoing story which I look forward to progressing in my term as mayor.

Keep safe, stay well and have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Allan Sanson**

Mayor

[mayor@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:mayor@waidc.govt.nz)



## Marae Tukere takes on new role

Earlier this year when Marae Tukere left the Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Inc Tribal Development Unit that she helped to establish five years ago, it was with mixed emotions.

She was leaving behind a close-knit team of staff who were responsible for, among other things, the tribal register, marae development and training, and a comprehensive system of maatauranga, education and kaumaatua grants. But Mrs Tukere was excited to be heading to a senior position within Waikato District Council as pouhono iwi ki te haapori (iwi & community partnership manager).

"It's a bit of a mouthful," she laughs, "but what it really means is that a key part of my role is to bring a Maaori perspective to the work of council and to assist my colleagues in their interactions with the tribe."

"That includes everything from educating staff about correct pronunciation, to identifying the appropriate groups that the council should be consulting with, to giving advice on particular issues of significance."

One of Mrs Tukere's major focuses of her role is the implementation of the Joint Management Agreement with Waikato -Tainui.

"It's a priority – embedding the relationship principles into the way council operates and finalising the seven schedules that specify the areas of co-management and opportunity."

Mrs Tukere says any 'free time' is divided between her whaanau, her marae - Turangawaewae, politics, and sports. She is also actively involved in a number of committees and boards in the district. ■

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Marae Tukere

# Opening Hours

## during Christmas/New Year

### Waikato District Council offices

Waikato District Council offices will be closed from 1pm on Friday 23 December 2011 to 8.30am on Wednesday 4 January 2012.

### Libraries

All Waikato District Council libraries will be closed from 1pm on Friday 23 December to Tuesday 27 December except Meremere Library, which will be closed until Wednesday 4 January.

### All libraries (except Meremere)

Wed 28 – Thur 29 December

10am – 3pm

OPEN

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Fri 30 December – Tues 3 January

CLOSED

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Wed 4 January

Normal hours resume

### Emergency calls (all hours)

For all emergency calls regarding council services, please phone 0800 492 452.

### Christmas/New Year refuse and recycling

#### Port Waikato

Sunday 25 December will be collected on Tuesday 27 December.

Sunday 1 January will be collected on Tuesday 3 January.

#### Rest of district

There will be no collection on Boxing Day or Monday 2 January.

All collections will be one day late.

Monday 26 December will be collected Tuesday 27 December.

Monday 2 January will be collected Tuesday 3 January.

Collections for Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday following Christmas and New Years will be one day late.

### Swimming pools

	Huntly	Ngaruawahia	Tuakau
Sat 24 December	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Christmas Day (Sun)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Boxing Day (Mon)	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 27 December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 28 December	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Thur 29 December	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Fri 30 December	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Sat 31 December	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Sun 1 January New Year's Day	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 2 Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 3 January	Closed	Closed	10.00am – 6.00pm
Wed 4 January – Sun 8 January	9.00am – 5.00pm	12.00pm – 5.00 pm	10.00am – 6.00pm
Mon 9 January	6.30am – 8.00pm (normal hours resume)	12.00pm – 5.00pm	10.00am – 6.00pm

### Refuse transfer and recycling stations

	Huntly	Te Kauwhata	Raglan	Pukekohe
Sat 24 December	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	8.30am - 12.30	8.30am - 3.30pm
Christmas Day	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed
Tues 27 December	10am - 3pm	Closed	Closed	7.30am - 4.30pm
Wed 28 December	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm	7.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 29 December	7.30am - 4.30pm	11.30am - 4pm	Closed	7.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 30 December	7.30am - 4.30pm	11.30am - 4pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	7.30am - 4.30pm
Sat 31 December	10am - 3pm	10am - 3pm	8.30am - 12.30	8.30am - 3.30pm
New Years Day	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 2 January	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed
Tues 3 January	10am - 3pm	Closed	Closed	7.30am - 4.30pm
Wed 4 January	7.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	8.30am - 4.30pm	7.30am - 4.30pm
Thurs 5 January	7.30am - 4.30pm	11.30am - 4pm	Closed	7.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 6 January	7.30am - 4.30pm	11.30am - 4pm	8.30am - 4.30pm	7.30am - 4.30pm
Sat 7 January	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm	12.30pm - 4.30pm	8.30am - 3.30pm
Sun 8 January	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm	Closed	8.30am - 3.30pm

# What's happening

Just BRIEFLY

## ▶ Annual Raglan Lions New Year's Eve Parade

New Year celebrations start in Raglan with the colourful New Year's Eve parade. Cash prizes for best themed floats. This year there are more floats, more prizes including spot prizes, and Bob promises there will be more fun. Assemble in Wallis St at 6.15pm for judging from 6.20-6.45pm and prize giving at 6.55pm. Parade commences at 7pm.

**When:** Saturday 31 December 2011, 7pm

**Where:** Bow Street, Raglan

**Info:** Bob McLeod  
07 825 8041

## ▶ Huntly Rodeo

Don't miss the action! Admission: Adult \$20, Children \$10, under 5s free.

**When:** Sunday 29 January 2012, 10am – 4pm

**Where:** Gallagher Rodeo Arena, State Highway 1, Tregoweth Lane, Huntly

**Info:** Brenda  
07 829 4969  
pdq.products@xtra.co.nz

## ▶ The 7th annual R & R Sports Black Stump Adventure Ride

Experience real mountain biking at its best! Choose a 12km, 18km, 30km or a 40km ride. For recreational and competitive mountain bikers, and teams.

**When:** Saturday 11 February 2012

**Info:** [www.blackstumpadventures.co.nz](http://www.blackstumpadventures.co.nz)

## ▶ The Asics Shoe Clinic Killer

This exciting off-road mountain walk/run event is back on once again over the Black Stump mountain bike course. Distance options are 7.5km run or walk, 12km run or walk, 21km run and 30km run.

**When:** Sunday 12 February 2012

**Info:** [www.thekiller.co.nz](http://www.thekiller.co.nz)

Got an event coming up?

If you'd like an event to be listed in the next issue of Link or on our website, [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz), email [narelle.watts@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:narelle.watts@waidc.govt.nz).

## Franklin to Waikato transition – one year on

On 1 November 2011 Waikato District Council welcomed 14,500 new ratepayers and took on 4,603 water connections, 749 kilometres of roads, and 60 food premises as the southern tip of Franklin officially became a part of the Waikato district. The Franklin to Waikato (F2W) transition was the single largest project Waikato District Council had ever undertaken. Waikato District Council chief executive Gavin Ion said it was a proud moment when council opened the doors to their Tuakau office to welcome in new ratepayers and residents.

## Have your say on the district's rates review

Ratepayers have just a few more days to provide feedback on Waikato District Council's proposal to change the Waikato district's rates structure. All ratepayers would have received individual letters that show the effects of the review on their properties. Submission forms were included with those letters. It is important people take the opportunity to provide feedback so council can include that in their decision-making. Submissions close at 4pm on 19 December 2011, with hearings held at the beginning of February 2012. For more information on the rates review, contact 0800 492 592 or visit [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz).

## Revision of Waikato district valuation rolls

The valuation rolls for the Waikato district have been revised by Quotable Value Limited. The revised rating values are effective as at 1 July 2011 and are available for public inspection, free of charge, at a council office until 1pm on 23 December 2011 or online at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz). All owners and ratepayers of property (as defined in the Local Government Rating Act 2002) within the Waikato district would have received notices advising of the revised values. Any objections to the revised valuations are to be lodged in writing no later than 23 December 2011. Objection forms are available on [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz), or from a council office, or by emailing [publicenquiries@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:publicenquiries@waidc.govt.nz).

## Refuse collection

Residents are being urged to put their rubbish bags out by 8am on the day of collection. As the contractor is not always in the same area at the same time each week and may come earlier than normal, putting your bags out before the 8am collection start time will ensure your refuse gets taken away. Please ensure you keep handy the opening hours schedule in this issue of Link.

## Water Meters

If you have a water meter, remember to read it on a regular basis. By reading your water meter regularly you will be able to notice discrepancies. Higher than usual water usage could indicate a water leak that needs to be fixed.

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Ngaruawahia  
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