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COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 2015

[Franklin Waikato Drainage Subcommittee](#), Te Kauwhata
Friday 2 October 2015 – 10.00am

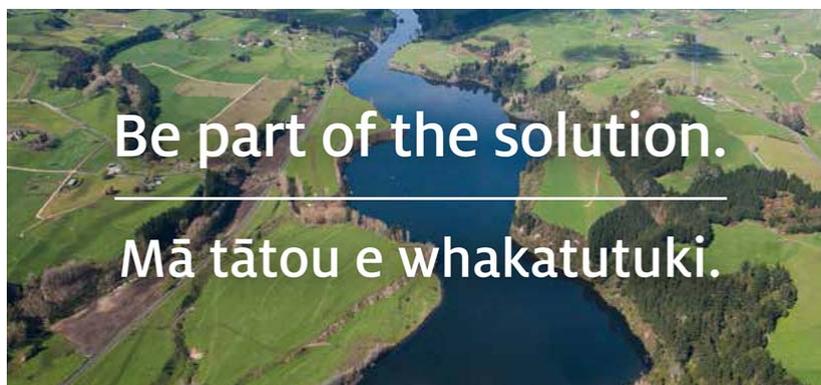
[Regional Transport Committee](#)
Monday 5 October 2015 – 9.30am

[Coromandel Catchment Committee](#), Thames
Tuesday 6 October 2015 - 10.00am

[Aka Aka Otatau Drainage Subcommittee](#), Waiuku
Friday 9 October 2015 – 9.00am

[Hearings Appointment](#)

Healthy rivers: be part of the solution



A group of 24 people, representing sectors and the community, is due to recommend solutions to reduce contaminants entering water in the Waikato and Waipa rivers’ 1.1 million hectare catchments. Before they do, they want your thoughts.

Whether you’re in town or in the country, this could affect you. Don’t miss out on these opportunities to be part of the solution.

Come to a *Water quality policies and solutions workshop.*

OPEN STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Register by 16 October at waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers

Tuesday 27 October
8.30am - 4pm
Mystery Creek, Hamilton

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 28 October
Tokoroa Events Centre, 25 Mossop Rd, Tokoroa

Thursday 29 October
Tuakau Memorial Hall, George Street, Tuakau

[Subcommittee](#) (if required)
Tuesday 13 October 2015
– 9.30am

[Strategy and Policy Committee](#)
Tuesday 13 October 2015
– 10.00am

[Environmental Performance Committee](#)
Wednesday 14 October
2015 – 10.00am

[Integrated Catchment Management Committee](#)
Thursday 15 October
2015 – 10.00am

[Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee](#)
Friday 16 October 2015 –
11.00am

[Lake Taupo Catchment Committee, Taupo](#)
Wednesday 28 October
2015 – 10.00am

[Council](#)
Thursday 29 October
2015 – 10.30am

[Central Waikato Catchment Committee](#)
Friday 30 October 2015 –
10.00am

Thursday 5 November
Hamilton Gardens Pavilion, Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton

Tuesday 10 November
Otorohanga Club, 107 Maniapoto St, Otorohanga

Can't make it? [Do the online survey](#) from 28 October to 13 November.

Are you ready to ShakeOut on Thursday?



The national earthquake drill is at 9.15am on Thursday, 15 October.

If you haven't already signed up, head to the [NZ ShakeOut website](#) so you can register to **Drop, Cover, Hold** at 9.15am on Thursday. Here are some easy steps for planning your drill.

1. Announce the start of the drill (see below for ideas).
2. Drop, cover and hold for one minute.
3. Take a photo or 30 second video and [post it on the NZ Get Thru Facebook page](#) by 28 October for your chance to win an iPad Mini.
4. Call the end of the drill - you might find it triggers some discussion at home, work and school about how to get prepared.

Wondering how to trigger a drill in your team? Nominate someone to make some noise - use an air horn, voice command or whistle, or play this [audio during the drill](#) or this [video during the drill](#).

A plea from the NZ Fire Service: Please do not use your fire alarm to trigger a NZ ShakeOut drill.

Keeping our waterways safe





We have some stunning waterways in this region, and plenty of boaties who enjoy them.

Safer Boating Week starts this Friday, 16 October and runs for one week until Friday, 23 October. It's all about making sure boaties have fun, but make it home at the end of the day.

Our harbourmasters are onboard with the campaign, aimed at getting three simple messages across to boaties:

- prepare your boat
- check your gear
- know the rules.

'Bag your cell' is another of the catchphrases of this year's Safer Boating Week – reminding recreational boat users to take two forms of reliable communication with them when they go out on the water.

These key safety messages are being reinforced for boaties as they get their vessels and gear ready for the traditional start of the boating season at Labour weekend.

[Visit our website for information](#) to keep you safe on the water.

For farmers



We're hiring



Three-year wetland research project launched

Check out the photos below from last Friday's launch of a three-year research project on the Putaruru property of Gray and Marilyn Baldwin.

The project has involved the installation of weirs to measure the water flow into and out of a 1 hectare wetland, which drains about 81 hectares of dairy farmland. There'll also be sampling to test the amount of contaminants going in and out, which will help to measure the effectiveness of the wetland.

Together with the Baldwin Family Trust, we're helping to fund the project with the Waikato River Authority, Opus and DairyNZ.

Our chair Paula Southgate and CEO Vaughan Payne were at the official launch and participated in a ceremonial tree planting to mark the event.

In August, staff from our council, DairyNZ and Opus planted about 3000 plants, with volunteers from A Rocha planting another 2500. A great effort!





James Sukias from Niwa at the launch, alongside some of the sampling and monitoring equipment that's being used in the project.



Regional council chairperson Paula Southgate and CEO Vaughan Payne.



Gray Baldwin and his father Alex, with retired dairy farmer and long-time environmentalist, Gordon Stephenson.



Marilyn Baldwin with her grandson, Riley, at the launch.

'Magic' shoe fitting for Hamilton netball player

A Hamilton netball player has had a 'magic' experience, spending time shoe shopping with international netball star Casey Kopua as part of a Drive Sober promotion.

The Kia Magic supporter won the opportunity to be fitted with a new pair of sports shoes, with the help of a Kia Magic netball player and prize sponsor Shoe Clinic Hamilton.

To enter, Waikato people had to share their best sober driving tip, with winner



Hannah Southgate-McNeil being randomly selected from a large number of competition entries via Instagram.



Ms Southgate-McNeil's tip was: "Have spare cash at home for an emergency taxi and take turns sober driving with your partner and shout them fizzy drink."

Magic and Silver Fern defender and captain Casey Kopua recently joined the 24-year-old Marist club player in Hamilton for the shopping experience – the penultimate prize in an intensive two week **'Reduce the Risk'** road safety campaign on Instagram.

Follow Reduce the Risk on Facebook and Instagram @reducetherisknz to hear about more road safety campaigns and opportunities to win.

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