

## DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AMENDED FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Council received 56 submissions on the Draft Annual Plan, and 27 submitters took the opportunity to present their submissions to the Policy Committee's May meeting.

A range of issues were raised in the submissions, with the most common being roading or footpath related matters, and funding requests from community groups. Submissions also covered rate increases, Museums, Parks & Reserves, District Plan review and service delivery arrangements.

In considering the submissions, the Policy Committee wanted Council to be able to

accommodate each request where possible, but not increase the rates above the level signalled in the draft Plan.

The Committee have recommended changes to the draft Plan, which will be considered prior to Council adopting the 2007/08 Annual Plan on 26 June 2007.

Following adoption by Council, the Plan will be available for viewing at Council offices, Libraries and website [www.waipadc.govt.nz](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz)

Each submitter will receive a written response detailing the outcome of their submission.

## COUNCIL SEEKS PUBLIC FEEDBACK

As part of its on-going commitment to actively seek public opinion and involvement, the Council is to conduct its annual survey of residents.

Community Planning and Governance Manager, Sandra Des Forges says the survey is a very important tool in gaining good feedback from residents.

"We have a responsibility to track how well our efforts are carrying through to our residents. The best way to do this is to interview a representative cross-section of people, and to have this done by an independent group to ensure impartiality."

National Research Bureau, an independent market research company offering specialised services to Local Authorities throughout New Zealand, has been commissioned to undertake the survey and report to the Council.

People living in all five Wards of the district will be telephoned, using a randomised selection method, and asked their opinions on a list of services and issues pertaining to the Council, and the services it delivers to the residents of the District.

This initiative is in the spirit of changes in local government, whereby councils are urged to take a proactive stance in understanding and meeting residents' wishes.

Interviewing for the survey commences on Friday, 8th June, and is expected to be completed on Sunday, 17th June.

## RECYCLING EXTENDED TO FIVE DAYS

Due to the very high level of support and usage of the recycling service, Streetsmart will shortly be collecting five days a week instead of the previous four. This will mean a change in collection day for some residents, to streamline the service. All changes will be as of Monday, July 2.

### Pirongia

Currently collected on a Wednesday. This will change to a Friday.

### Kihikihi

Currently collected on a Monday. This will change to a Friday.

### Karapiro

Currently collected on a Tuesday. This will change to a Thursday.

Rukuhia, Ohaupo, Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Ngahinapouri will remain the same.

A further reminder will be sent to the residents of Pirongia, Kihikihi and Karapiro closer to the change.

### USING THE RECYCLING SERVICE

Council would like to thank residents for their efforts in using the recycling service.

#### Some friendly reminders:

- 1 Please place paper alongside the recycle bin, either tied, bundled in a plastic bag or secured in a small cardboard box.
- 2 Boxes should be flattened and tied, unless they are full of paper. Then they must be taped or tied to ensure that paper does not become loose.
- 3 Plastic bottles should also be flattened, and the lid put back on.

- 4 The following items will not be collected: broken bottles/jars, window glass, blue glass, polystyrene (including meat trays), or oil, poisons and paint containers.

### RURAL RECYCLING JUST WEEKS AWAY

Kerbside recycling for all rural residents is now just a few weeks away from being implemented.

All rural residents will receive two recycling bins per rated household, during the week beginning 25 June.

You will receive a fortnightly service, and all recyclables need to be placed on the roadside (beside your letterbox if it is visible from the road) by 7.00am on your collection day. Further information will be sent to rural residents from the contractor, Streetsmart, shortly.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The District's weekly refuse collection service is run by EnviroWaste, and is not Council administered – there are no contracts with EnviroWaste and no Council or ratepayer funding is involved. Any queries or concerns should be directed to EnviroWaste on 0800 240 120.

The new wheelie bin service being kicked off in Cambridge and Te Awamutu is entirely EnviroWaste's initiative. These bins are being delivered to selected urban areas – please read the information provided with the bin and contact EnviroWaste on the specific query phone number 0800 404 090 with any questions or concerns.

EnviroWaste have advised that the weekly rubbish bag service will remain in place for the time being, but will be reviewed within the next 3-4 months.

## ROADING PROJECTS UPDATE

### Fencourt Road - Cambridge

A 1.2km section of this essential reconstruction and strengthening project has just been completed. This includes improved access to the adjoining properties and lowered traffic noise from the old patched pavement.

### Robinson Road - Cambridge

The reconstruction of this main connector road to the growing north side of Cambridge, is proceeding to programme.

### Tuhikamea Road Reconstruction

The repair and reconstruction of this high traffic volume road which is essential for commuter traffic to and from Hamilton is progressing well. The wider road shoulders will provide safer riding for the many cyclists who use this road.

### Seal Extensions

This last month has seen the completion of the first of four planned seal extensions currently under way across the District. Karl Road (Ohaupo) is now fully sealed. Works are underway on Sainsbury, Waite and Clothier Roads in the Pirongia Ward.

### Footpaths

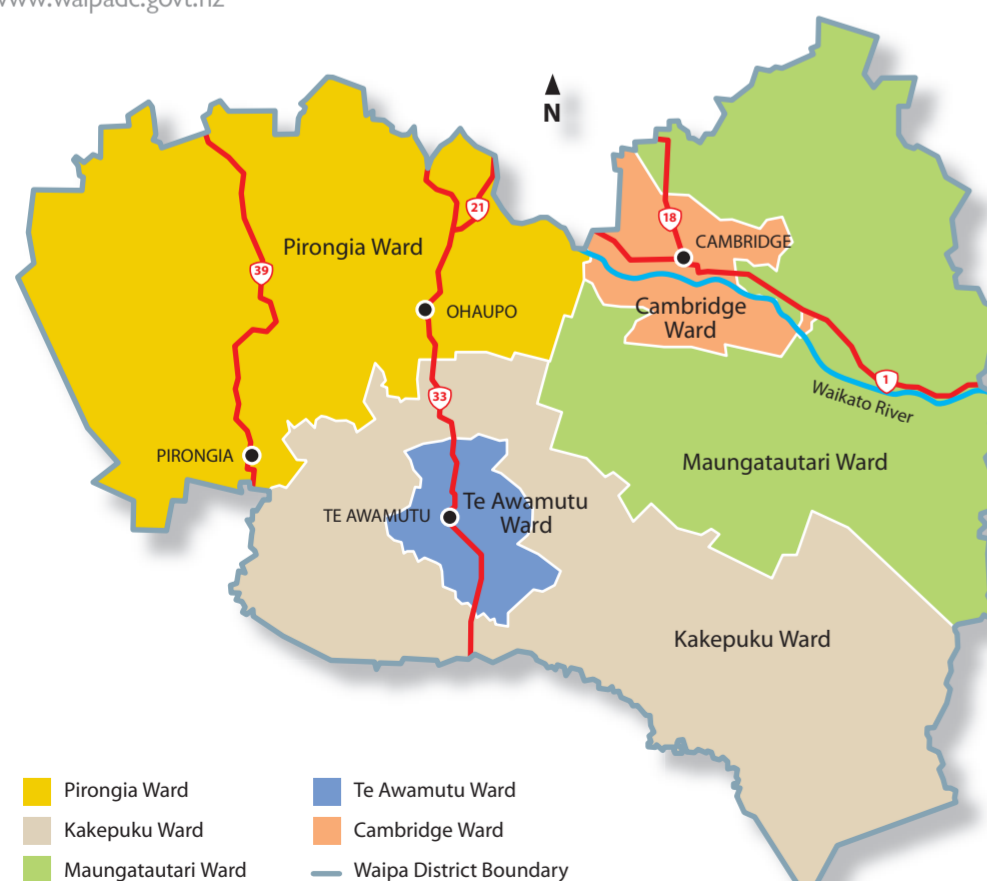
Both Kihikihi and Te Awamutu footpath extension programmes for 06/07 are now complete, with Cambridge footpaths due to start shortly.

### Vaile Street – Realignment

The installation of additional car parking and improved safety measures for pedestrians and traffic is proceeding to plan. Some new car parks will be available within the next few weeks.

## FIVE WARDS FINALISED

Waipa District's five Wards have been finalised for the triennial elections and will come into effect from October 13, 2007. For a detailed map visit any Council office, Library or [www.waipadc.govt.nz](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz)



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