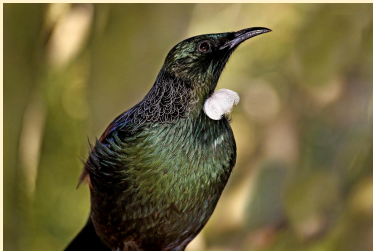


The Kihikihi Residents & Ratepayers Group

Kihikihi Newsletter No. 3

24th February 2023

Chairman's Call Happy 2023 to all our residents,



What an amazing community we live in. Thank you to those of you who cleared neighbours sections after Cyclone Gabriella caused damage to trees last week. What wonderful community spirit.

Before Christmas our committee organised gift boxes of food for some of those residents who were struggling. The response from our community was truly amazing and we thank you for your generous support. Unfortunately we don't have contact details for some of you but rest assured your donation is being carefully used and much appreciated by recipients.

Yay the town clock is working and keeping excellent time, I'm promised the chimes will be working too shortly. Thank you to Waipa District Council, while we're on Council it's fantastic to see progress being made on the Rochfort Park playground. The playground in the Maniapoto reserve will be revamped too.

The Skate park committee is making good progress with fundraising and we are hoping by later this year the Skate Park too will have a confirmed site and be ready for construction.

It is exciting that Kihikihi are receiving some early benefits from Council's Urban Mobility Plan. We are told our cycleway is being extended up Rolleston Street and along Whitmore Street.

There is ongoing dialogue regarding the next steps for Turata reserve.

Lastly, let me thank our energetic little committee of volunteers. If you are community minded and would like to be involved please contact our secretary Ruary and come along.

Peter Fraser
Chairman KR&R Group

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Councillor's Comment **Kihikihi Ratepayers and Community Connection**

The Waipa District was extremely fortunate to not experience the worst effects of cyclone Gabrielle, which severely impacted many other areas. Hopefully, all the damaged infrastructure will be quickly repaired.



The Council and staff are promoting the **Ahu Ake Spatial Plan**, along with the Urban Mobility draft plan for Kihikihi at two meetings held on **Monday 27th of February, at the Kihikihi School meeting at 71 Whitmore Street from 1415 hours, and at the Town Hall meeting at 26 Lyon Street from 1700 hours.** Community members are encouraged to attend and actively participate.



ANZAC Day

The local RSA will continue to promote an Anzac Day Service at the Kihikihi War Memorial held at 0900 hours Tuesday 25th. Residents are encouraged to attend and lay wreaths if they wish. Please don't hesitate to contact Lou Brown at louandelsb@gmail.com if you wish to assist or participate with the service.

Lou Brown

Waipa District Council

Ahu Ake - WDC Spatial Plan Meeting -

- at the Kihikihi Town Hall on Monday 27th February at 5:30pm



What will Waipā look like in 2050?

Waipā District Council is in the early stages of developing **Ahu Ake - Waipā Community Spatial Plan** which will be a blueprint for our district for the next 30+ years.

This plan will have a direct impact on our future, and the future of our children and grandchildren and will be the most important plan we create.

Now the plan needs you.

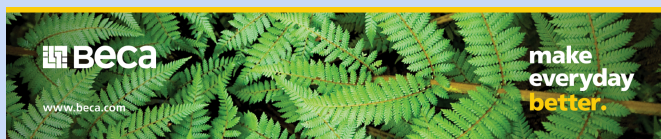
Council will be at the **Kihikihi Town Hall on Monday 27 February from 5.30pm-8pm** to speak with our community about what is important to us for the future of Kihikihi and the wider district.

They'll also be sharing plans for new shared pathways in Kihikihi and asking for your thoughts on them.

Your feedback is a critical part of both of these plans, so pop the date in your calendar and make sure to head down and have your say.

You can find more information about this project and let Council know what you think online at

www.ahuakewaipa.nz/have-your-say.



Regan Powell

Out and About

Rochfort Park Playground
on the corner of Bryce Street
and Hall Street.



Thanks to Gina Scott for the information.



MAORI WOMEN'S WELFARE LEAGUE

Te Awamutu Maori Women's Welfare League

Te Awamutu Maori Women's Welfare League is a volunteer organization helping families through education to upskill in cooking, sewing, gardening, learn Reo, to weave, to budget, any or all skills which one needs to cope with having a family. We have been in the community for 70 plus yrs quietly in the background and still very strong. Our membership would like to humbly thank all of those who supported the Xmas food box 2022. What an amazing caring community support we have. From the families - overwhelmed, stunned, didn't want to accept, so very grateful so without your contribution, this simple gesture of care wouldn't be possible. Xmas was easier.

Humbly with thanks to you all.

Rosemary
President TAMWW League

Contact: Rosemary 021 130 3880

The Skateboard Park

Te Paparoa Kihikihi Community Skate Park Project Team.

Kia ora tamariki ma, rangatahi, whanau, families, and the wider community.

First of all, on behalf of the Te Paparoa Kihikihi community Skate Park team we would like to thank the prominent groups in the Kihikihi and Te Awamutu region, businesses, the communities, whanau, families and individuals for your support.



Information about us?

The name Te Paparoa means 'the long yards'. We would all agree Kihikihi has definitely done 'the longest yards'. This community desperately needs resources and recreational facilities; it has been deprived of opportunities that are available to other communities.

The Te Paparoa team is made up of 9 members, Kihikihi residents, young parents, full time workers willing to commit their own time to fundraising for a Skate Park for the Kihikihi community.

Fundraising started in July 2022, to date, we have received huge support from the community in the form of donations, and individual fundraising events. All indications are that this support will continue and grow this year.

This will help deliver opportunities for our children and youth, to fund a space that is theirs, to be active and healthy, to have fun, with their friends, whanau and the wider community. A Skate Park will provide the forum for visitors young and old, beginning and skilled, to meet and share experiences. Enabling more people to become more active and healthier, fostering social cohesion, inclusion and improving environmental awareness.

We will soldier on, the project is still in the early stages, we are working with the Waipa Council to secure a location. However, it is exciting times for Kihikihi, there is a great deal of development ahead, starting with a new playground at Rochefort Park, after that the Maniapoto Reserve playground will get an overdue makeover, new footpaths, and much more.

We look forward to positive feedback, we welcome new members, ideas for funding, your time and support towards the Te Paparoa Kihikihi Community Skate Park Project.

Nga mihi maioha, Nga Manaakitanga

Thank you with appreciation Frances (Team Leader).

ALPHA RESTORATION

“No plan to demolish”

It is with great pleasure to inform you all that what was once called the Alpha Hotel is undergoing restoration with the purpose to utilize it for the benefit of the community. We are at the early stages of the development.



The owner of the building has kindly offered his facility for this purpose and has given assurance that this is for his lifetime.

The restoration of each area will be undertaken in stages as funds become available to complete the work required.

The initial plan is to complete the old garden lounge area to be utilized for the community.

There are four leading members who are involved with planning who have organized the support, services and equipment required to undertake this task.

We have had the Engineer's assessment completed and although there are areas to be rectified, structurally it is a sound building.

We have also had an Electrician in to check the wiring with minor recommendations required that will be completed.

Currently any costs that have been incurred are being funded by us. There are however plans to organize fundraising events to assist with the upgrade but any offer of assistance or koha would be gratefully accepted.

We will keep you informed on our plan, progress and events and look forward to your support with this initiative.

Margaret Thomson and Bill Harris

Editorial

This Newsletter is email only. Please pass it on to anyone you know who would be interested and ask them to email me.

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