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COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 2016

Aka Aka Otatau Drainage Subcommittee, Waiuku
Friday 8 April 2016 – 9.00am

CE Employment and Remuneration Committee
Tuesday 12 April 2016 – 9.30am

Strategy and Policy Committee
Tuesday 15 April 2016 – 10.30am

Environmental Performance Committee
Wednesday 13 April 2016 – 10.00am

Hearings Appointment

Be part of the plan for the Waikato

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OUR 2016/17 ANNUAL PLAN

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- **PROPOSAL 1:** Applying a per property rate for life-saving voluntary emergency services in the region.
- **PROPOSAL 2:** The Tauhei flood protection project and funding policy.
- **PROPOSAL 3:** Changes to fresh water take consent fees.

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Waikato Regional Council has released its consultation document and is seeking public submissions on three proposals, including whether to establish a regional services fund for surf life saving, Coastguard and rescue helicopter services.

Earlier this month the council signed off on its 2016/17 Annual Plan consultation document, which includes an amendment to the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

The council is proposing to collect a per property rate of between \$2.07 and \$3.74 to establish a regional services fund to spread the

[Subcommittee](#)

Thursday 14 April 2016 –
9.30am

[Integrated Catchment
Management Committee](#)

Thursday 14 April 2016 –
10.00am

[Healthy Rivers Wai Ora
Committee](#), Karapiro

Monday 18 April 2016 –
12.00noon

[Waikato Plan Joint
Committee](#), Karapiro

Monday 18 April 2016 –
1.00pm

Waikato Raupatu River
Trust and Waikato
Regional Council
Co-Governance
Committee

Tuesday 19 April 2016 –
9.00am

[Hamilton Public Transport
Joint Committee](#)

Wednesday 20 April 2016
– 1.00pm

[Council meeting](#)

Thursday 28 April 2016 –
10.30am

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cost of helping to fund services available to everyone in the Waikato. It will replace grants local councils may already be providing.

As part of its 2016/17 Annual Plan, the council is asking landowners to agree on the works programme and funding policy for a \$4.28 million flood protection project at Tauhei, near Morrinsville.

The council is also seeking submissions on a change to the way it charges fresh water take consent holders for state of the environment monitoring and research it undertakes.

Consultation closes at 4pm on Monday, 11 April.

The consultation document and supporting information is available online at www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/annualplan.

Tairua incident highlights bar crossing risks



Waikato Regional Council says a bar crossing incident at Tairua, in which three men reportedly without lifejackets on were flipped into the sea, highlights the risks involved in such situations.

The council will formally investigate the incident, which occurred on Monday morning.

It's understood from witnesses the boat tried to turn mid-crossing. The trio were rescued by emergency responders.

The council's maritime services team leader Richard Barnett said: "Crossing a bar is an extremely hazardous activity, and that's one of the reasons we worked with others to [create a series of bar crossing videos for boaties](#).

"While we don't yet know the full circumstances of this incident, it's a national rule that lifejackets must be worn while crossing bars.

"It's vital that people wear lifejackets, make wise decisions about whether it's safe to go on the water in the first place and never try to

turn mid-crossing.”

Skippers of vessels who attempted crossing in such circumstances put themselves and crew at risk, as well as emergency responders who had to go to help them, Mr Barnett said.

“Boaties need to make sure they do their homework and equip themselves with the knowledge and skills they need to cross bars.”

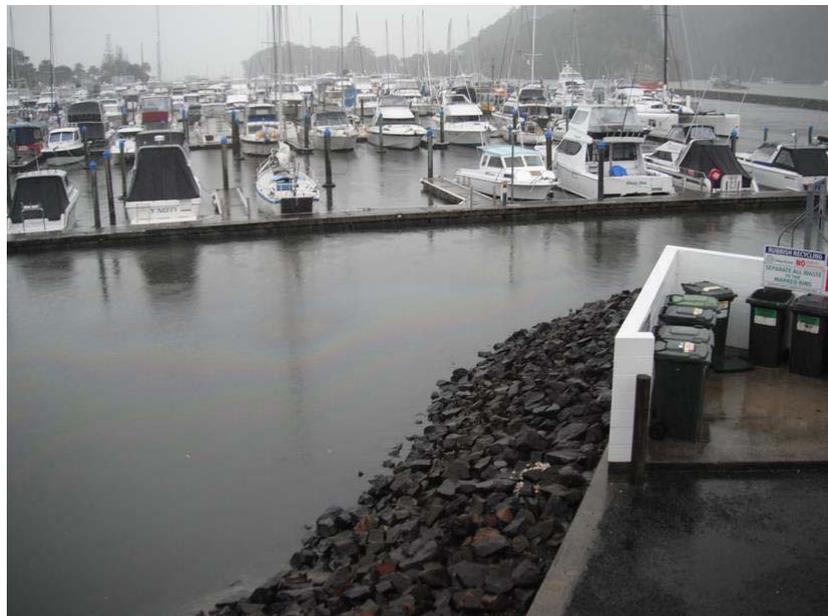
For farmers



We're hiring



Extra diligence urged on what goes into stormwater systems



People are being reminded of the need to be extra diligent about what goes into the stormwater system, after diesel discharged into the Whitianga marina late last week.

A clean-up operation began at the marina about 12pm on Thursday (24 March) after a quantity of hydrocarbon, believed to be diesel, was seen entering the sea from a stormwater pipe.

Regional on-scene commander Dave Lovatt said it's possible further rain may flush more diesel into the sea, so the council will continue to monitor the situation.

“It's possible diesel may still be in the stormwater system and could be flushed out when it next rains at Whitianga,” Mr Lovatt said.

“It's therefore still important we identify the source of the diesel so we can minimise the risk of it flowing into our stormwater system and into the sea. So we're urging Whitianga residents and businesses with diesel storage tanks on their properties to check for possible leaks and to alert us to any issue they might identify.”

People with any information on the possible source of the diesel can contact the council on freephone 0800 800 401.

Intentionally dumping hydrocarbons like diesel or oil into stormwater systems is an offence under the Resource Management Act, with the cost of the clean-up to be paid by the offender, as well as the risk of a prosecution.

Learn about the landcare work of Te Pahu volunteers



Experience community group networking and find out more about stream and nutrient management, including biodiversity, at our Landcare networking field day.

9.30am on Wednesday, 6 April 2016
Te Pahu Community Hall and at Kaniwhaniwha Stream

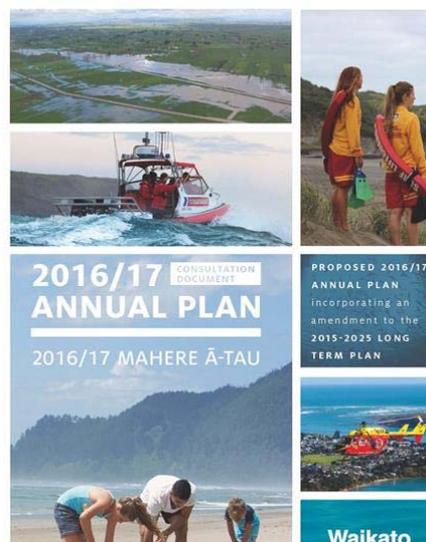
The field day is organised by Waikato Regional Council, in conjunction with the Te Pahu Landcare Group and the NZ Landcare Trust.

For further details or to register, [email Bala Tikkisetty](mailto:bala.tikkisetty@waikato.govt.nz) or freephone 0800 800 401.

Our news in your letterbox

You should already have received the print edition of *Your Waikato* in your letterbox this month.

Inside we had a snapshot of the three proposals we're seeking public submissions on as part of our annual plan consultation, as well as information on some events we're either organising or attending over the next few weeks.



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