

Hamilton Central City Safety Plan launched

Taking safety in the central city seriously and responding to public concerns about feeling unsafe are the drivers for a new safety plan adopted by the Council this week.

The Hamilton Central City Safety Plan has two approaches; setting boundaries about what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour through enforcement of a public safety bylaw and providing help and support for homeless and vulnerable people through The People's Project. The safety plan has been created with the help of experts including the police, health providers, government social services organisations and the Hamilton Central Business Association.

The safety plan contains a range of actions including expanding the CCTV camera network and City Safe patrols.

Mayor Julie Hardaker says the plan responds to public concern about safety in the central city. "All cities are facing these challenges and they are complex issues. The Council is taking a common sense approach to ensure our public spaces are safe for everyone to enjoy.

The People's Project team is based in Garden Place and takes a collaborative approach to providing services to people who are on the street and sleeping rough.

Julie Nelson, Joint CEO of Wise Group who is leading this initiative says The People's Project will bring key agencies together to provide a city-wide approach to wrap around the services people need. "We are in the early stages and will work on an evidence-based, long term solution to Hamilton's homeless issue," says Ms Nelson.

www.hamilton.govt.nz/citysafetyplan



A new city safety plan is aiming to improve safety in the central city.

November party for all Hamiltonians

Mark 22 November in your calendar – that's the date Hamilton kicks up its heels and celebrates the city's 150th birthday with a giant family-friendly party in the CBD.

The city will become a pedestrian hub from 3-9pm, with different zones established between Ward Street and Hood Street. Party-goers will be able to wander around a range of precincts

offering food, sports, entertainment and markets. A participation zone in Garden Place will be the focus for Hamilton schools, which have been invited to create a performance focusing on a

decade from the past 150 years. The party will officially finish with a fireworks display, but many party-goers are expected to linger at the city's bars and restaurants and take part in the

giant time warp to celebrate 10 years since the Riff Raff statue was installed in Victoria Street.

www.hamilton150.co.nz

ALGAE RETURNS IN LAKE

Mild winter temperatures and fine still days have led to the return of a potentially toxic algae in the water of Hamilton's Lake Rotoroa. Residents are being urged to keep themselves and their pets clear of the lake water until further notice. People with dogs that have been in the water, or that have swallowed it in recent weeks, are urged to have their animals checked by a veterinarian. Fish from the lake should not be eaten.

FIFA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Organisers of next year's FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 are calling for volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are open in the areas of hospitality, event operations, media, team services and ticketing. It serves as a great opportunity for those seeking experience in football operations or simply fans of the game who would like to be involved. Applications open Monday 8 September. www.fifa.com/nz2015

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- **Wednesday 10 September**
District Licensing Committee
- **Wednesday 17 September**
Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

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On the road to completion

Hamilton's Ring Road is one step closer to completion with the opening of the second-to-last stage earlier this week.



The latest section to be completed, between Clyde Street and Cambridge Road / Naylor Street.

The latest section of Wairere Drive to open runs a 1km stretch from Clyde Street to Cambridge Road / Naylor Street.

This new section of road is a single lane each way with a 60km/h speed limit. It will initially be opened on a chipsealed surface, however quieter asphalt surfacing will be put down in December. This three month period is needed so that the new road has time to stabilise. Work is now underway on the designs for the final stage of the Ring Road Project, which runs from Cambridge Road to Cobham Drive. Work is expected to begin at the end of this year and be completed by late 2015.

For Mayor Julie Hardaker, the opening of the latest Ring Road stage is great news

for the city.

"The Wairere Drive Ring Road is one of the city's most significant projects. The stages opened to the public have already delivered enormous benefits to road users. The opening of this section brings us closer to completion through to Cobham Drive by late 2015. Hamilton has one of the best roading networks in the country and this road, with its safe cycleways, is another win for our growing city."

All up, the Ring Road Project covers 12.4km of road and includes shared walkways and cycleways. The total cost of the Ring Road Project to date, including the four-laning of Wairere Drive, is \$84 million. This has been jointly funded, with the NZ Transport Agency

paying around \$46 million and Hamilton City Council \$38 million.



The newly-opened four lanes section of Wairere Drive between River Road and Resolution Drive

Sporty September for city's east

Residents in Hamilton's eastern suburbs have a chance to try a range of different sports next month, as part of an initiative to keep people physically active.

September Sports Month stems from the East Hamilton Sport and Recreation Hub, a project involving Hamilton City Council, University of Waikato and Sport Waikato. "The project supports clubs, schools and the University of Waikato to work collaboratively to promote the benefits of partnerships, which result in growing participation," says East Hamilton Sport

and Recreation Hub Project Manager, Zoe Toombs.

There is a wide range of activities on offer during the month of September, from Zumba and local walking groups, to ultimate frisbee. "September Sports Month is a great opportunity to try a new activity which people might not have previously been aware of. All activities during this month are low cost - \$5 or less," says Zoe.

Mathew Bayliss, Council's Swimming and Recreation Manager, says Council's

involvement in the project reflects its collaborative approach.

"Council is an important stakeholder here. We want our residents to be fit, healthy and active. This project helps people stay involved in organised or informal sport or physical activities."

As part of September Sports Month, Eastlink clubs at Lugton Park will be having a community open day on Saturday 20 September. There will be facility tours, have a go sessions, food, and New Zealand sporting representatives.



Mayor Julie Hardaker

Safety a priority

Feeling safe in public spaces is a priority and this week the Council approved a safety plan for the central city. The Hamilton Central City Safety Plan has been created with input from others such as the police, Hamilton Central Business Association and health and social service agencies.

People have been saying they feel unsafe and intimidated living, working and visiting the central city. Businesses are reporting begging, anti-social behaviour, intimidation and damage to property.

The new safety plan responds to these concerns in a common sense way, setting boundaries about what is acceptable and what is not acceptable behaviour. The plan also provides for support and help for vulnerable people through a new initiative called The Peoples Project, which is a collaborative approach by social services and health agencies to provide support for those on the street.

Safety issues can be complex and everyone has a role to play in keeping public places safe. Many different things go into ensuring a space feels safe for everyone to use; the way it looks, including plants, how clean it is, lighting, places to sit and the sort of security in the area.

The Council has made a commitment to improve people's perception of safety in the central city and we will be tracking the outcomes of the safety plan by collecting information and publishing it for everyone to read.

Plan sets exciting future direction for libraries

Hamiltonians will have a modern feature library in the central city, if the proposed Strategic Libraries Plan is adopted by the Council.

The draft plan incorporates library trends from around the world, and could see Hamiltonians accessing extended library services from the comfort of their own homes. Hamilton City Libraries would also be transformed into community hubs of creativity, literacy and learning.

The draft plan, which Hamilton City Council is now consulting on, is the culmination of several months work and discussion by the Libraries Strategic Plan working group and members of the Hamilton City Libraries' management team.

Councillor Andrew King, who chairs the working group, says the draft plan has taken into account the views and ideas of library users, iwi and representatives

from key community groups, plus the contributions from library sector experts.

"Internationally the most significant trend within libraries is the transition from warehouses for books to interactive physical and online community spaces. One thing we're aware of is the need to adapt and enhance our libraries service to respond to this trend," Cr King says.

"As technology develops, so too does the nature and scope of libraries; they're increasingly acting as community knowledge and learning hubs, and focal points for urban and community rejuvenation."

The Libraries Strategic Plan places emphasis on:

- the Garden Place library becoming recognised as the city's modern destination library

- libraries as focal points for communities
- libraries optimising the use of modern technology
- libraries supporting literacy and promoting reader development
- Hamilton's libraries operating in an effective and efficient manner.

Cr King says the draft plan outlines objectives and actions which will guide the delivery of a 21st century libraries service for Hamilton.

"The plan for our libraries is exciting and broad, and it speaks to the future of the service," he says.

Members of the public now have three weeks to provide their feedback on the draft plan, with displays at all six of Hamilton's public libraries, plus a number of community houses.

www.hamilton.govt.nz/loveyourlibraries

Civic award applications now open

The search is on for eligible candidates for Hamilton's civic awards – and this year the application process has been timed to coincide with the city's 150th birthday celebrations.

The awards are open to people who have made an outstanding contribution to Hamilton.

Mayor Julie Hardaker says the awards are a highlight of the year which recognises

tireless and proactive individuals within the city and its community.

"Outstanding things are achieved every day by dedicated members of the community," she says. "The civic awards are an opportunity for Hamilton to recognise these exceptional people and to celebrate their achievements and the positive impact that they have on our community. It is our city's way of

honouring these people and their hard work."

The awards will be presented at two civic receptions on 12 December. Nominations are now open and categories include involvement in the arts, dedication to people, the environment, education, sport and enterprise. Nominations close at midday on 29 September.

www.hamilton.govt.nz/civicawards

Officially celebrating 150 years

Special memories were created when the community came together at a civic function to celebrate Hamilton's official 150th birthday.

www.hamilton150.co.nz



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Starring Desan Gardiner
Take me Home
The Music & Life of John Denver
FOUNDERS THEATRE - Sat 20 Sep, 8pm

We have one double pass up for grabs to see Take me Home at Founders Theatre, plus an event programme & Take Me Home Show CD. Simply email your name & phone number to citynews@hcc.govt.nz by midday, Friday 12 September and you'll be in the draw!



GEARING UP FOR A GREAT RACE

The Gallagher Great Race is a free community event from 12-14 September on the Waikato River in Hamilton.

This unique race brings together some of the world's best rowers, several of them current world champions, competing for leading universities Harvard and Washington (USA), Melbourne (Australia) and defending champions Waikato.

The two main races on Sunday 14 September feature a three boat competition racing upstream over 3.8km on Waikato River, going under three bridges to finish at Grantham St (Waikato Rowing Club).

There's loads of free fun – Battle of the Bombays inter-tertiary challenge on Friday from 11am, Corporates and schools competing on Saturday with the 13th Gallagher Great Race on Sunday.

www.thegreatrace.co.nz

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DRYLAND DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

WAIKATO MUSEUM

Straight from the Southern Utah International Documentary Film Festival. Over a decade, Dryland traces two childhood best friends' quest for victory in a rambunctious, quirky contest, while pursuing their passion for farming.

HAMILTON TULIP FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

HAMILTON GARDENS

Enjoy a celebration of spring. Cultural performances, Dutch food stalls, a floral art show and a wearable art show are among the things happening at the annual festival.

ITM CUP: WAIKATO VS COUNTIES MANUKAU

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

WAIKATO STADIUM

Support the Waikato boys as they seek revenge against Counties Manukau after losing their Ranfurly Shield challenge at Pukekohe in 2013 - their first loss to the Counties Manukau team since 2000.

NATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART AWARD-

PETER DORNAUF

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

WAIKATO MUSEUM

Join local art historian, art critic and artist Peter Dornauf on a discovery tour through the award exhibition.

SUPER LEAGUE DARTS

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

CLARENCE STREET THEATRE

Super League Darts are the first tournaments of their kind in New Zealand. These events feature eight of New Zealand's best players going head-to-head in knockout tournaments using the 501 game format.

WHAT A WOMAN WANTS

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

CLAUDELANDS

Lisa O'Neill is our very own, very talented stylist. Lisa has 21 years' experience dressing women of all ages and body shapes. Treat yourself and your friends to a fabulous night out.



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