

## History unfolds in Tudor Garden

The newest garden at Hamilton Gardens harks back to an important period of British history.

The Tudor Garden – the latest edition to expanding Hamilton Gardens’ Fantasy Collection – opens to the public on Thursday, 29 January.

It’s the culmination of more than three years hard work by the gardens staff, and adds another history-based chapter to the Hamilton Gardens’ theme, the “story of gardens”.

Peter Sergel, Hamilton Gardens Director says this traditional garden – nestled alongside the Waikato River – reflects the fascination 16th century English aristocracy had with geometric patterns and symbolism with double meanings.

“The style is also very distinctive because of the use of mythical beasts, which was very common in fantasy gardens.”

The intricate knot garden is based upon the drawings by Didymus Mountain – the pen-name of 16th century writer Thomas Hill – and is surrounded by fantasy beasts, an arbour, Elizabethan wall and a stone pavilion based on the pudding house at Montacute House in England.

“There has been a big element of sponsorship in this garden and it wouldn’t have happened without the support of the community. A lot of this garden has been sponsored – from the mythical beasts, to

the Tudor pavilion that was sponsored by E.B Firth Charitable Trust,” Mr Sergel says.

Carved mythical beasts perch on green and white striped poles throughout the Garden, and include a griffin, dragon, centaur, phoenix, unicorn, satyr, sea serpent and Bottom – one of the primary characters from William Shakespeare’s comedy A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

They hold sculptural crests of some of the “rock stars” of Tudor times including privateer and slaver Sir Francis Drake, who was notorious for his many plunderous journeys sanctioned by Elizabeth I,

Mr Sergel says.

Traditionally the gardens provided an outdoor setting for fantasy plays or ‘masques’ while the pudding house hosted family members who retired in the evening for a third course of fruits, quince and sweet spiced wine.

Once opened to the public, the Tudor Garden will be free to visit. There will also be free tours of the new Garden on Thursday 29 January to Sunday 1 February at 10am and 2pm each day. For children, a free Tudor Trail activity sheet available from the Information Centre.



### WATER ALERT 2

**SPRINKLERS  
ALTERNATE DAYS  
6AM – 8AM  
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## Sprinkler water restrictions in place

Hamilton’s warm weather and high water demand in January has prompted the Council to restrict garden sprinkler use by moving to Water Alert level 2.

Sprinklers and watering systems can now only be used on alternate days (even street numbers on even days; odd street numbers on odd days) between 6-8am and 6-8pm, while hand-held hosing is permitted at any time.

Council Waters Compliance Manager, Trent Fowles, said cutting back on sprinkler use will help reduce the city’s overall water use.

“Following these simple watering rules will help safeguard our water supply and give us a better chance of getting through the rest of the summer without the need for further restrictions.”

[smartwater.org.nz](http://smartwater.org.nz)

### Did you know?

**A garden sprinkler uses about 1000 litres of water in just one hour.**



**BUDGET DEBATE TO RESUME**

The Council meets on 3 February to resume conversations on its 10-Year Plan, which sets out what services and projects it will fund over the next decade.

Councillors deliberated on the plan late last year but postponed discussions until 2015 to allow staff to review the draft budget and take their feedback into account.

The public will have a chance to have its say in April.

**RUBBISH REMINDER**

When you put out your rubbish and recycling for collection, remember:

- we collect up to two refuse bags per household each week, as well as the contents of your green recycling bin
- the bags should be no more than 60 litres in size and weigh less than 20kg
- the contents of your recycling bin can include clean plastics numbered 1 and 2, as well as aluminium and tin cans, glass bottles and jars
- paper and cardboard should be securely tied in bundles next to your recycling bin
- place your rubbish and recycling out by 8am on the day of collection. Please don't put it out the night before, as cats and other animals can attack the bags and spread the contents around.

[hamilton.govt.nz/wastefaq](http://hamilton.govt.nz/wastefaq)

**GARDENS PRODUCTS SELL-OUT**

The first batch of Hamilton Gardens-branded products has proven to be a resounding success, with stocks of marmalade and lemon curd selling out within weeks of being launched. The food products are created using fruit grown in the gardens, in partnership with Wild Country Foods. Stocks of lemon curd are expected to be replenished in coming weeks, but the marmalade – made with Seville oranges from the Italian Renaissance Garden – will be a little further away, as it relies on ripe fruit emerging later this year. Hamilton Gardens' range of branded products also includes soap and candles inspired by the scents of the gardens.

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU MOVES**

The Garden Place Citizens' Advice Bureau has moved around the corner to its new home in the Council community building in Caro Street. Open Monday to Friday from 10am-4pm, the Citizens' Advice Bureau offers free confidential advice.

[cab.org.nz](http://cab.org.nz)

**HELP US SHAPE FRANKTON'S FUTURE**

Have you completed our Frankton survey yet? Your views will help us develop a neighbourhood plan for the area that will guide its development for the next 10-20 years.

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**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Visit [hamilton.govt.nz/agendas](http://hamilton.govt.nz/agendas) to read all the minutes and agendas.

- Wednesday 4 February  
District Licensing Committee
- Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 February  
10-Year Plan

**COUNCIL NEWS**

Visit [hamilton.govt.nz](http://hamilton.govt.nz) to read Council's latest news, including:

- Waikato Museum and ArtsPost extend opening hours
- Council to expand Minogue Park playground

**MEMA WORKSHOP**

With ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 less than a month away, the Council will host a workshop on the Major Events Management Act (MEMA) and what it means for local businesses during the tournament. The workshop will be held at Seddon Park, from 4pm on 3 February.

Interested business owners and operators are asked to RSVP to [majorevents@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:majorevents@hcc.govt.nz) if they wish to attend.

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# Preparations for World War 1 100-year commemorations begin

Memorial Park will be full of activity over the next couple of months as construction gets underway for the Ypres Memorial Garden.

A ground-breaking ceremony has been held to mark the beginning of the construction of the Ypres Memorial Garden - one of an number of projects in Hamilton to commemorate the First World War. Mayor Julie Hardaker, former Councillor Peter Bos and councillors attended the ceremony.

The Garden, which received a \$200,000 grant from the Lottery Grants Board, will be completed in time for ANZAC Day. It has evolved from Hamilton's strong relationship with the city of Ypres, Belgium. This was formally confirmed when a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mayor Hardaker and the former Mayor of Ypres Luc Dehaene in February 2013.

The Garden's concept acknowledges the significance of the location as a memorial site dedicated to the memory of military personnel who died in overseas conflicts.

Mayor Hardaker said the Memorial Garden will be a significant monument to acknowledge those who fought and died in World War 1.

"Hamilton is proud to have a formal relationship with Ypres which acknowledges and remembers the many New Zealand soldiers who fought in Europe. There are a number of projects underway to commemorate the 100 years since World War 1. ANZAC Day this year will be especially significant because it is the 100-year commemorations of the landing of Gallipoli."



DIG IT: Former Councillor Peter Bos, Mayor Julie Hardaker and Council Kaumatua Tame Pokaia turn the first sod at the ground-breaking ceremony at site of the Ypres Memorial Garden.

## Alex on the ball with new mural



A splash of cricket-themed colour has been added to Tristram Street. As part of an ongoing anti-graffiti public art mural initiative by the Council's Tagbusters team Hamilton artist Alex McLeod has created a cricket-themed mural on the small Tristram St overbridge – crossing the east-

bound rail line to Tauranga – just a few metres from Seddon Park, venue for three ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 games in February and March. Mr McLeod's mural reflects the colours of cricket – red, white and green – and has already gained plenty of positive feedback from motorists and

passers-by. It's the second bridge mural Mr McLeod has done for Tagbusters – his previous river-themed work can be seen on the Claudelands Bridge. For more information on Hamilton's involvement in ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, visit [hamilton.govt.nz/worldcup](http://hamilton.govt.nz/worldcup)





Mayor Julie Hardaker

## Holiday fun in Hamilton

I spent the holiday break at home, enjoying our wonderful Hamilton back yard. Based on the last couple of years, more and more families are coming to Hamilton for their summer break and there were certainly lots of people about.

I spent a great day at Hamilton Lake, where literally thousands of children have enjoyed the new destination playground, especially the water feature. The lake's facilities are outstanding. The river walkway was cool with plenty of people cycling and walking dogs, and there were lots of kayakers on the Waikato River. Our own beach, Wellington St Beach, was packed, reinforcing how great the River Plan project will be for the city.

Hamilton Gardens had one of its busiest Christmas breaks this year, with the international garden of the year award generating new interest in this amazing city asset. Many visitors to the city came especially to see the gardens. I sent a friend who definitely wouldn't know a plant from a weed and he and his children raved about their day.

The Waikato Museum was also very busy, with the unique *Hotere Culbert* exhibition from two of New Zealand's most highly acclaimed and recognised artists of the late twentieth century, attracting art lovers from around New Zealand.

A day trip to Raglan, which is one of the world's best surfing beaches, a day at Hobbiton and the Waikato Caves - two of New Zealand's biggest tourist destinations - biking one of the river trails, a spot of shopping, some food from one of Hamilton's award-winning restaurants and cafes, and watching the sunset behind Mt Pirongia provided a perfect holiday.

It's great to live in Hamilton.

## Get prepared for an emergency

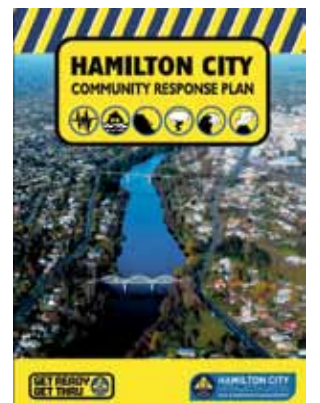
Would you know what to do if an extreme storm or earthquake hit Hamilton? Although it's generally considered a safe place to live, Hamilton is still at risk from a number of hazards.

The new Hamilton City Community Response Plan identifies possible risks to the city and provides a plan to help get you and your family through an emergency situation.

The free 35-page booklet includes information

on how to prepare a getaway kit, practical steps to making your home safer, and putting a plan in place for your children during a disaster.

To request copies of the plan for your home, school or workplace call the Council on 07 838 6699. The plan can also be found on our website [hamilton.govt.nz](http://hamilton.govt.nz) and is available from the Council building in Garden Place and Hamilton Libraries.



## Making a splash at city pools



WATER WISE: Loretta Hogg says she loves working at Waterworld

Loretta Hogg says there is no better way to share her passion for the water than working at Waterworld.

The 26-year-old is a new team leader at the aquatic centre. She joined the Council-owned facility last November.

On average the centre has about 1400 visitors a day, with more than 136,800 people using it so far this summer. The Christmas holiday period is the busiest time of the year for the aquatic centre and Loretta says it has been a great experience meeting all the people who use it.

"My background is in surf lifesaving and open water swimming so working at Waterworld was an obvious choice for me. It's an amazing place."

Opened in October 1976, and originally named Te Rapa Pools, Waterworld has grown into a popular spot for locals and tourists to spend their time over summer with its grassy areas which are ideal for picnics and barbecues.

Loretta says there are plenty of options for swimmers at the centre with a hydrotherapy pool, a 25m learners' pool, a toddlers' pool, a 50m indoor competition pool, a diving pool and the outdoor lido pool. For the more adventurous, the centre has speed slides and for those wanting to pamper themselves there are steam and sauna rooms. Waterworld also offers fitness and well-being support and equipment at Club Aqua.

Keeping fit is important for Loretta and she takes full advantage of the great facilities using the pool as part of her swim training. In her spare time she spends a lot of time surfing near her home in Raglan.

"I love to surf and every morning I'll check out what the conditions are like at the beach and if I have the time, I'll catch a few waves before I go to work."

Making sure people are safe in and around water is important to Loretta, that's why she is proud the centre offers Educare, a childcare facility staffed by experienced trained childcare professionals. There is also Learn to Swim and water safety tuition for people of any age.

Loretta leads one of the three poolside teams of 16, and says making sure the centre provides a great service is important to her team.

"Everyone works exceptionally well together and we have a great team spirit."

Waterworld opening hours:

- Monday to Friday 6am to 9pm
- Saturday 7am to 9pm
- Sunday and Public Holidays 9am to 9pm (closed Christmas Day & Easter Friday)

### DID YOU KNOW?

4,366,000 litres of water fill the Waterworld pools. That's almost enough to give a 1L bottle of water to everyone in New Zealand.

On average 1400 people visit Waterworld every day. That's enough to fill 47 buses.

Council recreation and leisure facilities cost the average household only \$1.02 of rates per week.



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WAITANGI 175

This year is the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty (Te Tiriti) of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document. To commemorate this, a civic ceremony open to all members of the public will be held on Friday 6 February in Civic Square.

The ceremony will include a p whiri led by local tangata whenua, speeches by Hamilton Mayor Julie Hardaker, and Tame Pokaia a 2014 Civic Award recipient, as well as musical performances.

The Treaty takes its name from the place in the Bay of Islands where it was first signed, on 6 February 1840. More information on the Treaty can be found at the Ministry of Culture and Heritages website [mch.govt.nz/waitangi175](http://mch.govt.nz/waitangi175)

**Waitangi Day Civic Ceremony**  
Friday 6 February, 7am-8am  
Civic Square, Garden Place, Hamilton

**THE URLWYN TREBILCO TRIO - SUNDAY  
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SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY  
WAIKATO MUSEUM**

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**WAITANGI DAY  
FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY  
WAIKATO MUSEUM**

Enjoy music, poetry and performance by the community, for the community on Waitangi Day.  
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**TUDOR GARDENS TOUR  
THURSDAY 29 JANUARY - SUNDAY 1  
FEBRUARY  
HAMILTON GARDENS**

Enjoy a free tour of Hamilton Gardens's newest themed Garden - the Tudor Garden. Tours run at 10am and 2pm daily and leave from the Information Centre.  
[hamiltongardens.co.nz](http://hamiltongardens.co.nz)

**MARKET PLACE - A DAY IN THE TRON  
FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY  
GARDEN PLACE**

Come and hang out in Garden Place and Hamilton central for the day, with fabulous vintage and handmade stalls to browse. Our stallholders sell genuine vintage and retro items along with locally made furniture, clothing and art and crafts.  
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Put on your long beads or Panama hat and head to Hamilton Gardens for a Gatsby style community picnic on Sunday, 1 February from 10am. Enjoy free entertainment throughout the day: vintage car display, 1920s fashion show, Charleston dancing lessons and demonstrations, musical entertainment. [hamiltongardens.co.nz](http://hamiltongardens.co.nz)



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