



## Mobile Library Schedule

14 April to 18 April

### Tuesday 14 April

Big Steps Early Learning Centre, Cross Street .....	9.15-9.45
Mains Ave.....	10.00-10.30
Park Ave near Park Lane .....	10.45-11.15
Cnr Princes Street and Mercer Street ..	11.30-12.00
Waiatawa Rd near Lupton Masonic Village .....	12.15-12.45
Mill Rd outside Shalom Rest Home .....	2.15-3.00
Maungatapere, in front of old Dairy Factory.....	3.30-4.30pm

### Wednesday 15 April

Whatitiri Hall, 33 Whatitiri Road.....	9.15-9.45
Poroti School, Mangakahia Road.....	10.00-10.30
Mangakahia Community Library, Mangakahia Area School .....	10.45-11.15
Parakao Hall, Mangakahia Road .....	11.45-12.30
Pakotai School, Mangakahia Road .....	1.15-2.15

### Thursday 16 April

Kamo Road – near Parahaki Court Rest Home .....	9.15-10.15
Kensington Educare, Western Hills Drive .....	10.30-11.15
Balmoral Road near Kohanga Reo .....	11.45-12.15
The Falls Estate, 94 Boundary Road .....	1.30-2.15
Lochiel Place .....	2.30-3.00

### Friday 17 April

Kohe St, near Kindergarten .....	8.45-9.15
Simply Kids Childcare, Waverly St .....	9.30-10.00
Manaia Kindergarten.....	10.30-11.00
Whangarei Heads Community Library ...	11.30-12.30
Taurikura Hall, Whangarei Heads Rd.....	1.30-2.00
Waikaraka - Attwood Street.....	2.30-3.00

### Saturday 18 April

Woolworths Supermarket, near Kamo Road entrance .....	9.00-10.00
Outside Parua Bay Primary School.....	10.45-11.15
Pataua South near footbridge.....	11.30-12.00

For more information go to our website:  
[www.whangarei-libraries.com](http://www.whangarei-libraries.com)  
or contact us on 09 430 4206

## LTCCP consultation opens tomorrow

Whangarei District's Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) has been adopted for consultation with the public, following approval by Audit New Zealand.

The plan is now open for submissions from members of the public and Council has held four public meetings.

The meetings have been held to outline the contents of the plan, inform people where they may obtain or down load copies and how to take part in the submission process.

The submission process may be frustrating for some people who would rather debate issues than simply write them down and send them in as a submission, but the process has been developed to ensure that words and thoughts are captured by email, on submission forms, by letter or even over the phone and become a matter of public record.

"The system has been designed so that issues, thoughts and points of view can be captured permanently and addressed issue by issue," said WDC Strategic Communications Manager Pauline Rose.

"People often have really worthwhile comments to make at meetings, but it is often difficult to record their comments as formal submissions. Many people may be talking at the same time, or one person may speak several times in the course of an evening and it can be difficult to make sure information is recorded accurately and attributed to the right people and that contact details are collected. So we recom-

mend people make an official submission.

"When we receive a submission we record it permanently, along with the name and details of the person submitting and whether or not they wish to speak at a hearing. We contact them and arrange times for them to speak at the hearings.

"Every submission goes to every Councillor to consider. Following the hearings and the final adoption of the plan, Council staff get back to every submitter in writing and let them know what has happened regarding their submission.

"That often requires referring different parts of a submission to a range of staff who may be involved.

"The long and short of it is that by making a submission a person is placing their point of view and recommendation on permanent record, making sure that it goes before the Councillors for consideration and that they also have an opportunity to stand in front of Council and state a case."

Council has put together a range of material to help people to make effective submissions and these details can be found on the website under: [www.wdc.govt.nz/ltccp](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/ltccp) – look for the heading "view information about having your say". We have also included this information in the Community Guide which you can obtain from our call centre on 430 4200.

Copies of the entire draft plan can be obtained from any Whangarei District Council Customer Service Centre (Forum North, Hikurangi or Ruakaka); from the

Central Library, mobile library, Kamo or Onerahi branch libraries; or any of the 10 community libraries. You can also phone 0800 WDC INFO and ask the call centre representative to mail you a printed copy or a CD or you can find it online at [www.wdc.govt.nz/ltccp](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/ltccp).

## LTCCP meeting dates

All meetings will be held at 6.00pm

Ward	Venue	Date
Denby	Kamo Bowling Club	7 April
Okara	Raurimu Ave School Hall	8 April
All	Forum North Cafler Suite	21 April

## Second-Hand Sunday a huge success

Second-Hand Sunday was a great success, with more than 100 households taking part.

Second-Hand Sunday was developed by Council as a community recycling initiative, to help residents reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill.

On Sunday morning 100 households put unwanted items out by their letterboxes. Whangarei residents visited the participating households, to see if there were any useful items that they could have.

There has been some great feedback from participants including:

- "Just to let you know that the Second-Hand Sunday was more than a success. Thanks – a great incentive."

- "I sold my house on Friday at auction, so spent all day Saturday putting unwanted stuff from 40 years out on the front lawn; by lunchtime Sunday it was all gone. Cars kept coming into the afternoon. I really appreciate the effort put into this form of recycling."

Councillor Sheryl Mai says Second-Hand Sunday is a fabulous addition to the district's waste minimisation programme.

"As a district, we have reused a lot of items that ratepayers might otherwise have sent straight to landfill. That's a great achievement, and it saves ratepayers money at the same time."

## LTCCP consultation important dates

Council adopts draft LTCCP for Public Consultation	1st April
Consultation begins – draft LTCCP available to public (hardcopy, CD, website)	8th April
Public meetings – one in each Ward plus one at Forum North (see schedule)	30th March – 21st April
Consultation closes – last day to enter submissions	8th May
Hearings	25-28 May
Council deliberations	11-12th June
Council adopts final LTCCP	24th June
New financial year starts	1st July
Final LTCCP available to public (hardcopy, CD, website)	Mid-July

**Find your copy of the Draft LTCCP summary document in the Whangarei Leader**

**NEXT WEEK**

## Vacancies



At Whangarei District Council this week we have the following positions to advertise:

- ♦ Wastewater and Stormwater Operations Supervisor

Applications for the above position close on Tuesday, 14 April 2009

For a full job description and an application form please visit our website at:

[www.wdc.govt.nz/portal/vacancies.html](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/portal/vacancies.html)

or phone us on 430 4200



## Settlement Support is a winner

Whangarei Settlement Support has again been recognised by the Human Rights Commission for its work with new New Zealanders.

Whangarei Settlement Support, Whangarei ESOL, Baha'i and Korean Communities took part in the 'Making Friends in Your Neighbourhood' Race Relations Day event in March. The day coincided with Naw Ruz, the Baha'i New Year.

Around 200 people attended the event at Hurupaki School in Kamo. There was a wide range of entertainment, including kapa haka, Korean drumming, vocalists,

a magician and a presentation by Jess Edmonds-Saunders of Whangarei Girls' High School, the winner of the regional Race Unity Speech Competition, as well as participant dancing and a wide range of food.

There was also a dialogue on 'What is required for good race relations', with a number of concrete strategies outlined. Community organisations were urged to move that agenda forward. The organising committee is already planning for next year's event.

# Facelift for dog pound



**NEW RECEPTION:** Work under way on foundations at the dog pound.

Long-awaited changes to Whangarei's dog pound are due to be completed within three months.

The \$230,000 improvements were planned following a 2007 review of the way Council manages dog control and the conditions for impounded dogs.

An independent investigation found the animals were treated humanely, but a number of improvements to the facilities were suggested.

Work has now begun on expanded customer reception facilities, upgrading the kennels and building a vet room.

"When people come to the pound they are often under stress, having to pay a fine or surrender an animal, so we want to minimise that stress as much as possible," said Regulatory Services Manager Grant Couchman.

"I believe when people walk through the door they will find the whole experience a lot easier than in the past. The whole team is really pleased about the project and the opportunity to make things better for our customers."

The new vet room will provide a space separate from the kennels and have equipment to enable sick or injured animals to be examined and treated.

It will also enable owners of dogs which are to be destroyed to pay to have their animals put down by injection.

"Upgrades to the kennels will make cleaning quicker and more effective than in the past and will also improve ventilation," Mr Couchman said.

## Regional winner promoting racial harmony

Year 13 Whangarei Girls' High School student Jess Edmonds-Saunders won first place in the 2009 NZ Race Unity regional speech award competition held at Whangarei Central Library.

Jess will now travel to Auckland to compete against other regional winners at a national semi-final to be held this month. If successful at that level Jess will speak in the finals and have the opportunity to participate in the National Race Unity Conference.

She and students from throughout Northland spoke on the topic 'Good neighbours come from all races and cultures'. Contestants considered the concept of their neighbourhood, their experiences of being neighbourly with other races and cultures and practical steps to becoming more neighbourly.

The judging panel included Karla Clink from the Human Rights Commission, Peter Bruce representing the Baha'i Community, and Paul Dimery from the NZ Police. Te Warahi Hetaraka, a tohunga whakairo for this area and pou whakahaere for Te Puni Kōkiri, was among the guests.

Head judge Karla Clink said the quality of speeches was very high and it was a great challenge for the judges to choose a winner.

The contest, which supports the annual Race Relations Day (March 21), aims to celebrate the diversity of cultures and races.

## Getting our rubbish sorted this Easter

### Easter rubbish & recycling collections

- There will be no collections on Good Friday, 10th April. If your usual collection day is a Friday, your rubbish and recycling will be collected on Saturday, 11th April.
- Monday and Tuesday collections will happen as usual - there are no changes. Put your recycle bin and rubbish bag out by 7.30am as usual.

### Easter hours at Re:Sort & transfer stations

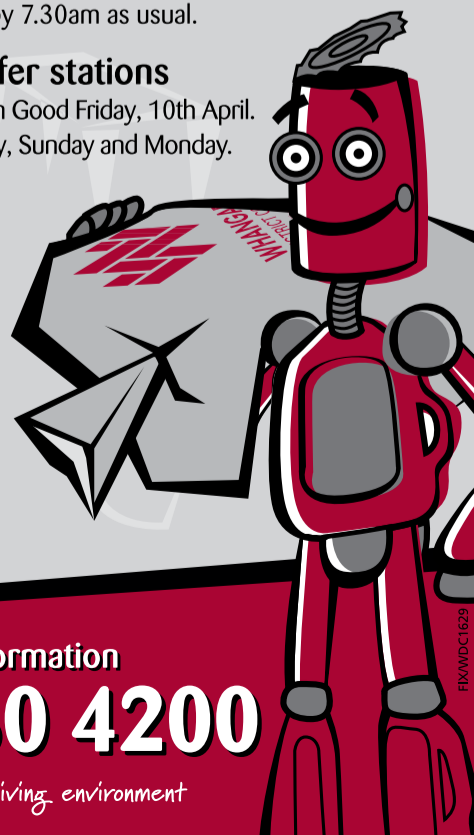
Re:Sort and all transfer stations will be closed on Good Friday, 10th April. They will open for business as usual on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

### Keep litter where it belongs

Litter bins are provided in coastal areas for the day trippers and beach users. Please do not use the litter bins for household rubbish.

### Report dumping

Dumping (or fly tipping) is intolerable and damages our environment. Help us stamp it out by reporting dumped rubbish. Take a vehicle registration number if you see it happening and phone 09 430 4200 (24 hours).



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

For more information

**PH 09 430 4200**

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## What's On...

**Tuesday 7 April**

**Assist You / Biz North**

Electronic Communications Workshop Part one  
Cafler Suite: 9am-12.30pm  
For further information contact Karen @ 438-1394

**Wednesday 8 April**

**Hannah & Miley - Best of Both Worlds**

Capitaine Bougainville Theatre: 7pm  
Price: \$31.90

**Tuesday 14 April**

**Whangarei Philatelic Society**

Cafler One: 7.30pm  
Price: \$2

**Wednesday 15 April**

**Malvina - My Life in Song**

Capitaine Bougainville Theatre: 7.30pm  
Price: Adult \$51.50, \$61.50

**Wednesday 15 April**

**An Evening of Style**

Cafler Suite: 6.30pm  
Price: \$20.00

**Thursday 16 April**

**Kevin Bloody Wilson**

Expo Hall: 8pm  
Price: \$51.50



**Phone 09 430 4244**

or check our website for more information:

[www.forumnorth.co.nz](http://www.forumnorth.co.nz)



**SETTLEMENT SUPPORT**  
NEW ZEALAND

### New to NZ? or to Whangarei?

**FREE service for Migrants & Newcomers**

Contact **Settlement Support Whangarei**

For information, advice and referrals visit the Settlement Support **Contact Centre** every **Friday** at the Customer Service Centre, Forum North, Rust Ave.

Get your free **Welcome Info Pack** and **New Settlers' Guide**

or phone for an appointment:  
Ellen Altshuler,  
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