**Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors’ update June 2025**

**Tamahere Reserve**

This week (starting 3 June) a logging contractor will start removing trees felled in the Tamahere Reserve and any remaining work required to clear the main track will be undertaken the following week.

The next step is to create a concept plan for the reserve, with input from Tamahere Community Committee and the Tamahere-Mangaone Restoration Trust, and to incorporate the reclassification and renaming of the reserve in this process.

**Birchwood Lane**A community meeting to be held at 6pm on Tuesday 3 June before the Tamahere Community Committee meeting, and feedback from the committee too, will help the Council to decide whether and how to continue with the traffic calming trial using temporary chicanes on Birchwood Lane. The trial was installed following evidence, and multiple complaints, of continual speeding on the lane since the Alfred Main connection to the Waikato Expressway opened in June 2022. However, community opinion has been divided and two of the four chicanes removed.

**Deliberations on Long Term Plan (LTP), Waters CCO decision**

The Council received 555 submissions on its Long Term Plan 2025-2034 including a proposal to establish a Waters CCO with Hamilton City, with 143 submissions in relation to water matters, and 103 submitters asking to be heard.

As a result of post-hearing deliberations Waikato District has agreed to form a jointly-owned Council-controlled organisation with Hamilton City to manage the drinking water and waste water infrastructure that serves the city and district. The new waters company will be incorporated by July this year, with full operational responsibilities starting from July 2026. Over the next 12 months both councils will transition their waters assets and services, and around 270 staff, to the new entity. The new CCO will not take ownership of the two Councils’ stormwater assets, but will be contracted to undertake stormwater services for both Councils.

Deliberations on the final shape of the LTP overall concluded last week, and the Council is expected to adopt the LTP on 30 June.

The plan is based on a general rate increase of 4.25% for 2025/26 falling to an increase of 3.05% in 2026/27 and then mostly smaller rises of between 1.5% - 4.5% in subsequent years. Your proposed overall rates may be higher depending on the range of services you get that attract targeted rates (such as reticulated water and rubbish/recycling). You can check the effect of the proposal on your own property by going to our rating information database on [**www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rid**](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rid)**.**

In response to a submission from TCC on funding support, the Council is expected to confirm LTP support of $5,000 with transitional support from funding set aside for local blueprint aspirations to help the Tamahere Forum become self-sufficient.

**Have your say on neighbourhood parks and sports parks**

The Council is reviewing its reserve management plans for Neighbourhood Parks and Sports Parks across the district. Some of you sent in ideas to the Council when it started this process in August last year. Please check out the updated draft plans and let Council know if they need any final changes.

In Tamahere-Woodlands Ward the Neighbourhood Parks covered by these plans are: Good Street Reserve and Jack Foster Reserve in Matangi, Hukanui Park in Gordonton, and Te Awa Reserve in Tamahere. The Sports Parks in the Ward are: Gordonton Reserve on College Dr, Matangi Recreation Reserve at the Sports Club on Tauwhare Rd, and Tamahere Park which runs between Devine Rd and Wiremu Tamihana Dr. Any other open spaces not covered by these two plans are categorised differently and managed under different plans, such as the Natural Reserves or the General Policies reserve management plans.

Consultation is open until **Monday 14 July**. For more information, please go to [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it).

**Airport Rd traffic management during Fieldays 11-14 June**

The morning one-way system installed last year on SH21 Airport Rd will be used by Fieldays again this year to support free flow of west-bound traffic from the Tamahere interchange to Mystery Creek. This means that the Expressway underpass at Tamahere will be closed to east-bound traffic each morning. Only local businesses and residents with recognised passes (available from Fieldays) will be able to travel east on Airport Rd from Raynes Rd, and there will be no right turn from Pencarrow Rd onto Airport Rd during this time. Fieldays will also introduce traffic restrictions between Hamilton Airport and Tamahere each afternoon from 4-6pm.

*This information has been provided by Fieldays. For more information on Fieldays traffic management please email the Fieldays team on* *marketing@nznfs.co.nz* *or their traffic management consultant Joseph Rosendaal on* *joseph@riss.co.nz**.*

**SH1B Telephone Rd rail crossing – delay to re-opening**

Work by NZTA to upgrade the SH1B Telephone Rd crossing and adjacent Holland Rd intersection has now allowed Holland Rd to re-open. However, the SH1B rail crossing itself is not expected to reopen until after railway signals are in place – work that KiwiRail has scheduled for the second half of July. Until then, the SH1B detour around Holland Rd, Waverley Rd and Seddon Rd will remain in place. Watch NZTA’s website for updates: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects).

**Nearby works on Seddon and Eureka Rds**A section of Seddon Rd, Puketaha, just east of Shewan Rd has developed some serious cracking and will undergo urgent repairs from Tuesday 3 June under stop/go traffic management. The Holland Rd end of Eureka Rd will be closed for two weeks from Monday 9 June to the end of Thursday 19 June to repair a section with slumping damage. Detours will be in place but with access for local residents as required.

**Use Antenno to keep in touch with Council**

The Council has received more than 700 requests for action (eg. dumped rubbish to remove, or pot holes to fill) through the mobile app, Antenno, since it was introduced it for use by residents and ratepayers in October last year.

The Council has now activated Antenno’s outgoing messages function to send timely notifications directly to residents about local issues like a road closure, rubbish collection changes, local events, and emergency alerts that are specifically targeted for your registered location(s). Download the app from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/antenno/id1119032181) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.datacom.antenno.android&hl=en&pli=1) and try it out.

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