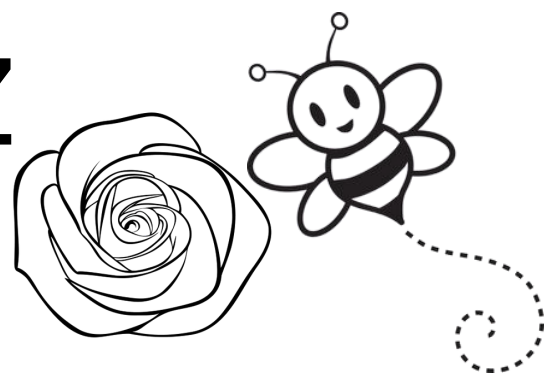


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What's the Buzz... what's been happening

Wow Mamma Mia!!

The TALOS Theatre (the Woolshed) brought Mamma Mia! to Te Awamutu from 30th April to 16th May, entertaining packed audiences with ABBA hits, vibrant costumes, lively choreography, and plenty of laughs. Tickets sold out within just three days, showing the huge community support for the production. Directed by Jill Shaw, the show featured standout performances, with Pepper becoming a crowd favourite thanks to his hilarious and energetic role. Congratulations to the cast, crew, musicians, and volunteers on a fantastic community theatre success.

Pirongia LEGO Show is a hit

Families and LEGO fans gathered at the Pirongia War Memorial Hall on 16th May for a fantastic fundraiser supporting the Pirongia Skate Park Project. The Hamilton LEGO User Group showcased an impressive range of creative LEGO builds and displays, giving visitors the chance to see the incredible work local builders have been creating. Running from 10am to 4pm, the event brought together the community for a fun family day out while raising funds for the future skate park project. The event highlighted the strong community spirit in Pirongia, with supporters enjoying the displays and getting behind an important local cause.

Keeping Te Awamutu Beautiful

Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful volunteers have been hard at work around town covering up tagging and helping keep our community looking tidy and welcoming, with support from Mitre10. Our current focus is also helping local business frontages look attractive and inviting for customers, while continuing to make a positive difference to the appearance of Te Awamutu.

Creativity Comes Alive on the Trail

The Waipa Creative Trail weekend on 23rd and 24th May was a huge success, with hundreds of visitors exploring studios, workshops, and exhibitions across the area. Every stop was filled with energy and excitement as locals and visitors alike connected with talented artists, discovered unique creations, and enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere. More than just an art event, it was a wonderful celebration of creativity, community, and the important role art plays in bringing people together. Planning for 2027 is underway!

Prestigious Honour for Our Community Champ

Well-known local advocate Jill Taylor has been awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Lions District 202L, recognising her incredible contribution to the Te Awamutu and wider Waikato community. From running two local charities to serving her third term on the Te Awamutu-Kihikihi Community Board, Jill has dedicated countless hours to supporting people, projects, and community initiatives across the region. Named after the founder of Lions Clubs International, the award is one of the organisation's highest honours and celebrates outstanding humanitarian service and leadership.



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What's the Buzz... what's coming soon

National Volunteer Week, runs from 14th to 20th June, the perfect opportunity to shine a light on the incredible volunteers who give their time, energy, and heart to our community. The truth is simple, without volunteers, many community services and events simply wouldn't exist, or wouldn't be the same. Here at the Information Centre, we truly couldn't open our doors without the dedication of our volunteer team. They are the friendly faces welcoming visitors, supporting locals, sharing knowledge, and helping create the warm community spirit we are so proud of.

Volunteering is about so much more than completing a task. It's about connection, purpose, friendship, and belonging. People volunteer because they care, but they stay because they feel welcomed, valued, and part of something meaningful.

To every volunteer in our community, a huge thank you.

Your contribution matters more than you know.

Interested in Volunteering?

We'd love to hear from you! Whether you have a few hours to spare each week or simply want to explore opportunities to get involved, the Information Centre can help connect you with volunteering roles both here and across other local organisations in our community.

Pop in and have a chat with our team, together we can help make a difference.

Kihikihi Police House & Temple Cottage, 20 Lyon Street, Kihikihi, open monthly 1st Sunday 10am to 1pm, 3rd Wednesday 1pm to 3pm. Parking is available from Leslie Street on the reserve or main street. Donations welcome.

Friends, Frocks & Frivolity, Altrusa Te Awamutu is bringing a stylish evening of fashion, fun, and friendship to the Waipa Women's Hub on Friday 5th June from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. This exciting fashion event promises a fabulous night out filled with style, laughter, and community spirit. Gather your friends, dress up, and enjoy an entertaining evening while supporting a great local organisation.

Matariki is on 10th July, the Māori New Year, marked by the rising of the Pleiades star cluster in the winter sky (June/July). It is a time for reflection, reconnection, and celebration. Honouring ancestors, celebrating the present with family (whānau), and planning for the year ahead.

Rotary Double the Fun coming up with the Great Te Awamutu Bake Off on Saturday 18th July, followed by their popular Book Fair running from 6th to 9th August. Two fantastic community events not to be missed!

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Rosetown Monthly Fair, Sat 26th June & Sat 25th July

Every month on 4th Saturday, 10am to 2pm, at Selwyn Park, Gorst Ave, Te Awamutu's local Craft Market, with 80+ stalls, food trucks & entertainment, a family friendly fun event. On 26th June we have a \$10 car wash alongside, raising funds for Operation Christmas Hampers, at old Bunnings carpark

Kihikihi Monthly Market, Sun 7th June & Sun 5th July

Every month on the 1st Sunday, in collaboration alongside the Kihikihi Police House and Temple Cottage, Māori Women's Welfare League hold the Kihikihi Market on Turata reserve

Pirongia Craft Market, Sun 27th June & Sun 26th July

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