

Pokeno Community Review 2017

During 2017 we have learnt more of 'What Makes Pokeno Tick' with Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Sport Waikato.

Our Councils

As the year unfolded we learnt W.D.C. and W.R.C. were struggling with the burgeoning growth in our area, we are now the 5th largest Council in NZ, we have 10% less land size than Auckland with only 65,000 ratepayers.

Staff and Councillors are working hard with their Long Term Plans, with the help of Community Submissions to help with the challenges ahead, which ultimately benefit our local community.

We are informed on the issues of Wastewater and Water, old infrastructure no longer providing safe hygiene for Communities, an effective Smart Water education programme about our "3 P's", we also learnt about Growth in our region of North Waikato and what is being considered in a holistic manner for the Long Term. Waikato Regional Council advised us how our Rates are allocated, many questions were asked along the way as we began to understand how these organisations represent us.

Public Transport is coming to North Waikato, a lot of work on our behalf to assist residents to move for social, health, education and work reasons. Imagine catching a Bus and Train to work in Auckland from Pokeno, or the freedom of being able to shop more than once a fortnight with an improved bus service.

Colin Botcia from Dines group has kept us informed during the Year of their progress, further development on the Western side with the Graham Block going through a Private Plan Change.

Dines Group offered public consultation on the development of Totara Park, which will be a wonderful family gathering space. They also offered assistance with our Pokeno Sports Ground development. This has moved into the doable basket, but... There is a lot more work to be done before we see some results.

Community Activities

Our Community was part of W.D.C. during Anzac Commemorations, we knitted over 400 "Poppies" decorating the three Oak trees by our Centophe with stories connecting our residents to Anzac Day.

We have a Defibrillator installed, the opening day was supported with demonstrations by Ken Graham, our retired Heart Surgeon, Todd Miller and mannequins, the Fire and Ambulance Service attended and we learnt what happens to your Heart during an attack and what to do.

A Dog Agility Course is being created in the Dog Exercise area.
We have an active Community Patrol manned by volunteers who keep a watchful eye around our area.

Fortnightly is a Meet and Greet Group, this is a wonderful Community initiative for new and old residents to get together.

Queen's Redoubt is open to the public with a World Class display of early History in Pokeno, Volunteers are required to assist with their open days.

A Civil Defense plan is in progress, while we may think, This won't Happen Here, it could, and our residents will be grateful for our preparedness.

On the radar for 2018 is:

Footpaths
Pokeno Sports Reserve
Development of our Town Centre, and
Rail Overbridge at the Northern end of Pokeno

Our Pokeno Community Committee is working hard to do the Best we can for the Residents of Pokeno, we thank you for your support over the Year and look forward to a great 2018


