Western Bay of Plenty District Council

WESTERN BAY DISTRICT NOTICEBOARD

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU!

PLEASE remember – if you have a problem or query about anything to do with Council and its service, our customer service team is ready and waiting to deal with it.

CUSTOMER SERVICE • 571 8008

Time running out to apply for community grants

Applications close at 4.00pm, next FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.

A FUND totalling $40,000 is now available for Western Bay organisations, individuals and community groups to seek funding from Council.

Each year Council allocates money from the Discretionary Community Grant Fund to organisations and individuals with an activity or project that benefits ratepayers and residents.

Last year Council gave $31,000 to 22 Western Bay community organisations.

Mayor Ross Paterson says the annual grants aim to give a "hand up" to those organisations and individuals who are making a great difference to their community but who have restricted access to funding.

Last year's funding was spread around a range of groups that reflected the diversity of the Western Bay community.

Priority will be given to specific community-based projects.

Application forms and guidelines are available from all Council offices, or by calling our customer service team on 571 8008 or on Council's website.

For more information please email *lorraine.reilly@westernbay.govt.nz*

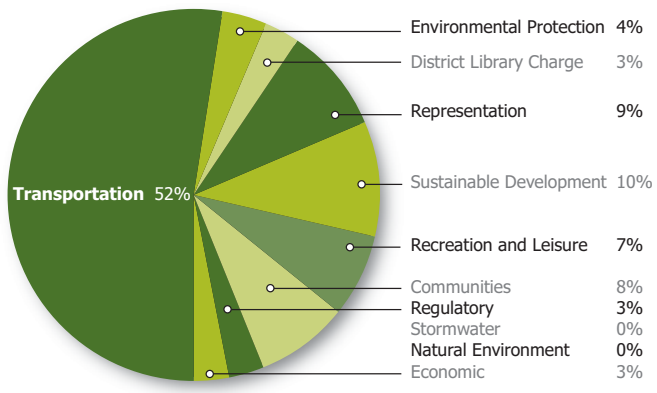
Rates info on its way

MATERIAL regarding 2009/2010 (1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010) rates payments is being sent to all ratepayers.

Rates are Council's main source of income for providing and maintaining essential services. The rating system is designed to provide for both District-wide and local activities.

Council has budgeted to receive $26.6m from District-wide rates in 2009/2010, compared to the budgeted $25.04m in the previous 2008/2009 year.

What makes up District-wide rates



Important dates to remember

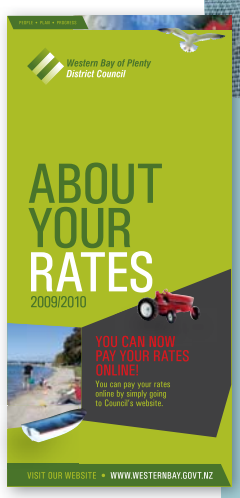
25 SEPTEMBER 2009 – last day for discount. Pay your rates for the entire year in one lump sum and receive a 3 per cent discount.

23 OCTOBER 2009 – final date for payment of your first rates instalment for 2009/2010 without incurring a penalty.

26 MARCH 2010 – to avoid a 10 per cent penalty you must pay your second rates instalment by this date.

Find out more online

You can also find out how much your rates are online by going to *www.westernbay.govt.nz/rates* We also give you the option of paying your rates online. All the information you need is on the site to make the payment process simple and quick.



YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO A $550 RATES REBATE

THE rebate is available to low income homeowners. Although your income might exceed the income threshold, a rates rebate could still be available, depending on the rates amount and number of dependants you may have. Check out Council's website for more information.

RATES POSTPONEMENT SCHEME

Are you **over 65** and finding your rates a burden?

Want to squeeze a little more from life ...a holiday ...the occasional night out dining ...something new for your home?

Put your annual rates bill on hold ...for as long as you choose by joining Council's rates postponement scheme.

If you would like further information please contact our rates team on 571 8008

Full details of the rates schemes can be viewed on Council's website: *www.westernbay.govt.nz/services/A-Zservices*

Check out the latest on the **TECT ALL TERRAIN PARK**

TO FIND out more on what's happening with this 1638-hectare adventure playground check out the latest edition of Terrain News, the official newsletter of the TECT All Terrain Park, available from any Council office or contact Park Manager, Ric Balfour on 571 8008 or email *ric.balfour@westernbay.govt.nz*

Dog Registration result pleasing

A 90 PERCENT registration rate by Western Bay dog owners is a great result and Council animal services officers are about to chase up the final 10 percent.

Of the 7827 dogs currently on Council's books, 7044 were registered by the closing date of 1 August.

Council has a list of the remaining dogs and letters will be sent to the owners to check whether they still live in the District.

Dog owners face a fine of $300 for owning an unregistered dog.

Tauranga Eastern Link Tolling Proposal

TIME is running out to have your say on the Tauranga Eastern Link project and the proposal to bring forward its construction by tolling a section of it.

The Eastern Link will be a four-lane motorway from Te Maunga to Paengaroa – without travelling through Te Puke. It comprises two sections – an upgrade of the existing State Highway 2 between Te Maunga and Domain Road at Papamoa and a new motorway from Domain Road to Paengaroa.

It's important to note that the Eastern Link will not remove all the traffic from Te Puke and Waitangi, but rather relieve much of the traffic congestion, noise and pollution in the townships' main centres allowing safer access to pedestrians and more pleasant surroundings.

Eastern Link will also be a catalyst for significant growth in the area east of Papamoa and Te Puke – Paengaroa is predicted to grow as a result. If the heavy traffic is not removed from Te Puke, then growth will be constrained and there may be significant congestion as the population grows.

To find out more go to *www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/easternlink*

You need to get your submission in by 5.00pm, FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER.

If you would like further information please contact the customer service team

07 571 8008

EMAIL • customerservice@westernbay.govt.nz

Or you may prefer to contact your local Council Library and Service Centre

HEAD OFFICE • Barkes Corner, Greerton, Tauranga (open Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm) phone 571 8008.
KATIKATI • 36 Main Road (Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm), phone 549 0119.
TE PUKE • 130 Jellicoe Street (Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm), phone 573 9862.
WAIHI BEACH • Community Centre (Tuesday and Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm), phone 863 4573.
OMOKOROA • McDonnell Street (Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm), phone 548 2643.

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