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## Welcome to the Hamilton Pools E-Newsletter

Look what has finally arrived at Waterworld - The new iceberg and 4-metre vertical climbing wall! These will be lots of fun for the upcoming school holidays.

#### Name the vertical wall competition

Keep an eye on the [Hamilton Pools Facebook Page](#) for our school holiday naming competition for the new vertical wall inflatable. Kids can suggest a name on the page or pop it in the box at Waterworld reception during the school holidays. They then go in the draw to win a 10-swim concession card and goggles of their choice.



## Easter Weekend – Partial closure at Waterworld

We have a range of maintenance tasks to complete at Waterworld, and to ensure we get the work done as quickly and efficiently as possible, we'll be closing some parts of Waterworld for Easter Weekend. The closure will affect the 50-metre and 25-metre pools, and the diving pool for the duration of the holiday weekend. We realise this will inconvenience some of our customers, and we apologise for that, but this is crucial work and we need to take advantage of the statutory holidays to get it done. The closure does not affect the outdoor Lido Pool, Club Aqua or the Hydrotherapy Pool. Regular lane swimmers are urged to visit Gallagher Aquatic Centre while some parts of Waterworld are out of action.

## Hamilton City Council's draft 2014/15 Annual Plan

Council is currently consulting on its draft 2014/15 Annual Plan. The draft

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plan outlines what Council proposes to deliver in the next year (from July to June), how much it will cost and any changes from the 10-Year Plan, which was adopted in 2012.

As part of the draft plan Council is proposing to provide free admission to Waterworld and Gallagher Aquatic Centre for children under the age of 5 (Learn to Swim lessons will still have a charge), and to reintroduce the 9pm winter closing time at Waterworld.

If you would like to find out more about the draft 2014/15 Annual Plan or make a submission please visit [www.hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan](http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan), or contact Council on 838 6699.

Submissions must reach Council by 4pm Friday 2 May 2014.

You can also drop into the Open Day and find out more about what's planned for Hamilton over the next year including:

- developing Hamilton Gardens
- improving safety in the central city
- new destination playground at Minogue Park, and more.

**Date:** Wednesday 9th April 2014

**Time:** 12.30pm - 6pm

**Venue:** Customer Service Centre, Council building, Garden Place

## Staff Profile

### Meet Rebecca McTanish

Rebecca joined us in 2007 as a lifeguard and is a very enthusiastic team member. Over the years Rebecca has participated in various competitions including Iron Man NZ, ocean swim events, Lake Taupo cycle challenge. Recently she started taking Aqua Fit and Spin classes and is very excited about it.

"Being active is an important part of my life and it inspired me to be an Aqua Fit & Spin instructor. It's a challenging job but I really enjoy it. It feels great to see people working out while enjoying it. Waterworld has hugely contributed to my active and healthy lifestyle," says Rebecca.

We think Rebecca is a versatile and flexible member of our team and we are really proud of her. She is always cheerful and happy to assist customers. Way to go Bex!!



## Aquatic Holiday Programme coming our way!

We will be piloting a new school holiday programme with a difference!

Children will experience a range of aquatic activities including kayaking, snorkelling, bombing competitions, hydrosides, inflatable challenges and an aquatic-themed Amazing Race-type event. The pilot programme will be based at Waterworld with dedicated instructors to ensure children get the best possible educational experience while having fun. This is a great opportunity to develop and increase your child's confidence in and around water.

Spaces are limited.

**Date:** Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd May 2014

**Where:** Waterworld

**Time:** 8.30am – 3.30pm

**Age Group:** 8 – 12 year olds

**Price:** \$30.00 per child, per day

We are also working towards becoming OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) approved. This gives families the opportunity to apply to have the cost of the programme subsidised. It also means this programme will run alongside National Out of School Standards.

For any other info on the programme and to register please talk to someone in the Learn to Swim Office on 07 958 5863 or email

[learntoswim@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:learntoswim@hcc.govt.nz).



## Gallagher Aquatic Centre Leaderboard

Have you seen Gallagher Aquatic Centre's poolside leaderboard?

The board features a new water-based challenge every two weeks (e.g. the mannequin tow or the 200m swim) for pools users to try. Once a participant completes the challenge their name and time are recorded, and if it's in the top seven then they get a spot on the leaderboard.

There are always two categories every fortnight (eg over 50s and under 50s - the winner of each category gets a prize). So far the response had been great with more than 200 people taking part in the challenges since we started this initiative started last year.

To find out more drop in a pay a visit to the Gallagher Aquatic Centre at 20 Collins Rd and challenge yourself!



## News from the Educare Team

Recently at Waterworld Educare our focus has been Balloons Over Waikato and Hamilton's 150th Birthday. We have been singing songs about balloons and the children have been working really hard making their own hot air balloons that are hanging all around Educare. We even have a 150th birthday balloon with the childrens' photos in the basket going for a hot air balloon ride.

### ERO report

In January 2014 Education Review Office (ERO) came to Waterworld Educare to audit the education and care provided. We have just received our confirmed report, and it's available at Waterworld Educare or on ERO's website ([www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz)). ERO's findings indicate that we are "well placed" in promoting positive learning outcomes for children. Comments



included: "Children are well cared for and nurtured within a mixed-age learning environment" and "The knowledgeable and collaborative teaching team are providing an interesting and stimulating learning environment for children" indicate that Waterworld Educare is a great place to bring pre-schoolers!



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