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Major milestone being toasted with water

There'll be no ribbon cutting, fireworks, or champagne, but the commissioning of the Waihi and Paeroa water treatment plant upgrades at the end of July will mark a significant District milestone that's been about five years in the planning.

The work raises the quality of our drinking water to the current national standards. Although most residents won't taste a difference, the treatment uses less chemicals. Instead, a system of ultra-fine filters with microscopic pores takes out protozoan nasties such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. (Protozoa are simply single-celled organisms, but you may wish to Google these free-swimming parasites by name to see why we take mere specks so seriously!)

We'll continue to disinfect the water with chlorine, but aluminium-based products will now be used only briefly when rain raises river levels and causes the water to turn quite dirty.

Over a two-week period, the upgraded Paeroa plant installations will be commissioned first, followed by Waihi's in parallel with the commissioning of the area's new water intake on the upper Ohinemuri River.

Residents who have been on the 'old' Ohinemuri water supply network will now be permanently switched to the Paeroa supply, and can expect consistently clean water.

A further stage of our District-wide water upgrades involves linking Karangahake and Mackaytown to the Paeroa supply. We anticipate this will be complete by the end of March 2016.

Construction of the new Waihi to Waikino pipeline has already started, and should be finished in October this year.

The \$12 million package of works has been subsidised by Government funding totaling about \$5 million.

VOLUNTEERS

It's time to do them in!

Imagine our District without fire brigades, ambulance services, search and rescue teams, service clubs, sports organisations, or heritage preservation groups.

We rely on our volunteers – and the 2015 Hauraki District Council Citizen Awards are a chance to recognise residents who make a difference and enrich our community.

The recipients are individuals who:

- live in the Hauraki District
- are nominated by their fellow citizens. Nominations are open now!
- have committed substantial unpaid time and effort over a sustained period to benefit others
- are often unsung heroes – ordinary people making extraordinary contributions behind the scenes.

The awards are presented at a gala evening which since 2006 has also celebrated the achievements of local 13 to 25-year-olds. Candidates for these honours can be nominated by schools, alternative education centres, youth groups, service organisations, or sport, recreation and culture clubs.

Nominations for both sets of awards must be received by the end of July, on forms available from our offices, libraries and the Council website. Don't leave it too late! Our selection panel needs time to ensure that these special awards truly reflect the value of the recipients' efforts.

This year's presentations will be made in the Paeroa War Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 14 October.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dog Registration Fees 2015/16

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by resolution of Council on 25 March 2015 fixed the Dog Control Fees for this registration year - 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

2015/16 Fee Scale:

Fee Classification	Fee	Fee if paid after 31/07/15
General Dog (Entire)	\$82.00	\$123.00
General Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$67.00	\$100.50
R.O.L. Dog (Entire)	\$52.00	Loss of Licence
R.O.L. Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$37.00	Loss of Licence
Dogs in excess of (3) three	\$27.00	\$40.50
Dangerous Dog (Entire)	\$123.00	\$184.50
Dangerous Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$100.50	\$150.75
Replacement tag	\$5.00	

Pound Fees:

First Time Impoundment	\$50.00
Second Time Impoundment	\$80.00
Third Time Impoundment	\$130.00
Sustenance fee per day	\$12.00
Microchipping fee	\$47.00
Consent to keep more than 2 dogs in an Urban area	\$52.00
R.O.L. (Responsible Owner Licence Scheme application fee)	\$32.00

** Fees include GST / Vet certificate required for de-sexing rebate

WOULD YOU LIKE A REDUCTION IN DOG REGISTRATION FEES?

Have you thought about obtaining a RESPONSIBLE OWNER LICENCE (R.O.L.)?

Council's Responsible Owner Licensing scheme rewards those dog owners who keep their dogs under control at all times, and have a good registration history, with a reduced fee (from \$82.00 to \$52.00, or \$37.00 if the dog is de-sexed).

The major criteria to obtain a Responsible Owner Licence are:

- Complete the prescribed application form and pay the non-refundable application fee of (\$32.00).
- Have a good record of registration payment history/no complaints, impounding, infringement notices, etc in the preceding 12 months.
- Dog Control staff of the Hauraki District Council will inspect your section for a securely fenced property (certain criteria apply).
- Pass a simple written examination on dog care and owner legal obligations.

An information pack and application form are available by telephoning 0800 734 834 (free call within the District) or 07 862 8609, or they can be downloaded from Council's website - www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Copies can be collected from one of our service centres at:

- Paeroa - William Street
- Waihi - Rosemont Road
- Ngatea - Orchard West Road

R.O.L. applications are accepted from 1 June 2015 to 15 July 2015.

Note: Failure to register by 31 July of any year disqualifies your R.O.L.

LD Cavers
Chief Executive - Hauraki District Council

Volunteers put wheels under housebound service

We may not have a mobile library – but last month we asked for volunteer book buddies who could deliver and return books for someone in their area who can't get to the library easily.

Thanks to a tremendous response from members of the community, our libraries can now offer a 'housebound' service in urban Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi. We already know this will be appreciated by some of our senior patrons who really miss visiting the library as they used to.

There may be also be residents we don't know of who wish they could use the library, but can no longer drive or have restricted mobility. If this is you, please contact your local library!

If you are not a library member, one of our friendly staff can visit you to set up membership and find out what kinds of books you enjoy.



Road reconstruction completes year's work

Drivers on Hauraki Road will appreciate a smoother ride now that two sections of rehabilitation work there have been completed as scheduled. An 850 m stretch between Turua and Hirau Roads, and a 600 m length between Orchard Road East and Wharepoa Roads, have been reconstructed and reshaped to improve the strength and surface alignment.

This job was carried out as an extension to the Area Wide Treatment roading contract for the 2014-15 year, which included the rehabilitation of about 3 km of Kaihere and Rountree Roads near Ngatea.



In the dark over streetlight problems?

When streetlights are out, the time taken to get them working again will depend on how many of them are out and sometimes on notifying the right authority.

The Council often receives service requests for lights to be fixed. This is a good way to log a problem if one or two streetlights aren't working, and we can usually arrange repair work quite quickly.

But if a whole street or neighbourhood has no power, it's a network issue. The Council doesn't have a hotline to the network company, PowerCo, so the action we can take is to notify Council's electrical energy supplier, currently Genesis Energy, who then takes the matter up with Powerco. In effect the Council is an additional link in the communications chain.

Reporting any network fault directly to your electricity retailer is the quickest way to get the information through, find out if work is being done on the network, and get the best estimate on the time the service will be restored. You can find the contact number for your electricity retailer on your power bill.

PowerCo also has an emergency number, 0800 27 27 27, to report dangerous situations such as power lines down or other hazards to the network.