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Development Contributions now history in Hauraki

Like leg warmers, mullets, and stirrup stretch pants, we thought they were a good idea at the time, but now we're more than happy to see them go.

Development Contributions are now history in Hauraki, which means developers and business people looking to start up in the District will spend less money on red tape, leaving more to invest in their respective projects.

Paeroa Ward Councillor and Economic Development Committee Chairperson Toby Adams applauds the decision recently made by the Council to scrap Development Contributions which he says will encourage economic growth in the area.

"To be a Council that doesn't ask for Development Contributions is another feather in our cap and an added incentive for developers and businesses to choose our area over another area," he says.

This doesn't stop Council asking developers for financial contributions to mitigate any effects of a development should it be deemed necessary, says Engineering Services Manager Adrian de Laborde, "Financial contributions are a different thing altogether and will be worked out on a case by case basis, depending on the impact a particular development is having on downstream networks. For example, if the Council needed to upgrade its water pipes as a result of a subdivision the developer would be expected to cover the cost of that," he says.

Development Contributions assessed before 8 August 2014 are still payable.

Licencing rules relaxed for Rugby World Cup

They say there is an exception to every rule and during the 2015 Rugby World Cup, there are likely to be plenty. Kids allowed to stay up past their usual bedtimes; staff turning up late for work with remnants of last night's black face paint still smudged on their faces; teachers inventing 'educational' reasons to watch rugby games in class time...

As Rugby World Cup fever sweeps the nation leading up to tournament kick-off this weekend, even the Government has made an exception in allowing licensed premises to extend their usual opening hours - provided the main reason for opening is to allow customers to watch 2015 Rugby World Cup live games. Premises must also notify their District Licencing Committee (in Hauraki's case, the Council) and nearest police station of their intention to extend their hours, at least seven days before each game. Other criteria include stopping serving alcohol 30 minutes after a game's final whistle, and putting together a noise management plan.

For more information around alcohol trading rules during the 2015 Rugby World Cup go to www.justice.govt.nz

PUBLIC NOTICE

Council and Committee Meeting

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 1.00pm to consider the Allied Faxi Tradewaste Agreement.

Langley Covers
 Chief Executive
 Hauraki District Council

The Great DDT Muster

The Great DDT Muster is a nationwide collection to rid New Zealand of DDT and other banned pesticides. It's free, confidential, and available for a limited time only.



DDT and other pesticides containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) haven't been sold or used in NZ for many years, due to known long-term impacts on health and environment. However some properties still have POPs stored, either not knowing what they are, what to do with them, or being unwilling to pay for collection.

The Great DDT Muster is YOUR BEST CHANCE to get rid of these banned harmful pesticides.

The chemicals will be collected from your property. Bookings for the Waikato Regional Council area close on 25 March 2016.

Check out our website www.thegreatddtmuster.co.nz or phone 0800 247 326.



Don't miss this chance to clean up your property!

What do you mean you haven't heard of Ngatea

If anyone living in Auckland didn't know where Ngatea was last week, they will do now.

Earlier this year the Council appointed marketing company Oomphatic! to tell the world, especially Aucklanders, where the town is (turn left at the end of the motorway and follow the happy people) and why they should buy a section in the Council's new Ngatea Northern Estate. Over the last few months, the company has been busy building a website and photographing the town's best bits, and last week it ran a stall at the Auckland Home Show.

Plains Ward Councillor Gill Leonard says the size and price of the sections stopped a lot of people in their tracks.

"There was a lot of interest from first home buyers, young professional couples, and also older people who have made the decision to get out of, not just central Auckland, but the southern suburbs like Waiuku too," she says.

More than 50 people registered their interest in an upcoming coach tour of Ngatea, and quite a few parents took information about the sections home to show their kids how they might still get a foot on the property ladder.

With house prices in Auckland going through the stratosphere, many young people and families have given up on the 'Kiwi Dream' of owning their own piece of turf to mow, along with the odd plastic kid's toy, every Sunday afternoon and resigned themselves to spending a small fortune on rent each week instead. Not to mention stewing in traffic for hours each morning before their working day has even officially begun.

Ngatea is the perfect alternative.

"The town has so much to offer young families. Affordable housing, great schooling, top class sporting facilities, a great lifestyle, and a caring inclusive community, all just an hour south of the city - it really is the Kiwi dream," says Cr Leonard, adding the town needs young families too.

"This subdivision is absolutely the best way forward for us. We need more ratepayers to help spread the load, especially those who are going to give back to the community. Young families keep schools healthy, volunteer for committees and organisations, and support local business too," she says.

Around 60 locals attended a public meeting in the town about the marketing campaign a few weeks ago and all seemed very supportive and positive, says Cr Leonard.

"I'm very confident the community is going to embrace this. Everyone's keen to get cracking, and going by the level of interest at the Home Show, we're confident we'll sell the first stage no problem at all."

The first stage of the development will see 22 sections developed over the next few months. Although they won't have titles until June or July next year, people can register their interest through Bayleys Real Estate now. Work on the second stage of the Estate will begin once the first stage starts filling up.

