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## Opportunity for you to Have your say!

Hauraki District Council is currently seeking feedback on its Consultation Document for the proposed 2015-25 Hauraki Long Term Plan. The Council wants to know your thoughts on its proposed approach for the next ten year period.

In particular the Council is consulting on options for the future development of the District economy. The Council may reprioritise its current funding of economic development initiatives, and would like to investigate funding new initiatives such as the Kaiaua to Kopu section of the Hauraki Rail Trail, and the development of a 'Food Hub' at the Kerepehi Industrial Park.

Let us know your thoughts! For more information the Council encourages you to browse its Long Term Plan web pages at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/hltp](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/hltp) where you can download a copy of the Consultation Document and view the background information that supports the proposed direction for 2015-25.

Also, please take the opportunity to attend our community 'drop in' meetings in each Ward. This is a chance for you to come and chat to your local Ward Councillor about the proposed approach for the 2015-25 period, and pick up a copy of the Consultation Document.

The meetings will be held as follows:

### Paeroa Ward

- ▶ Paeroa street stall (outside ANZ), 9 April 2015, 10.00am to 2.00pm

### Plains Ward

- ▶ Ngatea Hall, 10 April 2015, 10.00am to 2.00pm
- ▶ 13 April 2015, 7.00pm

### Waihi Ward

- ▶ Whiritoa Community Centre, 15 April 2015, 7.00pm
- ▶ Waihi Hall (outside), 17 April 2015, 10.00am to 2.00pm

*See you there!*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WATER RESTRICTIONS

From 16 February 2015

#### Notice to all residents of the Hauraki District

Unless the recent rainfall is followed up by further rain, river levels are expected to soon fall back to previous low levels. At present caution is called for, and it is still necessary to continue to restrict the use of water. This is in accordance with Council's Water Supply Management Plan relating to its consents to take water from rivers and streams.

**For Waihi, Waikino, Mackaytown and Karangahake until further notice a ban remains in place on the use of lawn and garden sprinklers. Only hand held hoses may be used until the situation improves.**

If you see water leaks or excessive usage or wastage of water in your area, please report this to Council.

Information regarding ways residents can conserve water can be found on the Hauraki District Council website at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz).

Click on the SmartWaterUse logo.



It may be necessary to increase the level of restriction if the dry weather period is extended. Your cooperation and efforts to conserve water now contribute to ensuring that water is available for essential and emergency needs.

For further inquiries please phone (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the Hauraki District, no cell phones).

Ken Thompson  
District Engineer  
Hauraki District Council

## TENDER NOTICE

### REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION

#### PAEROA BRIDGE CLUB BUILDING, WOOD STREET, PAEROA

Council is calling for tenders for the removal or demolition of the Paeroa Bridge Club Building at Wood Street, Paeroa.

The building is constructed of a timber floor, wooden windows, corrugated iron roof and fibre cement weatherboard cladding. Total floor area of the building is 128 m<sup>2</sup>.

The conditions of the Tender are available from Council's Service Centre at William Street, Paeroa, or by phoning the Property Manager, Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609 or 0274 875 609.

**Tenders close with Council at 2.00pm Friday, 24 April 2015.**

Council may not accept every or any Tender submitted.

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Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council

## Enjoy a feast of reading at the Library

*What do pizza and libraries have in common?*

They're the two key ingredients in a fun initiative to give kids an appetite for reading: the LIANZA (Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) and Hell Pizza Reading Challenge 2015.

From this week – just in time for the school holidays – primary and secondary age students can get a pizza wheel from our Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi libraries. For each book read, librarians will mark off one of its seven slices of pizza. When the wheel is full, the participant can present it at a Hell store to receive a free 333 *Hellthy* pizza. This can only be done in person.

There's no limit on the number of wheels that readers



can fill, but the national organisers of the challenge suggest that one wheel per week is suitable. Only one pizza per student can be redeemed in a visit, and pizzas must be claimed by December 4.

If you need some help finding enjoyable fiction or non-fiction to suit your tastes and interests, ask our library staff! They're happy to make suggestions; and they look forward to

asking what children thought of each book and what the highlights were.

If you're not already a library patron, we encourage you to join (it's free for Hauraki residents of all ages). While it's not a requirement for the reading challenge, membership means you can make the most of borrowing a wide range of items.

## Dickey Flat Campsite - collective quest for solutions

Dickey Flat is one of Hauraki's most popular campsites – with ensuing challenges that the Council wants to help resolve.

The Department of Conservation facility at Waitawheta is one-star, which is exactly the way many visitors like it. There are toilets, a graveled parking area for cars and campervans, and a nominal 35 tent sites, though sometimes about 100 tents have been counted. Camping costs just \$6 per night for adults and \$3 for children (under 5s free). Running water is in the adjacent Waitawheta River, which is known for its swimming hole and trout. Access to bush walks and tramping tracks is a stone's throw away.

However the surroundings can be less than idyllic at peak times, when problems have included parking congestion, thefts from vehicles and campsites, rubbish, fires, and disorderly behaviour. What does this have to with the Council, you may ask?

The answer is that when the parking area is full to its 80 vehicle capacity, up to 60 further cars frequently clog the unsealed and already narrow end of Dickey Flat Road, creating safety hazards and impeding emergency vehicle access and turnaround. The Council also owns a small strip of reserve land at Dickey Flat. We have no plans for road development there in the foreseeable future, as the major expenditure wouldn't be justified by public benefit, and any extension would take space away from the camping area.

However, our roading and reserves departments want to work in partnership with DOC staff and local police to alleviate site issues, for the benefit and enjoyment



of all visitors. We recently had a combined onsite meeting to discuss potential solutions.

It's estimated that campers bring about 60% of the vehicles, and day trippers 40%. One suggestion from the meeting was to cap the number of campers by introducing an online booking system during peak season, says Councillor Max McLean. This would also provide for camp fees to be paid electronically rather than into the existing honesty box.

Among other possible measures are the installation of 'No Stopping' signs at the top and bottom of the one-lane gravel road sections of Dickey Flat Road, making it clear that it is not OK to park there; and the use of road cones around the campsite entrance on busy days.

Despite a 'pack in, pack out' policy with appropriate signage, as at all DOC standard campgrounds, some site users have left behind large quantities of bottles, cans and other rubbish. On top of DOC efforts, residents of Dickey Flat Road regularly pick up this debris. Councillor McLean has personally filled and removed as many as 12 sacks at a time.

Drinking at the campsite has been associated with incidents of anti-social, abusive or intimidating behaviour and with crime, as well as some noise and annoyance issues for neighbouring residents.

DOC Visitor Assets Programme Manager Jeff Milham says camp wardens are onsite daily – twice a day at peak times – to do cleaning and collect camp fees. A more visible DOC presence with increased camp warden involvement is among options being discussed, but it's not economic to employ someone fulltime.

Sergeant Aaron Fraser of Waihi Police says the numbers of people and vehicles around the campground can provide "a supermarket for thieves". The area's seclusion yet proximity to Waihi and Paeroa makes it attractive to a wide range of people, and he advises visitors not to leave items of value around tent sites or in view. Parked vehicles should be kept locked, and visitors or walkers should carry smaller valuables with them.

Any criminal or suspicious activity should be reported to Police with as many details as possible: descriptions of people, vehicles and registration plate numbers.