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## Bigbellies are moving in

Who would have thought a rubbish bin could talk to you? In the past we've had to guesstimate when the public bins on the streets and Council reserves need emptying, according to their particular location, the season, and any special events. Now the new Bigbelly bins we've installed around the District can tell us themselves how full they are, thanks to internal sensors that monitor the level of rubbish and wirelessly send GPS-tagged notifications to their minders.

We can access the information on the web at any time, or have status alerts sent to phones or email addresses. This gives us up-to-the-minute information on where rubbish needs to be collected – and just as importantly, where it doesn't – while ensuring there are no overflows. Accumulated data is also recorded, to assist in planning; and if the units break down or are damaged, they tell us that too.

But these smart bins do another trick. A solar panel in the lid of each one charges an internal battery, powering the electronic communication and a compactor mechanism which creates more room inside. That means a Bigbelly can gobble up five times more rubbish than a traditional street bin of the same size.

It all adds up to significant potential savings, because our labour costs will drop with the reduced frequency of emptying, and so will our refuse disposal costs because the compacted rubbish will take up less space.

The enclosed design of the bins will keep animal pests at bay, keep people safe from the compacting mechanism, keep rubbish out of sight, and prevent windblown litter. General rubbish and recyclables are kept separately contained.



STREET SMART AND STREET TOUGH: one of the new solar compactor bins in Ngatea.

We initially trialed two of the 570-litre bins in Paeroa late last year – provided to the Council at no cost. After a more widespread trial over the Hauraki Plains, we're installing a total of almost 70 Bigbellies across the District. They'll replace most of our conventional bins, except in the Waihi town centre where several crucible-style bins are a special streetscape feature. Some of the locations will change, as we won't require quite as many bins, and they need to be clear of trees and large structures that could hinder the solar panels and GPS devices from working efficiently.

The robust Bigbelly bins are made in the United States, using recycled steel and plastics, and distributed in New Zealand by Manco Environmental which will provide us with an ongoing back-up service.

## Situation Vacant

### Senior Project Manager Engineering

Here is your opportunity to make a real difference in the community, working for Local Government to deliver the essential services that make New Zealand a great place to live.

The role of Senior Project Manager - Engineering is within Council's Technical Services Business Unit where you will be involved in managing projects related to the development of infrastructure assets through all phases from scoping through to commissioning and reporting. You will also lead a small team of Project Managers and Engineers.

A BE or Registered Engineer qualification plus substantial experience in management of a Rooding Professional Services Contract is required.

The successful applicant will also need to demonstrate a high level of expertise in all phases of the job and form opinions and conclusions which are technically sound and well founded. You will be self-motivating and self-managing and have high standards of personal integrity and professionalism with an ability to organise and communicate effectively with a range of individuals and groups. Combine that with a working knowledge in civil engineering, engineering design and project management and this could be the job for you. The Technical Services team offer a friendly, supportive and professional work environment. This is your opportunity to take up an interesting and satisfying career move where you can contribute directly to the future of the community.

For further details or to apply electronically please visit our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz), or contact:

Sue Greenville on 027 231 8826, or  
 Julie Sweeney on 027 786 238

**Applications close on 22 January 2016**

### Management Accountant

If you have a positive can-do attitude and attributes that reflect our values of respect, communication and commitment, then we would love to hear from you.

As the Management Accountant you will be responsible for providing financial information and advice to enable effective monitoring of Council's financial performance, and for financial forecasting to assist with short-term and strategic planning. A tertiary degree in Accountancy and at least 3 years practical working knowledge in this field is essential. You will also require a systematic approach and the ability to meet deadlines while maintaining a high level of customer focus and communication.

To take this opportunity of enhancing your career apply electronically on [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz), or contact:

Sue Greenville on 027-231-8826, or  
 Julie Sweeney on 021-786-238

**Applications close on 29 January 2016**

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 It's More than Just a Job!"*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held in the Council Office, William Street, Paeroa during the month of January 2016.

**Ordinary Meeting of Council**  
 Wednesday, 27 January 2016, 9.00am

**Western Plains District Drainage Committee**  
 Thursday, 28 January 2016, 10.30am

LD Cavers  
 Chief Executive  
 Hauraki District Council



## You CAN teach an old dog...

In conjunction with DairyNZ, we're continuing our five-bite series on how farmers can boost their wellbeing and deal with the elephant in the paddock... stress.

### No.2: Keep Learning

A lot of farmwork is repetitive, every day, every season. But that doesn't mean everything has to be the "same old, same old", which will likely yield the same results. New methods or ideas may be more effective or efficient in the long run, refreshing, and even give you extra time off. So head for a field day, dip into that farming magazine or internet forum, talk to other farmers!

- Embrace new ideas
- Keep up to date with your industry news and interests
- Watch and read things that stimulate your mind
- Surprise yourself
- See opportunities – there's a good reason Kiwi farmers are known for their No.8 wire approach



### Feeling stressed out?

Get help from the Rural Support Trust on 0800 787 254

## Drones cleared for take-off

If you own or fly a drone – perhaps Santa even brought you one – you need to be familiar with new Civil Aviation Authority rules relating to Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

One of these rules involves the Council: operators now need permission to fly drones or radio-controlled model aircraft over people and property. This applies to public as well as private land, and the Council owns many of the parks, reserves, road reserves, roads and properties throughout the Hauraki District.

We're keen for everyone to enjoy using our parks and reserves – and recently agreed to permit the operation of remotely piloted aircraft over them, except for cemeteries, upon application to the Parks and Reserves Manager. The operator's details are required, and he or she must agree to abide by conditions such as respecting people's personal privacy and sensitive wildlife habitats.

For more information, a set of guidelines for operating remotely controlled aircraft over Council property is available on our website or can be collected from any of our offices. You can also call one of our friendly customer services team members during office hours.

## SAVING WATER STARTS WITH YOU

Whether the forecast for a warm dry summer is good news or bad news depends whether you're a beach holidaymaker or a farmer. But if everyone plays a part in conserving water now, it can make a huge difference to the amount saved in the District, and avoid or delay the need to impose restrictions later in summer.

Although we have water supply upgrades and a new Waihi raw water source, we don't want this to make people complacent. Dropping river levels can still be expected, meaning there's less water to draw on, coupled with a greater demand for it as the mercury rises. We still have a finite supply!

### Here are a few small ways you can save a lot of water:

- **On the farm**, fix leaks straight away and install water pressure valves – if the pressure drops, you know you have a leak. Leaks in troughs and the pipes supplying them can also be signalled by green spots in otherwise drier paddocks. Dig them open and sort them out.
- **At home**, don't leave taps on while you aren't actually using the water – even a trickle wastes about five litres of water a minute! Only turn taps on hard enough to give the flow needed. Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads as much as you can.
- **On a camping or campervan holiday**, use wet wipes or antibacterial gel to "wash" your hands. Big barbecue party planned? – use disposable paper plates. Barbecue veges instead of boiling them – think cobs of corn, capsicums, asparagus, foil-wrapped potatoes.
- **For more tips**, click the 'smartwateruse' icon on the Council website - [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz), and watch this page in the coming weeks.

