



# HDC NEWS



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## Memorial shipshape again

Drop anchor! That call in Netherton last week has restored a landmark commemorating Captain James Cook's navigation of the lower Waihou River.

The three-tonne iron monument was winched onto a site overlooking the river, on the corner of Captain Cook Road and Hauraki Road. It replaces an anchor installed with much ceremony at the nearby intersection of Hauraki Road and State Highway in 1969, to mark the bi-centenary of Cook's arrival. But it suffered damage from vehicles, and has been missing for several years after twice being targeted by thieves.

The 'Cooks Landing Project' is a community endeavour, for which Council assistance was sought through an Annual Plan submission in 2011. "We wanted to create an enduring memorial portraying the importance of Captain Cook's visit to this area," says project manager Lawrie Smith.

A site review resulted in the new location being chosen, off the highway with space for a carpark and security features, and within a mile of Cook's actual landing point. The Council has donated the land, and will maintain the site when agreed works there are completed.

The project committee comprises representatives of the District Council, Waikato Regional Council, and Opus Consultants, along with Colin James of the Paeroa Historical Maritime Park society, community member Gary Blake, and Lawrie Smith of the Paeroa and District Historic Society. For the past three years Lawrie has literally been the 'anchorman', with jobs from coordinating funding applications right down to building boxing and pouring concrete.

A New Zealand Community Trust grant of \$8000 kick-started the three-stage development, says Lawrie. The current first stage was priced at \$94,000 – including the design, earthworks, fencing and safety rails, a concrete pad and steps with access path, kerb and channeling, carpark, installation of the anchor, and planting. However, thanks to valuable donations of professional services and time, most of this work is near completion at a cost to date of about \$21,000.

Opus gifted the plans and costings, and the Waikato Regional Council and Downer have supplied digger and truck work. The anchor itself, from a 1940s American warship, was donated by the Royal New Zealand Navy. These and many other generous forms of assistance will be acknowledged at the site.

Storyboards will also be placed in front of the symbolic anchor detailing the significance of Cook's venture up the Waihou River – his longest journey away from his ship. His early maps and reports of forests paved the way for a major timber industry and New Zealand's first exports, shaping the future of the Coromandel area and the country.

While an official celebration at the new memorial will be held after construction is finished, Lawrie says the installation of the anchor is a milestone, and he's rapt with the result.

Deputy Mayor Bruce Gordon says the collaborative project has got to where it is today largely through Lawrie's tenacity and leadership in drawing together all the people and agencies involved.

With the 250th anniversary of Cook's visit in sight in 2019, grants and public contributions will soon be sought to enable stages two and three of the development: a walking track to the actual site where Cook is believed to have landed, and the building of a jetty there.

## Grants boost volunteer efforts

Ward grants approved by councillors last month will bolster the activities of several community organisations.

Improvements and repairs to the museum entrance at Paeroa's Historical Maritime Park will get a helping hand with a \$1,000 grant from the Paeroa Ward Discretionary Fund. The money will go toward native plants, a wheelchair access hand rail, and maintenance of a landmark ship's mast.

Paeroa councillors also resolved to make a \$500 contribution toward Victim Support volunteer training and resources in the Hauraki area – matching a recent Waihi Ward grant. Victim Support volunteers provide a no-charge 24/7 service in both areas to support people affected by crime and trauma.

Plains councillors agreed to support operational expenses for the volunteer-run Kaiua Community Library with a \$500 grant from the ward's discretionary fund.

Requests for ward discretionary funding assistance are considered throughout the year. Other 2014 beneficiaries have included the Paeroa Boxing and Fitness Club, Nga Iwi FM, and inline hockey World Championships representative Gina Davis of Waihi.

## Annual survey of Hauraki District residents' satisfaction!

Next week the Council will commence its annual survey of Hauraki District residents' satisfaction with Council services. The survey is a valuable opportunity for you to provide feedback on the Council's performance and the results will then assist Council's planning and reporting in the future.

Not only are we asking what District residents think of Council services in general, the Council is also undertaking two other surveys for users of the Council's building consent and resource consent services. So if you have used those services in the last year you may be called

(randomly selected from a user list) to give us your thoughts. It is also possible you could be called more than once, if your name is lucky enough to come through the random selection process for all three surveys! But don't be alarmed as all three surveys are for very different purposes and your feedback would be appreciated on all matters.

The Council has employed the expertise of an external company *Key Research* to undertake the survey over the next month, so if you get a call from their team please give them a friendly Hauraki hello and take the time to answer their survey questions.



Above: Mike Smith of HydraCare Thames guides the anchor into position



Above: Project manager Lawrie Smith makes some final adjustments on the anchor's new site

## Road rehabilitation underway

Rehabilitation of a 1km section of Kaihere Road near SH 27 was carried out last week, under the current Area Wide Treatment contract. It is planned to complete two further segments of this road, one in the 2014/15 year and another in 2015/16.

Included in the current Area Wide Treatment contract is also rehabilitation of a 1.6 km length of Pukekauri Road near Waihi, with a further section being considered for 2015/16.

Rehabilitation involves placing additional base course material on top of the existing road surface, mixing this with the existing base course and then re-shaping it to an improved line and form before putting back a new sealed surface.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### TO LEASE THE WORKSHOP, OFFICE & YARD AT STEEN RD, MARAMARUA

Council is inviting expressions of interest for the leasing of the workshop, office and yard situated at the Council owned Quarry at Steen Road, Maramarua.

The floor area of the office block building is 22m<sup>2</sup> and the workshop plus lunchroom is 113m<sup>2</sup>. The lease would be for one year with one right of renewal for one year.

Details of the lease are available from Council's Paeroa Service Centre, William Street, Paeroa or by phoning Robyn Kirby on 07 862 8609.

All expressions of interest should be sent marked for the attention of: The Chief Executive, Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640 and should be received by 4.00pm on Friday 20 June 2014, or, if hand delivered, should be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked to Council's office in William Street, Paeroa.

LD Cavers  
Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council

### 2014/15 DOG REGISTRATION FEES

#### Hauraki District Council

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by resolution of Council on 26 March 2014 fixed the Dog Control Fees for this registration year - 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

#### 2014/15 Fee Scale:

Fee Classification	Fee	Fee if paid after 31/07/14
General Dog (Entire)	\$80.00	\$120.00
General Dog (De-sexed) <i>** Vet Certificate Required</i>	\$65.00	\$97.50
R.O.L. Dog (Entire)	\$50.00	Loss of Licence
R.O.L. Dog (De-sexed) <i>** Vet Certificate Required</i>	\$35.00	Loss of Licence
Dogs in Excess of (3) Three	\$20.00	\$30.00
Dangerous Dog (Entire)	\$120.00	\$180.00
Dangerous Dog (De-sexed) <i>** Vet Certificate Required</i>	\$97.50	\$146.25
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 \$80.00 to \$50.00, or \$35.00 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 (within district) or 07 862 8609, or they can be downloaded from Council's website - [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://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 2014 to 15 July 2014**

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

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