



One, three, four, two... How many councillors should represent you?

Thanks for your feedback on our representation review! Overall, we received 32 submissions on our initial proposal of nine councillors overall (three in each ward) and no community boards.

What happens next?

Some people indicated in their feedback that they would like to speak to us in person. They will have the opportunity to do this at a public hearing at the Council Chambers in Paeroa at 1.00pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

The Council will then look at all the feedback and make a final decision at its 29 August Council meeting, on how it thinks councillor numbers and wards should look for the next two elections. We'll let you know how that goes.

There will then be a one-month appeal/objection period inviting further feedback from the community. Find out more and stay updated at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/representation-review

Light switch

Work to switch most street lights in the District to new state-of-the-art LED lights is well underway. So far the new lights have been installed throughout most of the Plains Ward and in some parts of Whiritoa. You might have noticed crews out and about in these areas. They'll be visible in other places too over the next few months.

Why we're making the switch to LED

- They last six times longer
- They use less electricity
- They cost less overall to maintain than the current lights
- They provide more focused light which increases visibility in targeted areas and reduces light pollution (spill light).

Although LED lights emit an equivalent level of light, they may seem brighter than our current lights because the beam is more concentrated on a single area.

Shining a light on Whiritoa

Over the last few months we've been assessing road lighting in Whiritoa. We caught up with you about this during our We Need to Talk road trip, and we ran a Facebook poll too.

What we've heard is that most people think lighting in Whiritoa is adequate in general. However, Beach Road and Marlin Place were identified as areas with potential lighting issues.

We'll wait until the LED upgrades are finished before we have another look at these two areas and work out what to do next. We'll keep you posted as we go.



Wheels in motion for new cycleway

A community project to create a 1.4 km cycleway around Ngatea's Hugh Hayward Domain is ready to roll.

Plains Ward Councillor Ross Harris said the project is a partnership between Ngatea Primary School, Ngatea Lions Club, Sport Waikato, Bikes in Schools and Council.

"The idea to create a cycleway in the area behind the school has been simmering away in the community for a while and from there it's boiled over to include the whole Domain," he said.

The cycleway will be 2 metres wide and has been designed to cater to everyone, including cyclists, pedestrians, and people using walking frames, mobility scooters or wheelchairs.

Ngatea Lions Club member Alex Quinn said the club will supply the muscle to build the cycleway and as always any help from locals would be most appreciated.

"We're always looking for community volunteers and would love to hear from anyone keen to be involved in another positive Plains project," he said.

Over the next few weeks the project team will be communicating with all neighbouring property owners. Construction of the cycleway will begin when weather conditions allow.

"This adds another dimension to the Domain and a fantastic community facility we can all be proud of."
Councillor Ross Harris

Proposed new farm is in the wind

Here's what you need to know...

An application has been lodged

Kaimai Wind Farm Limited has lodged a resource consent application with Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council for a proposed wind farm at the northern end of the Kaimai Ranges at Tirohia, near Paeroa.

Everyone will have the opportunity to have their say

The company has requested the application is publicly notified. This means everyone will have the opportunity to have their say.

It's early days yet

We've checked the application and asked the company for some more information. The application documents are now available on our website but the application has not yet been publicly notified.

We'll let you know when we're ready for your feedback

Once we receive the extra information we need, we'll publicly notify the application and ask for your feedback. Details on how and when you can do this will be advertised in the newspapers, on our Facebook page, and also posted on our website.

Those considered directly affected will be notified by letter in the post.

More information is available on our website

Read more about the proposal and view the application documents on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/kaimai-wind-farm-project

Hey, are you interested in joining the District Licensing Committee?

As a member of this committee you'll be responsible for making decisions on contested alcohol licensing applications throughout the Hauraki District (applications that go to a Hearing).

If you have knowledge of relevant legislation and procedures e.g. Resource Management Act hearings; Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act, and an understanding of the community and its expectations around alcohol licensing, you might like to apply.

A copy of the position description and application form is available on our website or phone (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the district).

Expressions of Interest open on Friday 10 August and close on Monday 3 September 2018.

To find out more please email Charan Mischewski at charan@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Please note: applicants cannot be affiliated with the alcohol industry or hold a current alcohol licence.