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Something in the *water*

Last week, routine water samples revealed high levels of sediment in the Mackaytown water supply. Testing for bacteria was clear but as high sediment levels can reduce the effectiveness of chlorine in killing bacteria, a precautionary boil water notice was hand delivered to all householders connected to that supply.

A day later, our Kaimanawa water supply, near Hikutaia, tested positive for the presence of E.coli and a precautionary boil water notice was hand delivered to all householders connected to that supply. A chlorine dosing fault has since been discovered and repaired, and the network has been flushed. The supply has now passed 3 days testing clear of e-coli but the precautionary boil water notice will remain in place until further notice.

These particular small water supplies are the last of our rural networks to be connected to one of our four main water treatment plants.

Plan to upgrade all rural water supplies almost complete

Over the last few years we've undertaken major capital works to upgrade our four main water treatment plants in Paeroa, Waihi, Hauraki Plains and Waitakaruru to meet the highest NZ Drinking Water Standards. These plants are far more sophisticated than our rural plants, with multiple barriers to prevent contaminants reaching the consumer, including live monitored chlorine dosing. The Plains treatment plant also uses UV disinfection.

In contrast, our rural networks rely on a single barrier chlorination system which can be overwhelmed during periods of high sediment due to rainfall, increasing the risk of bacterial contamination.

Which is why we began an eight year plan six and a half years ago, to connect all rural Hauraki consumers to one of our four main upgraded treatment plants.

So far, three of our smaller communities, previously on rural water supplies, have been connected to the upgraded Waihi

and Paeroa treatment plants. Work to connect Mackaytown and Karangahake to the Paeroa treatment plant is expected to be completed within the next six months, and preliminary investigations into connecting the Kaimanawa community to the upgraded Plains or Paeroa water treatment plants are also underway.

It is expected all Hauraki consumers will be connected to one of our four main water treatment plants within 18 months, preventing any future recurrence of the issues recently experienced in Kaimanawa and Mackaytown.



The innovative Kerepehi water treatment plant

Struggling to pay your *rates*?

Earning less than \$40,000 per year and wondering how you are going to pay your rates? Come and see us.

Under the Government's rates rebate scheme, people with an annual income up to \$40,000 may be eligible for a subsidy of up to \$610, depending on the rates amount and how many dependants you are supporting.

How to apply

Call and make a 15 minute appointment with one of our friendly customer service staff who will help you fill out an application form. Alternatively, you can download a form from our website to fill out yourself www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/rates-rebates. Home visits are also available by arrangement for anyone unable to come into a Council office.

Apply early

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2017 but you are encouraged to apply early and receive the benefits of the rebate throughout the rating year.



Applications open to register your property as a no-spray *zone*

Every year the Council periodically sprays to control vegetation on its road reserve areas, within water channels and side drains, parks, reserves and pavements.

This helps keep our local network tidy and ensures our services like drains are well maintained and free flowing.

The operational area will include the entire Hauraki District local road network, excluding state highways, with spraying activity programmed to commence late September 2016.

For a variety of reasons, people may not wish to have agricultural chemicals sprayed outside their property. If this sounds like you, you can apply to have your property listed on the Council's "no-spray register" which will mean that we will not spray directly outside your property.

Conditions apply for properties registered as a 'no-spray zone' to ensure property owners will keep their roadside frontage and drains tidy by eradicating all noxious plants and keep vegetation under control so it will not obstruct drains or roadside signage.

If you have registered your property before you are still required to reapply.

Also if you've just moved into a property that is on the register, you can request to have it removed from the register.

Applications forms to register your property as a "no-spray zone" can be obtained by:

- Phoning us on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the district)
- Emailing Council at info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz
- Downloading the form online at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/no-spray

Please register your property before 23 September 2016 as roadside weed spraying will commence after this date.

We thank you for your patience during these spray programmes.



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 Chambers, William Street, Paeroa during the month of September 2016.

Consultative Water & Waste Committee (if required)
 Tuesday, 6 September 2016, 10.00am

Judicial Committee (if required)
 Monday, 12 September 2016, 9.00am
 Monday, 26 September 2016, 9.00am

Ward Committee Meetings
 Tuesday, 13 September 2016
 Plains Ward 9.00am
 Paeroa Ward 12.30pm
 Waihi Ward 2.30pm

Operations Committee
 Wednesday, 14 September 2016, 9.00am

Economic Development Committee
 Wednesday, 14 September 2016, 1.00pm

Western Plains District Drainage Committee
 Tuesday, 27 September 2016, 10.30am - Ngatea Office

Ordinary Meeting of Council
 Wednesday, 28 September 2016, 9.00am

LD Cavers
 Chief Executive
 Hauraki District Council

Situation Vacant



Pool Lifeguards

Fixed Term 4-5 months

The Hauraki District Council's three heated swimming pools in Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi will be open from November 2016 - March 2017 and we are looking for pool staff now.

If you have a positive can-do attitude, the ability to deal with a variety of situations and would like to be part of our team to ensure our community swimming pools are monitored and safe for our swimmers to enjoy, we would love to hear from you.

We require 15 pool lifeguards who are prepared to work variable hours under a rostered shift to cover 7 days per week.

The fixed term period would be from mid November until mid March, however if you could be available for all or part of this time we will consider your application. This could suit a university student or anyone who would be able to work flexible hours on any day including weekends. If you would enjoy working in an outdoor pool environment over the summer pool season this could be the job for you.

For further details or to apply electronically please visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/jobs, or contact:

Sue Greenville on 07 862 5024, or
 Julie Sweeney on 07 862 5023

Applications close 16 September 2016

At Hauraki District Council ...
It's More than Just a Job!

Have you *liked us* on facebook yet?

It's a good way to keep in touch with what's happening at the Council and around the District.

We'll keep you updated on the change of kerbside collection days, community meetings, fire or water restrictions, closures in the district, situations vacant, civil defence events... the list goes on.

Why not do it today...

