



# HDC NEWS



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## Storyboards put visitors in the picture

A three-tonne iron anchor lowered at Cooks Landing in Netherton two years ago is a striking riverside landmark. But Captain James Cook did far more than just put down anchor at Hauraki, as visitors can now appreciate thanks to recently placed signage.

Two storyboards relate how Cook and a party of 22 men in two rowboats navigated the lower Waihou River on 20 November, 1769, in search of timber suitable for masts and spars for the Admiralty. They discovered the area's lofty kahikatea trees, and took samples from a matai and many other species.

Cook's early maps and report of the forests led to the first export of logs from the region – and possibly New Zealand – being shipped from Hikutaia in 1794. It was the beginning of a major timber industry, which in turn saw the cleared terrain converted to some of the world's best dairy land.

With the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cook's arrival in sight in 2019, the three-stage Cooks Landing development on the corner of Captain Cook Road and Hauraki Road is a community initiative. The Council donated the land, and has taken over maintenance of the site now that stage one is off the ground (including fencing, safety rails, a concrete pad with access path and steps, kerb and channeling, car park, and the replanting of trees).

Over the past five years of planning and construction the project has also been supported by Opus Consultants, the Waikato Regional Council, the Department of Conservation, and the Paeroa and District Historical Society. Fundraising was launched with an \$8,000 New Zealand Community Trust grant; and the symbolic anchor, from a 1940s American warship, was gifted by the Royal New Zealand Navy.

"We wanted to establish an enduring memorial portraying the importance of Cook's visit," says project manager Lawrie Smith. "He only came ashore at three or four places in New Zealand, and Hauraki was where he ventured furthest from his ship – 14 miles. He had an interpreter with him, so was able to talk and trade with local Maori."

Deputy Mayor Bruce Gordon describes the Cooks Landing project as "quite outstanding. Lawrie and his team have been very perseverant, and with the aid of sponsors have done a great job of developing the site and creating an important historic tribute for all to see."

A previous anchor monument, installed at the nearby intersection of Hauraki Road and State Highway in 1969, suffered damage from vehicles and then went missing after twice being targeted by thieves. The present location provided for car parking space and improved security features, and is within a mile of the spot where Cook is believed to have landed. Since the signage has gone up, more people have already been stopping there to read the story, take photos, and often enjoy a picnic.

Grants and public contributions are being sought to fund stages two and three of the project: a walking track to the actual landing site, and the building of a jetty there, for which consents have just been obtained. With kahikatea and kauri again growing tall, Lawrie envisages that future visitors on foot or bike and potentially boat will have a sense of the past – and perhaps glimpse what Cook saw when he entered the river.



A Tauranga visitor takes aboard some local history at the Cooks Landing site.

## Check out the Kōtui difference

Our Kōtui library management software system got off to a great start on Thursday last week – and we celebrated the milestone by cutting and sharing cakes at the Paeroa, Waihi and Ngatea libraries.

What makes Kōtui special? It operates as a consortium, administered and supported by the National Library, with about 30 member libraries working together to provide in-library and online services.

Patrons have been excited to discover how much information is literally at their fingertips when they use the new online catalogue, says Paeroa librarian Lesley Young. A single search now brings up both books and electronic items that are accessible locally, "so it's a one-stop-shop".

As well, members will be able to update their accounts and make payments online. However, users of Overdrive and our online catalogue do need to come into their local library to re-set their password, as many have done already. This is because the present passwords are encrypted for security, so can't automatically be transferred.



Councillors Paul Milner and Julie Bubb, with District Libraries manager Sue Lean, cut a cake in the Paeroa Library to celebrate the arrival of Kōtui.

It's also a good time to check that your details are current, including your email address if you have one. Where possible we send out email reminders when people's library cards are approaching expiry. You must renew your membership to retain access to online resources.

If anyone is unsure about using the new-look catalogue or has any other queries about Kōtui, just ask one of our friendly library staff. They're ready to help, after spending two days learning the ropes of the new system alongside trainers from the National Library.

## Old building hits the ground watch this space...

Going, going... gone. After the stripping of its interior over the past few weeks, the Council-owned building at No.5 Mackay Street was demolished last Friday to make way for the new Paeroa Library.

The downed landmark was originally constructed as a liquor store with living quarters on the upper storey. Born-and-bred local Lawrie Smith remembers it as a thriving establishment in the 1950s, from which deliveries were made in a distinctive three-ton J2 Bedford truck.

The building subsequently served as premises for a variety of businesses, and following its purchase by the Council in December 2009 was most recently used as offices for staff in our Construction and Maintenance services business unit. Its demolition took just a couple of hours, attracting a number of onlookers.

But the real excitement will be in watching a purpose-built new library take shape, says Paeroa librarian Lesley Young. "I never thought when I started work at the library 20 years ago that I'd be seeing such big developments, with the site being cleared in the same week that a new library management system has been introduced."

Councillor Julie Bubb – who was also a library staffer for eight years prior to being elected – is likewise excited to watch progress toward the new facility, which will overlook Paeroa Domain.

Several tenders for the design and construction of the library have been received, and are currently being evaluated.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 2016/17 DOG REGISTRATION FEES

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by resolution of Council on 30 March 2016 fixed the Dog Control Fees for this registration year - 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

#### 2016/17 Fee Scale (including GST):

Fee Classification	Fee	Fee if paid after 31/07/16
General Dog (Entire)	\$82.00	\$123.00
General Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$67.00	\$100.50
Responsible Owners License (R.O.L.) Dog (Entire)	\$52.00	Loss of Licence
Responsible Owners License (R.O.L.) Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$37.00	Loss of Licence
Dogs in excess of (3) three	\$27.00	\$40.50
Dangerous Dog (Entire)	\$123.00	\$184.50
Dangerous Dog (De-sexed) ** Vet certificate required	\$100.50	\$150.75
Replacement tag	\$5.00	

\*\* Vet certificate required for de-sexing rebate

#### Pound and miscellaneous 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
Responsible Owner Licence Scheme application fee	\$32.00
Responsible Owner Licence property inspection fee (R.O.L. transfer from another Council)	\$25.00

#### 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 \$82.00 to \$52.00, or \$37.00 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 applies).
- 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 (free call within the 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 William Street, Paeroa; Rosemont Road, Waihi; Orchard West Road, Ngatea

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

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DOWN SHE COMES: the Mackay Street building is demolished. Picture: Peter Young