



HDC NEWS



The sky's the limit

Hauraki economy tops national average

Visitors are emptying their pockets too, spending **\$80.3 million** in the year to June 2017, compared to \$74.4 million a year ago

Hauraki economy increased **5%** in the year to June 2017, outperforming the national growth rate of 2.8%

34% more residential building consents were issued in Hauraki than the year before. The number of consents in NZ increased by 10% over the same period

Source: independent economic analysis firm Infometrics.

HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL

Pūkorokoro-Miranda to Thames
GRAND OPENING
9 SEPTEMBER 2017



Opening Programme:

- 5.30am Dawn Blessing. There will be two dawn blessings held simultaneously at:
 - * Pūkorokoro - Miranda - Robert Findlay Wildlife Area - E Coast Rd, Miranda
 - * Kopu - Hauraki District Council side of the Kopu bridge (Auckland side) - access and parking will be via the layby before crossing Kopu Bridge
- 8.30am Gala Festival - 79 Kopu Road
- 9.00am Official Opening Speeches
- 9.30am Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 9.30am Rail Trail open for riding. Festival continues
- 2.00pm Free Shuttle Services - dropping off and picking up cyclists and returning them to Kopu from:
 - * Pipiroa - Buchanan Road;
 - * Waitakaruru - next to the Country Store; and
 - * Pūkorokoro-Miranda - Robert Findlay Wildlife Area
- 2.00pm Prize giving at Kopu - Best Dressed Bird Competition winner announced

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We are seeking feedback...

on our rules around alcohol use in public places and gambling venue rules in our District

Alcohol ban proposed for Dickey Flat Campground

We've recently reviewed our Alcohol Control Bylaw, which outlines the rules around alcohol use in public places. A few changes have been proposed as a result of this review.

- After assessing information provided by NZ Police and the Department of Conservation we're proposing a permanent year round alcohol ban at Dickey Flat Campground in Waitawheta. This is because of the high level of crime and disorder (made worse when alcohol's involved) at the camping site. Last year the Police attended 10 incidents at the campground, three of which were very serious in nature. We're also aware of several incidents not reported to the Police but that have caused a nuisance to other campers.
- In Whiritoa we're proposing to extend the current seasonal alcohol ban to a year round ban. The NZ Police have requested this due the occurrence of alcohol related crime/disorder outside of the Christmas/ New Year periods.

Gambling venues

We've also reviewed our Gambling Policy, which outlines the rules around whether gaming machines (pokies) and standalone TAB venues can operate in our district and where they can be located. We're proposing some changes as a result.

The most important change is that a relocation policy has been added. This means gambling venues can relocate under extraordinary circumstances, for example if an existing premises is sold or no longer available and the business has to be moved.

What do you think?

There are lots of ways you can share your views with us. Find out more about these proposals and view the full draft documents on our website, or call into any of our offices in Paeroa, Waihi and Ngatea.
www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/feedback-wanted

Looking for love?

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They say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover, so we've covered some of our most eligible books in brown paper. Taped to the front is a snippet from inside, but that's all you've got to decide which book you'd like to cuddle up with.

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