

# HDC NEWS

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## WE NEED TO TALK

Me kōrero ngātahi tātou

### Hey, so we have a bit of a dilemma

The cost of providing the things we all need (drinking water, wastewater, maintaining roads) is going up. We also have some things we want to do to continue to make our towns nice places to live.

The thing is...the rates and fees we currently get aren't enough to pay for everything. And we know it's already a stretch for many to pay.

### What do you think we should do?

Starting in a few weeks, we're going on a road trip. Come with us and choose our route for the next ten years. We'll let you know more about how you can join us via our website, facebook page, other media, and your councillors will be out and about in your communities too.

Talk soon



## Remember your loved ones

Want to commemorate a deceased family member by adding their name to the Hauraki Plains Memorial Wall?

Once a year names are engraved on the Wall and unveiled on Anzac Day, after the local civic service.

Applications for 2018 inscriptions close on Friday March 16. To be accepted the deceased must have been a resident of the Hauraki Plains for at least six months.

For more information about the Memorial Wall or to download an application form go to [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plains-mwall](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plains-mwall)

Application forms are also available at our council offices.



## New Chair to steer growth in Hauraki

When it comes to business activity, Councillor Ross Harris predicts an exciting ride for Hauraki over the next few years. Recently taking the wheel as Economic Development Subcommittee Chair he's keen to build on progress made by Deputy Mayor Toby Adams, who held the position for six years.

Adams has now stepped out of economic development to focus on his new finance portfolio and to chair the Community Services and Development Committee.

"Toby's done a brilliant job of driving economic development across the District which is thriving as a result," Harris said.

Growing up in a Hauraki farming family, Harris' career highlights include stints as CEO of Thames Valley Rugby Union and FVC Veterinary Services. He looks forward to using his business skills and experience to continue to make the District a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

"It's about getting out there and understanding the needs of the business community as well as the opportunities. My calendar is filling up fast!"



Councillor Ross Harris discusses new development at Raroa Road Paeroa with local contractor Jim Lynch

## Affected by coastal flooding in the Kaiaua Coast area?

### You may be eligible for financial support

The Kaiaua Disaster Relief Fund was set up to assist people most affected by coastal flooding in Kaiaua, Waharau, Whakatiwai and Pūkorokoro-Miranda in January this year.

The fund has raised more than \$40,000 and will be open for applications until 31 March 2018.

Anyone experiencing financial hardship and/or emotional stress as a result of the flooding can apply for a one-off grant.

More information and application forms are available on our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/kaiaua-coast-recovery-update](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/kaiaua-coast-recovery-update)

Or call into one of our offices in Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi.

A huge **THANKYOU** to all who gave generously to the Kaiaua Coast Disaster Relief Fund. Your support is most appreciated.

## Building consent support for Kaiaua Coast property owners

Property owners considering raising the floor level of homes or buildings following coastal flooding in the Kaiaua Coast area now have one less thing to worry about.

The Council has agreed to pay or waiver up to \$2000 in building consent fees for those at risk of flooding in the Kaiaua Coast area who wish to lift their buildings. The Council has budgeted for approximately 10 consent applications per year.

Tidal surge from the January storm caused significant damage to approximately 12 homes, moderate damage to 72 homes, while 157 homes were mildly affected.

For more information, please contact us on 0800 734 834 or 07 862 8609.

## It's Open Fire Season

Open air fires no longer need a permit. However, you are still responsible for ensuring the fire is well controlled and does not spread to vegetation or property.

For more information go to [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/fire](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/fire)