



HDC NEWS



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Welcome to our Kōtui libraries!

New buildings aren't the only exciting developments for our libraries. We're also making improvements to the systems that make them tick, and next Thursday, May 26, we'll be celebrating a switch to new Kōtui library management software.



An immediate benefit for patrons is that it will be much easier to search the catalogue and locate items, and download e-books and other digitally stored resources. A single search will bring up both books and electronic items accessible locally and in other Kōtui libraries, says Paeroa librarian Lesley Young.

As well, members will be able to update their accounts and make payments online, and the system provides for many more applications and resources to be added in the future.

To allow for the changeover, staff training, and final testing, our three libraries at Waihi, Paeroa and Ngatea will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24 and 25. Access to our online catalogue, Overdrive e-books, and other e-resources will also be unavailable at this time and from 4.30pm on Monday. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience, but hope library users will enjoy the gains! Meanwhile, we've extended the normal issue period so that no items are due back during the closure.

Kōtui, which in te reo Māori means to interlace or interweave, differs from the Koha system we've used for about the

last five years in that it operates as a consortium – administered and supported by the National Library. Member libraries work together to provide in-library and online services, and can increase their buying power to get more value for ratepayer dollars.

Hauraki and Matamata-Piako Districts have jointly purchased membership of Kōtui. While for now, the current (separate) library membership structure will be retained, staff will be aligning policies and practices between the two Districts to achieve efficiencies in acquiring new materials, cataloguing, reporting, and budget management. In the longer term, joining forces as Kōtui members "will help keep our libraries viable and sustainable", says District Libraries Manager Sue Lean. "This is one of the most significant steps that Hauraki and Matamata-Piako libraries have ever taken."

Kōtui is already used by about 30 New Zealand public libraries, big and small, including those in our other neighbouring Districts Thames-Coromandel and the Western Bay of Plenty.

Once the system is up and running, library members who use Overdrive and our online catalogue will need to come into their local library to re-set their password. This is because the present passwords are encrypted for security, so can't automatically be transferred.

One big thing will stay the same, though – our friendly library staff will still be happy to help if anyone is unsure about using the new-look catalogue or has any other queries.

PUBLIC NOTICES

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

ON DRAFT DOG CONTROL POLICY 2016 AND DRAFT DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2007

The Hearing of Submissions will be held at the Hauraki District Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 from 1.00pm for submissions received on the Statement of Proposal for the Draft Dog Control Policy 2016 and Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2007.

The public may attend to listen to the hearing proceedings. Only those persons that submitted on the Statement of Proposal and indicated that they wished to speak in support of their written submission will be permitted to speak.

The Summary of Submissions document, that includes a copy of all submissions received with a brief summary and staff comment for each submission, is available to view at the Council offices in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi.

RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

The Rating Information Database for Hauraki District Council is available for public inspection during office hours 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday at the Council offices at William Street, Paeroa; Orchard Road, Ngatea and Rosemont Road, Waihi

The Rating Information Database is also available on Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Ratepayers may object to information in the Rating Information Database where information is incorrect or has been omitted.

Objections must be in writing and posted to:

Rating Information Database
Hauraki District Council
PO Box 17
Paeroa 3640

RATES REMINDER

This is a reminder that all third instalment rates remaining unpaid after the close of business on Wednesday, 25 May 2016 will incur a 10% penalty.

LIQUOR BAN - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw that the consumption of alcoholic liquor, the bringing of liquor or of empty liquor containers and the possession of liquor or empty liquor containers in the public places identified below is hereby prohibited during the periods identified below.

LIQUOR BANS - WHIRITOA

All public places including roads, beaches and reserves are included in the prohibition for the Queen's Birthday weekend public holiday.

Dates and Times – Whiritoa Liquor Ban

During the Queen's Birthday weekend public holiday being from 4.00pm Friday, 3 June 2016 to 4.00am Tuesday, 7 June 2016.

LIQUOR BANS – PAEROA, NGATEA AND WAIHI

That the consumption and bringing into and possession of liquor in all public places including, roads and reserves are **prohibited at all times** within areas of the townships listed below:

Waihi

- Within the 50 kilometre speed limit areas of Waihi township, and
- Within the 70 kilometre speed limit of Parry Palm Avenue, east from the Margaret Street/ Kensington Road intersection to the 50 kph speed limit sign east of the Martin Road/ Baber Street intersection.

Paeroa and Ngatea

- Within the 50 kilometre speed limit areas of the Paeroa and Ngatea townships.

PENALTIES

Any person who commits an offence against the prohibition may be convicted and fined up to \$20,000.

POWERS OF POLICE

The Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw authorises any member of the New Zealand Police to act under sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Act 2002, including the exercise of the power under section 170(2) to immediately and without further notice search a container or vehicle.

LD Cavers
Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

Jiading trip celebrates ongoing friendship

Mayor John Tregidga, Council Chief Executive Langley Cavers, and Councillors Harry Shepherd and Max McLean went back to school last month – in China. The Hauraki delegation's three-day visit to the Jiading district of Shanghai celebrated the 15th anniversary of a friendship agreement between the two districts, focusing on the educational exchange component.

Three high schools were on the itinerary: Jiading No. 1, S.I.S.U, and Zhongguang, which partner with Hauraki Plains, Paeroa and Waihi Colleges to host a group of exchange students for two weeks every year. A tree was planted at each to symbolise the growing Hauraki-Jiading friendship; and in September a reciprocal Chinese delegation will help plant three trees at our colleges.

"The success of our sister city relationship is without a doubt due largely to the annual student exchange," says the Mayor. With Council funding assistance, "More than 130 of our District's young people have now taken part. They are our future leaders and it's an amazing opportunity for them to experience and appreciate a very contrasting culture, and to see China in a different light than they otherwise would have."

He believes the programme could expand much further – for example to include colleges in the neighbouring Thames, Te Aroha, and Katikati areas

on a one-to-one sister school basis. "There's also potential for teacher exchanges, and for the educational partnership to lead to our colleges enrolling paying Chinese students.

"One strong impression from our visit was that Chinese young people are becoming far more affluent, and they want to travel. We have huge attractions as a cultural and tourist destination."

In addition, there is mounting demand for sustainably sourced Western food, which puts Hauraki and New Zealand in a good position to increase exports to China and tap into further business opportunities, says the Mayor. "It's a country we can't ignore, and it's important we keep building our relationships. For the Chinese it's always about relationships."

The trip was Councillor Harry Shepherd's 11th to China, though only his second as part of the sister city partnership. The retired teacher and former Waihi College principal was previously invited by the Jiading education department to assist with teacher training.

As well as re-visiting schools, he was fascinated to get an inside look at an artwork printing company, and a manufacturer of MRI scanners that can be produced for about half the normal price. He noticed huge changes since his last visit four years ago: "There was a lot more wealth evident, with Volkswagens and Passats in city streets



Hauraki Mayor John Tregidga and Jiading Vice Mayor Li Yuan plant a tree at Jiading No. 1 School to mark the 15-year – and growing – friendship between the two Districts.

succeeded by BMWs and Mercedes."

Another difference was the No Smoking policy now introduced in restaurants and the like.

But some things haven't changed, says Harry. It's still unusual for visitors to be invited into Chinese family homes – he has had the chance only a few times – let alone to experience a homestay. "So our exchange students from small rural towns have a remarkable opportunity to immerse themselves in a totally different culture, and gain a renewed appreciation our own country and culture."

Save our drains for rain

Hose-down alert!

Don't hose house-washing or concrete-cleaning liquids – or any other chemicals – down a stormwater drain. They belong in the sewerage system.

Oil and water don't mix

If you have used engine oil, ask your local garage if they accept it for recycling. Otherwise, put it in a sealed container and take it to one of the Council's transfer stations for disposal with hazardous waste.

