

NEWSLETTER

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Next Hauraki Trade Seminar is being planned

The next Hauraki Trade Seminar will be held at the Waihi RSA on **Monday 26th March, 2007 from 5.00 – 7.30 PM.** Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. **Register now!!** The seminar highlight will be to form the Hauraki Building Industry Group. Thank you to those who have come forward and nominated people you think should represent a trade. To make up the Building Industry Group, Council is hoping that at least 6 people within the building trade will be represented and one or possibly two from each of the other trades. Therefore there are still 7 positions available and nominations are strongly encouraged. If there are not sufficient nominations prior to the event or there are more nominations than positions for the Building Industry Group, Council will invite an open floor election process at the trade seminar.

To date the following nominations have been made:

Trade	Nominee
Franchise / Retail	Graham Walker – Waihi Mitre 10 Home and Trade Ross Melville – Keith Hay Homes
Building	Murray Otway Adrian Van der Wettering
Plumbing, gas fitting & drain laying	Pete Shields – Shields Gas and Plumbing
Architecture	Brian Sharp, Sharp Architecture

Council is serious about getting the Building Industry Group up and running and a perk of being a representative of the group is that Council is committed to co-ordinate meetings, provide administrative support to the group and organise drinks and nibbles for BIG meetings. So if you can think of a good person to represent your industry please go ahead and nominate them. You can nominate them via the Council's website at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or call in and / or phone the Council's Customer Service's staff and request a nomination form.

Other seminar content will include:

- An update on Council's initiatives
- Council's Building Consent Authority accreditation process update with Neil Gerrish
- Planning for future trade seminars

If you have any issues you would like to hear about at a trade seminar then please let Council know. These seminars are to help build up Hauraki's building industry so please advise Council what you require so we can assist you? You can contact Council Customer Services on 0800 734 834 from within the district or 07 862 8609 or email building@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Occupational Licensing

The Department of Building and Housing are calling for comment on the Draft Occupational Licensing Rules. The document focuses on the: minimum standards for Carpentry, Design and Site licence classes (to be introduced from 1 November 2007)

- initial application and assessment processes
- continued licensing requirements.

The consultation document on the draft Rules has been posted on the Department of Building and Housing's website at <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/occupational-licensing-discussion-docs>. You can call 0800 60 60 50 for further information or to request a printed copy of the draft document. Feedback is sought by Monday March 26, 2007.

Building Fees

The new Schedule of Building Fees is attached. These fees will apply for all consents lodged on or after 1 July 2007.

We have discussed at the Trade Seminars that there would be a cost to increasing resources. We have recently employed an additional Building Control Officer and additional Administrative Assistance for Building Control. We are already seeing a significant improvement in the processing time for Building Consents.

Accreditation Fee

A new fee is a levy per \$1000 of consent value for ongoing costs associated with accreditation. These costs include bi-annual audits of Council's Quality Control System and annual audits by the approved accrediting body. The initial costs to obtain accreditation will be met from rates and the levy is only for maintaining the system. The deadline for accreditation is November 2007.

Richard Clifton

Richard Clifton has joined us as a Building Control Officer and is based in Paeroa. With Richard's employment we will be able to introduce pre-vetting of consents by appointment and have the initial assessment of applications undertaken more quickly. We are already seeing these improvements having an effect – details of the pre-lodgment system will be announced in a newsletter at the end of March.

WEBSITE

Council staff are being asked a large number of questions, often by people who have made an appointment to see them, on matters where the explanation is readily available on Council's website and the links available on that website to relevant documents etc. We urge you to become familiar with this website as it could save you time and money in doing so.

In time we will have pre-lodgment checks available at selected times at all three Council Offices.

DBH booklets enclosed

Enclosed with the newsletter is a new publication from the Department of Housing "Guide to applying for a Building Consent (simple residential buildings)". This is an excellent publication offering simple and straight forward advice. We have plenty of spare copies available. You may like to provide future clients with a copy. You can download a copy through the internet on the following website address.

<http://www.dbh.govt.nz/UserFiles/File/Publications/Building/Building-Act/guide-apply-blg-consent.pdf>

Informative Websites

BRANZ	www.branz.co.nz	Building Controls	www.building.govt.nz
DBH	www.dbh.govt.nz	Consumer Building	www.consumerbuild.org.nz
NZ Standards	www.standards.co.nz		

EMAIL

We would appreciate your email if you have one so Council can communicate with you electronically the latest newsletters and bulletins.

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BUILDING CONSENT FEES



Effective for all consents lodged on or after 1 July 2007.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PIM	ADMIN	PROCESSING	LIKELY INSPECTION FEES	CODE COMPLIANCE	LIKELY TOTAL (+ inspections)	EXISTING FEES
Solid Fuel Heaters	-	65.00	30.00	95.00	50.00	240.00	220.00
Minor Works (Plumbing & Drainage, Marquees, Demolition)	75.00	65.00	40.00	95.00	75.00	350.00	275.00
Pre-approved proprietary brand domestic garages and outbuildings.	75.00	65.00	100.00	170.00	75.00	485.00	435.00

PROJECT VALUE	PIM	ADMIN	PROCESSING	INSPECTION FEES	CODE COMPLIANCE	LIKELY TOTAL (+ inspections)	EXISTING FEES
Up to 4,999	75.00	65.00	100.00	Plus?	75.00	315.00	265.00
5,000 – 9,999	75.00	65.00	250.00	Plus?	75.00	465.00	415.00
10,000 – 19,999	75.00	65.00	350.00	Plus?	75.00	565.00	515.00
20,000 – 49,999	100.00	65.00	425.00	Plus?	75.00	665.00	610.00
50,000 – 99,999	100.00	65.00	525.00	Plus?	75.00	765.00	710.00
100,000 – 249,999	100.00	65.00	770.00	Plus?	100.00	1035.00	985.00
250,000 – 499,999	100.00	65.00	820.00	Plus?	100.00	1085.00	1035.00
500,000 +	100.00	65.00	1,070.00	Plus?	100.00	1,335.00	1285.00

Costs over \$1,100.00 are @ \$95.00 per hour

MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO CONSENTS	PIM	ADMIN	PROCESSING	INSPECTION FEES	CODE COMPLIANCE	LIKELY TOTAL (+ inspections)	EXISTING FEES
Deposit						350.00	350.00

	Existing Fees	Proposed Fees
Inspection	\$85.00.	\$95.00
Projects \$20,000 and over are subject to government levies		
➤ DBH 1.97 per 1000.00 of project value		
➤ BRANZ 1.00 per 1000.00 of project value		
Accreditation Levy	-	\$0.75c per \$1,000.00 Of project value
Separate PIM	\$150.00	\$150.00
Certificate of Title	-	\$30.00 per title
Consent Issued on Certifier Approval	\$85.00	\$150.00
Peer Review/Structural Checking	Cost plus 5%	Cost plus 10%
Certificate of Acceptance	\$370.00	\$370.00
Deposit		
Additional fees will be charged for		
➤ Value of original consent		
➤ Work over value of deposit @ \$95.00 per hour		
Provision of certificates, execution of documents, production of schedule. Payable prior to release.	\$50.00	\$75.00
Inspection of buildings to be transported into District (within a 120km radius)		
➤ Deposit	\$600.00	\$600.00
➤ Final Cost - Actual Costs based as follows		
- Hourly Rate	\$85.00	\$95.00
- Mileage per km	\$0.85	\$0.85
- Administration	\$60.00	\$100.00
Inspections over 120km - Will only be accepted from other Building Consent Authorities or accredited certifiers.		