

NEWSLETTER

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BIG – HAURAKI

The outcomes from the last trade seminars clearly indicated that for Hauraki's Building Industry to get through the new *Building Act* and be sustained for the long term, then a building industry group (BIG) needed to be established. For Hauraki's building industry to establish a 'BIG' the industry needs to be the custodians of the group and decide how it is going to be established, what it is going to look like and what it is going to do. An 'industry group' provides a forum for industry to:

- Be represented and considered
- Embrace business and networking opportunities
- Share knowledge and experience
- Work through the requirements of the Act together
- Make sure initiatives and requirements that fall out of the new Act are appropriate for the Hauraki building industry.
- Grasp opportunities that fall out of the Act, such as getting the local community to participate in courses and events

MORE HAURAKI TRADE SEMINARS

The next round of Trade Seminars are being planned for the **20th and 21st of November, 2006**, so mark it up in your diary. The seminars will be addressing two of the greatest needs industry identified at the August seminars. They are;

- to establish a Building Industry Group and;
- more information about the Licensed Building Practitioner process.

Council is currently trying to gauge whether one or two seminars will be necessary. The DBH will present about the LBP process. DBH have made it clear that people who are interested in becoming licensed or are curious about the process should attend.

Questions & Answer's

Q: When should I lodge an amendment to a building consent?

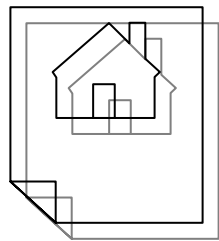
A: Minor amendments such as hanging a door differently or changing from a gold to chrome plate tap will not require an amendment. The detail of the change should be documented. Work with your inspector to document these changes. Significant variations will require a formal amendment application. An example is a wardrobe changing to an ensuite. Building work not affected by this amendment could continue. Product substitution is common in New Zealand and should not require an amendment as long as the work continues to meet the Building Code. Changes need to be documented and again you should liaise with your inspector to see that this is done. Adding to the consented footprint for example making a three bedroom dwelling into four will require application for a new building consent.

Q: How come I get so many letters, asking for more information about my building consent application?

A: You should lodge your building consent by appointment with one of our building consents team. When you have lodged your building consent application, the Council will issue one letter telling you what requirements will need to be met. If you send your information to us in dribs and drabs you will receive ongoing letters until you have met all of the requirements outlined in the first letter Council sent you. To avoid ongoing letters and demands lodge your application by appointment so you are clear about all of the requirements and send all of your information at once that specify you have met all of the requirements outlined in the first letter Council sent you.

A lot of their time will be for questions and answers, so you can come along and get your questions answered directly by DBH. The second part of the Seminar will be to look at establishing a Building Industry Group (BIG). The Council is offering to provide secretarial services for the group for the first 6 months. Council's in kind services will include minute taking, developing action sheets and following up when asked. However, Council is encouraging the industry to take this opportunity by the horns and adopt the approach 'we're going to establish our group and this is what it is going to look like'. **Good luck.**





PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE NEXT TRADE SEMINARS AND NOMINATE YOUR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BIG. A survey has been sent out with this newsletter. It is also available on the HDC website for people to:

- register for the second Trade Seminars
- inform Council which sessions you plan on attending and;
- allow people to nominate their industry representatives.

WHAT WILL AN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE DO?

An industry representative will represent the interests of the trade they represent, for example plumbing, carpentry, retail, design etc. They will be the person on the BIG who will work with their trades to address issues as they arise. They are primarily the people who will help protect and represent your interests.

WHAT'S NEW?

The 'Hauraki Trades Seminar's Report' is hot off the press... so check it out. The Report provides an outline and evaluation of what was said at the August Hauraki Trade Seminars. Now it is time for the industry and Council to put some actions behind the words. The Report provides a 9 point action orientated plan for the industry and the Council to address some of the obstacles identified through the seminars. Visit www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz to view the report. Some of the main initiatives that came out of the seminars and where Council has started to progress follows:

- Formation of a Building Industry Group – BIG needs to be started, owned and operated by the industry for the group to be effective. Council has volunteered to initially provide

some administrative services and is helping to call for nominations. There is an opportunity for the group to form at the November Trade Seminars

- More Trade Seminars – Council is planning the next round of seminars to take place on the 20 and/or 21st of November, 2006
- Make the J section of the Building Consent Form more understandable – People suggested drop down boxers of the the building codes. Council has attempted to make it easier, Download it from our website, check it out, tell us what you think?
- Provide more guidance at the preconsents stage and more information about staged consents - For Council to do this it needs more 'hands on' resources. The Planning and Environmental services Manager, Mark Buttimore, has secured additional resources from Council to kick start more services. The Council will employ more people. There will also be more information on our website soon.
- Being able to track consents online – A system is being establish and this feature will be available soon so watch the HDC website.
- building@auraki-dc.govt.nz: the industry requested a direct line into Hauraki's building team. Well here it is!! Use it for technical and process driven questions. The email address is filtered and questions received will be published on newsletters as well as the building section of the HDC website. This will enable all people in the industry to share the knowledge.



Informative Websites:

BRANZ www.branz.co.nz
Consumer Build www.consumerbuild.org.nz
DBH www.dbh.govt.nz

Building Controls www.building.govt.nz
NZ Standards www.standards.co.nz
Hauraki DC www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

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Hauraki Trade Seminars Survey

About this Survey

The Hauraki District Council is organising the second round of Hauraki Trade Seminars for the 20th and 21st of November, 2006. Council is currently trying to decide if one or two meetings are needed. The seminars aim to address the two greatest areas of need identified at the August Trade Seminars. They were:

1. To establish a Building Industry Group (BIG) and;
2. Provide more information about the Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) Process

At the November Seminar(s) the Department of Building and Housing will present information about the Licensed Building Practitioner process. The DBH session will mainly be for people who are interested in, and/ or curious about, the LBP process. It is an opportunity for people to ask DBH any questions they may have in relation to licensing. The seminars will also facilitate a session for the building industry to establish a representative group, if they think it is appropriate? Seminar attendees will be able to discuss how they would like to form the group including the BIG's shape, form, membership and functions. This survey is an opportunity for you to let us know if you are attending as well as to nominate your industries representatives. There is more information about BIG's in the latest Hauraki BCA newsletter. You can download the newsletter from Council's website or call into our Paeroa office to pick one up. If you don't receive our newsletter already and would like to email mandy@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or phone 0800734834 (from within the district) and let us know your details?

Please Complete

NAME: _____

PHONE (Daytime): _____ EMAIL: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

JOB TITLE: _____

BUSINESS OWNER YES NO

I WISH TO ATTEND A TRADE SEMINAR IN PAEROA WAIHI

I WILL BE ATTENDING. (PLEASE TICK THE BOXES THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU?)

FOR THE LICENSED BUILDING PRACTITIONER SESSION ONLY I THINK THE BIG IS A GOOD IDEA (TICK BOX BELOW)

YES NO

FOR THE BUILDING INDUSTRY SESSION ONLY

FOR BOTH SESSIONS

I WANT TO NOMINATE A PERSON TO REPRESENT MY INDUSTRY ON THE HAURAKI BUILDING INDUSTRY GROUP:

NOMINEE _____

TRADE REPRESENTED _____

OTHER COMMENTS:

SIGNED: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

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