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# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the July 2008 issue of the Hauraki District Council Building Newsletter.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Building Consent Lodgments

Council is still receiving inadequate building applications and is changing the process to try and improve this process.

Form 283 Checklist for Building Consents has been revised. This form must be filled out by the applicant or agent and sent in with the building application. All building lodgments will now be checked against this form by a building official. The officials will be checking that all items ticked on the form are actually included in your plans and specifications. If the application does not match the requirements in the form then the building application will be sent back to you. No applications will be placed into our system until such time as the basic items are present in the application.

Council hopes by this to reduce the number of suspension letters at the technical stage and to speed up the processing of your application. Each suspension is now incurring a cost of \$100 under the changes to the building fees.

Please take time to read Form 283 and if you have any queries please ring the duty building official on 07 8628609 or 0800 734834 from within the district.

### MAJOR CHANGES

#### **Building Fees Reminder**

The building fees have been reviewed by Council and as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2008 have increased. This is a result of a significantly increased volume of work in processing of consents, inspections, administration and other compliance areas, also maintaining accreditation, maintaining the building website, following up Code Compliance Certificates, etc.

For a copy please contact Council Customer Service Administrators on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734834 from within the district.

#### **Development Contribution**

The Hauraki District Council Development Contributions Policy has been formulated under Section 102(4)(d) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Local works for individual developments will be managed via requirements set out in the Hauraki District Plan.

It is recognized that Council needs to ensure that growth and development is controlled and managed so that services can cope and environmental impacts are avoided, remedied or mitigated. Growth must be accompanied by the timely provision of community facilities which should not be a burden on the existing community as a whole.

In general you will pay a development contribution when you cause any additional demand on services by:

- Creating additional lots by subdivision.
- Building additional dwellings on a lot.
- Extending the area of business activity on a business lot
- Extending the area of any other activity such as schools, churches hospitals or clubs.
- Obtaining a service connection for the first time.

Council has several excellent brochures available to the public so if you require a copy please ring Council Customer Service Administrators on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734834 from within the district to obtain a copy. A copy of the full policy may be located on our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

## Licensing

The DBH have published Licensing Update Issue 9, which keeps you up to date on developments with the Licensed Building Practitioners Scheme.

In this issue they cover;

- Owner builder exemption consultation
- Upcoming licensing classes
- Approved activities available for skills maintenance.

If you have not been on the DBH website it is recommended and this sight allows you to sign up for notifications for these publications, and gives you the opportunity to ask questions.

## Seminars

Seminars approved by the Registrar are listed in the above publication or can be viewed on <http://www.branz.co.nz>

- Sustainable Design – Energy
- Sustainable Design – Window and Flooring



### Informative Websites

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| BRANZ             | <a href="http://www.branz.co.nz">www.branz.co.nz</a>                   | Building Controls | <a href="http://www.building.govt.nz">www.building.govt.nz</a> |
| DBH               | <a href="http://www.dbh.govt.nz">www.dbh.govt.nz</a>                   | NZ Standards      | <a href="http://www.standards.co.nz">www.standards.co.nz</a>   |
| Consumer Building | <a href="http://www.consumerbuild.org.nz">www.consumerbuild.org.nz</a> |                   |  |

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