



# HDC NEWS



## Writing a Submission on the Annual Plan

Submissions on the draft Annual Plan and Funding Policy must reach one of our offices by the 4:00pm on Friday 10th May.

It is important to note that it is not a numbers game. Council does not make their decision on the number of for and againsts on certain issues. It is the quality of your argument that is most important. Decisions are made on the issue and reasoning, not numbers.

Try and keep your submission short and to the point and give logical reasons for your views. If you are opposed to something in the plan you are trying to convince Councillors that you are right and they are wrong, so be persuasive.

If you are not confident at writing, try something like this:

I disagree/agree with..... For these reasons:

- 1.....
- 2.....

I would prefer..... Because:

- 1.....
- 2.....etc

It is helpful if you can come to the hearings meetings to present your case and answer questions, but you do not have to.

If you have any comments to make we encourage you to make a submission.

## Elected Members' Diary

Week of 29th April to 5th May.



Wednesday 1st May: Mayoral Evacuee Fund trustees meeting - Basil Morrison, John Tregidga, Sel Baker, Mary Carmine.

## Roading Works

The tender for the flood repairs on Corbett Rd, Waihi has been awarded to Works Infrastructure at a cost of \$127,000. Work is well under way on the project.

Speed calming measures have been instigated on Whiritoa Road and a before and after survey of speeds at the 50k/h limit sign has been done. The result is a reduction of 5k/h to the 85% speed. The speed is still well above the speed limit, however.

The tenders for area wide treatments for Waihi Beach Rd, Piako Rd and Maratoto roads came in over budget so it was decided to delete Piako Rd from the tender and proceed with the other two. The tender has been awarded to Works Infrastructure for \$566,681.40.

Subsidised seal extension projects for this financial year that are projected to be completed by the end of April are Kaimanawa Rd, Upper Heard Rd, Waikumete Rd, Bulltown Rd. These projects are partly paid for by rates and partly by Transfund.

Subsidised Seal extension projects for next financial year are: Gerand Rd and Waikaka Rd- start mid April, Lower Heard Rd, started. The second stage of all these projects is due to start in October.

Unsubsidised seal extensions - Kent St and Aorangi St are due to start in October. These projects do not attract a subsidy from Transfund so are paid for entirely by rates.

## The Age Concern Senior Achievers Awards

### Nominations

The Age Concern Senior Achievers Awards are made annually to older people (over the age of 60) who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to their community.

Older people have an important role in society. In many communities, it is older people who provide vital public services, initiate new facilities and help those in need. They willingly give their own time and expertise to help improve the lives of others.

Through their community activities, many older people remain focused and positive, helping to encourage and inspire people of all ages.

This is your opportunity to honour the Senior Achievers in your community. Nominations close on 15 July 2002.

Conditions of entry

- The person being nominated must give their permission for this nomination to be submitted, and for any information provided to be used for promotional purposes (if selected as a finalist).
- Additional material may accompany the nomination (please write the nominee's name on each additional page).
- Nominees must be over the age of 60 and a New Zealand citizen.
- Judging of the Regional and National Awards will be carried out by respective panels.
- The panels decisions will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the decisions.
- All nominations and any additional material submitted will remain the property of Age Concern New Zealand.
- Information supplied with this form will be kept confidential and private. It will not be used for any other purpose than in the selection process for the Awards.

The Hauraki District Council supports this Award recognising the outstanding voluntary contribution the older person makes to their contribution.

Application forms are available at any of the Hauraki District Council Offices.

## The Mayoral Evacuee Fund - Waihi

When the ground collapsed in the middle of the night in Barry Rd Waihi just before Christmas, the residents of 16 properties were immediately evacuated for their personal safety. A Civil Defence Emergency was not declared as, following the initial prompt actions by the Fire Service, the Waihi Police, the Mine Rescue Team and Council staff to evacuate residents from the site, there was no longer danger to human life. Had a Civil Defence Emergency been declared, the accommodation and meals for the evacuees would have been taken care of by the Government, but only for a very few days. Insurance companies and the Earthquake Commission quickly denied any responsibility and it was clear that the evacuees were going to need assistance for some time.

Hauraki District Council immediately seconded staff to Waihi to coordinate the care of the evacuated persons and their needs. The affected residents were gathered together and briefed on the help that was being provided and the actions that Central Government, Insurance Companies and EQC were taking. Staff from WINZ responded well to assist with immediate personal needs and the Salvation Army coordinated the delivery of donated physical goods to families.

The Mayor instructed that a fund be established to receive financial contributions that others may wish to make to support the evacuated families. The Mayoral Waihi Evacuee Fund was established with donations, initially from Council, Waihi Gold, and the Government, to take care of the accommodation and immediate needs of the displaced people. Trustees were appointed to administer the use of the funds. As time went on, many other groups and individuals contributed to the fund.

Currently Council has met costs for temporary accommodation, meals and removal costs for the evacuated persons amounting to \$40,883. The total amount received by the Mayoral Fund to date is \$31,706.51 and no funds have been taken out of this account. The Trustees have met once to sign the Trust Deed and approve payment of \$31,655 to meet evacuees meal, accommodation and removal expenses. The latter has not yet been actioned. Further applications for funds have been made to Hotel Charities and Lions.

As the fund stands at present, existing costs will take all the money, but if a good proportion of the money that has been applied for is granted, there could be some left to distribute to the evacuees. The trustees will have to decide how this is done - whether it is equal sums each, or whether the money already spent on each evacuee is to be taken into account. On the other hand, if not much more money is forthcoming there will be no cash to distribute.

A consultative committee will be drawn from the Community to advise the Trustees in respect of assistance for the evacuees. This would include representatives from WINZ, Dept of Social Development, NZ Police, Victim Support, Salvation Army and Waihi Gold.

The security of the properties evacuated due to the subsidence has been shared between Waihi Gold Mining Co and Council and will not be covered by the Evacuees Trust Fund. Council is currently negotiating with Insurance companies for contributions to meet this cost.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Hauraki District Council, for the purpose of an event organised by **Thames Valley Car Club Inc**, proposes to close the following road to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road: no traffic shall be held up for a period exceeding 30 minutes.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of his objection and grounds thereof in writing **before 17 May 2002** at the office of the Hauraki District Council at William Street, P.O. Box 17, PAEROA.

Road proposed to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic:

**Hamilton Road KEREPEHI**

Period of proposed closure:

**Saturday 15 June 2002 from 10.00am to 5.00pm.**

L.D.Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER



### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 FORM 14

NOTIFICATION OF NOTICE OF A REQUIREMENT FOR AN ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING DESIGNATION UNDER SECTION 181 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

The Hauraki District Council has received a notice of a requirement for an alteration to an existing designation from Transit New Zealand to alter the existing State Highway 25 alignment west of the existing Kopu Bridge and allow construction of a two-lane bridge over the Waihou River.

If you wish to make a submission on this requirement you may do so by sending a written submission to the Hauraki District Council, P.O. Box 17, Paeroa, no later than 28 May 2002. Submissions on the requirement may be made in writing by any person by this date.

The submission must be dated, signed by the person making the submission, and include the following information.

Your name and postal address and telephone number and fax number (if applicable).

**Details of the requirement in respect of which you are making the submission, including location.**

Whether you support or oppose the requirement, in whole or in part.

Reasons for your submission.

The recommendation you wish the territorial authority to make.

Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

The Council has prepared standard submission forms and these can be obtained at any of the Council Offices.

The notice of requirement may be viewed at the Paeroa Area Office, (William Street) or the Plains Area Office, Orchard Road, Ngatea.

A copy of your submission must be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the applicant, whose address for service is -

TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND, C/- BECA CARTER HOLLINGS & FERNER LTD, P O BOX 448, HAMILTON ATTENTION: JOHN DUFFY

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SIGNED for and on behalf of Territorial Authority  
Date: 30 April 2002