



HDC NEWS



Ngatea's Millennium Project

The replica bridge which we reported on a few weeks ago is about to be built. It was reported at the last Council meeting that building was expected to get under way in the first week in February. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources including Trust Waikato, donations from the community and the Council's Power New Zealand interest fund.

Community Project Funding

Council has a large fund of money, which it got from the sale of Power New Zealand shares. The interest on that money is spent in two ways. Seventy five per cent of it goes towards the rate take so you have less rates to pay than you otherwise would have. The other twenty five per cent is put in a fund for community projects that may find funding difficult from other sources. As reported above, funding was granted for the Ngatea Millennium Bridge. It was also granted for the Waihi Dump Truck display. Money from this fund can only be used for this type of community project. It cannot be switched to other uses such as assisting the Waihi evacuees as was suggested recently.

Annual Plan Time Again

Although it seems such a little time since the last one, and is nearly six months to the end of the Council's financial year, the annual plan process for this year is starting. Almost as soon as the last annual plan was approved staff begin to prepare for the next one. The budgets for the next financial year are mainly completed with the exception of a few discretionary items. At the next Ward Committee meetings on March 4th, Councillors will consider the estimates prepared by staff for the upcoming financial year. Here, any ward issues will be debated and any discretionary activities discussed for each ward. Councillors will decide whether projects from their ward should get the go ahead for this year, usually depending on cost and the effect on rates.

On March 11th and 12th, there will be two special meetings to do the same for district issues. When these estimates have been approved, staff will put together the Draft Annual Plan which will be adopted at the March Council meeting on March 28th. This plan will be publicly notified on April 9th and will then be available for residents to read and comment on. The public has a month to put submissions to Council commenting on items in the plan that they approve of or disapprove of. On June 10th and 11th, Council will hear anyone who wishes to be heard speaking to their submission to the Annual Plan. The final decisions on the submissions will be made on June 12th and the adoption of the final plan will take place at the ordinary Council Meeting on June 27th. So you see it is a lengthy process designed to give everyone a chance to have their say.

In recent years we have had a good response to the notification of the plan, receiving quite a few submissions. It must be realised though, that even Councillors have very little lea way for getting extra things into the Annual Plan. As so many of the items are essential, there is little room for discretionary spending unless the rates are to go up markedly and no Councillor wants that to happen. If you have a wonderful scheme and you want help from Council of a monetary nature, now is the time to get your proposal to Council before the estimate meetings, so it can be considered at an early stage.

Paeroa Sewerage Treatment Plant Opening

The new Paeroa sewerage treatment plant became operational on the 9th January 2002 and will be officially opened on Tuesday 5th March on the site at 1:30pm. Although the completion is a couple of months late the project has come in under budget by about half a million dollars. The total cost of the project is around \$5.1 million rather than the \$5.6 million budgeted for, as none of the contingency sums have had to be touched. The opening on March the 5th will consist of speeches and a walk around the plant. The public is invited to attend.

Paeroa's Water Supply Notes

On the Friday before Christmas, the casting of the 25-year-old back wash pump at the Paeroa water treatment plant broke. It was irreparable and apart from one possible pump that was found in Auckland, all other suitable pumps were stored in Australia. It was decided to go with the pump that was available in Auckland and staff and contractors worked through the holidays to replace the pump. It took three weeks to get the new pump operational. The total cost of the work is expected to be around \$25,000.

At the stage the pump failed, the reservoir had only 25% water in it due to the treatment plant being switched off after a heavy rain event allowing the raw water to clear sufficiently to be able to be treated. With the risk of Paeroa quickly running out of water, immediate action was taken to conserve water by turning off the cross-overs between the Paeroa and Ohinemuri supplies. As expected, the Ohinemuri supplies received low pressures and several complaints were received. Due to the low demand for water, after three days the reservoir had built up sufficient storage to permit the cross connections to the Ohinemuri supply to be reopened. Even with the bad timing, the Paeroa consumers were not affected by the incident.

After investigation into the cause of the failure it has been decided that the easiest and lowest cost solution to the problem is to replace the pumps after ten to fifteen years' use. The Waihi pump, which is of similar age to the failed Paeroa one, has been included in this year's estimates for replacement.

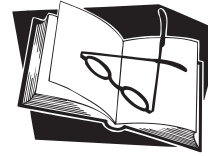
More recently, there has been a noticeable taste in the Paeroa water. This is due to algae, which bloom at this time of the year, and although the water is quite safe to drink it has a distinctly earthy flavour. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done about it and it is just a matter of waiting until lower temperatures reduce the algal levels.

Waihi Bore Water Investigation

A legal agreement to present to landowners where Council wishes to bore for water in the Waimata area has been drawn up. Staff will discuss the agreement with owners and hope to get their consent to drill. When agreement has been reached with the landowners concerned, there will be a neighbourhood meeting of all farmers in the vicinity to fill them in on what is proposed. The purpose of the drilling is to see if there is sufficient water in the aquifer to supply Waihi township in times of summer drought when it is not environmentally friendly to continue taking water from the Walmsley and Waitete Streams. It is important that the aquifer, which has high quality water, has enough, not only to supply the town, but not to deplete the farmers' irrigation supplies.

Elected Members' Diary

Week 25th February to 3rd March 2002:
Thursday February:
Full Council Meeting:
all elected members.



PUBLIC NOTICES



CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of holding the Turua Reunion 2002 event organised by Turua Reunion Committee the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road.

Period of closure: **Thursday 28 February 2002 to Monday 4 March 2002**

Road to be closed: **Matai Street outside the Turua Hall, TURUA**

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: **detour via Piako Road TURUA**

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

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Period of closure: **Saturday 2 March 2002 between 10:00am and 10:30am**

Road to be closed: **Hauraki Road between Piako Road and Raratuna Street, TURUA**

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: **detour Road and Raratuna Street TURUA.**

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

L.D. Cavers
GENERAL MANAGER

TENDERS

Grazing Tender - Town Road, Kerepehi

Council invites tenders for the grazing of approximately 14.13 ha of farmland situated at Town Road, Kerepehi, for a term of 2 years from the 1st April 2002 to 31st March 2004. Part of the area currently offered for Lease may over time diminish and Council will adjust or review the Lease accordingly when land is resumed. Details of the tender are available from Council, Paeroa Service Centre in Williams Street, Paeroa or by phoning Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 within the District. The last date for the receipt of tender is 4.00pm on Friday 8th March 2002. Council reserve the right not to accept any or every tender submitted.

GRAZING TENDER - 246 KAIHERE ROAD, NGATEA

Council invites tenders for the grazing of approximately 39.83 hectares of farmland situated at 246 Kaihere Road, Ngatea, for a term of 2 years from the 1st June 2002. Part of the area currently offered for lease may over time diminish and Council will adjust or review the lease accordingly when land is resumed.

Details of the tender are available from Council's Paeroa Service Centre, Williams Street, Paeroa or by phoning Dennis Lees on (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 within the District.

The last date for receipt of tender is Friday 15th March 2002 by 4.00pm. Council reserve the right not to accept any or every tender submitted.

LD Cavers
General Manager

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 Motorcycle Club**, 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 11 March 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:

Taieri Road Waihi from the top to the Pukewera Road intersection

Period of proposed closure:

Sunday 14 April 2002 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

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GENERAL MANAGER

You are invited to comment on the draft economic development strategy that has been developed by Hauraki District Council.

This is your opportunity to provide input to the proposed directions of Hauraki District economic development.

A copy of the draft document will be available for viewing at your local public library or council office. Questionnaire forms will be available to help you record your comments.

The document is open for consultation until
29 March 2002

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HILLARY COMMISSION COMMUNITY SPORT FUND 2002

Does your sport club or active leisure organisation need funding?

TE MAHI NGAHAU ME TE TAKAARO
WHAKARITE MO TENEI WAHI

MO NGA ROOPU KEI TE PIRANGI
MONI AWHINATIA MO NGA MAHI
NGAHAU ME TE TAKAARO

Applications for financial assistance under the Hillary Commission Community Sport Fund are now being called for.

A total of \$21,000 is available for distribution to sport, fitness and physical leisure groups. Funds are available as a subsidy, with the main focus being the development of local sport, fitness and physical activity.

Applicants should be resident in the Hauraki District Council area and apply for funds for sport, fitness and physical leisure purposes only.

Application forms and further information are available from:

Community Liaison Officer
Hauraki District Council
PO Box 17, PAEROA

Ph 07-862 8609, Fax 07-862 8607

or

from the Council Service Centres

Applications close 4pm 28 March 2002