



HDC NEWS



LIBRARY NEWS

School holidays are upon us once again and time to catch up on the leisure reading. There have been some great new titles added to the children's section over the last few months from picture books to young adult fiction and non-fiction.

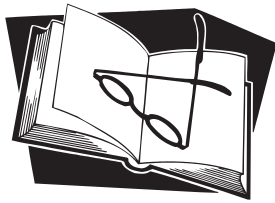
You will find the majority of books listed for the New Zealand Post Children's Book Awards finals in the libraries; these can be reserved if already on loan.

For grandparents who have the grand children staying for the holidays you are very welcome to borrow books for them on your card.

Remember, all the Hauraki District Libraries have public internet and e-mail access available for a small charge.

Elected Members' Diary

Thursday 28th March:
Full Council Meeting
- all elected members.



Keeping the Rate Rise Down

At a marathon session of Council on Monday 11th March, Councillors went through the estimates for the coming financial year with a fine toothcomb to try to find ways of reducing the proposed rate increase. After much discussion it was found that there was little that could be pared from the budget but some suggestions were made for revising the estimates and the staff was instructed to go back and do further work on the work programme.

On the following day councillors returned to a slightly improved picture which had been worked on late into the night by staff. By a little juggling and by spreading the increase into the next year (which had been projected to be a very low increase), the figure of a 5% general rate increase this coming year and a 3.4% projected increase next year had been arrived at. The rating of utilities, which was a separate issue, should further decrease this percentage.

Of course this is only the district general rate. There are reasonably high increases for the Paeroa and Waihi ward rates and water and sewerage service charges will also rise in most areas. These have been signalled for several years as we move to a uniform rate for sewerage charges and for the same level of water supply throughout the district and pay for the depreciation and interest on the large number of capital works in this area throughout the district. Water rates are almost at their maximum of 80c per cubic metre for a high grade supply and 60c for a lower graded supply, together with the \$60 annual fixed charge. Sewerage rate increases vary throughout the district as some areas have reached the maximum and some have not.

The district estimates, having been approved by Council, will be included in the draft annual plan, which will go out for public consultation. This is your opportunity to have a say. More about that later.

Petition to Extend Seal

The wards and later the Works Committee received a petition from a number of residents and visitors, requesting an extension to the seal on Awaiti Canal Rd. The petition stated that the road had minimal maintenance and was used by a range of people including DOC and Environment Waikato. It complained of the dust, particularly when farmers were removing hay and silage from run offs in the area.

The report from the roading division, which was presented to the ward meetings and the Works Committee pointed out that the road is flat and straight with a moderate right bend and carries 47 vehicle movements per day. It is about 3.5m wide and is in very good condition. There is no accident history on the road. For these reasons the sealing of the road would be unlikely to attract any subsidy from Transfund.

A couple of years ago Council prioritised all unsealed roads in the district using a formula based on factors such as vehicle movements, use as a tourist route, length etc. Awaiti Rd ranks number 98 on this list. At the present rate of sealing, the first 35 roads on the list will be sealed within the next five years. Council will review the list later this year to see if any factors mean that changes should be made.

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 12 April 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 Pukewera Road junction to the top end)

Period of proposed closure:

* Saturday 12 May 2002 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

L.D.Cavers
GENERAL MANAGER



WHIRITOA BEACHCARE GROUP Public Meeting & AGM

Easter Saturday - 30th March 2002
10.00am -12.00pm.

Whiritoa Emergency Management Centre

Enquiries - HDC Customer Services Advisory Team
0800 734 834

REFUSE COLLECTION: EASTER PERIOD

Over the Easter period refuse will be collected on the same weekday as usual for the area with one exception.

* The Whiritoa collection will take place in the afternoon (4.00pm) on MONDAY 1 APRIL 2002 instead of the usual morning collection.

Normal refuse collection days are as follows:

* WHIRITOA Monday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* PAEROA Tuesday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* KARANGAHAKE Tuesday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* MACKAYTOWN Tuesday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* WAIKINO Tuesday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* WAIHI Wednesday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

* NGATEA Thursday - bags at the roadside by 8.00am

All enquires to 0800 734 834.

Ken Thompson
District Engineer

LIQUOR BANS 2002

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 709A Local Government Act 1974 that the consumption of alcoholic liquor, the bringing of liquor or of empty liquor containers and the possessions of liquor or empty liquor containers in the public places identified below is hereby prohibited during the periods identified below.

LIQUOR BANS

Whiritoa

All Beach and Reserve areas.
The roads - Fishermans Bend, Kon Tiki Road, Tuna Place and Moray Place.

Dates and Times

EASTER WEEKEND 2002.

During the Easter weekend public holiday period being Thursday 28th March 2002 to Tuesday 2nd April 2002 inclusive, and the hours of 4.00pm to 4.00am daily.

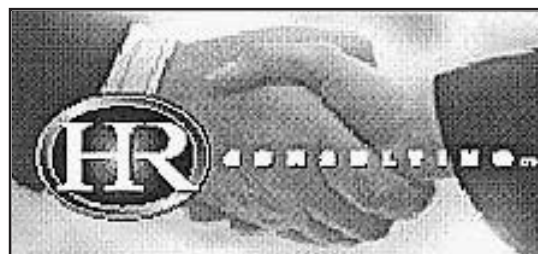
PENALTIES: ANY PERSON WHO COMITS AN OFFENCE AGAINST THE PROHIBITION MAY BE CONVICTED AND FINED UP TO \$500.00.

POWERS OF POLICE: ANY CONSTABLE MAY ARREST ANY PERSON ACTING OR ABOUT TO ACT CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PROHIBITION.

ANY CONSTABLE MAY SEARCH ANY PARCEL, PACKAGE, BAG, CASE OR OTHER CONTAINER IN POSSESSION OF ANY PERSON INTENDING OR ABOUT TO ENTER ANY PLACE DESCRIBED IN THIS PROHIBITION.

L D Cavers General Manager

SITUATIONS VACANT



Corporate/ Strategic Planner

Our client is seeking a person with experience in collating and presenting relevant information into strategic documents and plans, to join their team.

The role involves:

- Facilitating the preparation, production and review of plans and reports that present the organisation's future direction
- Assessing the needs, expectations and satisfaction levels of the people that the organisation serves.
- Interpreting and working with stability requirements.

The skills you will need to have are:

- Very strong written and oral communication skills
- Negotiation skills
- An ability to be creative and think laterally
- A tertiary qualification or relevant experience in the key areas of corporate planning or business management and resource allocation.

You will be provided with:

- Ongoing challenges and variety
- A strong team and consultative culture
- A good salary and excellent lifestyle opportunity.

If you are an analytical person who can articulate their thoughts clearly then contact me now...

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Applications Close on April 5 2002