



# HDC NEWS



## A Bad Taste in the Mouth?

From time to time Council receives complaints about the taste of the water from our water supplies. Fifty per cent of the complaints come from Paeroa and about 25% from Waihi. Our country supplies with lower treatment levels receive fewer complaints. Whether this is because people have lower expectations of them, prefer the untreated water or there are simply fewer consumers on these supplies, we are not sure. To help people understand the causes of strange tastes in the water Council has put out a pamphlet outlining various causes of bad tasting water. These pamphlets are available at Council offices.

The musty or earthy taste sometimes associated with water supplies is usually a seasonal one due to algae in the rivers. Despite the taste the water is safe to drink.

Complaints about the taste or smell of chlorine in the water are relatively common. Chlorine is necessary to kill the possible disease causing bacteria, which may be present in the water and if there are no chlorine residuals in the water when it reaches your taps there would be a danger of bacterial contamination. Suggestions in the pamphlet to overcome the problem are: leave the water to stand in the sunlight for up to an hour, store the water in the refrigerator for a time or add a little lemon juice.

Some tastes can result from pipes and plumbing. Sometimes plastic or rubbery tastes can result from water recirculating from hoses, washing machines, dish-washers etc. Remember, always run your cold tap for a time before you use the water, particularly first thing in the morning. This will not only get any tastes and odours from your plumbing out of the way, but will protect you from possible contamination from lead and cadmium from the taps and pipes.



### If your dog fouls in a public place please clean it up!



Don't forget, discard that "CALLING CARD"

Dog numbers are on the increase which means doggie do do's are too!

"Yuk" why should I clean it up?

There are over half a million dogs in New Zealand. This means that an estimated 85 tonnes of faeces are deposited in our parks, reserves, streets and properties every day.

Besides being an offensive odour and a breeding ground for flies, dogs may transmit several diseases to humans.

Did you know your dog can get diseases from other dogs faeces?

Enjoy the pleasure of dog ownership but please don't spoil it for the rest!



- Parvo-virus
- Roundworms
- Tapeworms
- Distemper
- Hookworm
- Whipworms

Use a simple pooper scooper or just a plain old plastic bag!

### PUBLIC NOTICES



TO ALL DOG OWNERS  
REGISTRATION 2002/2003

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by resolution of Council on 24 April 2002 fixed the dog control fees for this registration year 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003.

	Fee Before 31/07/02	De-Sex Rebate 31/07/02	Minimum if Paid by 31/07/02	Penalty Fee After	Maximum
Working Dog	\$36.00	\$12.50	\$23.50	\$17.00	\$53.00
Urban Dog	\$76.00	\$12.50	\$63.50	\$35.00	\$111.00
VOL Dog	\$36.00	\$12.50	\$23.50		

(Note: Failure to register by 31 July OF ANY YEAR DISQUALIFIES VOL STATUS)

Replacement Tag \$4.00

Fees include GST

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GENERAL MANAGER

## Mining Issues

The manager for Planning and Environmental Services reported on issues relating to mining in Waihi at the last Planning and Finance meeting. The Mining Company continues to trial blasting techniques to reduce vibration and improve efficiency. One blast exceeded the permitted levels of vibration in April. The blast measured 5.47mm/s whereas the permitted frequency is 5mm/s. No legal action was recommended to Council because of the infrequent nature of the excessive blasts (two this year).

The company is making a number of alterations to plant and/or processes in an effort to reduce noise and Environment Waikato has undertaken site visits in relation to dust. A technical report has established that the type and quantity of dust suspended in the air although of nuisance value does not have sufficient silica in it to form a health hazard.

Application for consent for the Favona project has been delayed until February but, in the interim, the company will be applying to excavate the decline, which they would use should the project go ahead.



The Underground Working Party is continuing to work on the risk assessment stage of its project, which is expected to be presented to Council in June. This first stage of the risk assessment will deal with where people live. When that is finished the next stage will be to assess risk to public places. Included in this will be the assessment as to whether it will be possible to reopen up an access to the Pump-house.

## Miranda Stopbank

The earthworks for the stopbank reconstruction have been substantially completed. The excavated fill will be left to dry and will be shaped and compacted next season.

There is no requirement for a consent for the northern extension of the stop bank from Council. Application to Environment Waikato for consent to construct a stopbank north of Hot Springs Canal has been lodged. Response has been received from DOC and the Shorebird Society to the consultation documentation. They are concerned with the alteration of habitat as the area has a unique ecology in that the transition from pasture to shore is not found anywhere else. Responses from adjoining land owners have been favourable.

### Elected Members' Diary



Week of 27th May to 2nd June 2002:  
Thursday 30th May - Full Council meeting - all elected members.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT  
A 10% PENALTY WILL BE INCURRED  
ON ALL THIRD INSTALLMENT  
2001/2002 RATES UNPAID AT THE  
CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
ON WEDNESDAY  
29 MAY 2002

## Seal Extension Programme

Gerrand Rd, which comes into the 2002-2003 subsidised seal programme has given some headaches to the Council, as in planning for the job it has turned out that it will be more expensive than was originally expected. In order to complete the project as planned \$128,000 of additional funds would have to be found. Councillors at the Works Committee considered several possible options and finally decided to continue to do the job and push all the other jobs one notch down the list. This means that the bottom job on the five-year seal extension programme drops off the end. This is Tramline Road, which has a rough order cost of \$300,000. At the end of this time Council will have to decide whether it continues with a further programme for seal extension or not. Presumably Tramline Rd would come high on the list of any future programme.

### TENDERS



### FOR SALE BY TENDER GRAZING/FORESTRY OPPORTUNITY

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL on its own behalf and on behalf of the MATAMATA PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL and the THAMES COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL invites tenders for the farm property at Matahuru/Ohinewai Road, Kaihere containing 76.1296ha of which approximately 20ha is planted in 9 year old pinus radiata.

The property is at present being farmed as a drystock unit. It will be sold with vacant possession. Inspection by appointment only by contacting Richardsons Real Estate MREINZ on 07 868 7800 Office, Graham Courtney 025 991984 or Graham Bilyard 021 974 666.

Tenders close at Hauraki District Council Office, Williams Street, Paeroa at 4pm 28th June 2002 with final settlement 30th August 2002. Highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

**Richardsons** Real Estate Ltd MREINZ

### PUBLIC NOTICES



Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following extra meeting will be held during the month of June 2002.

#### TIROHIA-ROKOHU DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Monday 17 June 2002, 1.30 pm  
Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is given that the following special meeting will be held for the purposes of consideration of submissions to the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan and Draft Annual Plan.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
COMMENCING MONDAY 10 JUNE 2002,  
9.00AM

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GENERAL MANAGER