



HDC NEWS



Long Term Planning

Council's three special meetings or workshops on reviewing the Long Term Financial Strategy and Funding Policy have been postponed from their original dates until October, with two in the first week and the other at the end of the month.

Legislation ensures that councils can no longer approach their activities on an ad hoc basis but must plan ahead in both the long and short term. These plans have to be reviewed and updated regularly. From time to time the laws under which Council operates change and the plans which have been set in place have to change as well. The Local Government Bill 2002 introduces such a change which involves the Long Term Financial Strategy. When the Local Government Bill becomes law (probably in around February next year) a new long-term plan is to be instituted for councils called the Long Term Council Community Plan. This plan is effectively a 'souped up' Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS).

The first workshop Council is planning on the 1st of October will familiarise councillors with the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) procedure and review the LTFS. It is not expected that the LTFS will change much as it will be superseded in a year by the LTCCP.

Briefly the new LTCCP will be the primary planning instrument of Council. It will cover a period of 10 years and will be reviewed every three years. It will include quadruple bottom line reporting – that is considering social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts.

The plan will include outcomes and priorities for the district that allow for their measurement over time – that is the strategic direction for the activities Council chooses to involve itself with. It will also include how these have been identified and how consultation has been undertaken. Other items include asset management plans, funding and financial policies, significant policies and forecasts of financial statements. The emphasis is on how decisions are made and on consultation.

Council will have to develop a policy on what is 'significant' in Council activities. And this policy will have to be consulted on. Any 'significant' decisions that come up then will need to be consulted on as well.

Every six years community outcomes and priorities must be identified and consulted on.

The development of an LTCCP in Hauraki will start with the review of the current LTFS and funding policy and the community survey currently being undertaken will give information for the community outcomes and priorities. Consultation with iwi is likely to take place in December. Further consultation with other parties will continue through February and March. The Annual Plan for next year is likely to move towards quadruple bottom line reporting in anticipation of the new regulations and the LTFS will include the draft community outcomes and priorities. In this way, by adding to our current documents, we should be prepared to introduce our draft LTCCP by May 2004. The first year of an LTCCP is the Annual Plan for that year.



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BACK AT SCHOOL.
WHY CAN'T THEY
JUST GO OUT AND
GET THINGS DONE?

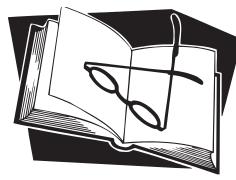
Safety on Farms

The August edition of the Land Transport Safety Authority's monthly publication contains a warning about the dangers of 'all terrain vehicles' or ATVs, otherwise known as farm bikes or quad bikes. About one third of farm related deaths involve farm bikes. While the LTSA is only responsible for the safety of farm bikes when they are driven on the road it takes an interest in the subject generally.

The authority issues some safety tips which include travelling at under 30km/h on public roads and less off road. On roads motorcycle helmets are compulsory but you should also wear them at other times as well. Wear strong protective clothing and attach roll bars. Do not carry passengers. The large seats on farm bikes are for the driver to shift his or her weight for control, not for passengers. Children are not allowed to ride the bikes on public roads and off road six to eleven year olds should not ride bikes over 70cc as children lack the strength and weight to control and manoeuvre larger machines. Twelve to fifteen-year-olds may control bikes from 70 to 90cc but those vehicles over 90cc should only be driven by people over 16 years of age.



Elected Members' Diary



Week of 30th September to 6th Oct 2002:

Tuesday 1st October: Special Meeting to discuss the Long Term Financial Strategy – all elected members.

Thursday 3rd October: Special Meeting to discuss the Funding Policy – all elected members

Pedestrians Safer

Straight sections of road away from intersections are now the most frequent sites for severe pedestrian accidents, and children and young pedestrians are more often involved than adults, according to the most recent report of the Land Transport Safety Authority. The good news is that the same downward trend is evident for pedestrian accidents as for all road accidents. This could be partly due to fewer people walking, but fewer speeding and drunk drivers as well as new engineering solutions for better controlled crossings have all contributed to making our roads safer for pedestrians over the last ten years.

Edward Lode Drilling Programme

The area over the Edward Lode in Waihi, which has been identified as a hazard in the IGNS report released recently has been subject of a drilling programme to ascertain if there is a void migrating to the surface. If it is found that there are no voids between the old workings and the surface the hazard rating will be downgraded.

Thus far, the first drill hole has been completed. It was drilled in a south-easterly direction from Martha St at an angle of 40 degrees to the horizontal. The hole reached a depth of 110 metres. No voids were found in this drill hole and the material it travelled through appeared to be sound. Work on the second drill hole in a north-easterly direction has been commenced. Deeper drilling will then take place. The work is being funded by Council but Transfund has indicated a willingness to contribute as areas of road and road reserve would be affected by the hazard.

Lest We Forget

The Hauraki Plains does not have a cemetery. Each year the Hauraki District contributes a sum of money to the Thames Coromandel District so that deceased Plains residents can be buried at the Totara Memorial Park Cemetery.

For some time there has been a move from the Plains community to establish some sort of memorial garden in Ngatea to commemorate the former Plains residents who have died. The project has taken the form of a Memorial Wall to be erected on a site between the Memorial Hall and the Council Office. The wall has been designed and is ready to be erected. It is proposed that the names of deceased residents are etched in granite panels on the wall, initially in alphabetical order.

The criteria for a name to be included on the wall are that the person is dead and that they lived on the Plains (including Netherpton) for at least six months.

To gather the names for the initial panels Council will be seeking expressions of interest from past and present residents who may wish to have the name(s) of their dear departed included on the wall. The cost for having a name, which will include the surname, first name and other initials with age at time of death and the year of death, is still to be determined.

Forms for inclusion of names on the wall will be available from Council offices and it is anticipated that the first panels will be unveiled in February 2003.

TENDER



Tender – Turua Church and Section

Council wishes to call for tenders for the Turua Church and Section at 9 Matai Street, Turua.

The tender calls for three options.

* For the Land and Building

* For the Building removed from the site.

* For the Land only.

Details of the tender are available from the Hauraki District Council Office at William Street, Paeroa or by phoning Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 with the district.

The last date for the receipt of tenders is 4.00pm on Friday 25th October 2002.

Council reserves the right not to accept any or every tender submitted.

L D Cavers

General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of holding the GOLDFEST Waihi event organised by GO WAIHI Inc. 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: **Saturday 5 October 2002 from 8:00am to 2:00pm**

Road to be closed:

Seddon Street between Moresby Avenue and

Mueller Street, WAIHI

Haszard Street between Martha Street and

Seddon Street, WAIHI

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic:

detour via Kenny Street, WAIHI

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.

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is given that the following special meetings will be held during the month of October 2002 for the purposes of reviewing the Funding Policy, Long Term Financial Strategy and New Rating Act.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Tuesday 1 October 2002, 10.00 am

Thursday 3 October 2002, 10.00 am

Wednesday 30 October 2002, 10.00 am

Council Chambers, William Street Paeroa

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 5 TO THE OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN

In accordance with its obligations under the Resource Management Act, the Hauraki District Council hereby gives notice that the Proposed Change No. 5 to its Operative District Plan and the assessment carried out under Section 32 of the Resource Management Act, will be available from 2 October 2002 onwards.

The Proposed Change No. 5 comprises 2 parts:

- 1) Change to activity status of noxious industries in the Industrial zones.
- 2) Change zoning from Rural to Industrial (Heavy) for one block of land at Kerepehi.

Copies of the Proposed Change may be obtained from the District Council Offices at William Street, Paeroa; Orchard Road, Ngatea; Seddon Street, Waihi or any of the District's Libraries. Copies of the submission form are also available.

Any person or body may make submissions on the Proposed Change or any part of it. Submissions must be in writing, in the prescribed form and should be addressed to the General Manager, Hauraki District Council, Post Office Box 17, Paeroa.

Prior to making submissions, those interested may wish to discuss matters with Planning Staff who can be contacted at the District Council Offices, William Street, Paeroa in person or by telephoning 0800 734 834 (if you live within the District) or 07 862 8609 (if you live outside the District). Submissions must be received at the Council's offices by 4pm on 31 October 2002.

Once the submission period is closed a summary of all submissions will be prepared and advertised for further submission in support /opposition to those already made. At a later date a public hearing will be held. Every person or body who made a submission and indicated a desire to be heard will be notified and have the opportunity to attend and speak in support of their submission.

A staff report addressing the issues raised in the submissions will be circulated prior to the meeting. Council decision making will take into account the issues raised in submissions, at the hearing and within the staff report.

All parties to the hearing will receive written advice of the Council's decision and have the opportunity to appeal to the Environment Court if they are unhappy with the outcome.

Date: 1 October 2002
Signed: L D Cavers
General Manager