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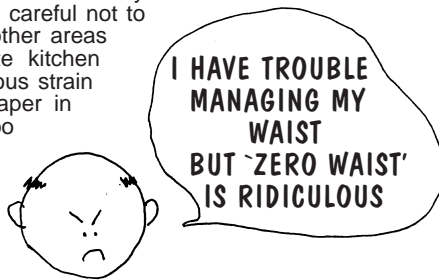
Towards Zero Waste

Although Hauraki's Solid Waste Management Plan does not specifically focus on the Zero Waste 2020 goal that has been proposed by the nation wide 'Zero Waste New Zealand Trust', the majority of councillors expressed their support of the goal at a meeting early last year. We all understand that zero waste to landfills by 2020 is an unachievable goal but it is the principle of striving towards that objective that Council supports. It is a bit like aiming for the sky in the hopes that we will hit the top of the trees.

The national strategy of zero waste 2020 has been adopted by many councils and consists of a number of parts, the first of which is to ensure that land-fill fees are high and that the user pays the fee. This is to encourage industry to look for cheaper options for disposal such as reuse and recycling. Another focus is that each land-fill must have sufficient area for storing recyclables until buyers are found. Other suggestions include: making it compulsory to separate wet and dry material at source – that is, your rubbish bin, targeting manufacturers to give incentives to ensure products are recyclable and putting a levy on all non-biodegradable, non-reusable packaging. (They do not say what they are going to do about disposable nappies!)

Hauraki's Solid Waste Management Plan focuses on reducing compostable material to landfills. Our targets are to reduce green waste by 50%, kitchen waste by 25%, paper by 25% and recyclable materials by 25% by 2005. In doing this we must be careful not to cause environmental problems in other areas e.g. waste disposal units eliminate kitchen waste from landfills but put a serious strain on sewerage facilities. Burning paper in small quantities is probably not too bad but add some plastic to it and you have carcinogenic (cancer causing) material polluting the atmosphere and contributing to global warming. So where do you come in? Instead of buying that kitchen waste disposal unit, thinking you are doing your bit for the environment, buy a chipper and shred all your garden waste for composting or mulch and put your kitchen waste in the compost bin too. If you cannot afford a shredder, at least compost your lawn clippings and kitchen waste and keep your green waste, that you take to the transfer station, uncontaminated with other material so that it can be shredded and used by Council.

Check the web site www.zerowaste.co.nz.



Looking After Our Environment

Most people probably take our environment for granted. We say New Zealand has a clean, green image and we accept, as our due, the ability to breath clean air, drink pure water and look into a clean blue sky when it stops raining for long enough to allow it. But you only have to travel overseas for a while to realise that these are characteristics which are not shared by the whole world and for which we should be enormously grateful. As New Zealand's population rises and our country becomes more industrialised the chances of retaining those qualities of our environment that we now enjoy become diminished. The Resource Management Act was introduced to try to manage development in such a way that the environment does not suffer and the resources we cherish are retained for our children and grandchildren.

It is unfortunate that many business entrepreneurs see RMA as merely a hindrance to development and a thorn in their side. It does not have to be like that and it would be better if people realised that the Act is not there to stop you doing what you want but to protect the environment in the process. There are a few things to be remembered when looking at an activity that may require a resource consent under the RMA.

Firstly, talk to council staff early about what you want to do. They will tell you whether your activity is permitted under the district plan or not. If it is not, that does not mean you cannot do it, it simply means you will need a consent. Most consents are not publicly notified and go through quite quickly.

Secondly, talk to people who you or the Council thinks might be affected by the proposal. Try to bring them on to your side and modify your plans to accommodate their concerns.

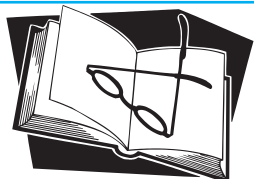
Thirdly, give Council a well-prepared assessment of environmental effects. It pays to get someone experienced in this area to prepare it if your proposal is a major one.

And fourthly, respond quickly to requests for further information. Most of the delays experienced in resource consent processes are because applicants do not provide the relevant information they have been asked for.

A useful little booklet on the Resource Management Act, called "The Resource Management Act and You: Getting in on the Act", is available at Council offices. Also have a look at the Ministry for the Environment web site www.mfe.govt.nz.

Elected Members' Diary

Thursday 24th January:
Hearings Committee, John Tregidga, Mary Carmine, Bruce Gordon, Mike Hayden.



PUBLIC NOTICES



WHIRITOA PUBLIC MEETING

The Annual Public Meeting for the residents of Whiritoa will be held at **10:30am on Monday 28 January 2002** in the Emergency Management Centre Beach Road.

This meeting provides the opportunity for residents to discuss matters of mutual interest with Council's Waihi Ward elected members.

L.D. Cavers
General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2002 WARD COMMITTEES
PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 1.00 PM
WAIHI 3.30 PM

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER AND WASTES
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2002 10.00 AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2002
(if required) 9.00 AM

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2002
9.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE
1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2002,
(if required) 9.00 AM

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2002,
(if required) 10.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2002,
10.30 AM

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2002, 10.00 AM

WHIRITOA BEACH - DOG CONTROL

The Hauraki District Council has, pursuant to Clause 8 of the Control of Dogs Bylaw 1991, by resolution declared the following places to be those where dogs are prohibited:

Whiritoa Beach on any day during the period commencing 26th December 2001 and ending 31st January 2002 inclusive between the hours 9.00am and 7.30pm.

For the purposes of this notice Whiritoa Beach includes the Whiritoa Beach Esplanade Reserve and all adjoining reserves.

Dogs are permitted outside these times only if they are kept under control (on a lead).

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 8 February 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:
Pukewera Road, Waihi (from Murphy's Bridge to the Taieri Road junction)
Period of proposed closure:
Saturday 16 March 2002 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

L.D. Cavers
GENERAL MANAGER

PUBLIC NOTICES



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.

WHIRITOA

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

Dates and Times

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 2002

During the Anniversary weekend public holiday period being Friday 26th January 2002 to Tuesday 30th January 2002 inclusive, and the hours of 4.00pm to 4.00am daily.

WAITANGI (NZ) DAY 2002

During the Waitangi (NZ) day public holiday period being Tuesday 5th February 2002 to Thursday 7th February 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 OF 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

TENDERS



HDC SEAL EXTENSION EAST CONTRACT NO. 238 for HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tenders are invited to construct seal extension of approximately 0.4km of Bulltown Rd and 1.2km of Heard Rd in the Hauraki District. Work includes base-course overlay and sealing and other associated works.

Documents are available at the offices of GHD Limited, Level 1, Merial Building, Putney Way, Manukau City. **Enquiries to Kumaran Nair ph (09) 261 1575 or fax (09) 262 8341.**

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders close at 4pm Tuesday 5 February 2002 in the tender box at Hauraki District Council Building William St, PAEROA

Ken Thompson
District Engineer