



HDC NEWS



Library Review

The holidays are upon us once again and hopefully the mad season is behind us so now is the time to catch up on the reading. The Waihi and Paeroa Libraries will be open on Easter Saturday the 19th April from 10.00 am to 12 noon just in case you missed out on the Thursday.

All the district libraries carry a copy of the new Wilbur Smith book 'Blue Horizon'. At the close of 'Monsoon' Tom Courtney and his brother Dorian finally reached the Cape of Good Hope to start afresh. Now it's time for the next generation of Courtney's to stake their claim in Southern Africa. An exciting journey packed with danger, travel through the untouched wilderness of barren land filled with warring tribes and wild animals.

'Dating Game' by Danielle Steel will be a must have read by most of our female clientele. Does the roller-coaster ride of dating get any easier the second time around? A poignant, wickedly funny novel about starting over.

In the children's area have been added numerous books covering all age groups, from board books to young adult. So it's time to grab a good book, & settle down with those chocolate eggs and relax, we also have some good titles on losing weight!

Happy Easter & reading from the library girls.

Is Your Rubbish Bag Dangerous?

OSH and ACC have raised concerns over dusties (rubbish correctors) being injured while picking up domestic rubbish bags. 19% of these injuries are from lacerations from objects poking through the bags. These are normally caused by broken glass, china and other sharp items that haven't been wrapped adequately. These injuries are easily prevented by wrapping sharp items in plenty of newspaper.

Another common form of injury to dusties is caused by the bags that are too heavy. The dustie has no idea how heavy a bag is until they go to pick it up, and if they assume it's of normal weight and it turns out very heavy, torn muscles, and back injuries can occur.

A recent study found most rubbish bags were close to the average bag weigh of 7 kg, but there was the odd one around 20kg. It's these heavy bags that can cause the injuries. As a rule of thumb, if your rubbish bag feels very heavy it's probably is too heavy and you need to make it lighter. Council current refuse collection contract permits rubbish bags up to 20kg to be collected, but in light of these health concerns, this is likely to be reduced to 15kg.

Remember; Think of your dustie and if its sharp; wrap it, if its heavy; lighten it.

A Gaggle of Geese

The Waihi Ward Committee discussed the difficult problem of geese at the Gilmour Reserve at its last meeting. A few months ago, a breeding pair of Canadian Geese presented difficulties for people out to enjoy the idyllic lake-side setting. While the pair had a young gosling they became very aggressive and attacked a number of people. The lake has also become home to a large number of domestic geese, which have probably been dumped there. These feral geese, while not as aggressive as their Canadian counterparts, are very large and can be very frightening to young children. They have also been known to harass people for food and have been the subject of at least one complaint.

Council officers recommended to the Ward Committee that the feral geese be removed completely and educational signs be put up telling people why they should not feed the birds. Feeding the birds, councillors were told, leads to the birds becoming dependent on the human intervention and they also become conditioned. It also leads to the ducks and geese congregating in one area and fouling that area with their droppings. Other Councils such as Rotorua and Hamilton have had success with this approach when they have had similar problems with black swans.

Elected members, however, were reluctant to warn people not to feed the birds as they felt that it was a traditional activity for young children to be able to feed the ducks at the lake. They were also reluctant to dispose of all the feral geese resolving to recommend to council that all but one pair of geese should be removed.

This does not solve the problem of the Canadian geese, which are protected and, therefore, cannot be culled unless by permit. The Community Facilities Manager is to check whether relocating the geese is an option. Signs warning people to stay away from the geese have been removed now that the gosling is grown.

Perhaps some different educational signs might help.



Draft Annual Plan Approved for Consultation

Councillors approved the draft Annual Plan last Monday. This will then be released to the public and will go through the Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) required by the new Local Government Act. The Plan now contains a collection of council policies including the Revenue and Finance Policy, which replaces the Funding Policy. These policies also need to go through the SCP so have been included in the Plan.

PUBLIC NOTICES



WAIHI REFUSE TRANSFER STATION CHANGE OF HOURS

As from Monday 28th April, the opening hours at the Waihi Refuse Transfer Station will change to 10:00 opening every day (from 8:00am opening).

It will remain open the same days, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will still close at 4:00pm each day.

B Somers
UTILITIES MANAGER

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 FORM 6

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 93(2) OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

The Hauraki District Council has received an application for a resource consent from:

JGD, M AND HG RITCHIE

The application is for a subdivision consent to subdivide Lot 4 DPS 87456 into 8 lifestyle lots, Heard Road, Waihi.

If you wish to make a submission on this application you may do so by sending a written submission to the Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa, no later than 16 May 2003. Submissions on the application may be made in writing by any person by this date.

The submission must be dated, signed by the person making the submission, and included the following information:

- 1) Your name and postal address and telephone number and fax number (if applicable).
- 2) Details of the application in respect of which you are making the submission, including location.
- 3) Whether you support or oppose the application.
- 4) Yours submission, with reasons.
- 5) The decision you wish the consent authority to make
- 6) Whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

The Council has prepared standard submission forms and these can be obtained at any of the Council Offices.

The application may be viewed at the Paeroa Area Office, (William Street) Paeroa.

A copy of your submission must be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the applicant.

JGD, M AND HG RITCHIE
C/- TREVOR C DAVIES AND ASSOCIATES
P O BOX 229
PAEROA

LANGLEY CAVERS
SIGNED for and behalf of Consent Authority
Date: 15 April 2003

PUBLIC NOTICES



ANZAC DAY 2003 COMMEMORATION SERVICES

Citizens are invited to attend Public Commemoration Services to be held in the Hauraki District on **FRIDAY 25 APRIL, 2003**

Paeroa: 9:15am War Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 9.00am

Waihi: 11:00am Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 10:45 am; Wreaths will be laid at the Services Cemetery following the service

Ngatea 11:15am Ngatea War Memorial Hall, preceded by Parade at 11.00am

Kaihere/Patetonga 10.00am Kaihere Hall

B. J. Morrison JP.
MAYOR

LIQUOR BANS 2003

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 possession 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 AND ANZAC 2003

During the Easter and Anzac public holiday period being Thursday 17th April 2003 to Monday 28 April 2003 inclusive, and the hours of 4:00pm to 4:00am daily.

PENALTIES: ANY PERSON WHO COMMITS 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.

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 May 2003.

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

MONDAY 5 MAY 2003 WARD COMMITTEES

PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 1.00 PM
WAIHI 3.30 PM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2003 (if required) 9.00 AM

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2003

10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE
1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 22 MAY 2003, (if required) 9.00 AM

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 27 MAY 2003, (if required) 10.00 AM

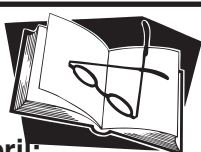
WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2003, 10.30 AM

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

THURSDAY 29 MAY 2003, 10.00 AM

L D Cavers
GENERAL MANAGER

Elected Members' Diary



Meetings for the week 14th to the 20th April:
Thursday 17th April: Morning – Works Committee
Afternoon – Planning and Finance Committee.