



# HDC NEWS



## Freshlook Proposal

In accordance with the decision of Council, after the Annual Plan hearings, to go back to public consultation on the Freshlook issue, Council has published the proposal to be taken through the Special Consultative Procedure. The full proposal can be viewed at the Paeroa Information Centre and on the Council website. Copies of the full proposal may also be obtained at Council offices and a summary will be sent to all ratepayers. A meeting with Iwi is scheduled for the 19th August with a public meeting also that evening. The closing date for submissions on the proposal is the 8th September and submissions can be handed in or posted to the Paeroa Office. If you want to make a submission you may get a form from the Council Office or the Information Centre or just write a letter saying whether you support the proposal or not and why.

Your submission can support or oppose, call for changes, support some parts and oppose others, or say if the proposal is affordable or not to you as a ratepayer.

## Waihi Refuse Tip Kiosk

Several years ago the Waihi Gardens Project, which is part of the Pathways Trust organisation, approached Council with a request to use a section of the Waihi Refuse tip, after it was closed, for a community gardening project. One of the attractions of using the site was that there was a compound and shed that could be locked and, more importantly, the kiosk provided toilet and shower facilities and a lunch room.

The group did have reservations about the use of the tip site because of the stigma associated with a rubbish tip. They have now acquired an area of land on loan from Waihi Gold on which they propose to establish their community gardening project. However, they still need ablation facilities and have requested the long term loan of the Waihi tip kiosk. As Council has no other use for the building it has agreed to give it on long term loan to the trust. The moving of the building will not be a cost on Council.

## Pensioner Flats

We have vacancies in our in Paeroa, Waihi, and Ngatea pensioner units. If you are interested and are over the age of 60 please Robyn Kirby at the Paeroa office.

There are other criteria to meet and a general information form is available from our service centres.

## What's Happening Down Under?

While Council's contractors have been investigating the old mineshafts in Waihi and have now successfully filled two that had the potential to cause trouble, there have been other reports of subsidence on sections and cracking in Waihi houses. This is nothing new and probably is not related to mining activities. Waihi soils are very light and free draining, which is why it is such a good place to grow things. Unfortunately this also means that if there is any underground water course or area such as an old underground drain, septic tank or other void, water can easily wash away the soil particles, making the voids larger and allowing for small scale sudden subsidence or differential settlement. It is this sort of phenomenon that has caused many of the problems at the Waihi netball courts area.

Complaints about settlement and subsidence at a property in Mackay St, Waihi, have resulted in Council agreeing to commission a geotechnical investigation around the site. While the recently filled mine shaft is in the neighbourhood, there are no mine shafts on this property and it is not thought that there are other mine workings in the immediate vicinity. Investigations of this sort are generally the responsibility of the land owner but Council considered, in this case, that it would be a good thing to see if we could find out exactly what is going on here, which will add to our knowledge of the issues in this area. The investigation is estimated to cost Council around \$3000.

## Salary Issues

With the new salary regime for elected members, which came into force on the first of July, and in which most councillors accepted a pay reduction, more emphasis has been put on individual councillors claiming for expenses incurred in the discharge of Council duties. Expenses include travel to meetings outside the normal Council and Committee meetings and meeting fees where the councillor is required to attend the meeting in his or her capacity as a member of council. Other expenses could be such items as car parking fees where a councillor has had to leave a car at an airport when attending meetings, conferences or seminars as a representative of Council. A subcommittee consisting of Councillors Carmine and Troughton, the deputy Mayor, John Tregidga, and the Mayor, Basil Morrison, has met and discussed the matter and will present a report to the Planning and Finance Committee.

The Remuneration Authority has approved the schedule and rules for meeting fees, which was put forward to them by Council after a special meeting earlier in the year. Council's proposal for allocating the salary package we are allowed to use, has also been approved.

The other issue, which has yet to be fully resolved, is the scale of payment for Drainage Committee representatives and people appointed to Council committees. The subcommittee's recommendations on this issue will no doubt be debated with vigour at the Planning and Finance Committee and the following Council meeting.

## Memorial Hall Seat

After a spate of vandalism and nuisance being caused by young people congregating outside the Waihi Memorial Hall, council staff removed the seat that sits under the verandah there. There are other seats only a few metres away but it appeared that this one was the one where the rubbish accumulated. When things settled down and the vandalism and rubbish ceased officers returned the seat. Council received a second complaint about the removal of the seat from a member of the public via a local newspaper but at this stage the seat had been back in position for a week.

## Regional Development Conference

Two years ago the first Regional Development Conference was held in Rotorua. Two delegates from Hauraki went and found it instructive and inspiring. As the present government has a strong commitment to regional development there is a strong emphasis coming from there to encourage councils to participate in partnership arrangements to further economic growth of the regions.

The second conference on this issue is planned for September this year, this time in Timaru. Council has approved that one elected member attend the conference although it is not sure at this point which councillor it will be. The cost to send one councillor will be in the order of \$1500.

## Warranting Officers

Another minor change that has arisen with the new Local Government Act is that all warrants issued by Council need to be reviewed. Enforcement officers under many Acts of parliament such as: the Health Act, Sale of Liquor Act, the Building Act, to name but a few, are warranted by councils. In order to ensure that warranted officers are authorised to enforce the relevant provisions of the new Act all warrants will be reviewed and given under the hand of the Mayor (Local Government Act) and/or the General Manager (other legislation).

## Elected Members' Diary



Meetings for the week 11th to 17th August 2003.  
Thursday 14th August: Morning - Works Committee  
Afternoon - Planning and Finance Committee

## Public Notices



### Freshlook 2010 Public Meeting

Pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002, notice is given that a public meeting will be held at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th August so Council can provide Paeroa residents with further insight to the Freshlook 2010 roading programme. Any concerns residents have regarding the Freshlook 2010 programme may be raised at the meeting.

Elected members and Council staff will be in present to speak to attendees. All residents and property owners of Paeroa Ward are welcome to attend. If you have any queries on this programme prior to the meeting, please contact Ken Thompson on 07 862 8609, or 0800 734 834, from within the District.

Jolene Corbett  
Corporate Planner

## Public Notices



### HIGH HAYWARD DOMAIN, NGATEA SPORTSFIELDS AND GRANDSTAND

Summer Allocations -  
Summer Seasonal Use  
1 OCTOBER 2003 - 31 MARCH 2004

Applications, on the prescribed forms, are called for the Summer Seasonal Use of Sportsfields and Grandstand Facilities located in the Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea.

If your organisation wishes to use either or both facilities on a regular basis during the dates detailed above, applications must be received by FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2003.

Application forms are available from Council's Ngatea Service Centre.

Joy Mickleson  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER

### INTENTION TO SELL LAND

Pursuant to Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1974, Council hereby gives notice that it intends to sell the following property situated at 19 Dean Crescent Waihi.

\* Lot 11 DPS 308165

Council will confirm that intention at an ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 28th August 2003 in the Council Chamber, William Street, Paeroa.

L D Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER

### FRESHLOOK 2010

Pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act, notice is given to the public that the Hauraki District Council draft statement of proposal for Freshlook 2010 has been prepared. Public submissions and comments are invited. A summary of the draft document will be mailed to all those ratepayers and businesses in the Paeroa ward. Complete copies of the draft statement of proposal are available at Hauraki District Councils principal office, William Street, Paeroa.

The document can also be viewed on Councils website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Monday 8th September. Submitters will have the opportunity to present submissions at a Special Council Meeting to be held in Paeroa at the Council Chambers 10am on Tuesday 23rd September 2003.

Council staff are available to discuss the content of the document during the submission period. Clinics with interested groups or people can be arranged by contacting Jolene Corbett on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the district.)

LD Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER

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 September 2003.

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

**MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2003 WARD COMMITTEES**  
PLAINS 9.00 AM  
PAEROA 1.00 PM  
WAIHI 3.30 PM

**HEARINGS COMMITTEE**  
THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2003 (if required) 9.00 AM

**THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2003**  
10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE  
1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**HEARINGS COMMITTEE**  
THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2003,  
(if required) 9.00 AM

**EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2003, (if required)  
10.00 AM

**WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2003, 10.30 AM

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2003, 10.00 AM

L D Cavers  
GENERAL MANAGER