



# HDC NEWS



## Ways to Reduce your Rubbish

We should all be questioning everything we put in our rubbish bag or bin and asking ourselves is it really rubbish and if so is there an alternative way of disposing of it. Over the next few weeks we will give you a few things to think about on ways of reducing your rubbish.

### Reduce:

\* Turn down bags to put your groceries in at the super market. Put your groceries directly into the trolley and then to your car.

### Reuse:

\* Reuse old bags from the supermarket to carry your groceries from the car to your house.

### Recycle

\* Even if you do not compost, put your tea bags and banana skins around any shrubs in your garden. Roses and passion-fruit in particular will thrive on them. If you are worried about the appearance cover them over with a bit of soil. They will decompose rapidly.

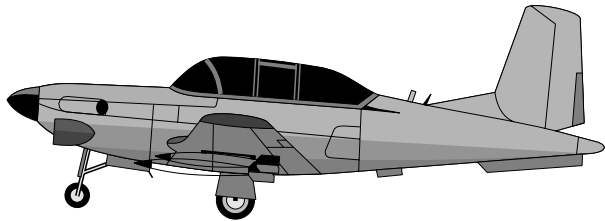
Visit the website: [www.reducerubbish.govt.nz](http://www.reducerubbish.govt.nz)

## Waihi Sewage Treatment Upgrade

The tender process for the expansion of the Waihi Sewage treatment plant resulted in only one tender being received. Council engineering staff were concerned that the tender price was not competitive, so have investigated alternative ways of getting the job done. The single tender has been rejected by Council and the work is to be repackaged to increase its attractiveness to potential tenderers before being readvertised. The delay that this will cause means that the upgrade cannot be done with in the time constraints of the resource consent so a variation in the consent has been applied for.

## Aerial Pictures

Council finally has the whole of the district photographed from the air. The next step in the use of the technology is that the photographs will be available on the internet. It is anticipated that these photos will be available free of charge on the web-site and overlays of property boundaries will be able to be superimposed on the photographs. It is as yet unknown when this service will be available but it is being worked on.



## Hauraki-Coromandel Business Awards

Last year the Hauraki District Council sponsored the Retail category prize at the Hauraki-Coromandel Business Awards, which are organised by the Hauraki Enterprise Agency. The Planning and Finance Committee was keen that Council should be involved again and this year has recommended that Council sponsors the "New Business Award". The prize will be of \$750.

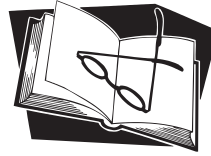
## Support for Hauraki Agricultural College

The Planning and Finance Committee was told at its last meeting of the success of the relatively new Hauraki Agricultural College, which is attached to Hauraki Plains College and which trains young people for work in the rural sector. Fifteen students are about to complete the programme and fourteen of those have jobs on farms while the other is returning to school. The unit has found a need for a video camera to help them in their programme and has applied to Council for assistance. The economic development arm of Council has been active in encouraging the setting up of this unit and support of the unit meets our economic development objectives by retaining young people in the district and providing training to support a key industry. It was not, however, thought to be appropriate to fund such an item from the economic development budget but the committee recommended the payment of the \$1600 for the camera out of the Community Assistance Fund.

## Borrowing Delayed

The need for Council to borrow has been delayed yet again because of the delay in some capital expenditure and as the sale of land has replenished the coffers. The projected time that borrowing will be needed has been pushed out to August. Originally it was predicted that Council would need to start borrowing money to cover capital projects in December of last year.

## Elected Members' Diary

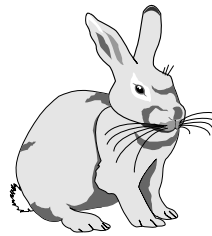


Meetings for the week 23rd to the 29th June:  
Thursday 26th June - full Council Meeting.

## Rabbit Problems

The Waihi Cemetery has been plagued in recent years with rabbit problems. From time to time the numbers are reduced but it is in the nature of rabbits to repopulate rapidly and recently there has been a real problem again. A programme of poisoning is being undertaken in an attempt to eliminate the pests.

Rabbits are a noxious pest, and as such Council, as administrator of the Waihi cemetery, is obligated to control and eradicate them. We use the most appropriate control method as advised by Environment Waikato's Noxious Pest Officer. The most appropriate method takes in the location, size of the rabbit population, public safety, legislative requirements.



## Children's Rights Conference

In February 2004 the Office of the Commissioner for Children is holding a children's rights conference in Wellington. The conference will be equally attended by children and adults, with children participating from the initial stages of organisation. They wish to have a child between the ages of 12 and 18 from each area in the country attend the conference and have written to Mayors for their support. The Planning and Finance Committee has recommended that Council sponsors a child from our district by paying the registration fee of \$300 for the conference. If this is confirmed by Council, it is likely to approach the three Colleges in the district to nominate possible participants. Councillors would then have a selection process to choose the representative to attend.

## Incomplete Projects

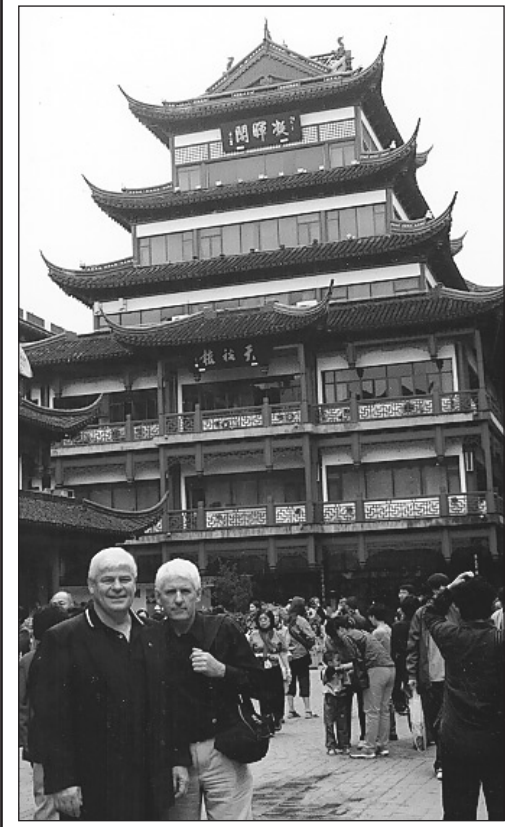
The Planning and Finance Committee has recommended the carry over of the construction of the shed to house the Paeroa Rural Fire water tanker until next financial year as the project is unlikely to be started before October. The building of the shed is also dependent on the rehusing of the Paeroa Athletic Club's gear as the present gear shed has to be removed. Council is committed to replace the Athletics pavilion, which was destroyed by fire. The approval of the new athletics pavilion has been delayed another month while staff work on figures and details to present to Council. The item on the Planning and Finance agenda was withdrawn as insufficient information on the rating impacts was available. The proposal for the new building has been enlarged to incorporate not only the gear shed, but changing facilities and office space for rugby.

The replacement fire tanker for Waihi has also been delayed while a suitable truck and chassis is located so this has also been carried over into the new financial year.

## Sister Cities Group

Council is in the process of setting up a sub committee to coordinate Sister Cities projects. A public meeting earlier in June had around ten people attend with five names being put forward for a committee. It is seen as important that this committee is driven by the community and business but under Council control. It is expected that up to two councillors will be on the committee.

A strategic Plan has been developed for the group covering the Mission Statement, Primary Objectives, Governance and funding options. \$5,000 has been set aside from the economic development budget to support projects that take advantage of the sister city relationships that we have.



## SITUATIONS VACANT



The Hauraki District Council is a progressive local government organisation serving the Waihi, Paeroa and Plains areas.

The Council is currently seeking to appoint a full time:

### Assistant Accountant

This position based in the Paeroa office is part of the Corporate Services Department. The core duty of the position will be to prepare financial information and reports for internal and external Council clients.

The successful candidate will have the ability to organise and prioritise work to meet deadlines, form judgements and make decisions within known parameters, together with the ability to maintain confidentiality. Good interpersonal skills and the completion of, or substantial completion of, qualifications towards the CA theoretical component is essential for the role. Prior experience in management and report preparation is also desirable.

Prospective applicants for this position should obtain the application form from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi, from the Council's website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or phone Penny Cutler, Human Resources Advisor on (07) 862 8609.

Applications for this position should be at the Council by 4pm Monday 30 June 2003.

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