



HDC NEWS



Whiritoa Beach Care

During one of the recent storms, a large amount of sand was taken out to sea by the waves at Whiritoa Beach. This is a normal process and, presumably, the sand will be deposited back again at some future occasion but this may not be for many years. The whole of the eastern Coromandel region is in an erosional phase at present.

Access ways have been closed at Whiritoa to minimise the risks of accidents. Assessment of the damage has been undertaken and the following remedial work is to take place:

- The vehicle access way next to the Surf Club will be re-shaped and repaired with work scheduled to be undertaken by Council between the 20th and 24th of October.
- The pedestrian access way directly in front of the Surf Club will be lifted to allow the surf patrols to get to the beach safely. This access way will be repaired at a later date when the beach has recovered from the erosion.

Planting will be required where the re-shaping work is taking place and a working bee has been called to assist with this. For those with green fingers your assistance would be valued. Anyone who wants to help should be at the surf club at 10:00am on Saturday 25th October complete with spade. A barbecue will follow in front of the Surf Club around 12 noon.

Whiritoa Rubbish

At the public meeting at Whiritoa that was held last anniversary weekend it was suggested that the Whiritoa inorganic refuse collection be held only every second year to save money. Unfortunately, in the modern era, it is not enough for a public meeting to decide something. For any issue which involves a change in the level of service, full consultation has to be carried out before the decision can be implemented. In this instance the proposal to reduce the collection to each second year will need to go into the Council's LTCCP for next year so that the public can make submissions on the issue before any change can be made. For this reason the collection will go ahead as usual this year on the 28th October.

The normal Labour Weekend refuse collection will begin at 4pm on Monday 27th October.

Whiritoa Croquet

Back in May, following an approach by the Whiritoa Croquet Group, an area of the Whiritoa Sport and Recreational Reserve was levelled, top-soiled and re-grassed to provide an area suitable for non-competitive croquet to be played. The members of the group did not want an area with immaculate lawns and full facilities but simply a level grassed area on which casual games of croquet could be played. They have been helping with the establishment of the turf but are now concerned with the ongoing maintenance, in particular, the regular mowing of the grass.

They approached the Waihi Ward Committee with a request for assistance with the purchase of a reel mower for the area. The Committee was reluctant to give money for this purpose for several reasons. The ongoing maintenance of the mower, where it would be stored, insurance and the final ownership of such a piece of machinery were issues which could have presented problems and the precedent which would be set bothered some councillors. A compromise was reached where the Committee recommended a grant of \$300 to the group to assist with the mowing. It was thought that this would go a fair way towards getting a contractor to mow the grass during the peak growing season or the group may choose other ways of getting the job done.

Community Outcomes Survey

Thank you to all those that responded to a random survey mailed out in September. The response rate was excellent. The answers are being collated and will assist in clarifying the community outcomes that will form the basis for the Long Term Council Community Plan to be released in 2004.

Waihi Water Supply

Repair work requiring 7 to 10 days for completion is planned for the Waihi treated water reservoir, to start on Tuesday 21st October 2003. Although it will be necessary to empty the reservoir and keep it out of service during this period, the water supply to consumers is planned to continue as usual, with no difference in water quality or supply. While repairs are in progress water will be supplied direct from the treatment plant, which has more than adequate capacity to meet the ordinary peak daily demand.

It should be noted that an unusual situation such as a major water pipe break, extraordinary water demand or fire fighting requirements could demand more than the supply capacity of the treatment plant, which could lead to a temporary disruption in the water supply. Accordingly Waihi residents are requested to conserve water during the period that the reservoir is out of service.

A period of fine weather, when the water in the rivers is clean, will assist the operation by reducing the amount of material that has to be removed by the filters at the water treatment plant. The start of the work will be delayed if it appears that adverse weather conditions can be expected.

The main item of work will be the replacement of the seals in the floor of the reservoir. Previously the seals between the floor and the walls were replaced. As the reservoir has been in service since 1976 the performance of the seals is regarded as acceptable.

If a decision is made to delay the start of work, announcements on the new start date and progress reports will be made on Coromandel FM at about 7.40am. (For Waihi the Coromandel FM radio frequency is 97.5).

Hauraki District Council efforts will be directed to ensuring that the work takes place without noticeable effect on the water supply to Waihi. If you have any queries regarding this notice, please telephone Customer Services at the Hauraki District Council on 0800 734 834 from within the district.

Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week 20th to 26th October 2003
Thursday 23rd October - Hearing.

Playground Safety

The recent safety audit that left Council no option but to close several items of play equipment in both Paeroa and Waihi, caused some debate at the Waihi Ward Committee meeting earlier in the month. The two items of play equipment under discussion were the rocket slide and the pirate ship. The rocket has become something of an icon and has been recognised and enjoyed by several generations of children. The informal, but well recognised, name of the play ground is the Rocket Park. Councillors were eager for the slide to be restored to use as soon as possible. Estimates of the cost of repairs had not been obtained but it is understood that these will be reasonably high as the main steel structure of the rocket is rusting and is regarded as unsafe.

The pirate ship has only superficial changes to be made such as spacings on the steps and extra hand rails. The ship was originally installed by the "Lions" group and there is some hope that service groups will assist in repairing the two items. A councillor related an impassioned plea from a five year old to get the items fixed as soon as possible as they were the only two things she enjoyed playing on, particularly playing Peter Pan and Wendy on the pirate ship.

Repairs have been done to the skateboard bowl in Morgan Park in Waihi. The tiles around the edge were all removed as most were damaged and the edge has been reinstated using a specialised concrete product that could be moulded to shape.

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND 2003

During the Labour Day public holiday period being Friday 24th October 2003 to Tuesday 28th October 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.

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

(Change of date)

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 on Wednesday 29 October 2003

The meeting is to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

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 November 2003.

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

MONDAY 3 November 2003 WARD COMMITTEES
PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 1.00 PM
WAIHI 3.30 PM

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER AND WASTES
TUESDAY 4 November 2003 10.00 AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 6 November 2003 (if required) 9.00 AM
THURSDAY 13 November 2003
10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE
1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 20 November 2003, (if required) 9.00 AM

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 25 November 2003, (if required) 10.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 26 November 2003, 10.30 AM

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY 27 November 2003, 10.00 AM

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