



HDC NEWS



Waihi Waste Water Contract

For many years, improvements to the Waihi sewerage treatment plant have been in the planning phase. The improvements were necessary to comply with resource consent obligations which require the outflow from the sewerage treatment to be very low in phosphorus and nitrogen. The requirements for Waihi are more stringent than for other sewerage treatment plants in the district because the receiving waters of the Ohinemuri are cleaner than the other receiving waters. In general, treated sewerage outflows are not supposed to degrade the water they flow into. While the Waihi sewerage effluent is already treated to a very high standard, it does not comply with the low levels of phosphorus that are specified in the resource consent.

Much research has been done on how to achieve the required levels and a process

was decided on several years ago. Since then, Council has been working towards getting the construction of the extra treatment plant underway. Initial rounds of tendering produced only one tender which was thought to be too expensive, so the project was repackaged into smaller parts and put out for tender again.

At last, tenders have been let for the Tertiary Treatment System for the Waihi Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade to Armatec Ltd for the amount of \$1,301,082. This is the section that removes the extra phosphorus from the effluent. The contract for the Ultraviolet disinfection System has been awarded to Wedeco for the amount of \$176,068. This part of the system kills bacteria in the effluent before discharge.

Ward Matters

Paeroa

- The Paeroa Cottage Garden Club has donated a number of kauri trees that have been planted in the Domain in a grove by the King Street boundary.
- Council is to construct a vehicle crossing off Station Rd to provide access to Centennial Park. The absence of a formed crossing has resulted in motorists cutting across the front of private property. The Ward Committee has also asked staff to provide a report outlining estimated costs for construction of a formed access way and vehicle turn around area at Centennial Park.
- Council has agreed to the placing of a plaque at the base of the Cenotaph on Primrose Hill explaining the significance of Anzac Day. The Community Facilities Manager is to discuss the wording with the members of the Paeroa RSA with the view to having the plaque unveiled next Anzac Day.
- Cleaning of the Paeroa Post Office has begun. The building is being water blasted to remove the white deposits that have formed on the bricks. Council bought the building as it is considered an important landmark in the town and will provide a good strategic asset to the Council. The added advantage of owning the building is that Council can now clean it to restore it to the eye catching beautiful focal point of the town that it should be.

Plains

- There has been a problem with the power supply in the Ngatea War Memorial Hall of recent months. It is thought that the outages could be related to the additional cooking appliances that have been installed recently. The Community Facilities Manager will speak to the caterers to discuss their requirements for heating of food and will report back to the Ward Committee.
- The Ward Committee has approved the purchase of additional padded chairs for the War Memorial Hall at a cost of approximately \$2500.
- On receipt of a letter from the Turua Domain and Hall Committee and the Turua Jetty Project Fundraising Committee regarding the naming of the reserve around the Turua boat ramp and jetty, Council has resolved to name the reserve the Hugh Fisher Reserve in acknowledgement of the many years of committee work Mr Hugh Fisher did for the township of Turua.
- Complaints about the positioning of the bollards at the location of the skate park in the Hugh Hayward Domain have been noted by the Plains Ward Committee. The bollards are being fitted with reflectorised tape to make them more easily seen and the traffic movement of the area is being monitored.

Helping Our Neighbours

As a Council, Hauraki is well aware of the devastating effects of major floods. Memories of the 1981 flood are still clear in most councillors' minds. Council is also very aware of the continuing danger of such an event happening again, even though many flood prevention measures have been put in place.

The plight of the Whakatane/ Opotiki area in recent times has been entirely understood by the Hauraki District Council in reciprocation of past assistance. At the start of the problem Hauraki sent staff members with all our mobile flood pumps to assist, as one of the problems that occurred was that many of the flood pumps were in fact under water and thus not functional. The local bodies in that area have expressed their great thanks to Hauraki for its assistance, which is ongoing.

At its last meeting Council resolved to grant \$6000 to the Mayoral relief funds in the area and it is reported that, while the last of the cows from the Manawatu have just left the Hauraki Plains where they had been given grazing since their floods, 260 cows have now arrived from the Whakatane area.

Elected Members' Diary

For the week of the 9th to the 15th August 2004:

Thursday 12th August:

morning – Works Committee

afternoon – Planning and Finance Committee



Local Government Conference

The annual Local Government Conference was held recently in Auckland with four councillors from Hauraki attending along with the Mayor who was attending as president of Local Government New Zealand. Councillors Tregidga, Hayden, Lockwood and Troughton reported back to Council at its last meeting that the conference was one of the best they had attended, well organised with excellent speakers and valuable opportunities for networking with other councillors and staff from around the country.

There were 500 delegates to the conference and when partners were included around 870 people attended altogether, including the Prime Minister, five cabinet ministers and a number of other MPs.

Points to come out of the conference were:

- The change in society which has been incorporated into legislation that means that Councils must be more accountable to their communities and that there is a shift towards councils becoming more involved in the community rather than just providing infrastructure. Modes of payment for these activities were discussed and the alternatives to property tax are continuing to be debated.
- Urban design is vital, particularly for rural towns in order to allow them to survive and prosper.
- Hauraki, although being a small council, is well regarded as a council that does its work well. Tribute was paid to the Mayor for his role in putting Hauraki on the map.
- It was encouraging to note Central Government's commitment to engaging with Local Government and to working together on issues of mutual concern.

Transcripts of some of the papers presented at the conference are shortly to be available on the Local Government NZ website www.lgnz.co.nz and should be well worth a read.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT WITHDRAW AMENDMENT C5 - KOPU BRIDGE

Pursuant to clause 8D(2) of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991 the Council hereby gives public notice of its decision, made on 24 June 2004, to withdraw amendment C5 of Change No 6 to the Operative District Plan on the grounds that only approximately half of the Kopu Bridge is within the Hauraki District and any effective protection for the bridge requires a co-operative approach by both councils affected.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

Hauraki District Council is a progressive local government organisation serving the Waihi, Paeroa and Plains areas with a mission to be a successful and innovative provider of services and facilities for all who live in or visit the district. The Council is currently seeking to appoint the following position based in our Paeroa Office for a period of 12 months.

Executive Officer – Planning & Environmental Services

12 month Fixed Term

If you have top organisational skills, enjoy working with people and have a flare for administrative duties you could be the person we are looking for. You will need to have competence in Microsoft Word and Excel and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

The purpose of this position is to manage the administrative duties of the Planning and Environmental Services Department and provide administrative support to the Manager. This will include assisting in the development and implementation of processes and systems and processing applications for planning consents.

If you would like to join our team please request the job description and application form from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi, or phone Sue Greenville (07) 862 8609, e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz to acquire your copy.

Applications close at 4pm Friday 20 August 2004.

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