



# HDC NEWS



## Race Relations Day Plan for Lake Improvements

Race Relations Day will be celebrated on Sunday 21st March to coincide with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This year the Human Rights Commission will be working in partnership with the New Zealand Federation of Ethnic Councils to coordinate a national programme of multiethnic festivals.

The Human Rights Commission's overarching theme to promote harmonious relations in New Zealand for 2004 will be "Celebrate New Zealand, Aotearoa Whakanuia" and the key message for Race relations Day is:

**"take a walk in someone else's shoes..."**

Council invites any group who is interested in organising an event or events to celebrate this day to contact it for suggestions and support. Further information and suggestions can also be obtained by visiting the Human Rights Commission website [www.hrc.co.nz](http://www.hrc.co.nz).

## Palm Avenue Waihi, Palm Tree Prune Up

Council has funds allocated this year for some routine arboricultural work to be done on the Phoenix Palms in Parry Palm Ave. The avenue will have dead and lower fronds removed, the aim being to reduce the amount of debris that drops during strong winds, and to even up the canopy height. The work will be carried out in late February/early March. As the road is a state highway, there will be traffic management in place to ensure public safety. In order to keep disruption to a minimum, several arboricultural crews will be involved and all the work planned will be done in one day.

## Turua Jetty

The proposed Turua Jetty has reached the design stage with plans being presented to the Plains Ward Committee at its last meeting. After the approval of the plans by full Council the process proceeds towards an application for resource consent for the jetty.

## Offer Of Land For Reserve

Council has received a most generous offer, from a member of the public, Mr R. Hutchinson, of 200 hectares of rural land for use as a reserve. The land is situated off Gobles Rd and is mostly in regenerating bush with a small area of relatively flat grassland suitable for a camp site. The land is elevated and commands expansive views.

The offer is both an opportunity and a responsibility for Council. The opportunity to allow a large area of forest to regenerate and that in due course will be available to the public to use for recreational activity is unique. There will, however, be maintenance and administration costs that the community will have to meet.

Councillors at the Planning and Finance Committee were delighted with the offer and felt that this was not only an

The Waihi Ward Committee was presented with a landscape plan for improving Gilmour Lake Reserve at its last meeting. It is proposed that the plan go out for public consultation in March involving mail-outs to key stakeholders such as Waihi Walkways Inc, and a public open day to unveil the concept. Any suggested amendments that arise from that process will be summarised and an amended concept plan would then be provided to the Ward Committee for approval before a final design is drafted. The final plan then becomes the aim but it is then up to the Ward Committee to decide which bits it thinks the community can afford for inclusion in the Council's LTCCP.

It is a staged plan, starting with the car park and toilet area, but there is no doubt work will be approved in fairly small pieces due to the large total cost. It may even be decided to pick out small parts of each stage to start with, depending on what are considered priorities. For example, some may consider that the cleaning up of the wetland area is more important for the health of the lake than extending the car park. Others may feel that the construction of the lake stage for small out-door concerts is the best way to start improvements. It is important, however, to have an overall plan to be working towards when doing any work on a reserve as important as this one is to the Waihi community.

Watch out for advertisements about the launch of the public consultation phase of this project next month so that you can have your say on the issue.

## Elected Members' Diary

For the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2004 -

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - LTCCP workshop  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - LTCCP workshop  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Council meeting and hearing for submissions on the gambling policy.



## Liquor Bans

With the passing of the new Local Government Act the law relating to liquor bans has changed catching Council rather on the hop in this past summer holiday period. While there has always been a liquor ban at Whiritoa over the holiday period Council found itself unable to impose one this year due to the new technicalities of the law.

In order to restore the status quo, Council has to set a bylaw on Liquor Control and to have it in place before next holiday period. Initial consultation is deemed to have taken place as there has been much acceptance of the ban in the past and, indeed, it was discussed at the Whiritoa Public meeting in January, the consensus being that the public were heavily in favour. All by laws have to go through a special consultative procedure, however, and the proposal for this one is therefore set to be released for public comment. Council is particularly keen to find out if the public are happy with the times and places and if there are any other areas that they think, on particular occasions, which may warrant a ban. The ban gives police some powers to seize liquor from people in public places that they otherwise would not have but other legislation can be used to cover unruly behaviour from drunk people where there is no ban in force.

offer which allowed us to fulfil our responsibilities towards conservation values but for providing for future recreational activities. Council has a number of other reserves throughout the district where land is retired for conservation purposes but the largest is only 41ha compared with approximately 200ha in this piece of land.

Costs associated with maintaining the land are estimated to be: a one off cost of fencing of \$20,000 and annual maintenance costs of around \$15,000. As this would be a district reserve the maintenance costs would come out of the district budget.

The Planning and Finance Committee recommended to Council that it accepts the offer and that staff members investigate other sources of finance for maintenance. Councillors plan to do a site inspection later this month.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



**NGATEA SWIMMING POOL**  
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM  
SUNDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2004

**TONY RICHARDS TOYOTA PAEROA SWIMMING POOL**  
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM  
SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2004

*Many thanks to everyone for visiting and supporting the Pools this season. We aimed to provide you with a simple, no-frills, safe experience when you visited us during the summer. We look forward to your continued support next summer. - Nick, Joeline, Scott, Kate, Ben, Kim, Shelley, Nicola.*

'Ratepayers are reminded that a 10% penalty will be incurred on all second instalment 2003/04 rates unpaid at the close of business on Wednesday 25 February 2004.'

## HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL LIQUOR BANS POLICY

Liquor bans have been imposed in the Hauraki District at Whiritoa, under provisions of the Local Government Act 1974.

The procedure has been changed by the Local Government Act 2002 and a bylaw is now required.

A bylaw is proposed that will:

- Ban the consumption or possession of, or the bringing of liquor into public places in Whiritoa over the Christmas/New Year period, Easter and all long weekends incorporating public holidays.
- Provision is also made for banning the use of vehicles in conjunction with the above.

The summary and a full copy of the statement of proposal may be obtained from the Hauraki District Council Offices in Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi or by making a written request to Council at PO Box 17 Paeroa.

Submissions can be made up until and including the **7th April, 2004**.

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide for the control of liquor in public places at Whiritoa, but this could be extended to other parts of the Hauraki District depending on the outcome of the consultative process, so as to provide healthy, safe and secure communities.
- 1.2 The control may be general or specific.

#### 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 The policy is a District wide policy but enables account in its application to be taken of individual community wishes.

#### 3. POLICY

- 3.1 That drunk and disorderly behaviour is to be discouraged throughout the Hauraki District
- 3.2 That general or specific prohibitions or controls over the consumption or possession of liquor in public places and in some circumstance prohibiting the use of a vehicle in such places will be imposed.
- 3.3 The New Zealand Police will be provided with the powers available through legislation to enable the prohibitions to be enforced.

#### 4. REFERENCE TO RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND OTHER COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

This policy shall be administered in accordance with the following:

- Local Government Act 2002 sections 147, 169, 170 and 242

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