



HDC NEWS



Award Winning Staff Team Local Government Statement

A team of four staff members from the Corporate Services Department of Council participated in the National Business Review Management Game throughout a substantial part of last year. Duncan Peddie, Jill Steadman, Matthew Radford and Barry O'Neil formed one of 170 teams throughout the country who were given a dummy company to run with five local markets and two overseas markets.

Decisions were required involving:

- Setting prices
- Marketing and PR
- Production - considerations such as how much could be produced with the type of plant, whether to include overtime rates, whether to buy or sell plant and assessing existing plant against new plant.
- Warehousing
- Distribution
- Use of consultants
- Loans and investment.

The progress was judged by the retained profits at the end of each trading period.

The team progressed through the preliminary rounds gaining high placings, which qualified them for the final that was played on the weekend of the 6th of December. The team then gained third place overall. This is a magnificent achievement and ratepayers should be very pleased that the District's financial resources are in such capable hands. The prize is a trip for two to Fiji, which provides for some more decision making as there are four members of the team.

Social Issues

For those elected members who thought that being on Council was about basic necessities of life such as roads, rubbish disposal, water and sewerage, recent laws passed by parliament with responsibilities delegated to territorial authorities have come as a bit of a shock. While councillors are not expected to make moral judgements on issue such as prostitution and gambling they are expected to consider the social aspects of allowing these activities in our communities. Council has been considering recently how control of these activities is to be undertaken in the Hauraki District.

Fragments From The Wards

- Plains
- Use of the Ngatea War Memorial Hall is up on previous years for three of the past four months.
 - The Ngatea Swimming Pool was open to the general public on December 8th. The pool attendants have all received their lifeguard training and first aid certificates and will be resplendent in their new uniforms.
 - A meeting was held on 12th December to discuss Expressions of Interest for design concepts for the Entranceways into Ngatea.

- Paeroa
- Environment Waikato is to take over the diesel powered pump originally installed by the Paeroa Borough for the Paeroa Main Drain. The proposal is to fit an electric motor and control equipment once the twin diesel generators, which are to be installed by EW to power the four flood pumps in the main drain station, have been commissioned at the site.
 - Paeroa War Memorial Hall use is down on previous years.
 - The Paeroa Swimming Pool was open for public use on December the 8th and as with the Plains ward the new pool attendants were trained and ready to go.

Cold Pies

The Plains Ward Committee received a request from the Hauraki Lioness Club regarding the purchase of a pie warmer for the Ngatea War Memorial Hall. The committee considered the request at its last meeting but declined the request as in the past there had been a problem when such appliances had been provided, with people not cleaning them after use. There is also a problem with power fluctuations when appliances are in use in the hall. The Committee resolved to have the feasibility of upgrading the power supply to the hall looked into.



REMEMBER - POOLS FREE IN JANUARY

Another requirement of the new Local Government Act is that of a "Governance Statement" to be published every three years. Hauraki has just passed its Governance Statement under the new Act and will have to do another one next year after the election. The Governance Statement is really not anything new. It simply brings together the things that are normally published in the Annual report about how our committee structure is set up, members' roles and conduct, delegations and key policies for planning and dealing with the public. All the information in it already existed it is just a matter of pulling it all together in one place. If you want to read our Governance Statement it is available at Council offices and on the website.

Whiritoa Facilities Opened

The long awaited skateboard ramp in Whiritoa was opened in a simple, community driven ceremony just after New Year. The ramp was requested by some teenagers some years ago. Those teens have since left school and got jobs but the ramp is now a reality for a different group of young people. The reason it took so long was that the positioning of the ramp took some time to agree on, with opposition to sites and resource consents to be obtained. The final decision was to site the ramp behind the tennis courts.

The ramp is of a relatively low level of difficulty designed for younger children to get enjoyment from. Alongside the ramp is an area of grass which has been levelled to provide the site for croquet to be played and a relatively informal group of social croquet players has formed to coordinate its use and provide equipment.

Both facilities were opened in a low key and enjoyable occasion with a demonstration of skateboarding by a very talented young lad and some hitting around of croquet balls by a few of a different generation. The informal ceremonies were followed by games for the children and a group of ten or so youngsters took part, obviously enjoying themselves. Funding for the skate ramp came from a mixture of local fundraising and money from Whiritoa's own fund for sporting facilities. A little more work - more topsoil, grass, rolling and mowing - is required on the croquet green to get it up to playing standard as the ground is rather rough, but it is planned to do that in the autumn.

PUBLIC NOTICE



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 February 2004.

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

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2004 WARD COMMITTEES
PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 1.00 PM
WAIHI 3.30 PM

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER AND WASTES
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2004 10.00 AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2004 (if required) 9.00 AM

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2004
10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE

1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
HAURAKI COROMANDEL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2004 10.00AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2004, (if required) 9.00 AM

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2004 10.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2004, 10.30 AM

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2004, 10.00 AM

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SITUATIONS VACANT

CIVIL ENGINEER/TECHNICIAN

If you're an experienced (5 to 10 years) Civil Engineer with an NZCE, BE or equivalent then your next logical step is to apply for the position of Technical Services Engineer at Hauraki District Council

Why?

Because we offer

- * A job that will broaden the scope of your engineering experience, focusing on design and engineering professional services, tender analysis and technical review of resource consents applications
- * Enough infrastructure diversity to challenge any engineer - land drainage, rural and urban water supplies, urban stormwater, wastewater treatment, rural and urban roads.
- * The opportunity to gain staff management experience
- * A progressive organisation that is realistic about relating salaries to what the market is paying
- * The chance to work with our professional, friendly team

And then there's the *lifestyle*:

- * Sun, surf and scenery at your doorstep
- * Quality housing at affordable prices
- * City attractions (Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga) within close travelling distance

This position entails extensive contact with the public, needing a good command of the English language.

Want to know more? Pick up an information pack from our Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi, phone Erin Wood (07) 862 8609, e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close at 4pm on
Wednesday 4 February 2004

CONSENTS OFFICER - PLANNING

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME APPLICANTS CONSIDERED

If you would like to join a progressive local government organisation in a central location and have a desire to work in a small committed team we may have the position for you. Applications are invited for the position of Consents Officer - Planning in our Planning & Environmental Services Department at the Hauraki District Council based in Paeroa.

The successful applicant will have:

- A tertiary qualification in Planning or Resource Management plus 3 to 5 years practical experience
- Excellent customer relations and interpersonal skills
- Ability to make sound judgements and decisions
- Analytical and presentation skills
- An understanding of Resource Management Act and Local Government and the ability to interpret legislation

Key tasks include:

- Processing of Resource Consents including Subdivision Applications within statutory timeframes
- Responding to customer enquiries of a planning nature
- Preparing planning reports and making recommendations for consideration by Council
- Monitoring and promoting compliance with Resource Management Act

Full-time and Part-time applicants will be considered
Please clearly state your preference on your application

Prospective applicants should first obtain the job description and application form from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi, or alternatively phone Erin Wood (07) 862 8609, e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close at 4pm on
Thursday 12 February 2004.

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