



HDC NEWS



Solid Waste Matters

• Compacting Trial

Council has been trialling using an excavator at the Waihi Refuse Transfer Station to compact rubbish. The results of the trial are that the machine was very useful in compacting green waste but less useful in compacting general refuse. The general refuse needed to be compacted several times throughout the day for maximum advantage. The matter will be considered further as to whether the use of the excavator is a feasible option.

• New Operators

From the 11th of August the Paeroa Refuse Transfer Station is now being run by the Council's Construction and Maintenance Business Unit, which also operates the Waihi Refuse Transfer Station.

• Solid Waste Bylaw

Council is required under the Local Government Act 2002 to have a Solid Waste by law in place. Council staff members are working on a draft using examples from other councils as guides. The by law will be subject to a special consultative procedure so expect to be asked to contribute submissions on it in the near future.

• End of Life Tyres

We recently reported that the refuse transfer stations now accept tyres from non commercial sources. These are then cut into four with an industrial guillotine before disposal at the Tirohia land fill. Commercial quantities are not generally accepted, however.

A package has been developed by the MTA in association with the Ministry of the Environment to deal with the tyre problem by helping tyre dealers and transporters dispose of tyres legitimately and increasing the rate of tyre recovery and recycling.

The Tyre Track system is a simple one. Tyre Track is a voluntary tyre collection system that links tyre dealers and transporters with recyclers and landfills and can be reached through the web-site www.tyretrack.co.nz.

While New Zealand is heavily dependent on landfill disposal of tyres at present, the aim is to see much greater rates of recycling of tyres over the next two years. There is a new tyre crumbing service in the Auckland area and Pacific Steel is looking at ways to use the carbon from tyres in its steel making process.

Whiritoa Turning Bay

After representation from the Whiritoa community, Council made submission to Transit New Zealand regarding the construction of a turning bay into Whiritoa Beach Road. It is the observation of members of the community, supported by the Waihi Ward Councillors, that the present situation is very dangerous, particularly in summer when traffic is heavy. Transit has replied to Council that the turning bay has been identified and is included in their long-term Minor Safety Works programme.

The Waihi Ward Committee believes that this should be listed by Council as its highest priority in future consultation with Transit on the list of Minor Safety Works. Transit has issued a word of warning on the issue that with the curved highway alignment and constrained formation area, designing a safe, effective right turn bay will not be straightforward and therefore, even if it is given the highest priority, a construction start would not be possible until February 2005 at the earliest.

Library Use Increasing

Did you know that more people use libraries than sports grounds, cinemas or theatres? Despite predictions from some ill-informed people, the use of libraries has not declined with the advent of computers, the internet and videos. Libraries remain the number one recreational resource in the country.

The number of issues of books in Hauraki libraries for the past financial year has increased over the previous year. Within the past twelve months 107,287 books were issued - around 6000 more than the previous year. A total of 2758 new books were added to the library stocks.

For those who do not use the library, do not forget that there is more to a library than books. Libraries have magazines, audio books and some videos along with access to computers and the internet. So if you haven't checked it out lately, join the trend and pay a visit to your local library. There is one in each of the three main towns of the District along with small community libraries at Turua and Whiritoa.

Elected Members' Diary

For the week of the 26th to the 1st of August 2004: Thursday 29th July - Full Council Meeting



Rahu Rd Repairs

Work has stalled on the repairs to Rahu Rd, at present, due to bad weather. The job is a difficult one and will continue when the weather becomes more settled. The work that has been done should have reduced the danger of further slips closing the road.

Plains Water

Pipe Renewals

Pipes have been replaced on Kaihahu Rd along the front of the Kerepehi Domain with a larger diameter. This section had a high incidence of repair.

Awaiti Rd between Burton Rd and the Reservoir Canal Rd intersection has been renewed. The old galvanised pipe has been replaced with a larger PVC pipe.

Again, an old galvanised pipe has been replaced with a larger PVC pipe in Oparia Rd. The undersized pipe was causing pressure and supply problems and a 100mm concrete pipe on Orchard East Rd has also been replaced with a 150mm PVC pipe.

Rakino Drive has been tagged for renewal to remove the 100mm galvanised iron pipe that currently runs down the back of the properties under garden sheds and carports and to reinstate this in the road reserve. This also provides the opportunity to replace the current above ground hydrants with the standard ground level installation.

Waitakaruru Off-stream Storage

Investigations into the use of off stream storage for Waitakaruru water have indicated that the use of Tetley's Quarry as a reservoir is the lowest cost option with a lower risk than the other options considered. The down side of this option is the possible sterilization of the resource of rock that remains under the proposed reservoir. A fuller evaluation is to be done.

Does My Dog Need to be Entertained?

Dogs do get bored if they lack stimulation. Bored dogs often develop unacceptable behaviour problems, (e.g. barking, digging holes, reacting very excitably around people). Dogs that require more "entertainment" include working breeds, collies, terriers. Every day, all adult dogs should be taken for a walk (off the section) for at least 30 minutes. In addition, they should have 10 minutes play and 10 minutes obedience style play with you per day. Variety is very important. Your walks should vary and ideally the dog should have a chance to be either on a very long lead in some novel place or, if safe, let loose in an area where he/she can be free enough to track smells, chase leaves etc. Running behind the bike may give your dog some exercise,

but very little mental stimulation. Back yards can become very boring, so leaving the dog loose there, does not count as a walk.



Allowing your dog to visit and play with another dog can be good stimulation. Attending obedience classes is an excellent idea. Your dog is never too old to learn! Old dogs simply take a little longer to learn than a younger dog. A dog under control is a much more enjoyable pet for you and less likely to be of annoyance to others. Also, if you are having behaviour problems with your dog, dealing with these can be made easier.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reminder to Dog Owners



This reminder gives you an opportunity to register your dog(s) before July 31st 2004. Dogs remaining unregistered after July 31st 2004 will incur substantial penalty fees.

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DRAFT DOG CONTROL POLICY

Submissions for the Draft Dog Control Policy close on Monday 9th August 2004.

The policy outlines the proposed exercise areas, restricted and prohibited areas for dogs, infringement notices and explains about the number of dogs allowed on a premise, amongst many other factors.

To date only a few submissions have been received. Council wants to hear what you have to say and encourages all residents to read and make a submission on the policy.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Draft Dog Control policy, please phone Hauraki District Council on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

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 August 2004.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

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

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER AND WASTES
TUESDAY 3 AUGUST 2004 10.00 AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2004 (if required) 9.00 AM

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 2004
10.00 AM WORKS COMMITTEE
1.00 PM PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

HAURAKI COROMANDEL DEVELOPMENT GROUP
TUESDAY 17 AUGUST 2004 10.00 AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 19 AUGUST 2004
(if required) 9.00 AM

EASTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2004, 10.00AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 2004, 10.30 AM -
COUNCIL OFFICE
ORCHARD ROAD, NGATEA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2004, 10.00 AM

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