



HDC NEWS



Roads Roundup

There has been much activity on the roads throughout the current construction season, which is now coming to a close. Seal extensions have been completed on the following roads:

- Mathers Rd
- Reservoir Rd
- Waikumete Rd
- Waikaka Rd.

Gerrard Rd is nearing completion and on Corbett Rd drainage and earthworks are progressing well. The final pavement construction and sealing of Corbett Rd has been deferred until the next construction season starting around October.

Work on the intersection of Old Tauranga Rd and Waitawheta Rd, which involves a realignment to make the intersection safer, has been delayed due to extensive relocation of telecom cables (including fibre optic cables) and overhead power lines being necessary. The delays are due to difficulties in organising the appropriate service authorities to do this work. Similar problems have been experienced in the Rahu Rd re-alignment

Submission To Environment Waikato

The desirability of lodging a submission to Environment Waikato regarding the clean up of Lake Taupo was discussed at the last Council meeting. It was mentioned that the rural sector was unhappy with one third of the cost being paid by the whole region. It was felt that if the matter was one of national interest then it should not be funded by rating. In most other cases where a large scheme is involved, for example the Piako scheme, the rest of the region pays only 15%. Hauraki's land drainage and storm-water funding is 85% for the people who directly benefit and 15% by the rest of the district. It was felt that 15% is the most the rest of the region should pay towards Taupo.

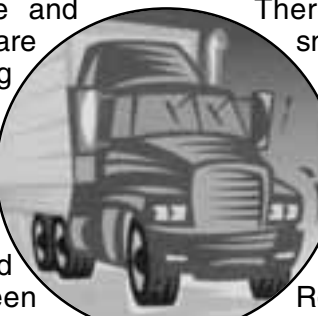
Reminder: Nominations for 2003 Citizen Awards

The Hauraki District Council invites nominations for deserving nominees to be considered for Council's 2003 Citizen Awards. To be eligible, nominees must satisfy the specified criteria. Further information on eligibility and nomination forms can be obtained from Council's Service Centres in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngatea, or by telephoning Customer services at 07 862 8609 (or 0800 734 834 within district). Nominations should be addressed to the Community Liaison Officer, Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17, Paeroa, to be received no later than 4pm on **18 JUNE 2004**.

and the improvements to the Golden Valley/Ngatitangata Rd intersection.

Routine maintenance work at this time of year includes the spreading of aggregate on unsealed roads and the removal of leaves from drainage grates particularly in Waihi and Paeroa where the autumn leaf fall always presents a problem of blocked drains.

There are two other small items in this month's roading report that the public may be interested in. The first is the erection of sight rails along River Rd in Karangahake, which has been considered important by residents, particularly with the development of a motor home park at the end of the street. The second is the completion of a pedestrian count at the Kenny St/Silverton Rd intersection in Waihi which has been considered to present a possible safety problem since the opening of the new supermarket. With the pedestrian study complete, Council's consultants are working on a draft solution to address safety concerns at this intersection.



Elected Members' Diary

For the week of the 7th June to the 13th June 2004:

Thursday 10th June -

Morning - Works Committee

Afternoon - Planning and Finance Committee



Keep Those Dogs In At Night

There have been several cases of dogs worrying sheep recently in both Paeroa and Waihi. As a result three dogs, which no doubt were somebody's delightful pets, have now had to be put down. If you have ever seen the damage a dog can do to sheep you will be extremely careful to make sure your dog is secure at night and not able to wander and get into trouble. If you have not seen such damage be assured it is not a pretty sight. The nicest pet dog can revert to its wild ways when confronted with a passive sheep at night, especially if it is in the company of another dog.

To make sure your dog cannot be accused of such a crime, ensure it is tied up or shut inside or in a securely fenced area at night. All dogs must be kept under control at all times and the only way to be sure your dog is under control at night is to secure it. It will not get a second chance. Dogs who get the taste for worrying sheep will repeat the offence.

More On The Dog Policy



Council staff are to do some more work on the dog control policy before re-presenting it to the Planning and Finance Committee. Because the legislation is new it was decided that a little more thought needs to go into what needs to be in the policy before it goes out for public comment so it is to be redrafted.

Sister City Visit

Council has been honoured by an invitation to the Mayor and one other to attend the opening of the Shanghai formula one motor racing track, which has been built in Jiading, Hauraki's Sister City. The track is to be opened in September and the event is a hugely significant one in the world of formula one motor racing world wide.

Council resolved that the Mayor, Basil Morrison, and the Chief Executive, Langley Cavers, should go to the prestigious event, as to refuse the invitation would be regarded as a slight. All expenses, once in the country, will be met by the Jiading City Government but Hauraki will pay the airfares there and back.



Delegated Authority

The Hauraki District Council performs many functions and undertakes many duties in order to meet legislative requirements and community expectations. It is not possible for the Council to perform all these functions and duties without the assistance of staff members who are given authority to bring into effect the work of the Council. If staff had to come back to the elected membership every time they needed to buy stationery or to pay the phone bill, the work of the council would be stalled. As a result, the Council needs to delegate certain powers and duties to the Chief Executive, and the Chief Executive needs to sub-delegate certain powers and duties to other members of staff. Council must authorise the delegation and sub-delegation.

Council has decided to produce a delegations manual to set out all the delegations that are operating within the council. In order to develop this manual, a sub-committee of the Mayor, Basil Morrison, the Deputy Mayor, John Tregidga, the Chairman of the Planning and Finance Committee, Mary Carmine and the Chairman of the Works Committee, Don Challis, has been formed. This committee will assist the Chief Executive with the preparation of a draft Delegations Manual to be brought before council for approval.

PUBLIC NOTICE



CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a one day straight sprint event organised by Thames Valley Car Club Inc. the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road.

Period of closure: Sunday 13 June 2004 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Road to be closed: Hamilton Road, Kerepehi

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: No traffic shall be held up for more than 30 minutes.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

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