



# HDC NEWS



## A Summary of the Annual Plan Summary

### Roading

Roading expenditure is reduced because of a decrease in the maintenance contract cost. Some extra projects are to be done including the replacement of the Coxhead Rd Bridge.

### New Council Controlled Organisation

A new organisation is to be established to allow the councils in the Waikato to work together in gaining shared service contracts for things such as valuation services.

### Refuse Disposal

Due to the loss of a large commercial user of the Paeroa Transfer Station, there is a reduction in revenue from the transfer stations. In order to make ends meet it is proposed to increase the disposal charge at the transfer stations to \$100 inc. GST per tonne.

### Paeroa War Memorial Hall

In response to community demand, it is proposed to upgrade the hall to a suitable standard for public use similar to the other Memorial Halls in the District. In order to do this \$400,000 is included in the budget.

### Positively Promoting the Plains

Funding of \$7250 is to be provided for this group to promote the whole of the Plains Ward.

### Karangahake Reserve Toilet

\$15,000 is provided to investigate options for improvement of the sewerage system to meet the increasing demand in this area.

### Waitakaruru Water

\$90,000 has been brought forward from 2007-2008 to the coming year for drilling investigations for a new quarry pit as part of the raw water storage proposal.

### Waihi Sewerage

Construction of the Victoria St rising main has been delayed until 2008/09 as it is not needed yet but the Victoria St pump station is to be upgraded at a cost of \$20,000.

### Paeroa Streetscape

\$750,000 has been deferred from 2004-2005 to the coming year to allow for community involvement in the planning.

### Plains Capital Projects

It is proposed that the unallocated project amount be increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for this year only.

### Ngatea Pool

The Ngatea Aquatic Centre proposal has been postponed until the Physical Activity Plan has been completed. It is proposed to paint the pool in 2005/2006 at a cost of \$25,000.

### Waihi Visitor Centre

\$22,000 is proposed for the Waihi Information Centre for administrative support and office improvements.

### Go Waihi

Extra money is to be provided for more street buntings and town entrance signage plus other equipment.

### Paeroa Information Centre

Because of the difficulty in obtaining volunteers for the centre there is a proposal to reduce the opening hours to Monday to Friday and open at weekends in the summer and long weekends only.

### Pouarua- Maukoro Drainage

Proposed expenditure is to be moved out one year.

## New Pedestrian Crossing Rules

On average three pedestrians are killed and 105 injured on pedestrian crossings each year. A new change in the road rules means that motorists must give way to people on both sides of a pedestrian crossing unless the crossing is divided by a raised traffic island. It's quite simple; you must stop if there is anyone waiting to cross on either side of a crossing. On the other hand pedestrians should also be careful that they do not step out on to a crossing unless on coming drivers have time to stop safely.

## Councils Working Together

The Hauraki District Council has agreed to participate in a "Council Controlled Organisation" that combines thirteen councils throughout the Waikato. The object is to provide "buying power" for services such as valuation services. While Council has approved the Hauraki District's participation in the company, this will not become final until consultation with the public has been undertaken. The matter will be in the draft Annual Plan so that submissions can be made on the issue if people have a strong view on the subject. Council will hear any submissions on the subject and may then confirm, modify or remove the proposal before approving the Annual Plan.

## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 25th April to the 1st May.



Thursday 28th May LGNZ Zone II meeting at Hauraki

Friday 29th May Full Council Meeting

## Effect on Rates

It is always difficult to say what effect proposals will have on rates because each person's rates depends on what services they obtain from Council e.g. rubbish collection or not, sewerage or not, which ward they are in and so on. However these are the proposed changes:

- District general rate will drop by 3.3%.
- Western Plains Drainage District rate will rise by 5%
- Paeroa Urban storm water rate will rise by 10%
- District refuse collection will increase by \$3
- Whiritoa refuse collection will increase by \$3
- District waste water (sewerage) rate will increase by \$10
- Komata North Drainage district rate will rise by 10%

The Annual Plan Summary has examples of typical properties throughout the district and how their rates will change. Remember, these summaries, which contain further detail, and the full copies of the Plan are available at Council offices. Next week we will remind you how to make a submission on the Annual Plan.

## More Consultation

Apart from the Annual Plan, the other thing Council is consulting on at the moment is the Draft Water and Sanitary Services Assessment. Again this is a document required by law and many of you will have filled in forms published in this paper questioning aspects of water supplies and waste services. The report comprises an assessment on water supply, waste water services, storm water, drainage, cemeteries, crematoria, public toilets and waste disposal. The requirement to assess these services comes from the Local Government Act as they are all vital to health and wellbeing.

The factors contained in the report include:

- A description of how drinking water is obtained and the methods used to dispose of sewerage and storm water.
- Risks attributed to the absence of a reticulated water supply and/or reticulated sewerage and storm water services.
- An assessment of the quality and adequacy of drinking water and the quality and quantity of discharged waste water.
- A statement of current and estimated future demands for these services.
- A statement of options to meet the demands for their suitability.
- A statement of the intended role of the Council in meeting the demands for their suitability.
- Council's proposal for meeting the demands.

While the report is a lengthy one and goes into a lot of detail on each matter, it is the conclusions to each section that are the important part for the public to look at. These are summarised in the Statement of Proposal, which is only six pages long, and is worth a read if you do not feel like reading the whole document. Again there is a form at the end of the summary on which you can make a submission. These do not have to be in until the 23rd May so you have a bit longer than for the Annual Plan.

We apologise if you feel you are being over consulted but that's the law and you can't say "Nobody asked us," any more.

## 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 May 2005.

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa, unless otherwise advised.\*

### HEARINGS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 3 MAY 2005, 9.00 AM (*confirmed*)  
THURSDAY 19 MAY 2005, 9.00 AM (*if required*)

**\*DISTRICT PLAN COMMITTEE HEARING -  
PLAN CHANGE NO. 9 WHIRITOA REZONING  
WHIRITOA EMERGENCY CENTRE, 44 WHIRITOA  
BEACH ROAD, WHIRITOA  
THURSDAY 5 MAY 2005, 9.30 AM**

### TUESDAY 10 MAY 2005, WARD COMMITTEES

PLAINS 9.00 AM  
PAEROA 12.30 PM  
WAIHI 2.30 PM

### COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2005, 9.00 AM  
THURSDAY 26 MAY 2005, 9.00 AM

### HEARINGS COMMITTEE

**WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2005, 10.30 AM**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## NOTICE OF POSSUM CONTROL PROGRAMME

**Ngatikoi Reserve (Black Hill)  
off Clarke Street, Waihi**

A baiting programme to reduce the possum population within the above reserve will be conducted over the days of 2nd to 8th of May 2005.

Members of the public who visit the reserve are hereby notified of the application of cyanide bait in sign posted bait stations situated within the bush area of the reserve and greater than 30 metres off established walking tracks. Possum carcasses will be retrieved daily and disposed of in an appropriate manner during the bait period and week following.

The baiting programme will be carried out by an approved applicator.

Visitors to the reserve are requested to stay on the established walking track and keep dogs off the reserve at all times. Signage will be displayed at the formal entrances to the reserve.

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Newmont Waihi Operations  
(lessee of Ngatikoi Reserve)

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