



HDC NEWS



Be Prepared For Storms

Interesting trivial fact: did you know that New Zealand is second only to the United States in the world figures for the number of tornadoes in a year?

In our Civil Defence series about planning for natural disasters it is obvious to include storms as they are one of the most likely events to cause disruption and discomfort in this area with the potential to be classed as "disasters" under the wrong circumstances. Damaging wind can be caused by deep depressions or tornadoes. Although small tornadoes have hit our district the more likely scenario is that of severe winds for which we usually have warning by the Met service. Strong wind warnings are issued when winds of more than 87km/ hr are expected over land.

WHEN A STRONG WIND WARNING IS ISSUED

- Listen to your radio for information.
- Bring pets inside and move stock to shelter.
- Pick up rubbish and put rubbish bins indoors.
- Secure outdoor furniture and lightweight garages.
- Put tape across large windows to prevent them from shattering.

DURING THE STORM

- Open a window on the side of the building away from the wind - this will relieve pressure on the roof
- Close the curtains to slow down flying glass or other loose objects.
- Stay away from doors and windows. If the wind becomes destructive, shelter further inside the house. Use a mattress for added protection.
- Stay away from metal and electrical fixtures.
- Don't walk around outside.
- Don't go driving unless absolutely necessary.
- Contact Council if your house or building is severely damaged.

AFTER THE STORM

- Avoid dangling and broken power lines. Report these to the nearest electrical authority.
- Contact the Council for advice about cleaning up the debris.

Be Prepared For Floods

Floods are events that parts of the Hauraki District have learned to live with over the years. They are the most common cause of a civil defence emergency. Assume that you will have to cope with a flood. Several so-called '100 year' floods can happen in quick succession. To reduce the impact on you and your loved ones there are measures you can take.

BEFORE A FLOOD STRIKES

- Find out about the worst flood in your locality and how high it rose. Calculate where such a flood would reach in your home.
- Know how to reach the nearest high ground.
- Keep your valuables and some food and clothing above what you judge to be the high-water mark.
- Store weed-killers and insecticides and other chemicals above your estimated high-water mark.
- Consider building some form of storage above your ceiling.
- Find out about present and future plans for building flood protection schemes in your locality.
- Keep your insurance cover up to date.

WHEN A FLOOD THREATENS

- Listen to your radio for information. Follow civil defence advice and instructions.
- Disconnect electrical appliances and move valuables, clothing, food, medicines, and chemicals above the likely reach of flood waters.
- Take your getaway kit with you if you have to leave your home. Turn electricity and gas off at the mains.
- Take your pets with you.
- Don't go into floodwaters alone.
- Don't go sightseeing in flooded areas.
- Don't drink flood water. It could be contaminated.

Dog Owners Beware

Council was successful in prosecuting a dog owner who failed to comply with the conditions and criteria classification for a dangerous dog. The owner was fined \$900 and an order for the destruction of the dog was granted by the court. Dog owners need to keep their dog under control.

Environment Waikato Rates

Most Hauraki District ratepayers will have recently received their Environment Waikato Regional Council Rates. These can be paid at any Environment Waikato Office within the region or either a New Zealand Post Shop or Books and More shop.

Hauraki District Council are unable to accept payments for Regional Council rates.

Hauraki District Council rates will be mailed out in the first week of October 2005.

Book Blurbs

Every month Hauraki District Libraries are adding new books to their stock. Here is a sample of those added to the shelves during the month of August.

'Fade' by Kyle Mills.

A secret wing of US Homeland Security is recruiting agents to work undercover in the Middle East, and Matt Egan's old friend would be just perfect. Salam Al Fayed - 'Fade' - is an ex-Navy Seal, the son of immigrants and speaks Arabic like a native. But he's retired, embittered and alone. When pressured to enlist he turns, prepared to fight back at any cost. The chase is on: will Matt be able to find his friend-turned-fugitive before Fade can take the ultimate revenge.

'Meeting Point' by Roisin McAuley.

To Claire Watson, a holiday in the south of France means lazy days sunbathing and a spot of sightseeing. The last thing she expects is to fall in love, but when she meets John Rock, the attraction is instant, but so is the feeling they have met before. Uneasy memories from a decade before begin to surface - a broken marriage, a tragic accident - but how could she have known him back then? As old secrets come to light, Claire is totally unprepared for the astounding consequences.

'Lethal Intent' by Quintin Jardine.

Four ruthless Albanian gangsters have infiltrated Edinburgh's underworld and MI5 believe they are trying to move into the city's drug scene. Then the son of a police officer is found dead - a teenage prank gone wrong, or the foretaste of things to come? Meanwhile the First Minister is planning to take over the police force, threatening ruin to anyone who gets in his way. It's a triple threat for Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner - and a race against time to piece it all together!

Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 29th August to the 4th September 2005:

No meetings scheduled.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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 road maintenance organised by Hauraki District Council 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 between: Monday 5th to Friday 9th September 2005 from 7am to 4:00pm.

Road to be closed: William Street between Woolworths Exit and Belmont Road, Paeroa.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: Divert to Marshall Street, Belmont Road Paeroa.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Hauraki District Council has prepared the following proposed change to the following plan:

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 10 TO THE OPERATIVE HAURAKI DISTRICT PLAN - REZONING AT WAIHI (the proposal)

The Proposed Change No. 10 comprises the following changes:

- 1) Rezoning of specified areas of land in Waihi from Rural to Rural Residential or Residential;
- 2) Rezoning of specified areas of land in Waihi from Rural Residential to Residential;
- 3) Associated minor text changes.

Copies of the Proposed Change may be viewed at the District Council Offices at William Street, Paeroa; Orchard Road, Ngatea; Seddon Street, Waihi or any of the District's Libraries, or can be obtained upon request. Please contact Marina van Steenberg on 0800 734 834 (from within District) or 07 862 8609 if you have any questions about the proposal.

Any person may make a submission on the Proposed Change or any part of it. You may do so by sending a written submission addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council
William Street
P O Box 17, Paeroa
Or Fax: 07 862 8607

The submission must be in form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from Hauraki District Council. Submissions close on 27 September 2005.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submission, Hauraki District Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified; and
- There must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made; and
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Hauraki District Council must give its decision on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

Signed: L.D. Cavers on behalf of Hauraki District Council
Date: 30 August 2005.

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 September 2005.

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

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2005, 9.00 AM (if required)
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2005, 9.00 AM (if required))

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2005, WARD COMMITTEES

PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 12.30 PM
WAIHI 2.30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2005, 9.00 AM
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2005, 9.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2005, 10.30 AM

L D Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE