



HDC NEWS



Turua Threshold

Council is constructing threshold signage at Turua as part of its minor safety works programme. Council has accepted a tender from McBreen Jenkins for the work at a cost of \$131,034.50. Work on the Torehape Road East Drainage intersection improvements has been deferred to ensure sufficient funds are available in the budget to complete the Turua project. The Torehape Rd project will be done in the next financial year.

Transpower Upgrade Update

It may be pertinent to update people on the state of play regarding the proposal by Transpower to place a 400kv line from Whakamaru in the central North Island to the substation in Otahuhu. The current situation is that there have been two public meetings in the District, one at Kaihere and one at Mangatarata at which the public were informed as to the proposal and at which members of the public were able to have their say. Council is acting as an advocate for the people in this process. A further meeting is to take place on February 28th at Mangatarata Bowling Club commencing at 7.00pm.

In the first stage of consultation Transpower has been informing the public and councils of the proposed and alternative routes. As far as Hauraki is concerned one of the proposed routes passes through the western hills of our district and takes in a swathe of private land in this area.

There is an alternative route on the other side of the range which does not cross our district at all. The decision as to which route will be taken will be made in May. Council intends to put in a submission outlining why the route through the Hauraki district should not be considered. This will be mainly based on the disruption to farming and forestry activities that the lines would cause particularly with regard to airstrips and topdressing. The submission will also suggest that alternative supplies of energy should also be further investigated to avoid running lines through private land.

Vandalism - Paeroa Domain



The Paeroa Cottage Garden Club donated 5 Kauri trees to the community when the club wound up in 2004. These were planted in the Domain by remaining members of the club, and the outgoing Mayor, Basil Morrison. This was a very generous donation to the community by a small group of people - future generations stood to benefit from the planting, as we all do now when we visit the Domain and stand to admire the mature trees we have today that were planted so many years ago.

Early in February, in what can only be described as a mindless act of stupidity, the Kauri trees were damaged and broken. They have been replaced, and users of the Domain are asked to keep a watchful eye over the replacements.

Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the
21st to the 27th Feb:

Thursday 24th February -
Full Council Meeting



Permission to Drive on the Beach

Council has a bylaw to prevent people from driving vehicles on Whiritoa Beach. A request has been received from an elderly resident of Whiritoa who has a heart condition and a hip disability for permission to take a four wheel motor cycle on to the beach so that he can go fishing. Council has granted him permission provided the vehicle is driven at walking pace (limit 10k/h), does not endanger safety or be an annoyance or inconvenience to anyone else and that access to the beach be via dedicated access ways.

Council also decided that any other similar such requests can be decided by the Manager of Planning and Environmental Services.

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 March 2005. All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2005, 9.00 AM (if required)

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2005, 9.00 AM (if required)

WARD COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2005,

PLAINS 9.00 AM

PAEROA 12.30 PM

WAIHI 2.30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2005, 10.00 AM

THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2005, 10.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2005, 10.30 AM

CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the pursuant to Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of holding the Waihi Life & Soul Festival 2005 event organised by Karo Promotions and Go Waihi 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 27 February 2005 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Road to be closed: Seddon Street between Rosemont Road and Gilmour Street, WAIHI

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: detour via Kenny Street, WAIHI

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.

L.D.Cavers

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Turua Jetty - Update

The first piles were driven on the Turua Jetty in mid February.

The jetty, comprising a timber wharf with a floating pontoon attached, accessed by a walkway, is a joint Council/Community project. Council agreed to fund the \$150,000 project after an approach by the local Turua community, who themselves have contributed approximately \$25,000 after successful local fundraising.

The next stage is due to commence in March, when a barge will anchor off the site and drive piles into the river bed. The timber wharf will then be constructed, and finally the pontoon and walkway will be placed in position.

Zone Meetings LGNZ

Local Government New Zealand, which is the national body that local authorities belong to, is divided into zones geographically. Hauraki belongs to zone two, which covers the greater Waikato region. Each zone meets once every two months to discuss matters of regional and national interest to local government.

While Hauraki has two official delegates to these meetings, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, other elected members are encouraged to attend, as the meetings give useful incites into issues in the wider community and the opportunity to network with councillors and Mayors from other authorities. The meetings are held in different council areas each time, the last being in the Matamata-Piako District and the meeting this month is to be held in Whakatane.

The next meeting, to be held in April, is to be hosted by Hauraki for the first time in a number of years. We look forward to the opportunity to host the rest of the zone on our home turf.

Paeroa Ward Councillor - Paul Milner

What do you consider has been the greatest achievement of your life?

Winning the club championships at golf

Favourite food?

Home made caramel squares

Favourite book?

Tomorrow when the war began

Favourite Movie?

Forrest Gump

Favourite TV programmes?

The Simpsons

Favourite music?

New Zealand Music

What is your motivation for being on Council?

It seemed like a good idea at the time

What do you expect to achieve over the next three years?

To make the town a better place for everyone

