



HDC NEWS



New Rubbish Days

As from the 1st of July this year Council has a new rubbish collector. The new contractor is Onyx Environmental and Industrial Services which is the same contractor that collects Thames Coromandel District's rubbish. With the new contractor come a few changes that people should be aware of.

The most obvious of these, is a change of collection day for most areas in the Hauraki District. The only town that will remain the same is Whiritoa, which stays with a Monday collection. Apart from Whiritoa, there will be no collections in the district on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. All of Waihi's rubbish and that of Waikino will be collected on Thursdays. On Friday, Karangahake, Mackaytown, Paeroa and Ngatea will have their rubbish collected. All bins or bags should be out by 7:30am on the day of collection.

Each household is still entitled to one 60litre bin or bag but extra bags will no longer be paid for by adding a sticker to a bag. The new "extra bag" system is to purchase official bags from Council offices or retail outlets. The extra official bags will be yellow in colour and will have a map of the district on the back to avoid confusion. They will cost the same as the current stickers. If you have a few stickers left over they will be accepted for a few weeks after the 1st of July but if you have a large number you are advised to contact Council and to arrange an exchange.

Remember, this is an advance warning. The new system does not start until the 4th of July.

Economic Development Update - June 2005

Each year Council provides funding for Economic Development activities. This report is to keep you informed of what is happening on the Economic Development front and what I have been doing to assist our District.

Currently some 30% of my time is spent on "regional matters" and this involves work with the Central Governments Regional Partnership Programme. Central Government provided funding for the preparation of a Strategy on what made up our "Region" and how it could be developed. Our "region" includes Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki Districts.

The Strategy identified that our growth opportunities would come from Farming, Tourism, Extractive industries, Manufacturing, Aquaculture, Forestry and Education.

So far a lot of work has been done on Heritage and Cultural Tourism, Education and Aquaculture and some initial work with Farming.

In the Tourism field we know we are not achieving the Visitor Spend that we should so the focus has been on developing more products/attractions so that visitors can spend more and we are able to market this region as a Tourist Destination.

Projects assisted include:

- The Regional Museums Grouping
- Te Ranga Wairua
- Ohinai Island
- The Regional Arts Grouping
- Mercury Bay Museum redevelopment
- The Treasury Project
- Establishing a Regional Heritage and Culture Brand

The Karangahake Gorge walkways attract some 150,000 plus visitors each year but their spending in our area is generally minimal. DOC is doing some brilliant work which will ensure continuing visitor numbers and so we are working to develop the existing attractions and some new ones in that area.

Aquaculture (Mussel farming) currently provides employment for 500 people and generates \$50M in income. Predictions are that this will double, or even triple in the next 5 years. This will provide a further 200 to 300 jobs for our Districts. We have made a careful study of the industry including new unloading points for mussel barges, new sites for processing plants and have briefed Councils on the importance of this industry to our region. We are working closely with the industry to form a Cluster to give them strength for future development.

Central Govt will provide up to \$2m to support a Major Regional Initiative (MRI) and we feel that it would be better to assist a number of smaller projects rather than one large one. A lot of our work over the last 12 months has been directed at developing a number of projects to the stage where this MRI funding could be applied. This funding, if we are successful in our application, would be on a 50/50 basis.

In our next issue I will cover further activities that we are undertaking including:

- The Customer Care programme
- Hauraki Sister Cities Group
- Industrial subdivisions for Hauraki
- Business opportunities

Chris Hale
Economic Development Officer

Draft Solid Waste Bylaw

"To Burn or not to Burn...."

Council is empowered by the Local Government Act to make a bylaw to regulate solid waste collection and disposal. The idea behind such a bylaw is to ensure that refuse is disposed of in an efficient and cost effective manner serving the interests of public health and at the same time ensuring that any obstruction of the streets is kept to a minimum.

A draft solid waste bylaw was put to Council at its last meeting and met with some discussion over one clause that related to the burning of refuse. The line in question said that no person shall dispose of household refuse by burning. The question arose that this meant that no one would legally be able to burn paper as this was defined as household refuse. After some discussion it was agreed to add the words 'in such a manner as to cause a nuisance'. Basically it is the nuisance aspect that Council wishes to control rather than to stop someone disposing of some packaging or envelopes in an approved incinerator.

The public are, however, reminded that both refuse transfer stations accept paper and cardboard for recycling and this would be our recommended disposal option for newspaper and other recyclable material. If you wish to burn your paper make sure it does not have plastic with it. Plastic will burn but releases toxic chemicals into the atmosphere. You can also compost paper mixed in with other material. This can provide valuable humus in your garden but if the paper is glossy it will take a long time to decompose.

The Draft Solid Waste bylaw is now open for public submissions. You can get a copy at any Council office or library or on the web site and if you want to make a submission it should be in by the 4th July (American Independence Day). Council will then hear anyone who wishes to speak to their submission on the 14th July (Bastille Day), with the bylaw (amended if necessary) being adopted on the 28th July (Thursday).

Elected Members' Diary



For the week of the 20th to the 26th June 2005:

Thursday June 23rd - hearing (if necessary)

Spare Chairs

The Waihi Ward Committee agreed a few months ago to buy some new chairs for the Waihi Memorial Hall. The new chairs are grey and match the existing chairs in the supper room. With delivery imminent, it has been noted that now storage will be an issue and that some of the old chairs are now surplus to requirements. At the last Ward Committee meeting and the committee decided that some of these old chairs should be disposed of. Firstly, they will be offered to the Committee for use in the Waikino hall but if they do not want them the chairs are to be put up for public tender. If this process is unsuccessful in disposing of the chairs any remaining are to be sold at one of the Waihi Markets.

Other improvements have also begun on the Memorial Hall including replacement of the scrim on the walls and fire safety improvements. The hall usage is up this year on last year.

SITUATIONS VACANT



Hauraki District Council is currently offering the following 2 positions to join it's Planning and Environmental team at our Paeroa Office. Our central location is near Auckland and the Coromandel Peninsula with fantastic beaches and native bush walks at our doorstep.

CORPORATE PLANNER

This will be a challenging and interesting position with the main purpose being to collate and present information into plans, policies and procedures to enable the Council to meet its statutory responsibilities and plan for the future.

Key requirements are:

- A Tertiary Qualification and relevant experience in corporate planning or business management
- Knowledge of the Local Government Act
- Ability to interpret legislation and think laterally
- A desire to be part of a friendly team

SUPPORT OFFICER

This position gives you the opportunity to really feel appreciated as you will be providing administrative assistance to the Planning and Environmental Services Manager.

Key attributes required are:

- Excellent communication skills
- Efficiency in Word Processing and minute taking
- Positive attitude
- Great organisational skills

For both positions we can offer you:

- A user friendly workplace where we appreciate the need for Work-life balance
- A caring team environment with a Manager who will notice and reward you for your efforts
- Developmental training to enhance your career and work life
- A competitive remuneration package.

Application forms and Job Descriptions are available from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi.

You may also obtain a copy by:-

Contacting Sue Greenville - HR Advisor (07) 862 5024

E-mailing jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or

Visiting our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close on 7th July 2005 at 4pm.

PUBLIC NOTICES



KERBSIDE REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

Effective from Monday 4th July 2005, Hauraki District Council will have a new kerbside refuse collection contractor - ONYX Environmental & Industrial Services.

Refuse collection days will be changed to:

WHIRITOA	Monday morning	WAIHI	Thursday
WAIKINO	Thursday	KARANGAHAKE/MACKAYTOWN	Friday
PAEROA	Friday	NGATEA	Friday

Refuse bags must be out by 7:30am on your collection day.

1st bag from each property collected free as long as it is in a HDC approved refuse container. Approved refuse containers shall hold no more than 60 litres in volume (average refuse bag) and no more than 20 kg in weight.

2nd and any subsequent bags shall be in a HDC official yellow refuse collection bag. All other unofficial refuse bags will not be collected.

For further enquiries please phone 0800 734 834.

TO ALL DOG OWNERS REGISTRATION 2005/2006

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by resolution of Council on 31 March 2005 fixed the dog control fees for this registration year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

	Fee	Desex Rebate (Certificate Required)	Minimum Fee	Maximum Penalty if paid after 31/7/05	Maximum Fee
Working Dog	\$40.00	\$12.50	\$27.50	\$20.00	\$60.00
Urban Dog	\$80.00	\$12.50	\$67.50	\$40.00	\$120.00
VOL Dog	\$40.00	\$12.50	\$27.50		\$40.00
Replacement Tag	\$4.00				

(Note: Failure to register by 31 July OF ANY YEAR DISQUALIFIES VOL STATUS)

Fees include GST

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