



# HDC NEWS



## Replacing the Turf

At its last meeting, Council received a presentation from Ngatea's Turf Trust regarding the replacement of the turf at Ngatea's hockey ground. The turf, which was expected would have a life of around ten to twelve years, has been in place for thirteen years. The facilities have been extremely well used over the years and now the turf needs replacement. In addition to the turf replacement, the group are planning the relocation and raising of the Sports Centre to provide a two storey building to cater for multiple needs of sports groups.

To complete both projects the trust is asking Council for a grant of \$400,000. Council supported both projects in principle and staff are to come back with a report on where the money should come from. Some of the options are to pay for the project with internal borrowing, funded by rates over the life of the turf, using Ward Community Recreational Facilities Funds or District Community Recreational Facilities Fund (CRFC) or a combination of both or from the District Community Projects Assistance Fund (DCCPAF) which is 25% of the interest from the Council's Investment Fund. The CRFC is built up by contributions from sub-dividers so use of that or the DCCPAF would not affect rates.



Elected members supported the project as it is seen as a very successful venture and in receiving Council's ongoing commitment it will give a signal to the community and to other funders that it is recognised as pseudo-community facility.

## Appointment of Council Reps to Community Organisations

It is quite common for community organisations to request that there should be a Council representative on their committee or Board. This can be for a number of reasons, the most common of which is that the constitution of the organisation requires it, frequently because the organisations assets were set up with some Council funding. With the passing of the revised Local Government Act (2002), all such organisations become "Council Organisations". While this may seem to be in name only it does give some responsibilities to Council with respect to these organisations. The main one is that the Council must have a policy that sets out an objective and transparent process for appointing the Council representative. The Council is also required to regularly undertake performance monitoring of the organisation.

As far as Council is concerned there are some obligations as to how it goes about appointing its representatives. While a Council representative does not have to be a councillor, in most cases it will be, and Council has to adopt a policy on appointments. In our case the appointments policy has been adopted and Council has set up a subcommittee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Ward Chairs or their Deputies. The subcommittee will in each case go through the policy and recommend to Council the most appropriate person for the job, having consideration of the attributes necessary. While it is understood that all councillors should be people of integrity and intelligence as specified in the policy, the most important thing is to ensure that the person concerned does not have a conflict of interest in taking up the position.

The latest appointment to be made, and the first using the new procedure, was the Council appointment to the Waihi Sport 'n Action trust of Councillor Bronwyn Wightman. The subcommittee must now go through all the existing appointments to organisations and review them. Along with this, Council will write to all these organisations and outline their obligations in being Council Organisations to them. It is envisaged that there could be some that may not wish to continue being Council Organisations.

## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 5th to the 11th September 2005: Thursday 8th September - Hearing (if necessary)



## Fixing the Stopbank

A section of Stopbank approximately 125m long, adjacent to Rawerawe Rd failed in February 2004 during topping up operations. Temporary remedial works have restored the stop-bank level to approximately Design Flood level but with no freeboard provision above this level. Environment Waikato has investigated the costs of four possible options to rectify the problem the most expensive of which is to cost \$623,000. The option preferred by EW would cost \$415,000 but would close the affected section of Rawerawe Rd. EW has sought Hauraki District Council's consent to close the section of road permanently and the matter was discussed at the Council's last meeting. Councillors considered the matter, but were not happy with the idea of closing the section of the road so declined to give their consent.

## Be Prepared for Tsunami

Hauraki has two areas of coastline - on the Firth of Thames and the surf beach at Whiritoa. A Tsunami is a series of sea waves generated by underwater earthquakes or large landslides and anywhere along the coast of New Zealand could be susceptible to the possibility of Tsunami. The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management issues national warnings to Civil Defence organisations through radio and television broadcasts. However, if a strong earthquake occurs close to shore, the water level may fall very quickly past the normal low tide mark, then return just as quickly. If this happens there won't be time for a warning.

### WHEN A TSUNAMI THREATENS

- Turn on your radio and follow instructions
- Take your getaway kit with you if you are told to evacuate
- Leave the area immediately if you are near a beach or river when a strong earthquake occurs.
- Go at least one kilometre inland or 35m above sea-level.
- Don't go to a river or beach to watch the waves come in.

### TENDER

#### TENDER FOR REMOVAL OF TWO HOUSES

Council is offering for sale by of public tender two houses. One is situated in Paeroa and the second is at Maramarua.

The Paeroa House is approximately 136 square metres in area with timber and fibroplank exterior cladding, aluminium windows and iron roof. The Maramarua house is approximately 93 square metres in area with timber weatherboard exterior cladding, wooden windows and concrete tile roof.

Conditions of the tender are available from Council's Service Centre, Orchard Road, Ngatea or Williams Street, Paeroa during normal business hours or by telephoning Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 within the district

Council may not necessarily accept any or every tender submitted.

**Tenders close 4.00pm Friday 23rd September.**

L D Cavers  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## WHIRITOA BEACHCARE

Rescheduled working bee

Weather Permitting

10am Saturday 10th  
September 2005  
Meet by Surf Club

Time for planting

Finish around 11.30am

BBQ to follow

Hope to see you there

## Recording History

Council has already put aside funding for an oral history of the District which involves recording interviews with older members of our communities about their experiences. This project is underway. In addition to this, a request has been put to Council to support the compilation of a written history of Paeroa by local historian Graham Watton. The project, in association with the Paeroa Historic Society, will take place over a period of four years and will result in a detailed reference book, compiled from newspapers and books of the times. Council has agreed to contribute \$10,400 over the next three years to the project and intends to consider putting aside an annual sum towards future similar projects in the next LTCCP.

### PUBLIC NOTICES



#### HUGH HAYWARD DOMAIN, NGATEA

Sportsfield Allocations - Summer Seasonal Use  
Sportsfields and Grandstand  
Season commences 1 October 2005 - 31 March 2006

Applications, on the prescribed forms, are called for the Summer Seasonal Use of Sportsfields and Grandstand Facilities located in the Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea.

If your organisation wishes to use either/both facilities on a regular basis during the dates detailed above, Applications must be received by

Friday 23 September 2005.

Application forms are available from  
Council's Ngatea Service Centre.