



HDC NEWS



Be Prepared for Volcanic Eruption

While you might think that the Hauraki District is not likely to experience a volcanic eruption, remember that the effects of eruptions are felt over vast distances. Those who recall the last big eruption of Mt Ruapehu may remember the dust laden air in our district and the layers of fine dust that settled on everything. That was from a relatively minor eruption, as eruptions go, and it was a very long way away. There are much closer sources of danger of volcanic eruption including some very close to the Hauraki District at Mayor Island, White Island and the Auckland region.

WHEN AN ERUPTION THREATENS

- If volcanologists agree that life threatening eruption is likely to take place, a civil defence emergency will be declared and the danger area evacuated
- Listen to your radio for information and follow civil defence advice.

DURING AN ERUPTION

- Save water in your bath, basin, containers or cylinders at an early stage - supplies may become polluted.
- Stay indoors with your pets as much as possible.
- Wear mask and goggles if you go outside, to keep volcanic ash out of your eyes and lungs.
- Keep gutters and roof clear of ash - heavy deposits can collapse a roof.
- Take your outdoor clothing off before you enter a building - volcanic ash is difficult to get rid of.
- Take your getaway kit with you if you have to leave. Turn electricity and gas off at the mains.
- Keep below ridge lines in hilly terrain - the hill will offer protection from flying volcanic debris.
- Don't go sight seeing.
- Don't leave home unless advised to by Civil Defence.

Book Blurbs

Every month Hauraki District Libraries are adding new books to their stock.

'A Shadow on the Sun' by Francis Cottam. Polish war exile Julia Smollen has escaped the horrors of a Nazi labour camp to forge a new life in California with her daughter, Natasha, and under the protection of her former lover's great friend, Bill, they thrive. Natasha grows into a confident and wilful young woman who remains unaware of her real identity and of her father, a courageous German officer fatally wounded helping her pregnant mother escape. But Julia cannot keep the truth hidden from her for ever ...

And whether you live in Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi, you will find these books, and many others, available in your local library, waiting for you to enjoy.

Seal Extension

For those who have been waiting patiently for the sealing of Parakawai Quarry Rd - one of the extreme outposts of the Hauraki District - we are pleased to announce that the waiting is nearly over. The job has been a prolonged one due to the necessity to spread the work over two financial years in order to gain maximum subsidy from Transfund. All the pre-seal construction has been done but now it is necessary to wait for Carter Holt Harvey to complete their logging operations at the end of the road before sealing can take place. It would be foolish to seal the road and then have it damaged by the use of heavy logging trucks straight afterwards. The site is now being monitored weekly and when logging is finished the road will be checked and tidied up before sealing takes place - hopefully before the summer dusty period.

Solid Waste By-law

Council has recently passed its Solid Waste By-law, which contains all you can and cannot do in relation to rubbish. Over the next few weeks we will outline some of its major points.

When submissions were called for comment on the draft of this by-law recently, several submissions were received and comments were made about the treatment of rubbish in the Hauraki District. There appeared to be some confusion regarding the nature of a by-law. The by-law covers the points of law surrounding the treatment of rubbish but it is not a strategy. It does not detail what Council's plans regarding rubbish are for the district. These plans are contained in the Solid Waste Strategy. The main points of the by-law, however, should be familiar to residents so that they can ensure that they stay within it in relation to their treatment of rubbish. This week we will deal with the rubbish collection and the rules surrounding it.

HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

* Each separately rated residential property, and each residential flat as defined herein served by an authorised council refuse collection shall be entitled at each refuse collection to the removal of the following refuse:

- For all collection areas except Whiritoa, one official container containing household refuse
- For Whiritoa collection area, all official containers containing household refuse.

Two points here - firstly, an official container is defined as any mobile bin, plastic bag or multi-wall paper bag or any other container from time to time approved by the Council and collected by or on behalf of the Council. In other words any usual rubbish bin or rubbish bag. The second point is that Whiritoa is treated in several parts of the by-law as a separate case, as it is a holiday resort with many absentee owners. As these people are often not in residence for weeks on end and then may come down in numbers for a weekend or week's holiday there is no restriction on the number of bags that can be put out as it is seen as an averaging process,

- * No person shall place for collection any official container of refuse, which has a gross weight exceeding 20kg or a volume exceeding 60 litres
- * No person shall put out for collection any refuse that is not in an official container.
- * All official containers placed out for collection shall be securely fastened or closed.
- * Refuse for collection shall be placed near the edge of the public road in front of the property. The position shall be readily accessible for collection but shall not obstruct vehicle or foot traffic.
- * No person shall leave or place refuse arising from one property outside another property unless the location has been approved by an authorised officer.
- * All residential refuse shall be placed for collection not later than 7:30am on the collection day and all trade refuse shall be placed for collection not later than 9:00am on the collection day.

The 20kg limit is designed above all to prevent serious damage to our rubbish collectors and the 60litre limit to encourage people to keep their waste stream to a minimum. The rest of these bullet points deal with making the collection of rubbish an orderly phenomenon. Some people are not happy with the 7:30am start but the reality of collections is that as not all streets are done at once, of course you will get used to the time the truck comes down your street and will no doubt know when it is reasonable to put your rubbish bag out. If your street is not collected until 3 in the afternoon the 7:30am deadline is not particularly relevant and no doubt many people will put their rubbish bag out later.

Elected Members' Diary



Meetings for the week of the 12th to the 18th September 2005:

Tuesday 13th September - Ward Committees

Thursday 15th September - Full Council Meeting



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.

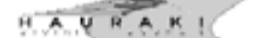
The Paeroa House is approximately 136 square metres in area with timber and fibroplank exterior cladding, aluminium windows and iron roof. The Maramarua house is approximately 93 square metres in area with timber weatherboard exterior cladding, wooden windows and concrete tile roof.

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.

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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.

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