



HDC NEWS



Progress on Pump House

While Council has no direct involvement in the moving of the Pump house in Waihi, it is the controlling building authority so is responsible for building consents in relation to the project. It also has considerable interest in the future use of the iconic building.

Now that the trees have been cleared from round the area the pump house stands tall in all its glory for viewers to see and there is no doubt that, when moved closer to the town it will be an imposing icon overlooking the main street of Waihi.

The situation, as it now stands, is that Waihi Gold has its building consents for the strengthening processes that are required to be done before the structure is moved and work has begun on this. Building consent applications for the move and erection on the final site are expected shortly and preliminary earthworks have begun along the proposed route of the move. The moving process promises to be an exciting and newsworthy event which should give considerable publicity to the town.

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 February.

'Gone' by Lisa Gardiner.

For ex-FBI profiler Pierce Quincy, it's the beginning of his worst nightmare: a car abandoned on a desolate stretch of highway, engine running, purse on the driver's seat. And his estranged wife, Rainer Conner, gone, leaving no clue to her fate. One man knows what happened that night. Using the alias of a killer from eighty years ago, he has already contacted the press with his demands. Sometimes, how much you love someone doesn't matter. If Pierce can't meet the deadline, Rainer will be...gone.

'Forever Odd' by Dean Koontz.

A childhood friend of Odd's has disappeared and it's feared that he is dead. But as Odd applies his unique talents to the task of finding him, he discovers something worse than a dead body. Odd Thomas never asked to communicate with the dead - the dead sought him out. And as an unofficial goodwill ambassador between our world and theirs, he feels he has a duty to do the right thing. But the enemy he encounters this time is unspeakably cunning...

'The Nosy Neighbour' by Fern Michaels.

A year after Lucy Baker walked away from her high-flying legal career, she has never been happier. Now, settled in the suburbs tending her garden and her dog, Lucy is making future plans with her fiancé, Jonathan St Clair and getting acquainted with her neighbours. But then FBI special agents confront her with shocking revelations about her fiancé's secret double life. So Lucy must determine who to trust - and fast, before someone breaks down her defences and targets her...

'Sunstroke' by Jesse Kellerman.

Gloria Mendez is thirty-six, alone and hopelessly in love with her boss. So when Carl Perreira disappears while on holiday in Mexico, it's Gloria who leaps into action, tracing his final phone call to a hellish ghost town run by a sleazy cop. She returns home with an urn full of ashes and an armload of unanswered questions. Her lust for the truth leads her into the wreckage of a hidden past. Every secret unearthed reveals more about a man she seemingly never knew and leaves her fighting for her life.

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.



Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week of the 27th February to the 5th March 2006

Thursday 2nd March: Extraordinary Meeting to consider portfolios.

New Recycling Initiative

The Mayor has received a letter from a young Auckland who has started up a web site designed to put people and companies who have waste materials that would otherwise go to land fills in touch with schools or other educational establishments who may be able to use these products.

The idea is that for a small sum companies and schools can become members of the website and they can then advertise their requirements or surpluses on the site. It could also be used to share expertise with the youth of the country. Any initiative that encourages reuse of material that would otherwise be dumped has to be good for the country.

The site is www.donatenz.com and its owner can be reached for further information at 0800 NZ DONATE or e-mail enquiries@donatenz.com

Rates Rise Inevitable

After two days debating the estimates for the budget for the next financial year councillors had to bow to the inevitable and accept a 4.5% general rate increase to be put out in the LTCCP for consultation. The main driver of the increase is revaluation of our assets upwards which has increased depreciation.

Councillors also had to weigh up various scenarios with water and sewerage before settling on an increase in both charges. To keep charges as they are was not an option as it would have rapidly run the accounts into deficit and Audit would not have been happy with that. Unfortunately it is not just a case of pruning expenditure either as most of the increase is necessary to fund depreciation and interest for all the new capital projects. So the bottom line is that water and waste water charges will increase in the next financial year and then will increase generally at the rate of inflation thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Earthquake Prone and Dangerous & Insanitary Building Policy

Pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act, notice is given that the Hauraki District Council has prepared a Statement of Proposal for a DRAFT EARTHQUAKE PRONE AND DANGEROUS & INSANITARY BUILDINGS POLICY as required by section 131 of the Building Act, 2004.

A copy of the Statement of Proposal and supporting documents will be mailed to those interested parties council had identified, residents and other interested parties who request them.

The Statement of Proposal and supporting documents will also be available from 28th February 2006 at the Council offices in Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi.

They can also be viewed on Councils website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Thursday 30th March 2006. Submitters will have the opportunity to present submissions at an Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held in Paeroa at the Council Chambers on Thursday 13th April 2006.

Council staff are available to discuss the proposal during the submission period. Workshops with interested groups or people can be arranged by contacting Council on 07 862 860 or 0800 734 834 (from within the district).

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SITUATIONS VACANT



Engineering Opportunities

Hauraki District Council

The Hauraki District truly does offer you the best of both worlds; close to the bustling city of Auckland, yet settled at the base of the picturesque Coromandel Peninsula.

The expansive Hauraki District involves strong kiwi heartland communities like Waihi, Paeroa and Ngatea, nestled in amongst tranquil beaches, native bush walks, the Pacific Ocean and the majestic Hauraki Gulf.

We at The Hauraki District Council now offer you this platform to further your career, while you soak in an abundance of outdoor activities, history, arts and rural tranquillity.

In our "clean-green" environment you will find, when it comes to lifestyle, you can finally have what you deserve.

We currently have 3 positions available within our small and versatile technical services team;

- ASSISTANT ENGINEER
- CONSENTS ENGINEER
- ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

We are responsible for providing engineering design and related professional services to internal departments within the Hauraki District Council. These diverse and critical roles can include investigation work, survey and design for projects, and provide assistance in relation to customer service enquiries such as consent applications, roading issues, infrastructure assets.

As the ASSISTANT ENGINEER you will preferably be tertiary qualified with a BE, and have had previous experience in hydraulic modelling. Your primary responsibilities will involve engineering design, investigations, survey and design for council assets. You will have responsibilities with internal and external customers, so fantastic communication skills is a must.

As the CONSENTS ENGINEER you will need to be tertiary qualified with at least an NZCE or preferably a BE, have a working knowledge of the RMA, Building Code and have experience in general civil engineering design and construction. You will provide professional engineering services; design and planning, to our Planning and Environmental Services Department and other internal and external customers. Again, great professional and communication skills are essential.

As the ENGINEERING ASSISTANT you will preferably have experience in survey and site work. This role represents an excellent opportunity to move towards a professional career in engineering. You will therefore need to be enthusiastic, fast on your feet, quick of mind, be keen to learn and be prepared to turn your hand to any job that needs to be attended to for your team.

At HDC we provide great prospects to further develop your career, an opportunity to be involved with engineering projects of significance and have a direct input into the future of your community.

For Application forms and Job Descriptions please contact: HR Advisors Sue Greenville or Christine Laurenson

07 862 8609, E-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close Thursday, 2 March 2006.

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