



HDC NEWS



This week we kick-off our Smart Water Use in Dairy Farming campaign. All dairy farm owners and managers in the district will be receiving a Smart Water Use resource kit in the post. The kit includes practical tips and ideas to help use water more efficiently and reduce water loss in farming operations.

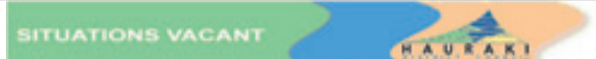
A number of local dairy farmers helped to develop the kit. The emphasis is on simple, low-cost ways to save water - a resource that is essential for dairy farming, but easy to take for granted. The costs to run rural water supplies are considerable, so it makes good sense to use the water we have as efficiently as possible. Efforts on farms throughout the district can help slow the increase in water supply costs and even delay the need for new capital expenditure.

We're planning some Smart Water Use information sessions to support farmers in implementing the ideas included in the kit. If you would like to be informed of the schedule, leave your contact details with Dean Burwell at the Council office (0800 734 834) or e-mail dean@hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Water is a precious resource. We can all do our part to conserve it.

Smart Water Use is a cooperative effort

of Hauraki District Council and Thames Coromandel District Council in support of our local dairy farming community.



CONSENTS OFFICER - PROCESSING (Fixed Term - 18 months)

Due to an increased workload and a desire to improve the level of service to our clients we are wanting to recruit an additional Consents Officer (Processing) to work within our Planning and Environmental Services team at the Council's head office in Paeroa for a fixed term period of 18 months.

We are looking for someone with an administration background who has a thorough understanding of wordprocessing, spreadsheeting and database operations. Critical to success will be the ability to work in a team environment where customer relations and interpersonal skills are an integral part of the process.

You will be able to quickly adapt to Local Government, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the District Plan, Resource Management Act, Sale of Liquor Act and Building Act. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated to learn new processes where accuracy and attention to detail are important.

We can offer an attractive salary and a friendly, supportive environment.

**Applications close
Thursday 16th November 2006**

PLANNER

Attention all Planners! Hauraki District Council is looking for you to join our Planning and Environmental team based at a central location approximately one hour from Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga, with fantastic Coromandel Peninsula beaches and native bush walks at your doorstep.

If you have a positive can-do attitude, a desire to be part of a friendly team, and can:

- Demonstrate your specialist knowledge of the Resource Management Act through the processing of consent applications
- Play a key role in the review of the operative District Plan
- Demonstrate expert knowledge in other consent related activities
- And have a Tertiary Qualification in Planning or Resource Management

Then you should apply for this opportunity.

We can offer you:

- Consideration of flexible or part-time hours,
- 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.

**Applications close
Thursday 23rd November 2006.**

To take these opportunities of enhancing your career call us today.
For Application forms and Job Descriptions please contact HR Advisors
Sue (07) 862 5024 or Julie (07) 862 5023
E-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or
Visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz
Application packs are also available from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi.



Free Swimming at Risk

Fears that if something is free it will not be valued have been realised in the provision of free swimming to the Paeroa community during January each year. In recent years there has been an increase in hooligan behaviour from undesirable elements that have been able to enter the pool free and over whom the pool supervisors have little control. The police had to be called five times in one week last summer. Council is therefore considering reimposing a small fee of say \$1, at the request of the pool supervisors, to give a little control over those who are entering. A security fence is also being looked into, as when the police arrive, the miscreants exit over the wall.



Similar problems have been reported at the Ngatea pool during the free month with staff reporting difficulty in controlling disruptive elements. Being evicted without penalty does not do anything to deter those who want to create havoc.

As a footnote to these problems it may be noted that the Waihi pool is community owned and run by a committee under the umbrella of Waihi College. It does not have free swimming in January but makes a charge of \$2. There have been no reports of disruptive behaviour. So the moral appears to be that either Waihi youngsters are better behaved or a fee should be charged.

Road Casualty Statistics

Figures released for the 2005 year for the Eastern Waikato, which included Hauraki, indicate that 26 people died in 17 crashes - mainly car drivers and passengers.

The main road safety issue is poor observation as compared with speed as the main issue nation wide. 25% of all injury crashes in the Eastern Waikato are as a result of poor observation. Key locations in our District where poor observation leads to crashes are situated throughout the District mainly at intersections such as the intersection of State Highways 2 and 25, the Waihi Beach Rd/SH 2 intersection and the intersection of SH 2 and Hauraki Rd. Another black spot occurs on State Highway 2 300m south of Woodlands Rd at the Southern extremity of the District. Another interesting statistic is that of all urban crashes 198 females were involved and 191 males but in rural crashes 775 females were involved and only 473 males.

Make what you like of that one!

Elected Members' Diary



Meetings for the 6th November to the 12th November 2006

No Meetings Scheduled

Have you Pushed Play?

Now that 'Push Play' month is over it is as well to look back at how much we might have improved our activity during that month. Council's pedometer challenge, which was extended from a Sports Waikato programme aimed at chief executives and mayors, was hugely successful. It was amazing how many steps some staff and councillors managed to put in - some in excess of 35,000 in a day.

One of the important values of this programme though, is not just to improve exercise for one month but to demonstrate to ourselves how easy it is to improve our activity and how much better we feel when we do so.

So as summer approaches and the wet weather appears less likely there are fewer excuses stopping you from getting out there and active. Just walk to the supermarket instead of driving (so long as you are not buying too much) or walk to work or just go out for a half hour walk before dinner. Better still, go to the nearest beach or to one of our wonderful bush walks and recharge your batteries with some exercise in a tranquil environment.

Tender for Reseals

Council has let the tender for the reseals that are to be done in the 2006/2007 financial year. The tender, which is a combined one with TCDC, went to HEB Contractors for just over 2.4 million dollars. Hauraki District's portion of those works is within its budget of \$910,000.

Road Names

Council approved the names for the new streets in the North View subdivision in Paeroa at a recent meeting. The names, which have the blessing of local Iwi and carry a native tree theme, are Rata Lane, Fern Rise and Kauri Grove. A new street in the Harwood Heights subdivision has been named Colin Drive on the recommendation of the developer.