



# HDC NEWS



## 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 November.

### 'The Valley' by Di Morrissey

The Valley is nestled between rugged peaks, divided by a magnificent river. Within its peaceful green contours are held the secrets of generations of tribes, families and loners who have come under its spell. But some secrets are never told. Until one woman returns and begins asking questions... and discovers the story of a long forgotten valley pioneer whose life becomes entwined with hers. But in looking into her own family's history she uncovers more than she ever expected... or wanted.

### 'The Collectors' by David Baldacci

Con artist, Annabelle, is planning the heist of the century. Jonathan DeHaven, head of the Rare books Division at the Library of Congress, is found dead. Fellow librarian, Caleb Shaw and his friends from the Camel Club try to investigate his death, but when they visit his home they find there was more to Jonathan than they ever guessed. While Annabelle flees the terrifying consequences of her scam, they move inadvertently closer to uncovering a secret code and find themselves confronting powerful enemies...

### 'Queen of Swords' by Sara Donati

Hannah Bonner, the beautiful half-Mohawk daughter of Nathaniel, and her half brother, Luke embark on a desperate rescue mission. While hot on the trail of the ruthless Creole family who have kidnapped Luke's son, they become separated in New Orleans. Hannah's only hope lies in the enigmatic Jean-Benoit Savard, and his ability to draw in their allies to reunite them and send them home safely, but New Orleans is filling with soldiers in preparation for what will be the final battle of the War of 1812.

### 'The Red Dahlia' by Lynda La Plante

When the body of a young girl is found dumped on the banks of the Thames, even the police are shocked by the brutality of her murder. Her death is an ominous mirror image of an infamous 1940s case known as "The Black Dahlia" that was never solved. Now Detective Inspector Anna Travis must race against time to catch this 'copycat killer'. But there are no suspects: only a red dahlia in her hair and a media frenzy to contend with. Then a second girl is found ... and a shocking web of sadistic sexual evil is uncovered.

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

## Archaeological Survey

The New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) was established in 1954 with the objectives being to promote and foster research into the prehistory and archaeology of New Zealand, and to press for archaeological site protection. About 18 months ago Hauraki District entered into a joint venture with the NZAA and Environment Waikato to update the archaeological sites listed with the association and carried forward into our District Plan. The object is to confirm sites already listed and to pinpoint their position more accurately.

The survey is at present at the stage of visiting the sites. All landowners have been written to and only those sites where the landowner has agreed will be visited. In most cases it is in the landowner's interest to know exactly where sites are on his/her land.

Once all the necessary information has been collated we will be including this information into our proposed District Plan.

## Building Amendment Bill

Council is putting in a submission opposing this Private Members' Bill that is at present at Select Committee stage in Parliament. The gist of the proposed Bill is that if a Council does not process a building consent within the statutory time frame it will not be allowed to charge for it. In other words a late consent is a free consent.

Our Council's opposition to the Bill is based on a number of points:

- The complexities of the new Building Act are still not fully understood by both Councils and builders.
- Much more detail is now required in consent applications and in processing these.
- Many applications for consent are put in incomplete
- There is a considerable shortage of qualified staff to process consents nationwide.
- More training is required for existing staff to cope with the new Act and while they are training they are not processing consents.
- The costs associated with the consent process are real costs and if not paid for by the applicant, who generated the work, they must be picked up by the ratepayer.

All these points are expanded on and added to in the three and a half page submission that was approved by Council at its last meeting.

## Consent Numbers Continue to Rise

The number of Resource Consents that are processed by the Hauraki District continues to rise. For the last three years we have processed about 170 consents per annum and for the two years prior to that 150. This year we have processed 68 in the first four months. (We refer to the financial year starting in July.) If this keeps up, this year will see in excess of 200 consent applications. Most of these are subdivision consents. This has put considerable pressure on our planning staff who have been doing a great job and have managed to process 87% of these within the statutory time frame.

We are advertising at present for an additional planner to relieve the pressure, remembering that at the same time as processing these consents our planners are also trying to progress our District Plan review.

## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of  
27th November to the  
3rd December 2006  
Thursday 30th November  
- Full Council Meeting



## REMINDER

### Hauraki District Council Draft Reserves Management Plan

The hearing of submissions on the Draft Reserves Management Plan are to be held as part of the ordinary council meeting on 30th November, 2006, at the Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### THE GREAT BIG PAEROA LIBRARY BOOK SALE

100's of books at great prices  
Where: St John Ambulance Hall, Paeroa  
(next to the library)  
When: Saturday 2nd December from 9am

#### CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Santa Parade organised by Positive Paeroa Inc., the following road will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road.

Period of closure: Saturday 2 December 2006 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

Road to be closed: Normanby and Belmont Roads between Arney and Marshall Streets, exit to Normanby Road from Wharf Street, exits to Belmont Road from Hughendon, Hall, William, Corbett and Marshall Streets Paeroa.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: Divert to Station Road and Arney Street Paeroa.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.