



HDC NEWS



Draft Reserves Management Plan

Just a reminder that submissions on the Draft Hauraki Reserves Management Plan close on Monday 6th November 2006. If you would like a copy of the draft plan, or if you would like a submission form, these are available for downloading on Councils website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or by calling 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

Work on Gilmour Lake

Council has recommenced work on the Gilmour Lake improvements that were halted recently because of difficulties in agreeing the methodology of dredging the lake. Consent has been given by Environment Waikato to dredge the end of the lake by excavator to remove accumulated sediments that have made the lake shallower.

The removal of the sediment build up will help improve the quality of the lake water. It is anticipated that by publication date, the dredging will be underway and Council apologises for any disruption to the public's enjoyment of the Lake area but the final result will be worth the disruption because this work is preparatory to continuing the agreed improvements to the park including a lake stage and duck feeding area that can be used for outdoor concerts. Unfortunately, the sediment extractions will not smell of roses during the initial days of removal from the lake bed.

Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the 23rd
to the 29th October 2006
Thursday 26th October
Full Council Meeting



Awards Presented

Each year Council gives awards for citizens who have made valuable contributions to the community over many years. This year it was decided to make more of an occasion about presenting the Citizens' Awards and to add to the event the inaugural Young Achievers' Awards and to have an evening occasion at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall. The event was very well received by the large number of people who attended and the consensus seemed to be that combining the two award presentations was a very successful mix.

Master of ceremonies Kit Wilson kept the occasion going with the right mix of relaxed chat as he read out a brief summary of the achievements of each recipient taken from their nomination forms. At the same time, the list, along with a photo, in the case of the Young Achievers, came up on the screen at the back of the stage.

Two people received outstanding service awards of a perspex engraved plaque and a medallion from the Mayor in the simple ceremony in front of a large audience of friends, relatives and well wishers. They were Graham Watton from Paeroa and Homer Stubbs from Waikino. The long list of achievements and years of service from these two had to be substantially abbreviated to save time and Council apologises for perhaps not doing justice to the huge contribution both have made to their communities.

In addition, service awards consisting of a medallion were presented to Joe Mathieson, Tevi Nicholls, Hilary Haysom, Ian Costello, Jim Courtney, Dorothy Baker, Shirley Spurr, Frances Bicknell, John Reta and Dudley and Jessie Troughton.

All of these people have given numerous hours of public service to the community over many years without monetary recompense.

The other part of the ceremony was to acknowledge young people who live in the District and who are achieving at a high level in a variety of fields. Nominations came from schools and individuals to honour young people for their leadership, sporting prowess, academic and vocational achievements as well as their ability to be role models for others in the community. They were presented with a photograph of themselves with an engraved plaque. This is the first year that this series of awards has been given and it is hoped to make it an annual event along with the Citizens' Awards.

Young achiever recipients were: John Garrett, Alan Stewart, Paul Milner, Sam Crompton, Trevor Maton, Holly Dove, Brett Dalgetty, Ricky Clark, Phillipa Gray, Simon Hill, Sam Cooper, Eruera Tawhiti, Anja Van De Wetering, Kimba Isopo Williams, Nehemiah Williams, Bradley Gould, and Joel Tissingh.

The Mayor paid tribute to those who gained service awards and particularly noted the young achievers who are an example of the fine young people in our community. He commented on the negative publicity that is often given to some of the youth today and stressed that Council wishes to accentuate the positive by honouring some of those who are doing well.

The evening closed with a sumptuous supper and social mingling. The success of the evening is likely to ensure a similar event next year.

Rates rebate Scheme

At the time of the last council meeting it was announced that 485 people had taken up the rate rebate scheme that has been publicised recently. For those on low incomes the scheme means that the Government will pay a contribution to your rates bill.

We would like to point out that although the threshold income is set at \$20,000 per year that is for the full rebate so if you earn above that you may still be eligible for some rebate so it is worthwhile applying. Check with your local Council Service Centre to go through the process.

If you are a computer fan, however, you might want to try this first. Go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz and click on the 'customer services' option on the left hand side then on 'rates'. On the right of your screen you should then see a link to 'DIA Rates Rebate Scheme'. If you click on this it will take you to the DIA website which has a calculator where you can get an idea what your rebate will be should you choose to apply.

The rebate applies to both District and Regional rates so make sure you have both sets of documents along with your proof of income when you go to make your application.

Valuations

Some time ago we announced that the valuations were due out around the same time as the rates demand for the year and we felt that there could be some confusion as the valuations do not come into effect until next year. However, the anticipated clash did not happen as the new valuations have been delayed until early December. So if you are wondering where your new valuation certificates are they should be in your letter boxes before Christmas.

Plains Ward Matters

Trees at Mangatarata

The Plains Ward Committee dealt with a request for the removal of trees on a road reserve at its last meeting. A resident in Church Road had written requesting that the line of poplars on the road reserve adjacent to their property be removed. Their main complaints were that the trees blocked the sun from their property and the leaves from the trees blocked drains on a neighbouring property. They requested that the trees be felled and offered to replace them with native species.

The Ward Committee agreed that the trees be removed at a cost of \$3000 but on condition that they were not replaced. It should be noted that although native species are evergreen this does not mean that leaf fall may not be a problem. Evergreen trees drop as many leaves as deciduous trees but they do it all the year round not just in autumn like deciduous trees.

Dudding Reserve Signage

The Positively Promoting the Plains group has requested that the directory sign at the Dudding Reserve be updated. When the sign was installed, some years ago, a councillor of the time undertook to keep the information current. Staff have since not picked up on the matter and much of the information is obsolete. Current councillors have now asked staff to update the signs.

Tilbury Reserve

For some time staff have been noting that a large willow on the Tilbury reserve was unsafe with a split in its trunk. Cutting the tree down, however, became unnecessary as it came down in a recent storm. Council has removed the debris and has taken the opportunity of pruning some of the other trees in the area. The site will be levelled and grassed when ground conditions permit.

Swimming Pool Upgrade

The upgrade of the Ngatea swimming pool to include heating is proceeding as planned. The Swimming Club has advised that the lights do not need replacement but the provision for lighting at the pool will be retained in case it is needed in the future.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of November 2006.

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa *unless otherwise advised.

CONSULTATIVE WATER & WASTES COMMITTEE
MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2006, 10.00AM

HEARINGS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006, 9.00 AM (if required)
THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2006, 9.00 AM (if required)

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2006, WARD COMMITTEES
PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 12.30 PM
WAIHI 2.30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2006, 9.30 AM
THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2006, 9.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006, 10.30AM

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 an event organised by Thames Valley Car Club 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: Sunday 29 October 2006 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Road to be closed: South Road, Mangatarata approx. 2km from SH27 intersection to the end.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: No traffic shall be held up for more than 30 minutes.

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.

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, notice is hereby given that the Hauraki District Council, for the purpose of the Santa Parade event organised by Positive Paeroa Trust Inc., proposes to close the following road to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

During the proposed period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road: divert to Station Road and Arney Street.

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of his objection and grounds thereof in writing before 3 November 2006 at the office of the Hauraki District Council at William Street, P.O. Box 17, PAEROA.

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

Period of proposed closure:
Saturday 2 December 2006 from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

