



# HDC NEWS



## Update on Street Panels

Recently we reported that the renewal of the images on the faded panels in the Waihi streetscape was to be done but that the images would not be changed. Since then things have moved quickly with an offer from a Waihi firm to do the work necessary for digital imaging and the Waihi Heritage group offering to put together designs from old photos with some text, telling stories of the history of the town. As some of the original digital images were missing this offer was accepted and the new designs are well under way.

The concepts in the new designs are at this stage based on a single large photo as background with several insets and text. It is hoped that visitors and locals alike will enjoy moving from panel to panel to read the little stories about early Waihi which range from details of how the street looked and sounded and how people were housed, to early mining and the miners' strike.

## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the  
25th of September to the  
1st October 2006



Thursday 28th September: Full Council Meeting

## Plains Water Supply

Investigations continue into the future of the Plains water supply. The Hauraki Plains supply is the District's largest as it supplies most of the farms on the Plains with their cows' drinking water as well as water needed for cowshed use. The amount of water that is available from the Kerepehi consent is sufficient to supply the whole plains but the treatment capacity is not great enough and upgrading of the reticulation would be needed to get the water out to the extremities. The option of inline booster pumps is being considered. It appears, however, that off stream storage is still a necessary inclusion in the system and the quarry pit remains as the long term solution to the storage problem.

## District Beautification

Council has, for some years, budgeted for tree planting along the state highways. With farmers' permission many trees, with protective barriers around them to prevent cattle damage, have been planted in paddocks along state highways. Now that most of the trees are planted, the budget is being used to keeping them healthy and to replace those that have died.

The matter has been raised, however, about the avenue of trees to the west of Ngatea which is on State Highway 2 road reserve, which for many years has been such a lovely drive across the Plains. The trees are now starting to deteriorate as they have had little maintenance on them and with recent winds a number have either been broken or uprooted. All in all, the avenue is now looking quite a mess.

It has been proposed that Council spends some of its budgeted District beautification fund to clean up the avenue and to do some pruning and replanting. As the avenue belongs to Transit New Zealand, approval will be sought from them to do the work.

## Waihi Ward Issues

### Memorial Hall

The painting of the toilets in the Memorial Hall has been completed and the inside of the cupboards under the sink in the kitchen have also been painted. The next step is to paint the exterior. The new colour scheme includes a red roof and trim. Security lighting is being installed at the rear of the building and the coin operated heating system is being replaced by a timer as the cost of replacing the mechanism with one that uses the new coins was too high.

### Cemetery

There have been a number of reports of apparently random acts of vandalism at the cemetery recently. Staff members continue to monitor the situation but it is hoped that it will not indicate a trend. Council is keen to hear of anyone behaving suspiciously or any vandalism being done. Councillors were not happy about a suggestion to restrict the entry of vehicles to the cemetery as that would penalise law abiding citizens, particularly the elderly, who may find it difficult to walk the distances to get to their loved ones' graves.

### Waitawheta Bridge

Permission has been given for the road closure at Waitawheta while the Waitawheta Rd Bridge is replaced. Detours are available, either around Pukewera Rd or Pukekauri Rd. Now that the tender has been let and details of the construction have been finalised it is thought that the original closure time may have been a bit pessimistic and it is likely that the road will be closed no more than three weeks or even less.

## Open Drain Piping

Council from time to time grants subsidies for residents to pipe open drains through their properties. This is something that is relatively common in Waihi where much of the old drainage system comprised of open drains through private property. Council usually contributes 75% of the material cost of piping open drains with the land owner picking up the balance. This is a win/win situation as it gives the land owner more useable land and the community gets a more efficient and effective drainage system.

Two applications for subsidy were recently approved in Waihi - one in George St and one associated with an industrial development in Baber St adjacent to the Mangatoetoe Stream.

## Historic Places Trust Appointment

Council has been asked to provide a representative on the local branch committee of the Historic Places Trust which is based in Thames. Under the Local Government Act if Council has an official representative on a Committee that committee then becomes regarded as a Council Organisation with obligations to report to Council regularly. To avoid this complication, Council decided to appoint a non-voting advisor to the Historic Places Trust committee. The role will be shared between Cr Mike Hayden and Cr Bruce Gordon.

## The Vexed Question of Truck Parking

Residents in Ngatea continue to be plagued with trucks parking in residential areas disturbing residents when they leave, often in the early hours of the morning. However, it is not illegal for trucks to be parked in residential areas at present. The matter was raised again at the last Council meeting and a proposal for a bylaw was mooted to restrict trucks parking in residential streets between the hours of 7:00pm and 6am. It has also been suggested that a section in the industrial area may be made available for truck parking. Council staff are to evaluate options for a possible bylaw to regulate the problem.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING FOR LOCAL ARTS

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ARTS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED.

THE SCHEME FOCUSES ON PROJECTS THAT INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE RANGE AND DIVERSITY OF ARTS, WITHIN THE HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM COUNCIL OFFICES AT:

WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA  
SEDDON STREET, WAIHI  
ORCHARD ROAD, NGATEA

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
4:00PM FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Hauraki District Council invites applications for the following position:

#### BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER

Due to an increased workload and a desire to improve the level of service to our clients we have a new position in our Building Control team. We are looking for someone who can assist in the implementation of the new Building Act including consent processing, inspections and monitoring. You would be required to review consent applications in accordance with statutory requirements and Council's policies, respond to enquiries and undertake site inspections.

Critical to success will be the ability to communicate effectively with all types of people. This will require good negotiation skills and the ability to develop good industry relationships. A sound knowledge of Building legislation will be essential. A NZ Certificate in Building and relevant experience is also desirable however there will be initial and on-going training offered to the successful applicant. We have a motivated team based in Paeroa and we can offer an attractive salary and a friendly, supportive environment.

To take this opportunity of enhancing your career, call us today.

Applications close on Thursday 5th October 2006

#### CRUSHING PLANT OPERATOR TETLEY'S QUARRY - WAITAKARURU

Are you a hands-on person who has an eye for detail, can think on your feet and understands Quarry operations?

Our Tetley's Quarry Business Unit, which is situated on Steen Road, Waitakaruru, requires a crushing plant operator to play a key role in producing high quality crushed rock products at the quarry.

From time to time you may also be required to drive articulated dump trucks, so current drivers and heavy traffic licences are essential.

Applications close on Friday 6th October 2006.

Apply now by either contacting  
Sue 07-8625024 or Chris 07-8625023  
E-mailing [jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or  
Or visit our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Application packs are also available from Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea and Waihi

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