



HDC NEWS



Recycling

Despite the fact that we have no kerb side recycling in the Hauraki District we are doing quite well for our size in the amount of recycling that is done in our district.

A recent survey put out by the Green party put us at the bottom of the list of Councils for performance regarding recycling but it appears that, either they did not have the right information, or they were putting too much emphasis on the kerbside collection. A report to Council at its last meeting revealed that large quantities of material are recycled from Hauraki District transfer stations and the Chief Executive informed Councillors that these quantities are quite good in comparison with other Councils of similar size.

A report is expected to come to Council within the next month or so on the issue of kerbside recycling collections, which was high on the list of things that the public wanted in the last customer survey. The problem with a sparsely populated district such as ours is that the cost of kerbside collections is considerable and the last time it was looked at the cost to the people receiving the service would have been around \$35 to \$40 per year. At present you can take your own recyclables to the transfer stations in Paeroa and Waihi and deposit them for no charge and it appears from the amounts we are receiving that plenty of people are doing this.

The Chief Executive also pointed out that a better use of resources may be to do something about our green waste including kitchen scraps, which makes up a third of the waste stream. Green waste is also one of the things that we want to keep out of the landfills if possible as it is responsible for the production of methane gas. Although methane gas emission from landfills can be collected, burnt and used for power generation, it is one of the most potent greenhouse gases contributing to global warming. As an interesting aside, and a bit of a conundrum, methane gas, which is also produced by cattle, has actually been reducing in the atmosphere for some time to the puzzlement of scientists. Be that as it may, it is as well to reduce its emission where possible. If all the household organic refuse were composted there would be a significant reduction in our waste going to the landfill and less methane going into the atmosphere.

A good composting process decomposes the green waste producing only carbon dioxide and water. The process is essentially similar to burning only slower but the advantage of composting over burning is that it does not release nitrogen oxides to the air and retains the nitrogen in the soil for reusing by plants.

So Council will have to consider whether it would be more efficient and cost effective perhaps to give every household a compost bin, which should cause a significant reduction in green waste, or to go into the expensive kerbside recycling business for a relatively small reduction in current waste - or maybe both.

Regional Pest Control

Environment Waikato has put out its Pest Management Plan Review for consultation and Council considered it at its last meeting.

Whilst the Hauraki District Council has a pest plan eradication programme that involves annually destroying listed plants in scheduled sectors throughout the district, the proposed plan does not allow for that type of programme to continue and requires immediate removal of listed plants from road reserves throughout the District. The plan does not, however, require the same pests to be removed from neighbouring land. This presents a real problem with reseeding especially when plants such as privet have been added to the list of plants to be removed.

While Council does not have any argument with the principle of removing such pests as woolly nightshade and privet from our roadsides, it feels that a staged approach would be more practical and that there must be some attempt to remove similar weeds from adjoining farms.

Council will put in a submission to the plan along these lines.

Cell Phone Service to Whiritoa

For a long time Council has been lobbying about the lack of cell phone coverage at Whiritoa. Telecom has announced that a new cell phone facility has been added to its service at Whiritoa now enabling cell phone voice coverage if you are with the Telecom network. The cost of the facility was over \$400,000. It will also improve data services once high speed broadband is added to the system later this month.

Elected Members' Diary

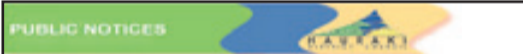


**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
23RD TO THE 29TH APRIL 2007**

Thursday 26th April
- Full Council Meeting

Waihi Museum Review

In an attempt to save the Waihi Museum from insolvency the Council has engaged an expert in Museums, Mr Ken Gorbey, to do an independent assessment of the institution in order to see how it can be made viable. The museum asked for financial assistance from the Council and the decision was that we first need to have a clearer idea how much money is required to keep the museum functioning. Mr Gorbey will do the review to determine a viable and sustainable future for the museum in May or June at a cost to Council of just under \$10,000.



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Hauraki District Council has prepared the following proposed change to the following plan:

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 8 TO THE OPERATIVE H A U R A K I D I S T R I C T P L A N - R E Z O N I N G A T N G A T E A (the proposal)

The purpose of Proposed Plan Change No. 8 is to remove the Rural zoning from two separate areas on the periphery of the Ngatea township and apply a Residential zoning. The zone change recognises the areas as logical extensions to the Ngatea residential area and ones that can be undertaken with feasible extension of water, wastewater and roading services.

The two separate areas of land to be rezoned to Residential are as follows:

- (1) a 1.14 hectare area of land adjacent to the existing end of Darlington Street in the south-east of the town; and
- (2) a 21.15 hectare area of land accessed from Pipiroa Road and Mahana Road in the north of the town

Copies of the Proposed Change may be viewed at the Council Offices or Libraries at William Street, Paeroa and Orchard Road Ngatea; and the Turua library, or can be purchased upon request. Please contact Marina van Steenberg on 0800 734 834 (from within District) or 07 862 8609 if you have any questions about the proposal.

Any person may make a submission on the Proposed Change or any part of it. You may do so by sending a written submission addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council
William Street
P O Box 17, Paeroa
Or Fax: 07 862 8607

The submission must be in form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from Hauraki District Council. Submissions close on 23 May 2007.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submission, Hauraki District Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified; and
- There must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made; and
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Hauraki District Council must give its decision on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

L.D. Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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 May 2007.

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

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2007, 9.00 AM (if required)
THURSDAY 24 MAY 2007, 9.00 AM (if required)

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2007, WARD COMMITTEES
PLAINS 9.00 AM
PAEROA 12.30 PM
WAIHI 2.30 PM

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2007, 9.00 AM
THURSDAY 31 MAY 2007, 9.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2007, 10.30 AM

PLAINS WATER SUPPLY USERS

Over the next few days you will be receiving a "Water Use Questionnaire".

Your help in filling in this survey would be much appreciated; the information will be used in the on-going development of the Plains Water Strategy. On the questionnaire the deadline date has passed, but please still send the information in regardless.

Dean Burwell
Utilities Manager

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Hauraki District Council has prepared the following proposed change to the following plan:

PROPOSED CHANGE NO. 12 TO THE OPERATIVE H A U R A K I D I S T R I C T P L A N - R E Z O N I N G O F T W O P A R C E L S O F L A N D A T W A I H I (the proposal)

The Proposed Change No. 12 comprises a change of zoning from Industrial (Light) to Residential of two parcels of land located at 51 and 53 Union Street in Waihi, legally described as Section 415 Town of Waihi and Lot 6 DPS 90044 respectively, with a combined area of 4158m². The site at 53 Union Street was formerly used as the Hauraki District Council works depot. The site at 51 Union Street is privately owned and currently used for residential purposes. The Proposed Change No.12 also proposes the imposition of a 20m wide Amenity Protection Area (APA) notation along the boundary of Lot 7 DPS 41506 (46 Johnston Street) with Section 415 Town of Waihi, and the removal of the APA notation from 51 and 53 Union Street

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Submissions close on 23 May 2007.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

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- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

Signed: Langley Cavers on behalf of Hauraki District Council
Date: 24 April 2007.

L.D. Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE