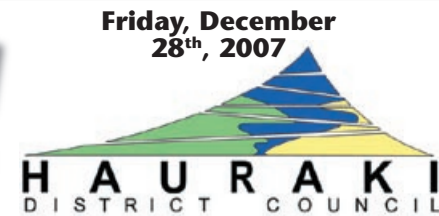




# HDC NEWS



## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 to the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2008:



No scheduled meetings

## Economic Development Update 10

### Hauraki Sister Cities

Hauraki District has a well established Sister City arrangement with the Jiading District of the prefecture of Shanghai in China. A Cultural party of 15 recently visited Jiading and performed to a number of schools and at the Shanghai Festival. This was very well received due to the hard work put in by the tour party members ranging in age from 14 to 20.

An education delegation from Jiading led by deputy Mayor Xia visited our Hauraki colleges in October and discussed ways of expanding our student and teacher exchanges. This could lead to increased tourism in the Hauraki District from the Chinese people.

Harry Shepherd, ex principal of Waihi College, has spent some time in Jiading and Shanghai with the Jiading Education Bureau helping with education matters and he has been invited to return in 2008.

### Regional Economic Development

In the last update I referred to some major changes to the Central Government economic development programme. The Hauraki Coromandel is now part of the Waikato and a Regional Governance Group has been set up to review all applications for funding from Central Governments Enterprise Partnership Fund. Hauraki Coromandel is represented by Chris Hale and are now seeking to have a business/industry representative as well.

The \$1.8m funding announced for the Waihi Discovery Centre was the last project approved under the old regional partnerships Major Regional Initiative programme.

Hauraki Coromandel have been approved \$50K to work with industry sectors to develop action plans for those industries and identify issues that can be dealt with on a regional basis such as Broadband, energy supply, aquaculture development.

### Aquaculture

Aquaculture is now recognised as a major growth opportunity for both this region and New Zealand and work is being undertaken to look at the potential for fish farming in the Hauraki Gulf in the existing Aquaculture Management Areas (AMA's). This will require a lot of consultation and a change to the Coastal Plan if any trial is to be undertaken. The Hauraki Coromandel Development Group has engaged Ben Dunbar-Smith to facilitate the work that needs to be done on this project

### Minerals

A project has been let to GNS Nuclear Sciences to update their 2002 report on the mineral resources of the Hauraki. Once this has been completed NZIER will prepare a report on the flow on benefits to the region for developing these resources. Funding to undertake this work has been gained by the Hauraki Coromandel Development Group from Central Government.

### Projects

A number of projects are underway in the Hauraki District including the Purvis Electronics plant, subdivision work, retirement village planning, works depots, office extensions, Waihi Discovery Centre, Industrial subdivision and many more.

Hauraki has a very positive economic development climate which is putting pressure on our planning and consenting staff so projects need to be well researched and planned. Discussion with Council planners prior to lodging your consent will help avoid delays in the consenting process.

## Service Hours for Hauraki District Council - Christmas- New Year 2007-08

	Friday 28 Dec 07	Saturday 29 Dec 07	Sunday 30 Dec 07	Monday 31 Dec 07	Tuesday 1 Jan 08	Wednesday 2 Jan 08
<b>All Council Offices</b>	8:00am to 4:30pm	Closed	Closed	8:00am to 4:30pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Paeroa Information Centre</b>	9.00am to 4.30pm	10.00am to 2.00pm	10.00am to 2.00pm	9.00am to 4.30pm	10.00am to 2.00pm	10.00am to 2.00pm
<b>Libraries</b>						
Paeroa/ Waihi	9:30am to 5:30pm	10:00am to 12 noon	Closed	10:00am to 4:30pm	Closed	Closed
Ngatea	8:00am to 4:30pm	Closed	Closed	8:00am to 4:30pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Refuse</b>						
Collection Days	Ngatea Paeroa			Whiritoa		
Paeroa Refuse Station	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	Closed	8:00am to 4:00pm
Waihi Refuse Station	10:00am to 4:00pm	10:00am to 4:00pm	10:00am to 4:00pm	10:00am to 4:00pm	Closed	10:00am to 4:00pm
<b>Public Swimming Pools</b>						
Paeroa	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	Closed	12:00pm to 6:00pm
Ngatea	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm	Closed	12:00pm to 6:00pm

## 'Swim Safe Learn to Swim'



Hauraki District Council lifeguards are offering a three week 'Learn to Swim' programme commencing 7th of January for children over the age of four. Registration will be held in Paeroa on the 3rd of January and in Ngatea on the 4th of January at 9:00am at each of the respective pools. Cost is \$30 per child.

### Monday -7 January 2008

Paeroa Pool 9:00 – 11:00am

### Tuesday - 8 January 2008

Paeroa Pool 9:00-11:00am

### Wednesday - 9 January 2008

Ngatea Pool 9:00 – 11:00am

### Thursday - 10 January 2008

Ngatea Pool 9:00 – 11:00am

The group times will be determined after registration. For further information see the Hauraki District Council website or contact Kayla Greenville, 027 424 4333 or email Kayla@hauraki-dc.govt.nz.



## TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS IN HAURAKI DISTRICT

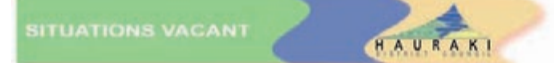
Hauraki District Council is offering a scholarship to a school leaver living in the Hauraki District who is commencing a University course of study in 2008 in the field of Engineering. If you are wanting to pursue a career in Engineering we will assist with Course costs for up to 4 years with a future job guaranteed at the end of your degree.

We can offer:

- Course fees to the value of up to \$5,000 per year
- Paid holiday work that will give you practical experience relative to your course
- Mentoring from experienced staff
- A guaranteed job at the end of your study

For more information and an application form you can visit our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) and look under Vacancies – or e-mail [jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz), or contact Sue Greenville on 027 231 8826

Applications close on 1 February 2008



Attention all Planners! Hauraki District Council is looking for you to join our Planning and Environmental team. If you have a positive can-do attitude and a desire to be part of a friendly team we would love to hear from you. We currently have 2 positions available.

### STRATEGIC PLANNER Fixed term (12 months)

As the Strategic Planner you will be involved in the strategic and corporate planning functions for the Council, so that it may plan a sustainable future for the Hauraki District in partnership with the community. You will advise on Strategic and Corporate Planning issues and be instrumental in the production of the Long Term Council Community Plan for the period 2009-19.

A relevant tertiary qualification and experience in the key areas of strategic and corporate planning or business management is essential. Working knowledge of the Local Government Act and the ability to interpret legislation and apply it to processes and procedures will also need to be one of your strengths. This is a 12 month, fixed term role to cover parental leave.

### PLANNER OR GRADUATE PLANNER

As the Planner your main role will be to process all types of applications received by Council and prepare planning reports so a thorough working knowledge of the Resource Management Act is required. A Tertiary Qualification in Planning or Resource Management is essential. Ideally we are looking for someone with 2-5 years experience in the field however we will also consider Graduates.

We can offer you:

- Consideration of flexible 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.

For more information about these positions please contact Mark Buttimore on 0274 959 683. Application forms and Job Descriptions are available by visiting our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or e-mail [jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or contact Customer Services on 07 862 8609 to request an application pack.

Applications close on 29 January 2008

