



HDC NEWS



An Active District

Book Blurbs



CADETSHIP - Engineering (Civil)

The Hauraki District Council is offering a school leaver a great start towards a career in Engineering by offering a Civil Engineering cadetship. This means you would earn a competitive salary while you learn as well as have your course fees paid for providing you succeed. With this system you would be able to gain practical work experience as well as gain a Diploma in Engineering (Civil).

Our In-House Technical Services Business Unit is an expanding engineering unit providing professional civil engineering services to Council's Asset Managers, the Community Services Department and the Planning & Environmental Services Department. The Cadetship is for a 4 year term where you will attend courses at a NZQA accredited institution and spend the balance of your time applying theory to practice in the real work environment.

Your job as a cadet would involve assisting with surveying, investigation and design of water, wastewater, stormwater and roading projects. You would also learn to assist with contract document preparation and site supervision.

In return you can look forward to:

- A supportive friendly work environment,
- Developmental opportunities to enhance your career,
- The chance to put theory into practice with "hands-on" work
- Time off for study,
- A competitive salary package.

Applicants must have excellent mathematical skills and a desire to make a career in the Engineering field.

For Application forms and Job Descriptions please contact Erin Wood (07) 862 8609, or E-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or Visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz Application packs are also available from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi.

Applications close on Friday 19th January 2007



Pedometer Challenge

At last November's Council meeting the Mayor, John Tregidga congratulated and thanked all those councillors who took part in the pedometer challenge in October. Although the challenge was supposed to be regarded as a personal challenge to benefit the participants' health some councillors and many staff took it as a competition and some went to great lengths to achieve more than their colleagues. One staff member continued walking around his house on the last day until midnight in an effort to beat all other participants. In the final analysis it was not quite enough because the winning staff member was Judy Nichols with the staggering tally of 814,655 steps for the month.

From the councillors, Bruce Gordon had the highest tally with an average of over 23,000 steps per day. Paul Milner was second. The Mayor presented Bruce with a small trophy to celebrate his success.

SPARC Push Play Nation

The Pedometer Challenge was part of a larger campaign launched by SPARC and organised by Sports Waikato locally. This was the Push Play Month aiming to have an Active Nation. Participants were advised to log on to the SPARC website to register and the number of participants for each District were counted. Hauraki received a congratulatory letter from Matthew Cooper the Chief Executive of Sport Waikato for gaining a top ten placing in the Active Nation Campaign. Hauraki was seventh in New Zealand with 1.46% of its residents taking part in the Push Play Nation campaign. Congratulations and thanks to all those who participated in this campaign. We hope you feel better for the experience and have started good habits that will continue into the new year.

Sports Awards

The recent Sport Awards ceremony held in Ngatea has been hailed as a great success. From last year we have combined our Sports Awards with the Thames Coromandel District Council area, to be held alternately in the two districts. This has been very successful and looks good to continue.

District Swimming Pools

The Paeroa and Ngatea Pools are open to the public. The Ngatea pool has just had an upgrade and has a limited amount of heating, which will take the chill off the water and should encourage swimmers earlier in the season. It is reported that it is being well used at present so think about this as a good way of getting your daily exercise in a pleasurable way.

Both pools have over the past few years been free to the public in January to encourage use by the young but after bad behaviour from some members of the public it has been decided to charge a small fee this year. Whereas at other times the cost of entering the pool is \$2, during January it will be \$1.

Staff Changes

There have been a number of staff changes recently but of particular interest has been the resignation of mower operator, Alan Power after 26 years with the Council. This means that he was employed by the Borough prior to amalgamation and has been with Council ever since.

A new building inspector has also been appointed. He is John Tolley and he comes to us from the TCDC. Other new staff members for Planning and Environmental Services team are Glenn East -Monitoring and Pool Compliance, Jeff Mather - Planner, Cherie Jeffcoat - Consents Officer Processing and Richard Clifton - Building Consents Officer.

Every month Hauraki District Libraries are adding new books to their stock. Here are some more samples of those added to the shelves during the month of December.

'Kill Chain' by Meg Gardiner.

Murder is an art but the hitman's method is simple: Find. Track. Target. Kill. It is known as the kill chain, but when her father's car is found wrecked at the bottom of a ravine, Evan Delaney must face the possibility that he has reached the end of the road... and the end of the chain. The cops think it is suicide - but there is no body. Then Evan receives the kidnapper's phone call. They want something that she cannot believe exists and she has only 72 hours...

'A French Affair' by Susan Lewis.

When Natalie Moore is killed in a freak accident in France, her mother, Jessica, knows instinctively there is more to it. But her father is so paralysed by the horror of losing his daughter that he refuses to even discuss his wife's suspicions. Then their marriage is rocked yet again by a terrible shock and Jessica sets off to France alone seeking answers. But she soon finds a great deal more than she expected in a love that is totally forbidden and a truth that will almost certainly devastate her life.

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.

Holiday Habits

With summer weather and the holiday population, we really need to watch our water use. Here are some simple ways to do it ...

- Remind visitors and guests that water supplies are limited.
- Promote shorter showers and shallower baths.
- To save water, post this note over the toilet: "If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down."
- Use a bucket when washing boats, trailers, jet skis, kayaks, etc. (A running hose can waste as much as 10 litres of water a minute.)
- If you have to water the garden, do it in the early morning or evening and just every few days.

SERVICE HOURS - NEW YEAR 2007

	Monday 1-Jan-07	Tuesday 2-Jan-07	Wednesday 3-Jan-07	Thursday 4-Jan-07	Friday 5-Jan-07	Saturday 6-Jan-07	Sunday 7-Jan-07
All Council Offices	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:00am to 4:30pm	8:00am to 4:30pm	8:00am to 4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Paeroa Information Centre	10:00am to 2:00pm	10:00am to 2:00pm	9:00am to 4:30pm	9:00am to 4:30pm	9:00am to 4:30pm	10:00am to 2:00pm	10:00am to 2:00pm
Libraries							
Paeroa & Waihi Libraries	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00am to 4:30pm	10:00am to 4:30pm	9:30am to 5:30pm	10:00am to 12noon	CLOSED
Ngatea Library	CLOSED	CLOSED	8:00am to 4:30pm	8:00am to 4:30pm	8:00am to 4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Refuse							
Refuse Collection Days		Whiritoa		Karangahake Mackaytown Waihi, Waikino Whiritoa	Ngatea Paeroa		
Paeroa Refuse Transfer Station	CLOSED	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm	8:00am to 4:00pm
Waihi Refuse Transfer Station	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:00am to 4:00pm	CLOSED	10:00am to 4:00pm	10:00am to 4:00pm	10:00am to 4:00pm
Public Swimming Pools							
Paeroa Pool	CLOSED	7:00am to 9:00am - Lane Swimming 12noon to 1:00pm - Lane Swimming 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Public Session 5:00pm to 6:00pm - Lane Swimming				12:00pm to 6:00pm	12:00pm to 6:00pm
Ngatea Pool	CLOSED	7:00am to 9:00am - Lane Swimming 12noon to 1:00pm - Lane Swimming (Adults Only) 1:00pm to 5:30pm - Public Session				12:00pm to 5:30pm	12:00pm to 5:30pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

Control of Dogs Bylaw 2004

Dogs are prohibited from entry to the following Public Places:-
From 26 December 2006 to 30 January 2007 between 9.00am and 7.30pm

- Whiritoa - Beach Recreation Reserve
- Whiritoa - Beach
- Whiritoa - all Council reserves
- Children's playgrounds.
- Areas of ecological sensitivity.
- Any other areas as resolved by Council from time to time through the Dog Control Bylaw.

Outside of these hours and to 9 April 2007 all dogs must be on a leash or otherwise properly secured in the following areas:-

- Whiritoa Beach Recreation Reserve
- Whiritoa Beach
- Whiritoa all Council reserves
- Areas of intense public use for example, but not limited to, picnic areas, sports fields, shopping areas and other similar public places.

Any owner of any dog who knowingly does or omits, or causes to be done or omitted, any act, matter of thing, or knowingly permits or suffers any condition of things to exist contrary to any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to have committed a breach of such provision, and shall be liable accordingly.

Any person who acts in breach of this Bylaw commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine, as provided for under the Local Government Act 2002, which specifies a fine not exceeding \$20,000.

