



# HDC NEWS



## Creative New Zealand CCS 2006/07 Allocation

An assessment committee comprising Councillor Julie Bubb, Chairman Judy Parker, Annie Leonard, John MacReady and Rawinia Brownlee with John McIver as the administrator met twice last fiscal year to allocate Creative Communities Scheme funds to groups and individuals with projects that meet a criterion set by Creative NZ.

Twenty-one projects totalling \$84,785.01 were considered by the committee this year, and with only \$14,450.10 to allocate, only one project was declined. The total amount allocated was \$11,758.45.

The successful applications were: **Waihi Summer Festival**, promotion of art week - \$57.95, photographing historic Waihi workshop - \$200.00; **Waihi Drama Society Inc.**, preparation for inaugural stage show - \$2,000.00, to perform a Roger Hall play directed by Dell King - \$600.00; **Positive Paeroa Inc.**, entertainment for the 'Art in the Park' festival, \$2,000.00; **Paeroa Pipe Bands & Tattoo**, annual highland games - \$700.00; **John Alexander Mulvay**, Martha Court mural - \$2,000.00; **Waihi Community Resource Centre**, dramatisation by Shine the Storyteller - \$50.00; visual artwork sculpture competition - \$50.00; Dan the puppet man school holiday programme - \$100.00; Moira Pavlik art workshop school holiday programme - \$62.50; children's ceramic classes school holiday programme - \$100.00; **Kerepehi School**, entrance murals by the community - \$142.00; **Friday Night Friendly**, dance and song to the elderly - \$480.00; **Ngatea Primary School**, a musical production - \$500.00; **Creative Waihi**, a silent art auction - \$550.00; **Children's Art House**, painting of the Rainbow Dragon of Peace - \$281.00; **Art Waikino**, display of local arts and craft - \$510.00; **Paeroa Community Support Trust**, Ideas Explosion holiday programme - \$800.00; **Robinson-Fraser Art Workshop**, art workshop term 2 - \$575.00.

The next allocation round for the scheme begins in October 2007.

## Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy Review (Summary Statement of Proposal)

Under the Gambling Act 2003, Hauraki District Council is required to adopt a Gambling Policy for pokie machine gambling outside casinos and TAB gambling at TAB owned sites - classified as Class 4 Gambling.

Council first adopted a policy on Class 4 Gambling in 2004 and the policy is now due for review.

A series of forums were held with interested parties regarding proposed changes to the policy during late 2006/early 2007. Various outcomes from these forums have been integrated into the draft policy, and Council is now seeking your feedback on the policy in its entirety.

The Draft Class 4 Gambling policy reflects Council's concern that the number of pokie machines per resident remains above the national average. The policy therefore generally seeks the continuation of a 'sinking lid' policy on the number of pokie machines allowed in the District so that the average number of residents per machine figure moves closer to the current national average. Consultation is required with the community so Council can assess the public view on the policy review and can consider additions and alterations to the proposed policy as a result of public submissions received.

Submissions are now open and the full Statement of Proposal will be available at all Council offices within the District for the period from 3rd July to 3rd August 2007. It will also be available on the Council website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Submissions can be mailed to Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17 Paeroa; emailed to [submissions@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or delivered to one of the Council offices in Paeroa; Waihi; or Ngatea.

If you have any questions on the draft policy, please do not hesitate to contact Council staff on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

## Electronic Payment of Dog Registration Fees

### Error Noted - Bank Account Number for paying Dog Registration Fees

There is an error on the reverse side of the dog registration forms that were sent out recently. The error is in the bank account number that was specified to be used if payment was to be made electronically, i.e. internet or phone banking.

The correct bank account number to use is: **02-0396-0064018-04**

The account number that was incorrectly listed on the form does not exist, so even if you have tried to deposit the money in this manner, the transaction would not have been able to be completed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this error.

## Draft Sale of Liquor Policy (Summary Statement of Proposal)

Hauraki District Council is currently consulting on the Draft Sale of Liquor Policy.

This policy was originally adopted in 2002 and is being reviewed to ensure its content is appropriate to the current situation of the Hauraki Community.

Council recognises that to achieve a reduction in alcohol abuse there needs to be a multi dimensional and organisational response. This involves all stakeholders which include licensees, their patrons, the agencies recognised as having statutory reporting responsibilities, government and non-government agencies, owners and occupiers in the vicinity of licensed premises, and businesses, residents and visitors to the District generally.

As such the proposed Sale of Liquor Policy is multi-faceted and focuses on ensuring appropriate mechanisms are in place surrounding the sale of liquor for on licences, off licences, special licenses, multi-licenses, club licenses and managers certificates. These include, but are not limited to: times during which liquor can be sold, application and renewal requirements and required host responsibility.

The full Statement of Proposal of the Draft Sale of Liquor Policy will be available at all Council offices within the District from the 3rd July onwards. It will also be available on the Council website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Public submissions to the policy are invited. Submissions on the policy close at 4.30pm on Friday 3rd August 2007. These submissions can be mailed to Hauraki District Council, PO Box 17 Paeroa; or delivered to one of the Council offices in William St, Paeroa; Seddon St, Waihi; or Orchard West Rd, Ngatea.

## Economic Development Update 8 - June 2007

### Hauraki Sister Cities

Hauraki District has a great Sister City arrangement with the Jiading District of the prefecture of Shanghai in China. Great because it enables the young people of both Districts to travel to a far away place and experience a culture that is very different to their own.

This opportunity arises each year for year 10 and 11 students attending our Colleges in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi.

In April 2001 a Sister Cities Agreement was signed by then Mayor Basil Morrison. The student exchanges began in 2004 and since that time 45 students and 9 teachers have been able to travel and experience this wonderful exchange programme.

This year a further 12 students and 3 teachers will travel to Jiading. Each exchange means that a similar number of Jiading students and teachers come to Hauraki where they are home hosted by the students and teachers who are to travel to Jiading that year.

It is huge step for the Chinese families to home host our Hauraki students in Jiading as people are generally just not invited into Chinese homes as we do in NZ.

A group of Jiading officials have just visited Hauraki and after discussing some educational matters and being able to experience a Gold Pour at Newmont Waihi Gold, we arranged for them to meet with an official from ZESPRI (the marketing arm of Kiwifruit NZ). In Jiading there is a model farm covering a number of hectares and a huge variety of crops and plants and Mayor John Tregidga was asked if we could assist with setting up a small Kiwifruit plot (half a hectare) at the Model Farm. Its purpose is to show the Chinese people what is grown elsewhere in the world and it is basically an educational site.

ZESPRI are already talking with the Chinese about growth opportunities for Kiwifruit in China. "Coal to Newcastle"

### Regional Economic Development

In the last update I referred to some major changes to the Central Government economic development programme. We are currently helping to coordinate a Waikato group to work with Central Government so as to access their revised economic development assistance packages.

The good news is that over the past 3 years this sub region (Hauraki Thames Coromandel) has been able to access significant funding to assist projects in our region. Waikato in total has attracted more Central Government economic funding than any other region in NZ. We are presently awaiting a decision on some Central Government funding for a large project in Waihi which will provide an excellent boost to Tourism in Waihi and the region.

### Aquaculture

Aquaculture is now recognised as a major growth opportunity for both this region and New Zealand and a small group visited South Australia to look at the economics, sustainability and environmental impact of farming a variety of fish in the Hauraki Gulf. The trip was very informative for the group and the information gained is being relayed back to interested community stakeholders. Reports are available for any one who wishes to take an interest.

### Minerals

Central Government has just approved a funding application from the Hauraki Coromandel Development Group to look at the economics of minerals in the area. NZ Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) have put a proposal to the group but it will be required to go to tender before any consultant can be selected to undertake the work. Work undertaken by GNS Science and

funded by Crown Minerals has identified huge resources in the region which include \$22,800 million of 9 metallic mineral deposits, \$1,057 million for two clay deposit types. The new work to be undertaken will look at quantifying the flow on economic benefits of these mineral and clay resources.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

## Ministry Of Health - Public Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

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