



HDC NEWS



Sewers are for Sewerage

After many blockages at the Wellington St sewerage pump station in Waihi staff are beginning to wonder what is happening. The latest items removed to clear the blockages include a sheet and pillowcase and a shirt. It is doubtful whether these could have been flushed down the toilet but may have been dropped down a sump. The continued problem is also causing the pump to wear out prematurely and is thus of considerable cost to the ratepayer.

The other problem that is encountered in many places is, of course, storm-water infiltration. While the Paeroa treatment plant was designed to cope with extra storm-water due to a continued problem with the network, other plants are not. The Waitakaruru plant has been having difficulties but it is thought that the problem areas have been located and fixed so hopefully during the next big storm we will have only the sewerage to deal with not a large amount of extra water from the rain.

Today last day for dog registration



Just a reminder that **TODAY** is the last day for dog registrations. Any dog that remains unregistered after the July 31st 2007 will incur substantial penalty fees.

L D Cavers
Chief Executive



Development Contributions

The Hauraki District is one of the slower councils to adopt a policy of development contributions under the new Local Government Act. One advantage of this is that we can learn from other people's experience rather than fall into traps and difficulties ourselves. North Shore City has had some legal challenges that were recently upheld over the levels of its development contributions and what they were used for.

It shows how quickly things change when you realise that the reason why we did not follow other councils immediately to introduce development contributions, on the passing of the Act, was that at that time growth was slow in the district, we wanted to encourage development and there did not seem to be a need to introduce levies to pay for additional infrastructure.

While growth is still the aim of Council, the more pressing aim at present is to control development and allow it to continue in a sustainable manner with the infrastructure keeping pace with that growth. By charging a contribution on the sections the development of new and improved infrastructure is spread over the community and is not just borne by the first subdividers or, for that matter, the next generation.

In the past, when a subdivision took place, financial contributions could be taken under the Resource Management Act to cover necessary upgrades of the roading network and there was also a contribution asked for each section towards the community facilities of the area. Under the Local Government Act it is possible to ask for a sum to cover a wide range of infrastructure that may need upgrading as a result of the increase in population caused by the subdivision.

Average amounts from a selection of similar councils around the North Island show a \$12,000 fee that is charged per section. This money must be used for the purpose for which it is collected - such as improvements to the water supply, sewerage system, roads, drainage and the like, that are needed as a result of the development. The improvements also must be done within a reasonable time frame of collecting the money.

Council is still investigating the matter and will be consulting with the public through a special consultative procedure although some consultation has already taken place during the formulation of the LTCCP.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting will be held during the month of August 2007, in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa.

COMMISSIONER HEARING OF PLAN CHANGE 8 - NGATEA COMMENCES THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST 2007 FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST 2007 (if required)

L.D. Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of
30th July to the 5th August 2007
No Scheduled Meetings



BOOK BLURBS

Every month Hauraki District Libraries are adding new books to their stock. Here is a sample of those added to the shelves during the month of July.

'Going Dutch' by Katie Fforde
When Jo's husband trades her in for a younger model, she suddenly finds herself living on a barge and trying to work out how to support herself. Aware that she was about to make a terrible mistake, Dora has fled from a huge wedding, her fiancé and her mother to come under Jo's protective wing and gets a job where she has to row to work. Though they know nothing about boats, they'll learn. One thing, though, they are sworn off men for good. But then laid-back, charming, jack-of-all-trades Tom enters their lives...



'The Navigator' by Clive Cussler
Years ago, an ancient Phoenician statue known as the Navigator was stolen from a Baghdad museum, and there are men who will do anything to get their hands on it. Their first victim is a crooked antiquities dealer. Their second is very nearly a UN investigator, rescued by Austin and Zavala. What's so special about this statue? The search will take the NUMA team on an astonishing odyssey through time and space, encompassing the lost treasures of King Solomon, a top-secret scientific project and more...

'Barbed Wire and Roses' by Peter Yeldham
Everyone said that the war would be over by Christmas, 1914, and Stephen Conway rushes to enlist. Leaving his pregnant wife he soon finds himself in the trenches of Gallipoli. Four years later shell-shocked Stephen is the only one left of his platoon, and during the heat of battle on the bloodstained fields of France, he mysteriously disappears. His ultimate fate is still a mystery eighty years on when his grandson finds a diary that leads him to Britain and France on a journey to discover what really happened.

'The Sleeping Doll' by Jeffrey Deaver
California Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Kathryn Dance is an expert in kinesics - the science of interpreting behaviour. It makes her a brilliant interrogator. But she's up against Daniel Pell, a master of control, who mesmerises, seduces and exploits people for his own murderous ends. And to track him down, she must enlist the help of four people from the killer's past, three women who lived under his sadistic sway and a young girl, 'The Sleeping Doll' - the only survivor of her family's slaughter at Pell's hands...

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.

J P Tregidga, JP
MAYOR



PUBLIC NOTICES



Reminder - Draft Liquor and Gambling Policies

Submissions on the Draft Sale of Liquor Policy and the Draft Class 4 Gambling Policies close this week, so if you would like to provide some feedback on either of the proposed policies download the policies and a submission form off the website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or call the Council offices on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

L.D. Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



NOTICE OF ELECTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Under Section 52 of the Local Elections Act 2001, I hereby give notice that on Saturday the **13th day of October 2007**, the following elections will be held under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote, and can invite nominations for the issues listed below:

- MAYOR of the HAURAKI DISTRICT** to be elected by the electors of the Hauraki District.
- Members of the HAURAKI DISTRICT**
 - Four (4) Members** to be elected by the electors of the **PAEROA WARD** of the Hauraki District.
 - Four (4) Members** to be elected by the electors of the **PLAINS WARD** of the Hauraki District.
 - Five (5) Members** to be elected by the electors of the **WAIHI WARD** of the Hauraki District.

Nominations of candidates must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer at the Principal Office at William Street, Paeroa **not later than 12 noon on Friday 24 August 2007.**

Each candidate must be nominated on the prescribed nomination paper, which must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 GST inclusive.

Nomination forms and candidate information booklets are available at:

Council's Principal Office, William Street, Paeroa or, the Ngatea Service Centre, Orchard Road, Ngatea or, the Waihi Service Centre, 92 Seddon Street, Waihi

A candidate may submit a candidate profile statement with their nomination paper for sending out with the voting documents to electors on 21st September 2007.

The electoral roll to be used for the election:

- Closes on 24 August 2007 at 4pm
- Can be inspected at
 - Council offices at**
92 Seddon Street, Waihi
William Street, Paeroa
Orchard Road, Ngatea
 - Public Libraries at**
Seddon Street, Waihi
Belmont Road, Paeroa
Beach Road, Whiritoa
 - Post Shops at**
Waihi Post Centre, Rosemont Road, Waihi
Paeroa Post Centre, Normanby Road, Paeroa

Following closure of the roll, the electoral officer may, on application of any person who is or claims to be entitled to be enrolled or any other person or otherwise, make any necessary corrections to the names, addresses, occupations, abbreviations, or marks appearing in the electoral roll.

DATED at Paeroa this 24th day of July 2007

Principal Office, William Street
P O Box 17, Paeroa
Ph. 0800 734 834 or 07 862 8609

R.O. Paterson
ELECTORAL OFFICER

