



# HDC NEWS



## Fighting Against Vandalism

The Waihi Ward Committee is still struggling with the problem of vandalism to the toilets near the skateboard facility at Morgan Park. The latest decision is to have the toilets closed at all times unless there is a sporting fixture on. The soccer and rugby clubs will have a key to open them when games are to be played at the park.

Meanwhile, it is hoped to encourage those users of the skateboard facility who are responsible youths to take more ownership of the problem and to ensure that a few people do not spoil the area for the enjoyment of others. The extension of the skateboard facility is on hold until a solution to the vandalism problem is found.

On the wider field of youth misdemeanours, concern was expressed at the antisocial behaviour of a few of the district's youth and it was resolved to ask Council to invite the area's senior police officer to discuss the matter with Council to see if there is anything that Council can do to improve the situation and to hear what is being done at present.

## Economic Development Update 7

### Regional Economic Development

Central Government has recently released its "Economic Transformation Agenda" which has some serious implications for Economic Development in our region (Hauraki and Thames Coromandel districts).

Nationally the Government has said that it will now deal with only 14 regions as opposed to the 26 it has been dealing with. This means that the 5 present economic regions of the Waikato will be dealt with by Central Government as one. The current Regional Partnerships programme provides our region with up to \$100,000 per year for Capability building, up to \$100,000 every 3 years for strategy development and up to \$2m for a major regional initiative every 3 years. This funding is applied for by The Hauraki Coromandel Development Group (HCDG) from Central Government for various projects that will enhance economic growth in our region. The HCDG is a joint committee of TCDC and HDC set up to facilitate economic growth in the region. All the funding applied for is used for projects.

Under the new Economic Transformation Agenda the total Waikato region will receive \$250,000 per year for capability building and be able to apply to a nationally contestable pool for Major Regional projects.

This means the total Waikato region is eligible for less than half what it is currently eligible for in Capability building and has to have a project that is nationally contestable to get any Major Regional Initiative funding.

The total focus of this funding is the generation of Export income. In order to move to the new regime all the 5 sub regions in the Waikato need to agree on a structure which will enable agreement on projects to go forward for funding assistance. The HCDG are adamant that any further structure set up be minimal and not require funding. Otherwise project funding will be eaten up in administration.

The HCDG have written to Central Government acknowledging the need to focus on Export growth but pointing out the major disadvantages the Economic Transformation Agenda places on the Waikato sub regions.

The HCDG have adopted their revised Economic Development strategy and have agreed to focus on Aquaculture and Minerals, the latter being in the Hauraki District alone. The strategy identifies some 79 action points and it is still to be determined how some of these will be actioned.

The Thames Coromandel Hauraki Labour Market Forum will address the employment /Labour market issues and work is commencing on this.

### Aquaculture

Central Government and the Aquaculture industry have produced a 10 step plan to grow aquaculture in NZ to \$1b by 2025. To do this will require amongst other initiatives the development of farming of other species of marine life. The Hauraki Gulf has been recognised as an extremely good growing environment and currently produces excellent mussels and oysters.

The National Institute for Water and Atmosphere (NIWA) has identified the Hauraki Gulf as a prime location for the farming of other fish species. Currently our Coastal Plan does not permit this.

Environment Waikato are presently holding meetings around our region with community stakeholders to find out what people think about farming fish and to understand any concerns that people may have.

A small group has visited Port Lincoln in South Australia where there is extensive Tuna, Mullaway and King fish farming to look at the farming operation, talk with Government on the regulatory processes, discuss the environmental impacts and gain a better understanding of the sustainability. A report on this visit will be made available to the community.

## Plains Matters

**Netball Courts:** There is a proposal before Council at the moment to allocate an area of the Hugh Hayward Domain to the Plains Netball Association to establish a netball facility. The proposition is for a six-court complex and the group is investigating funding options. Netball is at present played on the Hauraki Plains College courts but they are no longer suitable to the needs of the organisation.

**Swimming Pool:** A decision has to be made as to when the Ngatea Pool will open again for the next season. The cost of heating the pool in the cooler weather has been higher than anticipated so the Ward Committee is considering when the most appropriate time for reopening is and has requested the swimming club to decide whether it will want to provide Learn to Swim classes in the September holiday break before a decision can be made.

**Vandalism - Public Toilets:** Surveillance cameras are being installed in the public toilet in the main street of Ngatea in an attempt to reduce vandalism.

## Paeroa Issues

**Parking:** The Paeroa Ward Committee has requested a full and detailed report from the District Engineer on the issue of a possible parking restriction in the main street. Positive Paeroa has asked for a two hour parking restriction to be enforced there to solve the problem that retailers have with people parking all day, which means there is no parking left for customers.

**Trees and Power lines:** The liquid amber trees in Thorp St are to be pruned every three years to prevent them interfering with power lines. It was considered that the trees were too attractive to be removed.

## Visit To China

The Mayor and Councillor Hayden have just returned from China visiting our sister city there - Jiading, a suburb of the huge commercial hub of Shanghai. The visit was brief and one of protocol to meet the new Mayor of Jiading. The visit was necessary so that he would be welcomed to visit Hauraki in the future

Hauraki hopes to continue to promote the continuation of the educational exchanges between our two communities that have been happening every year to further the understanding and friendship between the people of Hauraki and Shanghai.

## Elected Members' Diary

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
4TH TO THE 10TH JUNE 2007

Tuesday 5th June - Water and  
Waste Consultative Committee.  
Thursday 8th June - Hearing



### PUBLIC NOTICES

## Refuse Transfer Station Hours

Queens Birthday Weekend

	<u>Paeroa</u>	<u>Waihi</u>
Queens Birthday Monday	Open	Open

**Any queries, please call the council offices  
during working hours on 07 862 8609 or  
0800 734 834 (from within the district)**

L.D. Cavers  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### SITUATIONS VACANT

## UTILITIES ENGINEER

Hauraki District Council offers you an interesting and rewarding employment opportunity within its Utilities Assets team. Reporting to the Utilities Manager you would assist with managing the operation of water, wastewater and solid waste utilities. You would be involved with project management, policy development and supervision of contracts.

Ideally we would like you to have NZCE or equivalent plus at least 5 years experience. Knowledge and experience of Utilities operations and appropriate legislation as well as excellent communication skills are essential.

This position is based in Paeroa and we can offer an attractive salary and a friendly, supportive environment. To take this opportunity call us today for a full job description and application pack.

**Phone HR Advisors  
Sue (07)862 5024 or Julie (07) 862 5023  
Alternatively e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or  
visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz**

**Please send us your application by  
21st June 2007**

L.D. Cavers  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### PUBLIC NOTICES



## Nominations for 2007 Citizen Awards

The Hauraki District Council invites nominations for deserving nominees to be considered for Council's 2007 Citizen Awards. To be eligible, nominees must satisfy the specified criteria. Further information on eligibility and nomination forms can be obtained from Council's Service Centres in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngatea, or by telephoning Customer Services at 07 862 8609 (or 0800 734 834 within district).

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Nominations should be addressed to the PA to the Mayor, Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa, to be received no later than 4.00pm on 29 June 2007.

J.P. Tregidga, JP  
MAYOR

### PUBLIC NOTICES

## TO ALL DOG OWNERS REGISTRATION 2007/2008

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by Resolution of Council on 1st March 2007 fixed the dog control fees for this Registration Year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE:  
Last weeks  
advertisement  
"To All Dog  
Owners"  
concerning  
registration fees  
for 2007/2008  
was incorrect.  
This  
advertisement  
advises of the  
correct fees.**

	FEE	DESEX REBATE (Certificate Required)	MINIMUM FEE	PENALTY IF PAID AFTER 31/07/2007	MAXIMUM FEE
General Dogs	\$57.00	\$12.50	\$44.50	\$27.00	\$84.00
Dogs in excess of three (3)	\$17.50		\$17.50	\$8.00	\$25.50
VOL Dog	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$17.50		\$30.00
Replacement Tag	\$4.00				\$4.00

Fees Include GST

(NOTE: FAILURE TO REGISTER BY 31 JULY 2007 DISQUALIFIES  
VOLUNTARY OWNER LICENCING (VOL).)