



HDC NEWS



Annual Plan Hearings

Council heard submissions to the Annual Plan and the special consultative procedure on the Positive Ageing Strategy, Contestable Social Fund, Dog Control Policy Review, and review of fees and charges for cemeteries, libraries and planning at its last meeting. It also went through all the submissions where people did not wish to be heard.

The tenor of the submissions was overwhelmingly positive with many expressing satisfaction at the Positive Ageing Strategy and library charges. The Dog control policy came in for more heat with a number of submissions on both sides of the argument of dogs on the Beach at Whiritoa. This is an issue that is more relevant to the dog control bylaw and will be looked at next year. All these submissions will be held over to that bylaw review and will be regarded as submissions to that review.

As far as the Annual Plan was concerned, most submissions were either positive about what was there or were asking for more money. Some of these will be held over for the contestable social fund when it becomes official, but small increases were approved by councillors to a number of groups, including the Paeroa Historical Society for the Museum expenses and the Hauraki CAB.

In the larger grant department, \$60,000 was allocated to the Hauraki Order of St John towards the extension and refurbishment of its building in Ngatea. This grant will come from the Community Projects Assistance Fund, which is a fund using interest from the power share money so it does not affect rates.

Staff will analyse all the changes Council has decided to make on the Plan and will assess the rating impact of these to present to Council so that councillors can evaluate the effect of the changes before adopting the Plan.

Responsible Dog Owner

(Voluntary Owner Licencing)

Council encourages responsible dog ownership by formally recognising responsible dog owner status, dog ownership education programmes and dog obedience courses. Applications will be accepted between 1st June and 13th July in each year. Dog owners are required to:

- Show a consistent record of registration by registering their dogs by the 31st July in each and every registration year, and have no complaints, nor impoundings in the preceding 12 months. Evidence of this previous 12 months history of good ownership will be taken from Council's records. Where the dog does not have this 12 months previous history, because it is new to the Hauraki District, written evidence provided by the owner of the dog from another registration authority will be considered.
- Have an appropriate means of confining the dog. This will be at the discretion of the dog ranger taking into account the size and nature of the dog and the importance of the dog not creating a barking nuisance, but typically this will require secure fencing.
- Pay a once only application fee of \$15.00 and passed the written examination on dog care and owner legal obligations.

The responsible dog owner pays under the Voluntary Owner Licencing scheme a reduced percentage of the General Dog registration fee as set by resolution of Council.

Elected Members' Diary

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 28TH MAY
TO THE 3RD JUNE 2007

Thursday 31st May -
Full Council Meeting



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 May.

'Obsession' by Karen Robards

She remembers the vicious burglars who shot her best friend, the terror she felt the night she nearly died. But there are things she doesn't remember at all. Like her clothes in her luxurious Washington townhouse. Like her face in her mirror. Everything in her life feels utterly wrong, as if trauma has given her some kind of amnesia... As Katherine acts on her instincts and runs for her life, she's rescued by Dan Howard, the handsome doctor who lives next door. She thinks she can trust him, but can she really be sure...

'Fire' by Deborah Challinor

Allie and her friends Louise, Irene and Daisy all work at Dunbar & Jones, one of the country's most glamorous and sophisticated department stores - Allie is a sale girl in the dress department, Louise is in lingerie, Irene is a typist and Daisy makes hats. In the week before Christmas 1953, when the store is crammed with shoppers, smoke is discovered drifting from the basement lift shaft. What happens next will hit at the heart of the city, tear families apart, test friendships and open wounds that will never heal.

'Down into Darkness' by David Lawrence

The naked body of a young girl is found hanging from a tree on a London roadside. Scrawled across her back are the words Dirty Girl. Detective Sergeant Stella Mooney and the AMIP-5 squad have no means of identifying the victim and no motive. Then a man is found with his throat cut and the comment Filthy Coward. Stella and her team can see there is a connection, but what? More evidence is needed, and soon enough it comes: another death; another message...

'Lands Beyond the Sea' by Tamara McKinley

It is the 1700's. Ghostmen threaten the Aborigines' very existence. Jonathan Cadwallader leaves Cornwall to sail on the Endeavour. Susan Penhalligan mourns his going, but destiny will lead her far from her home before an act of brutality unites her again with Jonathan. Billy Penhalligan survives his transportation and clings to the promise of a new beginning... But before then there will be more suffering...

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.

Riding Club Lease

The Waihi Riding Club has been granted a 3x3x3 year lease for the Bank St Reserve and has been granted permission to build a sand arena on the reserve for equestrian events. The Ward Committee expressed approval at the way the group has upgraded and kept the reserve since it has been leasing it. Council continues to pay the rates on the reserve.

PUBLIC NOTICES

RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

The Rating Information Database for Hauraki District Council is available for public inspection during office hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday at the Council Offices at Williams Street, Paeroa, Orchard Road, Ngatea and Seddon Street, Waihi. The Rating Information Database is also available on Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz under Customer Services/Rates. The Rating Information Database records all of the information required to set and assess rates on every rating unit. Ratepayers may object to information in the Rating Information Database where information is incorrect or has been omitted. Objections must be made in writing and posted to Rating Information Database Objections, Hauraki District Council P O Box 17 Paeroa.

RATES REMINDER

A reminder that all third instalment rates remaining unpaid after the close of business on Wednesday 30 May 2007 will incur a 10% penalty.

L.D. Cavers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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.

	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				

Fees Include GST

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