



HDC NEWS

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE 9

THE KARANGAHAKE GEORGE

In 2006 following a series of meetings with community and stakeholders a strategy for the further development of the Karangahake Gorge was completed.

The Karangahake Gorge is already a visitor magnet with in excess of 100,000 people annually enjoying the variety of walks that have been created by the Dept of Conservation and others.

Commercial tourism operators are now looking to provide services in the Karangahake Gorge and sites and infrastructure needs to be developed to allow this to take place.

The effects of additional traffic moving onto and off State Highway 2 mean that Transit NZ will have a strong input to any development.

Hauraki District Council's reserve at Karangahake currently provides an entrance to some of the walks and facilities which are under pressure during the Summer Holiday period.

A working party is being established including the Dept of Conservation, Transit and HDC to begin implementation of the strategy. As issues are worked through other parties will be involved.

SISTER CITIES

Hauraki enjoys an excellent Sister City relationship with the Jiading District of Shanghai in China. In the past 4 months 12 students from Jiading Colleges and 3 teachers have been home hosted by Hauraki students and their families. The Hauraki students were then hosted in Jiading by the Chinese for 14 days. This is a life changing experience for these young people and has been operating since 2002.

A Cultural party of 16 from Hauraki have just visited Jiading and performed at their schools and the Shanghai Festival. Their performances were broadcast on Jiading and Shanghai television and the group was very well received.

An education delegation of 7 officials from Jiading has just visited Hauraki and met with the Mayor to discuss how the Sister Cities programme exchanges could be expanded.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Waihi "Gold Centre of NZ" project received \$1.8m from Central Government's Major Regional Initiative Fund. This was the last national project to receive MRI funding which was announced by the Prime Minister at a luncheon in Waihi on 22 September.
- Information on the Mineral resources in the Hauraki Coromandel prepared by GNS Science in 2001 is being updated and will be followed by a report on the economic benefits from its development and that of Aquaculture in the sub-region.
- Hauraki Coromandel will hold a seat on the new Waikato Regional Governance Group who will work with NZ Trade and Enterprise and other Govt Depts on economic development issues.

'Rocket Into Reading' this Summer with Hauraki District Libraries

This summer marks the first ever library summer reading programme in the district, held at Paeroa and Waihi Libraries. It will run from 10 December to 18 January.



Rocket into Reading is an incentive based reading programme that promotes books and reading. Each child receives a folder to record their reading, with incentives and certificates awarded to children who complete the programme. A story teller will be visiting the library and 4 fun-packed Activity days are planned. Not to mention a massive Grand Finale Party at the end for all those who complete the programme. All this and more is free of charge.

There are a limited number of places, so please register early to guarantee your child's place. If enrolments exceed our registration numbers, those children we cannot place will be placed on a waiting list as spaces may become available later in the programme.

Enrolments will be accepted from 26 November to Friday 7 December 2007.

To enrol, or if you have any questions please phone Paeroa Library on 862 7194, Waihi Library on 863 8316, or come in and talk with the Library staff.

We look forward to 'Rocketing into Reading' with you!

Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week of the 26th
November to the 2nd December 2007
Wednesday 28th November – Full
Council Meeting
Wednesday 28th November – Hearing



FERAL FOWL

For a number of years Council has observed the growing presence of 'cast off' poultry in Hauraki's reserves. Initially a few fowl in a reserve or occasionally roaming beside the highway were considered a novelty and they added some 'colour' to the scene. In one State Highway reserve to the east of Ngatea the poultry population steadily grew, they were fed and housed amongst the trees by one or more locals who considered that the birds were benefiting the facilities of the reserve and the locals were benefiting by having a 'not in my back yard' fowl run.



The poultry, having once been domesticated, will roam amongst reserve patrons scavenging for food, they perch on reserve furniture, and stroll along pathways. Surplus food, left for the fowl but not consumed, attracts other less desirable wildlife such as rats and Council officers regularly have to pick up refuse from the grassed areas that the fowl will not eat. The droppings from the fowl also have to be cleaned off fixtures.

Recently the alarming increase to 47 in the number of poultry at the Puke Bridge Reserve in Paeroa gave cause to Council staff to reduce the amount of 'colour' and hopefully remove the need for the discarded refuse. Naturally, this initiative ran 'foul' of the people feeding them and Council received a visit from the local SPCA who considered that Council should first seek help from the SPCA to find foster homes for the free roaming birds. Council had obtained the services of an accredited pest control contractor to remove the birds with a sedative treatment.

Council can relate to the lack of humanity concern that the SPCA have raised, and have agreed that where there are future problems with discarded poultry they will ask the Society to capture and remove the birds from the reserves for fostering by any person willing to provide an appropriate home for them, remembering of course that the birds have been free roaming.

Council is not opposed to having birds in reserves, the presence of birds is part of the purpose, however, the vast majority of the birds are able to fly, and they come and go. Nevertheless, there is room for the basic ground dwelling bird. Additionally, wherever there is water associated with a reserve there are normally ducks and they provide that childhood experience of feeding the milling throng. However, there has to be a limit to everything and in the case of the Puke Bridge Reserve the poultry was attracting refuse.

But looking on the positive side, if anyone with plenty of space wants some poultry or anyone has poultry or other animals that are unwanted please contact your local SPCA to allow them the opportunity to match up unwanted birds with appropriate homes. The numbers are: Thames – 868 6830 and Paeroa – 862 7308.

PUBLIC NOTICES



CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 notice is hereby given that for the purpose of holding the Santa Parade 2007 event organised by Positive Paeroa Trust Inc the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the period of closure the following provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road.

Period of closure: Saturday 1st December 2007 between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:00 noon.

Roads to be closed: Normanby Road and Belmont Roads between Arney Street and Station Road, Paeroa, exit to Normanby Road from Wharf Street, exit to Belmont Road from Hughendon, Hall, William and Corbett Streets, and Marshall Street between William Street and Belmont Road, Paeroa.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: divert to Station Road and Arney Street, Paeroa.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

L.D. Covers
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



NGATEA POOL TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
06:30 - 07:00	Lane Swimming Adults						
07:00 - 07:30	Lane Swimming Adults						
07:30 - 08:00	Lane Swimming Adults						
08:00 - 08:30	Lane Swimming Adults						
08:30 - 09:00	Lane Swimming Adults						
09:00 - 09:30							
09:30 - 10:00							
10:00 - 10:30	Kopuarahi School			Kopuarahi School			
10:30 - 11:00	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary		
11:00 - 11:30							
11:30 - 12:00						STAFF ONLY	
12:00 - 12:30	Lane Swimming Adults						
12:30 - 13:00	Lane Swimming Adults						
13:00 - 13:30	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Public Swimming	
13:30 - 14:00	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary		
14:00 - 14:30	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary	Ngatea Primary		
14:30 - 15:00	Public Swimming						
15:00 - 15:30	Public Swimming						
15:30 - 16:00	Public Swimming						
16:00 - 16:30	Public Swimming						
16:30 - 17:00	Learn To Swim			Learn To Swim	Learn To Swim		
17:00 - 17:30	Learn To Swim			Learn To Swim	Learn To Swim		
17:30 - 18:00		Swim Club	Swim Club				
18:00 - 18:30		Swim Club	Swim Club				
18:30 - 19:00		Swim Club	Swim Club				

NOTE: Learn to swim will run for three weeks only. LTS began on the 12th November and will finish on the 30th November

NOTE: During Learn to swim public are still welcome to use the pool.