



HDC NEWS



Environmental Issues

At its last meeting Council was rather preoccupied with environmental issues.

Climate Change discussion paper

Firstly, a discussion paper was presented on the issue of Climate Change and our possible response to the matter. The comprehensive report looks at the issue as it relates to Hauraki and outlines a range of the current scientific thinking on climate change and how it is likely to affect our district.

It appears that the main issues relating to climate change in our district are those related to possible sea level rise and managing the risks associated with this. Apart from this, our area is well placed not to have a huge change in our environment except from perhaps an increase in extreme events. The document also looks at what level of response Hauraki should take, including whether we should move towards leading the community on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The well presented document was received by councillors as an initial step but it is likely that a workshop on the document be held at some time in the future to consider it in more detail and to look at what policy Council should adopt on the issue.

Environment Waikato's Draft Annual Plan

The second environmental area that came up at the meeting was the presentation of Environment Waikato's Draft Annual Plan and councillors were pleased to note a move to cut back on spending and to hold rate increases while not compromising on important environmental issues.

Department of Conservation's Draft Management Plan

Lastly, Council received a presentation from the Department of Conservation's Bay of Plenty division, which is responsible for the Waihi, Kaimai and Karangahake Gorge area of our district. They presented their draft Management Plan and answered questions from councillors.

The main interest from councillors centred on the management of the huge tourist attraction that has been generated by the work that has been done in the vicinity of the Karangahake Gorge. While DoC treats the gorge as merely part of a wider picture of the north-south Kaimai-Mamaku track area, councillors saw the gorge as distinctly different, catering mainly for short walks and day-trippers.

It was also pointed out that activities of DoC in opening up heritage and scenic areas can have large impacts on the surrounding area and the infrastructure that needs to be provided by Council. Allied to this issue is the current work being done by Council to improve the sewerage system at the Karangahake Reserve, which has been severely stretched over the summer months. (You may have noticed tape around the shrubbery at the reserve, which is related to work being done on the sewerage effluent system).

No solutions to this and similar issues such as increased parking and the need to upgrade roads such as Dickey's Flat Rd were presented and it is likely to be a matter that surfaces further in the future.



Karangahake Reserve



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 an event organised by **Thames Valley Car Club Inc.** the following road 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: Sunday 4 May 2008 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Road to be closed: top end of Taieri Road Waihi (from Pukewera Road junction).

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: No traffic shall be held up for more than 30 minutes.

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.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

HAURAKI DISTRICT - FROM 12 MARCH 2008

The recent wet weather has brought some relief to the water supply situation for Paeroa. However, because levels are still very low in the water sources which supply Hauraki Plains and Waihi, for the present water conservation is still essential in these areas.

Non essential usage is curtailed by the water restriction notices set out below. Your co-operation in complying with these restrictions now is relied upon to conserve available supplies for health, economic production and emergency needs.

- 1. Notice to Residents of the Hauraki Plains and Maratoto** (Includes Netherton, Kerepehi, Turua, Waitakaruru, Ngatea, Orongo, Kopuarahi, Pipiroa, Kaihere, Maratoto and Hikutaia)

The following restrictions are imposed:

- A complete restriction on the use of lawn and garden sprinklers.
- A complete restriction on the use of hand held hoses.

- 2. Notice to Residents of Waihi, Mackaytown and Waikino**

- A complete restriction on the use of lawn and garden sprinklers.

- 3. Notice to Residents of Paeroa and Karangahake**

- Previous restriction is cancelled. No water restriction operating in Paeroa supply area from the date of this notice.

Water should still be used conservatively, even though the Paeroa restriction has been cancelled. If these conditions persist it may be necessary to impose further restrictions on water use or re-impose the cancelled restriction. Further restrictions could include rationing and possibly the need to boil water for drinking purposes. For further inquiries please phone (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).



TO ALL DOG OWNERS - REGISTRATION 2008/09

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by Resolution of Council on 27th February 2008 fixed the dog control fees for this Registration Year 01 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

2008/09 Fee Scale: (Fees include GST)

Dog Owner Classification	General Dog	Dogs in excess of 3	R.O.L. Dog
Fee	\$62.00	\$18.50	\$32.00
Less De-sex rebate (Certificate required)	-\$13.00	-	-\$13.00
Minimum Fee (Certificate Required)	\$49.00	\$18.50	\$19.00
Penalty if paid after 31 July 2008	\$24.50	\$9.25	Loss of ROL
Maximum Fee			
- De-sex	\$73.50	\$27.75	\$19.00
- Entire	\$93.00	\$27.75	\$32.00

Replacement Tags = \$5.00

NOTE: (Failure to register by 31 July 2008 will incur an Infringement Fine of \$300.00, not including penalty fee for late registration) (Failure to register by 31 July 2008 disqualifies Responsible Owner Licence (R.O.L.))

Would you like a reduction in Dog Registration Fees? Have you thought about obtaining a Responsible Owner Licence?

RESPONSIBLE OWNER LICENCE (R.O.L.)

Councils Responsible Owner Licensing Scheme rewards those dog owners who keep their dogs under control at all times with a reduced Fee (from \$62.00 to \$32.00, or \$19.00 if the dog is de-sexed)

The major Criteria to obtain a RESPONSIBLE OWNER LICENCE are:-

- Complete the prescribed application form and pay the application fee of (\$15.00) .
- Have a good record of Registration History/No Complaints or Impounding in the preceding 12 months.
- Be present at a visit by the Dog Control Staff of the District Council to inspect your section for a securely fenced property.
- Pass a simple written examination on dog care and owner legal obligations.

An information pack and application form are available by telephone 0800 734 834 (from within the District) or (07) 862 8609, or collect a pack from one of our offices at William Street Paeroa; Seddon Street, Waihi; Orchard West Road, Ngatea or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications accepted 1 May 2008 to 18 July 2008

Note: Failure to register by 31 July of any year disqualifies your R.O.L.

Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 28th April to the 4th May 2008:

Wednesday 30th April – Full Council meeting.

Annual Plan Submissions

The submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 have closed. A meeting will be held to consider these submissions on the 7th May 2008, at the Hauraki District Council, Council Chambers in Paeroa.

As from Monday 5th May a summary of submissions booklet will be available from Council offices and libraries, and our website, www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, for those that wish to view the submissions prior to the meeting.



CONSENT OFFICER - PROCESSING

Here is an opportunity to join a team of Consents Officers who undertake processing of applications within our Planning and Environmental Services Department based in our Paeroa office.

We are looking for someone with an administration background who has a thorough understanding of word-processing, spreadsheets and database operations. Critical to success will be the ability to work in a team environment where customer relations and interpersonal skills are an integral part of the process.

You will be able to quickly adapt to Local Government, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the administration needs of the District Plan, Resource Management Act, Sale of Liquor Act and Building Act. The ideal candidate will be self-motivated to learn new processes where accuracy and attention to detail are crucial.

We can offer an attractive salary and a friendly, supportive environment. For an Application Form and Position Description please contact Sue Greenville on 07 862 5024, e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close on Friday 9th May 2008

