



# HDC NEWS



## Hauraki District Hall Charges

Council plans to have a review of its Hall charges with the aim of rationalising them and bringing them into line throughout the district.

As with a lot of charges, the current different fee structures were a carry over from the previous different authorities that made up the Hauraki District. The bringing of fee structures into line has not been a priority as the main focus has been the upgrading of Hall facilities to give a better service for the customers. Although it might seem a simple thing to charge the same throughout the district, it is not actually that easy, as the levels of service you are paying for are different for each town.

The current fees structure includes many different scenarios such as whether you are hiring the kitchen, the cutlery and plates, just the small hall or the whole complex and whether you are a not for profit organisation or are a commercial venture.

Some examples of differences are the hiring of the whole hall complex for a whole Saturday for a not for profit group in Ngatea costs \$225, in Paeroa costs \$160 and in Waihi \$125 – but then the sizes of the halls also differ.

From a purely commercial point of view there is also the issue of competition. There is little competition for hall space in Ngatea whereas Paeroa has competition from other venues such as the racecourse and Waihi has other halls that people can use close to, or in, the main street.

So you can see that Council staff and Councillors are going to have a tricky time trying to get some rationalisation into the picture to bring the "value for money" aspect into line for the three towns.



## Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>: Full Council Meeting

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>: District Plan Workshop

## Situations Vacant



### CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE BUSINESS UNIT 3 Positions

The Hauraki District Council is a progressive local government organisation serving the Waihi, Paeroa and Plains areas.

The Council is currently seeking to appoint three staff to join its Construction & Maintenance Business Unit. Positions available are:

- Construction Projects Foreman (Paeroa)
- Labourer / Mower Operator (Ngatea)
- General Labourer / Handyman (Paeroa)

Full details of the positions are available by obtaining the Position Description. Applications must be made on the Hauraki District Council application form.

For a Position Description and Application Form please contact HR Advisors

Sue (07) 862 5024 or Julie (07) 862 5023 or E-mailing [jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or visiting our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Application packs are also available from the Council's offices in Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi.

Applications close Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2008

## Public Notice



### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of September 2008.

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chambers, Williams Street, Paeroa\* unless otherwise advised.

#### Consultative Water & Wastes Committee

Tuesday 2 September 2008, 10.00am

#### Hearings Committee

Monday 15 September 2008, 9.00am

(if required)

Monday 29 September 2008, 9.00am

(if required)

#### Ward Committees - Tuesday

9 September 2008

Plains 9.00am

Paeroa 12.30pm

Waihi 2.30pm

#### Extraordinary Meeting (LTCCP 2009-19 Workshop)

Wednesday 17 September 2008, 9.00am

#### Council Meeting

Wednesday 10 September 2008, 9.00am

Wednesday 24 September 2008, 9.00am

#### Western Plains District Drainage Committee

\*Council Office, Orchard East Road, Ngatea

Tuesday 23 September 2008, 10.30am

#### Paeroa Rural District Drainage Committee

Tuesday 23 September 2008, 1.30pm

L.D. Cavers  
Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council

## Paeroa Information Centre has Moved

By the time you read this, the information centre will have moved to the L&P Café. While this move has been somewhat controversial, councillors are convinced that the move will result in better service to the public and it will save Council money. The centre, as it was, received a very low number of visitors compared with Paeroa's near neighbour Waihi and it seems highly likely to receive many more in its new location.

The initiative for the move came from the Café who put in a proposal to Council that seemed difficult to refuse in the interests of the town. The old information centre building will be placed on top of the athletic club building at the Domain. It will act as clubrooms for the athletic club to replace the one that was burnt down. It will be shared by other domain users as a meeting room and control room facility when events are in progress at the Domain.

## Water Hygiene for farming



On the Hauraki Plains most farmers use the Council water supplies for shed hygiene and for drinking water for their cows.

The quality of water demanded by the purchasers of the milk (mainly Fonterra) is high and although the Council supply is of a very high standard, as it is suitable for human consumption, all farmers are expected to have 24-hour storage for their water usage in case of an interruption in supply.

With any type of water storage the water can become open to contamination. Thus some farmers find that their supplies are failing the tests done by Fonterra.

It is essential that your storage tanks are cleaned out regularly, that your pipes are in good condition and that the tops of your tanks are well sealed to prevent contamination and to ensure that water tests will be clear.

## Speed Kills

The latest statistics from Land Transport for the Eastern Waikato area, which includes the Hauraki District, show that the number of speed related crashes on the open road appears to be increasing. While speed crashes in urban areas have remained relatively constant over the last five years, there is an upward trend when it comes to the open road.

Over the period of 2003 to 2007 there have been 36 deaths, 87 serious injuries and 326 minor injuries in the Eastern Waikato that have been a result of speeding on roads. 90 out of 293 at fault drivers in speed related crashes in the area were between the ages of 15 and 19 and of these 66% were male and 34% female.

In fact 100 out of the 293 were males between the ages of 15 and 25. In contrast to this 30 at fault drivers in speed related crashes were over 50 years old and of these 70% were male and 30% were female.

So please take care, slow down and drive safely.



## Congratulations to all you Recyclers!

The first few weeks of kerbside recycling have been going well. Informal surveys of the streets on rubbish collection day indicate that the majority of homes have their recycling bins out. It is too early to have figures on the effect on the waste stream that is going to landfill but it seems evident that there must be a distinct reduction.

That is great, and for those of you that have not quite got round to the slight effort of separating your recyclables from your other rubbish, perhaps you could start small and just concentrate on your glass bottles and milk bottles in the first week. Just take off the lids, rinse them and put them in your recycling bin – not too hard.

Now we need to get the kitchen scraps and green waste out of your waste bag. If you do not have a compost bin, find some corner of your garden that is away from the more lived in areas. Use that corner to pile up your lawn clippings and tip your vegetable peelings. If you cover your kitchen scraps with lawn clippings or earth every so often you will reduce any tendency for the heap to smell, attract flies or other vermin.

If you want to contain your compost, a good use of old tyres, which are difficult to dispose of, is to pile one on top of another and place your compostable waste inside. If you have four tyres (two lots of two) you have an ideal system. Fill one then by the time you have filled the second, the first should be ready for use in your garden – that is, if you do not have too much waste, in which case you might need six tyres. Remember to keep your compost moist in the dry weather – not a problem at present. Alternatively compost bins are available for purchase from hardware stores and garden centres.

Watch this space for upcoming information regarding National eWaste day when we will be arranging the recycling of computer equipment.

## Petrol Vouchers Free!!

Throughout the country many volunteers spend much time and money boosting our social service network. In recognition of the high global fuel prices and the effect that these high costs will have on the volunteers who rely on vehicles to do their work, BP is donating thousands of fuel vouchers to organisations that use vehicles.

We would urge any such organisation to go to the BP website: [www.bp.co.nz](http://www.bp.co.nz), and fill in the on line application form to apply for vouchers. Be quick though, as applications close on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, which is this Sunday. The offer is not open to sporting organisations, environmental groups or political organisations.