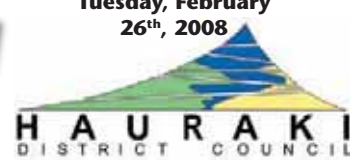




HDC NEWS

Tuesday, February
26th, 2008



Mining Proposal

Council received a briefing from Newmont Waihi Gold at its last meeting regarding its proposal to expand the current pit to the East and West. Council has not received a consent application or Plan Change Proposal for this project yet and, in fact, has no more information than what has been provided to the public by the mining company. At the briefing Council was told that an application was not likely until late March.

Because of a degree of concern in the community regarding the proposal, and in response to many requests, Council is to hold a public meeting on the 4th March in the Waihi Memorial Hall at 7pm to explain the process that the Company will have to follow to gain consent and where the public should have an input. The meeting will not be to discuss the proposal as we have no information to share but when the process has been explained, those who wish to share concerns can have their opinions noted for passing on to the mining company. The mine company will not be making any presentations at this meeting.

Childrens Day Family Picnic - Waihi

The Children's Day Family Picnic will be held at Gilmour Lake in Waihi from 12 – 2 PM on Sunday 2nd March



Children's Day – Te Rā O Te Tamariki – provides New Zealanders with an opportunity to give time to children and take part in fun activities that start new traditions as well as continue old ones.

Many nations in the world have a Children's Day but the magic of Te Rā O Te Tamariki is something that is unique and special to New Zealand. We celebrate this day across the country through events, activities and celebrations.

The Hauraki District Council, Yhee Uth XL, Waihi Community Resource Centre, Sport Waikato, Family Start, Population Health Services, St John, Public Health, Asthma Awareness and CYFS (Paeroa) are organising a family picnic to support Waihi children and their families to celebrate and participate in New Zealand's International Children's Day.

It offers a range of fun activities for children and their families to take part in. The entire event is free! The only requirement is for parents to accompany their children and have some fun with them. The activities planned for the day include -

- Bouncy castle
- Music
- Rubeen the Road Safety Bear
- Traditional family races such as egg and spoon races
- Fire engine rides
- Health Promotion Family Fun Activities
- Bike Wise Road Show
- Face painting
- "Suds" Bubble machine

Last year's event unfortunately had to be moved to the Waihi Events Centre because of rain but it was extremely well attended and a great time was had by children and adults alike so get along there this year and don't miss out on the fun.

The steering committee is encouraging Waihi Community businesses and individuals to participate on the day or, if they are able to contribute donations or services that would be greatly appreciated. For more information you can contact:

Jenni Horgan on 07 863 7555 (Mob: 021 212 1851) or Clarke Koopu on 07 863 6852 (Mob: 027 232 9960)

Proudly sponsored by the Hauraki District Council, Newmont Waihi Gold, CYFS-Paeroa, Waihi Police Blue Light, and local Waihi businesses.

Healthier Homes for Hauraki District

A healthy home is one that is warm, dry and well insulated. We know that approximately 65% of the homes in our district were built prior to 1980 and most likely don't have adequate insulation levels. We would like to change this and improve the health and well-being of District residents.

In the midst of this summer heat, home insulation is probably the last thing on people's minds, but Hauraki residents have an opportunity to take advantage of a subsidised insulation programme happening in our district.

The Hauraki District Council is pleased to support the Hauraki Healthy Homes (HHH) programme in conjunction with Waikato Primary Health, Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki, Huntly Energy Efficiency Trust (HEET) and EECA.

Act now and you may be eligible to get the ceilings and underfloors of your home insulated, as well as the hot water cylinder and draughtstopping of the external doors – a package worth up to \$2600.

There are three different funding subsidies available with varying householder contributions:

1. Households with Community Services or Gold Card eligibility (\$250)
2. Tenanted Properties (50% subsidy)
3. Other households (\$843.75)

To be eligible, the home must have been built prior to 1978 and at least one occupant must have a health issue that will benefit from a warmer, drier home, for example asthma, chronic respiratory conditions, diabetes or arthritis.

Pick up an application at any one of our service centres or public libraries. For assistance with the application or to have one filled out on your behalf, please contact one of the following HHH Committee members:

- Gwendoline Welburn - 021 901 433
- Gill Leonard – 07 867 7029
- John McIver – 07 862 5063
- Linda Gilmore – 07 863 7555
- Tina Wi-Neera – 07 862 7521

There are a limited number of subsidies available over the next 4 months so get your application in quick! Fill in an application NOW!

Plains Memorial Wall - Reminder

The 2008 intake for inscriptions to the wall close on the 19th March 2008 and to date we have received fourteen (14) applications. The new names will be unveiled on ANZAC Day. To make the occasion meaningful for the community as many registrations as possible are needed.

Application forms are available at Council's Service Centres and on the website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

For further information please contact Robyn Kirby at the Paeroa office on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the district).



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 March 2008.

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

HEARINGS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2008, 9.00 AM (if required)
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008, 9.00AM (if required)

WARD COMMITTEES TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008
PLAINS 9.00AM, PAEROA 12.30PM, WAIHI 2.30PM

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008, 9.00 AM
THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2008, 9.00 AM

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2008, 10.30 AM



Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of 25th February to the 2nd March 2008:

Monday 25th February – District Plan Meeting
Wednesday 27th February – Full Council Meeting



Possible Pit Expansion - Public Meeting Regarding Council Processes

The Hauraki District Council is holding a public meeting to discuss the Resource Management process relating to the expected application by Newmont Waihi Gold to extend the Martha Pit to the east and west.

The meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4th March 2008 - 7.00pm
at the Waihi Memorial Hall, Waihi

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide details of the process that the Council is required to follow in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991, and in particular that part of the process that provides for those affected or interested in the matter to be heard.

For any queries regarding the public meeting, please call 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

WATER RESTRICTIONS

HAURAKI DISTRICT FROM 18 JANUARY 2008

The prolonged spell of dry weather has led to increased water demand while at the same time levels are extremely low in the District's sources of water supply. It has now become essential to conserve water.

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 (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 other areas in the Hauraki District (Includes Waihi, Paeroa, Mackaytown, Karangahake, and Waikino)

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

If hot dry conditions persist it may be necessary to impose further restrictions on water use. These 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).

FIRE RESTRICTIONS EXTENDED

UPDATED 30 JANUARY 2008 ENTIRE HAURAKI DISTRICT - URBAN & RURAL

Notice is hereby given that due to the continuing extreme dry weather conditions and until further notice, requests for fire permits will not be granted for the entire Hauraki District. This includes ALL rural and urban land of the Hauraki District.

Further information on the restriction is available by ringing Council's Office on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

Should any person notice smoke or fire that they consider to be a potential danger to people and property, please dial 111.

Peter Smith, Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer
TV Rural Fire District

