



HDC NEWS

Tuesday, January 15th, 2008



Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 14th January to the 20th January 2008:
No scheduled meetings



District Plan Progress

For those who are waiting in eager anticipation for the drafts of the District Plan to be produced, here is an update on the programme. Consultants are at present writing those bits of the Plan that do not require much modification from last time and this will continue through January, February and March along with consultation with tangata whenua and developing a consultation plan for the rest of the community.

Also alongside these things will be the beginning of the "section 32 analysis", which is required under the Resource Management Act. Essentially this is needed to ensure that all possibilities have been considered in the production of the Plan.

In April, May, June and July consultation will commence with landowners and key interest groups on the issues of indigenous vegetation, historic heritage and landscape features. Other community consultation will also commence with open days and information packs available. More definite work will also be able to be done at this time on urban growth directions, as by then we should have the LIDAR data. LIDAR refers to a set of accurate levels for communities that are served by the River schemes on the Plains and the towns. The LIDAR survey is currently being done in conjunction with Environment Waikato and should give us accurate information regarding flooding levels and thus the places to stay away from with residential development.

Public notification of the Plan is expected around August/September with submissions being received in October and November. Hearing of submissions will not be until the beginning of 2009.

Contestable Social Fund

During the Annual Plan 2007/08 development it was decided to establish a fund for social organisations that were asking for funding assistance from Council. This stemmed from the fact that there seemed to be an increasing number of these organisations asking for help at different times of the year and it was difficult to weigh one up against another. Council, therefore, set up a contestable fund and announced that organisations could apply to this fund once a year. That way all the applications could be looked at together and prioritised.

There was a good collection of applications for many worthy causes though some did not quite comply with the criteria that Council had set down. The following funding was approved:

- Hauraki Citizens Advice Bureau - \$6,500 towards rental and electricity.
- Waihi Community Resource Centre - \$2,500 towards lease and \$1000 for YheeUthXL events.
- Waiotahi Trust - \$2000 for volunteer training, \$500 for telephone, \$500 for travel.
- Autism NZ Inc - \$100 per family up to \$4,600.
- Hauraki Youth Forum - \$2000 towards educational retreat and \$4600 towards a youth expo.
- Paeroa Skate and Leisure Centre - \$2500 towards play equipment.
- Thames Budget Service - \$1872.99 for computer for Paeroa office.
- Hauraki Plains Scout Jamboree - underwriting up to \$10,000.
- Te Ruunanga A Iwi O Ngati Tamatera - \$9,000 for three camps.
- Hauraki Health Link - \$1850 towards venue hire and speakers' fees for two community forums.
- Waihi Social Development Group - \$2600 towards the Hip Hop extension programme.

Summertime means WATER CONSERVATION

This summer is hot and dry, water demand has skyrocketed and our water supplies are struggling. We can still enjoy our summer in comfort, by conserving water.



Saving water on the farm:

- Check the troughs for overflow.
- Walk the pipe lines and check for leaks.
- Use a trigger hose.
- Regularly read your meter and monitor your consumption. If you are using more than 450 litres per hectare per day your consumption is too high.

Tips for a Sustainable Holiday and Sustainable 2008 Year

In addition to all the tips we have given you on sustainable living over the last few weeks here are some points about sustainable holidays sent to us from the Central Government.

- Reduce, re-use and recycle rubbish including wrapping paper, empty glass bottles, cans and plastic containers.
- Compost suitable food scraps and improve your garden.
- When on the beach or in the bush, take some extra bags to collect your rubbish at the end of the day.
- When stocking up for a summer trip away, take a cloth bag to go shopping.
- If you're travelling to visit friends or family on your holiday, switch off electrical equipment at the wall - and save money in your home while you're not there.
- Before you take to the road, take your car to be tuned and check the tyre pressures match the manufacturer's guidelines - this saves fuel.
- Make sure others can enjoy beaches and the sea without coming across marine pollution by picking up litter, debris, fishing gear and boat rubbish.
- Boaties should not discharge untreated sewage from their vessels in areas where people swim, in sheltered waters, or near areas where people gather shellfish or near marine farms.
- Campervan users should use one of nearly 600 dump stations throughout New Zealand for dumping their waste. Dumping waste in the open or in stock effluent release areas should not be an option.
- Register your next step towards helping New Zealand become sustainable on www.sustainability.govt.nz where you can also find lots of tips for easy sustainable actions.



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 January 2008.

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

WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008, 10.30 AM

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2008, 9.00 AM



WATER RESTRICTIONS

Notice to Residents of the Hauraki Plains (includes Netherpton, Kerepehi, Turua, Waitakaruru, Ngatea, Orongo, Kopuarahi, Pipiroa, parts of Kaihere).

Due to the prolonged spell of dry weather, water demand has risen significantly and water levels are low. It would be appreciated if residents could conserve water where possible. At this stage it is necessary to impose a restriction on the use of lawn and garden sprinklers. **Only hand held hosing will be permitted until the situation improves.**

Unfortunately it may be necessary to impose further restrictions on water use if the fine weather continues. Your co-operation and efforts to conserve water now ensures that water is available for essential and emergency needs. For further inquiries please phone (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

LIQUOR BANS 2008

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw that the consumption of alcoholic liquor, the bringing of liquor or of empty liquor containers and the possessions of liquor or empty liquor containers in the public places identified below is hereby prohibited during the periods identified below.

LIQUOR BANS - WHIRITOA

All public places including Roads, Beaches and Reserves are included in the prohibition for the Auckland Anniversary weekend holiday 2008.

Dates and Times

During the Auckland Anniversary weekend public holiday period being from 4.00pm Friday 25th January, 2008 to 4.00am Tuesday 29th January, 2008 inclusive.

Penalties

Any person who commits an offence against the prohibition may be convicted and fined up to \$20,000.00.

Powers of Police

The Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw authorises any member of the New Zealand Police to act under sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Act 2002, including the exercise of the power under section 170(2) to immediately and without further notice search a container or vehicle.

CLOSURE OF ROAD TO ORDINARY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Pursuant to Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of **Martha Mine Open Day and Life & Soul Festival** event organised by GO WAIHI 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 20 January 2008 from 7:00am to 4:00pm

Road to be closed: Seddon Street between Haszard and Gilmour Streets, WAIHI.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic: detour via Kenny Street, WAIHI.

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.

