



HDC NEWS



Elected Members' Diary

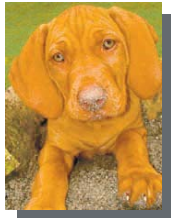
Meetings for the week of the 1st January 2008 to the 6th January 2008:

No scheduled meetings



Taking Care of your Dog

Now the hotter months are approaching, its time to remember to 'Slip, Slop & Slap', and the same goes for our four legged friends:



Don't Forget to Provide your Pet with:

- Clean Water (within reach),
- Shelter (preferably a kennel kept in the shade),
- Confinement – (either on a chain or running line),
- Balanced dog food (No offal),
- Flea Control – (especially in the hotter weather),
- Vaccinations / Worming – (an annual checkup at the vets is a good idea),
- Exercise.

As well as taking care of your pets, don't forget to consider other people when you are out and about with your dog this summer. You can do this by remembering to:

- Keep your dog under control at all times,
- Keep your dog on a leash when out in public,
- Clean up of dog faeces,
- Keep dogs away from prohibited dog areas,
- Take steps to ensure your dog does not cause a nuisance to people by barking or howling in a loud and persistent manner,
- Understand that some people do not like dogs or are afraid of them, and have the right to be 'dog-free'.

District Tour

Councillors have spent two days recently touring round the district in a bus to see the various points of interest that have issues relating to them for Council. It is customary to do this every so often and with a number of new councillors this seemed an appropriate time.

On the first day the itinerary covered the Plains Ward and Paeroa with a visit to the Kerepehi industrial subdivision starting things off, then moving on to Ngatea with a look at the residential subdivisions and proposed subdivisions. From Ngatea they drove through Waitakaruru to the quarry and then back through Turua. In Paeroa they had a look at the Council depot, proposed new residential zoning with a visit to the cemetery and the Karangahake reserve and finishing off with a visit to the Post Office, which is now going to house the Council's engineering services.

The second day started with a visit to Dickey's Flat to see the road. This issue relates to the Karangahake Reserve development, as with all the work DOC has done in this area considerable pressure has been put on a limited capacity road at Dickey's Flat where tourists are arriving when they do the walks from Karangahake.

From here they travelled to the Waihi Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Ford Rd industrial area and the cemetery. In the Waihi town they had a look at the new developments along Waitete Rd, other residential subdivisions and the College Community Swimming Pool before looking at the top of the main street where the Discovery Centre is planned. After lunch they drove out to Ngatitangata Rd and Landlyst Rd before checking out Whiritoa.

Even for those councillors who have been on Council for some time these familiarisation visits are valuable to get a first hand look at areas that are going to be talked about in Council.

Trust Waikato Grants

Trust Waikato has moved its grants system from a one round system to a three round system in 2008. The Trust feels that this will serve the Waikato community organisations better. Groups will now have the flexibility of applying to Trust Waikato in February, June or September but they can only receive one donation in any one year.

Gold Company Presentation

At a recent meeting of Council, Malcolm Lane of Waihi Gold gave a presentation on the next possible application the Company is planning for mining in Waihi. While the people of Waihi have been waiting for the pit to close so that they could get their lake, which was part of the rehabilitation plan, the company has found that there is a valuable amount of gold, in fairly accessible areas to the east and west of the current pit.

The difficult aspect of the prospect is that in order to expand the pit to the west the old PYE building and the Central School would have to be removed and an alternative route for Moresby Ave would be needed. On the other hand, when the lake is eventually filled that end would have a nice beach area and park. It is anticipated that any such mining would only last about two years.

The company has been talking to a number of groups throughout the town to let people know of their possible plans. A decision will be made, probably in February, as to whether the mining of these areas would be economic, considering the disruption that it would cause, but if it is feasible an application would be made to Council for a change to the District Plan to allow a resource consent to be lodged. The plan change is necessary as open cast mining is prohibited in a residential zone.

If the plan change is lodged some time in the first half of next year this will probably mean that Council's District Plan review could be delayed as Council does not have enough staffing resources to handle the plan change and mining resource consent at the same time as the District Plan Review.



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Applications close 29th January 2008



Hauraki District Council Local Governance Statement

Pursuant to section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002, notice is given that following the triennial general election of members the Hauraki District Council Local Governance Statement was adopted on the 19th December 2007.

A copy of the Local Governance Statement can be viewed at the Council offices in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi, downloaded on the Council website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or obtained by calling 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).



Attention all Planners! Hauraki District Council is looking for you to join our Planning and Environmental team. If you have a positive can-do attitude and a desire to be part of a friendly team we would love to hear from you. We currently have 2 positions available.

STRATEGIC PLANNER

Fixed term (12 months)

As the Strategic Planner you will be involved in the strategic and corporate planning functions for the Council, so that it may plan a sustainable future for the Hauraki District in partnership with the community. You will advise on Strategic and Corporate Planning issues and be instrumental in the production of the Long Term Council Community Plan for the period 2009-19.

A relevant tertiary qualification and experience in the key areas of strategic and corporate planning or business management is essential. Working knowledge of the Local Government Act and the ability to interpret legislation and apply it to processes and procedures will also need to be one of your strengths. This is a 12 month, fixed term role to cover parental leave.

PLANNER OR GRADUATE PLANNER

As the Planner your main role will be to process all types of applications received by Council and prepare planning reports so a thorough working knowledge of the Resource Management Act is required. A Tertiary Qualification in Planning or Resource Management is essential. Ideally we are looking for someone with 2-5 years experience in the field however we will also consider Graduates.

We can offer you:

- Consideration of flexible hours,
- A user friendly workplace where we appreciate the need for Work-life balance,
- A caring team environment with a Manager who will notice and reward you for your efforts,
- Developmental training to enhance your career and work life,
- A competitive remuneration package.

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