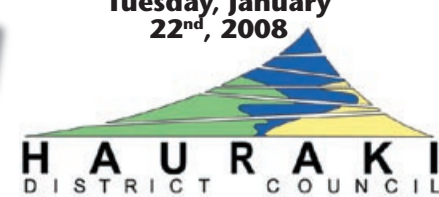




# HDC NEWS



## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 21st January to the 27th January 2008:

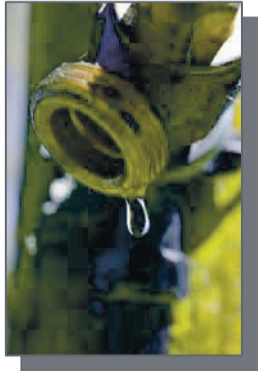


No scheduled meetings.

## Conserving Water

*Our water is precious – we all need it*

With all this dry weather the water situation has become fairly tricky particularly on the Hauraki Plains. Although the Plains Ward gets its main water supply from the Waihou River, which is a very large one, there are many demands on it with irrigators and town water supplies being the major ones. At times of low flow and high tides the river water can also become much more turbid than usual so that the treatment plant can have difficulty treating enough water to meet the demand at peak times. Although Plains consumers are supposed to have their own water storage reserve sufficient for 24 hours, many do not and expect an on demand supply.



The demand for water in Waihi and Paeroa is also close to the limit of Council's treatment capacity.

For these reasons Council has imposed a district wide ban on the use of sprinkler systems and for the Hauraki Plains also banned the use of hand held hoses until further notice. The ban will be lifted at the earliest opportunity when security of water supply improves.

If the dry conditions persist it could become necessary to impose further restrictions, which could extend to boiling of drinking water and water rationing. If these additional restrictions are needed, notice will be given via the Hauraki Herald, the Waihi Leader, Coromandel FM and Classic Hits 98.6.

In all areas, not just the Plains Ward, at this time of the year water needs to be conserved. Of course the irony is that at the same time the dry weather conditions provide more reason for you to use water. Here are some of the more obvious conservation measures that everyone should follow:

- Do not use sprinklers in your garden. Use hand held hoses only preferably using a trigger operated spray nozzle. Water in the evening so that your plants get the benefit of the water overnight before the sun dries it up.
- Children squirting each other with the hose can waste 1000 litres per hour.
- Drip irrigation is the most effective method as it places the water where it is needed. Use a mulch, if available, e.g. lawn clippings or shredded woodchips or bark.
- Do not water your lawn. It will survive. Be thankful you will not need to cut it as often.
- When washing clothes do full loads only.
- Give the dishwasher a holiday and wash your dishes in the sink in a small amount of water.
- If you must wash your car do not leave the hose running while you do so.
- Have short showers or very shallow baths.
- Above all, check for dripping taps and leaks and have them fixed.
- Average daily water consumption should be about 200 litres per person. Most families use more than double this amount. Lack of water conservation will result in additional costs to construct new works.

## Important Role for Former Mayor

Hauraki's former Mayor, Basil Morrison, who is at present president of Local Government New Zealand, has been elected as the Chairman of the Commonwealth Local Government Federation.

The role of the CLGF is to promote and strengthen effective democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth and to facilitate the exchange of good practice in local government structure and services. Although an autonomous organisation it has a close working partnership with the Commonwealth secretariat and is recognised by the Commonwealth Heads of Government as an associated organisation of elected representatives. It has 170 members in over 40 Commonwealth countries. Mr Morrison is elected until March 2009.



## INFORMATION OFFICER

Due to internal promotion Hauraki District Council can offer you an opportunity to join its small team of dedicated Information Officers at its Paeroa Office.

The main purpose of this position is to administer our Information Management systems and ensure information is collected, delivered and filed effectively and efficiently. Key tasks include dealing with correspondence both inwards and outwards, recording information accurately and offering administration support.

Computer literacy, great organisational skills and an ability to analyse information with attention to detail are the skills you would require to apply. Experience in the document/records management area would be preferred. For the Position Description and application pack contact us today.

Visit our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz),  
E-mail [jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz),  
Or Phone our Customer Services team  
(07) 862 8609 to have a pack sent out to you  
Applications close on 1 February 2008



## RURAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- HAURAKI PLAINS PEAT AREA
- NORTHERN AREA OF WAIHI & PAEROA WARDS

Notice is hereby given that due to the extreme dry weather conditions and until further notice, requests for fire permits will not be granted for the peat area of the Hauraki Plains, nor the northern half of the Waihi and Paeroa Wards (these areas covered by fire ban).

Further information on the restriction is available by contacting Council's Office on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834.

Additionally, we ask residents in the Hauraki District to exercise caution in regard to fire especially during this dry season. 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

## WHIRITOA ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday 28 January 2008 10.30 am  
at the Whiritoa Emergency Centre**

This is an opportunity for residents & ratepayers of Whiritoa to raise local government issues that concern them with Council members.



## 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 and Kaihere).

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).

## PLAN CHANGE 8 TO THE OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN NOTIFICATION OF THE DATE ON WHICH PROPOSED CHANGE NO 8 TO THE DISTRICT PLAN SHALL BECOME OPERATIVE

Pursuant to clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Hauraki District Council has resolved to approve Change No 8 to the District Plan. Council declare that Change No 8 to the Operative Hauraki District Plan becomes operative from 30 January 2008.

## COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**PAEROA RURAL DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008, 1.30PM

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 February 2008.

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

**CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WATER & WASTES**  
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2008, 10.00AM

**HEARINGS COMMITTEE**  
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008, 9.00 AM (confirmed)  
THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2008, 9.00AM (if required)

**TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2008, WARD COMMITTEES**  
PLAINS 9.00 AM; PAEROA 12.30 PM; WAIHI 2.30 PM

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2008, 9.00 AM  
THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2008, 9.00AM (if required)  
WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2008, 10.00 AM

**WESTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008, 10.30 AM

**EASTERN PLAINS DISTRICT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008, 1.30PM

