



# HDC NEWS



## Recyclable update and reminders

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to all those who put out their recycling on the first week of the new refuse regime. A quick glance around the streets indicates that a high percentage of people took advantage of the new kerbside recycling system.

Supermarkets reported a huge uptake of the new yellow bags so it appears that most people have slipped seamlessly into the new scheme.

Unfortunately, in Waihi, attempts to place information leaflets in the recycle bins when they were distributed were abandoned, due to the gale force winds that prevailed at the time, but the information leaflets were distributed a few days later into letterboxes. Of course, all those who read this page would not have needed the leaflet because they would have already been well informed.



### Remember to use the official yellow pre-paid bags:

It has come to Council's attention that some residents within Hauraki are still not using the yellow official pre-paid bags. The collectors, Streetsmart Ltd, have kindly been collecting all refuse over the last few weeks in both the official and non official refuse bags. Council would like to take this opportunity to remind residents in the Hauraki District that, as of this week, refuse will only be collected by Streetsmart Ltd if an official pre-paid "yellow" rubbish bag is used.

Any refuse placed in an unofficial bag will be left on the kerbside and you will be responsible for disposal of your own rubbish.

## Did you know?

## Facts of the Day

### ROADING

**While the state highways are owned and managed by Transit New Zealand, the network of local roads within the Hauraki District are provided by Council.**

The Roading network also includes associated services such as footpaths, street lighting, kerb and channelling, road marking, street and road signs, safety railing, culverts, stormwater and bridges. Some facts about our roading services are –

- Council has 472 km of sealed road and 118km of unsealed road in the District.
- To prepare and seal just one kilometre of road costs almost \$1.1million.
- It costs less to maintain sealed roads than unsealed ones.
- On average each ratepayer pays \$370 per year towards the districts roads.



## Marae Proposal

The Waihi Community Marae Committee has sought permission from the Waihi Ward Committee of Council to use a piece of vacant land off Station Road to establish a plant nursery to grow native plants for rehabilitation purposes along stream banks and sand dunes and to establish a food garden using the Maori calendar as a guide for planting and harvesting. The objective is to motivate and educate the youth of the area.

It has also asked for permission to use the flax (*Phormium tenax*) plantation in the Millennium forest for community based programmes teaching weaving and the care and propagation of flax. This programme would link with the nursery project.

Ward councillors were receptive to the ideas, commended the Marae personnel on their endeavours and approved both projects in principle. The land concerned, which is at present being grazed, is a fragment of the old rail corridor, is accessed from Station Road and is zoned light industrial.



to the school and the Waitawheta Hall that was moved to the Waitawheta Camp. Both of these have had a new lease of life since their move and are now fulfilling a much greater role in the community.

The Council owned Memorial Halls have all been upgraded in recent years, and although they certainly do not pay for themselves in fees, they still have a huge role in our communities as a focal point to hold community events.

For those who wish to hire any of our Council Halls please check with your local Council Office or service centre.



## Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 14th to the 20th July:

Monday 14th July: District Plan Meeting

Tuesday 15th July: Ward Committees

Wednesday 16th July: Full Council Meeting.



### Reminder to Dog Owners

This reminder gives you an opportunity to register your dog(s) before 31st July, 2008.



Dogs remaining unregistered after 31st July, 2008 will incur substantial penalty fees, and be liable for an infringement fee of \$300.00.



If you would like a challenging and interesting position within a progressive work environment we are currently offering 2 positions within our Corporate Services team that may be of interest to you.

### GIS Officer

This is a newly established role where you will have responsibility for the maintenance and development of the datasets that Council uses within its Geographical Information System (GIS). You will also be responsible for administering and ensuring the optimal configuration of the GIS software, and will provide the technical expertise for the manipulation and analysis of Council's data. You will be required to ensure that the organisation's spatial data is stored and maintained appropriately, and reliably delivered to council staff to meet their business requirements.

A relevant tertiary qualification and a minimum of 2 years experience in the administration of GIS is essential. You will also need to have a working knowledge of network and computer infrastructures, web servers and SQL databases. Knowledge of the Genaware Software Suite and Unix operating systems would be an advantage.

### Asset Management Systems Officer

In this role, you will play an integral part in the operation and development of Council's Asset Management System (AMS). You will need to ensure that data in relation to Council's network services and community facility assets is stored and maintained appropriately, and can be relied upon for both daily operational activities and long term strategic planning. As the AMS expert, you will also be providing assistance to users of the AMS to maximise the use of the system to meet the organisations business needs.

A working knowledge of the network services and community assets that Council manages will be necessary for the role. You will also need experience in the use of GIS for maintenance of spatial datasets, and have at least 2 years experience in the use of an AMS to manage the complete lifecycle of Council's assets.

**For the Position Description and application pack contact us today.**

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Applications close 31 July 2008



## COMMUNITY HALLS

### HUBS OF THE COMMUNITY

One of the aspects of our communities that many people take for granted are our public halls. Council owns one major Memorial Hall in each Ward plus an Events Centre in Waihi, which is mainly used for sporting activities.

Throughout the District there are also a number of other halls, which are either community owned or privately owned. Many of these serve small settlements and farming areas and form a focus for events and activities in those areas. Council's role in these community owned halls is to collect fees through the rates, from within the area that the halls serve, and then to pass over the fees to the hall committees.

There is a trend towards lesser use of these halls and some hall committees have struggled to keep up the maintenance as the use declines. Some have solved the problem by moving the halls to situations where they will be used more, such as the Kaihere Hall that was moved