



HDC NEWS



Register those Dogs

If you own a dog you should be aware that the registration for 2007-2008 has now expired and the registration for the new financial year (1st July 2008 – 30th June 2009) is now due. The last day for payment before you have to pay a penalty is 31st July, 2008.

All dogs must be registered, and if they are new registrations, they must be microchipped. The only type of dog that would be exempt from the payment of registration fees are those classified under the Working Dog Special Purpose Owner category. A Working Dog Special Purpose Owner is the owner of a dog as defined as a "Working Dog" under the Act. An example would be a police dog or disability assist dog, but excludes working dogs kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock.

Microchipping allows lost dogs to be returned to their owners and is a deterrent in the thefts of dogs as they can be positively identified.

Records of all dogs are now held on a national database and you, as a dog owner, will need to supply your date of birth as a positive identification. Sorry for those who feel this is an invasion of privacy, but it is the law, and there is no way round it.

As well as registering your dog, you are also obligated to advise Council promptly if your dog has unfortunately departed this life. On application, you may be entitled to a refund of registration fees for part of the year.



Elected Members' Diary

Meetings for the week of the 21st to the 27th July:

- Tuesday 22nd July: District Plan Committee Workshop
- Wednesday 23rd July: LTCCP Workshop
- Thursday 24th July: Hearing



RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL ON ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act), Council hereby gives notice of the right to demand a poll on the system to be used in the election of the Council membership of the Hauraki District.

In accordance with Section 29 of the Act, electors have a right to demand a poll to change the electoral system from the current First Past the Post system (FPP) to the Single Transferable Vote system (STV).

A valid demand must be:

- In writing
- Signed by at least 5% of the number of electors enrolled as eligible to vote at the previous (2007) triennial election of the Hauraki District Council. This will require at least six hundred and twenty one (621) eligible elector signatures
- The written demand must be addressed and delivered to the Principal Office of the Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, or William Street, Paeroa

If a valid demand for a poll is received by the Council by February 28, 2009, then the result of that poll will come into effect for the 2010 Triennial Election and remain in effect for the trienniums commencing October 2010 and October 2013.

If a valid demand is received after February 28, 2009, the result of that poll will come into effect for the 2013 Triennial Election and remain in effect for the trienniums commencing October 2013 and October 2016.

An elector may sign a demand and be treated as one (1) of the specified number of electors only if:

- the name of that elector appears on the electoral roll of the Hauraki District; or
- if the elector's name does not appear on the Hauraki District roll, the name is included on the most recently published electoral roll for any electoral district under the Electoral Act 1993; or
- is currently the subject of a direction by the Chief Registrar under Section 115 of the Electoral Act 1993 which relates to unpublished names, and
- the address for which the elector is registered as a parliamentary elector is within the Hauraki District; or
- the address given by the elector who signed the demand is:
- confirmed by the Registrar of Electors as the address at which the elector is registered as a parliamentary elector; and
- within the Hauraki District; or
- the elector has enrolled, or has been nominated, as a ratepayer elector and is qualified to vote as a ratepayer elector in the elections of the Hauraki District Council.

Every elector who signs a demand must state against his or her name signature, the elector's name; and the address for which the person is qualified as an elector of the Hauraki District.

Dated July 18, 2008
Hauraki District Council



Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Recycling reminders

While you can recycle plastics that have numbers 1-7 in the little recycling triangle, please do not put out any plastics that have been used to contain oil or detergent. So your cooking oil bottles and dishwashing liquid bottles are not recyclable.



Please tie paper and cardboard in bundles and leave beside your bin. Placing these in a tied plastic bag will ensure they do not get wet in a shower of rain but if it is a really wet day it may be better to leave paper until the next week when it may be fine.

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Levels of Service Review

The Levels of Service Review is reaching its concluding stages, just a month after the first consultation round took place with the bus trips throughout the District and afterhours workshops.

In all over 180 people took part in the consultation process with some 140 completing the Review document. Data has been loaded and council staff are now beginning to prepare reports on each of the 22 council services.

Early indications show a majority of those who took part are satisfied or very satisfied with the levels of service being provided and have signalled they are happy with the current rating and charges applied to those services.

By the end of July preliminary reports will be compiled and forwarded to respective Managers for consideration prior to a final report being presented to Council in early August.



Waikato Sports Awards



The time has come for people to nominate worthy sportsmen, sports women, coaches and administrators for the annual sports awards run by Sport Waikato.

Sport Waikato is an organisation sponsored by Council and nomination forms for the various categories of award areas are available from Council offices, or can be downloaded from the Sport Waikato website - www.sportwaikato.org.nz

The awards will be judged by a panel of judges and achievers will receive their awards at a function that will be held on Wednesday 12th November at 7pm at the Paeroa War Memorial Hall. The Guest Speaker at this function is Aaron Fleming and the ticket price is \$20.

Tickets for this function will be on sale from the beginning of October but meanwhile get those nominations in.



Waihi Memorial Wall



Following the success of the Memorial Wall at Ngatea, for the residents of the Hauraki Plains to remember those family members who have passed and are buried elsewhere or have been cremated, Council was sympathetic to a request by the Waihi Lions Club to commemorate its 50th Jubilee by building a similar Memorial Wall at the Waihi Cemetery.

The project has taken shape with the use of much voluntary labour and the time has come for applications to have names added to the wall.

Members of the public in the Waihi area that may have family members buried elsewhere or ashes scattered, and who wish to have something locally to remember them by, may fill in an application form, which can be obtained from the Council office or from the website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Once this is completed and returned to the office and the fee paid, Council will organise a plaque, which will be engraved and affixed to the wall.

Science comes to Hauraki

The very popular Science Roadshow, which has been bringing its unique style of hands-on science to schools across New Zealand for 20 years, is coming to Hauraki and will be at Waihi College on Tuesday August 5th.

This is aimed predominantly at schools, and teachers can book on line at www.roadshow.org/bookings for their classes to see the display at a cost of \$6.00 per child.

The display is best suited to years 5-9 and we are very fortunate to have this fascinating programme in our area.