



HDC NEWS



get it sorted and E-waste it!

E-Day is a simple, free and effective way to dispose of your computer waste and old mobile phones in an environmentally sustainable way. All items will either be reused or recycled.

Our Refuse Transfer Stations in Paeroa and Waihi will be accepting E-Waste items on **Friday 3rd** and **Saturday 4th October** (all day).

Who can drop off?

Households, schools, small businesses and community organisations (what ever your can fit into your car or trailer).

What can I bring?

Computer hardware including monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, computer speakers, laptops, toner and ink jet cartridges, game consoles, mobile phones and networking equipment.

What won't be accepted?

Televisions, stereos, photocopiers, furniture, DVD players, video recorders and other home appliances.



Elected Members Diary



Meetings for the week of
1st to the 7th of October 2008:

Monday 6th October: Hearing
Tuesday 7th October: Water and Waste
Consultative Committee.

New Road Names

The question of how new roads get their names may be something that crosses your mind occasionally. Generally new roads are formed as part of subdivisions and it is the developers that suggest names to Council for the roads that have been formed.

Council staff will research the suggestions to see if there are any similar names in the near vicinity and to ensure that the names are not offensive in any way.

Staff will then give their recommendations to Council to consider and a final name is then decided upon.

In a recent case for Waihi, a developer gave several names as suggestions for a short cul de sac. After a brief poll from councillors, several suggestions were discarded including Tallulah's Lane and Poppy Ave, and a recommendation of Silverstream Way was put forward. Councillors, however, preferred Silverstream Place as they thought 'Way' was a bit expansive for such a short street.

The closest street of a similar name is located in Patumahoe, so it was thought that there would be no conflict or confusion for emergency services.

Public Notices



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

funding for local arts



Applications for funding assistance to local arts projects and initiatives are now being received.

The scheme focuses on projects that increase participation in the range and diversity of arts, within the Hauraki District Council area.

Application forms are available from council offices at:

- William Street, Paeroa
- Seddon Street, Waihi
- Orchard Road, Ngatea

and on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close 4:00pm Friday 31 October 2008

for further information contact:

Hauraki District Council
Ph: 07 862 8609
toll free within district 0800 734 834

CONTESTABLE SOCIAL FUND 2008

Applications for funding assistance to social service sector projects and initiatives are now being received.

The fund focuses on activities that enable organisations, individuals, their families, hapu and communities set goals and achieve them – these include factors such as education, health, the strength of community networks and associations, financial and personal security, rights and freedoms and level of equity, within the Hauraki District Council area.

The policy and application forms are available from council offices at:

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH PUBLIC NOTICE

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Karen O Poutasi (Dr)
Director - General of Health

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

Paeroa's Ponding Zones

One of the issues that the District Plan Committee has been working through as they look at possible changes for a new District Plan is the matter of flood ponding areas for Paeroa. For those who do not live in a town that is prone to flooding the concept of ponding zones may not be familiar. In short, a ponding zone is an area of land where water can sit over a period of time until it is possible for it to be discharged into the waterway system.

In a town like Paeroa, which is sitting at the foot of the hills with a river and streams running through it, the water can rise very rapidly as a result of heavy rainfall causing water to cascade down from the hills. At the same time the Ohinemuri River is also usually high, so the floodgates that would normally discharge runoff into the river are closed. To prevent the surface water flooding houses, there needs to be somewhere to store it safely until the river levels drop so flood ponding can be drained or pumped away.

Paeroa has a number of ponding areas, some of which are zoned 'flood ponding'. Some of the land in this zone is used for recreation and some is used for grazing. Some ponding areas are currently zoned as Residential and Industrial. From time to time those areas will be subject to ponding. Residential buildings are required (since 1991) to have their floor levels above the 50 year return period flood level. Industrial developments may be at lower levels and anyone who builds on such land must understand it could flood from time to time and must ensure that nothing could be damaged if it is located on the ground floor of such buildings.

The most important characteristic of land both zoned as flood ponding and other ponding areas is that the ponding volume available on site must not be changed, that is, owners of flood ponding land must not change the contour in any way either by filling or reshaping because the zone may not act as it should in times of flood. It is, however, possible that consent could be given to develop some of the land by building up one part so long as an equal volume of water can be catered for on another area of the property by excavation. Consent must be applied for and maybe granted in this case.

There is a possibility that Council will seek to add to the flood ponding zone in the proposed District Plan to improve the safety of housing areas in Paeroa from flooding risks. Ensuring that the right areas are included in the District Plan as ponding zones has been made easier this time, by using data on floods levels obtained from Environment Waikato's LIDAR survey.