



HDC NEWS

Tuesday 28th July, 2009



HERITAGE ITEMS AND SIGNIFICANT TREES

At their last monthly meetings, the Council Ward committees considered the proposals for the list of heritage items to be listed in the new District Plan and the trees that are also to be listed for protection.

Consultants have compiled a list of heritage items, many of which are already in our current District Plan. The list was compiled in consultation with interested parties and each site or building has been given a ranking as to whether it is of National, Regional or Local interest (categories A, B or C). Each ward committee had a preliminary look at the list last month and this month was given details of all those places they wished to change as well as the rationale behind the consultants rankings.

Armed with this information, each committee spent some time discussing each item and justifying whether to change the rankings. The result of the discussions in each ward was that some properties were recommended for either removal, downgrading or upgrading from the list. This will now be taken back to Council's consultants for consideration, before being returned to Council to deliberate on.

Following this as part of the consultation process, Council will approach individual affected property owners in the next few months to advise a proposed listing and effects of the classification. This may result in further changes to the list. Towards the end of the year a proposed district plan will be publicly notified and this will give a further opportunity for affected landowners and others to put forward their views during this formal submission process.

Similarly, a staff member has been researching the trees listed in our current District Plan and has added others worthy of protection. While last time we concentrated on urban trees, there has been some demand for exotic specimens in some rural areas to be listed. Again, Council does not want to impinge on private property rights any more than is necessary and has, in the past, concentrated on trees on public land.

There has been interest shown in a pine tree growing on the Paeroa Golf Course, which is a descendant of a pine from Gallipoli. It is a Turkish red pine and was reputedly planted from a seed in 1958 from a cone that was brought back from the First World War. While there is some doubt that a seed of that age would be viable and it possibly was the next generation, it is a direct descendant of the Gallipoli Pine. It is proposed that the tree be added to the list and a plaque erected to explain its history. As the tree is in rather poor shape it may also be as well to collect some seed and start yet another generation.

Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week: Wednesday 29th July to Tuesday 4th August 2009

- Wednesday 29th July – Local Government Conference in Christchurch for the Deputy Mayor and three councillors
- Thursday 30th July – Full Council Meeting
- Tuesday 4th August – Water and Waste Consultative Committee



Public Notices

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 meetings will be held during the month of August 2009.

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

Hearings Committee

Monday 10 August 2009, 9.00am (if required)
Monday 24 August 2009, 9.00am (if required)

Ward Committees Tuesday 11 August 2009
Plains 9.00am; Paeroa 12.30pm; Waihi 2.30pm

Council Meetings

Wednesday 12 August 2009, 9.00am
Wednesday 26 August 2009, 9.00am

Western Plains District Drainage Committee

*Ngatea Service Centre, Orchard Road, Ngatea
Tuesday 25 August 2009, 10.30am

Eastern Plains District Drainage Committee

*Ngatea Service Centre, Orchard Road, Ngatea
Tuesday 25 August 2009, 1.30pm

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council



NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

Hauraki District Council invites nominations for deserving nominees to be considered for Council's 2009 Young Achievers Awards. To be eligible, nominees must satisfy the specified criteria. Further information on eligibility and nomination forms are available from the Mayor's Office by contacting Erin Wood at 07 862 8609 (or 0800 734 834 within district).

Nominations should be addressed to - PA to the Mayor, Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa, to be received no later than 4.00pm on 31 July 2009.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 CITIZEN AWARDS

Hauraki District Council invites nominations for deserving nominees to be considered for Council's 2009 Citizen Awards. To be eligible, nominees must satisfy the specified criteria. Further information on eligibility and nomination forms can be obtained from Council's Service Centres in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngatea, or by telephoning Customer Services at 07 862 8609 (or 0800 734 834 within district).

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Mayor
Hauraki District Council

QUICK FACTS

Customer Service 24/7

Request for service

Hauraki District Council's Customer Service team are available to assist you with all your enquiries relating to Council matters.

Council offers a 24 hour phone service. Simply telephone Council on **07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834** (from within the District – no cellphones) and the matter will be attended to.

Using the Phone to lodge a request

It has now become easier to let Council know about the things that need fixing. As always the most obvious is to phone Council on **0800 734 834** and tell the lovely lady at the other end what the problem is. This phone number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number is still 'manned' after hours by an answering service, which will pass your message on to the appropriate staff for actioning.

Using the Internet to lodge a request

You can also lodge your service request online. It is easy!

All you need to do is go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz (save it as one of your favourite weblinks).

On Council's home page you will see a 'Fix It' button like the one on this page.

Just click on the 'Fix it' logo and you will immediately be taken to a page where you can fill in your details and the nature of your request. If you tick the box requesting that you want to be contacted about the request, then you will be emailed back to tell you what has been done, or is about to be done.

So next time you notice that something needs fixing please let Council know by lodging a request for service and let Council 'Fix It'.

Council offices are open 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and can be located at -
Paeroa - William Street | Waihi - 92 Seddon Street | Ngatea - Orchard West Road

DOG REGISTRATION IS DUE 2009/10

Just a reminder that if you haven't already registered your dog for the new financial year that started on the 1st of July please get on to it promptly or you will incur a penalty.

Any dogs over the age of three months must be registered. You will also have to have your dog micro-chipped if it is a new registration.

Council recently had some issues with dogs that are of certain breeds where the dog control law recognises as "menacing" dogs, such as pit-bulls and pit-bull crosses. Now it does not matter how much of a pussy cat your dog is, if it is classified as one of those breeds listed in the Act it will be classed as menacing. The law also says that local authorities may require dogs of these breeds to be de-sexed.

Our council, along with most others throughout the country, has a policy that these dogs must be de-sexed, so unless you can prove, by a veterinary surgeon's letter, that it would be dangerous to the health of the dog to do the operation, it is imperative that you have this done. Otherwise an infringement notice will be issued and you will be liable for a fine.

Perhaps the upshot of all this is that if you do not have much money, do not choose to keep a pit-bull or similar aggressive type of dog because it is going to be expensive. Maybe you should choose a nice Labrador or a Chihuahua.

