



# HDC NEWS



## LONG TERM PLAN - SUBMISSIONS

Council has received seventy-five submissions to its Long Term Council Community Plan. These are on many different topics, many are positive and most are interesting and thoughtful. Council staff and elected members wish to thank all those who sent in submissions, for the considerable efforts that they have put into their submissions and for participating in this process.

By the time you read this, Council will have heard most of the submitters who wanted to be heard, over a period of two days, with a further submission to be heard at the Council Meeting on the 27th.

While staff analyse and summarise all submissions with comments and recommendations, councillors read all submissions in full and for a councillor to vote on the final outcome he or she must have been present for the full extent of the hearing and have listened to all the oral presentations. In other words each councillor must be in full possession of the facts before they are able to make a decision.

This year, the inclusion of the debate on the major issues (Climate Change, Sustainability and Changing Demographics) that are likely to affect Council over the next ten years was an interesting addition to the Plan and submissions on these topics have been of great interest, throwing up some additional slants on the topics that we may have not otherwise considered important.

Over the next couple of weeks we will tell you about some of the points raised by submitters and discuss them on this page so watch this space!

### Hauraki Plan Submissions - Peak Oil and Hauraki's Future

This issue has come up within the sustainability debate of the Hauraki Community Plan as well as in other submissions and to some extent looks likely to take over from climate change as the greatest worry of the twenty-first century. While there is still some debate among scientists as to the extent of man's influence on climate change, there can be little debate on the basic premise on oil supplies.

Books have been written on the topic of 'Peak Oil' but I will explain it here in a few words. The world's oil reserves took millions of years to form. They therefore can be regarded as a non-renewable resource that is finite. Or in other words "when they are gone they are gone" and there is no more. We are using them at a huge rate and sooner or later we will run out – probably sooner rather than later. As most of the world's food supplies are grown using large inputs of oil – fuel for machinery, processing, and storage – we will soon cease to be able to feed the present human population let alone any projected increase.

The question is; *how do we position ourselves to survive the downturn in production and higher costs of oil supplies over the next decades and centuries?* This is a huge question encompassing most aspects of life such as transport, power supplies, raw materials for many items, particularly any with a plastic content, and, of course, food production.

Requests to look at small-scale alternative power supplies for our communities will be looked at, but the costs of these are likely to be prohibitive for councils to consider. On the other hand, it may be reasonable to lobby Central Government for a more small-scale approach to energy production rather than the few huge power generators and large transmission lines carrying the electricity throughout the country. The refuse disposal site in Tirohia is now producing power from its waste gas and in a year or two will be able to supply half the needs of Paeroa. Wind and solar energy are distinct possibilities for other communities but would need capital input from Central Government.

The matter of lack of raw materials for plastic goods also accentuates the continuing need to recycle and reuse as much of our refuse as we possibly can and Council is committed to continuing this process.

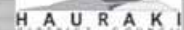
## Elected Members Diary

Meetings for the week:  
Wednesday 27th May to  
Tuesday 2nd June 2009



- Wednesday 27th May – Full Council Meeting
- Tuesday 2nd June – Water and Waste Consultative Committee

## Public Notices



### RATES REMINDER

A reminder that all third instalment rates remaining unpaid after the close of business on Wednesday 27 May 2009 will incur a 10% penalty.

### RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

The Rating Information Database for Hauraki District Council is available for public inspection during office hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday at the Council Offices at William Street, Paeroa, Orchard Road, Ngatea and Seddon Street, Waihi.

The Rating Information Database is also available on Council's website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) under Customer Services/Rates.

Ratepayers may object to information in the Rating Information Database where information is incorrect or has been omitted. Objections must be made in writing and posted to -

Rating Information Database Objections,  
Hauraki District Council,  
PO Box 17, Paeroa

### TO ALL DOG OWNERS REGISTRATION 2009/10

Pursuant to Section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Hauraki District Council by Resolution of Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 fixed the dog control fees for this Registration Year 01 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

#### 2009/10 Fee Scale:

Dog Owner Classification	Fee	Fee if paid after 31/7/09
General Dog (Entire)	\$62.00	\$93.00
General Dog (De-sexed) **Vet Certificate Required	\$49.00	\$73.50
R.O.L. Dog (Entire)	\$32.00	Loss of licence
R.O.L. Dog (De-sexed) **Vet Certificate Required	\$19.00	Loss of licence
Dogs in excess of (3) three	\$18.50	\$27.75
Replacement tag	\$5.00	\$5.00

\*\* Fees include GST / Vet Certificate required for De-sexing Rebate

#### WOULD YOU LIKE A REDUCTION IN DOG REGISTRATION FEES?

Have you thought about obtaining a RESPONSIBLE OWNER LICENCE (R.O.L.)

Council's Responsible Owner Licensing Scheme rewards those dog owners who keep their dogs under control at all times, and have a good registration history, with a reduced fee (from \$62.00 to \$32.00, or \$19.00 if the dog is de-sexed).

The major Criteria to obtain a RESPONSIBLE OWNER LICENCE are:-

- Complete the prescribed application form and pay the application fee of (\$15.00).
- Have a good record of registration payment history/ no complaints or impounding etc., in the preceding 12 months.
- Be present at a visit by the Dog Control Staff of the District Council to inspect your section for a securely fenced property.
- Pass a simple written examination on dog care and owner legal obligations.

An information pack and application form are available by telephoning 0800-734-834 (within district) / 07 862 8609 or contact one of our offices at William Street, Paeroa; Seddon Street, Waihi; Orchard West Road, Ngatea; or visit our website at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Applications accepted 25 May 2009 To 17 July 2009  
NOTE: FAILURE TO REGISTER BY 31 JULY OF ANY YEAR DISQUALIFIES YOUR R.O.L

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## So you want to get a Dog?

Think carefully! Dogs can live for up to 10 years and some dogs even longer. Dogs can provide companionship, love, and fun but they are a long term commitment.

Here are some practical things to think about before you take on this responsibility:

- ❖ **Cost** – Annual registration, food, housing, vet bills (micro-chipping, de-sexing etc), boarding (can be around \$16.00 per day for a medium size dog to kennel) are some of the ongoing costs, as well as the cost of buying a new dog.
- ❖ **Care and Exercise** – you will need time to exercise, for a medium to large dog this could be at least a 45 minute walk a day, train and play with your dog. Is your dog going to be okay if you leave it home alone, or will you need to arrange care? You will need to provide regular meals and water.
- ❖ **Security** – you will require a suitable house/property for your dog. Does your property have suitable fencing to contain your dog? Are you able to confine your dog in your house or garage if you are going out, or have you got a kennel?



❖ **Lifestyle/family** – Is a dog going to fit into your lifestyle? Do you have the time to spend on your dog? Are your children old enough to learn how to live and play safely with a dog? What if you're renting, are you even able to have a dog? And don't forget your holidays – can you take the dog with you or would you need to make other arrangements?

❖ **Legal** – You will need to register your dog, as all dogs are required to be registered with your local council, from the age of 3 months. It is also a requirement to microchip your new dog. These are just a couple of your legal obligations as a dog owner.

## Fruit and Vegetable HAWKERS



Council has been reconsidering its policy on hawkers after a summer when there were large numbers of fruit and vegetable hawkers plying their wares on the streets of our major towns, particularly Waihi.

Council is aware there is a fine line between free trade from entrepreneurs as well as growers who wish to sell their produce on the streets and shop owners who sell their goods all the year round and pay rates and rent to do so, however Council cannot take this into consideration when issuing a Hawkers Licence.

While there was a move towards increasing the fee for a hawker's licence, the Manager of Environmental Services told Council that it would not be legal to charge more than a reasonable cost for Council to issue and monitor the licence. The licence, therefore, cost \$112.50. Suggestions to limit the time that any hawker can stay in one place were also abandoned as it would be difficult to enforce.

However, as some traders had numerous vehicles selling from different parts of the District, on one licence, it was decided to limit a licence to one vehicle. Current rules prevent hawkers from selling goods within 300 metres of shops and on state highways in the open road area. Council officers are also empowered to move traders on if they are creating a nuisance and to confiscate signs if necessary.

It is recognised that members of the public enjoy the colour of a few itinerant traders on our towns and the ability to purchase a range of cheap, fresh produce from them during the summer months.