



HDC NEWS



DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW



Although we have been updating you on progress for some time, we are now coming to the crunch time when the plan will go out for public consultation, so over the next few months we will be publishing weekly articles on aspects of the Plan for you to think about.

Why Review the Plan?

Quite simply Government legislation says we have to every ten years. But even if it didn't, it would be wise to do so. A review allows communities to reassess environmental outcomes and priorities and to redefine their vision for the future of the district. A lot can happen in ten years – different development pressures, economic situations and new and changing issues. No one had heard of climate change ten years ago and yet that is an important issue that we need to take into account in planning for the next ten.

Progress So Far

The District Plan Committee has been working on issues with our consultant planners and staff since 2005. The Committee is a representative one with members from each ward who have some interest in planning issues. The consultants have dealt with each section of the plan and have rewritten it according to instructions from the committee dealing with the new and changing issues as they have arisen. Sections of the plan that are working well have not been tampered with.

Areas of significant change are:

- Response to the effects of climate change
- Sustainable use of high quality soils
- Urban design for subdivisions and developments
- Expansion and rezoning of urban areas
- Landscape protection
- Coastal Zone
- Karangahake Gorge Zone
- Protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation
- Historic heritage.

Some of these had to change because reviews of the RMA have put greater emphasis on certain areas than was the case in the past.

Where to from Here?

We now enter a period of consultation where we will be receiving and responding to informal submissions.

September is for consulting with special interest groups including Iwi, neighbouring Councils, DoC, heritage groups, major mining and quarrying companies and so on.

October will be the time for notifying and consulting with individual landowners who have property that will be affected such as having areas of significant indigenous vegetation on it. Open days will be held in all our towns also within the latter part of October where interested members of the public can come and look at proposals and put in informal submissions. The draft plan should be on the Council's website by the 14th of October for you to have a look at and comment on if you wish.

November is when the consultants will take all the information gained from consultation and rewrite areas of the plan, if necessary.

December should see Council adopt the draft as a 'Proposed Plan'.

January is when the proposed Plan will be advertised for formal submissions to be received.

How to ...

QUICK FACTS

Get Your Rate Rebate

If you have a low income you may be eligible to receive a government rebate on your rates. In order to get this you must apply.

Even if you received a rebate last year (ended 30 June 2009) you must apply again this year in order to receive it. Please phone your local council office to make an appointment to apply for this rebate.

Criteria

- The maximum rebate is \$550
- The income threshold to get this amount is \$26,000 per annum, if your total rates are \$1,800

BUT don't forget that, even if your income is higher than this, you still may get some money back BECAUSE –

- You get an additional income allowance for dependants of \$500 per dependant, and
- You may qualify for a lesser amount than the maximum rebate.

How to apply

Ask a friendly Customer Services Advisor to book an appointment for you.



When applying for a rates rebate you will need to bring with you:

- Your rates notice (including your regional rates) for the current rating year. Your last 12 months metered water will also be used. You will be receiving your current HDC rates notices shortly. You will have received your regional Council rates notice in August.
- Information about what your income (before tax) was for the tax year ended 31 March 2009.
- Information about what your partner/joint homeowner's income was if he/she was normally living with you on 1 July 2009.

The closing date for applications for the 2009/2010 year is 30 June 2010.

Elected Member's Diary

Meetings for the week: Wednesday 9th to Tuesday 15th September 2009

- Tuesday 15th September
Ward Committee meetings



Situations Vacant



Hauraki District Council's heated swimming pools will be open from 24 October 2009 - April 2010 and we are looking for Pool Staff now.

The following 2 positions are available for a fixed term of 7 months with variable hours of work over seven days per week. For both positions you could be working at the Ngatea or Paeroa pools therefore a current driver's license is essential. You will also require the NZ National Pool Lifeguard Award and First Aid Certificate, however, Council will provide this training if necessary.

POOL SUPERVISOR

We require a highly motivated, personable and committed Pool Supervisor to oversee our Pool Lifeguards and two swimming pools. This is a position for someone with a flair for staff supervision and providing a high standard of customer service. As Pool Supervisor you will need to ensure the pool is staffed and ready for the public to enjoy the benefits of a safe, clean, fun environment.

POOL LIFEGUARDS

If you have a positive can-do attitude, the ability to deal with a variety of situations and would enjoy being part of our team to ensure our community swimming pools are monitored and safe for our swimmers to enjoy we would love to hear from you.

We require Pool Lifeguards from October until April, however if you could be available for all or part of this time we will consider your application. This could suit a university student or someone who would be able to work flexible hours.

Applications close on 18 September 2009 so apply now by requesting an application pack from our HR Advisors

Sue 078625024 or Julie (07)862 5023

or e-mail jobs@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

or visit our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Public Notices



CONTESTABLE SOCIAL FUND 2009

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

The Contestable Social Fund is the direct or indirect financial support provided by Council to enable social service type community groups, organisations or individuals to contribute toward achieving Community Outcomes as identified in the Hauraki Community Plan.

The fund focuses on activities that enable organisations, individuals, their families, hapu and communities to 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:

- William Street, Paeroa
 - Seddon Street, Waihi
 - Orchard Road, Ngatea
- and on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Applications close 4:00pm Friday 30 October 2009

for further information contact:

Community Development Officer
Hauraki District Council
07 862 8609
toll free within district 0800 734 834

L D Cavers
Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

Public Notices



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING



Funding for local arts - Hauraki District

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.

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Drains are for Drainage - NOT RUBBISH!

The message does not seem to be getting through!

- It is not OK to dump your rubbish in a drain.
- The drain is there to take water away.
- If you put your rubbish in it, the drain will not be able to do its job.
- Desist this practice NOW or the wrath of Council will come down upon you.
- Under our bylaw we can bill you for any remedial work we need to do.
- In fact if you have put rubbish in a drain get out there NOW and remove it.



Example of garden rubbish dumped in a Council drain