



# HDC NEWS



## District Plan - Particular Issues

### CLIMATE CHANGE

The need to take climate change into consideration would not have been thought of when our current Plan was written so the new Plan must allow for possibilities and probabilities that come from climate change.

We all know that scientists cannot agree on the extent of climate change even though almost all agree that it is happening. The other area of major disagreement of scientists is its cause but, as the District Plan provisions are mainly concerned with the results of climate change rather than its causes, this is not particularly relevant.

Areas of particular concern and relevance to our District include sea level rise and the likelihood of an increase in the number and severity of storm events. A District Plan needs to control land use so that dwellings are as safe as possible for any event that can reasonably be foreseen. For this reason, most of the provisions that have changed in the Plan because of climate change, relate to low-lying areas of the District.

It is intended to concentrate the residential areas to the existing towns of Waihi, Ngatea, and Paeroa, where in low lying areas there is protection from stop banks, and not encourage growth in areas such as Waitakaruru, where protection is limited. Growth is allowed for on the western side of Hauraki Road in Turua and areas are to be rezoned for residential and industrial purposes in Kerepehi where the land is higher.

More precise data about the levels of land on the Plains and Paeroa have allowed more precise boundaries to be mapped for flood ponding areas, and residential and industrial zones, which will be particularly important if climate change increases the severity of storm events and floods.

## Headstones & Monuments in Hauraki Cemeteries

Losing a loved one is a difficult time, in particular for the families of the departed. Often during the preparation of a funeral and burial it can be hard to comprehend that there is a formal process that must be adhered to. A funeral director will help you through this however, and all Council applications are available at service centers or online ([www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)).

The placement of monuments and headstones is an activity that may or may not be undertaken at the time of interment. While this is a private matter for your family, Council has an interest in the overall look of the cemetery, in the long-term maintenance of the cemetery and in the safety of people visiting the cemetery.

For these reasons, Council has established some rules, in line with a set of National Standards (NZS 4242), around the design of headstones and monuments so it is very important that when you do decide to place a monument or headstone you contact the Council in order to comply with our requirements. A 'permit to install or replace memorials and plaques' is available at Council's Service Centers or can be obtained from Council's website.

In order to enforce these standards Council has a bylaw in place which states in part 7 section 7.5 that-

**'No monument or tablet other than those approved by the Council shall be erected within the precincts of a cemetery. Any monument or tablet must comply with the requirements of the Council.'**

It has come to the Councils attention in recent times that several headstones have been erected that do not comply with the Council Bylaw and National standards described in NZS 4242.

If you have recently erected a monument or plaque without a Council permit then Council urges you to contact Steve Clark (Parks and Reserves Manager) on 07 8628609 or by calling 0800 734 834 (from within the district). If you are planning on putting up a headstone in the future, then please contact customer services in order to receive the correct permit document. A minimal processing fee of \$35 applies for this permit.

## Celebrate the International Day of Older Persons

The International Day of Older Persons on 1st October was set up by the United Nations. It aims to promote older people in a positive light, illustrating the many ways in which we contribute to society, the economy, to our neighbours and families, and to the social stability of our communities.

Hauraki has good reason to celebrate. We remember the contribution of older people across our district.

As part of the International Day of the Older Persons the Hauraki District Council is holding a computer class in each of the district libraries followed by an afternoon tea in the memorial hall. Sport Waikato will also be in attendance to give some healthy living tips and Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki will be sharing some tips on nutrition and ageing well. Staff from Council will be there to update you on Council's 10 year plan.

### Tuesday 29 September 2009

1:00pm ~ 2:00pm at Waihi Library

- ☐ Silver Surfers – whetting the appetite for seniors computing. Come and see how to set up Skype and communicate with friends and family everywhere!

2:00pm ~ 4:00pm at Waihi Memorial Hall

- ☐ HOPE Afternoon Tea; Sport Waikato – The Third Age, Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki - nutrition and ageing well; Update - the 10 Year Plan

### Wednesday 30 September 2009

1:00pm ~ 2:00pm at Paeroa Library

- ☐ Silver Surfers – whetting the appetite for seniors computing. Come and see how to set up Skype and communicate with friends and family everywhere!

2:00pm ~ 4:00pm at Paeroa War Memorial Hall

- ☐ HOPE Afternoon Tea; Sport Waikato – The Third Age, Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki - nutrition and ageing well; Update - the 10 Year Plan

### Friday 2 October 2009

1:00pm ~ 2:00pm at Ngatea Library

- ☐ Silver Surfers – whetting the appetite for seniors computing. Come and see how to set up Skype and communicate with friends and family everywhere!

2:00pm ~ 4:00pm at Ngatea Memorial Hall

- ☐ HOPE Afternoon Tea; Sport Waikato – The Third Age, Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki - nutrition and ageing well; Update - the 10 Year Plan

## Elected Member's Diary

Meetings for the week: Wednesday 16th to Tuesday 22nd September 2009

- Wednesday 16th September Full Council meeting
- Monday 21st September Hearing (if required)



## Public Notices



### International Day of Older Persons

Through the Positive Ageing Strategy 2009, Council presents a programme of activities to celebrate the **International Day of Older Persons**. Celebrations are to be held at:

Waihi: Tuesday 29 September

Paeroa: Wednesday 30 September

Ngatea: Friday 2 October

Library 1:00pm-2:00pm

Memorial Hall 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

### OPEN INVITATION

For catering purposes please contact John McIver before 25 September 2009 on (07) 862 8609 or 0800 734 834. Web site: [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

## Creative Communities Scheme Funding



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

Applications close 4:00pm Friday 30 October 2009

for further information contact:

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

LD Cavers  
Chief Executive  
Hauraki District Council

## Walking to School just got a lot more fun!

What do funky feet, a skate board, gumboot and buttons mean for walking to school?

An active initiative for school children 5-13 years from Tauranga City Council to get children active to and from school has been taken up in a joint project being undertaken from the East Waikato Road Safety Co-ordinator based at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Project Energize, Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki.

Participants have their name recorded on a wall chart and start off with a foot key ring, once 25 walks have been recorded then a cool attachable button is added to the key ring. As the numbers increase and more buttons can be collected at 50, 75 an awesome skate board at 100, 125, 150, 175 and a wicked gumboot at 200. The gumboot is encouraging that children can walk/bike or scooter in all weather rain or shine effectively its 'Kids on Feet'.

Road Safety Co-ordinator Ingrid Le Fevre says "The Schools have really embraced the idea of getting their pupils active and motivated to be active, even some of the teachers have started their own programme."

Currently four Thames Schools and five Hauraki Schools have taken up the challenge and Matamata is following suit. Feet and the buttons are given out at assemblies and can attach to school bags.

Some children that live on busy roads are being dropped at friend's houses so they can walk to school, and parents are finding that they have more time in the mornings as the children are motivated to do the walk and get their numbers up for the buttons.

For further information please contact:

TCDC Road Safety Co-ordinator, Ingrid Le Fevre  
Ph 07 868 0200

