



HDC NEWS

TUESDAY MARCH 30, 2010



Your submissions and feedback Are important to us!

Council often has policies and plans that are consulted on through a formal submission and hearings process. In council speak this is called a **special consultative procedure**. There are other times when Council requests feedback from the community in a slightly more informal way, this is called **targeted consultation**.

What is currently being consulted on?

Currently Council is consulting on its **Draft Annual Plan 2010-11** through a full submission process and the **Draft Contestable Social Fund Policy 2010** through a targeted consultation process.

How do I make a submission or give Council some feedback?

Making a submission is easy. Once you see the consultation advertised then you will usually have one month in which to provide your submission or feedback to Council. This can be made by using the submission/feedback form which can be downloaded from Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or it can be picked up from one of Council's Service Centers or Libraries. A submission can also be made online.

If you or someone you know needs help filling in a submission, then Council staff would be more than willing to help. If you do need our help please contact a **member of the strategic planning team** on 07 862 8609, or 0800 734 834 (from within the District). You can also contact us if you have any questions or queries.

The more Council hears from its community the more informed decisions it can make. If you haven't made a submission or provided feedback before, then why not start now?

Plains Water Supply

Emergency management procedures were put in place during February and early March when a series of events made the raw water source barely treatable and threatened our ability to supply any treated water at all.

Kerepehi has difficulty treating water when the turbidity (cloudiness) of the water climbs above a certain level. Such conditions typically occur following heavy rain or when king tides coincide with low river levels in the Waihou River. Simply, the sediment that is clouding the water blocks the filters and the plant has to be shut down to back wash and clear the filters more often than normal. The speed at which the plant operates needs to be substantially reduced for the plant to be able to produce any water at all under these conditions. This significantly reduces the amount of water available in a day.

When these events occur, one of the solutions is to reduce pressure and thus supply less water to compensate for the reduced treated volume available and allow time to flush the filters.

One issue that occurred during these events was that most users did not contact Council directly when they were having difficulty with reduced pressures. This meant that council staff believed that they were not causing any significant problems with the pressure reduction. We understand that this was not the case and that some farmers were having considerable difficulty with the reduced pressure. Please, if there is a problem under such circumstances, phone 0800 734 834 at any time so your comment can be logged and reviewed so that we are aware of the effects of our actions. Please do not phone Council works staff directly as such calls made to the operations staff may be overlooked as they are extremely busy during these events.

The Bottle joins in

What do Te Puke's kiwi fruit and Paeroa's L&P bottle have in common with the world's tallest building - the Burj Khalifa, London Eye and Table Mountain? They all took action against climate change in the biggest environmental event the world has seen.

The giant statues were among a host of "world famous in New Zealand" landmarks plunged into darkness for Earth Hour 2010. Due to the international dateline, the Kiwi symbols were the first of many iconic landmarks around the world to switch off their lights, as hundreds of millions of people across every continent committed to resolve the issue of global warming.

Earth Hour took place at 8.30pm on Saturday, March 27 local time, and was celebrated as some of the world's most recognised symbols of hope, peace, human endeavour and natural wonder plunged into darkness for Earth Hour as a symbol of people's commitment to improving the world's environment and slowing global warming.



Draft Contestable Social Fund Policy

In line with Council's policy review process, the Contestable Social Fund Policy has been reviewed and is open for feedback from the Community before it is finalised.

The objective of the Policy is to:

'Provide Council with an effective administrative and decision making system for distributing Contestable Social Funds to social service organisations in the Hauraki District.'

The Council allocates \$60,000 per year to the fund from the District Community Projects Assistance Fund. The District Community Assistance Fund was established many years ago to receive part of the Councils investment income.

In the three years that the Policy has been operative it has provided funding to 42 separate community projects. Council considers that the Policy has been working well to date and therefore proposes to continue to provide assistance to social service organisations through the processes set out in the Policy. The review has focused on clarifying a few minor issues that have arisen from some applications, clarifying some of the criteria and amending the format of the document.

Copies of the Draft Policy are available from Tuesday 30 March 2010 at the Council Offices and Libraries in William St, Paeroa; Seddon St, Waihi; Orchard Rd, Ngatea.

These documents can also be viewed on the Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz or by requesting a copy by contacting 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

Public feedback is now being sought and comments are invited until **4.30pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010**. Feedback will be considered by Council at its meeting of 26th May held at the Paeroa Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa.

Council staff are available to discuss the proposed content of the Draft Policy during the feedback period, please ask for the Community Development Officer or Policy Analyst.

Elected Member's Diary

Meetings for the week: Wednesday 31 March to Tuesday 6 April 2010:

- Wednesday March 31 – Full Council Meeting
- Tuesday 6 April – Hearing (if required)



Public Notice



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION PARADE AND SERVICE Sunday 25 April 2010

PLAINS WARD

Citizens are invited to attend the Public Commemoration Service to be held in the War Memorial Hall at 11:15am on SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2010.

The Service will be preceded by the Parade, which will assemble in Pipiroa Road behind the RSA at 10:30am. Organisation Markers are requested to report to the Parade Marshall at 10:30am.

The Parade will commence at 11:00am proceeding to the War Memorial Hall via Pipiroa Road and Orchard West Road.

- RSA Services Dress – Mufti and Service Medals
- Wreaths will be laid during the service

All organisations and persons wishing to present wreaths are asked to advise John McIver, telephone 0800 734 834 or 07 862 8609 no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 April 2010.

JP Tregidga MNZM JP Mayor
Hauraki District
B. Gordon
chairman
Plains Ward Committee

PAEROA WARD

Citizens are invited to attend the Public Commemoration Service to be held in the War Memorial Hall at 9:15am on SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2010.

The Service will be preceded by the Parade, which will assemble in Marshall Street behind the RSA at 8:45am. Organisation Markers are requested to report to the Parade Marshall at 8:45am.

The Parade will commence at 9:00am proceeding to the War Memorial Hall via Wharf Street, Belmont Road and Normanby Road.

- RSA Services Dress – Mufti and Service Medals
- Wreaths will be laid during the service

All organisations and persons wishing to present wreaths are asked to advise John McIver, telephone 07 862 5063 no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 April 2010.

JP Tregidga MNZM JP Mayor
Hauraki District
JM Bubb JP
Chairperson
Paeroa Ward Committee

WAIHI WARD

Citizens are invited to attend the Public Commemoration Service to be held in the Memorial Hall at 11:00am on SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2010.

The Service will be preceded by the Parade, which will assemble in Seddon Street beside the RSA at 10:45am. Organisation Markers are requested to report to the Parade Marshall at 10:45am.

The Parade will commence at 10:45am proceeding to the Memorial Hall via Seddon Street.

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 Freephone 0600 247 326; or
 Email chemicals@agrecovery.co.nz

Waikato Region – 14th / 15th April 2010
 Book disposal by 8th April!

Public Notice



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

Applications close 4:00pm Friday 30 April 2010

For further information contact Hauraki District Council on 07 862 8609 or toll free within District 0800 734 834

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council