



HDC NEWS



Chance to stamp new mark on Post Office

The Paeroa Post Office has a colourful history – and local enterprises now have a chance to shape its future. Expressions of interest are invited for leasing the ground floor and first floor sections, potentially for a three to five-year term. Alternatively, the Council may decide to sell the property “as is”, with its existing tenants.

The prominent brick building is a Category A Heritage Feature in our District Plan, and has Category 2 registration with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. It was constructed in 1926 by Robinson and Beagley contractors of Hamilton for a price of £11,829, and opened on May 27 by then-Prime Minister Gordon Coates. As well as providing mail, telegraph, telephone and banking services, the Post Office housed the registry office.

Ten years ago the Council bought the building “to protect it from falling into decay”, says Councillor Julie Bubb. A \$560,000 streetscape enhancement project during 2008 and 2009 transformed the site on the corner of Normanby and Belmont Roads, winning a gold award from the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects.

The rear carpark area is currently leased as an interim PostShop site; and the Council’s Technical Services Business Unit occupies the top floor, until it can shift back to the main Paeroa Council office after the library moves to its planned new building in Mackay Street by the Paeroa Domain.

The Post Office was considered as a possible location for the new library, but the preferred option of a purpose-built library in Mackay Street has now been confirmed and has just received approval to proceed to consent and design phases.



That will leave plenty of space in the old Post Office for “amazing ideas” to come to life, says Julie. “It’s the town’s most central landmark, and I personally believe it would make a great promotional hub for the likes of Positive Paeroa, the Paeroa Promotions Trust, or the Hauraki Rail Trail.”

For the Council, commercial reality has to stack up, she says. But if the building was in the hands of a community trust, funding applications could be made for some purposes.

While securing tenants for the Post Office could increase its market value, no decisions will be made about leasing it, or selling it in the immediate or longer term future, until early next year when expressions of interest have been received.

PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PAEROA POST OFFICE BUILDING

Council are inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the lease or purchase of the Paeroa Post Office building situated at 101 Normanby Road, Paeroa.

An information pack with details of the EOI is available from Council’s Service Centre at William Street, Paeroa or by phoning the Property Manager, Dennis Lees on 07 862 8609.

All EOI’s should be sent noted:

Attn: The Property Manager
EOI - Paeroa Post Office
Hauraki District Council
PO Box 17
PAEROA 3640

or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the Paeroa Council Service Centre, William Street, Paeroa.

The closing date and time for the EOI is 2.00pm Friday 30 January 2015.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meeting will be held in the Council Office, William Street, Paeroa during the month of December 2014.

Judicial Committee

Monday, 15 December 2014 - 9.00am

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

NGATEA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the Ngatea Christmas Parade the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated below. During the period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Date of closure: Thursday 11 December 2014.

Time of closure: 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

In case of weather issues the event will be held on Friday 12 December.

Roads to be closed: River Rd from HDC Yard to SH 2 (Orchard West Rd); SH 2 (Orchard West Rd) from River Rd to Darlington St, NGATEA.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

PAEROA SANTA PARADE

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of the Paeroa Santa Parade the following roads will be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated below. During the period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Date of closure: Friday 12 December 2014.

Time of closure: 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Roads to be closed: SH2 (Normanby Rd and Belmont Rd) from Victoria St to Marshall St. Princes St, Queen St and Wharf St. Willoughby St from Arney St to Corbett St, PAEROA.

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

Note: The notification for the Waihi Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday 6 December was advertised in the Waihi Leader newspaper on 4 December 2014.



Are you up for a Library challenge?

That’s the name of the fun school holiday programme on offer at our District libraries, from December 22 to January 23.

The aim is to complete any two of the reading challenges and any four of the creative challenges – which could involve meeting a dragon, trying out a recipe from a cookbook, or creating a Lego masterpiece.

The programme is aimed for 5 to 15-year-olds, with plenty of resources at the library to fire up your imagination, but there is no need to be at the library at specific times. If you’re going away for the holidays and have access to a computer, you can submit your reviews and photos online.

Everyone who completes the programme will go into the draw for a major spot prize. Call into the Paeroa, Ngatea or Waihi library to discover what it is!

There’s no cost; however numbers are limited, so get in early when registrations open on December 15.

Fire ban ahead - get ready now

Do you have greenwaste to burn after spring cleaning your property?

We recommend that you plan ahead and do it soon, before the annual summer fire ban across the Hauraki and Thames Coromandel Districts begins just before Christmas. This is usually in force until early February, when it may be replaced by a restricted fire season, if the fire danger ratings allow.

At present most of the Hauraki District is in an open fire season and no permit is needed. If you have a permitted or unpermitted fire the person lighting the fire is still legally responsible for supervising, controlling and extinguishing it.

If your fire is within 1km of Department of Conservation Land then a permit must be obtained from DOC.

We ask that you also notify neighbours as a courtesy, and avoid smoke nuisance and safety risks by not lighting a fire if strong winds are blowing or forecast. As at any time of the year, tyres, plastics, bale wrap and similar materials should not be burnt.

If you have any questions, call our friendly customer services team on 0800 734 834 (from within the District).

PUBLIC NOTICE

LIQUOR BAN 2014/15

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw that the consumption of alcoholic liquor, the bringing of liquor or of empty liquor containers and the possession of liquor or empty liquor containers in the public places identified below is hereby prohibited during the periods identified below.

LIQUOR BANS - WHIRITOA

All public places including roads, beaches and reserves are included in the prohibition for the Christmas and New Year Public Holiday.

Dates and Times – Whiritoa Liquor Ban

During the Christmas and New Year Public Holiday being from 4.00pm Tuesday 23 December 2014 to 4.00am Tuesday 6 January 2015 inclusive.

LIQUOR BANS – PAEROA, NGATEA AND WAIHI

That the consumption and bringing into and possession of liquor in all public places including, roads and reserves are *prohibited at all times* within areas of the townships listed below:

Waihi

- within the 50 kilometre speed limit areas of Waihi township, and
- within the 70 kilometre speed limit areas of Seddon Avenue, East from the Margaret Street/Toomey Street intersection to the 50 kph speed limit sign East of the Martin Road/Baber Street intersection.

Paeroa and Ngatea

- within the 50 kilometre speed limit areas of the Paeroa and Ngatea townships.

PENALTIES

Any person who commits an offence against the prohibition may be convicted and fined up to \$20,000.00.

POWERS OF POLICE

The Hauraki District Council Consolidated Bylaw authorises any member of the New Zealand Police to act under sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Act 2002, including the exercise of the power under section 170(2) to immediately and without further notice search a container or vehicle.

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