



HDC NEWS

This advertisement is authorised by the Hauraki District Council



PUBLIC NOTICES

FLUSH YOUR TAPS

Ministry of Health Notice

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Hauraki District Council



COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that:

The Council meeting of Wednesday, 24 September 2014 will commence at 9.30am and not 9.00am as previously advertised. A Citizenship Ceremony will be held prior to the meeting from 8.30am.

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 24 September 2014 - 9.30am

RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL ON ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Notice is given under section 28(1) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that electors of the Hauraki District Council have the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used at the next two triennial general elections (2016 and 2019) of the Hauraki District Council.

The choice is between the First Past the Post (FPP) and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral systems. Unless a poll determines otherwise, the FPP electoral system will continue to be used for the Hauraki District Council.

A valid demand for a poll must be:

- Made in writing.
- Signed by at least 5 percent of eligible electors of the Hauraki District Council. This will require a minimum of 665 elector signatures.
- Delivered to the principal office of the Hauraki District Council, 1 William Street Paeroa by 4.30pm Monday, 2 March 2015.

Every elector who signs a demand must also set out in it his or her full name and the address for which he or she is qualified as an elector of the Hauraki District Council.

For further information, please contact Robyn Kirby, Electoral Officer, phone (07) 862 8609.

Dated at Paeroa, this 2nd day of September 2014.

LD Cavers
Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

HAURAKI DISTRICT PLAN

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

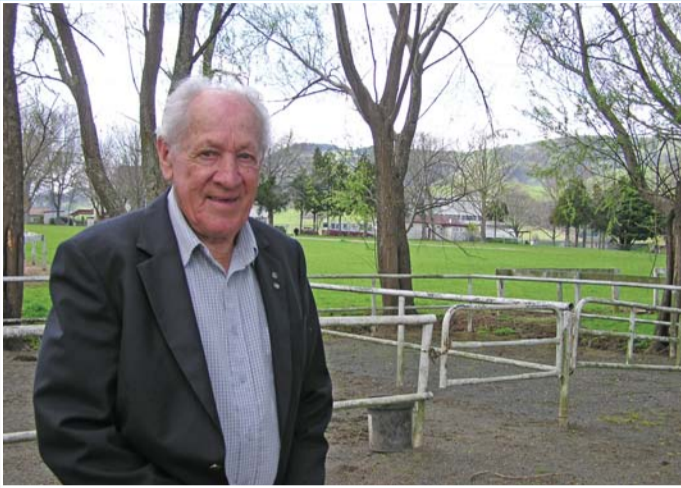
NOTIFICATION OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE PROPOSED HAURAKI DISTRICT PLAN SHALL BECOME OPERATIVE

At its meeting of 27 August 2014 the Hauraki District Council resolved to declare the Proposed Hauraki District Plan 'Operative' pursuant to clause 17 (2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

In accordance with clause 20 (1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, the Hauraki District Council District Plan shall become 'Operative' on 26 September 2014.

LD Cavers
Chief Executive
12 September 2014

New Paeroa medical centre on the right track



Roy Bennett inspects the Paeroa Racecourse's yards and stables where a new medical centre is planned to be built.

When Paeroa property developer, Roy Bennett, blew out the candles on his 70th birthday cake, he thought it might be time to retire. That was 12 years ago. Today, the 82-year-old is much more interested in discussing his latest project than talking about when he's going to leave his work boots on the front porch for good.

"It's (retirement) not going to happen," he says.

His company, Paeroa Healthcare Ltd, has just purchased a small bite of the 36.8ha Paeroa Racecourse site, on Raroa Road, where it plans to build a modern medical centre. No stranger to the health profession Mr Bennett has been a member of both the Thames and Waikato Health Boards. His company has managed the construction and renovation of some key buildings around the region, including Ohinemuri Home and Hospital and Paeroa's current medical centre.

"Our company built that (medical centre) 20 years ago but we haven't owned it for a while now," says Mr Bennett, "This new facility will be twice the size of the old one and I can safely say it will be the most up to date in New Zealand. We don't do things by halves."

Hauraki District Mayor, John Tregidga, agrees the centre will be of great benefit to the community.

"It's a great opportunity for the town to have a modern facility with all the latest medical technology."

What will happen on the rest of the 36.8ha Paeroa Racecourse site which was recently purchased by an Auckland based private investor, has yet to be confirmed.

"Yes a private investor has bought the property and I'm aware

a proposal to include both commercial and residential facilities is being developed but it's only a concept at this stage," says Mr Tregidga.

"Such a large development will require extensive public consultation. Nothing's been confirmed yet, other than the medical centre."

He says the racecourse land is currently zoned recreational and reserve, so any development along residential/commercial lines will require a District Plan Change. This is expected to take six months to a year. Mr Bennett's Raroa Road section is already zoned residential so although he will need a resource consent and building consent, a plan change isn't required.

Horse racing in Paeroa goes back almost 140 years, according to the Ohinemuri Regional History Journal. Prior to the railway, punters, jockeys, horses, officials and owners travelled from Auckland by steamer up the Waihou and Ohinemuri Rivers to Junction wharf for a day at the races. The first Paeroa race meeting was held in March 1876.

Noted New Zealand racehorse trainer Alan Jones, began his successful career in Paeroa in the 1960s. His wife, Linda Jones, who worked at the Paeroa pharmacy, became one of NZ's first female licensed jockeys and the first woman in Australasia, Europe or North America to ride a Derby winner (Holy Toledo in the Wellington Derby). The great mare, Sunline, won her first ever race at Paeroa and, at the time of its construction around 1965, the club's double-hill steeplechase course was second only to Auckland Racing Club's steeplechase course at Ellerslie. Over the years thousands of Paeroa punters have eaten hotdogs in the stands, biffed scrunched up tickets in the bin, or jumped up and down clutching winning tickets in excitement.

Like many other Racing Clubs in the country in the 1990's Paeroa suffered from profitable race dates being rescheduled to the major clubs, a downturn in race day attendances and television broadcasts. In 2003 the Club was forced to sell the racecourse to clear a \$700,000 debt. Although it signed a lease agreement with the new owners, the Club was unable to stay afloat and the property came up for sale again this year.

Born in Paeroa, Mr Bennett says he isn't much of a gambler when it comes to horses but he's taken more than one punt on property in his lifetime. He and his wife have travelled the world but they've always come back to Paeroa which he says, hasn't changed too drastically in the 80 odd years he's walked its streets. He views the sale of the Racecourse property as an exciting new phase for the town.

"It's a grand investment. I'm really pleased with the person that's bought it – good on him," he says.

Proposed Hauraki District Plan to become 'Operative'

We have a new Hauraki District Plan!

Like Christmas when you're five, it's taken forever to get here but after a very long process involving lots of public feedback, submissions and expert consultation, our new District Plan is finally here.

What is a District Plan? Basically, it's a very large document containing guidance and rules around how you can use and develop your land. Every district has to have one and every decade the entire thing has to be reviewed and updated. In between these times small adjustments can be made if necessary – for instance if the population suddenly swells and the town needs more space for residential development.

It's a huge task and for us, reaching the end of it really does feel like Christmas. The new plan comes into effect on September 26, 2014. On that date it will be available at all Council offices and libraries and on our website.

The review of the Hauraki District Plan involved the following:

- research and reports on various issues affecting the District
- a Draft District Plan, followed by consultation
- a Proposed District Plan, followed by a submission period
- hearing of submissions
- decisions on submissions
- appeals to decisions
- negotiation meetings and court assisted mediation, resulting in resolution of all appeals.

If you have any queries or are considering any sort of development within the District and are not sure what rules will apply to you, our Duty Planner is available to assist you:

By phone: 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (from within the District)

By email: dutyplanner@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

In person: By appointment in Paeroa or Waihi.

