



Friday, 12 April 2019

We need to talk about our bylaws

Huh? What's a bylaw?

Bylaws are rules that local councils can make to help make our district a safe and healthy place to live. Our bylaws only apply to our district, and we make them in consultation with you – that's why it's important to have your say.

A bylaw can be enforced by the council and sometimes the police.

How might this affect you?

In summary, we're proposing:

- Improvements to the way we grade food businesses
- Changes to the rules for using our wharves and boat ramps
- Changes to how you can reserve cemetery burial plots
- Fine tuning our rules about not causing a nuisance to our neighbours and other people we share the district with.

Our proposals for each draft bylaw, including what's changing and why, are available on our website and at our offices in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi.

Ways to have your say

- Drop in to one of our upcoming cuppa-with-a-councillor sessions at:
 - Ngatea Service Centre**
Friday 12 April 2019, 10am-11am
 - Waihi Service Centre Meeting Room**
Wednesday 17 April 2019, 11am-12pm
 - Whiritoa Community Hall**
Thursday 18 April 2019, 2pm-3pm
- Contact us to book in to speak to the Council at a hearing in Paeroa on May 22.
- Give us a call on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834 (free call within the District).
- Use our online feedback form: <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>
- Message or comment on our Facebook page
- Email info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Hey, let's start a new conversation Me kōrero hou tātou

Be part of the unfolding story and help us start a new conversation about the future of the Ngatea Library and Service Centre

**10.30am, Tuesday 16 April 2019
Ngatea War Memorial Hall**

(please note change of venue)

We've heard very strongly that there is huge support for keeping the Ngatea Library and Service Centre in the existing council building, now we need to know more about what you want to see in an upgraded community space, how this might look and feel, and what services it needs to provide.

- bring your family,
- catch the first episode of this exciting new story,
- join in some fun activities for young and old, and
- tell us what's important to you.

We'll also be running other events over the next few weeks and you'll be able to keep up with the story on Facebook, Instagram, website, or by calling into any of our service centres and libraries.

For other ways to tell us what you think go to <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>

Don't be a Litter Bug

Throwing your empty coffee cup out the window of your car could now cost you \$100 in the Hauraki district.

Council recently adopted its Litter Infringement Policy, which could see fines of up to \$400 being issued to those dumping rubbish in a public place or on private land without the occupier's consent.

It's hoped the new fines will make people think twice before they throw away their takeaway containers or dump household rubbish on the roadside.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga said as well as the obvious effect on the environment, there is an unacceptable cost to ratepayers for the rubbish to then be properly disposed of.

"Our costs for disposing of illegally dumped rubbish have escalated over the last couple of years, and quite frankly, it's unacceptable that the majority of our ratepayers who do dispose of rubbish responsibly have to pay for the few that can't be bothered," he said.

To view our full fees and charges schedule visit our website: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/fees-charges/>

Don't worry it's legit...

If you get a phone call this month about our roads and footpaths, it's not a hoax.

The Waikato Road Asset Technical Accord (RATA) is currently doing a survey to get an idea of what you think about our roads and footpaths.

The online and phone survey will continue until April 30 and takes about eight minutes, with all feedback remaining anonymous.

You need to be over 16-years-old to take part in the survey, and those who work for or contract to council will not be eligible to participate.

This research is being conducted by an independent company, Versus Research, Ph 0800 837 787 or email info@versus.co.nz.

