



"Hey, if you're a homeowner on a low income, we need to talk..."

You could pay less rates

We're concerned some of our ratepayers could be missing out on hundreds of dollars of savings on their rates bill per year because they haven't applied for a rates rebate.

If you're on a low income, you could qualify for an extra \$630 in your pocket, but you'll need to come and see us now because applications for the 2018/2019 year need to be in by the end of June. The rebate can't be back-paid, so if you apply after June, that will be for the following year.

If this sounds like it might apply to you, phone us to make a confidential appointment with one of our friendly customer services team and find out how much you can save today.

If you have arrears on your rates bill, please don't let this put you off. Being in arrears doesn't affect your ability to qualify for a rebate, and we're always happy to talk about rates payment options/arrangements to make things easier for you.

Or find out more on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/rates

PLANNED WORKS AHEAD

Annual Plan adopted

Every three years we put together a Long Term Plan that sets out what we intend to do, and how much it will cost, for the next ten years.

Then, to make sure we stay on track, we follow it up with an Annual Plan that takes into account any unexpected changes that might crop up along the way.

As this year's Annual Plan covers pretty much the same ground as the ten-year plan, we decided there was no reason to head out and ask for more feedback from you before signing it off on 24 April 2019.

Check out our to-do list below...



2019/20 To do list...

- connect the Kaimanawa drinking water supply with Paeroa
- continue to work with the Kaiaua Coast community to develop a community led strategy around coastal hazard risk
- construct the Pūkoro Mirando to Kaiaua leg of the Hauraki Rail Trail
- replace old water pipes
- continue the Paeroa and Waihi wastewater pipe renewal programme
- upgrade Ngatea main street
- finish the Wharf Street section of the Wharf/Mackay streetscape in Paeroa
- further development at Karangahake Reserve

Upcoming changes to rates, fees and charges

We've managed to keep just under the rate increase signalled in our ten-year plan with an average 5.7% non-water rates increase for 2019/20 and a 6.0% increase for water rates.

To help cover increasing maintenance and service delivery costs we've made some changes to our user pays fees and charges that will come into effect on 1 July 2019.

Read the full annual plan and check out changes to fees and charges (after 1 July) on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Good to flow

Our two new 4000m³ treated drinking water reservoirs at the Kerepehi Water Treatment Plant will soon be up and running. We're installing the new reservoirs because the existing reservoir doesn't hold enough water to keep Plains taps running for long in the event of an unexpected plant shutdown.

Sometime after June 16, we'll need to connect the new tanks to the Treatment Plant. We'll do this at night so you probably won't notice a thing, but the water pressure will be lower while we carry out this work and there might also be some brown water. If this happens, be sure to run your taps for a few minutes until the water is clear. You can also store some drinking water beforehand if you're concerned, though the water will be safe to drink during and after the connection work.

We'll let you know the specific connection date closer to the time.

All going well, the new reservoirs should be up and running by the end of June.

Thanks for your patience while we get this work done.



The future looks sporty in the Hauraki District!

Last year we teamed up with Sport Waikato to look at what sports facilities and services we're likely to need in the future, and the best way to provide them.

After chatting with you, we created a draft Hauraki District Sport and Active Recreation Plan that looks at future facilities, possible partnerships, financial sustainability, our existing assets, and future growth.

Before this plan is adopted, we want to know what you think.

If you're involved in any physical activity, this will likely have an impact on you, so be sure to shoot along to one of our sports evenings in:

PAEROA – Monday June 17, 5.30pm – 6.30pm at HDC Paeroa Office (upstairs)

WAIHI – Wednesday June 19, 5.30pm – 6.30pm at Waihi Memorial Hall Lounge.

NGATEA – Thursday June 20, 5.30pm – 6.30pm at HDC Ngatea Office (upstairs)

Never fear if you can't be there!

More information on ways to have your say will be available from Monday 17 June 2019 at <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>, or call into one of our offices for a friendly chat.

