



## Our Home. Our Future. Your Vote.

Ko te pae tawhiti whaia kia tata.  
Whakanuia tā mātou rohe.  
Pōti koa mai.

You could be  
a Councillor,  
or the Mayor!

## Do you love the Hauraki District?

Now's the time to put your name forward, or nominate someone you know, to represent your ward and the rest of us in the Hauraki District.

### But you'd best be quick!

Nominations for candidates for our upcoming elections on 12 October 2019 close at 12 noon on Friday 16 August 2019 – eek, that's next week!

**VOTE**  
**2019**  
LOCAL ELECTIONS

### Be an early bird

Be sure to put your name forward early so that if there are any problems, such as missing information or incorrectly filled out forms, we have time to fix things.

Find out more and see who has thrown their hat in the ring so far at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/elections)

## By the way...

Hey, over the last few months, we've been talking a lot about our bylaws

Every few years we have to review our bylaws. It's quite a big job, so we're doing it in two parts.

The good news is the first part is now done and dusted!

The first four bylaws we reviewed included the rules around our cemeteries, wharves and jetties, food safety, and not being a nuisance to your neighbours.

We asked you what you thought and after listening to what you told us, we've made some changes:

- **Driving on the beach**

We've scrapped permits for driving vehicles on Whiritoa Beach. Now you can only drive on the beach if you're launching your boat or kontiki, driving an emergency vehicle, or if someone in the vehicle has a mobility permit. The beach speed limit is 10km/hr, and you have to stay away from the dotterel area and look out for people.

We also decided restrictions for taking vehicles on beaches should only apply to Whiritoa Beach, rather than all beaches in our district.

- **There were some fireworks**

We'd like to restrict the private use of fireworks, but we can't because the rules around fireworks are made by central government. There are plenty of other councils in the same boat, so we've teamed up with them and told the government what we think. We'll let you know how that goes.

- **The bees knees**

We got some great feedback about keeping bees in town. As a result of this feedback we included a rule that where bee hives are located near a public place, e.g. a road, or a neighbouring property, a 'flyway' barrier of at least 1.8 metres must be used, as it encourages the bees to fly above head height to avoid contact with people, cars, pets and washing on clothes lines. A flyway barrier could include amongst other things a fence, hedge or shade cloth.

- **Out with the old and in with the new!**

We didn't receive any feedback on our proposal to remove the old Franklin District Council bylaws relating to brothels, cemeteries and trading in public places. So these bylaws have now been removed and the Hauraki District bylaws apply to the whole district.

### Bylaws review part two!

We're also fine tuning some other rules about our drinking water supply, rubbish and drains and stormwater. Written feedback for these bylaws closed on 29 July. We're holding a Council meeting on 14 August 2019 to hear verbal feedback and make changes to the bylaws if needed.

To view all information relating to the bylaw reviews and to stay up to date, go to <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>

## 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 tell us what you think. A bylaw covers things relevant to our communities, like keeping animals in towns, using vehicles on beaches, or the number of cemetery plots a person can purchase the right of burial for.

## The answer's still blowing in the wind...

With the exception of a pre-hearing meeting with Iwi and others who submitted on Maori cultural values, Kaimai Windfarm Ltd has decided against its planned topic-based, pre-hearing meetings, having offered submitters one-on-one meetings about its proposed wind farm project instead.

The company has also recently withdrawn its application to take its proposal directly to the Environment Court, which means there will now definitely be a council hearing. The combined Hauraki District and Waikato Regional Council hearing will be run by jointly appointed independent commissioners who will also make a decision on the project. At the earliest, the hearing will take place in October this year.

Read more about the proposed project [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/kaimai-wind-farm-project](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/kaimai-wind-farm-project)

## SAVE OUR PIPES FROM WIPES



### DID YOU KNOW...

Two tonnes of wet wipes clog our pipes every year! Wet wipes are flushable, so they will go down the toilet, but they're made from plastic which means they're not biodegradable and they don't break down in our pipes. Instead they cling together and turn into jumbo fatbergs that block our pumps. Some of our pump stations are blocked up to three times a week, and every time this happens there is a risk of a sewerage overflow. Cleaning all this up costs our ratepayers thousands of dollars every year!

## Healthy home grants up for grabs

The government is offering grants covering two-thirds of the cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation.

Grants for heating appliances are also available for eligible households.

You qualify if you're a low income homeowner who lives in your own home that was built before 2008.

To find out more visit [energywise.govt.nz](http://energywise.govt.nz) or Freephone 0800 749 782

