

## Yup, she's as dry as a desert out there!

All this sun makes for great summer fun BUT our fresh water supplies are getting **LOW**

To avoid restrictions, and make sure we look after our rivers and our fishes, we all need to do our part to conserve water **NOW!**

Please give us a shout if you spot an oasis while you're out and about - it could be a leak in our network

## Water saving tips from our Camel Panel

### IN THE GARDEN

Use a trigger nozzle on your hose to reduce water loss

### ON THE FARM

Watch for leaking troughs and pipes and fix 'em fast!

### AT HOME

Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth!



For more water saving tips [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/smartwateruse](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/smartwateruse)

## New fines on the way for district dumpers

The Council is toughening up on littering and illegal dumping in the Hauraki District.

A new infringement fee schedule for offences under the Litter Act is expected to be adopted within the next few weeks.

It's hoped the new fines, of up to \$400, will make people think twice before they toss away their takeaway containers, or dump household rubbish on the roadside. Mayor John Tregidga says 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 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.

The new fines will range from \$100 to \$400 and apply to everything from throwing coffee cups out the car window, to dumping trailer loads of rubbish in parks or reserves.

More information coming soon.

## EVOLVE HAURAKI

### Time for another bite!

The first Evolve Hauraki Business Bites event was so successful, we're serving up seconds!

**Business Bites #2: Staff Matters**

## How to hire the right people and keep them!



Join us for breakfast and tips from experienced guest speakers on how to find good staff and encourage them to stick around!

**Thursday 28 February, 7am – 8.30am at the Waihi RSA**

**Sign up now!**  
[www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

## We're still talking about some proposed changes to the rules in the District Plan

Last year we asked for your feedback on some proposed changes to the rules in the District Plan. Overall, the changes we're suggesting aim to make it easier to subdivide land and build new houses.

We received 34 submissions on these changes. These are available on our website along with the Summary of Decisions Requested by submitters. Or visit any of our council offices or libraries.

### What happens next?

We are accepting further submissions until 4pm 1 March 2019. To find out who can make a 'further submission' go to our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/proposed-plan-change-1](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/proposed-plan-change-1)

Following the close of further submissions, we'll set a hearing date. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook to stay updated.

## A PLACE TO REMEMBER

### Hauraki Plains Memorial Wall

If you'd like your loved one's name engraved on the Hauraki Plains Memorial Wall in time for our Anzac Day unveiling, you'll need to complete an application form by the 16th March.

Unstable soil conditions mean we can't provide a central cemetery for the Plains community. The Memorial Wall in the Hugh Hayward Domain provides an alternative place to remember Plains residents who have passed.

To find out more and download an application form go to [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plains-mwall](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/plains-mwall)