

Local voices needed for Land Drainage Committee

Your local knowledge is vital! Hauraki District Council is calling for nominations from landowners and drainage ratepayers to represent their communities on the Land Drainage Committee.

Nominations are open now and must be submitted by 4 pm, Friday 27 March 2026.

Why join the committee?

The committee oversees the critical drainage network supporting our farmland and rural communities. Community representatives work alongside councillors and council staff to guide priorities and long-term planning.

One Committee, Local Focus

This triennium, governance will transition to a single district-wide committee, replacing the four previous drainage district committees. This move is designed to strengthen decision-making and reduce duplication.

Targeted drainage rates remain unchanged. Drainage reserves will continue to be used only for work within their respective drainage areas.

Community voices remain key

The committee will consist of 11 community representatives alongside two councillors:

- Western Plains Drainage District: 4 representatives
- Eastern Plains Drainage District: 4 representatives
- Paeroa Rural Drainage District: 2 representatives
- Taramaire Drainage District: 1 representative

Your role as a representative

You will be the key link between your community and the Council, bringing local knowledge and providing input into maintenance programmes, planning and future improvements to the drainage network.

Who can stand?

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be a drainage ratepayer within the specific drainage district they wish to represent.
- Be nominated by another drainage ratepayer from that same drainage district.

Election process

If nominations exceed the available seats, an election will be held in April 2026. Successful candidates will serve a three-year term starting in May 2026.

How to nominate

Pick up a nomination form or find more information:

- Online: www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/water/land-drainage or scan QR code
- In Person: Council service centres in Paeroa or Ngātea
- Phone: 0800 734 834
- Email: info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz



Don't let your local expertise go down the drain
Help support and connect land drainage in your area.
Submit your nomination by 4 pm, 27 March 2026.

Mayoral Relief Fund

Mayoral Relief Fund extended, open to businesses

Closing date for the Mayoral Relief Fund has been extended to this Friday, 20 March 2026.

The fund is available to impacted businesses, individuals and families affected by the 21 January storm. Whether it's for cleanup or hardship, we're here to help you.

Funds are limited, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Scan the QR code to apply online or visit one of our service centres.

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/grants-funding/mayoral-disaster-relief-fund>



Conservation and Heritage Fund



Do you own a heritage building, natural area, or significant tree? Got a conservation or heritage project in mind?

You may qualify for funding to help with active maintenance or enhancement, such as painting, repairs, restoration, fencing, pest control, or conservation planting.

This fund supports our community outcomes by protecting, respecting, and restoring ecosystems, reducing our carbon footprint, and celebrating our unique heritage and culture.

Apply now!

Applications for the Conservation and Heritage Fund close 31 March 2026.

Scan the QR code or go to our website to see the Fund Guidelines -

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/grants-funding>

