



Central Hawke's Bay District Council

Council Insight

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YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER –AUGUST 08

NEW BYLAWS

Under a variety of Acts including the Local Government Act 2002, which empowers Local Authorities to make new Bylaws, the Central Hawke's Bay District Council has recently passed new Bylaws.

Council also took the opportunity provided by the 'review' to up date a number of existing bylaws.

The new Bylaws were presented to the public as part of the recent Annual Plan consultation process.

After submissions made by the public had been considered by Councillors, some minor changes were made.

The Bylaws were passed on July 26 2008.

Extracts from New Bylaws

PUBLIC PLACES

Skate Boards, Roller Skates, Cycles and Similar Recreational Devices.

Part 2, Section 206 of the Central Hawke's Bay Bylaws allows Council to control the use of skateboards and cycles.

Skateboarding, including inline skates, roller skates and similar recreational devices, are now prohibited in the main shopping areas of both Waipukurau and Waipawa.

Signs will soon be erected in the designated areas reinforcing this rule.

This applies to both footpaths and roadways in the designated areas.

Riding a cycle on a footpath is now prohibited in the same designated areas.



Persons riding a skateboard or a cycle on any footpath in all areas outside the designated areas mentioned above must do so without causing damage to any property and with reasonable consideration for other persons using the footpaths.

Every person who commits an offence against this Bylaw may have the skateboard, including the other similar devices, or cycle impounded by an authorised Council Officer.

The Bylaw sets out how any equipment impounded will be returned to the owner including a fee that must be paid.

Further information can be obtained from Council's Bylaw Officer, Central Hawke's Bay District Council (06) 8578060

LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT AND ANIMALS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Part 5, Section 206 of the Central Hawke's Bay Bylaws combines a number of the old Council Bylaws and policies dealing with the control of livestock and how this will be managed by Council.

It introduces a new requirement for 'Dairy Farmers' who regularly use any Council roads to move dairy cows across or along during their milking operation.

('Regularly' is defined as using such a crossing more than 10 times per calendar year.)

A Council issued 'Livestock Crossing Permit' will be required and affected dairy farmers must apply for their permit before the end of December 2008.

The permit, when issued, will set out any conditions that will apply to the use of such a crossing. Conditions imposed will take into consideration traffic safety and protection of the roading asset.

Breaches of the conditions set down may result in the permit being withdrawn and use of the road denied.



Permits will be issued for a 3 year period and a fee will apply.

Application forms for the 'Livestock Crossing Permit' are available from:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Roading Department.

Forms and details of this bylaw are also available from Council web site www.chbdc.govt.nz

This new Bylaw also contains the rules governing the grazing of stock on the road berm that were previously part of Council policy.

People wishing to graze stock on the road berm **MUST** first obtain permission from Council and then abide by the rules set down in Schedule 3 of the Bylaw.

Permission can be obtained by contacting the Council's Bylaws Officer (06) 8578060.

A copy of the rules in Schedule 3 will be sent to each person after permission to graze the road berm has been granted.

FIRES IN THE OPEN AIR

Part 11 is not a new Bylaw but has two important additions.



- When lighting a fire of any type in the open air, you are not permitted to cause a smoke or ash nuisance. A nuisance is caused when someone else is affected by any of the ash or smoke. This could be as simple as smelling the smoke or having the smoke drift onto or into another person's property. This Bylaw gives Council the power to have the offending fire extinguished.

- If a fire in the open air is going to burn during the hours of darkness, a permit issued by the Council will now be required. This applies to all year round and is designed to assist with identifying the location of controlled burn-off fires reported to the Fire Service at night.

A fire permit can be obtained by contacting the Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Rural Fire Officer (06) 8578060.

All bylaws are available on the Council web site www.chbdc.govt.nz or by contacting the bylaws officer at the Council (06) 8578060.