



KEEPING IT CENTRAL

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INTO SUMMER WITH BRUCE KITTO

Hi. I'm Bruce Kitto and I am the Compliance and Bylaws Officer.

I've been with Council for 21 years working in the Regulatory Department and I am responsible for bylaws, resource consent compliance and also assist the Animal Control Officer and Environmental Health team as required.

Over summer I am heavily involved with looking after the 'freedom camping' at the four beach sites including Te Paerahi, Pourerere, Kairakau and Aramoana. The freedom camping sites provide visitors with a great opportunity to explore our beautiful coastlines and enjoy the wonderful surroundings.

I visit the freedom camping sites most days, from Te Paerahi Beach in the south to Kairakau Beach in the north, to ensure everything is running smoothly and to address any issues that may arise.

If you manage to explore our beautiful coastlines this summer - look out for me and say "Hi"



Bruce Kitto, Compliance and Bylaws Officer.



RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

On 1st July 2017, New Zealand's urban and rural fire services became one unified fire services organisation known as Fire and Emergency New Zealand. So Rural Fire is now no longer under Council.

Central Hawke's Bay is currently in a Restricted Fire Season for all rural areas. Permits are required before you may light a fire. For all queries relating to rural fire including fire permits people need to contact Fire and Emergency New Zealand through one of the following:

- 0800 phone number (0800 658 628);
- new website (www.checkitsalright.nz); or
- email address: firepermit.enquiry@fireandemergency.nz



WATER USE COMING INTO SUMMER

Each year in Central Hawke's Bay, we face water shortages which result in restrictions across the district through the summer months. This is not unusual and with a little bit of thought and management we, as a community can ease the situation and help ourselves and each other.

There are two reasons why we have restrictions.

Firstly, the Hawke's Bay Regional Council measure the river flows daily and have trigger levels which, when reached mean that we then have to introduce restrictions. The second reason is an operational one and is based on pumping hours, bore water levels and reservoir levels. This is a decision that we, as a Council, make reluctantly but do so to ensure that the water and facilities that are available at the beginning of the summer period, are sufficient to last until supplies are replenished in the autumn.

The clever use of water by communities can actually postpone

restrictions and some of the ways we can do this, are itemised below.

- Careful garden watering
- Washing cars on lawns or not washing them at all
- Ringing council to report leaks
- Repairing leaking taps, toilets etc. quickly
- Good house-keeping practices

Please watch out for changes in the water monitoring signs around the district and for updates on Central FM, in the CHB Mail, Council's website and on the Council Facebook Page @ CHBDistrictCouncil

We are very aware that water restrictions are not always welcomed, but unfortunately they are also necessary and we do only keep them on for as short a time as possible.

If you have any good suggestions for saving water, please contact Council to let us know.

Thank you for your cooperation.



For more information go to:

www.chbdc.govt.nz

