

2022 Winter Newsletter

Dog Registrations

It's farewell to the plastic dog tags, and a big welcome to the blue anodised aluminium tags which will be keeping Hurunui's dogs on the right track for the future.

These tags are designed to last your dog's lifetime, and well suited to Hurunui District Council's focus on sustainability.

There won't be any additional cost to dog owners for these new tags, as they have been budgeted into the Long Term Plan.

Owners registering dogs for the first time and re-registering, can do so online; hurunui.govt.nz/rrl/animals-dogs/dog-control - Registering your dog.

The new tags are created by New Zealand company Tag King, and will be sent out by mail, or can be collected from a Council Service Centre if the dogs are registered in person.

All dogs must be registered by July 31 2022, to avoid late penalties.



Rural roadside trees



Winter weather highlights some of the issues of trees near roads causing shading, ice and slushy areas on gravel roads. For safety reasons, trees are not to be planted on roadsides. Roadside trees and even trees within private property can create long term maintenance issues with overgrowth, seeding and suckering. Generally, rural Hurunui landowners are very good at maintaining the trees near their boundaries. A friendly reminder that traffic management is required for safe tree trimming and felling within three tree lengths of a road. Council is keen to work with landowners to achieve a safe and cost-effective result. If you have trees that you are concerned about, please email us at info@hurunui.govt.nz.

E-resources from Hurunui Libraries

International research has shown the growing popularity of audio books. One in three adults listen to audio books and over 40% listen at least once a week.

E-books are available via the Borrowbox and Libby by Overdrive apps. Feel free to pop in to your local library where our friendly staff can assist you with navigating these apps, or call 03 314 8980.

Winter driving

Winter is here, which means road conditions can be challenging. Driving safely on our roads which may be wet, icy or covered in snow can be achieved with a bit of preparation. Take extra time for your journey to defrost your windows and windscreen, warm up your vehicle, and check your mirror positioning. Drive to the conditions - this means driving slower if need be, and watching your following distances. Know what your brakes will do. Take extra care over bridges, as they may freeze before other roadways. Be aware of potential sunstrike. Surfaces on our unsealed road networks may be more slippery than sealed roads, so please drive accordingly. Always drive with your lights on, it can be hard to see vehicles in the winter time on the roads, no matter what time of the day it is.



Rates rebate applications 2022/23

For this financial year which started on July 1st, the maximum rebate has been set at \$700, with the Income threshold set at \$28,080.

As we are once again avoiding appointments in person, application forms will be sent out to all those ratepayers who applied for a rebate for the 2021/2022 Rating year. It is simply a matter of completing the form and returning it to Council, if you drop it into your nearest Council Service Centre it will be forwarded to the Amberley Office to be processed.

The income figure required is for the tax year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. You can download an income summary from the myIR website. If you are with a partner or spouse, both incomes are required, even if only one name is on the rates record.

Adoption of Annual Plan

Hurunui District Council has adopted its Annual Plan. Key components include budgeting a total of \$11.4 million into capital projects for water, \$1.4 million for sewerage, \$1.7 million for roading and footpaths, and \$1.5 million for public services such as public toilets, transfer stations and reserve improvements. Due to inflation and a consequence of the current economic climate, an average rate increase of 10.5% was unanimously adopted, higher than the 4.99% rate increase figure indicated in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Current transfer station works

The rear of the Hanmer Springs Transfer Station has been excavated and a new concrete pad is being poured for green waste storage. At Amberley Transfer Station, a concrete pad will be poured for the glass bin to sit on with a retaining wall acting as a safety barrier. Moving the glass bin allows us more space to store our green waste.



For more information on what is happening in the waste space, follow the link below to our waste team's newsletter.

hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling

Local Body Elections

Candidate nominations open on the 15th of July and close on the 12th of August at noon. Visit Hurunui District Council website for more information, or give us a ring.

Hurunui community 
Thinking about standing?