



2018 Citizen and Young Achiever Awards

Each year Hauraki District Council recognises people that go the extra mile to make local communities, the district, and the world, a better place.

These people dedicate their time to doing things for others and these awards are an opportunity for the council to acknowledge and thank them.

Many people working for the benefit of local communities won't put themselves forward for awards, so Hauraki District Council accepts nominations from people who know who is working hard and achieving great things in their communities, no matter how big or how small their efforts may be.

Hauraki District Mayor John Tregidga said the Citizen and Young Achiever Awards celebrate and recognise the incredible achievements of people, who through their outstanding dedication and community spirit, have made a positive difference in local communities.



“ We have some amazing people in our communities, who are often unsung heroes. They dedicate their time to doing things for others, and these Awards are an opportunity for us all to acknowledge and thank them. ”

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Eligible individuals are nominated by the community and considered for selection by a special committee of the Council.

Hauraki District Council also recognises and celebrates all the wonderful things the region's young people, between the ages of 13 and 25 years, are achieving for themselves and for the community.

Hauraki District Council Deputy Mayor Toby Adams said the awards recognise a positive future of the region.

“There is a high level of talent and community commitment the winners and other volunteers bring to the region across a wide range of endeavours. Young people are our future and the future of Hauraki is bright.”

Nominations came from schools and individuals to honour young people for their leadership, sporting prowess, academic and vocational achievements as well as their ability to be role models for others in the community.

The year that's been our Annual Report

We've been busy beavers in 2017/18!

Amongst other things, during the year we:

- Completed 2 km of road rehabilitation
- Worked on numerous stormwater upgrades
- Helped to fund Enviroschools and Zerowaste programmes at our schools
- Spent \$123,000 on new books and electronic resources for our libraries
- Maintained the district's toilets and pensioner housing
- Secured funding from the government to finish the last 9.8 kilometre section of the Hauraki Rail Trail from Pūkorokoro/Miranda to Kaiaua
- Took part in a government subsidised neutering campaign for menacing dogs.

That's not all. Here are a few more highlights of what we've been up to in our financial year, which ended 30 June 2018.

When it rains it pours

We had a few major weather events, including the rain, wind and tidal surge event affecting the Kaiaua Coast on 5th January 2018. These events put pressure on our roads, land drainage and stormwater services and caused damage that we must repair. Most of the storms exceeded the level of protection our stormwater systems were designed to provide.

Looking forward, we will work with these communities to develop a plan to address flooding issues in the short to medium term and the potential effects of climate change in the longer term.

Balancing the books

We had planned for a very small surplus of 0.5% for the year, and we ended the year with a \$149,000 deficit (0.4%). Considering the challenges thrown at us this year, it is pleasing to have a result that was so close to what we had planned. At the end of June 2018, our net debt was \$32 million which is \$14 million less than we had planned for, which is a good thing – but it's also important to note our debt was less than expected in part due to some of our planned projects being deferred because of unexpected issues.

What's an Annual Report?

The annual report is an overview of the work we've done in the last financial year. It outlines what we did, when we did it, and how much it cost.

You can read the full report on our website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz, or request a copy by calling or emailing us at info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Do you have a burning desire for a permit?

The Council use to set urban fire seasons, issue fire permits and set other rules under the bylaw – **this is no longer the case.**

Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) now set fire seasons, issue fire permits and deal with the removal of fire hazards, including vegetation.

The Council still has a small role to play because FENZ do not have the power to deal with complaints about smoke nuisance related to fires i.e. the fire has a permit and is not dangerous, but the smoke from the fire is smoking out the neighbour's washing. It is still the Council's role to investigate the 'nuisance' under our Public Safety Bylaw and will be investigated by an Environmental Health Officer. Also Waikato Regional Council still has a list of things you cannot burn because it will result in air pollution and they can take action if their rules are breached.

For further information

including links to FENZ and other relevant websites, can be found on our website

<http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/fire>

