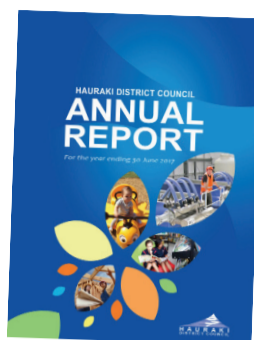




# HDC NEWS



## Hauraki District Council Annual Report 2016/17, last year at glance



Mopping up after cyclones definitely wasn't something we anticipated we'd be doing in the year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Despite the cost of dealing with unexpected floods, slips and road damage, we're pleased to say we've finished the year on a sunny note.

Our debt is well below predictions and we're a long way off our debt cap, while still taking care of core business and getting some major projects across the line, so we're doing something right!

### What the heck is 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/annual-reports](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/annual-reports), or pick up a copy from one of our offices in Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi.

### We've been busy in 2016/17!

#### Water works

##### Making Waihi and Paeroa water taste great again

Following your feedback, we invested \$880,000 (of unbudgeted funds) on two UV Peroxide water treatment plants to banish muddy tasting water from our Paeroa and Waihi water supplies.

#### Roothing

##### On the road again

We've resealed 36 km of roads across the district; 9 km in Paeroa Ward, 21 km in Plains Ward, and 6 km in Waihi Ward.

##### Battle wounds

We were kept on our toes battling three cyclones in quick succession, and mopping up slips and sloppy bits for months afterwards. Damage to our roading network totalled \$840,000.

#### Civil Defence

##### Civil defence recovery – Hauraki Plains

Following cyclones Cook, Debbie and the Tasman Tempest, we worked hard to provide support for those affected by flooding, particularly in our rural sector where many farmers still face challenges caused by productive land loss.

#### Community services

##### Versatile new library

A new Paeroa Library was opened with much fanfare in May 2017. With a price tag of \$1.7 million the 425m<sup>2</sup> community learning space was designed with current and future trends in mind.

##### Social Strategy

We developed our first Social Strategy in 2017. The strategy has a strong focus on community empowerment, and working together for connected, safe, creative and valued communities.

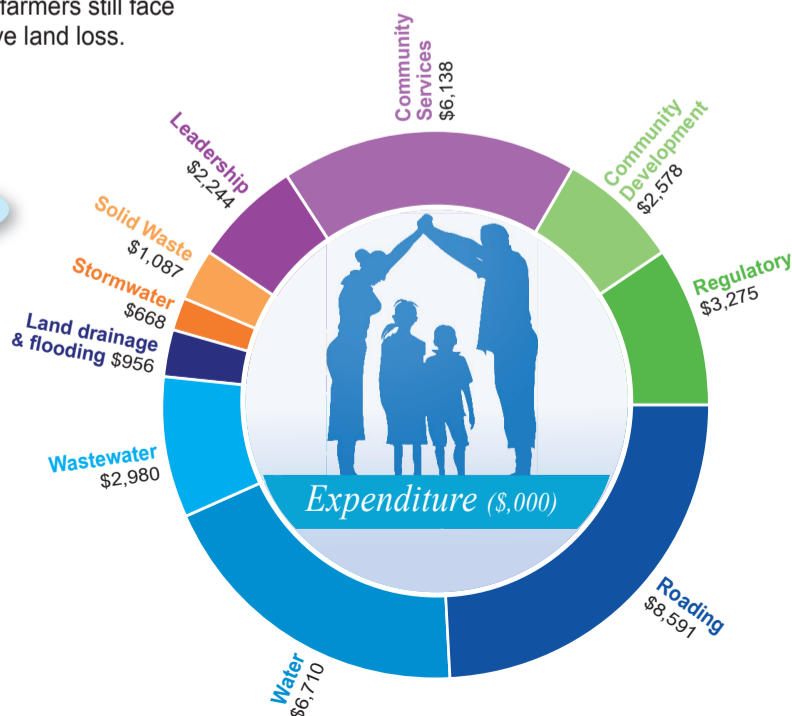
##### Economic Development Strategy review

Our Economic Development Strategy was reviewed, rejuvenated, and ramped up. The strategy was a finalist in the Local Government New Zealand Excellence Awards for best practice contribution to local economic development.

### Balancing the books

Despite feeling a little under the weather at times, we've ended the year on a sunny note!

At the end of June 2017 our debt was \$41 million - which is \$0.7 million lower than forecast, and \$14 million below our debt cap of \$55 million.



## How do you think we're doing in 2017?

A great big thankyou to everyone who participated in our 2017 Satisfaction survey

### The results are in!



Things you gave us a big thumbs up for!

- wastewater
- libraries
- parks and reserves
- kerbside collection
- swimming pools

Things you thought were a bit 'meh'

- building control
- water supply
- land drainage
- community engagement



### What now?

We'll use these and other results to continue to improve our services.



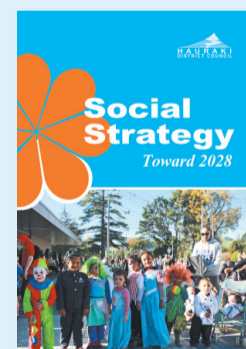
To read the full satisfaction survey results, go to our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/surveys](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/surveys)

## Working together for stronger communities

We're proud of our legacy of advocating and supporting social well-being within the district.

This year we've developed a Social Strategy that focuses on four strategic pillars:

- Connected communities
- Safe and healthy communities
- Active and accessible communities
- Creative and proud communities



Our new strategy places emphasis on doing the things we do best; such as delivering on our social infrastructure and advocating for the continued support and provision of existing social services.

To read the full strategy, go to our website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/policies](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/policies)

*"With these key pillars in mind, we will strive alongside others, to work towards our vision of connected, safe, creative and valued communities for all within Hauraki."*  
Mayor, John Tregidga