

Welcome to the Hauraki Community Plan

Welcome to Hauraki District Council's Hauraki Community Plan.

It gives us real pleasure to introduce Council's first Hauraki Community Plan (HCP) for the period July 2004 to June 2014.

The adoption of the Local Government Act (2002), in December 2002, required Council to restructure its strategic planning documents, with the most prominent result being this newly produced document - a Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). This plan sets out Council's priorities over the short, medium and longer term with a focus on how Council intends to contribute to community well-being over the 10 year duration of the plan. As Council found the words Long Term Council Community Plan rather a mouthful, we have renamed the LTCCP the 'Hauraki Community Plan'.

The Hauraki Community Plan reflects the growing commitment of the government and the Hauraki District Council to providing opportunities for the community and stakeholders to actively participate in deciding the future well-being of the Hauraki District.

This Hauraki Community Plan also acts as the Annual Plan for the 2004/05 year. This does not include any changes that have been made in the ward rates or user charges.

We are very pleased that there is only a small general rate increase of 1.7% (a total of \$93,000 across the District) for the 2004/05 year.

A capital works programme has been provided to enable us to continue to maintain and improve our current service levels to the community.

The District has been revalued and these values apply to the new rating year. There have been some value increases and some value decreases. The net effect of these valuation changes, along with the changes to ward rates and user charges, mean that there is no uniform rates increase across the District. Some properties will increase, others will decrease. Highlights in the plan include:

Sealing of at least 2km of unsealed road per year for the next 10 years,

- A programme to increase the efficiency of smaller water supplies by connecting them to urban water treatment plants,
- Improving the grading of water supplies by improving the quality of water sources and treatment,
- Developing additional treated water storage,
- Upgrades to the Turua and Kerepehi Wastewater Treatment Plants,
- Finalising the \$2.8 million Waihi Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements
- Development of the new sewerage reticulation and treatment at Waitakaruru,
- Improvements to the Ngatea Swimming Pool,
- A proposal for major upgrading of the Gilmour Reserve,
- Improvements and extensions to the cemeteries at Paeroa and Waihi,
- New toilet blocks at Paeroa and Gilmour Reserve,
- Further development of the Pouarua-Maukoro Drainage Scheme.

We urge you to read the summary that has been distributed by mail and take the opportunity to make submissions to the Council. We value your opinion.

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