

# Introduction and Overview

## A VISION FOR HAURAKI

**Ma te korero, ka mohio  
Ma te mohio, ka marama  
Ma te marama, ka matauranga  
Ma te matauranga, ka ora pumau tonu**

**Na take i korerohia e tatau i mua  
Tui ai te kupu korero I korerotia  
Kia tu te winiwini kia tu te wanawana  
I nga pu korero I wanangatia  
I roto I te whai ao I te ao marama**

*By discussion comes understanding  
By understanding comes light  
By light comes wisdom  
By wisdom comes life everlasting*

*We bring our combined history and past discussions  
into our plan here for the future.  
Be open and stand strongly for the issues considered and discussed,  
to benefit the world, now and in the future.*



*Rangatira bronze statue in Waihi*

### Mayor and Chief Executive's Message



We would like to wish you a warm welcome and thank you for taking the time to read the Hauraki District Council Annual Plan 2008/09.

This document focuses on the third year of the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16. Next year, the Hauraki Community Plan will be revised and a new 10 year strategic plan prepared which will be titled

the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

This year, following the Annual Plan consultation, Council has adopted an amendment to the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16 with the introduction of a Development Contributions Policy. This amendment was signalled in the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16, which advised that the introduction of a Development Contributions Policy was planned during the life of that Plan. This Policy has been through an independent audit process and will become effective for all subdivision applications received on or after 1 July, 2008. Full details are available from Council's offices or on the Council website [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz)

Preparing budgets for the 2008/09 year was very difficult. While Council has been able over the last two years to keep rate increases at or below the rate of inflation, it was not possible to achieve that this year. There are many drivers of increased costs with the Council's activities. The main drivers have been:

- Rising costs for capital works including items such as fuel and employment costs,
- Cost of recruiting and retaining staff,
- Additional responsibilities given to Local Government through new legislation such as the Building Act, and
- Continuing inflationary pressures over 3 years.

As a result the general rate increased by 9.5% (or 6.3% per property) rather than the 4.2% forecast in the 2006 – 16 Hauraki Community Plan.

#### 2008/09 Projects

In terms of programmed projects, Council will be continuing as programmed in the Hauraki Community Plan, the following major capital works:

- The completion of the Waitakaruru reticulation extension for those houses not yet served.
- Completion of the Kerepehi Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant upgrades
- Upgrades for Paeroa Urban Stormwater to improve the existing stormwater network, particularly in the CBD and through to Railway Reserve
- Partial construction of a new rising main between Victoria Street, Waihi and the Waihi Wastewater Treatment Plant

Council will also be focusing on a number of projects additional to the capital works programme:

- Implementation of a kerbside recycling programme
- Implementation of a pre-paid bag refuse collection system
- Planning for the development of Community Plans for some of the District's towns and rural settlements
- Implementing the adopted changes to Library services as outlined in this Annual Plan.

With a full review of the Hauraki Community Plan to be completed in the coming year and work continuing on the District Plan Review, 2008/09 is forecast to be a busy year. Once again we thank you for your time in reviewing this plan and we look forward to working with you and for you over the coming 12 months.

J.P. Tregidga,  
Mayor

L.D. Cavers  
Chief Executive



# Community Feedback

## Submission process

The Draft Annual Plan submission process allowed the opportunity for the community to look at what was proposed to be undertaken by Council in the 2008/09 year based on what was decided in the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16.

During the Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 Special Consultation Process, Council also undertook four other Special Consultative Processes for:

- Draft Development Contributions Policy, 2008
- Review of Planning Fees and Charges, 2008
- Review of Library Fees and Charges, 2008
- Kerbside pre-paid bag and recycling proposal

These were all consulted on between 18 March to 21 April, 2008. A total of 116 submissions were received. The tally of submissions received were divided amongst the following:

- 83 submissions related to the Kerbside pre-paid bag and recycling proposal,
- 4 submissions related to the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2008,
- 1 submission related to the review of Library Fees and changes
- No submission related to the review of Planning Fees and Charges.

- The remainder of submissions received were on the Draft Annual Plan covering a range of topics including Community Growth, Drainage, Funding, Libraries, Parks and Reserves, Policy Development, Rates, Rooding, Solid Waste, Swimming Pools, Wastewater and Water.

The Hearing for submissions took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at the Hauraki District Council Chambers in Paeroa where elected members considered each submission and heard those persons that wished to speak in support of their written submission.

Each submitter was contacted following the adoption of this plan informing them of the discussions and decisions that took place on their submission.

The Annual Plan 2008/09, Development Contributions Policy 2008, Review of Fees and Charges for Planning and Libraries were formally adopted by the Hauraki District Council on Wednesday 11 June, 2008.

The Kerbside pre-paid bag and recycling proposal was adopted Wednesday 28 May 2008.

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### Council Information

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Elected Members can be contacted by telephone to discuss any issues or raise any concerns considered important or alternatively by email at [info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or by mail to Hauraki District Council, P O Box 17, Paeroa.

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### Council Overview

#### HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S MISSION

To ensure the successful: ...

- Provision of services and facilities
- Advocacy on behalf of the community and
- Use and management of resources

.....for all who live in or visit the Hauraki District

#### HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- A range of services and facilities meeting the community's needs and realistic expectations
- A positive climate which encourages balanced and sustained growth throughout the district
- An environment which encourages vibrant communities and an enhanced quality of life
- The wise use and management of all resources for the continued benefit of the district
- A proactive Council that provides leadership, is results orientated and communicates effectively with all sectors of the community

### Customer Charter

Your needs, our focus

Your rights as a customer are

- To be treated with respect
- To receive a timely and accurate response
- To have access to relevant information

Our commitment to you

- We will respond to you promptly
- Our staff will identify themselves
- We will provide knowledgeable staff at first contact
- We will fairly interpret and apply the laws, by-laws and regulations
- Our service standards will be freely available
- We will review feedback from our customers

Customer feedback

- We welcome feedback about our service
- The Council has a formal feedback procedure. Ask for an information brochure, or check out [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) to find out how to submit your feedback

### ***What is the relationship between the Annual Plan and the Long Term Council Community Plan?***

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Councils must have in place a Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) covering a ten year period. The Hauraki District Council current LTCCP is titled the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16 which was adopted on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. The Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16 shows the activities of the Council, outlines all proposed capital works for the next 10 year period and includes the Community Outcomes of the Hauraki District. It also details how the Hauraki District Council is planning on progressing the Community Outcomes that the community has identified.

For each year between the adoption of the Hauraki Community Plan, Council must also have in place an Annual Plan. This document is the Annual Plan for 2008/09.

The Annual Plan is basically a document that presents the prospective Financial Statements and Funding Impact Statement for one financial year. The Annual Plan focuses on the annual program of works and services with financial impacts. Included in this year's Annual Plan is an explanation of some proposed minor variations and a more significant amendment from the current Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16. This amendment was the introduction of a Development Contributions Policy as it is different to the Development and Financial Contributions Policy in the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16. Therefore it was necessary to consult using the Special Consultative Procedure.

Annual Plans dated before 2006 presented considerably more detail and looked at a longer timeframe. This longer term view and greater detail is now presented in the Hauraki Community Plan and is not repeated in the Annual Plans. The Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16 can be viewed at [www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz](http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz) or obtained by calling 07 862 8609 and requesting a copy.



# Hauraki District



## SO - WHAT ARE HAURAKI'S COMMUNITY OUTCOMES?

As a result of the community working together to identify what the future of Hauraki should look like, the communities of Hauraki have collectively said that there are clearly common goals that should be aimed for. The Hauraki District Community Outcomes are:

### Vibrant and sustainable businesses and business economies in our District -

- We encourage further development of our District CBD's economic viability.
- We support entrepreneurs and leaders to proactively drive growth strategies and community business within our District.
- We encourage planned and developed infrastructural services and facilities to sustain our communities' growth.
- We encourage further development of tourism opportunities and facilities focusing on our heritage and eco-tourism.

### Integrated provision of quality health and social services throughout our District -

- Our community seeks the improvement of mechanisms for co-ordination, delivery, communication and education by health and social service providers.
- We support the development of new initiatives that address well-being of those in need and of our community in general.

### Maintain and protect the vibrancy of rural communities within our District -

- Our communities support the viability of maintaining our rural lifestyles and values.
- Protecting the viability of our land for primary production.

### Cultural values of tangata whenua throughout the District be respected and supported through further development of consultation, participation and partnerships -

- We encourage the development of culturally appropriate programmes and processes.
- We encourage service providers to develop partnerships that assist with capacity building of our tangata whenua to participate in decision-making processes.

### Our Hauraki youth be provided with greater opportunities to participate in the decision-making processes pertaining to the development of our communities -

- We support the wider community and organisations to encourage and engage youth to actively participate.
- We need to understand, identify and address specific issues relating to our youth.

# Community Outcomes

We encourage increased opportunities to participate in recreational, sporting and cultural activities -

- Our recreational, cultural and heritage groups work together to identify issues that lead to better efficiencies, access and sustainable solutions.
- We encourage better utilisation of existing infrastructure and resources.
- We support planning for our culture and heritage where initiatives can be actively co-ordinated to ensure sustainability.

Hauraki District residents be given the opportunity to participate in education and training programmes -

- We encourage better communication and co-ordination between education providers.
- We support the need for improvement on the transition between educational levels to allow further training and work opportunities.

Management of our natural and physical environment in a sustainable manner -

- We encourage a balance between economic growth and environmental protection and enhancement.
- We support the development of land use planning controls that allow for economic growth in a sustainable manner.
- We support protecting our significant habitats and ecosystems.

Long term planning to ensure that our future infrastructure requirements meet the growth and development opportunities of our District -

- We want to have our say on our District's future.
- We value the provision of well-managed infrastructural services in our District.

