

Coming Back

It had been ten years since I had last been here, but not much had changed. A couple of new houses had gone in and that was about it. I know the walkway off by heart and the messages I had wrote in the tunnel were still there. Karangahake School was almost the same, but small improvements had gone in here and there. I went for a swim later. The river was a lot cleaner. It wasn't as green and when you opened your eyes under water it wasn't as yellow. My house was owned by someone else who must like native plants since they had not ripped them out yet. At night I sat down and watched a beautiful sunset until the stars came out. While I was outside I saw a shooting star and do you know what I wished for? I wished that Karangahake would stay the same as it always had been.

*Rana Sciascia
Age 12, Karangahake School*



Community Development Group

Community Development encompasses a wide range of activities that encourage the Council and community to be involved in initiatives to improve social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of everyday life.

WHICH ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

COMMUNITY GROWTH

- Economic Development
- Go Waihi
- Positive Paeroa
- Positively Promoting the Plains
- District Promotion
- Information Centres
- Tourism Coromandel
- Other initiatives

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Whiritoa Beach Care
- Conservation Initiatives
- Sports Coordinator
- Grants and Donations
- Other initiatives

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WHY ARE THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED?

Community Development is a group of activities where the Council, in a number of diverse roles, is actively involved in 'helping the communities to help themselves'. Community Development activities represent a group of collaborative and partnership approaches and initiatives involving many agencies and organisations. They all have a common theme of promoting a better quality of life and living environment.



RATIONALE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY GROWTH

Rationale: The community expects that Council will support and encourage the growth of the Hauraki District Community.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Primary rationale: The community expects that Council will support and encourage groups and viable initiatives that help the greater community.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP?

LTCCP 2008-09 \$000's		Budget 2007-08 \$000's	Budget 2008-09 \$000's
	OPERATING EXPENDITURE		
645	Community Growth	648	664
438	Community Initiatives	657	658
1,083		1,305	1,322
	LESS OPERATING REVENUE		
5	Fees and Charges	5	5
384	Targeted Rates	385	405
694	General Rates	690	763
1,083		1,080	1,173
-	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(225)	(149)
	FUNDED BY		
-	Transfers from Community Projects Assistance Fund	(75)	-
-	Transfers from Community Recreational Reserves	(150)	(150)
-		(225)	(150)

Community Growth

The overall community growth goals for the Hauraki District are to:

- Expand the local business community
- Attract new investment to the area
- Recognise and build on opportunities
- Encourage economic sustainability
- Market the Hauraki District
- Be business friendly
- Be visitor focused; and
- Ensure that appropriate services and facilities exist to make the Hauraki District a most desirable place to live, work or visit

This is carried out through the employment of an Economic Development Officer; through participating on the Hauraki Coromandel Development Group; through supporting the town promotion groups of Go Waihi, Positive Paeroa and Positively Promoting the Plains; through supporting the Waihi and Paeroa information Centres; through an annual joint contribution with Thames Coromandel District Council to Tourism Coromandel.

SIGNALLING POSSIBLE CHANGE IN LEVELS OF SERVICE

The Community Development Group has to be proactive in the community on the development of new initiatives and over the life of this plan will undoubtedly be involved with the development of new initiatives.

A review of community growth activities is presently being undertaken by the Economic Development Subcommittee. This may result in a restructuring and refocusing of the Economic Development Officer role.

The Hauraki Coromandel Development Group through its sub-regional Economic Development Strategy will focus on Aquaculture, Minerals,

Customer Service and Leadership for the coming year. There is potential for a major project being developed in the Aquaculture industry.

The implementation of the Karangahake Gorge Strategy is a focus for 2008/09.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR 2008/09

Key actions Council has programmed for 2008/09 include:

- Working with stakeholders to enhance the goals of the Community Growth activity.
- Further progressing the Hauraki Coromandel Development Group regional plan in conjunction with Thames Coromandel District Council and Hauraki Coromandel Development Group.

The detailed projects stemming from these actions generally contribute to the Community Outcome: *Vibrant and sustainable businesses and business economies in our District.*

CHANGES FOR 2008/09

- An increase in the budget sought for Waihi Visitors Centre was granted. The increase focuses on the administration support Council provides the Visitors Centre from \$15,000 as included in the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16, to \$24,500.
- An increase to the budget for Positively Promoting the Plains from \$9,000 to \$12,000. The funds are for operational costs, new flags, the Hugh Hayward Domain Proposal Development and Christmas tree lights.
- A decrease to the budget for Positive Paeroa. \$50,000 has been allowed for in the Annual Plan 2008/09.

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WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Current Levels of Service	Measure	Method of Measuring Target	Baseline	Target 2008/09	Contribution to Community Outcomes
Recognise, create and facilitate opportunities for economic initiatives.	Monitoring reports are furnished to Council on the activities of the Hauraki-Coromandel Development Group.	Quarterly monitoring reports to Council.	Quarterly	Quarterly	We encourage further development of tourism opportunities and facilities focusing on our heritage and eco-tourism; We support planning for culture and heritage where initiatives can be actively co-ordinated to ensure sustainability; We encourage a balance between economic growth and environmental protection and enhancement.
Promote Hauraki as a quality visitor destination.	Increase in visitor night.	Visitor Information Network stats & Stats NZ accommodation monitor.	New Measure in 2006/07	>5%	We encourage further development of our Districts CBD's economic viability; We encourage further development of tourism opportunities and facilities focusing on our heritage and eco-tourism.
	Customer satisfaction about how support for district promotion/ economic development is provided.	Triennial Residents' Survey results.	80% in 2004	>80% satisfied	We want to have our say on our District's future.

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Community Initiatives

Community Initiatives

Council facilitate, support or contribute to a number of social, economic and environmental initiatives within the District. The most significant of these are:

- District Sport Coordinator
- Whiritoa Beach Care
- Grants and Donations
- Creative NZ
- Waihi Community Vision Committee

SIGNALLING POSSIBLE CHANGE IN LEVELS OF SERVICE

Two years ago Council alongside Waihi Sport n Action group obtained support through the Sports and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) community initiative scheme for a sports administrator/coordinating officer to assist clubs that need administrative assistance. This programme is underway and is a three year programme aimed at improving the infrastructure for Sport and Recreation in Waihi and will be up for review closer to the expiration of the funding.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR 2008/09

- Through the Community Development Officer, Council will continue to progress the Hauraki Community Outcomes by supporting where appropriate initiatives such as; the Hauraki Labour Market Forum, Better Futures Hauraki, the Apprenticeship Scheme through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs initiative, and the Hauraki Youth Forum.



*Parents participating in the tug-o-war event
Children's Day held in Waihi*

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WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Current Levels of Service	Measure	Method of Measuring Target	Baseline	Target 2008/09	Contribution to Community Outcomes
<p>Foster the participation of residents in sports, recreation and leisure.</p> <p>Provide advice to schools, clubs and organisations and work with a diverse number of community groups.</p>	<p>To visit or be in contact with the following during the planning period to advice on sports-related matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All primary schools at least twice per annum; All secondary schools at least twice per annum; Training opportunities sent to parent and pre-school groups. 	Sports coordinator annual report.	<p>2005/06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All primary schools at least twice per annum; All secondary schools at least twice per annum; Training opportunities sent to parent and pre-school group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All primary schools at least twice per annum; All secondary schools at least twice per annum; Training opportunities sent to parent and pre-school groups. 	<p>Our recreational, cultural and heritage groups work together to identify issues that lead to better efficiencies;</p> <p>Our community seeks the improvement of mechanisms for co-ordination, delivery, communication and education by health and social service providers.</p>
	<p>To co-ordinate at least sports related training/advisory sessions to cater for pre-school, primary and secondary schools, sports clubs and community groups and seniors within the Hauraki District.</p>		<p>15 sports related training/advisory sessions and at least 5 to cater for pre-school, primary and secondary schools, sports clubs and community groups and seniors within the Hauraki District.</p>	<p>15 sports related training/advisory sessions and at least 5 to cater for pre-school, primary and secondary schools, sports clubs and community groups and seniors within the Hauraki District.</p>	
<p>Assist in the coordination of community initiatives to reduce erosion across the foreshore sand dunes at Whiritoa Beach.</p>	<p>Assist with maintenance on restored sand dunes through holding working bees at Whiritoa.</p>	Council minutes	2 working bees in 2005/06	2 working bees	<p>We support protecting our significant habitats and ecosystems.</p>