

Annual Plan – what is programmed for 2010/11?

The Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19, is the 10 year long term plan for the Hauraki District Council. It came into effect on the 1 July 2009. Every year Council is required to publish an Annual Plan which focuses solely on the coming financial year. This Annual Plan focuses on the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

Most of the projects including the programmed capital works for the 2010/11 year were presented in the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19 for consultation. Those projects and programmes that were approved are listed on page 12.

Based on changes in the current environment, there is greater than expected progress on some programmes and less than expected progress on others; consequently there was the need to propose some variations to what was approved in the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

This section discusses the new projects and variations to the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19 that have been approved following the consultation process on the Draft Annual Plan 2010/11. It then presents the capital projects and programmes including their subsequent variations if applicable. Following these two sections is information signalling potential changes in levels of service to our District.

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PAEROA

Battle of the Streets

As part of the Economic Development activity, \$5,500 has been allocated to assist Paeroa Promotions with the cost of traffic management plans, refuse disposal and portaloos for the Battle of the Streets event held in Paeroa in February each year.

Community Recreation

The mowing budget for the Paeroa Domain for 2010/11 has been increased from \$18,000 to \$23,000. The need for the increased budget is due to the additional costs associated with the maintenance of the upgraded turf on the No. 1 field including irrigation and more specialised turf management.

PLAINS

Hugh Hayward Domain, Ngatea

To continue with the Hugh Hayward Domain Park development, an additional \$100,000 has been provided by Council. This \$100,000 is necessary to complete the park which includes pathways, gardens, furniture, a statue and feature lighting. The fund for this extension to the project has been provided by the Plains Community Facilities and Recreation Development Fund.

Council has altered the timing of the Hugh Hayward Domain skatepark development in Ngatea. It is proposed that \$52,000 from 2010/11 be brought forward to 2009/10 to allow completion of the

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skatepark at the same time as the Park project (as indicated below). The remaining \$31,000 from 2011/12 for the project is proposed to subsequently be brought forward to 2009/10.

The playground replacement at Hugh Hayward Domain is proposed to be brought forward to be completed by the 1 November 2010.

An Ashes Columbarium Wall is to be constructed during 2010/11 at a budget of \$15,000, to be funded from the Plains Unallocated Projects Fund.

In previous plans for the Hugh Hayward Domain Park project, it was intended to build a pond and bridge. However, this concept is no longer to take place and instead it has been replaced by a bronze statue depicting a segment of Plains heritage.

North Rugby Club mowing grant

An annual figure of \$5,000 is to be provided to the North Rugby Club for the mowing of the Waitakaruru Domain as of 1st July 2010.

Ngatea Memorial Hall

Due to generous donations from individuals in the community being received the replacement of tables at the Ngatea Memorial Hall has already taken place. The budget allocated for the repair of the tables in 2009/10 is no longer needed; therefore the budget has been delayed until 2016/17 as the expected life of the tables is 7 years.

Kerbside recycling and refuse collection – Kerepehi/Turua

Hauraki District Council commenced a pre-pay refuse collection service and a kerbside recycling service to Paeroa, Ngatea, Waihi, Waikino, Mackaytown, Karangahake, and Whiritoa townships on 1 July 2008.

During December 2009 a survey was carried out with the residents and ratepayers in the Kerepehi and Turua areas to determine the level of demand for the service to be extended to those areas. A total of 149 of 368 survey forms were returned, which represented a 41% result. In Kerepehi 150 forms were distributed, of which 55 respondents (69%) voted for the collection to commence and 25 (31%) voted against. In Turua 218 forms were distributed, of which, 42 (61%) of respondents voted for the collection to commence, 27 (39%) voted against.

As a result the Council will be extending the service to those townships from 1 July, 2010.

Every property in the area served by the extended route will be charged the refuse rate. This rate is currently set at \$44 per annum per rateable unit and supplies funding for the collection of recyclables and fixed costs associated with the provision of the service. In addition to this rate, each property owner purchases pre-paid (yellow) bags as required. These are available at most grocery stores in Hauraki District as well as at Council offices. The bags currently cost \$1.80 each.

A blue recycling bin will also be issued prior to the commencement of the service on 1 July 2010.

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Water

The capital expenditure for Kerepehi Water Treatment Plant of \$6.6 million and \$2 million for the Waitakaruru Raw Water Storage as per the below table, is to be provided for in 2010/11.

Project	LTCCP		2010/11 ANNUAL PLAN	
	2009/10 (\$'000)	2010/11 (\$'000)	2009/10 (\$'000)	2010-11 (\$'000)
Plains Upgrades				
Waitakaruru raw water storage	2,910	-	910	2,072
Kerepehi water treatment plant upgrade	7,139	-	500	6,639

A delay to the implementation of these projects has resulted from an extended investigation into possible alternative water storage options. Provision has needed to be made for deferral of most of the expenditure from 2009/10 to 2010/11.

WAIHI

Waihi Ward Reflections publication

Allowance has been made for a further 10 months of the Waihi Ward Reflections page in the Waihi Leader. This page is a monthly page that outlines key projects and processes that Council is involved in, applicable to the Waihi Ward.

Morgan Park, Waihi

The re-levelling of the netball courts at Morgan Park, Waihi has been brought forward from 2010/11 to 2009/10 as a result of differential settlement and the need to upgrade the courts in the interests of players' safety.

Toilets – timing change to capital programme

The programmed works on the Victoria Street, Waihi toilets have now taken place in their entirety in 2010/11, rather than being spread over 2009/10 as well as 2010/11.

Pensioner housing – timing change to capital programme

In the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19, it was programmed to renovate a pensioner housing flat in Moresby Avenue, Waihi in 2010/11. This work was carried out in March 2010, meaning that the original budget of \$32,000 in 2010/11 was required earlier.

Wastewater

\$37,000 of the \$387,000 forest upgrade provision for Whiritoa Treatment Plant was utilised in the 2009/10 year in which it is provided for. The remaining \$350,000 of budget has been deferred to 2010/11 as the work is not needed at present. An investigation will take place in 2010/11 to assess in greater detail a programme of work for the forest upgrade.

Land Drainage/Stormwater

During 2009/10, concerns have been raised about small areas that have been included in the new rating area for the land drainage asset in the Paeroa Rural Drainage District (the Tirohia Rotokahu area). Work is currently proceeding to consider and address these concerns which may require grants in lieu of rates for the affected areas.

Due to a minor shift in some of the improvement plan items for the Land Drainage and Stormwater activities, there has been a slight deferral of some capital costs from 2009/10 to 2010/11 and 2011/12.

The Morgan Park stormwater renewal programmed for 2010/11 was completed in 2009 therefore the budget is no longer applicable for the coming year.

During 2009, the Arney Street stormwater line renewal was completed therefore the \$83,000 that was allocated in 2010/11 for this work is no longer required in the upcoming budget.

DISTRICT WIDE

Kaiaua from Franklin District to Hauraki District

As further discussed on page 15, the Kaiaua area, currently part of the Franklin District, is to become part of Hauraki District on 1 November 2010.

As at the date of publishing the Annual Plan 2010/11, there was insufficient information available to be able to accurately incorporate for the Kaiaua area the programme of works, the assets and the liabilities for the eight month period of 1 November, 2010 to 30 June 2011. There has also been insufficient time to be able to incorporate and align the differences in the policies between the two Councils in the lead up to the transition date.

Following the adoption and publication of the Hauraki District Council Annual Plan 2010/11, the financial information for the eight month period 1 November, 2010 to 30 June, 2011 for the Kaiaua area, will be included into the Annual Plan 2010/11 and this will be available on Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz when completed.

The programme for works for Kaiaua for the 2010/11 has been consulted on by Franklin District Council during its consultation on the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009–19 in 2009.

There is also work needed on the amalgamation of policy documents, strategies, by-laws and the like. The extent of this work is unknown at this stage but until each policy/strategy/by-law is dealt with the current policies strategies and by-laws will continue to apply to their respective areas.

Resource Management Act 1991, Discount Policy

Through an amendment to the Resource Management Act in 2009, it was proposed that regulations regarding a discount policy in accordance with Section 36 AA be introduced. This regulation enables Councils to discount section 36 charges where resource consents are not processed within the required timeframe, and the council is at fault. The Ministry for the Environment are to prepare a default discount policy that sets out how the fault is determined, and what will happen in the event of a dispute. This policy will become a default policy as of the end of July 2010 for all Councils including Hauraki District Council, unless Council chooses to adopt a more generous discounting policy. Council is expected to instigate the default policy; however this will be subject to review.

Riskpool

\$71,000 has been allocated in the budget for the request by Riskpool, a Local Government Insurance Group of which Council is a member, for additional funds. This request is to offset the adverse position Riskpool finds it is facing as a result of costs associated with the claims made against it for weather-tightness issues (leaky building syndrome).

The request made is an interim request and further requests may be required in subsequent years depending on the final outcome of appeals and the outcome of some court cases. This is to be funded from reducing the contribution from Councils Investment Fund to Council's Community Projects Assistance Fund.

Tourism Coromandel

Tourism Coromandel has sought assistance from Council to contribute to a specific marketing campaign proposed for the Rugby World Cup 2011 in conjunction with Thames Coromandel District Council.

The purpose of the campaign is to help the Hauraki/Coromandel region attract additional visitors and capitalise on economic benefits the six-week Rugby World Cup 2011 event will create, not just for Auckland but potentially for neighbouring areas such as the Hauraki/Coromandel.

The strategic focus of this project will not only be on the period of the Rugby World Cup but also be on enhancing the local identity in key rugby playing offshore markets with the intention of increasing market share over the medium term.

In support of this campaign, Council has allocated \$25,000 towards the cost of the marketing campaign to Tourism Coromandel in 2010/11. \$10,000 has already been provided for during 2009/10 towards the initial costs of the campaign.

Roading

There is an overall capital expenditure reduction of \$733,695 in the roading activity. Of this figure 54% is subsidised by New Zealand Transport Agency with \$338,000 being the reduction to Council rates. Overall most of the reductions are based on predictive modelling demonstrating greater life expectancy of low volume roads and more competitive contract rates.

Aquaculture Manager

As identified by the Hauraki Coromandel Development Group, a key area that has been identified as having significant economic development potential in the Hauraki and Coromandel region is aquaculture.

The Government has announced its decision to approve the 1,783 hectare Wilson's Bay Aquaculture Area in the Firth of Thames which opens up a further 520 hectares for shell fish farming. The current production of mussels alone in this area is 22,000 tonnes per annum with this volume predicted to increase to 60,000 tonnes by 2015.

In terms of infrastructure support the aquaculture industry is approaching a crisis point. Unless further wharf and other shore based facilities are provided the industry growth will be significantly hindered and given the rapid expansion of the industry in other regions there is a real risk that investment in development will be shifted to these other regions.

While it is acknowledged that the aquaculture industry is a key player in the development of the infrastructure necessary to support itself there is also a key role that Government (Central and Local)

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needs to play. As such it has been identified that an Aquaculture Development Project Manager be appointed with responsibility for ensuring that the region gains the benefits from aquaculture growth. \$20,000 has been included for both 2010/11 and 2011/12 for its share of the cost of an Aquaculture Development project manager.

Graffiti removal

Due to the rising costs of graffiti removal, an extra \$5,000 has been budgeted for the removal of graffiti across the District.

Civil Defence

Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group

The Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG) recommended that the Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group (CDEMG) budget be increased for the purposes of maintaining the website, training, monitoring and evaluating processes and for information management.

The total share between all Waikato Region Authorities is \$34,000. The Hauraki District Council share is \$2,500.

In addition to this budget request, a review conducted by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management on the Waikato's Group set up and operations has recommended changes to better carry out obligations imposed on local bodies under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002. An initial assessment for the cost on the recommended changes has resulted in a \$6,000 increase for Hauraki District (\$380,000 across the whole region).

Thames Valley Emergency Operating Area

The Thames Valley Emergency Operating Area (EOA) for Civil Defence indicates that a further \$11,500 is required for training, Emergency Operating Centre training and salaries. This cost is to be shared between Thames Coromandel District Council, Matamata Piako District Council and Hauraki District Council. The Hauraki District Council share of the requested increase is a further \$1,500.

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Programmed capital works for 2010/11 as per Volume 1 of the Hauraki Community Plan

Roading

Further detail on the capital programme for the Roothing activity can be found on pages 174-181 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Subsidised Roothing		
Resurfacing.	1,441	788
Drainage renewals.	174	174
Kerb and Channel.	69	69
Area Wide Pavement Treatment.	501	443
Bridge repairs.	46	46
Streetlights.	118	95
Minor Improvements.	260	260
Walking and cycling works.	80	80
Seal Extensions.	94	94
Non Subsidised Roothing		
Seal Extensions.	366	366
Kerb and channel.	305	305
New vehicle crossings.	12	12
New street lights.	9	9
Plains unallocated works.	52	52
Footpath replacements.	35	35
Footpaths additional.	75	75
Vehicle crossings.	12	12

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Water Capital Projects

Further detail on the capital programme for the Water activity can be found on pages 182-189 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Ohinemuri upgrades		
Renewal of mains.	101	101
Investigation and reconditioning of Waihi Road from the L and P Bottle to Reservoir Road.	36	36
Paeroa upgrades		
Renewal of mains.	104	104
Plains upgrades		
Mains Renewals	347	347
Kerepehi treatment capacity upgrade	-	6,876
Replacement of water meters.	26	26
Raw water storage Waitakaruru	-	2,072
Treated water storage Waitakaruru	486	486
Treated water storage at Kerepehi.	820	820
Waihi upgrades		
Mains upgrades.	104	104
Alternative water source.	4,780	4,780

Wastewater

Further detail is available on the Wastewater activity and its capital programme on pages 190-194 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19, Volume 1.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Upgrade Kerepehi Domain P/S rising main	266	266
Ngatea Mains renewals	44	44
Ngatea slag renewal	35	35
Paeroa replacement pump station controller/sensors	41	41
Cabinet/ancillaries renewal	25	25
Paeroa Mains renewals	169	169
District Wide Telemetry upgrade	26	26
Paeroa slag renewals	35	35
Waihi Mains renewals	164	164
Whiritoa desludge ponds	221	221
Whiritoa mains renewals	33	33

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Land Drainage

Further detail is available on the Land Drainage activity and its capital programme on pages 195-201 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19, Volume 1.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Terrace stopbank (between Bush Road and the river, north of Ngatea) renewals on the eastern Plains.	21	21
Maukoro Canal left bank stopbank.	125	125
Waitakaruru Stopbank (left and right bank).	250	250
Kauoitī stopbank reconstruction.	186	186

Stormwater

Further detail is available on the Stormwater activity and its capital programme on pages 202-207 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Arney St, Paeroa.	83	16
Normanby Road, Paeroa.	104	104
Improvement Plan items.	24	20
Miscellaneous upgrades, renewals and improvement plan items in Waihi.	139	136
Continuation of piping of drains programme in Ngatea Township.	57	57
Ngatea improvement plan items.	12	12
Continuation of Turua stormwater improvement programme.	34	9
Turua improvement plan items.	6	5
Continuation of Kerepehi stormwater improvement programme.	23	23
Kerepehi Improvement plan items.	6	5

Community Services and Property

Further detail is available on the Community Services activity and its capital programme on pages 213- 256 of the Hauraki Community Plan 2009-19.

Project	2010/11 LTCCP Total Cost \$000	Forecast Annual Plan 2010/11 Total Cost \$000
Office building renewals.	39	39

Signalling any changes in Levels of Service

Local Government Reorganisation

During 2010/11 the Hauraki District Council will potentially be dealing with two Local Government re-organisation proposals, the first, which is proceeding, involving a portion of Franklin District Council and the second involving the Waihi Beach Ward of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Auckland Governance – Franklin District Council

The Government has passed legislation to establish an Auckland Council from 1 November, 2010. As part of the proposal the Government has decided that the current Franklin District Council will be divided between the new Auckland Council, the Hauraki District Council and the Waikato District Council.

At this stage the proposal is for the catchment area of the Kaiua Coastal Plain and the foothills that presently is situated in the Franklin District Council to be transferred to the Hauraki District Council from 1 November, 2010.

This area constitutes approximately 8,000 hectares with a population of approximately 560 people and 590 rateable properties. The Franklin District Council and the Hauraki District Council have formed project teams to undertake the many legal and procedural matters that must occur for this area to be incorporated in Hauraki District.

The final legislation for the Auckland Governance matters is expected to be passed in early May 2010 and this will allow all the Councils involved to proceed with certainty to ensure the changes are completed by the required date.

A number of transitional arrangements relating to Annual Plans, Long Term Council Community Plans, elections, rating and many other matters will be put into place to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible for all parties involved.

During the transition period between now and 1 November, 2010 the Council will keep the communities involved in Hauraki and Franklin informed via the newspaper, letters and meetings.

The transition period to allow all the necessary processes to be completed is likely to extend to the publication of the Hauraki District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22 at which time all policies and by-laws from the two Councils are expected to be redrafted so that one set of policies and by-laws applies across the whole Hauraki District Council.

Waihi Beach – Proposal for inclusion of the Waihi Beach Ward into the Hauraki District

The Hauraki District Council has received a petition seeking the inclusion of the Waihi Beach Ward into the Hauraki District Council.

This petition meets the requirements of the Local Government Act, 2002 to require that a proposal be prepared on this basis for consideration. Because the local authorities involved (Hauraki and Western Bay of Plenty Districts, Environment Waikato and Environment Bay of Plenty) could not agree on how the proposal should be dealt with the Act requires that it is dealt with by the Local Government Commission.

The timetable for the Local Government Commission to consider the proposal is unknown at this stage.