

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Report from Mayor and Chief Executive

Thank you for taking the time to read the Hauraki District Council 2004/05 Annual Report.

This Annual Report is the first Annual Report required under the Local Government Act, 2002 and is required to report against the Long Term Council Community Plan. Hauraki District Council adopted its first Long Term Council Community Plan, titled the Hauraki Community Plan 2004-14 on 30th June 2004.

The Annual Report is an important mechanism in not only showing how Hauraki District is performing, but it is the key document produced that accounts for the money provided to the Council by the Hauraki District community's ratepayers. Every Council is required to produce an Annual Report by 31st October each year and in the future the Annual Report will not only demonstrate measures of performance but will also show how community outcomes are being achieved.

During the year, a number of key projects were progressed. The most significant achievement was the successful consultation with the Hauraki District community surrounding the identification of Community Outcomes. These outcomes will be presented in the next Hauraki Community Plan which is programmed for release March 2006.

The new Building Act that came into force on 31st March 2005 was a key legislative direction Council was required to implement. Council is now working towards the Accreditation as required by the Act. While there have been a few implementation issues we are pleased with the cooperation that has been received from key stakeholders.

Other highlights have been:

- 2.29km of seal extension on local roads was progressed;
- Completion of the upgraded wastewater treatment plants at Waitakaruru and Waihi;
- Construction and opening of the new Turua Jetty;
- Significant work was undertaken on the Asset Management Plans for all key Council assets, which has considerably increased the recorded knowledge of our assets;
- Signing of a Memorandum of Partnership with Te Runanga O Ngati Maru;
- Undertaking a significant assessment on the water and sanitary services within the District;
- A number of new policy developments have been completed after public consultation including a Speed Limit Bylaw, Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw;
- Gilmour Lake development has begun with Stage 1, the main entranceway/car park upgrade and installation of a new toilet block being completed;
- Record number of new house consents and subdivision consents being issued during the year, signalling economic growth continues to rise in the District.

Particularly satisfying was Transpower's announcement that the proposed upgrade of the High Tension Transmission Lines between Whakamaru and Otahuhu would not pass through the Hauraki District. We would like to thank all those who assisted Council in its negotiations with and submission to Transpower.

Once again, we thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Report.

John Tregidga
Mayor

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Chief Executive