

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Report from Mayor and Chief Executive

Thank you for taking the time to read the Hauraki District Council 2005/06 Annual Report.

Every Council is required to produce an Annual Report by 31st October each year. This Annual Report is required to report against the Hauraki Community Plan 2004-14 which Hauraki District Council adopted on 30th June 2004.

The Annual Report is an important mechanism for 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.

This year the Annual Report identifies the first progress towards achieving the Community Outcomes identified by the Council in 2004. Council has made some good progress towards these strategic community goals including:

- Initiating the development of an apprenticeship scheme to help the youth of the District find employment in the area
- Finalising and adopting a sub-regional physical activity plan
- Working collaboratively with neighbouring authorities in many aspects of planning and implementation
- Progressing Councils involvement in the Waihi mining projects in a sustainable manner

These Community Outcomes were extensively reviewed in 2005/06 and the re-evaluated Outcomes were adopted as part of the Hauraki Community Plan 2006-16. A full report on the progress towards the achievement of the new Community Outcomes will be made available in 2009.

Besides progressing the Community Outcomes, Council also progressed a number of other key projects during the year.

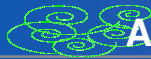
Building Accreditation

Council is continuing to work towards becoming accredited and registered as a Building Consent Authority as required by the Building Act, 2004. The proposed accreditation scheme will bring greater consistency in implementation of building standards across NZ. It will help lead to performance improvements, raised standards in the sector, and more consumer confidence in the system. Council began the process towards accreditation in February 2005 and has continued this work intensively this past year. Council is aiming to become fully accredited as soon as practical before November 2007



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Electronic access of information

Council is continually advancing with the provision of information electronically to the Hauraki District Community. Over the past year a number of new features have been introduced on the website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz some of which include:

- How to prepare for a Civil Emergency
- Information on how to pay Rates using online and telephone banking
- The ability to search Cemetery records online
- The ability to submit requests for service online; and
- Additional information on issues such as Fencing Swimming Pools, Subdividing and applying for LIMs

Other key highlights have been:

- Significant work on enhancing Paeroa's main street through the upgrading of infrastructure, particularly the footpaths and stormwater systems was undertaken.
- Installation of the new wastewater treatment facility in Waitakaruru connecting the majority of residential properties in the town to the new & improved sanitary system. 40 houses have been connected with the few remaining connections to be made following winter.
- The Turua Maturation Pond was successfully completed in May with significant improvements to the effluent quality discharging into the Waihou River.
- Paeroa War Memorial Hall upgrade including a new roof, kitchen, toilet cubicles, heating & ventilation, sound system & improved landscaping & driveway to the Hall.
- Completion of the Kerepehi Water Main upgrade, first stage from the Kerepehi Treatment Plant along Wharepoa & Hamilton Roads.
- The adoption of the some key policies including that of the Earthquake Prone and Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings policy and the Wharves and Jetties Bylaw

Community Consultation

New provisions in the Local Government Act, 2002 require Council's to consult with their residents on a formal basis on a significantly increased number of occasions. The Hauraki District Council has seen this as a positive opportunity to improve consultation and communication methods with its residents and has adopted a number of innovative ways of seeking your views. We intend to continue to develop and refine these methods over time.

The Council has been impressed with the community input into these public consultation processes and looks forward to your continuing participation.

Once again, we thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Report, and we look forward to the coming year working in the interest of the Hauraki District Community.

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