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Reporting on Council's 2013/14 Results

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

Pursuant to section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002, notice is given that the Hauraki District Council 2013/14 Annual Report and the Summary 2013/14 Annual Report have received an unqualified Audit Opinion from Audit New Zealand and were adopted by the Hauraki District Council on 29 October 2014.

Copies of the 2013/14 Annual Report or Summary 2013/14 Annual Report can be obtained from Council offices and libraries in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi. The report and summary can also be viewed from Council's website www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

We are pleased to report on another successful year. The 2013/14 Annual Report outlines Council's performance against financial and non-financial targets that we had set for that year (that was initially programmed in our 2012-22 Hauraki Long Term Plan).

The 2013/14 Annual Report has been thoroughly checked by Audit New Zealand to ensure everything is in order, and they have provided their findings in an Audit Opinion. The Opinion and the Report were adopted at the Council meeting of 29 October 2014.

The following information provides the Hauraki community with a glimpse into some of the details that Council have reported against for the 2013/14 year. To get a bigger picture we encourage you to take the time to read either the full 2013/14 Annual Report or its summary version that are both available at the Council's services centres in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi or can be viewed on Council's website – www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.

Overview of non-financial performance measures in 2013/14

As part of the development of the 2012-22 Long Term Plan, the Council set a number of targets against its levels of service as a tool to measure Council's commitment to the community in providing quality delivery of services, facilities, infrastructure and projects.

A level of service can be anything from the cleanliness of the Council's public toilets or halls, to the delivery of a roading network that addresses safety and amenity issues. The Council had a total of 118 non-financial performance measures to report against for the 2013/14 year.

How well did Council perform?

- ✓ Achieved: 85 of 118 **72%**
- ✗ Did not achieve: 32 of 118 **27%**
- ⊖ Not able to measure: 1 of 120 **1%**

The Council is working on how to improve its 'did not achieve' results.

Overview of capital works achieved in 2013/14

Council is a very large business so there is a lot that happens in one year. Below is an overview of some of the projects completed in the 2013/14 year.

Roading:

- 15km of resurfacing was completed in 2013/14 (\$411,000) including 11 sites in the Plains Ward (8km in total), five sites in the Paeroa Ward (2km in total), and 14 sites in the Waihi Ward (5km in total). The expenditure was less than detailed in the Long Term Plan as the same level of service could be achieved with less funding without compromising the condition of the roading network.
- \$485,000 was spent on area-wide pavement treatment in 2013/14. The programme included 1km in Kaihere Road (Kaihere) and 1.5km in Pukekauri Road (Waihi).

Water Supply:

- The Waitakaruru raw water storage facility was completed. This project was undertaken over three years with a total cost of \$2.9 million. The facility was primarily designed so that sufficient raw water storage is available during summer periods.

Stormwater:

- Open drains were piped underground in Raratuna Street, Bagnall Square and Te Angi Street in Turua (122 meters

in total); and Paul Drive and Ngatea Primary School grounds in Ngatea (193 meters in total). Piping of open drains was completed in Russell Street, Waihi.

- 128m of failed concrete pipe was replaced in Normanby Road in Paeroa (renewal and upgrade, \$69,000).
- 65m of pipe was replaced in Robert Street and 27m of pipe in Victoria Street in Waihi.

Solid Waste:

- During the 2013/14 year the consented closure rehabilitation works were carried out at the old Waihi landfill. This site has now been covered, landscaped and grass planted.

Community Services:

- The construction of the new Waihi Library and Service Centre was completed in 2013/14 (total project cost \$1.7 million).
- The Waihi events centre interior walls were repainted and Autex was installed to reduce noise levels and to improve the durability of the walls for sports (\$15,000).
- The under surface of the Railway Reserve (Paeroa) playground was replaced (\$11,000).
- New pool covers were purchased for Ngatea swimming pool (\$30,000).
- An extension to the Hugh Hayward Domain (Ngatea) drainage system to improve the playing surface was completed (\$32,000).
- The Pipiroa boat ramp car park was resurfaced (\$6,000).
- Some of the Victoria Park (Waihi) playground equipment was replaced (\$11,000).
- The Council contributed \$13,500 towards the signage, fencing, landscaping, and carpark sealing for the Waihi mining Bogger display.
- The Waitete Stream walkway was completed (\$10,000).
- The interior of the Paeroa War Memorial Hall was repainted (\$12,000) and the supper room and foyer of the Waihi Memorial Hall were re-carpeted (\$12,000).
- Ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of Council's pensioner housing units was carried out (\$80,000).

Hauraki Rail Trail:

- The Council completed the Waihi to Waikino leg of the Hauraki Rail Trail in 2013/14 with the official opening ceremony and gala day held on 28 September 2013.

Overview of other projects achieved in 2013/14

In 2013/14, the Council achieved the following key projects:

- We carried out two resident surveys with the community in 2013/14 - the triennial satisfaction survey and annual satisfaction survey. The results of the surveys are included in the full 2013/14 Annual Report or can be viewed online at www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz.
- The Proposed Hauraki District Plan became Operative on 26 September 2014.
- We developed a Local Alcohol Policy in line with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act, 2012. This is now a provisional policy, subject to appeals and is likely to come into effect in 2015.
- The Local Approved Products Policy was adopted in September 2014.
- The Contestable Social Fund Policy was reviewed in 2013/14. The Policy has changed, with an amended criteria and method of funding allocation; the fund is now called the Discretionary Social Fund.
- The revised Gambling Policy was adopted in September 2014.

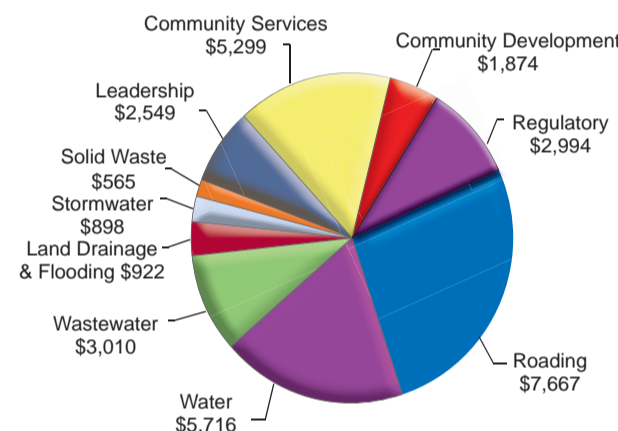
- From 1 July 2013 the Council adopted its Food Safety Bylaw which introduced food grading certificates for all food premises to maintain a high standard of food safety in the Hauraki District.
- The Council considered the possible development of a 'Food Hub' on its available land at the Kerepehi Industrial Park. Through the 2014/15 Annual Plan process, the Council has committed funding of \$400,000 to obtain necessary resource consents before developing a proposal for the development of a wastewater treatment system to serve the Kerepehi industrial area. Formal consultation will be undertaken with the community on any proposal.
- In 2013/14 Beijing Allied Fazi New Zealand Food Company Limited confirmed that the company will be developing an ice cream processing facility at Kerepehi.

Overview of Council's financial position for 2013/14

Financially, Council has ended the year in a sound position. Debt was expected to be \$35.6 million at year end, but the actual debt at 30 June 2014 was \$29.5 million, which is down by 17% on forecast. This is largely the result of reprogramming the timing of some capital works.

Expenditure (\$000)

The graph on the right shows where the Council's expenditure in 2013/14 was apportioned amongst the Groups of Activities.



Young people benefit from Paeroa grants

Mention of Blue Light events may bring back memories of discos, but since beginning in New Zealand over 30 years ago, Blue Light community policing activities for youth have developed to include life skills camps, mentoring programmes, PCT challenges and even a chance to create TV commercials.

These are overseen by, but not funded by, Police. Each branch of the Blue Light incorporated society raises the money needed to fund its own local activities, and Paeroa area initiatives have recently received a \$2000 Council contribution from the social discretionary fund. The grant will be used toward summer programmes, and enabling two local teens to attend a life skills course.

A \$300 grant from the Paeroa ward discretionary fund will help five Rangers members of Girl Guiding Paeroa get to the Gold Coast next July. Although they'll travel with two leaders, the girls (aged up to 16) are organising all the details of the six-day trip to gain their International Certificate. That includes applying for passports, getting insurance, arranging accommodation and transport in Australia, buying Australian currency, budgeting, and planning self-catered meals. They've have been fundraising for just over a year and hope to reach their \$13,000 target early in 2015.

Younger children will ultimately benefit from a grant of \$200, also from the Paeroa ward's discretionary fund, to Nethererton children's writer Jeanette Prout. The money will help fund the publication of her book Ben the Bumble, from which the sales proceeds will be donated to the Paeroa Kindergarten fire fundraiser appeal. The Central Kids kindergarten is operating from interim premises at Central School, until its centre is rebuilt after being destroyed by arson in July.

Reservoir at Tetleys Quarry is full!

Fifteen months after water was first diverted from the Waitakaruru River into the old Tetleys Quarry pit, the reservoir is full to its 830 million-litre capacity.

It reached the 25% level by early March, but then dropped below 20% as water was piped through the new 4km pipeline to the Waitakaruru treatment plant, to keep the Hauraki Plains supplied in ongoing dry conditions.

From a water supply perspective, the area will now have the best start possible to summer, with a full store of raw water. However, it will pay to remember that it's still a resource with a limit, that needs to be used carefully.

Even small conservation efforts can add up to a lot of water – and money – saved. For instance, farmers can get double benefit from capturing and storing rainwater that would otherwise drain on to the yard. This will prevent an increase in the volume of effluent that needs to be managed, and provide extra water for yard washdown and for stock.

On or off the farm, watch for leaks and fix them fast. Just a pinhead-size hole in an underground pipe can lose over 500 litres of water per day!

Check out other Smart Water Use tips on the Council website.