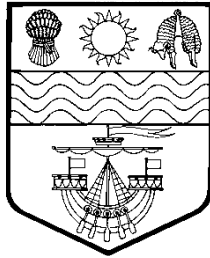


Central Hawke's Bay District Council



2008/2009 Annual Report

Our mission statement:

“The Central Hawke's Bay District Council will be accountable to its citizens for the good management of the public assets of the District and provide open local government at minimum economic cost, with the least possible intervention in the private lives of residents.”

2008/2009 Annual Report

Every year the Council produces a document (The Annual Report), which records whether or not the Council has done what it said it would do in the Annual Plan. This Annual Report relates to the third year of the 2006 - 2016 Long Term Council Community Plan (from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2016).

How Does it Affect You?

The Annual Report records how money from ratepayers, financial institutions and other governmental agencies was spent. It provides information on projects that were completed, delayed, postponed or abandoned.

Get Involved!

If you want to have a say on what projects Council undertakes and how Council spends its money, then you can make a submission to the Long Term Council Community Plan or Annual Plan. The next opportunity will be the 2010/2011 Annual Plan (from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011). Keep a look out for it in April 2010. If you want further involvement, stand for Council at the next local government election in October 2010!

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2008/2009 Highlights

Democracy

Council formed a Rates Working Party in 2008 to consider and recommend to Council, the basis by which future rates could be levied on the CHB community. Submissions on the outcomes of Council's proposed revisions to our Rating Structures were heard in December 2008 and these changes formed part of the update of Council's 2009/19 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

This three yearly review and update of the LTCCP involved a full review of Council's Activities, their Levels of Service and the costs associated with providing these Services. A very successful Information Expo was held at the Waipukurau Memorial Hall in early April – which was attended by a large number of ratepayers who were able to discuss their concerns with Councillors and Staff.

The final updated 2009/19 LTCCP was adopted by Council on 25th June 2009, following hearings on 61 submissions received on the draft document.

Waste Water Consents

As part of the ongoing planning towards meeting our new consent requirements, an alternative approach – involving a land based discharge option for Waipukurau and Waipawa, is currently being considered. This is a departure from our existing consent and will require that a new consent is sought once final feasibility studies are complete.

New consents are currently being sought for Waste Water discharge at Porangahau/Te Paerahi.

Water

Council has implemented a water management strategy – with the fitting of additional meters to those considered “exceptional users” and the regular reading and billing of meters to encourage water conservation not only to preserve a resource, but also to reduce the need for a costly expansion of infrastructure.

Planning for the upgrade of the Waipawa Pump station is underway. Both the Waipawa and Waipukurau pump stations will require additional filtration to meet the Drinking Water Standards.

Solid Waste

Work began on a cell extension to the Farm Road Landfill. This extension will make available space for a minimum of 5 years life in the Landfill before further extensions are required.

Jack Trash bins at beaches have been replaced by local rubbish collection initiatives.

Public Toilets

A new toilet block has been constructed at the Otane Rec Ground.

Retirement Flats

Council's ageing stock of Retirement Flats has needed much delayed maintenance. This commenced in 2007/08 and was completed in the 2008/09 financial year.