

## GROUPS OF ACTIVITIES

### How to Read this Section

This section describes Council's activities as grouped in the 2006-2016 Community Plan. Each activity includes a description of the various actions that were carried out over the financial year and also reports on the overall progress of Council's contribution towards community outcomes.

It is structured as follows:

#### **Why we do it**

Provides a description of the activities, objectives or purpose.

#### **What we did**

Reports on the activities/actions carried out over the year that give effect to that activity. Emphasis is on highlights for the year rather than business-as-usual activities.

#### **How are we going?**

Reports on the progress towards achieving community outcomes. Also provides a description of how the particular activity contributes to one or more community outcomes, the measures used to determine whether that contribution is successful, targets that the activity seeks to achieve and its actual achievement.

#### **Identified effects on wellbeing**

Explains how the activity effects the social, economic, environmental or cultural wellbeing of the community.

#### **What it cost**

Reports on the cost of the service including any variances favourable or otherwise.

Note that brackets are used to denote an adverse variance for operating revenue and expense. Also bracketed amounts on the net cost of service line indicate a surplus i.e. revenue exceeds expenditure.

## WHY WE DO IT

The governance of local councils is the responsibility of the Mayor and Councillors. Their role is complex as it involves representation of the community that elects them and stewardship of a large organisation. To further add to the role, the Mayor and Councillors are responsible for implementing the provision of the laws that allow public participation in decision-making. The Democratic Process activity supports the elected members in these roles and ensures that the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002 are met and the principles in that Act are applied.

## WHAT WE DID

- ▶ Full Council meetings usually held on the last Thursday of every month.
- ▶ Committee meetings held mid month.
- ▶ Seven NZ Citizenship ceremonies were held.
- ▶ The Mayor hosted visits by the Governor General, the Asia NZ Foundation Board of Trustees meeting and Prime Minister Helen Clark regarding the Hikurangi Forest Farms resource consent.
- ▶ Opening ceremony for the Turanganui Riverbank Walkway and Cycleway.
- ▶ Anzac Day Civic Ceremony.
- ▶ For the 2009-2019 consultation process Council held 21 public meetings in 22 communities which were mostly attended by His Worship the Mayor and also well attended by Councillors.
- ▶ Presentations on the 2009 - 2019 Ten Year Plan were held at 16 stakeholder meetings attended by His Worship the Mayor.
- ▶ High attendance at Council meetings.

## HOW ARE WE GOING?

### Overall Progress towards Achievement of Community Outcomes to which the DEMOCRATIC PROCESS Activity Primarily Contributes

How the Democratic Process Activity Contributes	Measure	Targets	Actual 2009	Actual 2008
<b>OUTCOME</b>				
<b>Fair and Active Democracy</b>				
By ensuring effective representation and democratic processes are in place so as to encourage community participation in the decision-making for and on behalf of the district.	Percentage of residents very/fairly satisfied with the way rates are spent on services and facilities provided by Council in annual resident survey.	65%	53% <sup>1</sup>	68% Target Achieved
	Percentage of residents who can name 3 or more Councillors correctly in annual resident survey.	44%	66% <sup>1</sup>	43% Target not Achieved
	Percentage of residents who believe their elected representatives welcome questions, comments and requests so they would feel comfortable approaching them.	55%	80% <sup>1</sup>	63% Target Achieved
	Percentage of residents who rate the performance of the Mayor and Councillors as very good/fairly good in annual resident survey.	60%	74% <sup>1</sup>	59% Target not Achieved

<sup>1</sup> The survey questionnaire was changed in 2009 so is not comparable with the previous year's results and to a certain extent the performance target.

### IDENTIFIED EFFECTS ON WELLBEING

The actions that we carried out over the course of the year through the Democratic Process activity have impacted positively on community wellbeing with particular respect to effective representation. Effective representation contributes to the four wellbeings (social, cultural, economic and environmental) as evidenced through our residents satisfaction with the elected representatives.

The elected members' commitment and involvement in the 2009-2019 consultation process raised awareness among the community about the plans for the district as evidenced through the number of submissions received (i.e. 409 from groups of which 61 presented in person). In addition approximately 400-500 people attended either a public or stakeholder meeting. However, an area that was not as well received was resident satisfaction with the way that rates are spent, suggesting a less effective impact on the economic wellbeing of our community.

### WHAT IT COST (FINANCIAL SUMMARY)

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (\$000)	2009 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 VARIANCE	2008 ACTUAL
Operating Revenue	4	11	(7)	51
Less Operating Expenses	2,466	2,477	11	2,503
<b>Net Cost of Service</b>	<b>\$2,462</b>	<b>\$2,466</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$2,452</b>

This activity operated within budget and this is reflected in the nominal variance for the net cost of service.