

# SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

2016/17

The Council adopted its Annual Report for the 2016/17 financial year on Monday 16 October 2017. The Annual Report, which reflects the period from 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017, shows how well the District's assets are being looked after and how well the Council is performing as an organisation.

Today's Southlink presents a brief overview of the 2016/17 Annual Report. For a more detailed Summary or the Full Annual Report go to our website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) or phone us toll free 0800 111 323 to arrange for a copy to be sent out to you.



Work was completed to provide additional parking for self-contained campers and to improve the wastewater system to the toilet block at

## Lake Rotokare Reserve.

The Council recieved a \$109,000 grant from the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment for the project.

On 13 March we held our first ever South Taranaki Dog Splash Day at Kaponga Swimming Pool



# 97%

of our **pensioner housing tenants** were satisfied with the standard and maintenance of their accommodation.

# 80%

of residents are satisfied/neutral with their opportunity to participate in Council decision making processes.\*

As part of the Council's 'Pathways Programme', Work was completed on stage 1 of the Denby Road to Waihi Beach Walkway, and just over 1 km of new footpath was built in Manaia on Karaka, Kaipoi and Patu-Kukupu Streets which creates a complete pathway loop around the township. The footpath approaches to 'Dudley Bridge', which is part of the Opunake Coastal Walkway, were completed as were the new concrete steps, retaining wall, chip sealed access track and stormwater improvements at Middleton Bay

# 97%

of customers satisfied with LibraryPlus facilities and customer service.\*

# 280,494

people used our LibraryPlus facilities.

# 135,378

online visitors.



TSB Hub had another strong year with

# 138,763

visitors using the facility.



# 93%

of residents surveyed were satisfied with the solid waste collection service.\*

# 34%

of waste was diverted from the landfill

38% (approximately 900 lights) of the Districts street lights have now been converted to new LED lights. The energy saving equated to approximately

# \$26,000

## Daffodil Planting Programme

2,000 bulbs were given to local community groups for planting in Manaia, Opunake and Eltham

Council purchased property for the location of the future Centre for Heritage, Arts, Library, Culture and Information (CHALCI) on the eastern corner of Regent and High Streets in Hawera.

Seismic Strengthening work on the **Hawera Community Centre Hall** was completed which means the whole complex has now been brought up to 67% of the New Building Standard.

## TAUMATA RECREATION CENTRE

in Eltham's Taumata Park was completed and opened in May 2017. This project was co-funded by the Council, TSB Community Trust, Lion Foundation and NZCT, with contributions from the two main user groups the Eltham Football Club and Eltham Athletics Club.

# 74%

of residents felt the decisions made by Council represent the best interests of the District with 9% replying 'don't know'.\*



The first stage in the development of the new regional landfill just south of Eltham was started with major (\$810,000) road improvements on SH3 at the intersection with Rotokare Road.

Face painting at Comic Book Day 2017

Over the 2016/17 year, South Taranaki District Council issued

**542**  
building consents

**153**  
resource consents

**135**  
liquor licences

**97%**  
of residents were satisfied with the level of maintenance in Council parks and properties, and 86% were satisfied with the maintenance and cleanliness of our toilets.\*

The i-SITE had an 8.5% increase in international visitors.

October 2016 saw Lonely Planet Planet name Taranaki the second best region in the world to visit for 2017.

**100%**  
of all  
**2,210**  
building inspections were carried out within 2 working days of request.

Resource consent was granted for a Wind Farm near the coast between Patea and Waverley. The proposed wind farm involved up to 48 turbines which would be 160m high to the top of the blades. The project would generate 490GWh of power annually and would be the first wind farm in Taranaki. One appeal was received on the application, which will likely be resolved in the next financial year.

The first project of the **Hawera Town Centre Strategy**, Campbell Lane, was completed and the second laneway project was started. Both of these laneway projects will provide improved connectivity between the free public carparks and the CBD shopping precinct.



The Hawera Aquatic Centre had **94,331** visits, the third best attendance since the 2008/2009 upgrade.



\*Annual Resident Survey

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	Council	Consolidated
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>	\$11,984,000	\$11,984,000
<b>Total assets</b>	\$977 million	\$977 million
<b>Total liabilities</b>	\$131 million	\$131 million
<b>Total equity</b>	\$846 million	\$846 million

The Council finished the year with an surplus of \$11,984,000 against a budgeted surplus of \$3,755,000. The main reasons for the surplus were:

## REVENUE

- Total revenue was \$7.1 million more than budgeted.

- This included an accounting adjustment of \$4.3 million for the gain on derivative contract valuations (swaps) and \$2.8 million more than budgeted from the Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) due to strong market conditions.

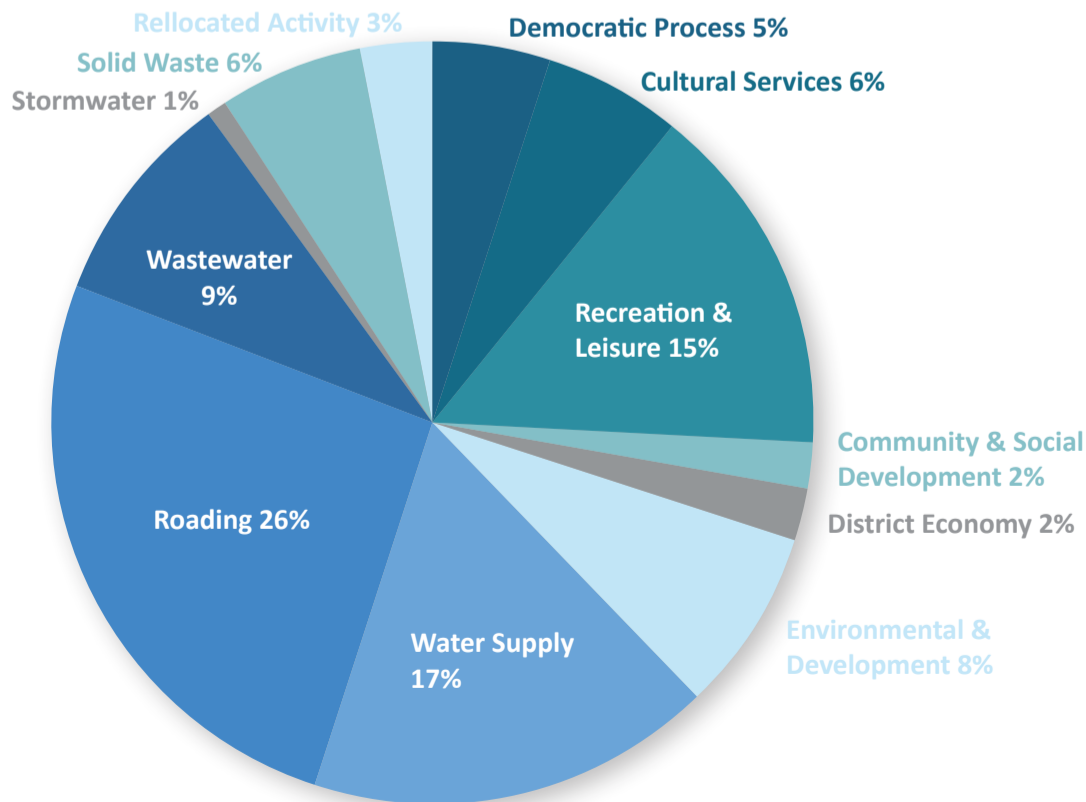
## EXPENDITURE

- An accounting adjustment for a \$743,000 book loss on infrastructure asset disposal. This has no impact on rates.
- \$1,142,000 of savings on actual versus budgeted amounts for interest paid and depreciation.

Global Ratings Agency Standard and Poors (S&P) upgraded the Council's long term credit rating from A+ to AA- and short term rating from A-1 to A-1+ with Stable Outlook. The higher credit rating will result in savings for ratepayers of \$60,000 annually on future debt servicing.

Over **4,000** people came to watch the Hurricanes vs. Crusaders pre-season rugby game at Dallison Park in Waverley.

## OPERATING EXPENDITURE



Council's total borrowing decreased from \$133.04 to \$123.75 million

**LONG TERM INVESTMENT FUND**  
increased from \$131.65m to \$137.43m\*.

\*After annual drawdown of \$5.56m

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