

# SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

2017/18

The Council adopted its Annual Report for the 2017/18 financial year on Monday 8 October 2018. The Annual Report, which reflects the period from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018, 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 2017/18 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 to you.



## SOUTH TARANAKI SPORTING HALL OF FAME

All Council cemeteries were digitally mapped



**96%** of our **pensioner housing tenants** are satisfied with the standard of their accommodation.\*

**90%** of residents are satisfied with the Council's level of consultation.\*

South Taranaki opened its

## Sporting Hall of Fame

at TSB Hub with James Hunter (rugby), Roger Cox (shearing) and Adine Wilson (netball) being the first inductees



**District Pathways** - Stage 2 of the Denby Road Pathway was completed. The new 1.7km section joins the existing pathway, running across farmland to Fairfield Road. In February the Manawapou Viaduct Walkway, which follows the old Ingahape Road from the State Highway at the bottom of Manawapou Hill, opened.

**97%** of customers satisfied with LibraryPlus facilities and customer service.\*

People used our LibraryPlus facilities on

**247,506** occasions

There were also

**153,057** online visits.



TSB Hub had another strong year with **134,022** visitors in total.



**94%** of residents surveyed were satisfied with the solid waste collection service.\*

**36%** of waste was diverted from the landfill

There were also

**153,057** online visits.

**83%**

of consumers surveyed were satisfied with the water supply overall.\*



Emergency work/ Flood damage on roads cost **\$1.2 million** for the year.

**73%**

of road users were satisfied with the condition of Council roads.\*

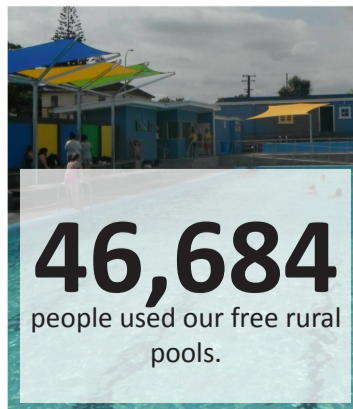
**85%**

of residents surveyed were satisfied with the district's wastewater services.\*



The District's **FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW** was reviewed and in Jan 2018 Council employed seven part-time Freedom Camping Ambassadors. The subsequent positive feedback and dramatic drop in complaints resulted in Council agreeing to engage freedom camping ambassadors for future seasons.

**76%** of residents felt the decisions made by Council represent the best interests of the District with 9% replying 'don't know'.\*



**46,684** people used our free rural pools.



**SWIM BETWEEN FLAGS**

Over the 2017/18 year, South Taranaki District Council issued

**572**  
building consents

**113**  
resource consents

**225**  
Health premises registrations

**114**  
liquor licences

**97%**  
of residents were satisfied with the level of maintenance in Council parks and properties, and 79% were satisfied with the maintenance and cleanliness of our toilets.\*

**\$2 million**  
in upgrades were undertaken at the **Inaha Water Treatment Plant** and the Inaha water supply was connected by pipeline to the Kapuni water supply

**100%**  
of all  
**2,218**  
building inspections were carried out within 2 working days of request.

**96%**  
of noise complaints  
**(757 of 766)**  
were responded to within one hour.

The second Hāwera Town Centre project was started. Korimako Lane (and the refurbishment of Council-owned Grubi Building) will complement Campbell Lane. Both laneway projects will provide improved connectivity between the free public carparks and the CBD shopping precinct.



The Hāwera Aquatic Centre had  
**98,528**  
visits, the second busiest year since its upgrade was completed in 2009

**90km**  
of roads were resealed and  
**1.5km**  
of footpaths replaced and Bridge 160 on Eltham Road was replaced.

\*Survey conducted by Research First using a sample of 403 residents 18 years + and representative of the population in terms of ward and gender.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	Council
Net surplus/(deficit)	\$8,042,000
Total assets	\$992 million
Total liabilities	\$138 million
Total equity	\$854 million

The Council finished the year with a surplus of \$8,042,000 against a budgeted surplus of \$1,617,000. The main reasons for the surplus were:

## REVENUE

- Total revenue was \$10.3 million more than budgeted.
- This included \$2.6 million more than budgeted in earnings from the Long Term Investment Fund, \$4 million additional sundry revenue received from the New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) in accordance

with the Central Landfill Joint Committee Agreement and additional \$2.5m subsidies for Rotokare Road and SH3 upgrades.

## EXPENDITURE

- An accounting adjustment for the \$0.66 million book loss on infrastructure asset disposal (this has no impact on rates).
- \$1.04 million accounting adjustment for the loss on derivative contract (Swaps).
- \$3.9 million of unbudgeted expenditure, mainly within the Roothing activity and Landfill which were both recovered from NPDC and unbudgeted expenditure relating to the review of Council's District Plan.
- \$1.7 million of savings on actual versus budgeted amounts for interest paid and depreciation, due to delays in the Capital Works Programmes.

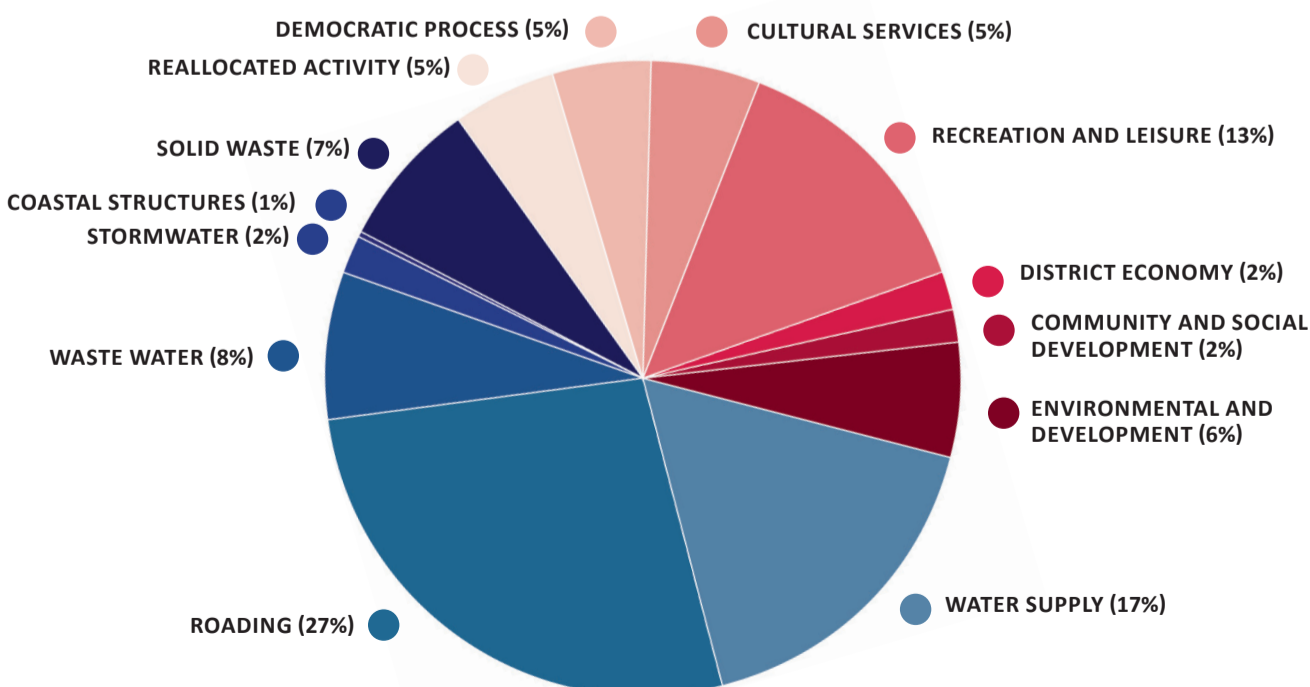
## LTIF

The Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) returned **\$11.99 million which was \$2.6 million more than budgeted.**

Each year the Council draws \$5.8 million from the LTIF which provides \$3.87 million to subsidise general rates and a further \$1.93 million to service loans for specific community projects.

The value of the LTIF increased from \$137.43 million to \$143.21 million - after allowing for the withdrawal of the annual \$5.8 million drawdown.

## OPERATING EXPENDITURE



## DEBT

Council's total borrowing increased from \$123.75 million to \$128.18 million.