

Stratford District Council

In the heart of Taranaki

SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 2011

Outcomes for the Stratford Community

The community outcomes are listed in the 2009-2019 LTCCP and Council is working towards the achievement of those outcomes either by working with other organisations in the common pursuit of

community goals or by taking direct action through the provision of services and facilities. Council is expected to take a leadership role in areas not considered a core service of Council. This includes

areas of health, education and social support. Council met in full or partly 158 (79.4%) of the 199 measureable performance targets set for the year. Council has little control over some of the targets not met i.e. number of items issued at the library,

etc. Below are some key projects undertaken by Council during 2010/11 in achieving the social, cultural, economic and the environmental well-being needs of the Stratford community.

Key Projects

Roading

Reseals were completed on 32.3km (195,630 m²) of sealed roads, and 11,320 m³ of metal was spread on 44.4 km of unsealed roads. The contractor completed 2.06 km of pavement rehabilitation on Makuri and Toko Roads. They also completed 2.2 km of seal extension (sealing of unsealed roads) on Makuri Road. A total of 201.2 km of water tables were cleaned. An additional 970 m of kerb and channel were constructed on Glanville Road, 105 m of new footpath was also added on the same street.

The average roughness for urban roads is 110.9 NASSRA (target not to exceed 135) with 23.9% greater than 150 (target no more than 30%). The average roughness for rural roads is 96.6 NASSRA (target not to exceed 115) with 9.0% greater than 150 (target no more than 20%). The values are the same as last year as the roughness survey is carried out every two years.

There were 13 fatal and injury crashes (district roads only) from 1 January to 31 December 2010. The target for such crashes was less than 29 for the year. The Road Safety Action Plan actions for engineering, education and enforcement in Taranaki are ongoing.

Planning Consents

Resource consent activity has continued to decline with 47 consents being granted, of which 19 were for subdivisions. This compared with a total of 61 for 2009/10 and the highest level of 106 in 2005/06.

All applications were processed within 20 working days and 98% were processed within 15 working days. There were no notified consent applications.

Building Control

The reassessment of Council's Building Consent Authority was carried out in March 2011 and accreditation maintained. The number of building consents continue to decline with 264 being granted for the year, compared with 294 for 2009/10 and the highest level of 461 in 2005/06.

All building consent applications were processed within 9 working days, well within the 20 working days permitted.

Environmental Health

All 73 premises required to be registered under the Health Act 1956 were registered and 75% of the food workers have gained a food safety qualification. The number of health related complaints concerning premises was 8.

Liquor Licensing

There are 32 licensed premises within the district which were all inspected.

Dog Control

Of the 2,309 known dogs in the District 98% were registered. Council visited all properties within the urban areas to monitor dog registration during the year. 144 infringement notices were issued and 269 complaints were responded to, all within 1 hour of receipt. These are a slight reduction from the 2009/10 result.

Bylaws

A total of 273 complaints were received and all were responded to within 2 hours. The result remains at a similar high level to that for 2009/2010 (309).

Rural Fire

30 fire permits were issued, compared with 5 for 2009/10. There were no incidents requiring a rural fire response from Council.

Community Development

The number of Youth Councillors appointed fluctuated between 11 and 13 during the year. In regard to the wider community, 11 community and civic functions were held and 181 children participated in the 4 School Holiday Programmes.

With the exception of \$2,256 for SPARC funding which was carried over, all community funds for Creative Communities and the Community Grants were allocated to community groups.

Economic Development

A range of programmes to assist local business development were carried out through Venture Taranaki. Council support of the Stratford Business Association, particularly in regard to the Romeo Awards and Christmas promotions, was also given.

Library

The Stratford library provides a free membership to 5,684 members (equivalent to 64% of the district population) and is also the host to the Peoples Network broadband access at the library building. There were 90,970 visits to the library over the year.

Information Centre

The Information Centre, which is a member of the Visitor Information Network (i-Site) has over 49,000 visitors for the year and almost 12,000 who used the AA Agency services. Both numbers were down slightly on the 2009/10 results.

Parks And Reserves

All sporting codes have been able to operate within the four sports grounds available.

In King Edward Park dying Lawsoniana trees were removed, a slumped area was filled and regressed, old seats were removed and the land re-contoured.

The "beach" area at Windsor Park was redeveloped and a picnic area created.

There were new plantings at King Edward Park, street frontages, Kopuatama Cemetery and roundabouts.

Four refurbished Heritage Trail signs were installed in King Edward Park. All major works and renewal work was completed within budget.

TSB Pool Complex

There was no change to the opening hours during 2010/11. All pool personnel are qualified with national Pool Lifeguard awards of which a component is first aid.

Civic Amenities

The number of hires for 2010/11 for the War Memorial Centre was 568 with the Centennial Rest Rooms having 345 hires. 200 plastic chairs were purchased for the War Memorial Centre and carpet tiles were laid in the Council Chambers and passage ways of the Miranda Street office.

Pensioner Housing And Elsie Fraser Housing

A 96% occupancy was achieved over the 10 units at 37 Page Street.

Rental Properties

Rental and lease payments are all up to date and all lease conditions were fully complied with.

Holiday Park

The number of guest nights at the Holiday Park was 3,509. The Holiday Park assets remain on the property market for sale.

Farm Investment

The Council farm achieved a total production figure of 92,024 kg milk solids for the 2010/11 season, the farm being 4% above the district average. The total number of shares held with Fonterra is 115,516. Fonterra awarded Council and its sharemilkers Jonathon and Asha West a Certificate of Excellence in Milk Quality for supplying milk that reached Fonterra's 100% finest quality standards for the 2010/11 season.

Project works including Farm Pasture Development and a non-potable water system were completed to required standards.

Solid Waste (Refuse)

Council generally attained the required performance requirements while operating within budget allocations. However a replacement driver's lack of knowledge/familiarity resulted in a significant number of complaints. Council met all environmental consent conditions. It also achieved the targeted reduction in refuse sent to landfill and an increase in recyclables collected.

Wastewater (Sewerage)

There were no major reticulation upgrades undertaken during the year, however two pump stations received significant improvements. Council delivered the desired level of service to the users but failed to meet its environmental performance obligations following a sewer overflow at the oxidation ponds, which resulted in a non-compliance notification being received from the Taranaki Regional Council.

Stormwater

During the year 99 m of obsolete tunnels were upgraded to meet current reticulation standards, of which only 35 m were planned works. Two projects were added to the programme, one because a collapsed tunnel required emergency action and the other to replace a section of tunnel before a building was erected over it. Council achieved all performance and environmental targets.

Water

Council substantially attained performance targets (<60 service disruptions pa, >95% compliance with contract conditions and compliance with Drinking Water Standards) but failed to keep complaints to less than 10pa (15 were received). Council also failed to meet all the environmental consent conditions by exceeding the allowable river extraction at Midhurst but it achieved the targeted reduction in the peak usage.

Financial Overview

Financial Performance

The following table provides a summary of the comparative financial performance for the Council and Group for the last two financial years. Council performed close to budget with operating revenue above budget and operating expenditure within budget. The consolidated figures comprise those of Council and its Council Controlled Organisation, the Percy Thomson Trust.

Summary of Statement of Comprehensive Income & Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2011	Council			Consolidated	
	Actual 2010/11	Budget 2010/11	Actual 2009/10	Actual 2010/11	Actual 2009/10
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Operating Revenue	13,919.6	13,491.3	13,996.8	14,065.7	14,114.6
Less: Finance Costs	146.0	322.5	161.9	146.0	161.9
Less: Other Expenditure	13,628.1	12,949.1	12,205.6	13,682.3	12,347.2
Net Surplus (Deficit) before income tax	145.5	219.7	1,629.3	237.4	1,605.5
Income Tax Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on sale of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	(0.3)
Revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(36.8)	-	2.4	(35.6)	13.1
Gains/(Losses) on Property Revaluation	25,762.2	22,479.7	-	25,888.5	-
Net Surplus (Total recognised Revenue and Expenditure)	25,870.9	22,699.4	1,631.7	26,090.3	1,618.3
Equity at the Beginning of the Year	263,621.0	260,597.0	261,989.3	266,374.4	264,756.1
Equity at the End of the Year	289,491.9	283,296.4	263,621.0	292,464.7	266,374.4

Summary of Financial Position

Summary of Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2011	Council			Consolidated	
	Actual 2010/11	Budget 2010/11	Actual 2009/10	Actual 2010/11	Actual 2009/10
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Current Assets	8,982.5	9,052.0	9,071.8	9,499.5	9,486.3
Non-current Assets	285,957.6	280,450.3	260,573.3	288,433.6	262,925.5
Total Assets	294,940.1	289,502.3	269,645.1	297,933.1	272,411.8
Current Liabilities	1,888.3	2,282.0	2,438.7	1,908.5	2,452.1
Non-current Liabilities	3,560.1	3,923.9	3,585.4	3,560.1	3,585.4
Total Liabilities	5,448.4	6,205.9	6,024.1	5,468.6	6,037.5
Equity	289,491.9	283,296.4	263,621.0	292,464.7	266,374.4
Total Liabilities and Equity	294,940.1	289,502.3	269,645.0	297,933.1	272,411.8

Summary of Cash Flows

The Cash Flows table summarises how Council and the Group generated and used cash during the respective financial years. In both years cash surpluses from operating activities were invested in the district's assets.

Summary Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2011	Council			Consolidated	
	Actual 2010/11	Budget 2010/11	Actual 2009/10	Actual 2010/11	Actual 2009/10
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	3,594.1	3,908.8	5,072.6	3,626.1	5,090.6
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(3,542.2)	(3,896.3)	(4,226.9)	(3,472.2)	(4,176.9)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(1,143.7)	(1,210.9)	279.2	(1,143.7)	279.2
Net Increase (decrease) in Cash Held for the year	(1,091.8)	(1,198.4)	1,124.9	(989.8)	1,192.9
Opening Cash & Cash Equivalents Balances	8,398.0	9,230.4	7,273.1	8,799.3	7,606.4
Closing Cash & Cash Equivalents Balances	7,306.2	8,032.0	8,398.0	7,809.5	8,799.3