

Community Facilities

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Goal

To provide, maintain and improve all recreational areas, reserves and facilities to a level that satisfies the social, economic, environmental and cultural needs of the community.

Nature and Scope of Activity

Parks, Reserves and Playgrounds

The Council provides parks, playgrounds and sports fields for the recreational and sporting needs of the community. Reserves include the numerous road and recreational reserves throughout the district. The main parks and reserves include Churchill Park, South Bay Domain, Takahanga Domain, and playgrounds at Gooches Beach, South Bay, and Bayview Street plus a new children's playground at the Beach Rd/Gillings Lane reserve.

Library

The Kaikoura District Library is situated in the West End, and houses approximately 17,000 items. Membership is estimated at 52.5% of the population of Kaikoura. The library provides a range of services in addition to its fiction and non-fiction book collection, such as colour and black & white photocopying, computer and internet access, document binding, large print books, talking books, and videos. The library runs various programmes such as toddler time, children's holiday programmes, school visits, and a housebound book delivery service.

Swimming Pool

The "Lions Pool" is situated on the Esplanade at Gooches Beach, and is a heated open-air facility, with changing rooms, toilets and a toddler's shaded pool. The pool is generally open from November to March, seven days a week. It is intended that, in response to public interest for a combined sports facility, a new indoor swimming pool will be developed, and the Lions Pool will be eventually demolished.

Public Toilets

There are currently seven public toilet facilities, at West End, Gooches Beach, Jimmy Armers Beach, the South Bay Marina, South Bay Domain, and new facilities at Beach Road and the South Bay recreational reserve. Council is investigating the provision of public toilets at strategic locations along the Kaikoura coastline, in response to public dissatisfaction at human waste on some popular beaches. An ongoing programme of upgrading the existing facilities has been put in place.

Community Halls

The Memorial Hall is situated next door to the Council offices on the Esplanade, and in 2001/2002 was given a major interior refurbishment. The facility now boasts a modern kitchen, dressing rooms, bar, supper room, and new toilet facilities. Upgrading of the Hall continued in 2006, with the main hall floor being restored, and the smaller meeting rooms having been refurbished.

Council also owns the Drill Hall on Beach Rd, which is in a poor state of repair and had been considered for major upgrading, potentially to house the district's museum facility. The community has shown its support for the Hall by reinstating the Drama Club and is making use of the hall more regularly.





Housing for the Elderly

Council owns 12 pensioner flats at 94 Torquay Street, and has entered a partnership agreement with Housing Corporation NZ which has enabled a further four flats to be constructed at this site. The existing flats will continue to be upgraded as funds allow, and the construction of new flats will entail some landscaping and redevelopment of access throughout the site. These units are anticipated to be completed by February 2008.

Civic Offices

In addition to the properties already mentioned, Council owns its offices at 34 Esplanade. These offices are no longer adequate, both in terms of space and the structural integrity of the building, and Council is intending to relocate its offices to become part of a combined facility housing the Council office, library, museum, indoor swimming pool, and conference/meeting rooms.

Effects on the Community

Economic		With the exception of housing for the elderly, which is self funding, these facilities do come at a cost to the ratepayer, however without attractive parks and reserves and community facilities the district would have little appeal for residential and commercial development to continue
Environmental		The provision of attractive parks and reserves enhances the environment, increasing the green space within the district. Providing public toilets prevents the spoiling of beaches and other areas frequented by visitors
Social		These facilities are fundamental to the social well-being of the community, in terms of providing locations for interaction, for leisure, sport, education and recreation.
Cultural		Community facilities such as the library, museum, and civic offices are considered cultural hubs in any community.

Community Outcomes

The following table highlights how Community Facilities contributes to the achievement of Community Outcomes.

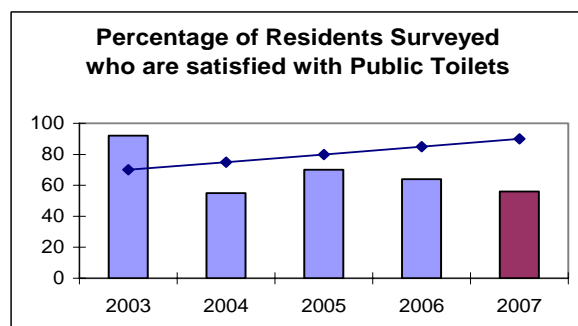
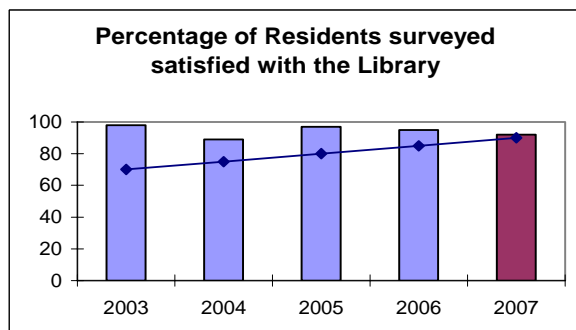
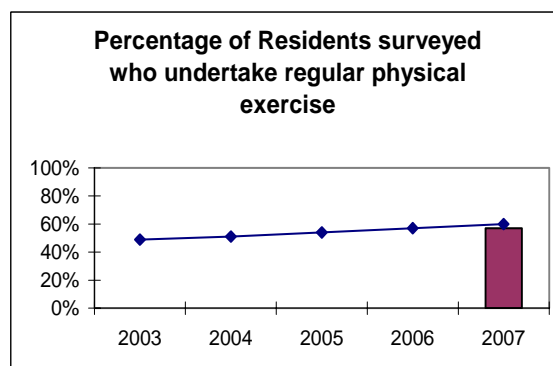
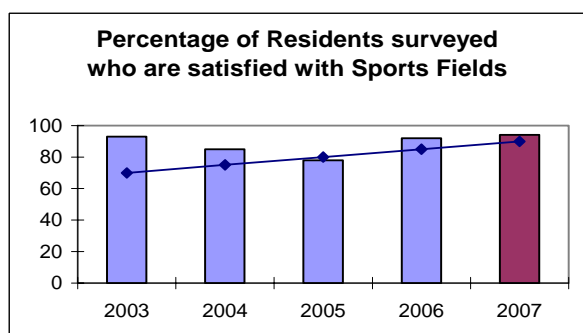
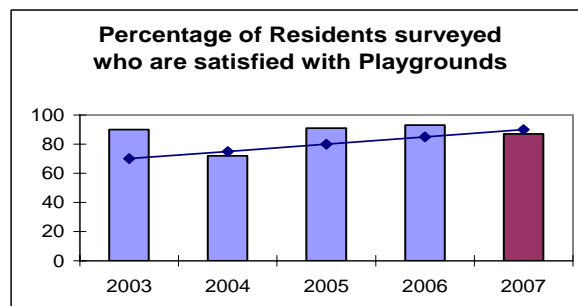
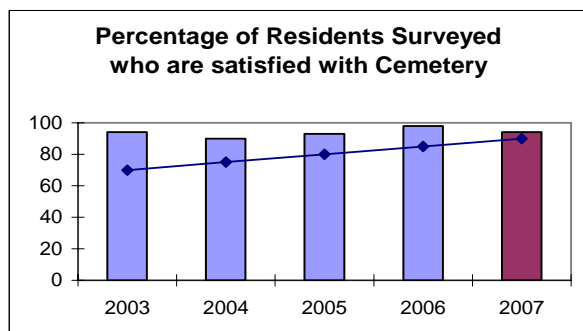
Community Outcome	How the Community Facilities Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
Sustainable Development	By providing adequate infrastructure and services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs	Percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with cemetery, sports fields, library, playgrounds and public toilets
Opportunities for Quality Education and Employment	By supporting physical activity in schools in their provision of weekly physical activity by providing adequate facilities, such as swimming pool, sports grounds, etc, for this to occur.	Continued use of community facilities for the provision of physical activity programmes by the schools
A Quality Standard of Affordable Housing	By providing good quality pensioner housing	Percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with the housing provided
	By providing adequate pensioner housing by developing additional units at the Torquay Street facility	Development of a site plan and design of four more units for the site
	Plan for the construction and ownership of affordable housing units by developing partnerships with Housing NZ, assess the needs of the community, and develop affordable housing units should this be the outcome of this process	Application for funding from Housing NZ approved, public consultation completed.
Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Investigate possible locations and potential installation of new public toilets along coastal reserves, with particular emphasis on the Kekerengu, Clarence, Oaro, and Puketa and Mangamaunu areas	Progress towards the development of new public toilets on coastal reserves
Affordable Access to Quality Community Facilities	By providing attractive recreational reserves, and ensuring that these areas continue to be developed with the expansion of the urban area	Annual capital spend on upgrading for reserves, playgrounds and coastal zone, including the West End town centre.

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Affordable Access to Quality Community Facilities	Develop a multipurpose community facility consisting of indoor pool, indoor sports complex, gymnasium, museum, library, art gallery, meeting room and local government offices	Progress towards the facility's completion
	Upgrade public toilet facilities at Gooches Beach, Armers Beach, South Bay Recreational Reserve and South Bay Domain	Annual capital spend on public toilet upgrading
	Encourage increased physical activity, through the provision of adequate community sport facilities, playgrounds, and mountain biking tracks	The percentage of residents surveyed who indicated they undertake regular physical exercise of more than 3 hours per week
	Ensure that recreation reserves are maintained to the highest appropriate standard possible through regular contract supervision	Maintenance contracts are carried out in compliance with specifications (relating to frequency of grass cutting, clearing away wind blown detritus, etc)
	Provide adequate library facilities	Opening hours are not less than 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, plus 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday, open until 7.00pm Friday during summer months
	Provide a heated open-air swimming pool	Opening hours are not less than 11.00am to 5.00pm seven days per week, from November through March
	Provide clean public toilet facilities	Complete regular cleaning schedules and respond to complaints within 4 hours

Report on Performance

The results of each performance measure on the previous pages are shown here.

KEY: The line in each graph indicates the Councils desired trend, and for 2007 the Actual Target.



Residents of the pensioner flats have not been surveyed to determine satisfaction with the provision of pensioner housing. In addition to the above performance measures, are the following targets and results that could not be presented in graphic format.

Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007-2009	Actual Result 2007
Continued use of community facilities for the provision of physical activity programmes by the schools	N/A	Facilities continue to be used at least once per month (on average)	The Lions Pool is used for at least 2 weeks per year, plus the Takahanga Domain is used 2-4 times per year. All schools visit and use reserve areas for field trips and activities

Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007-2009	Actual Result 2007
Development of four more units for the pensioner flats Torquay Street site	Still awaiting confirmation that funding from Housing NZ has been approved.	Development complete by December 2007	Funding has been confirmed, designs have been approved, tenders have been advertised, and the units are anticipated to be built by February 2008
Application for funding to construct affordable housing units be approved, and public consultation completed	Preliminary planning discussions held with Housing NZ	Funding confirmed by June 2007, six units constructed by June 2009	The application for funding has not been approved, pending further investigations into the need and viability of affordable housing units
Progress towards the development of new public toilets on coastal reserves	Council is investigating suitable locations	Complete investigations into locations in 2007, two new public toilets built by June 2009	A proposed site has been confirmed at Kiwa Road, Mangamaunu, and the public toilets are due to be built in 2007/2008.
Annual capital spend on upgrading for reserves, playgrounds and coastal zone, including the West End town centre	\$277,000 spent overall	West End upgrade completed, and Bayview Street playground equipment replaced	\$143,614 spent overall. The West End footbridge is complete, and further upgrades are being finalised with West End business owners. Public consultation has confirmed that Bayview St local reserve only requires minimal upgrading
Progress towards the completion of the proposed combined community facility	N/A	Funding sources developed in 2007 and construction completed by 2010	A funding strategy has been prepared, and investigations continue into the most appropriate location for the proposed components of the facility.
Annual capital spend on public toilet upgrading	\$56,818 spent on new Beach Rd toilets	Update fittings at Gooches Beach and South Bay Domain	Gooches Beach and South Bay Domain toilets have not been upgraded. New toilets have been developed at South Bay Recreation Reserve in partnership with the Dept of Conservation, \$42,471 spent.

Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007-2009	Actual Result 2007
Maintenance contracts are carried out in accordance with specifications (relating to frequency of grass cutting, clearing wind blown detritus, etc)	Both contractors have been in compliance with the contract specification	Achieved	There has been no major issue with the compliance of this contract. The contractor is very pro-active in his approach to his work.
Library opening hours are not less than 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, plus 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday, open until 7.00pm Friday during summer months	Opening hours as specified	Opening hours as specified	Opening hours as specified
Swimming Pool opening hours are not less than 11.00am to 5.00pm seven days per week, from November through March	Opening hours as specified	Opening hours as specified	Due to a particularly cold wet December and January the pool did not meet this target.
Complete regular cleaning schedules for public toilets, and respond to complaints within 4 hours	Achieved	Achieved	Cleaning schedules have been complied with, however there was one incidence when a complaint was not able to be responded to within 4 hours, as the complaint related to full sanitary bins, which are serviced from Christchurch based contractors.

Level of Achievement

Community satisfaction with the quality of our facilities has declined in 2007, however with the exception of public toilets and playgrounds, satisfaction remains high at over 90%. The question regarding satisfaction with public toilets may well be split, to determine if the low satisfaction is due to there being a perception of insufficient toilet facilities available, or if there is an issue with the standard of cleanliness in the existing toilets (and if so, which ones).

Operating Cost of Service Statement: Community Facilities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007 BUDGET \$	2007 ACTUAL \$	2006 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
<u>Parks & Reserves</u>			
Operations	314,814	329,455	327,013
Loan Interest	16,976	29,438	31,615
Depreciation	18,908	37,368	30,021
	350,697	396,261	388,649
<u>Facilities</u>			
Operations	164,264	155,452	167,936
Loan Interest	20,248	11,848	11,635
Depreciation	57,248	50,065	48,890
	241,760	217,365	228,461
<u>Library</u>			
Operations	189,367	167,349	177,442
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	39,089	48,660	45,661
	228,456	216,009	223,103
Total Operating Expenses	820,913	829,635	840,213
Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	160,872	144,440	208,416
Grants & Subsidies	800,500	-	40,245
Development Contributions	385,680	1,926,629	283,266
	1,347,052	2,071,069	531,927
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	526,139	1,241,434	(308,286)

Significant development contribution revenue has been received, the majority of which is set aside for the proposed combined community facility, and is represented by the transfer to reserves on the following page. The grant funding from Housing Corporation NZ is expected to be received in 2007/2008, as the project was delayed pending agreement on the design and layout of the four new pensioner units.

Capital Cost of Service Statement: Community Facilities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007 BUDGET \$	2007 ACTUAL \$	2006 ACTUAL \$
Capital Expenditure			
<u>Parks & Reserves</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	138,840	131,521	339,085
Renewals	23,000	11,339	-
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	161,840	142,860	339,085
<u>Facilities</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	800,000	88,743	98,213
Renewals	-	-	20,348
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	800,000	88,743	118,561
<u>Library</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	-	-	-
Renewals	23,000	24,965	21,605
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	23,000	24,965	21,605
Loan Principal	27,878	30,419	15,575
Total Capital Expenditure	1,012,718	286,987	494,826
Funded by:			
General Rates	594,674	607,605	539,310
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	(223,340)	(1,698,145)	(24,770)
Loans	-	-	164,000
Depreciation	115,245	136,093	124,572
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	526,139	1,241,434	(308,286)
	1,012,718	286,987	494,826

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

Parks & Reserves

The West End footbridge leading from the amphitheatre to the beach has been completed, and various reserves have been enhanced and landscaped, including Hawthorne Road, Killarney Street, and Gooches Beach.

At South Bay Recreation Reserve a new “gateway to the peninsula” walkway has been completed, consisting of a high quality visitor interpretation shelter and toilet facilities at the start of the track, a wheelchair accessway around the foreshore, and interpretive panels and marker poles along the length of the walkway,

funded from a grant from the Ministry of Tourism. This project has earned a Creative Places Award, which was presented at the Local Government Conference in Dunedin in July 2007. The project was driven by the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway Committee, which consisted of representatives from Council, Te Runanga O Kaikoura, Dept of Conservation, Whale Watch Kaikoura Ltd, and Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu.

Facilities

During 2006/2007, SGL Funding Ltd was commissioned to prepare a capital funding strategy for the proposed combined community facility. This process included intensive workshops with key stakeholder groups, particularly in relation to the proposed aquatic facility and museum components. That strategy suggested that in order to obtain external funding, the components of the facility needed to be developed in separate locations in the township. These suggestions are under review.

Preliminary designs for the proposed four new pensioner housing units were prepared, in partnership with Housing Corporation NZ, and construction is expected to be complete in 2007/2008. This project had been budgeted for in 2006/2007 (\$800,000).

The Memorial Hall upgrade is now complete, the last capital purchases being new doors, vinyl, and tables. While this was unbudgeted, Council had resolved to continue with the refurbishment following a request from the Memorial Hall committee. That committee has raised some funds to assist with the purchases, however the bulk of this cost has been met by Council reserves.

Library

The library continues to update its library collection, including talking books, large print books, fiction, non-fiction, resources, videos and magazines. The library funds this via depreciation reserves, grants and donations.