

Community Facilities

Sub Activities:

Parks, Reserves & Playgrounds

Library

Swimming Pool

Public Toilets

Community Halls

Housing for the Elderly

Civic Offices

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. 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 now eight public toilet facilities, at West End, Gooches Beach, Jimmy Armers Beach, the South Bay Marina, South Bay Domain, Beach Road, South Bay recreational reserve, and a new public toilet at Kiwa Road, Mangamaunu. Council continues to investigate further locations for public toilets 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 boasts a modern kitchen, dressing rooms, bar, supper room, and new toilet facilities. Following the major refurbishment in 2002, further upgrading has included the main hall floor being restored, and the smaller meeting rooms having been refurbished. Council is currently using the Memorial Hall for its meeting rooms, as it has outgrown its own office building and Council chambers.

Council also owns the Drill Hall on Beach Rd, which is in a poor state of repair. 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 the 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, bringing the total to 16 units. The new flats have been designed and built with sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. The older units have been fitted with heat pumps and underfloor insulation, plus the roof has been replaced.

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 has resolved to relocate its offices, with the museum, as soon as designs and costs are agreed.

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 Peketa 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.

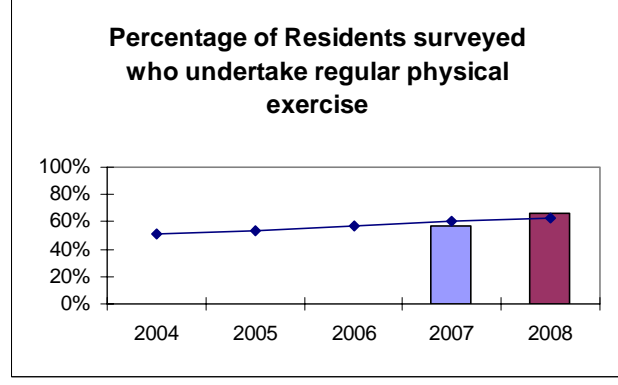
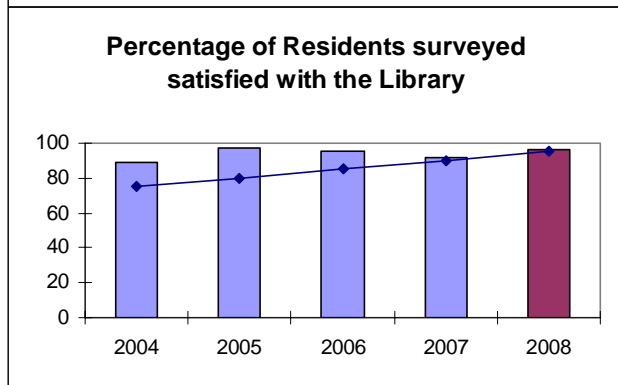
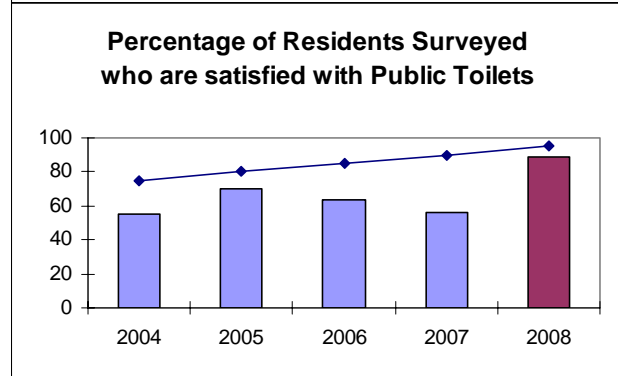
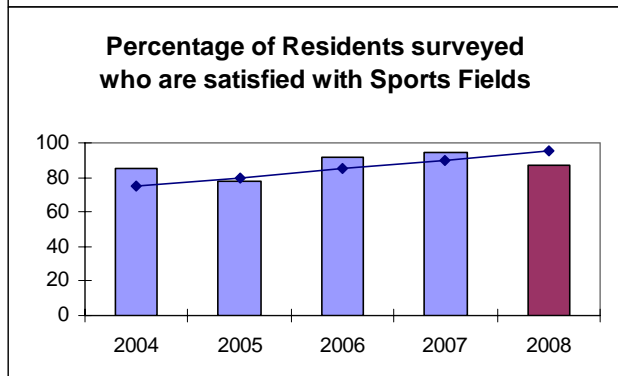
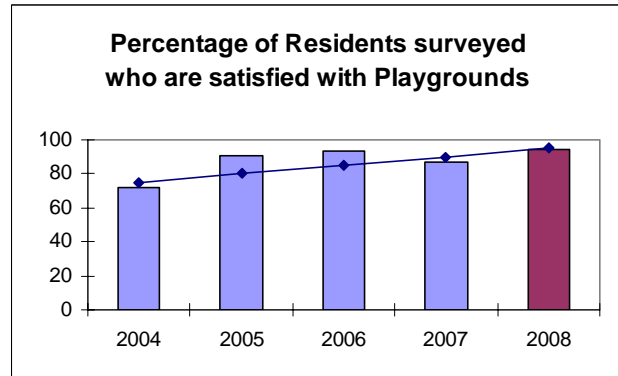
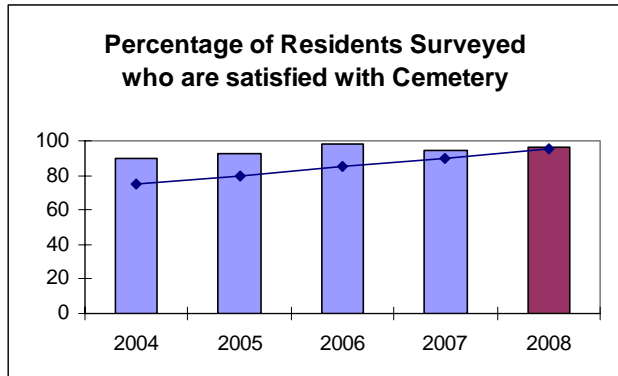
Community Outcome	How the Community Facilities Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
Affordable Access to Quality Community Facilities	Develop a multipurpose community facility consisting of indoor pool, indoor sports complex, gymnasium, museum, library, art gallery, meeting room and local government 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

Note that Council has not performed surveys in relation to the percentage of residents who are satisfied with the quality of pensioner housing provided.

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 2008 the Actual Target.



Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007/2008	Actual Result 2008
Continued use of community facilities for the provision of physical activity programmes by the schools	Lions Pool used for 2 weeks, Takahanga Domain used 4 times p.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 2007/2008	Actual Result 2008
Development of four more units for the pensioner flats Torquay Street site	Funding confirmed, designs approved, and tenders advertised. The units are anticipated to be built by February 2008.	Development complete by December 2007	The four new units were substantially completed by the end of June 2008. Tenants have been secured for all units.
Application for funding to construct affordable housing units be approved, and public consultation completed	The application for funding has not been approved, pending further investigations into the need and viability of affordable housing units	Funding confirmed by June 2007, six units constructed by June 2009	The application for funding has not been approved
Progress towards the development of new public toilets on coastal reserves	A proposed site has been confirmed at Kiwa Road, Mangamaunu, and the public toilets are due to be built in 2007/2008.	Develop new toilets at Mangamaunu and continue investigating potential locations at the South of the township.	A new public toilet has been developed at Kiwa Road, Mangamaunu. Investigations continue into the preferred site for another toilet on a coastal reserve.
Annual capital spend on upgrading for reserves, playgrounds and coastal zone, including the West End town centre	\$143,614 spent overall, including the West End footbridge	West End upgrade completed, and Bayview Street playground equipment replaced	\$54,106 spent overall, including \$10,463 spent on upgrading the Bayview St playground. The West End upgrade will be completed in the 2008/2009 year.
Progress towards the completion of the proposed combined community facility	A funding strategy has been prepared, and investigations continue into the most appropriate location for the proposed components of the facility.	Funding sources developed in 2007 and construction completed by 2010	Investigations into the most appropriate location for the proposed components of the facility are ongoing.
Annual capital spend on public toilet upgrading	\$42,471 spent on new South Bay Gateway Reserve toilets	Update fittings at Jimmy Armers Beach	The West End toilets have been completely refurbished at a total cost of \$190,932.

Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007/2008	Actual Result 2008
Maintenance contracts are carried out in accordance with specifications (relating to frequency of grass cutting, clearing wind blown detritus, etc)	There has been no major issue with the compliance of this contract. The contractor is very pro-active in his approach to his work.	Achieved	The contractor has continued to provide an excellent standard of 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	Due to a particularly cold wet December and January the pool did not meet this target.	Opening hours as specified	Opening hours as specified
Complete regular cleaning schedules for public toilets, and respond to complaints within 4 hours	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.	Achieved	Cleaning schedules have been complied with, and complaints have been responded to within 4 hours.

Level of Achievement

Council has made excellent progress with the great majority of its performance measures in this activity. The building of four new eco-efficient pensioner units is the culmination of a funding partnership that has been developed with Housing NZ Corporation, the units were completed early July 2008 and are fully tenanted.

Public satisfaction with community facilities is pleasingly high, particularly for the library service, cemetery, and playgrounds. An increased satisfaction with our public toilets reflects the significant refurbishment of the West End toilets and the new toilets established at Mangamaunu.

Operating Cost of Service Statement: Community Facilities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 BUDGET \$	2008 ACTUAL \$	2007 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
<u>Parks & Reserves</u>			
Operations	323,071	372,929	329,455
Loan Interest	32,795	30,029	29,438
Depreciation	21,420	32,812	37,368
	377,286	435,770	396,261
<u>Facilities</u>			
Operations	177,346	165,788	155,452
Loan Interest	10,872	15,126	11,848
Depreciation	72,318	62,236	50,065
	260,536	243,150	217,365
<u>Library</u>			
Operations	197,868	190,034	167,349
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	41,036	35,422	48,660
	238,904	225,456	216,009
Total Operating Expenses	876,726	904,376	829,635
Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	190,701	197,401	144,440
Grants & Subsidies	359,600	487,910	-
Development Contributions	653,520	476,327	1,926,629
	1,203,821	1,161,638	2,071,069
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	327,095	257,262	1,241,434

Capital Cost of Service Statement: Community Facilities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 BUDGET \$	2008 ACTUAL \$	2007 ACTUAL \$
Capital Expenditure			
<u>Parks & Reserves</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	578,160	241,285	131,521
Renewals	13,000	10,463	11,339
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	591,160	251,748	142,860
<u>Facilities</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	300,000	778,760	88,743
Renewals	-	-	-
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	300,000	778,760	88,743
<u>Library</u>			
New/Upgrade Assets	-	-	-
Renewals	23,713	12,015	24,965
Increasing Level of Service	-	-	-
	23,713	12,015	24,965
Loan Principal	42,685	28,768	30,419
Total Capital Expenditure	957,558	1,071,291	286,987
Funded by:			
General Rates	628,904	633,411	607,605
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	(333,215)	(165,005)	(1,698,145)
Loans	200,000	225,000	-
Depreciation	134,774	120,623	136,093
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	327,095	257,262	1,241,434
	957,558	1,071,291	286,987

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

Parks & Reserves

Landscaping at the South Bay "Gateway" Reserve is ongoing, the Bayview Street park has been upgraded, and concepts have been prepared for West End development. Costs for the West End upgrade were

significantly more than first estimated, and this project has been carried over to 2008/2009 and, at the time of writing this Annual Report, has now been completed.

Provision had been made in the 2007/2008 year for Esplanade beautification, providing casual beach access and walkways, including improved parking areas and verges. Council has potentially secured some funding to assist with this project, therefore this work has been deferred to 2008/2009. Several other projects, including walkways from Jimmy Armers Beach to the Seal Colony, Churchill St to South Bay, and Ocean Ridge to the Caves, have also been deferred to 2008/2009.

Pensioner Housing

Four new two bedroom units have been built, thanks to funding assistance from Housing Corporation of NZ and a new loan. The rental revenue from pensioner housing is sufficient to cover all costs. These modern units have been designed and built to be as energy efficient as possible. The cost of building the new pensioner housing had originally been provided for in 2007/2008.

Public Toilets

Substantial upgrading of the West End toilets was undertaken in 2007/2008, and new toilets developed at Kiwa Road, Mangamaunu. Council acknowledges and thanks the Kaikoura Boardriders Club, who have taken over the maintenance and cleaning of the Kiwa Road toilets. Investigations continue in 2008/2009 for suitable locations for further public toilets on coastal reserves.

Library

The library has been able to expand into the other half of its building, previously tenanted by Dive Kaikoura. This has enabled the library to enhance its displays and seating areas, and has alleviated the need for the library to relocate in the foreseeable future.

Swimming Pool

The aging Lions pool has benefited from a new chlorination unit, and will require a new heating system installed with some urgency. However Council is reluctant to continue spending large investments to keep this facility operational, and considers that a new facility would better meet the community's wishes.

Council Offices

It is widely acknowledged that Council has well outgrown its existing building, having utilised the Council Chambers for office space (thereby forcing meetings to be held in the Supper Room of the Memorial Hall), and then bolting two portable offices to its roof to accommodate a further four staff. In 2008, the number of staff continues to grow, and an extension has been built on the ground floor providing for up to four people.

The valuable collection of original paintings by John Gibb has been packed up and is being stored in a climatically controlled facility in Christchurch. These paintings were previously sustaining water damage due to the levels of condensation and extreme temperatures in the Council offices.