

Safety & Wellbeing

Sub Activities:

Civil Defence

Fire Control

Environmental Health

Land Transport Safety

Community Development

Goals

To protect the safety, health and well-being of all residents and visitors to the district, including

- the provision of a civil defence organisation that is able to prepare, respond to, and recover from a civil defence emergency
- the management and suppression of rural fires
- the promotion of a high standard of environmental health
- the reduction of road accidents
- the reduction of crime and family violence
- the coordination of social services

Nature and Scope of Activity

Civil Defence

Council works with the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and other partners to promote public education and awareness of Kaikoura's natural and human-caused hazards, to reduce the likelihood and effect of those hazards on the community.

The District Council office is the Civil Defence Headquarters in the event of a Civil Defence emergency. Sector wardens operating from the Kaikoura Primary School, Oaro, Clarence, Lynton Downs, Hapuku and Kekerengu support the Headquarters. Training of staff is undertaken annually, plus the entire district works together in at least one major exercise per year, in conjunction with local, regional and national Civil Defence Emergency Management organisations.

The Council is committed to developing and maintaining effective civil defence emergency management partnerships with local emergency response agencies and neighbouring local authorities, to ensure coordinated mutual support during emergencies.

Fire Control

The Kaikoura District Council is responsible for administering the Rural Fires Act, and its role is to respond to rural fires, to monitor the fire risk and determine when it is appropriate to restrict the lighting of fires, and to issue fire permits in an environmentally sustainable manner. The District has volunteer fire forces based in Oaro, Clarence and Kekerengu, and owns three fire appliances, one water tanker, and three tanker trailers. The Kaikoura Volunteer Fire Brigade is responsible for responding to fires within the urban township, and is outside the administrative blanket of the District Council; however they also provide support to the rural fire forces when needed.

Environmental Health

Food and Health Standards NZ Ltd provide environmental health services under contract, and are responsible for water sampling of all public water supplies, ensuring that all food premises comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations and investigating food nuisance complaints and reported infectious diseases.





Land Transport Safety

A part-time Coordinator, funded by a grant from the Land Transport Safety Authority, undertakes this function to provide education programmes to road users regarding the reduction of accidents due to fatigue, speed, and age. He maintains a working relationship with the Police and the Social Services Committee to promote the safety of all road users.

Community Development

Until June 2004, this function existed as the Safer Community Council, which was grant funded, with Council acting only as facilitator. Since that date, Council has employed a Community Development Officer to substantially replace that position. By extending this role beyond safety, this position now includes additional roles and responsibilities relating to the overall social well-being of the community. This function involves the coordination of several social services organisations, including Police, Work and Income, and Family and Community Services. Funding from these organisations has enabled a further part-time coordinator be employed involved with Family Violence and Strengthening Families to provide support to families who may be struggling with these issues.

Effects on the Community

Economic		Through emergency management, the district should be able to respond and recover from an emergency, and rural fires are controlled to protect lives and land.
Environmental		Fire control is fundamental to the protection of the environment
Social		Social wellbeing is the very essence of the provision of the Safety and Wellbeing function
Cultural		Cultural wellbeing of the community is protected and enhanced with the provision of community development services.

Community Outcomes

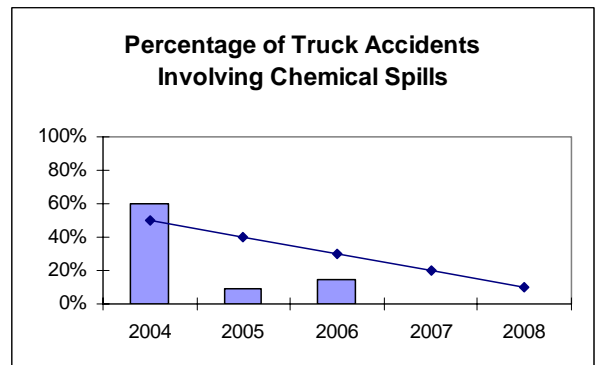
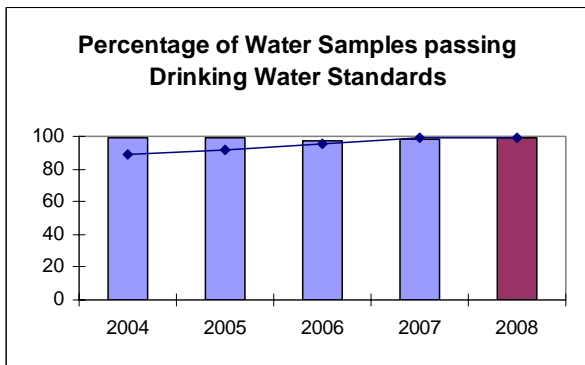
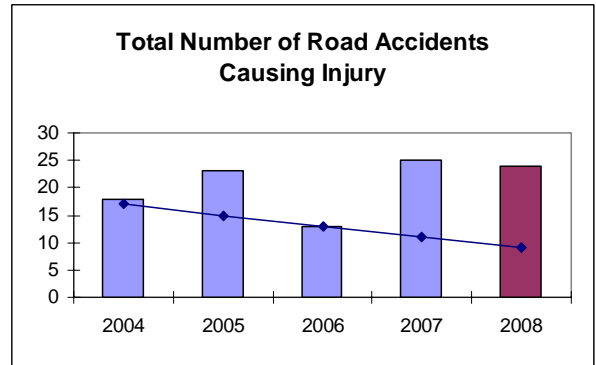
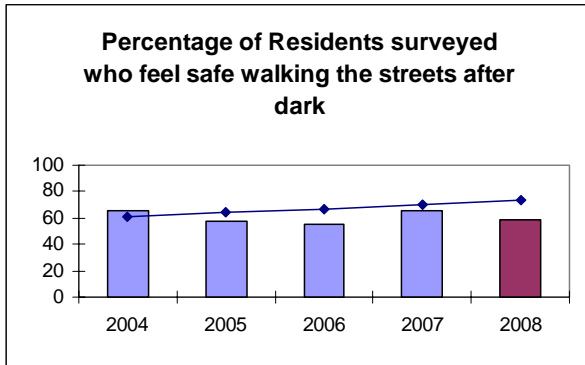
The following table highlights how Safety & Wellbeing contributes to the achievement of Community Outcomes.

Community Outcomes	How the Safety & Wellbeing Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
Sustainable Development	The provision of adequate services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs	The percentage of residents surveyed who said they feel safe walking the streets after dark
Quality Water and Wastewater Services	Ensuring that public drinking water supplies provide safe and potable water	Percentage of water samples that passed Drinking Water Standards
Safe, Efficient Transport Network	Educate users of Kaikoura roads about local road conditions	Total number of reported injury accidents
Opportunities for Quality Education and Employment	Support quality of teaching in literacy and numeracy by encouraging professional development for teachers and principals, and advocating for professional development opportunities to take place in Kaikoura	Contact with providers of professional development opportunities, resulting in an increase in the number of courses held within the district
	Ensure there are equal education opportunities for all students by promoting the pooling of resources at Primary School level	Attendance at Rural Cluster meetings promoting increased collaboration between primary schools
A Quality Standard of Affordable Housing	Advocate for increased accommodation supplement from Work and Income, to ensure that those residents on low incomes can afford the current market rentals in Kaikoura	The reduction in the threshold for accommodation supplements in Kaikoura
Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Preventing spillages of environmentally harmful substances by encouraging and promoting their safe transportation, storage and use	Percentage of truck accidents involving chemical spills

Report on Performance

The results of each performance measure above 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
Total number of reported injury accidents	25 reported injury accidents	Education programmes ongoing.	One safety course held, displays at A&P show, plus road safety banners purchased.
Contact with providers of professional development opportunities, resulting in an increase in the number of courses held within the district	Kaikoura High School is fully engaged in professional development. Kaikoura Primary School staff were released for 72 days for development, 45 days were within the district, plus attended 22 workshops. Hapuku School staff attended 10 courses (however these were held outside the district).	A minimum of two courses taken annually by teachers and principals are held within the district	Kaikoura High School is fully engaged in professional development, and runs internal training for staff each week for 1 hour. Kaikoura Primary School staff attended training outside the district on 22 occasions, and local training 62 times. There have been 16 occasions where Kaikoura Primary School has pooled resources with other schools in the district for professional development.
Attendance at Rural Cluster meetings promoting increased collaboration between primary schools	Kaikoura principals meet a minimum of twice per term (eight meetings per annum)	Attend a minimum of three meetings per annum	Kaikoura principals continue to meet regularly at rural cluster meetings
The reduction in the threshold for accommodation supplements in Kaikoura	Accommodation supplements are currently under review. A submission from Kaikoura District Council has been sent to the Ministry of Social Development as part of that process.	Threshold lowered by at least 10%	The Ministry of Social Development continue to advise that the accommodation supplement is under review.

Level of Achievement

Essentially, Council has achieved its performance targets for the year, however we note that the perception of safety walking the streets after dark has dropped, and the number of vehicle accidents causing injury has only slightly decreased since last year's disappointing result.

Cost of Service Statement: Safety & Wellbeing

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 BUDGET \$	2008 ACTUAL \$	2007 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
Civil Defence	40,942	39,007	35,981
Fire Control	57,474	56,764	68,064
Environmental Health	39,735	36,641	37,105
Land Transport Safety	32,337	32,355	23,816
Community Development	86,788	106,881	63,321
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	4,396	9,601	7,343
	261,672	281,249	235,630
Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	14,853	14,058	15,052
Grants & Subsidies	53,780	66,016	57,944
	68,633	80,074	72,996
Activity Surplus/(Deficit)	(193,039)	(201,175)	(162,634)
Capital Expenditure			
New or Upgraded Assets	-	14,215	7,399
Total to be Funded	193,039	215,390	170,033
Other Revenue			
General Rates	185,643	186,973	166,281
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	3,000	18,816	(3,591)
Loans	-	-	-
Depreciation	4,396	9,601	7,343
	193,039	215,390	170,033

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

During the year Council purchased two new rural fire equipment trailers, fire ban signage, and a traffic speed display system. Some of these purchases were partially subsidised.