



# Draft Annual Plan Summary 2008/2009

## Major projects and activities include:

- Building the new Local Government offices
- New water storage reservoirs for Kaikoura and Kincaid
- New sewerage pump station and main line
- Another public toilet for a coastal reserve
- The West End gets a new footpath
- Better parking, verges and walk tracks on the Esplanade

## A Word from the Mayor ...

Greetings to you all.

Your Council has accepted this Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 as the plan to offer to the Kaikoura District community for its input. It is another step in the process of actively and publicly planning for the year ahead.

It is closely linked in a parallel way to the LTCCP and it gives us the highlights, the major projects, any deletions or additions to that long term Plan which are relevant to this coming year.

It tells us of our rates intake, how they are made up and where they go.

Via these annual plans, we are also given the opportunity to remind ourselves of our visions and goals within our many management strategies and plans and to check them during this regular annual basis.

Throughout each year, different issues, concerns, projects, needs and wants are brought to the councils' attention, some of which can be dealt with immediately, others need to be planned more carefully and can only be included in an Annual Plan.

Examples of these highlights within this Draft Plan of 2008/09 include,

- The removal of the Rural Differential Rate,
- A fairer and more equitable Water charges programme,
- The continued planning for adequate Local Government Offices,
- Dog Control costing,
- West End upgrade completion
- Esplanade verge defining and parking
- Extension of our walk & cycle ways
- Public toilet facility extension.

These do not complete the list, they are however, an indication of what is intended to happen through 08/09 and this Draft Annual Plan tells us how many dollars we need, where it is to come from and where each of those dollars will go. The many, many functions and services that your council is required to complete to a certain standard continue, and are available in detail from the Full Draft Annual Plan.

Other impending and possibly significant changes have been "flagged" for future consideration in future annual plans; these may be deemed as inappropriate for this year, unaffordable at this time or as having more external funding opportunities at a future date.

Noting that it is your elected Councillors and Mayor who are the final decision-makers, not our staff, and the decision to accept this draft as the final 2008/09 Annual Plan will be made by full council, after carefully considering yours & staffs input via the submission & management processes.

Making a submission to Council is easy! If you've got something to say, here's a golden opportunity. Full details of how you can make a submission are included in this document. We, as your elected members and who are charged with that decision making look forward to your guidance and input.

Sincerely  
Mayor Kevin Heays

## Give us your opinion on:

### Draft Annual Plan 2008/2009

This sets out all of the projects, services, activities, performance targets, and the rating impact for the district for the 2008/2009 rating year.

### LTCCP Amendment – Deferral of the Combined Community Facility Project

In the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, Council has provided for a major combined community facility, that would house local government offices, library, museum, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, sports hall and any other amenities under the one roof. Construction was expected to commence in 2008/2009.

Council proposes to defer construction of the community facility, and to remove the library component from the facility altogether, both to confirm that there remains a desire for the facility (or its components) to be constructed, and to obtain a consensus on the best location.

### Reduction of the General Rate differential for rural properties

The current rating system applies a 120% differential to the general rate for rural properties greater than 5ha. The rationale for this is historic and difficult to justify, and Council proposes to reduce the differential to 100% - the same as for residential properties.

This will result in a decrease in rates for those rural properties, but will impact on the residential, commercial and special accommodation sectors, who will pay more. Examples of the impact on a series of benchmarked properties are shown in the full Draft Annual Plan document.

## We also want your feedback on:

### Kaikoura Water Supply Bylaw

This bylaw has been reviewed, and contains changes such as a fairer charging system for water meter consumers.

### Kaikoura Speed Bylaw

This is a new bylaw, setting speed restrictions on our local roads.

### Planning for 2009-2019

It's time to start thinking about the key issues for the future, as part of the review of the Long Term Council Community Plan. What challenges do you think we, as a community, are facing for the next 10 years? What should we be doing about them? Your feedback will help us set the direction for the community.

### Establishment of a new Regional Governance Group

This is a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) in which Kaikoura District Council will be an equal shareholder along with the Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, and the Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate District Councils.

The purpose of the CCO is to act as an interface with central government and to coordinate the disbursement of government funding; particularly the Regional Strategy Fund and Enterprising Partnerships Fund.

Proposed Average Rates Increase/(Decrease)		
<b>5.50%</b>	<b>Total rates revenue increase</b>	
Impact on Sample properties		Capital Value
5.88%	Commercial (Motel) Beach Road	\$1,450,000
(8.00)%	Rural farm Inland Road	\$7,250,000
3.89%	Residential house Beach Road	\$395,000

More examples of the impact on sample properties are available in the full copy of the Kaikoura District Council Draft Annual Plan 2008/2009. Copies are available from the Council office, district library, and [www.kaikoura.govt.nz](http://www.kaikoura.govt.nz)