

District Development

Sub Activities:

**District Planning
Environmental Planning & Biodiversity
Tourism & Economic Development
Community Services**

Goals

To ensure that a planning framework is in place to enable the district to develop, while ensuring that the natural and physical environment of the Kaikoura district is sustainably managed.

Nature and Scope of Activity

Kaikoura has long recognised the importance of its environment to both its resident community, and the continued investment from the commercial sector due to its appeal to tourism. It is the role of this activity to enable growth to continue, without compromising on the natural beauty and unpolluted environment we all treasure.

This function includes the development and administration of a District Plan, which is a 10 year plan to manage effects on the natural and physical resources of the district (private and Council generated), and monitoring the effectiveness of the plan. The Kaikoura District Plan was adopted and became fully operative on 23 June 2008.

As is widely known, the country's areas of indigenous biodiversity are decreasing, however this is not the case for our district, as landowners have voluntarily protected areas of land that are significant in terms of biodiversity. Kaikoura is an environmentally conscious district that has a desire to protect its indigenous biodiversity, to retain this asset, which also brings people here – this has been reinforced in Kaikoura's aspirations of our Green Globe commitments, the Kaikoura District Plan, the Tourism Strategy and the Trees for Travellers Project.

Council is internationally recognised as a leader in environmental sustainability. Since November 2005, the Kaikoura community has achieved and maintained its Green Globe certified status by meeting the requirements of the Green Globe Community Standard and thereby demonstrating that Kaikoura cares about its environment and is taking steps to protect it. We are the second community in the world, and the only local authority in the world, to achieve this.

In recent years, in response to the need expressed by our community to aid in the promotion of Kaikoura as a tourist destination, more emphasis has been placed on tourism and economic development, and strategies are being developed to promote the district and extend the shoulder season for tourism, and also to address some of the perceived barriers to economic growth.

Council, through its Community Services functions, provides financial assistance by way of Council grants, distribution of trust funds, and allocation of central government assistance, to various social, cultural, economic and environmental organisations within the community.

Effects on the Community

Economic	☺	It is the role of this activity to plan for growth and provide frameworks to enable economic benefits to flourish throughout the community
Environmental	☺	Environmental planning ensures that the impact of growth is sustainable and areas of indigenous biodiversity are protected and treasured, and that our Green Globe benchmarking standards are maintained and improved upon annually
Social	☺	The environmental successes of this activity have resulted in intense community pride, and further, provision of financial assistance to various organisations such as voluntary and sport organisations has boosted social benefits
Cultural	☺	The community services activity provides financial assistance to organisations such as the Mayfair Theatre, and allocates funding to groups and individuals to promote the range of arts available to the community.

Measuring our Contribution to Community Outcomes

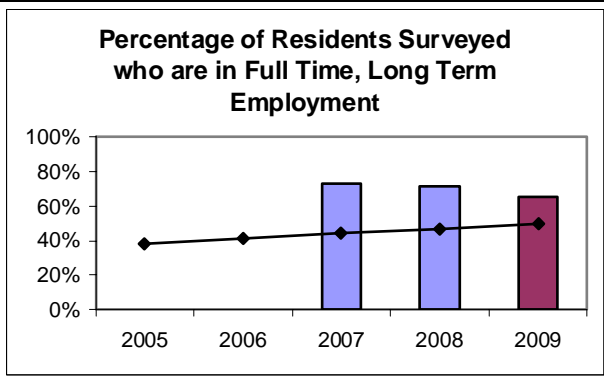
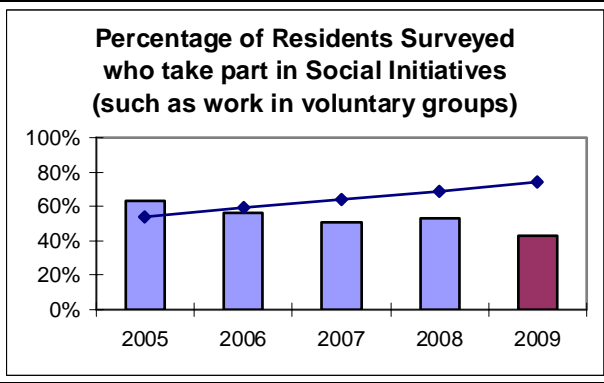
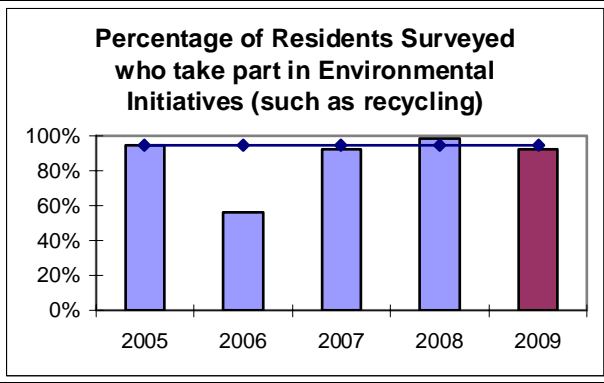
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Outcome 1: Sustainable Development

District Development contributes to this outcome by influencing the shape of development, facilitating a coherent community vision, setting standards for development and coordinating with other agencies, and managing the social, cultural and environmental impacts of tourism.

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
The District Plan became operative in June 2008. It is to be reviewed within ten years, and provide for plan change requirements identified as part of the proposed plan process.	Commence Council initiated plan changes to the District Plan.	Two plan changes are currently in progress; a business park and further residential development at Ocean Ridge. Both are deemed council initiated but will progress at the expense of the developer.
Providing adequate infrastructure and services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs, including creating industrial parks away from the residential area	Commence plan change to provide for an appropriately zoned business park.	A plan change is currently underway for the business park dependant upon the developer and land owner progressing this.

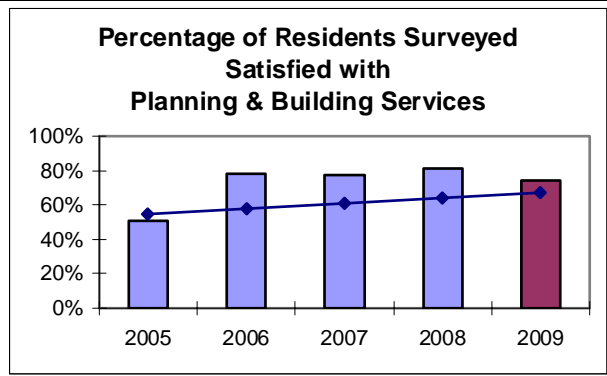
Council manages the social, cultural and environmental impacts of tourism, supporting tourism development that has local socio-economic benefits and contributing to funding for district promotion through the Kaikoura Tourism Strategy.



No data was available for the years prior to 2007 for this measure.

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
Providing for the needs of residents and visitors in a balanced and equitable way through appropriate planning policies that are responsive to variations in the pace of private sector investment	Plan changes completed in less than the national average time frame as reported by the Ministry for the Environment	Two plan change applications have been received. Both are awaiting further information.
Conserving cultural heritage by developing close partnerships with Te Runanga O Kaikoura, NZ Historic Places Trust and other relevant organisations and actively promoting strategic goals for cultural heritage.	Memoranda of Understanding developed with Te Runanga O Kaikoura, and with other organisations as appropriate	Not achieved, however our shared governance and decision making structure deems an MoU unnecessary (see p166).

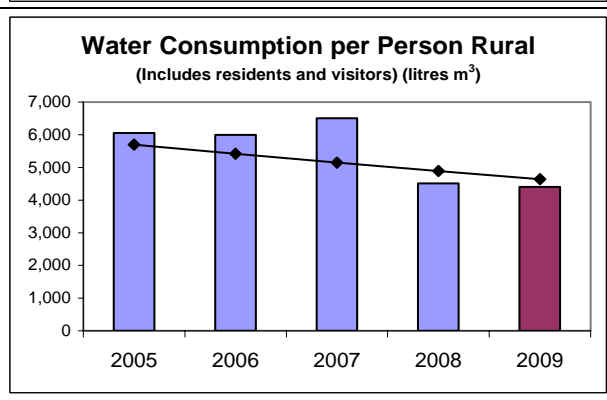
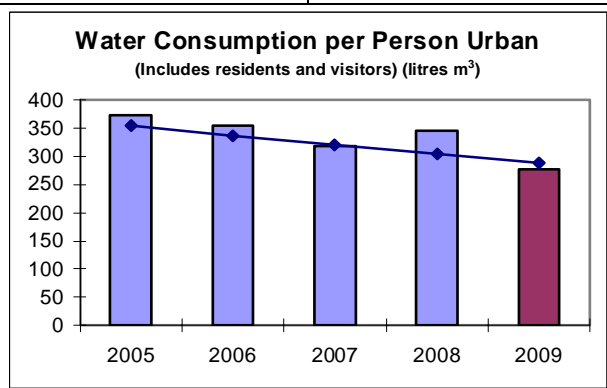
Support economic development by removing unnecessary planning barriers to investment



Outcome 2: Quality Water and Wastewater Services

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
Planning for infrastructure to support anticipated development needs, including investigation into existing and future services	Asset Management Plans are updated regularly and take into consideration future growth projections	The AMP's have been updated and incorporated in the LTCCP.

Reduce total water usage on a per capita basis in line with Council's Green Globe programme



Outcome 3: Safe, Efficient Transport Network

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:												
Protect strategic state highway routes by ensuring land uses adjacent to those arterials are compatible with efficient traffic flows	No appeals by the NZTA to Council decisions relating to land uses adjacent to the State Highway	No appeals have been received.												
Requiring a user contribution to maintenance or development where roads or bridges serve only a small number of users.	Any work fitting these criteria does not cost Council more than 50%	No work fitting these criteria has been undertaken in 2008/2009.												
Developing airport facilities as required to service passenger traffic	No development planned.	Council has purchased the airport terminal to secure the airport as a strategic community asset.												
<p>Contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, and improve the air quality of Kaikoura by encouraging the community to regularly maintain vehicles in their ownership and where practical to use more sustainable forms of transport.</p> <p>No data was available for the years prior to 2007.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Percentage of Residents Surveyed who regularly bike or walk instead of taking their car (eg. to work)</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Data for Percentage of Residents Surveyed</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>		Year	Percentage	2005	80%	2006	80%	2007	75%	2008	80%	2009	80%
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Outcome 4: Opportunities for Quality Education and Employment

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
Encourage light industry developments with a view to the diversification of the economic base in the district, therefore relieving the affect of tourism related seasonal and part time employment	Appropriate land is zoned to encourage light industrial development by June 2009.	A plan change is underway to provide for a business park zone in the district plan; progress is dependant upon the developer and landowner.

Outcome 5: A Quality Standard of Affordable Housing

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
Provide for residential expansion in the outskirts of the urban area by making provision in the District Plan for increased residential zoning	Development of a Structure Plan to provide strategic direction for urban development by December 2009.	The Ocean Ridge plan change will provide for increased residential zoning.

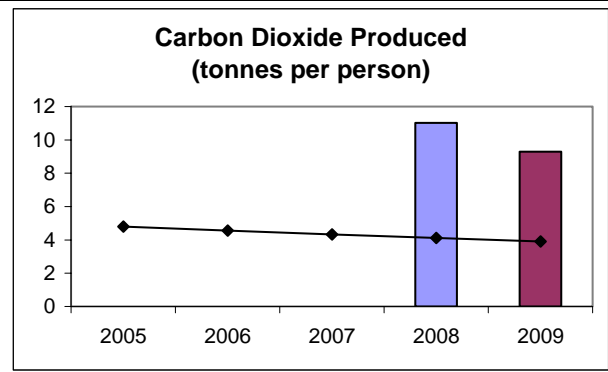
Outcome 6: Environmental Protection and Enhancement

District Development contributes to environmental protection and enhancement by progressively improving land use, water, and air quality, through effective planning and monitoring, and protecting sites that are significant to the Tangata Whenua, landowners, and the public generally.

	Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:												
By supporting private landowners who wish to increase the level of biodiversity on their properties.	Support of at least six private land owners annually	Three private land owners received funding assistance and a further seven received officer support												
Preserving the scenic and amenity values that ensure a natural and tranquil Kaikoura, by ensuring that outstanding and significant landscape overlays are managed as per the District Plan. Appropriate resource consents are obtained prior to any development in those specific areas	Consents are obtained in all cases	Four consents in significant and/or outstanding areas were issued during the year. These were all known cases during the year.												
<p>Encouraging sustainable management of resources throughout the community, through implementation of the Zero Waste Policy.</p> <p>The average diversion rate for the year was 68%, however it should be noted that the diversion rate was over 75% for several months of the year (the target was 75% by June 2009).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Percentage of Waste Diverted from Landfill</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Percentage of Waste Diverted from Landfill</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2006</td> <td>55%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2007</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Year	Percentage	2005	50%	2006	55%	2007	60%	2008	65%	2009	70%
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Implementation of the Communities for Climate Change Protection (CCP) action plans to reduce community and council emissions.

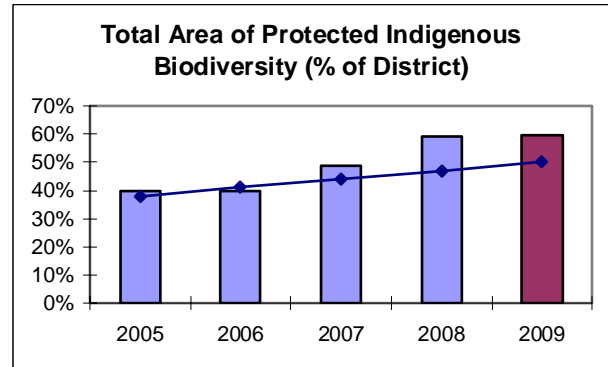
The targets specified in the annual plan were based on measurements taken in 2004 which proved to be incorrectly calculated, therefore the target of 3.9 tonnes is unattainable in the timeframe. Notwithstanding this, a significant reduction has been achieved in 2009 from the previous year.



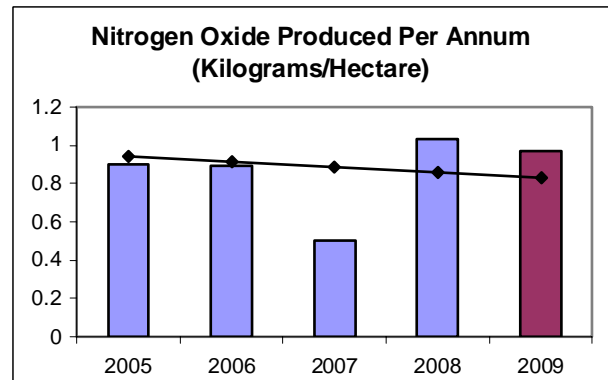
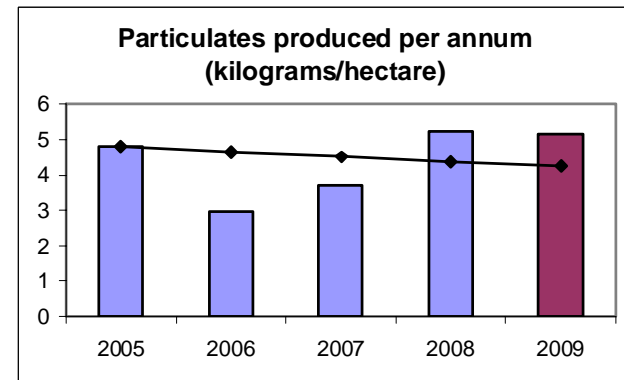
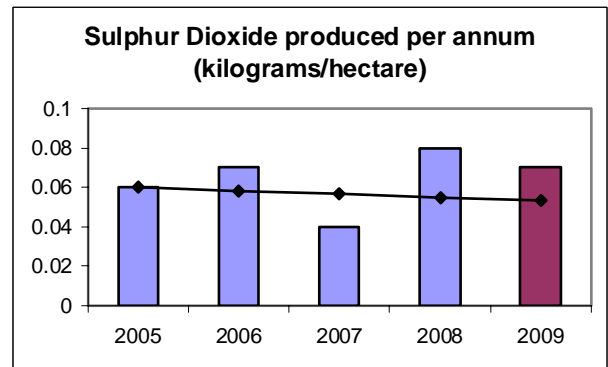
Achieving and maintaining Green Globe Certified status by continually improving and monitoring the benchmark provisions in the certification process

Target 2008/2009:	Actual Result:
Green Globe certified	Green Globe certified

Increasing the area of indigenous biodiversity through partnerships with DoC, Te Runanga O Kaikoura, voluntary organisations and Kaikoura landowners



Achieve a reduction in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging greater energy efficiency, developing partnerships with organisations working to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, measured by levels of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and particulates (right, below, and below-right).



Level of Achievement

Council is making excellent progress, particularly in terms of its Green Globe benchmarking performance. Some indicators, notably air quality (levels of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and particulates) have shown some fluctuation over the last few years, but it should be noted that our air quality is better than the Green Globe global best practice standards.

A plan change is underway to provide for a business park to the south of the town, which will enable the establishment of several new light industries, plus potentially the relocation of some existing industries away from the residential areas, reducing conflicting land uses.

Cost of Service Statement: District Development

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2008/2009 BUDGET \$	2008/2009 ACTUAL \$	2007/2008 ACTUAL \$
Operating Expenses			
District Planning	105,852	97,982	81,172
Environment & Biodiversity	130,560	143,840	213,665
Tourism & Economic Development	150,983	153,108	151,440
Community Services	71,930	66,185	79,566
Loan Interest	4,600	6,421	3,597
Depreciation	-	-	-
	463,925	467,536	529,440
Funded by:			
Targeted Rates	99,033	99,346	94,979
User Fees & Charges	23,450	14,028	12,022
Grants & Subsidies	32,980	70,343	78,292
	155,463	183,717	185,293
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(308,462)	(283,819)	(344,147)
Capital Expenditure			
Loan Principal	4,081	14,443	10,363
Total to be Funded:	312,543	298,262	354,510
Funded by:			
General Rates	247,543	247,354	280,871
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	65,000	29,640	33,251
Transfer from/(to) Accumulated Funds	-	21,268	(9,612)
Loans	-	-	50,000
	312,543	298,262	354,510

Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

No assets relating to this activity were purchased, replaced or sold during the year.