

Highlights

Christchurch City Council's roles are enormously diverse. From maintaining and updating the city's infrastructure -- such as supplying water, treating wastewater, providing a transport system -- to planning the city's development, entertaining residents with festivals and displaying fine art, your Council delivers a range of services aimed at supporting and enhancing residents'/visitors' quality of life.

What follows is a glimpse of Council's key results for the year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

Art gallery, museum and Our City

- The Art Gallery developed the Paradigm Shift five-year strategic plan to increase visitor numbers to 400,000 by 2009/10.
- A record 557,263 people visited the Canterbury Museum with over 88% rating their experience as excellent or very good.
- Two flexible community exhibitions spaces were created at Our City O-Tautahi and exhibition attendances reached 22,546 visitors.



City development

- Monitoring began to measure Council progress on achieving the community's desired outcomes.
- Grants were made to protect heritage assets in 22 buildings.



Community services

- There were a record 4 million visits to Council-operated pools and leisure centres.
- Over 150 Council housing units were refurbished.
- The Southern Centre Multi Sensory unit at QEII won a World Leisure Innovation Award.



Democracy and governance

- A record 2,000 submissions were made on the Long Term Council Community Plan.
- The 2005 by-elections were held to elect one councillor and 10 community board members from Banks Peninsula.
- The community boards developed objectives to align with the community's desired community outcomes.



Economic development

- Initiatives addressed workforce participation and transitions from school to work.
- Partnerships were formed to deliver support for small and medium sized enterprises.
- Application was made for Government assistance to develop the fibre-based metropolitan broadband network.



Library services

- The Parklands Library and Waitikiri Learning Centre opened on 6 August 2005.
- The award winning Upper Riccarton Community and School Library opened 23 January 2006.
- Council invested \$4.3M to increase the library collections.



Parks and open spaces

- The community volunteered over 40,000 hours to ecological projects.
- Master plans for future development were prepared for the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park.



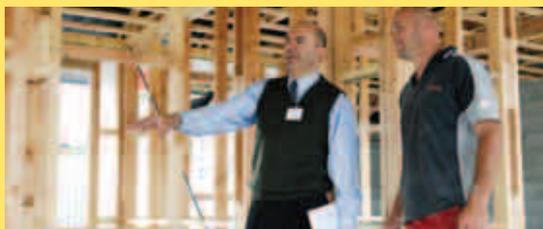
Refuse minimization and disposal

- Approximately 20 hectares of the rehabilitated Burwood landfill was added to Bottle Lake Forest Park.
- Over 98 tonnes of hazardous household waste was collected for safe disposal.
- Green waste was shredded into 31,772 tonnes of compost.



Regulatory services

- Approvals were given for 9,504 building consents, 1,781 resource consents and 780 subdivision consents.
- The animal control register was linked to the national dog database.
- Substantial progress was made on making the soil around 12 houses on the former Sandilands landfill site safe.



Streets and transport

- Significant progress was made on the Blenheim Road deviation project.
- Opawa Road was upgraded from Garlands Road to Curries Road greatly improving its efficiency and appearance.
- A new one-way road was constructed through the previously pedestrian-only New Brighton mall.



Wastewater collection, treatment and disposal

- A large capital works programme helped reduce the frequency of wet weather overflows into rivers.
- Work began on the construction of two new sludge digesters at the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Planning began on the integration of wastewater services on Banks Peninsula.



Water supply

- New wells were drilled for Belfast, Hills Road and Carter Road pumping stations.
- A new standby generator was installed at Mays Road.
- Design work began for the renewal of the Cashmere Reservoir.



Waterways and land drainage

- Work continued on the development of the Charlesworth and Bexley Wetlands.
- Major improvements were undertaken for various storm water schemes.
- Storm water quality improvement work was done in conjunction with road renewal around Cambridge Terrace, Addington and east Papanui.



Welcoming Banks Peninsula

The inclusion of the former Banks Peninsula district brings an additional perspective to the city, by increasing the size and diversity of our geography and population, and by providing opportunities for Council to contribute urgently needed planning resources and public investment to the peninsula communities. Our long-term plan includes \$132.5M over 10 years for projects and services designed to align with the environmental, cultural, economic and social values of peninsula residents. We look forward to our joint future, knowing we have combined operations in a manner that supports community expectations as expressed in the joint Memorandum of Understanding.

