

Solid Waste Activity projects coming up

Our main focus areas for the 2017/18 financial year for the Solid Waste Activity are to upgrade of the road entrance and tip-head access road at Waitomo District Landfill and to carry out Health and Safety compliance work for the Landfill and District Transfer Stations. A Capital expenditure budget of \$280,000 has been allocated in the Annual Plan to complete these projects.

The main entrance is an asphalt road which is proving too weak for the size of the vehicles and loads that frequently use it. Roadworks are planned for the William Street entrance and will involve milling the existing pavement to construct a more durable concrete driveway. For a period of time access from William Street into the entrance will be down to single lane. The work will be carried out in three stages to minimise the inconvenience to our customers.

Keeping the public and staff safe is the aim behind new barriers installed at the Te Kuiti Transfer Station. The drop off point is higher than the bins receiving the waste material. That makes it easier to deposit material, but without barriers, there is a risk of people falling into the bins, according to WDC General Manager Infrastructure Services, Kobus du Toit. Residents have raised their concerns about the fall risk through our annual survey.

"The method of unloading refuse into skips from a drop height is being phased out around the country as operators are working to meet industry best practice guidelines. Barrier arms are a widely used method to reduce trip and fall hazard risk. It will mean a few changes to the way people will use the bins, but it will keep everyone safer so it's worth it."

"The message we want to convey to you is that although you may believe the barriers are an inconvenience, their purpose is to protect people from harm."

The barrier arms can be opened by authorised staff to enable access to the bins for specialised tip trailers.

Health and safety improvements are planned for our Transfer Stations in Benneydale, Kinohaku, Awakino, Piopio, and Marokopa.



Council adopts Annual Report 2016/17

The 2016/17 Annual Report was adopted by Council at the Tuesday 31st October Council meeting. The document reports on WDC's operational performance and financial position for the year to 30 June 2017. The Annual Report was audited by Deloitte and was issued an unmodified audit opinion.

During the 2016/17 financial year, we have kept our focus on prudent and sustainable financial management practices while leading our communities towards a vibrant and thriving future and we will continue with our endeavours into the future.

Actual debt has continued to reduce against forecast levels over the last three years, despite a continued investment in planned capital upgrades. The investment we have made now will extend the useful life of assets, enhance the quality of services, and reduce future operating costs. This, in turn, benefits current and future generations that rely on our roads, water, wastewater and community services.

We have a committed elected Council and staff working collectively to achieve great outcomes for our ratepayers and the District as a whole.

Our top financial results for the 2016/17 financial year are:

- Public debt is at **\$43.4 million**, compared with the \$54.63 million forecast in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.
- Total expenditure was **\$2.2 million less** than budgeted
- Council also sourced a favourable interest rate which reduced the amount of interest costs we incurred over the year.
- We invested **\$9.7 million** in Capital Projects to renew and/or improve our public assets.

Our infrastructure highlights for the past year include:

- Installation of a new playground equipment in Waitomo Caves Village, and Eketone Street.
- Completion of public toilets in Benneydale.
- Completion of the sealing of Maraeroa Road.
- Completion of phase one of the Te Kuiti Water Treatment Plant upgrade.
- Replacement of part of the main water pipe on North Street, Mokau (from Oha Street to Rerenga Street).
- Replacement of the water main from Awakino Road to the Blackman's Reservoir.
- Improvements to the condition of stormwater assets in Te Kuiti and Mokau.

The Summary Annual Report has been distributed with this newsletter.

The full Annual Report can be viewed online at www.waitomo.govt.nz or alternatively, a hardcopy can be obtained from our Queen Street office.

Review of the Solid Waste Activity Management and Minimisation Plan

In April 2018 we will seek your feedback on the 2018-28 Consultation Document. As part of this, we will be inviting comment on the review of the Solid Waste Activity Management and Minimisation Plan (SWaMMP).

One of the key proposals of the SWaMMP is the relocation of the Mokau/Awakino Transfer Station from Manganui Road, Awakino to **Oha Street, Mokau** (see photo below), supporting better access and increased utilisation of the facility in a convenient location.

We will formally seek your feedback on this proposal in April next year. However, we are interested in hearing from the Mokau and Awakino community. You can send us an email: info@waitomo.govt.nz, write to us at PO Box 404 Queen Street Te Kuiti, or visit our website and complete a feedback form www.waitomo.govt.nz/onlineservices/general-feedback



Potential site for relocation of Transfer Station - Oha Street, Mokau

Inframax Construction Limited (ICL) continues to deliver great results

In 2010, Council made the decision as the Shareholder, to invest in a recovery plan for Inframax Construction Limited.

By the end of the 2012/13 financial year, ICL had achieved a net profit of \$93,000, demonstrating a significant turnaround by the Board and Management Team.

Fast forward to 2017, and ICL's net profit after tax is **\$2.7 million for the 2016/17 year**. This achievement confirms the decision to fully back the recovery plan of ICL was the right decision.

Council has worked very closely with the ICL Board to ensure that the company maintains its commercial presence and continues as a large employer in the Waitomo district.

The equity of the company has increased substantially over the last five financial years, from \$0.36 million as at 30 June 2012 to \$6.41 million as at 30 June 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board, Management, and Staff on this stellar performance. This excellent progress reflects a lot of hard work by the Board, Management and Staff and of course the support of the Council over time as the shareholder.

INFRAMAX EQUITY AND TOTAL ASSETS 2013-2017

	30/6/2017	30/6/2016	30/6/2015	30/6/2014	30/6/2013
EQUITY:	\$6,407,153	\$3,693,020	\$2,312,049	\$1,176,652	\$625,253
INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	\$2,714,133	\$1,380,971	\$1,135,397	\$551,399	\$266,637
TOTAL PROFIT:	\$2,714,133	\$1,283,113	\$987,077	\$551,399	\$92,819
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$15,824,886	\$13,041,032	\$12,651,112	\$12,952,696	\$12,521,919

To read more see page 139 of the full Annual Report 2016/17.

Mokau/Awakino Transfer Station Relocation Partition

January 2018

To Whom It May Concern

After being approach by concerned resident near the Infarmax Yard about the possible relocation of the Mokau /Awakino transfer station to the Infarmax Yard area.

I started this partition to see what the general feeling was.

To start with my area of concern was every property closest to the Infarmax Yard in North St, Tainui St and Aria Ter from NORTH of Rangi St which is approximately 300m south of the site and to approximately 300m north along the main road north of the Infarmax Yard

Of 38 property's visited 5 had no one home.

3 didn't want to sign as they were not concern about where the transfer station was.

Of the other 30 property's 1 or more Owner's or residents using the property have signed the partition 51 in total.

The other 26 signature's are from Mokau Residents that have heard that I had the partition going and have called in or have ask me to take it to them to sign. Because they also don't want the Transfer Station on the main road or in the Mokau Township.

Trevor Walshaw

10 North Street

Mokau

Mokau Transfer Station

We the undersigned Residence and Ratepayers of the Mokau township Area






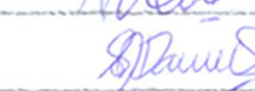





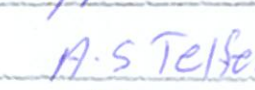







Strongly oppose the relocation of the Mokau/Awakino transfer station to the suggested site in the Infarmax Yard area or anywhere in the Urban Mokau Township Area

Residence Name	Signature	Property Address
TREVOR WALSHAW	T. V. Watson	10 NORTH STREET
Margaret Walshaw	[Signature]	10 North Street
ROB LECKIE	[Signature]	4C OHA ST
Janie Moynihan	J. Moynihan	4C OHA ST
[Signature]	[Signature]	3 Oha St
W BURNARD	[Signature]	10 TAINUI ST
J. Deeth	[Signature]	12 Tainui St
J. Wackrow	[Signature]	16 Tainui St
J. Shaw	J. Shaw	9 Tainui St.
Ken Strachan	[Signature]	14 North st
Caye Strachan	[Signature]	14 North St
John Casford	[Signature]	9 Aria Tee
Maie Casford	[Signature]	9 Aria Tee
Dawn Jones	[Signature]	5408 Main Road
Allan Jones	[Signature]	Main Rd Mokau
John-Paul Pratt	[Signature]	5389 SH3 Mokau.
John Holmes	[Signature]	5461 MAIN RD.
Diane Holmes	[Signature]	5461 SH3 Mokau
Tony Grant	[Signature]	1 North st Mokau
Gail Pratt	[Signature]	7 North St. Mokau.
ERIC PRATT	[Signature]	7 NORTH ST. MOKAU

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Residence Name	Signature	Property Address
GEOFF PRESTON		5c NORTH ST.
Taku Morchu		17 North st
Kim Berry		17 North st
T Wante		3 Tairua Street
A Wante		3 Tairua street
Neil Wachrow		16 Tairua street
Sue Davies		21 Aria Tce
Allan Pratt		2 Rangi st.
JOHN COTTAM		12 NORTH STREET
MAUREEN COTTAM		12 NORTH STREET
Mirdi Nestor		5c North St.
Julia Radich		5444 SH3 Mokau.
John Radich		5444 SH3 Mokau.
Sam Telfer		25 Aria Tce
Rose O'Donovan		25 Aria Tce.
VALERIE JOHNS		69 North St.
ROBERT JOHNS		69 NORTH ST.
STEVE DAY		3 ARIA TCE.
George Honnor		Mokau.
Marie Honnor		Mokau.
Rae Lukua		MOKAU.

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Residence Name	Signature	Property Address
Graham Pett	G Pett	39 North Street-Mokau
Gloria Pett	G Pett	39 North Street-Mokau
Bow Christiansen	B.A. Christiansen	4 Point Rd, Mokau.
Rory Christiansen	R.P. Christiansen	4 Point Rd Mokau
Andrew Murphy	[Signature]	34 Tainui Street, Mokau
TREVOR HASKELL	T.Haskell	4A OHA ST
Shirley Haskell	S.Haskell	4A Oha St.
Jennifer Lewis	J.Lewis	63 Te Mahoe Rd.
Andrew Cook	[Signature]	19 Ania Yee
Covey-lee Cook	C.Lee	19 Ania Terrace Mokau
Barbara Proffit	B.Proffit	12 Tainui St
Macy Death	M.Death	12 Tainui St
Jocys Death	J.Death	12 Tainui St
WAL DEATH.	W.Death	12 Tainui St
Kevin Proffit	K.Proffit	12 Tainui st.
Christine Proffit	C.Proffit	8 Tainui st.
Francis Proffit	F.Proffit	8 Tainui st.
CHRIS TUFFET	[Signature]	11 ✓
Simon Adams	[Signature]	13 Tainui St
Gail O'Keefe	G.L. O'Keefe	7 Point Road, Mokau

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Drake, Graham	G Drake	38A 43A Reringa St.
Drake, Robyn	R M Drake	43A Reringa St.
Beaulieu Ross	R. B. Beaulieu	43 North St.
Sue Rooney	S Rooney	79 Te Mahoe Rd.
J. W. Whitaker	J W Whitaker	73 N ST. MOKAU.
Paul Symonds	P Symonds	30 Tainui St.
CHRIS TISSOTT	C T	5 KEREINGA ST.
Tracey Inch	T Inch	43 North St - mokau
aurel Reed	A Reed	53 Main Nth Rd Mokau
Murray Reed	M Reed	53 Main Nth Rd Mokau
Jane Harding	J Harding	55 North St Mokau
Mare Harding	M Harding	55 North St Mokau.
Rae Tissott	R Tissott	5 Kereinga St. Mokau.
Sack Davis	S Davis	373 Te Mahoe Rd
Jane Graham	J Graham	373 Te Mahoe Rd.

5 + 62 = 77. TOTAL

Mokau District Plan Review

By Trevor Walshaw

To Whom It May Concern

The main things that the residents of the Mokau township talk to me about that come in area that the Council Control. Water, Rubbish, Streets and Beach access.

WATER

Poor Quality, cloudy, poor taste, and variable pressure.

Also when work has been done on main pipes around town. The area is left unfinished for a long time. Safety fencers left for months after job completed. As at the corner of Rangi st and the Main road. Job was done Mid July safety fence finally removed Labour Weekend. And the area to rough to mow.

“ WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE TOWN RESERVOIR”. The ratepayers were told it was sited in town for civil defence purposes originally. Has been moved twice. And now has disappeared altogether. What have we got for an emergency water supply now.

RUBBISH

Bins around tearooms and toilet area need emptying more often. “Every day over Xmas holiday period”

Get rid of the recycling bins from the TOWN'S MAIN STREET.

Has any other town in the WDC got a RUBBISH dump in the main street

[And not into the Infarmax Yard]

STREETS

Cut all the trees and rubbish off the banks and sides of streets. Use to have banks cut once every year up until a couple of years ago. Why was it stopped.

Rangi St and Rerenga St cutting are very dangerous and narrow with over grown trees and flax. Used by pedestrians, as there is no footpaths from point area to shops.

Side of road outside of district nurse clinic very steep and hard to walk up. Big pools of water in wet weather.

Buildup of grass along edge of tarseal stops stormwater getting off roadway. Aria Terrace very bad all the way along it.

Footpath on main road are a safety hazard with broken section of concrete and loose metal over them outside St Johns Rooms.

The broken concrete outside 12 North Street was marked for repairs when Downers won the council maintenance contract in 2014. And still not fixed 3 years later

New fire hydrant fitted when new water main replaced 15 months ago, and still has a dangerous gap along the side.

There use to be a sign at the corners of the Main road Rangi street and Aria Terrace to show the lookout up at the cemetery. What has happened to them.

BEACH ACCESS

We have finely got access to the river mouth after waiting 18 months.

Point road track to river by 21 Point road is just about impossible to get down to the sand because of all the tree roots.

Tokopapa Street to flowerpots. The best place in Mokau for small children to play safely in sand. But very hard to get up and down to as the steps have broken away.

Back beach needs the parking area filled up some car can turn around without getting stuck.

Most locals are not interested with a whole lot of new fancy things.

Just fix things that we have that have been neglected for too many years or we have had to wait for agers to get anything done.

People come to Mokau to get away from hustle and bustle of big towns and to go fishing or just relax.

So why the hell would we want to change to much!!!!!!!

Trevor Walshaw

10 North Street

Mokau

