

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

This document provides a description of our activities including how they contribute to our community outcomes and any significant negative effects identified that they may have.

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ROADS AND FOOTPATHS ACTIVITY

What we do and why we do it

The primary purpose of the roads and footpaths activity is to provide for safe, efficient and comfortable movement of people and freight within the district.

The roads and footpaths activity group provides for the planning, provision, development, operations and maintenance of a district land transportation network as well as local facilities, footpaths, service lanes, street lighting, bridges and car parks.

This activity excludes the management of state highways. State highways are managed by Waka Kotahi.

This activity group has only one activity, however there are two components to the activity; District Transportation and Local Transportation.

The Local Transportation component of the activity encompasses functions that enable people to move around within local communities (such as footpaths, street lighting, street furniture and town centre upgrades). It complements the provision of roads through a range of services from providing for pedestrian access and movement to contributing to vibrant and pleasant town centres.

How it contributes to the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Roads and Footpaths activity... |
|---|--|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides infrastructure to help build thriving communities supports a range of lifestyle, leisure and recreation opportunities provides infrastructure to support our rural economy supports access to local businesses and tourism activities by visitors and residents. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> allows access around the Peninsula and between communities. |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> helps balance environmental protection with accessibility supports the development of town centres as the heart of the community and the hubs for business. |

Key Impact
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Social



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Significant negative effects on the local community:

| Effect | Mitigation |
|---|---|
| Environmental effects such as erosion or destruction of flora and fauna, cultural or heritage impacts may occur when renewing or maintaining roads. | Compliance with resource consent conditions to ensure such impacts are managed and minimised. |
| Noise, dust and fumes associated with pavement maintenance and renewal and improvement works | Compliance with resource consent conditions to ensure such impacts are managed and minimised. |

STORMWATER ACTIVITY

What we do and why we do it

Provide stormwater services that protect people and the environment from flooding and manage the quality of the stormwater to ensure public health is protected. Maintaining a reliable stormwater network is essential for healthy communities.

We manage several stormwater systems throughout the district. This includes more than 200km of stormwater pipe, more than 3,000 manholes and 4 pump stations. There are 24,731 connected properties accessing Council's stormwater system. We are required to meet our legal obligations to minimise the effects of stormwater on the environment and protect the health of our communities.

How it contributes to the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Stormwater activity... |
|--|---|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides infrastructure to help build safe and healthy communities by minimising risks due to stormwater and retaining a safe living environment supports the economy by helping to ensure uninterrupted operation of businesses and preventing of damage to property. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduces the incidence of community connections being severed through flooding. |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plays a critical part in keeping our environment safe and clean ensures that the urban environment is protected from damage through flooding. |

Significant negative effects on the community

| Effect | Mitigation |
|---|--|
| Environmental effect due to the discharge of stormwater into the natural environment | Compliance with resource consent conditions to ensure stormwater discharge is safe. |
| Noise and vibration nuisance from pumping stations | Civil structures and other noise proof frameworks used to mitigate noise and vibration nuisance. New infrastructure is assessed for noise pollution as part of the land use consenting process. |
| Contaminants from road and properties enter the stormwater networks which can be discharged to water bodies | Civil structures such as catchpit grates are installed to reduce the likelihood of contaminants entering the stormwater networks as well as on-going operations and maintenance of outfall structures. |

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WASTEWATER ACTIVITY

Providing our district with reliable and safe wastewater services to protect the health of our communities and the environment.

The wastewater activity involves collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from properties and businesses. Wastewater is an essential service. Ensuring we collect, treat, and dispose of wastewater safely.

The Council operates 10 wastewater systems. Assets for the wastewater systems include 397km of piped networks, 128 pumping stations and 6,832 manholes. There are 22,677 connections throughout the district.

This service is delivered to protect the environment and public health. Efficient and sustainable systems are required to ensure raw wastewater does not enter our water ways, ensuring we provide a healthy and safe living environment.

How it contributes to the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Wastewater activity... |
|---|--|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the services needed by most businesses and their workers. By providing wastewater services, this activity supports growth of the local economy. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides safe wastewater services to support a healthy community. Contributes to the development of a safe living environment. promotes strong partnerships with our district's Iwi |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposes of treated wastewater in ways that minimise environmental harm. Balances the provision of this service with environmental protection. Plays its part in keeping our environment safe and clean. |

Significant negative effects on the local community:

| Effect | Mitigation |
|---|---|
| Environmental effect due to the discharge of untreated wastewater | Compliance with resource consent conditions and operating standards minimises the risk of discharging untreated wastewater. |
| The noise and vibration nuisance from pumping stations can impact negatively on people in the immediate vicinity of the pumping stations. | Civil structures and other noise proof frameworks are used to mitigate noise and vibration nuisance. New infrastructure is assessed for noise and pollution as part of the land use consenting process. |

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WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITY

The water supply activity covers the provision of water to residential, commercial, and industrial properties in the district and the treatment of water to ensure it is safe for our communities to use.

Council serves ten water supply schemes in the district, operates nine water treatment facilities, and has three rural water supplies located south of Thames. The total pipe length of the district's water supply activity is 548km, servicing 17,840 water connections throughout the district.

Clean and safe water is one of the essential services Council provides to the community. Council water supplies ensure that people in the areas of benefit (usually urban areas) have safe clean water to drink and to clean with (to maintain public health). The water systems provide water for commercial uses and firefighting which helps protect our communities and visitors.

How does it contribute to the outcomes we are seeking?

| Council Outcome | The Water Supply activity... |
|--|---|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports the forecast increase in residential and commercial property growth, by providing essential services in and around current serviced areas • provides infrastructure to help build healthy communities • provides capacity and programmes for managing projected growth |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports the growth of communities through providing infrastructure |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimises the impact of taking water from the natural environment • balances the provision of this service with environmental protection |

Significant negative effects on the local community

| Effect | Mitigation |
|--|--|
| Environmental effect due to the abstraction of water from the natural environment. | Compliance with resource consent conditions to ensure impact of water supply abstraction is minimised |
| The noise and vibration nuisance from treatment and pumping stations | Civil structures and other noise proof frameworks are used to mitigate noise and vibration nuisance. New infrastructure is assessed for noise and pollution as part of the land use consenting process. |
| Leakage in water reticulation networks wasting resources | Leak detection, renewal programmes and system improvements and reactive responses. |

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SOLID WASTE ACTIVITY GROUP

What we do and why

The rubbish and recycling activity provides for waste to be properly disposed of to protect public health and the environment. The activity also promotes recycling, reuse and resource recovery with the objectives of reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and practicing responsible resource efficiency.

In addition to weekly kerbside refuse and fortnightly recyclables collection services, the Council manages closed landfill sites and operates transfer stations where waste and recycling can be dropped off. The Council also actively supports reuse centres managed by Trusts including the Seagull Centre in Thames, and a reuse centre in Coromandel.

The Council is required to have a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) which we have created in collaboration with the neighbouring Hauraki and Matamata-Piako District Councils. The WMMP sets goals and actions to improve outcomes for rubbish and recycling in the district. A shared contract held by the three councils endeavors to deliver cost efficiencies to all our ratepayers.

How it contributes to achieving the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Rubbish and Recycling activity... |
|---|--|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides effective waste management services, thereby contributing to a safe and healthy living environment Ensures high standards of public health Encourages community responsibility through waste minimization education The business, tourism and retail sectors are all supported both through effective direct service provision, and services for visitors such as drop-off sites and public place recycling. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports communities through both direct service and a network of drop-off facilities. |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps protect our unique environment and natural ecosystems by enabling good waste management and minimization and ensuring disposal of waste in ways that minimises harm Manages the impact on the environment of closed landfills. |

Significant negative effects on the local community:

| Effect | Mitigation |
|--|---|
| Significant negative effects on the environment can result from the discharge of leachate from landfills to natural waterways. | Compliance with resource consent conditions minimises the risk of discharging leachate to a natural waterway. |
| Odour emanating from transfer station sites can impact negatively on people in the immediate vicinity. | Compliance with operating standards and resource consent conditions minimises the risk of odour problems. |

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COUNCIL ACTIVITY GROUP

This group of activities is made up of the following activities:

- Representation
- Grants and remissions
- Property
- Economic development
- District plan.

What we do and why

Representation

The Mayor and Councillors focus primarily on district-wide decisions and issues. They are supported by five local community boards, which represent their communities, ensure local views and aspirations are known, considered and advocated for. The community boards make decisions on local issues and activities and have a role in representing local community aspirations and concerns to assist in district wide Council decision-making. Our leadership role is changing and so too is the environment we operate within. Council has legal obligations to partner with Tangata Whenua in determining the future of the district.

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out the principles and processes that Council must abide by when making decisions. Other legislation gives us additional duties and responsibilities and provides rules for many of our processes. These include the Local Electoral Act 2002 for elections and representation review processes, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on access to information, and the Resource Management Act 1991 for district plan development and plan making in relation to sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

Grants and remissions

Council actively collaborates with organisations to achieve efficient use of resources, strong partnerships and financial assistance, which contributes to greater community cohesion. This is achieved by service level agreements, the administration of grants for community groups and events, and administration of the rates remission policy.

Property

Council owns a wide range of land and buildings which require careful management for the benefit of current and future generations. This activity is responsible for ensuring that these buildings are safe for public and private use and meet legal building code requirements. It also includes the management of Council's vehicle fleet.

Economic development

The economic development activity focuses on promoting economic growth throughout the district by connecting stakeholders (business, industry, iwi and Council) and facilitating access to Council services. This activity provides a communication function to a wide range of stakeholders.

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District plan

The District Plan activity involves the preparation, monitoring and maintenance of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan. The District Plan which provides a framework to implement and support appropriate subdivision and land use management in the District.

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires the Council to have a District Plan.

How it contributes to achieving the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Representation activity... |
|---|---|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identifies and plans for community needs• provides support to a range of community, recreation and leisure opportunities• maintains safe buildings• enables the Coromandel Peninsula to become a preferred area in which to live, work, raise a family and enjoy a safe and satisfying life by promoting sustainable economic development• provides for economic and population growth that is socially and economically sustainable. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identifies and advocates for community needs and preferences• recognizes and develops the relationships with the District's iwi• funds partnerships and encourages collaboration with organisations• manages buildings such as libraries and halls that enhance community wellness and connectivity . |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• considers the impact of and guides decision making around the management of our natural environment or native biodiversity• supports community members to participate in looking after the environment• helps reduce rates burden on the community• ensures future development fits sensitively within the Coromandel's unique landscape and coastal environment. |

Significant negative effects on the local community

No significant negative effects on the local community have been identified from delivering these activities.

PLANNING AND REGULATION ACTIVITY GROUP

This group of activities is made up of

- resource consents and
- building control.

The Resource Consents activity is the key land use consent authority, the activity processes resource consents as provided for in the Resource Management Act.

The Building Control activity is responsible for implementing the regulatory process to ensure buildings are safe and promote sustainable development. This activity also provides Land Information Memoranda (LIM) service. LIM's are reports issued by Council on request about a property or piece of land. LIMs help protect buyers of property and provide information for project planning.

Each activity seeks to achieve good environmental outcomes, promoting sustainable management of natural and physical resources, and consistency with the District Plan. We are required by law to carry out building control activities both as a Territorial Authority and a Building Consent Authority.

How it contributes to achieving the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Resource Consent activity... |
|---|---|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides consistent decision-making on development proposals which support economic growth of the district and creating opportunities. • encourages sustainable economic growth in sectors that draw on, but do not compromise, our unique natural environment. • provides a process to ensure that buildings are safe. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implements and supports appropriate land use management and the provision of essential infrastructure • balances environmental protection with accessibility • supports the provision of essential infrastructure. |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote and protect the Districts historical and cultural heritage • ensures future development fits sensitively within the Coromandel's unique landscape and coastal environment • contributes to keeping our environment safe and clean. |

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Significant negative effects on the local community:

No significant negative effects on the local community have been identified from delivering these activities.

PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY GROUP

The group of activities is made up of the following activities

- Emergency management
- Coastal and hazard management
- Community health and safety

Emergency management

The Emergency Management activity focuses on communities being ready for, responding to and recovering from emergencies when they do happen. Work is undertaken through the Emergency Operating Centre (EOC). The EOC undertakes various training exercises and programmes throughout the year to ensure staff are always ready and prepared to handle civil defence emergencies should they arise. This activity also includes undertaking community response plans in consultation with local communities and agencies at a settlement level to help create prepared and resilient communities.

Coastal and Hazard Management

This activity plans for the avoidance and, management of the impact of natural hazards across the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula with a particular focus on coastal settlements. Coastal hazards include coastal inundation (flooding), tsunamis, storm surges, king tides, coastal erosion, and sea level rise.

The Council's Coastal Management Strategy has identified a suite of projects, including community based resilience planning, coastal hazard response planning and a Shoreline Management Plan, to help to identify and respond to coastal hazards in the future, including those related to the anticipated effects of climate change.

Community health and safety

This activity provides a range of services to ensure our communities are clean, safe and healthy places to live. This includes minimising public nuisances and offensive behaviour as well as helping ensure public places are safe. Key services include animal control, alcohol control, health licensing and bylaws enforcement. Services such as – food safety, animal control, controls on the sale of alcohol.

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How it contributes to achieving the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The activity... |
|---|---|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintains community values through application of bylaws.• limits behaviours that negatively affect the community, therefore enabling community enjoyment of public spaces• contributes to making the Coromandel Peninsula and attractive place to do business• through hazard identification, responses, mitigation and information, helps to provide certainty for development of commercial and residential properties. |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supports the community to connect in a safe environment. |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributes to keeping our urban and natural environments safe and clean. |

Significant negative effect on the local community

No significant negative effects on the local community have been identified from delivering these activities.

COMMUNITY SPACES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY GROUP

This activity group contains the following sub-activities:

- Thames Community Spaces and Development activity
- Coromandel-Colville Community Spaces and Development activity
- Mercury Bay Community Spaces and Development activity
- Whangamatā Community Spaces and Development activity
- Tairua-Pauanui Community Spaces and Development activity.

What we do and why

The community spaces and development activity supports local communities through the provision of a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces and facilities. Community Boards have input over levels of service, although consistency and economy is provided by district wide activity management. Not all community facilities are provided in every Community Board area.

The following table shows the activities for each of the five community spaces.

| Activity | Thames | Coromandel-Colville | Mercury Bay | Tairua-Pauanui | Whangamatā |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Airfields | √ | | | √ | |
| Cemeteries | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Community Centres and Halls | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Public Conveniences | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Harbour Facilities | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Libraries | √ | | √ | √ | |
| Parks and Reserves | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Swimming Pool | √ | | | | |

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Airfields

Council operates two airfields located in Thames and Pauanui. They are provided primarily for recreational use with some commercial activity and they are a useful resource in emergency situations.

Cemeteries

Our cemeteries meet the burial, remembrance and heritage needs of the community. The Council is currently responsible for the management of 13 cemeteries within the district of which 7 are currently open for burials and the remaining 6 are no longer operational. Most of the cemeteries cater to plot burials but there has also been the recent addition of a natural burial garden at Omaha Cemetery. Natural burial services are being explored in cemeteries in Coromandel-Colville and Mercury Bay also.

Community centres and halls

These facilities are provided to support the recreational, social and cultural needs of the community. The Council owns community halls in 13 locations throughout the district with the level of management involvement ranging from full building ownership with onsite manager to having service contracts with grants for community-based groups.

Harbour facilities

Harbour facilities are provided primarily to support a valued part of the Coromandel lifestyle for both residents and visitors. Commercial activity is supported at some facilities. There are 13 Council maintained wharves and jetties and 21 boat ramps in the district, which all provide varying services dependent on location/access and need of the communities.

Libraries

Library facilities and programmes are provided to support the cultural and education needs of our communities. Library services throughout the district are delivered in different ways with different levels of contributions from Council and users. There are 3 Council run libraries located in Thames, Tairua in Whitianga and 6 community run libraries which receive support from the Council.

Parks and reserves

Council's network of parks and reserves is provided to support the recreation and leisure needs of our communities, as well as to protect natural and cultural heritage. There are approximately 2000ha of parks and reserves in the Thames-Coromandel district (excluding a large Department of Conservation estate and beaches), 43 playgrounds and skate parks as well as 10 sports fields and venues. Reserve Management Plans prepared under the Reserves Act 1977 provide direction for the day-to-day management of reserves and the factors that impact upon these reserves. They also establish clear directions for their future management and development, where appropriate.

Public conveniences

Public toilets and changing facilities are provided to meet the needs of our communities and visitors to the district. There are 91 public toilets in the district, spread across each Community Board area. Each Community Board sets the level of service provided at these different facilities.

Swimming pools

These facilities are provided for both recreational purposes and to support water safety education and learn to swim programmes for the benefit of the community. There is only one Council managed pool in the district. This is located in Thames. The current pool is due for replacement by 2027.

How it contributes to achieving the outcomes we are seeking

| Council Outcome | The Community Spaces and Development Activity... |
|---|--|
| A vibrant district He takiwā hihiri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributes to respecting and nurturing a local sense of place • contributes to providing infrastructure to help build healthy communities |
| A connected district He takiwā tuia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributes to supporting a range of recreation and leisure opportunities • promoting and valuing the district's historical and cultural heritage |
| A sustainable district He takiwā toitū | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributes to maximizing economic opportunities from the Peninsula's natural setting. |

Significant negative effects on the local community:

| Effect | Mitigation |
|--|---|
| Some of these activities may result in environmental impacts such as solid waste, energy use or spray drift, pests in parks and reserves, traffic and noise, which affects neighbours of parks and reserves and community facilities | Ensure adverse effects are mitigated, operations are managed effectively, that waste is minimised and energy and water are conserved. |
| Other possible negative effects from these activities could include the cost of facility upgrades being beyond the ability of the community to pay. | Manage community facilities efficiently and effectively, seek opportunities to share costs through partnerships with other organisations. |