



2007/2008 Annual Report Summary

MAYOR'S REPORT

We are pleased to present the 2007/2008 Annual Report Summary of the Westland District Council and Group, a Public Benefit Entity, prepared in accordance with FRS 43 - Summary Financial Statements. These summary statements have been drawn from the Annual Report dated 11 December 2008. The report, reviewed by Audit New Zealand, is accessible via the Westland District Council web site www.westland.govt.nz and can also be obtained at the Council's Hokitika headquarters or at your local library.

Following the representation review, the triennial elections saw a reduction from twelve to ten Councillors and a Mayor elected with an adjustment to the Southern/Hokitika boundary.

Westland District Council was awarded top District Council in a Federated Farmers survey. This is acknowledgement of the consistently high standard that is set by the team of elected reps and staff.

This year has been an exciting one due to the completion of some projects that various communities have seen as priorities, and the progress made towards achieving larger projects detailed in our Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

Significant achievements for the year include:

RESERVES

- Heritage walkway extension
- Cass Square entrance improvement
- Footpath in Harihari township
- Preston's Bush established

SWIMMING POOLS

- Replacement of front doors at Hokitika Pool
- New water filter for the Ross Pool

LIBRARY

- New security system
- New furniture

HOKITIKA WORKS

- Concept plan work continued. Completion of town entrance, landscaping, paving and lighting.

WATER SUPPLIES

- Hokitika water treatment in partnership with Westland Milk Products nearing completion. Included work in progress
- Lake Kaniere water line project completed

PUBLIC TOILETS

- Fox Glacier toilets

LAND & BUILDINGS

- Re-roofing of the Council headquarters and other alterations

ROADING

- Traffic calming devices, intersection control and corner widening in Kokatahi and Blue Spur
- Guard railing on Okuru Bridge

OTHER

- Building Consent Authority accreditation achieved 18 June 2008
- Ross sewerage application underway
- The IT systems continue to improve

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The summary statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest \$000.

These summary statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Council		Group		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Income					
Rates revenue	6,320	6,278	5,944	6,309	5,938
Other revenue	8,284	10,668	6,419	13,845	11,520
Total income	14,605	16,946	12,363	20,154	17,458
Expenditure					
Employee benefit expenses	2,402	2,353	1,939	5,689	4,906
Depreciation and amortisation	3,530	3,024	3,359	4,469	4,116
Other expenses	7,036	6,631	5,975	7,629	6,686
Finance costs	547	420	366	784	483
Other losses	69	0	45	46	38
Total operating expenditure	13,584	12,428	11,684	18,617	16,229
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	1,020	4,518	679	1,537	1,229
Income tax expense	(78)	0	(7)	118	244
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	1,098	4,518	686	1,419	985

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	Council		Group		
AS AT 30 JUNE 2008	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Current assets	8,827	3,100	10,507	11,311	12,167
Non-current assets	345,915	316,874	336,436	347,783	338,317
Total assets	354,742	319,974	346,943	359,094	350,484
Current liabilities	8,291	2,262	5,287	9,872	6,297
Non-current liabilities	682	6,230	3,750	2,700	5,848
Total liabilities	8,973	8,492	9,037	12,572	12,145
Equity	345,769	311,482	337,906	346,522	338,339
Retained earnings	158,678	162,952	158,747	159,432	159,180
Restricted reserves	-1,269	-2,700	-2,718	-1,269	-2,718
Revaluation reserve	188,360	151,230	181,877	188,360	181,877
Total ratepayer's equity	345,769	311,482	337,906	346,523	338,339

This Summary of the Annual Report 2007/2008 is dated 16 December 2008, and is authorised by the Mayor and General Manager.

2007/2008 Annual Report Summary

Further information on the Council's financial statements is contained in the Annual Report. The full annual report is available from the Council office, or online at www.westland.govt.nz.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008	Council			Group	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Equity at the beginning of the year	337,906	296,923	296,559	338,339	296,693
Net surplus for the year	1,098	4,518	686	1,419	985
Increase in asset revaluation reserve	6,858	10,041	40,827	6,858	40,827
Revaluation of assets held for resale	-93	0	-166	-93	-166
Total recognised revenue/(expense) for the year ended 30 June	7,863	14,559	41,347	8,184	41,646
Equity at the end of the year	345,769	311,482	337,906	346,523	338,339

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008	Council			Group	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Net cash from operating activities	3,264	7,007	4,300	4,276	5,468
Net cash from investing activities	-4,510	-7,499	-3,849	-5,435	-6,028
Net cash from financing activities	-8	-8	-33	-140	1,119
Net (decrease)/increase in cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts	-1,254	-500	418	-1,299	559

REPORTING ON THE WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Report provides extensive commentary and performance measures against the Community Outcomes as identified in the Westland Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). The Community Outcomes process was completed in 2005 as part of the development of Council's first LTCCP 2006-16. Subsequent annual reports will continue to document performance and progress on achieving these outcomes, and the three local authorities and the regional council of the West Coast are collaborating to produce a report as well.



SUMMARY COST OF SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008	Council		
	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2008	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Income			
Governance	55	20	5
Planning and Regulatory	629	481	470
Roading	3,070	2,615	2,418
Water Supplies	1,326	1,760	19
Sewerage and Waste Water	65	2,709	98
Solid Waste Management	271	453	264
Other Operational Activities	26	22	46
Community Services	1,788	1,606	1,963
Total Activity Income	7,230	9,666	5,283
Westland Holdings Limited	7	0	11
Petrol Tax	113	93	109
Interest	628	556	520
Dividends	142	165	319
General Rates	4,176	4,095	3,928
Targeted Rates	1,395	1,417	1,260
Metered Water	762	766	756
Other income	152	188	177
Total income	14,605	16,946	12,363
Expenditure			
Interest paid and bank charges	500	420	366
Loss on fair value of derivative financial instrument	47	0	0
Governance	635	597	624
Planning and Regulatory	1,278	1,111	1,018
Roading	4,502	3,944	3,918
Water Supplies	1,198	1,594	946
Sewerage and Waste Water	519	521	438
Solid Waste Management	1,185	986	808
Other Operational Activities	409	626	471
Community Services	3,305	2,628	3,085
Westland Holdings Limited	7	0	10
Total operating expenditure	13,585	12,428	11,684
Operating Surplus	1,020	4,517	679
Tax	(78)	0	(7)
Net Surplus	1,098	4,517	686

**TO THE READERS OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL AND GROUP'S
SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

We have audited the summary annual report.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the information reported in the summary financial statements complies with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements and is consistent with the full financial statements from which it is derived.

We expressed an unqualified audit opinion, in our report dated 11 December 2008, on:

- the full financial statements; and
- the Council and group's compliance with the other requirements of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 that apply to the annual report.

Basis of Opinion

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the New Zealand Auditing Standards. Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with or interests in Westland District Council or any of its subsidiaries.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary annual report and we are responsible for expressing an opinion on that report. These responsibilities arise from the Local Government Act 2002.



John Mackey, Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand
16 December 2008

Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Summary Annual Report

This audit report relates to the summary annual report of Westland District Council and group for the year ended 30 June 2008 included on the Westland District Council's website. The Westland District Council is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Westland District Council's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Westland District Council's website. We accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the summary annual report since they were initially presented on the website.

The audit report refers only to the summary annual report named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to or from the summary annual report. If readers of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communication they should refer to the published hard copy of the audited summary annual report as well as the related audit report dated 16 December 2008 to confirm the information included in the audited summary annual report presented on this website.

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