

MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OVERVIEW

Hamilton's growth continues at a rapid rate. Our city's growth isn't a new phenomenon but Hamilton approached a watershed in terms of its development and pace in the 2004/05 financial year.

Elections in 2004 saw a new Mayor and Council bring fresh direction and vision to Hamilton city. Council's Annual Residents Survey returned the highest ever satisfaction levels, across a range of areas, in the 14 years that the survey has been conducted. Elected members enjoyed the biggest increase in satisfaction, indicating that Hamiltonians are pleased with the direction the new Council is taking for the city.

A new Hamilton events brand was launched in June as a promotional tool for the city. The brief for the creation of the brand called for an identity that positions Hamilton as a confident, modern city that's moving ahead.

Access Hamilton dominated submissions to the Proposed 2005/06 Annual Plan. Of the 574 submissions received, 465 were specifically concerned with transport issues relating to Access Hamilton. In striking the 4.73 per cent rates increase for 2005/06, Council included 3.48 per cent to be allocated specifically to Access Hamilton transportation and traffic congestion issues.

On 1 March 2005, Council signed off on the building of a new commuter car parking building in Knox Street. Construction began on 25 July 2005. The five-level commuter car parking building will provide approximately 480 car parks and is due to open in January 2006.

Much time and resource was invested during the year by Council into securing funding arrangements to respond to city growth, which led to implementation of the Development and Financial Contributions Policy taking effect from 1 July 2005. The policy allows for the cost of infrastructural growth to be more directly targeted towards the property development sector rather than spread across all ratepayers.

Strong commercial growth has triggered a period of significant capital investment in Hamilton from all sectors, showing Hamilton's increased significance in the greater Waikato region.

Council has continued to undertake major infrastructural projects to support this continued growth.

The 750mm bulk watermain pipe, which runs 3.6km from the Water Treatment Station to the South Hamilton Reservoir site on Chinaman's Hill, is nearly complete. The reservoir itself is on target to be completed in November 2005.

The predesign phase of the Water Treatment Station upgrade began in 2004 and construction started this year with the installation of an ultra-violet disinfection system. Already, the upgrade has improved the taste of Hamilton's drinking water.

The Mill Street deviation opened for traffic in May 2005. This 1.3km arterial route is set to make a big difference to Hamilton.

Two prominent pieces of public art were commissioned and completed. Riff Raff was unveiled in Victoria Street and Nga Uri O Hinetuparimaunga, the stunning new sculpture at the entranceway to Hamilton Gardens, was officially presented to the city on 5 April. These two pieces of public art culminated in Hamilton winning the Creative New Zealand Arts Provision: City and Regional Councils Award 2005.

The Annual Report paints a clear picture of how, in the 2004/05 financial year, Council has responded across the board to Hamilton's growth from a provincial city to a vibrant, metropolitan centre.



Michael Redman
Hamilton Mayor



Tony Marryatt
Chief Executive

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TE TUMUAKI ME TE RANGATIRA KAIWHAKAHAERE TIROHANGA WHAANUI

Te Tumuaki me Te Rangatira Kaiwhakahaere Tirohanga Whaanui 2004/05

Kei te piki tonu to taatou taaone nui o Kirikiriroa engari ehake i te mea hou teeneki aahuatanga. Heoi ano, he nunui rawa atu te ahu whakamua mo ngaa tau puutea 2004/05.

Naa ngaa pooti o te tau 2004 i uru mai to taatou Tumuaki hou me ngeetehi mema hou o te kaunihera kia tootika te huarahi tirohanga whaanui o Kirikiriroa. Noo ngaa tau 14 kua pahure ake nei, e tohu mai ana ngaa haapori o Kirikiriroa kua ea katoa oo maatou Tirohanga Whaanui – aa - Tau. Kei te piki ngaa tatuutanga mai i ngaa iwi katoa o Kirikiriroa moo ngaa mema hou kua pootitia ki runaga i te kaunihera, e whakaae ana raatou kei te tootika te huarahi o te kaunihera.

Kua waihangatia he tohu hou hei momo tokonga moo te taone matua nei, aa, noo te marama o Hune i whakawahangia ai ki te katoa. E ai ki ngaa tohutohu waihangatanga o te tohu nei, me whakapuaki teeneki tohu i te mataara, te pakari, te maia me te anga whakamua o to maatou taaone nui.

Ko ngaa huarahi ki Kirikiriroa te take whaanui o ngaa tuhituhi tono ki Tirohanga Whaanui – aa - Tau o te tau 2005/06. O ngaa tuhituhi tono 574 i whiwhi ai maatou, 465 o eeraa e pa ana ki ngaa kawenga waka mo te take Hurahi ki Kirikiriroa. No te pikinga o ngaa reiti ki te 4.73 pai heneti, kua whakataungia ko te 3.48 pai heneti ka noho hei puutea mo te Huarahi ki Kirikiriroa, araa, ngaa take kawenga waka me te puni-waka.

I te rangi tuatahi o Maehe 2005, i whakamanahia e te Kaunihera teetehi whare waka hou ki te hurahi o Knox moo te hunga here maa runga waka. I timata ai ngaa mahi hanga i taua whare i te 25 o Hurae 2005. E rima ngaa momo apaapa o teenei whare, aa, 480 ngaa turanga waka. Tuwhera ai te whare waka a te marama o Haanuere 2006.

Kua roa te waa e whakarite ana maatou i te kaupapa whai puutea mo te whakapikinga tangata o te taaone nui, nawai ra ka puta ake ko te kaupapa Koha Putea Whanaketanga i timata ake i te raa tuatahi o Hurae 2005. Ko te tirohanga penapena o teeneki kaupapa he toha i ngaa puutea ki te whakawaanuitanga o te taone, kaore ki ngaa kaiutu reiti.

Naa te piki tonu o ngaa hua hokohoko i kaha hoki te tau moni whakangao o Kirikiriroa huri noa i te takiwa o Waikato. Ma te kaunihera e whai hua, e tautoko mo teeneki kaupapa nui.

Kua timata te mahi anga whakamua o te Kaunihera hei tautoko i teeneki whanaketanga.

Kua tata te mutu o te hanganga o te paipa 750 mm te roa, 3.6 km te roanga mai te whare wai manaaki teihana ki Kirikiriroa i te tonga, paatata ana ki Hainamana puke. Ko te tuumanako tuuwhera nei te Kura Wainui a te Noema 2005.

I timata te taura tuatahi o te hihiki katinga mo te Whare Manaaki Wai i te tau 2004. Ko ngaa hua kua puta kee mai e tohu ana he pai to taatou wai maori hei inu.

I tuwhera te huarahi o Mill mo ngaa waka i te marama o Mei 2005. 1.3km te roa o teeneki huarahi, katahi ano ka kitea ai oona painga mo Kirikiriroa.

E rua ngaa mahi toi kua tutuki, ko 'Riff Raff' te ingoa o teetehi, aa, kei te huarahi o Victoria e tuu ana. Ko Ngaa Uri O Hinetuparimaunga te ingoa o teetehi atu, kei te waharoa o Ngaa Maara o Kirikiriroa e tu ana, i whakatuwherangia ai i te 5 2005. I toa ngeenei mahi toa i te tohu Creative New Zealand Arts: Ngaa Tohu Taaone Kaunihera 2005.

Kei te whakamaarama pai te riipoata o teeneki tau e ahu pewhea ana te huarahi puutea mo ngaa tau 2004/05, kua whakautungia e te Kaunihera ngaa take pikinga whakapakari whanaketanga, kua ea, kua tutuki noa atu.



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Te Tumuaki o te Kaunihera o Kirikiriroa



Tony Marryatt
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NGA TAKE HAPORI O KIRIKIROA I POTAENGIA E TE TUA WHITU O HURAE 2005