

Report of Groups of Activities

How did we do against what we said we would do?

Greater Wellington had a successful year delivering on its commitments in the Annual Plan and staying, overall, well under budget. We achieved nearly all of our intended performance targets for the year.

While there was a small number of instances when the budget for a project was exceeded, such instances were either not material or were agreed variations to accommodate an external factor. Such projects included implementation of additional bus-only lanes where the project was extended to respond to WCC traffic management changes, the passenger enquiry timetable service (Ridewell) where a higher service standard was provided as a result of the installation of a computerised journey information system, and the expansion of the marketing plan for parks and forests to include support for volunteer groups.

The most significant requirement to extend the budget was in the flood protection area where an additional \$850,000 of flood damage repair and \$229,000 of new protection work were required as a result of the February floods.

A few projects were delayed, including in the Regional Water Supply area where the Kaitoke Inlet refurbishment could not be undertaken due to high summer river flows, and the difficulties of identifying a suitable site to rebuild the Karori Pumping Station.



Ridewell operator Annie Lynch provides public transport timetable information.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the full Annual Report dated 7th October 2004.

It cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full Annual Report on the financial and service performance, financial position and cash flow of the Council.

This summary financial report was authorised for issue on 7th October 2004 by the Chairperson, Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer.

The Annual Report has been audited by Audit New Zealand and an unqualified opinion was obtained on the 7th October 2004.

Audit Report



To the readers of Greater Wellington Regional Council and group's summary annual report for the year ended 30 June 2004

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-39: Summary Financial Reports and is consistent with the full financial statements from which it is derived.

We expressed an unqualified audit opinion, in our report dated 7 October 2004, on:

- the full financial statements; and
- the Council'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 include New Zealand Auditing Standards. During the year we performed the following assignments for the Greater Wellington Regional Council and group, which are compatible with those independence requirements:

- we provided assurance on the probity of the process used to select an operator for the Wellington Urban Passenger Rail Services.

- we delivered a presentation on contract procurement processes.
- we completed an evaluation of the tax compliance systems in relation to GST, FBT, PAYE and withholding tax.
- we reviewed the Council's water division's annual report and provided assurance that the financial information has been correctly extracted from the financial systems and provides a true and fair representation of the activities of the water division.

Other than these assignments, and in our capacity as auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor-General, we have no relationship with or interests in the Greater Wellington Regional Council and group.

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.

R L Tomlinson
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand
7 October 2004