

Rural Water Supply

What Do We Do Now?

The Waimate District Council operates six rural water schemes (Cannington-Motukaika, Lower Waihao, Otaio-Makikihi, Waihaorunga, Waikakahi, Hook-Waituna) and in addition, incorporated societies run Hakataramea and Cattle Creek (Upper Waihao), with Downlands being supplied and administered by Timaru District Council, with a shareholding by Waimate District Council. Compliance with NZ Drinking Water Standards 2000 is not achieved for these schemes.

The Council provides two staff and vehicles dedicated to support the schemes.

The Council Corporate Services Department provide quarterly management reports and financial reports for the schemes it operates.

Tasks

Tasks are the routine matters that Council will attend to every year, in order to maintain service levels set in agreement with our community.

- Operate and maintain six rural water schemes with management input from water scheme committees.
- Maintain shareholder status in the Downlands water supply operated by Timaru District Council which serves some St. Andrews properties.
- Monitor water quality and operate treatment facilities as per accepted standards.
- Maintain maps of all system infrastructure.
- Provide financial management services for rural water schemes.
- Ensure the security of water supply sources and reticulation infrastructure.

Why Do We Do It?

The LGA places responsibility with the Council to supply a safe regular and efficient potable supply of water to the consumers within the district.

Our Service Levels

- Provide suitably qualified staff available every day of the year, 24 hours a day for maintenance responses.
- Execute all repair work to restore supplies within maximum of 48 hours.

It is desirable that the water;

- Complies with accepted standards of water quality.
- Is aesthetically pleasing (no objectionable taste or odour).
- Is optically clear.
- Has a rate of flow at point of supply, that meets the contracted supply level.

Outcomes Supported By This Activity

This activity supports the following Community Outcomes as described in the second volume of this plan.

- The health needs of the District are adequately provided for.
- The well-being of all age-groups is achieved.
- The security and safety of the community and its citizens meets their needs.
- The natural and rural environment is protected.
- Sustainable development is a feature of the District.
- The economic infrastructural needs of the District are met.

How Do We Get There?

The Council will play its part in achieving the above outcomes by continuing to conduct the relevant tasks that we do now and by extending into new projects as agreed with the community.

Projects

Projects are special works that are initiated by Council which by their development and ongoing maintenance will enhance community outcomes.

- Generate a Strategic Plan for future water needs.
- Comply with legislative requirements addressing water quality and expected to come into force in 2005 as they affect the Waimate Rural water system.

- Hook-Waituna Water Scheme. Install new mains near Studholme and extensions in the Mill Street area (2004/05).
- Lower Waihao Scheme. Install new pump and carry out extensions to mains (2004/05).
- Otaio-Makikihi Scheme. New mains and renewals (2004/05).
- Waikakahi Scheme. New mains and additional source provision (2004/05).
- Produce and maintain an advanced Rural Water Supplies Asset Management Plan.
- Lower Waihao Scheme. Install new pump and carry out extensions to mains (2004/05).

