

COMMUNITY LIFE

AKATARAWA CEMETERY

Overview

The Akatarawa Cemetery activity covers the management of the Cemetery by the Parks and Reserves division. The Cemetery, which covers 11.29ha of land, is operated on a daily basis by the Sexton, who also provides information on where people are buried, interments, reserve plots and genealogy enquiries. Most of the physical work is carried out under contract.

This year signifies the commencement of joint operations between Upper Hutt and Hutt City Council at the Akatarawa Cemetery.

The Akatarawa Cemetery activity contributes to the following Community Outcomes:

- 1 Upper Hutt is the city of choice for people from all walks of life
- 2 Upper Hutt has a vibrant city heart
- 4 Upper Hutt offers a 'green' and attractive living environment
- 5 The community is safe, healthy and strong
- 7 Upper Hutt is connected with the world.

Level of Service Statement

The Akatarawa Cemetery will be managed as an attractive, restful memorial park.

Level of Service Objectives and Performance Measures

Indicator	Performance Measure	Target 2007/08	Achievements at 30 June 2008
Objective:	Akatarawa Cemetery will be managed as an attractive, restful memorial park.		
1 SATISFACTION	Satisfaction with the services provided at Akatarawa Cemetery	95% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied ¹	Achieved. 99.6% of respondents rated the facilities and services provided at the Cemetery as satisfactory or better.

¹ Annual Community Survey

Work Programme 2007/08

Capital Works	Budget (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Achievements at 30 June 2008
ASSET MANAGEMENT			
Vehicle and Plant	25	0	No expenditure this quarter.
Total	25	0	

Activities Undertaken Supporting the Community

COMMUNITY OUTCOME	Significant Actions Taken at 30 June 2008
<p>1 Upper Hutt is the city of choice for people from all walks of life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROVIDE an attractive cemetery where people choose to be interred • ENSURE practices are culturally appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the old Lawsoniana trees adjacent to the Cemetery exit has been completed within budget. This area has been re-grassed and planted with cherry trees. • Levelling of the final section of land adjacent to the old Crematorium has been completed and will provide additional land suitable for burials. Re-sowing of the grass will need to take place due to poor strike just before the onset of winter.
<p>2 Upper Hutt has a vibrant city heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFFECTIVE leadership in bringing together those people with an interest in the city centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akatarawa Cemetery will be used for burial of people from throughout the Hutt Valley from this financial year. The agreement with Hutt City Council has been finalised. There has not been a noticeable increase in burials from Hutt City so far this year and burials at Taita Cemetery are expected to continue for another two years at the current burial rate.
<p>4 Upper Hutt offers a 'green' and attractive living environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROVIDE an attractive, restful memorial park environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cemetery continues to be presented to a very high standard.
<p>5 The community is safe, healthy and strong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROVIDE an attractive cemetery where people go to remember those who have died 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial concept design for the new Crematorium facility at the northern end of the existing Cemetery has been developed by Aonui Architecture Ltd along with cost estimates and is to be presented to Council for consideration as part of the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).
<p>7 Upper Hutt is connected with the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESPOND to genealogy enquiries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of genealogical enquires have been dealt with. • Photographs of every plaque and headstone are currently being taken which will enable people to locate and obtain a view of each memorial when searching the database on the website.

Significant Acquisitions/Replacements

- None.

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COST OF SERVICES STATEMENT	Actual 30 Jun 08 (\$000)	Actual 30 Jun 07 (\$000)	Forecast 30 Jun 08 (\$000)
Operating Expenditure			
Insurance	0	1	1
Direct Expenses	165	148	168
Administration Support	49	50	49
Depreciation	7	5	4
Total Operating Expenditure	221	204	222
Operating Revenue			
Fees and Charges	(181)	(206)	(247)
Total Operating Revenue	(181)	(206)	(247)
Net Operating Costs of Services	40	(2)	(25)
BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS			
Net Operating Costs of Services	40	(2)	(25)
Share of Management Support Income	(4)	(4)	(4)
Non Cash Transactions (Management Support)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Add (less) non - cash items	(14)	(5)	(4)
Cost Of Services (Funding)	20	(12)	(34)
Capital Expenditure	0	23	25
Net Transfer to Funds	0	(14)	0
Net Transfer from Funds	2	3	2
Rates Funding Required	22	0	(7)