

Papakura District Council

Papakura District is a southern gateway for the Auckland Region located between Franklin District and Manukau City in the south of the greater Auckland Region. It covers 118 square kilometres from the forested Hunua foothills to rolling flat plains where agricultural and horticultural activities predominate, to the urban area abutting the Pahurehure Inlet, Manukau Harbour and Auckland-Hamilton motorway.

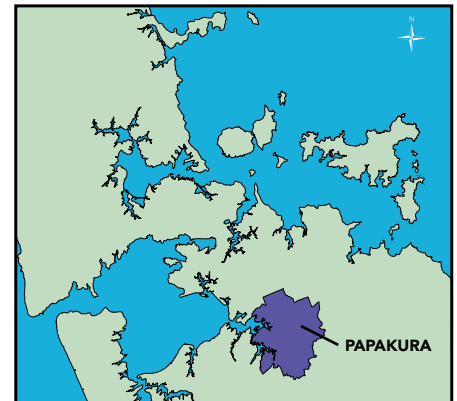
The estimated population to June 2007 of 47,700 is predicted to double within the next fifty years as future growth intensifies in Papakura.

Since 1997, United Water has been responsible for the supply of water and wastewater services to the District as part of a 30 year (plus 20 years right of renewal) Franchise Agreement with the Council that retains ownership of the assets.

The stormwater network, including 187km of pipes, 40km of natural stream and 31km of open channels, is directly managed by the Council. As much of the District is low-lying and criss-crossed by watercourses and streams, stormwater management is vital so development does not adversely affect the natural environment. Greenfield developments in Hingaia and Takanini are a particular focus with new stormwater disposal systems being progressively built to cope with the growth.

Highlights for 2006/07 include:

- A major stormwater upgrade in Papakura Town Centre
- Capital projects to upgrade or renew existing infrastructure and to resolve severe flooding problems in specific local areas.
- Many infrastructure planning projects initiated in a move to advanced asset management practices.
- The Integrated Catchment Management Study was progressed examining entire catchments in Papakura in an integrated manner. This four year study will identify the long term capital works programme to address environmental challenges of population growth and infrastructure deterioration.
- Improving public awareness and education through “Waicare” education programme.



Papakura District Council consists of the Mayor and 8 Councillors. Over 2006/07 the Council's Operations and Monitoring Committee was responsible for policy decisions relating to stormwater services and for oversight of the water and wastewater services provided by United Water. The Council spent around \$2.5 million in 2006/07 operating the stormwater system including depreciation with around \$7 million spent on capital projects including vested assets through developments.



Community cleaning up the open drain along Keri Down Reserve during the Great Spring Clean Day in Papakura.



Micro-tunnelling project to cater for current growth in Takanini using a concrete pipe with additional sacrificing layers for the peat soil environment.