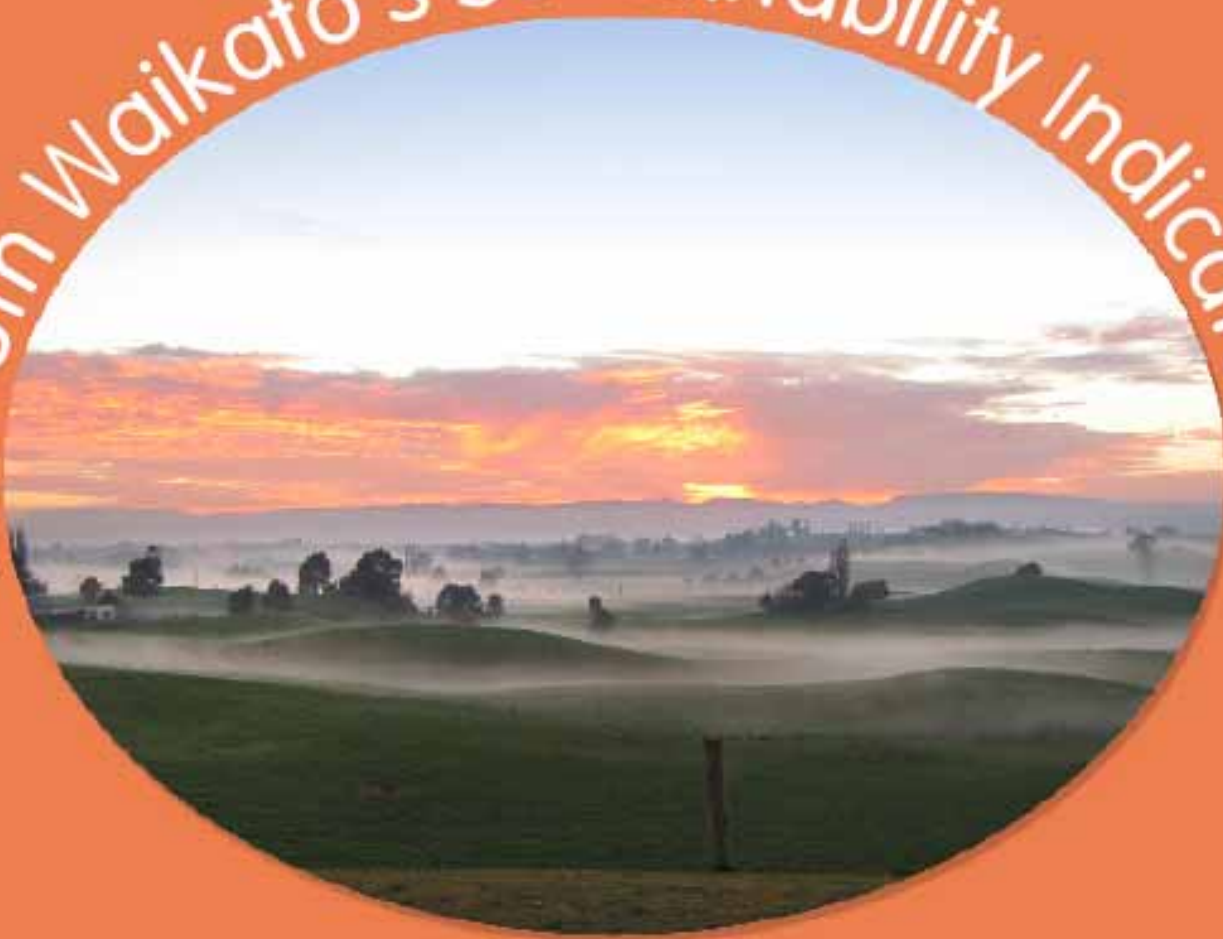


# South Waikato's Sustainability Indicators



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## State of the District Report 2006

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- SWDC Resident Satisfaction Survey 1997-2004
- Statistics New Zealand Census (predominantly 1991-2001)
- Police crime statistics 1996-2005
- Land Transport NZ crash statistics 1997-2005
- South Waikato Youth Survey 2005
- South Waikato Community Outcomes Telephone Survey 2003
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- SWDC records
- Work and Income administrative data
- South Waikato State of the Environment Report 2006
- Waikato DHB Health Needs Assessment and Analysis 2005
- MSD Social Report 2006 (<http://www.socialreport.msd.govt.nz/regional/t-authorities/>)
- Big Cities Quality of Life Project (<http://www.bigcities.govt.nz/>)
- Linked Indicators Project (<http://www.stats.govt.nz/analytical-reports/linked-indicators/default.htm>)
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- MARCO Resource Kit
- MARCO Core Regional Indicator Set
- And many more

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## Message from the Mayor

The South Waikato is a caring community that has so much going for it. We who live here know this but many people outside the District continue to have a negative perception of what it means to live, work and visit here. It is therefore important to look at the facts and see how far we have come as a community.

Council makes an important contribution to community wellbeing by providing a range of public services, facilities and networks and working in a democratic way. In addition, under the Local Government Act 2002 there are new roles for Council to identify South Waikato's Community Outcomes and priorities and monitor and report progress towards achieving these.



This Draft South Waikato State of the District Report 2006 – *South Waikato's Sustainability Indicators* – presents a range of information about how we are doing as a District. It supplements the State of the Environment Report 2006 by describing how our District is progressing across the full spectrum of social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing. The report is structured around Community Outcome statements which have been identified through consultation over a period of several years. While the consultation was undertaken by Council the Community Outcome statements are not owned by Council. They are a community resource for all organisations to draw on.

The purpose of monitoring and reporting progress towards South Waikato's Community Outcomes is to help inform and guide the priorities of Council and other organisations, and ultimately promote better co-ordination of community resources in the District.

My hope is that the information in this report will not only help us work smarter to address community needs, but also help portray a more realistic picture of this great District. I have great pleasure in presenting to you this State of the District Report 2006.

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**MAYOR**

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