

Section VI: About Rodney District and Rodney District Council



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Rodney District was constituted as part of the 1989 local government reform, which resulted in the amalgamation of the former Helensville Borough with the former Rodney County.

Rodney District appears to have taken its name from Cape Rodney, a headland at the north of the curve of Omaha Bay, 2km north-east of Leigh on the east coast of the district. The cape was named by Captain James Cook, on 24 November 1769, after the British admiral Sir George Bridges Rodney (1719-92).

The district covers an area of 2,475 square kilometres and it has a population of 89,600 in 2006 (provisional figures 2006 census - Statistics New Zealand). This represents 17 per cent increase in just four years.

Rodney District's neighbours are Waitakere City in the west, North Shore City in the south and Kaipara District in the north. It comprises three wards:

Western Ward - the south-western part of the district including the communities of Helensville and Kumeu/Huapai as well as the smaller settlements of Riverhead and Waimauku.

Eastern Ward - the Hibiscus Coast including the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, Orewa and Silverdale.

Northern Ward - the northern part of the district, including the Warkworth, Wellsford and Snells/Algies Bay communities and a number of smaller coastal and inland settlements.

ABOUT RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The purpose of the Rodney District Council is to enable democratic local decision-making to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the district now and for the future.

In meeting its purpose the council has a variety of roles. From a broad perspective these include:

- facilitating solutions to local needs
- advocacy on behalf of the local community with central government, other local authorities and other agencies
- management and provision of local infrastructure including network infrastructure (e.g. roads, sewage disposal, water and stormwater) and community infrastructure (libraries, parks and recreational facilities)
- environmental management
- responsibilities relating to public health and safety
- planning for the future needs of the district
- waste management
- fostering economic development
- fostering the arts

Specific statutory roles are to:

- provide and manage essential services and facilities to the district including roads, parks, libraries, waste collection and disposal, water and wastewater services to urban areas, and emergency management
- manage the district's natural environment including land, water, soil, resources and the coast
- ensure the health and safety of residents including dog control, liquor licensing and building inspection

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the council to employ a chief executive officer whose responsibilities are to employ other staff on behalf of the council, implement council decisions and provide advice to the council. The chief executive employs around 440 permanent staff representing a wide range of professional and occupational skills.

Council membership

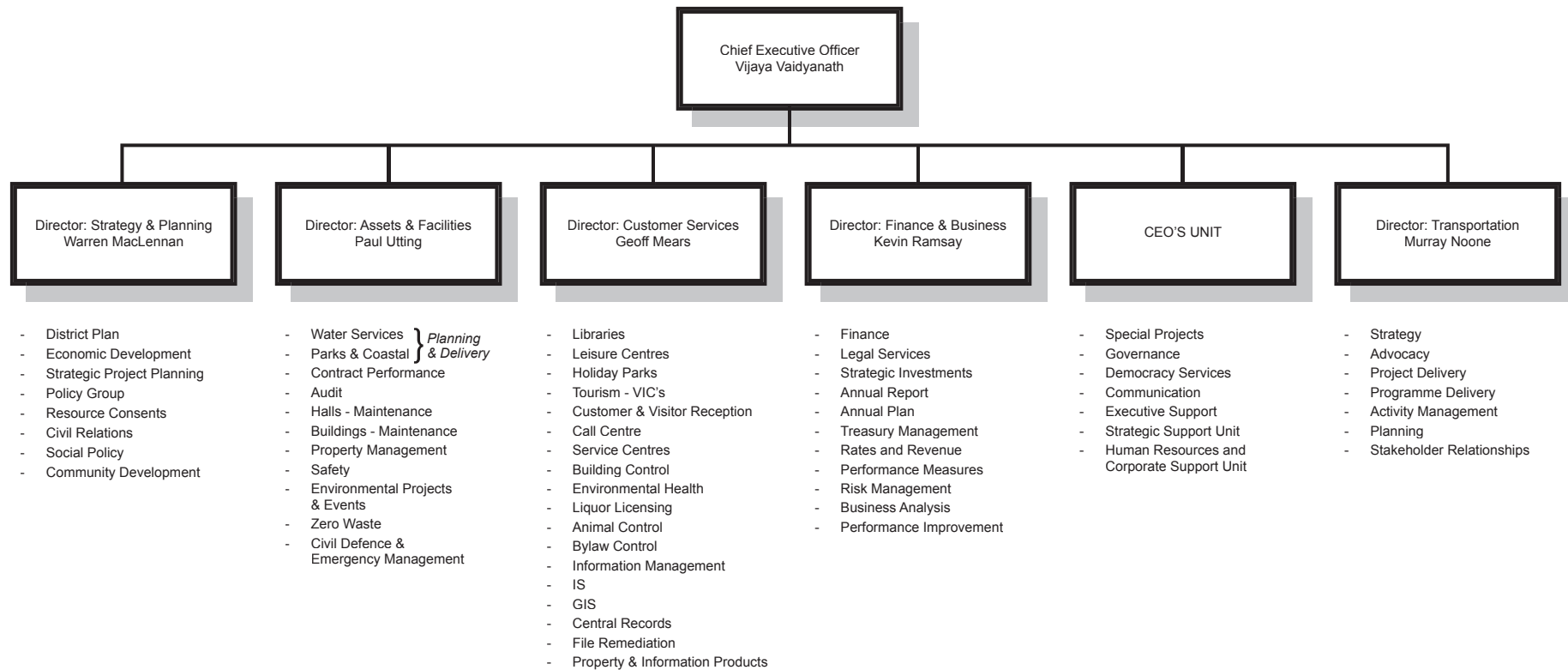
The council as an elected body consists of the mayor (who is elected over the whole of the district) and 12 councillors, who are elected on a ward basis.

Ward	No of councillors	Population (estimated for 31 June 2005 Stats. NZ)
Northern	3	20,800
Western	4	29,600
Eastern	5	38,800

The council is required to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. This review must include the number of elected members, whether the elected members should be elected by the entire district or by wards, the boundaries and names of the wards if they continue, whether to have Maori wards and whether to have community boards.

The next review of Rodney District Council representation is in 2006, to take effect for the 2007 elections.

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