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We work towards a sustainable future for our people, our Islands, our future.



Chatham Islands Council is the smallest local authority in New Zealand, serving a population of about 600 people.

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1842

The Chatham Islands have officially been part of New Zealand since 1842.

We are responsible for a range of activities within the Chatham Islands, from community and regulatory services such as licensing, building and resource consents, to protecting our Islands from biosecurity risks, as well as waste management and animal control.

We aim to:

- Promote community development through recreation, arts and cultural heritage;
- Enhance the health and safety of the community through the effective and reliable administration of relative legislation;
- Provide services in a cost-effective and sustainable manner; and
- Investigate improvements to services and facilities for our community.

We also support also the work of the Chatham Islands Mayor, Councillors and various Committee members.

Services

We provide a [wide range of services](#) to our residents and ratepayers — from maintaining the Chatham Islands' roading network and providing community housing to processing resource and building consents.

Vision

Our people, our Islands, our future

Values

- We will lead with integrity and respect
- We will work collectively for the greater good of the community to achieve community aspirations
- We will strive towards a sustainable future and actively pursue opportunities that can enhance the well-being and prosperity of our community
- We will be accountable to our community and transparent in our decision making

Our community outcomes are developed with the community to help us promote Islanders' social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing.

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