

'Base Stats with Trendz' Newsletter*

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I have had a busy couple of months since the last newsletter mostly spent completing Council's 2006-2007 economic well-being reports. If your Council does not currently monitor its local economy 'Economic Outcomes' then have a good look at (www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/outcomesresults) 'Outcomes-Results' remains the most cost-effective reporting tool to track, in comparative terms how your TLA is doing.



* Our full catalogue of products, see (www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/index.htm) lists all of the many options and pricing for the datasets and modules of the 'Base Stats with Trendz' New Zealand Council performance reports.

Kind regards

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* The 2007 'Base Stats with Trendz' Reports, incorporating the 'Outcomes-Results' module, (www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/basestats/index.htm) are a comprehensive set of New Zealand Local Government performance reports. A catalogue of all of the 'Base Stats' products and datasets is at www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/marketing/index.htm Should you require a hard copy of this catalogue then please contact Larry directly.

'Base Stats with Trendz' 'Outcomes-Results' module ... evaluation reports

As a 'freebie' for all of the current 'Base Stats with Trendz' subscribers I have recently completed their Economic Outcomes reporting based on the 'Outcomes-Results' module.

This evaluation and performance-based reporting of 2006-2007 LTCCP based Economic well beings 'puts pegs in the ground' for the monitoring of local City or District's economic

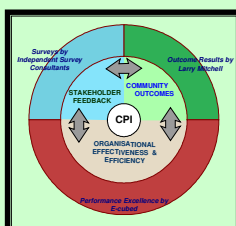
progress. Many Councils use this information to 'cover off' all of their economic well being reporting whilst others, (often, the larger more fully resourced Councils) use it to 'check' their own in-house results. The reports also comprise an excellent summary that is suited to briefing incoming (2007 Council) elected members. For details on 'Outcomes-Results' see www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/outcomesresults

Council Performance Improvement (CPI) Package

Many Councils, (16 at the last count) have become involved in Business Excellence 'programmes'. Problem is ... they need to have a NZ local government model to work to ... Here is the answer ... New Zealand's first cost-effective Council Outcomes based 'Performance Assessment and Excellence' package.

The 'CPI' is ...

- An integrated package for three areas of expertise ... Survey-Outcomes-Excellence Modules.



- Templates and software customised to fit regional and provincial New Zealand Councils.
- Designed to assist New Zealand Councils to measure and set their own standards of performance and plans ... and achieve performance improvement of their Council systems and their Community Outcome's.
- Enquiries phone Larry on 0800 784 648.

'DataMining' and the Local Government Database

My usual reminder to look at this product (see www.kauriglen.co.nz/larry/other/datamining) which in brief, allows tailored-special reporting of all of my local government data (over 200 measures for all TLA's since 1997). Government agencies, LGNZ and the media find this of considerable use ... as do Councils requiring special reporting using factors and co-efficients

not currently reported within the *'Base Stats'* reports ... for example 'lots' of additional rating data was supplied to the Rating Review Committee ... Speaking of which, I attended their Whangarei fixture and was very! impressed by 'the earnestness' of all who attended, Lets now hope 'Big Sister' is listening.

Canada is 'GO' ... Frontier Center's Local Government Performance Index

The Local Government Performance Index (the LGPI) project is now well advanced and will report (a' la the *'Base Stats'* model) the key financial and non-

financial performance measures of the 30 largest Canadian cities. The New Zealand presence in the project is strong ... my research assistant who is now based in Saskatchewan is a young Kiwi engineer analyst named David Seymour, home town Whangarei. One brief observation ... We

(NZ that is) in most areas fare well compared to Canadian local government, for example, their

asset accounting and asset management processes and systems are a

throwback to New Zealand local government practices pre-1996 ... and as a consequence some of their bridges are falling down (and tragically recently in Minneapolis too) For further details See FCPP website www.fcgp.org/main



Frontier Center for Public Policy Research Fellowship

I am very pleased to announce that I have gained the lofty status of Senior Research Fellow of the FCPP. This appointment facilitates many useful professional and personal connections with Frontier and other public policy networks

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