

Conclusion

The Council researched the impact and concluded that the benefits of the RAPID system in the long term outweighed any minor inconvenience caused in the initial installation.

The Council believed that once implemented the RAPID system would provide the rural community with a more logical, efficient and safer system that would allow more efficient services.

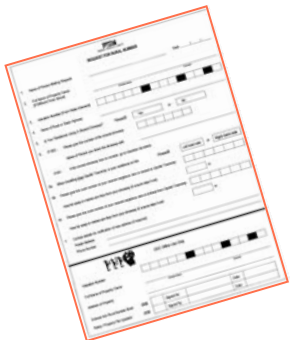
No Rapid number on your property?

Should you require a Rapid number for your property due to:

- being unsure as to what your rapid number should be; or
- you have built a new dwelling and need a new number;

then call into the Opotiki District Council Office and complete a "Request for Rural Number" Form. Council will then carry out a distance measurement and issue your property with a number.

This number will then be entered onto your property file/information held at Council.

A photograph of a 'Request for Rural Number' form, tilted at an angle. The form contains various fields for property details, including address, owner name, and contact information, along with checkboxes and a signature line.

Require further information?

If you would like:

- to talk about the RAPID Numbering System; or
- have some questions; or
- would like more detailed information;

then contact Council at your earliest convenience.



RAPID NUMBERING SYSTEM

Rural Numbers



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A Guide to How
The RAPID Numbering
System Works

Introduction

- As part of the consultative process to the 1993/94 Annual Plan the Ohiwa Residents and Ratepayers Association made submissions inter alia asking that a system of rural numbering be introduced.
- To this end in 1994 Council agreed to pilot the Ohiwa area as a trial and introduced a set of red and white numbers, located adjacent to all entrance ways in the area.
- The system was called the Rural Address Property Identification System -RAPID.
- The NZ Fire Service and the Women's Division of Federated Farmers strongly recommended to the Territorial Authorities that they introduce RAPID.
- Because of the success of the pilot, Council decided to expand the RAPID Number System to all roads in the Opotiki district.

How does the Rapid system work?

The system is based on the distance to a property entrance from a clearly defined reference point.

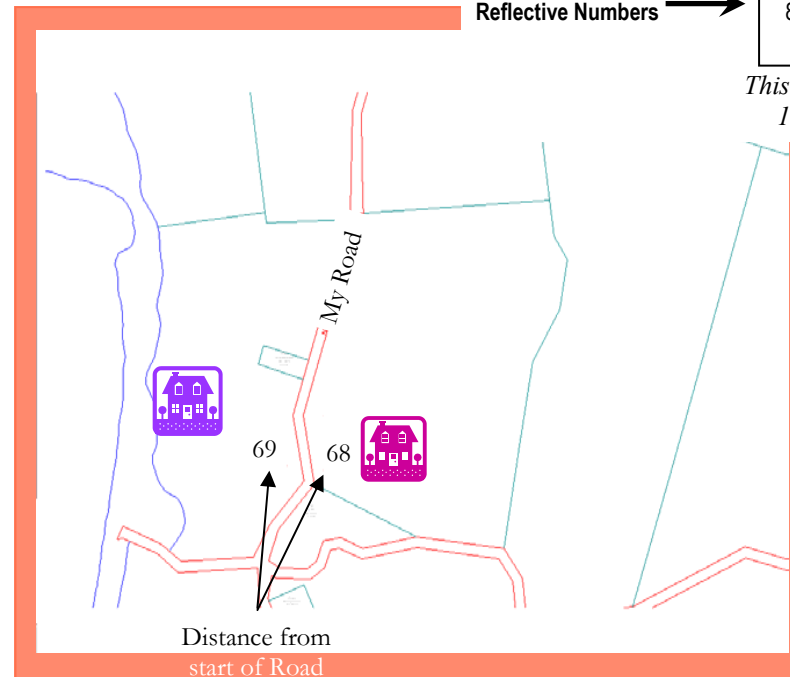
For example, if a property is 46.50km along State Highway 35 from the intersection with State Highway 2 the new rural number would be 4650 SH 35. If two or more properties share the same driveway the properties will be designated with an A, B or C etc. (eg. 4650A State Highway 35).

Odd numbers will generally be on the left of the road, increasing away from the main feeder roads, and even numbers on the right.

What are the benefits of the Rapid system?

Because the RAPID system gives a clear indication of distance to a property it has distinct advantages in locating a particular property. The main advantages include :

- Properties will be easier to identify, the RAPID system is safer in regard to location of a property by emergency services, while also assisting visitors in finding your property.
- Each property address will be unique and new properties can be easily added to the system and stored on computer.
- The small plates have reflective numbers so they can be seen at night or in poor visibility.



Who paid for the initial implementation of the Rapid system?

All costs for the *initial implementation* of the RAPID system was borne by the Opotiki District Council. However for any new listings the cost of the sign must be borne by the landowner. Sign obtainable from a signwriter and must meet the specifications as previously described eg. White sign with red reflective numbers

What about the emergency services—who will notify them?

The Council have notified emergency services and discussed with them many of the benefits of the rural numbering system.

All the services (Fire, Ambulance, Police, and New Zealand Post) were keen to implement a system within their organisations.