



**The Meeting of the
Regulatory and Services Committee
will be held on Wednesday 12 July 2023
commencing at 9.00am**

AGENDA

REGULATORY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Her Worship the Mayor - F K N Tunui

Councillor C J Ion - Chairperson

Councillor W Godfery

Councillor S Kingi

Councillor B J Julian

Councillor A Rangihika

Councillor R G K Savage

Councillor R Brooking

Councillor J Ross

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2. Speakers may address meetings on any subject. However, issues raised must not include those subject to legal consideration, or be issues, which are confidential, personal, or the subject of a formal hearing.
3. Each speaker during the public forum is permitted to speak for a maximum of three minutes. However, the Chairperson has the discretion to extend the speaking time.
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6. With the permission of the Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. Questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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Apologies

Leave of Absence

A Leave of Absence from Councillor Julian is received

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Any member having a “conflict of interest” with an item on the Agenda should declare it, and when that item is being considered, abstain from any discussion or voting. The member may wish to remove themselves from the meeting while the item is being considered.

Public Forum

PART A – REGULATORY

1 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (340000)

Pgs. 1 - 18

Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering activities for the month of June 2023.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Services for the month of June 2023 be received.

PART B – NON REGULATORY

2 Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (211000)

Pgs. 19 - 24

Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the month of June 2023.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of June 2023 be received.

3 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

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Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering the month of June 2023.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of June 2023 be received.

4 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)

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Attached is the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering economic and community activities for the month of June 2023.

Recommendation

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of June 2023 be received.

5 Monthly Report – Communication and Engagement (Communication and Engagement Manager) (340100)

Pgs. 39 - 42

Attached is the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager covering communication and engagement activities for the month of June 2023.

Recommendation

That the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager for the month of June 2023 be received.

R B George

Chief Executive Officer

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MONTHLY REPORT REGULATORY & PLANNING SERVICES

June 2023

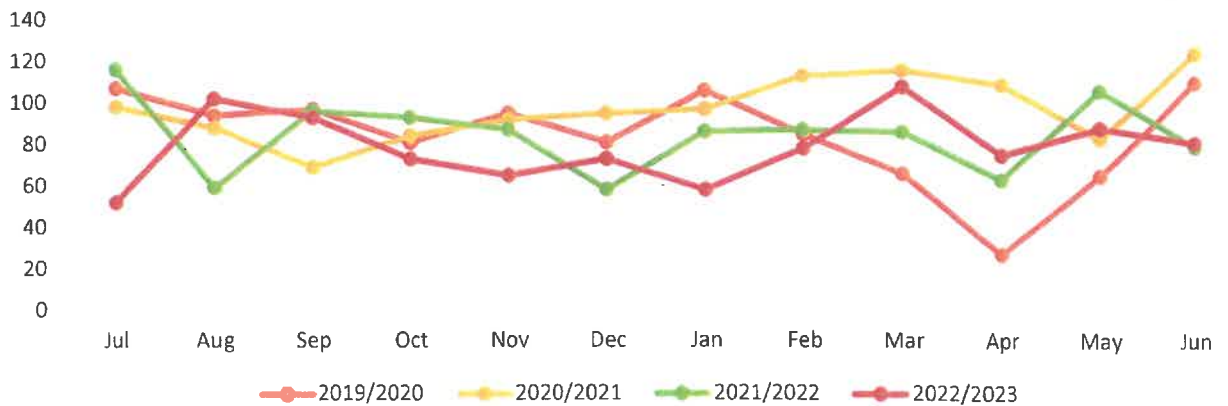
1 Animal Control

1.1 Dog Registration

At 30 June 2023, there are 1,485 dogs registered of the 1487 listed on the dog register for 2022/2023. This represents 99.9% of known dogs. The two unregistered dogs have now been transferred to Hamilton with their owner.

1.2 Dog Control - Ranging, Complaints and Incidents

Total Service Requests

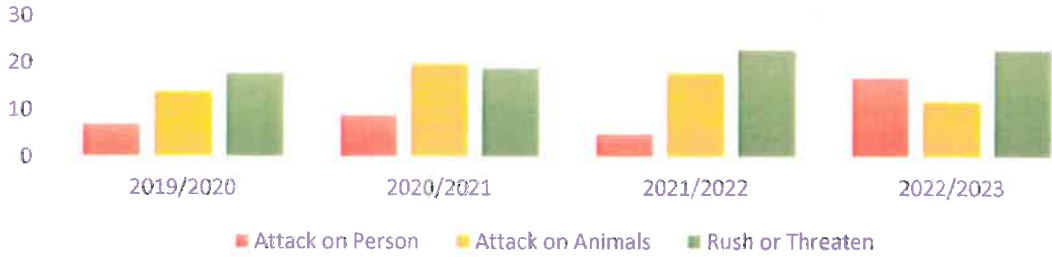


Service requests remain consistent along with the number of registered dogs over the last four years.

A total of 81 service requests were attended, which related largely to complaints of barking (18) or roaming (37). Two dogs were impounded due to roaming.

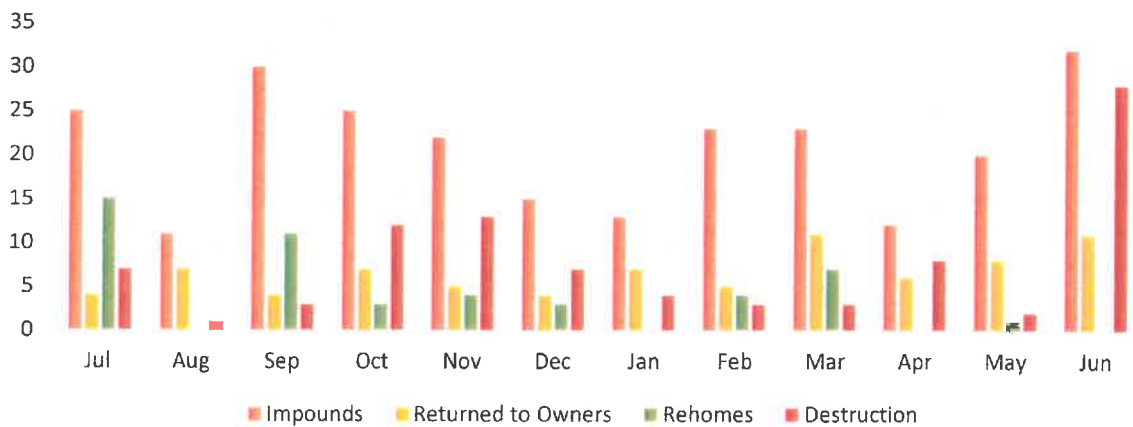
During May, we received four complaints of dog attacks with two attacks on a person and two on an animal. There were also three incidents in which dogs have rushed a person. In relation to the seven incidents, two are still being investigated, one dog was surrendered, one infringement was issued, one dog was not located and there were two incidents where the witness and the complainant refused to make a statement.

Incident Trends



In June 2023, 32 dogs were impounded. 20 dogs were relinquished and 11 returned to their owners.

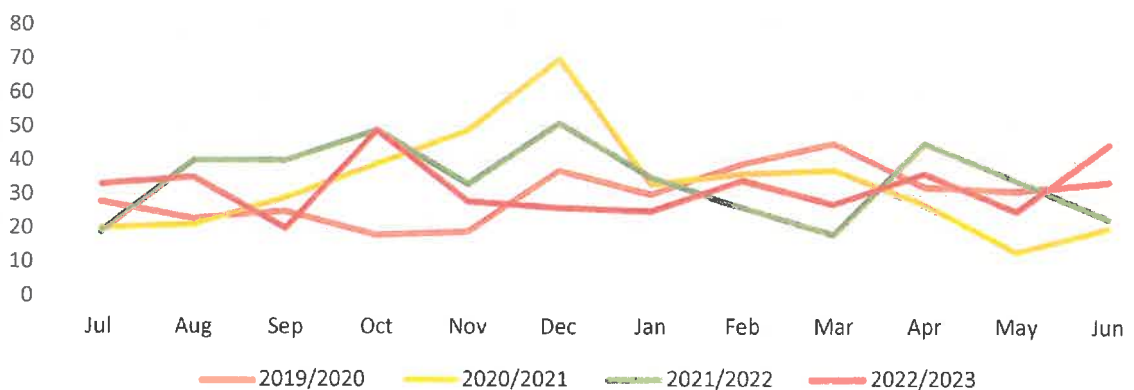
Impounds



2 Monitoring and Compliance

There were 45 noise complaints in June 2023 and 10 excessive noise notices issued.

Noise Complaints



Three parking warning notices issued.

The Self-contained Motor Vehicle Legislation Act 2023 is now law. Changes include:

- Freedom camping on Local Council land is only allowed if vehicle is certified as self-contained.
- Vehicles with portable toilets can no longer be certified from 7 June 2023.
- Infringement fees and fines will increase from 13 July 2023.

The current review of our Freedom Camping Bylaw will incorporate any required changes.

3 Alcohol Regulation

Six alcohol license inspections were completed this month. There are no outstanding inspections for this financial year.

The draft Eastern Bay Local Alcohol Policy hearing was held on 7 June 2023, presided over by a committee made up of Councillors representing Whakatane, Ōpōtiki and Kawerau District Council. The committee reviewed and considered submissions. A report is now being prepared for the each council to consider the adoption of the draft Eastern Bay Local Alcohol Policy. This will be presented to Council for consideration on 19 July 2023 in Kawerau, 6 July 2023 in Whakatane and 1 August 2023 in Ōpōtiki.

4 Food Safety and Premises

One inspection was completed for a funeral premise.

One verification resulted in a critical non-compliance regarding the cooling of hot foods. Food was thrown out when identified. Corrective actions have been agreed with the operator. Further checks of the premise will be completed in July to ensure corrective actions are being followed. This also results in the verification frequency being increased to 3 months from 12 monthly verifications.

One food complaint received and investigated, resulting in the issuing of an Improvement Notice.

There were three new enquiries regarding new businesses - 2 food businesses and 1 funeral service.

5 Environmental Health

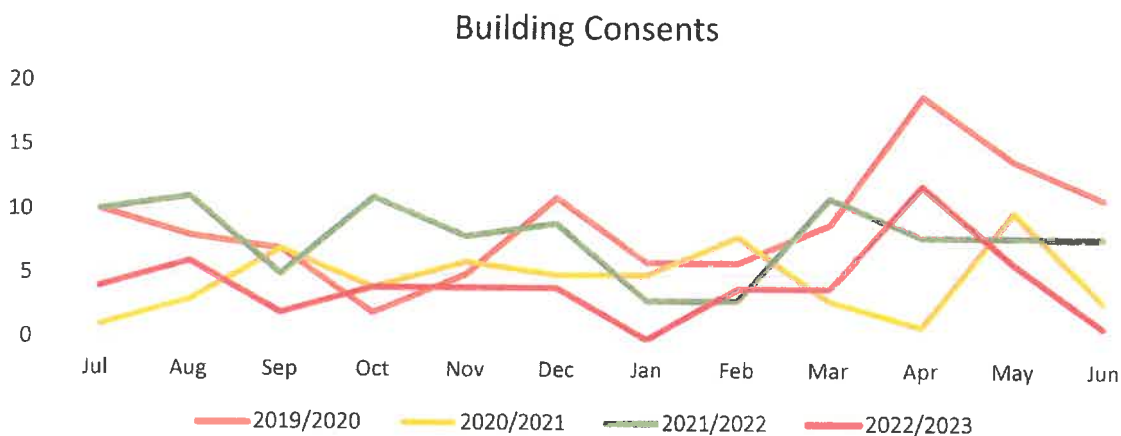
Three reports of unkempt properties, two relating to the same property. We are working with the owners to resolve these matters.

6 Building Control

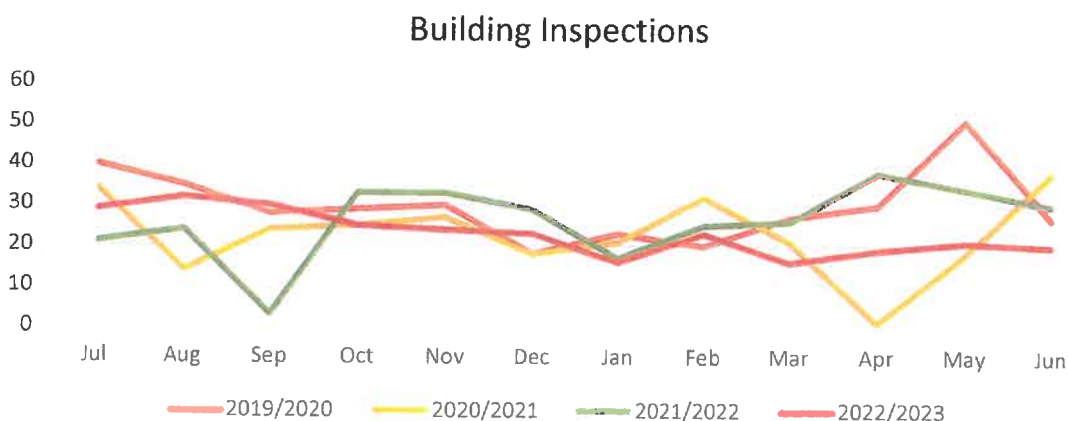
6.1 Building Consent Authority (BCA)

In June, one building consent was processed with a total value of \$5,000.00. This related to a solid fuel heater.

Consent applications received have been lower than previous years for the last few months. The recession is likely to impact the number of building consents in the short term.



Building inspections have remained consistent with previous years, however as previously indicated, with the reduction in building consents, inspections are now decreasing.



6.2 Territorial Authority

The BCA has achieved its annual KPI targets for inspecting pools and completing Building Warrant of Fitness inspections for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

Work is continuing on the processing and updating of compliance schedules.

7 **Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)**

The Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Plan 2023-2028, was approved for public consultation by the Joint Committee on 30 June 2023. Public Consultation is set to commence on Saturday 8 July 2023 and conclude on Saturday 13 August 2023.

8 District Plan

8.1 Resource Consents

No resource consents were processed to a decision this month.

8.2 Plan Change for Stoneham Park

The proposed Plan Change 4 (Stoneham Park) hearing held on 16 June 2023, was presided over by Bill Wasley sitting as the Independent Commissioner. One submitter was heard on the day. The final report from the Independent Commissioner is expected in the next few weeks.

8.3 Resource Management Reform

The Natural and Built Environment Bill and the Spatial Planning Bill have progressed through the Select Committee. The full Select Committee Report outlining all changes is now available. I have attached the Taituarà report analysing the Natural and Built Environment Bill and Spatial Planning Bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Services for the month of June 2023 be received.



Michaela Glaspey

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning

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Natural and Built Environment Bill and Spatial Planning Bill analysis

A briefing for our members on the two resource management bills following their final reports by the Environment Committee.

June 2023



The Natural and Built Environment Bill and Spatial Planning Bill were reported back to the House from the Environment Select Committee on 27 June 2023.

The Environment Committee has recommended by majority that they both be passed. They recommend all amendments by majority. Both the National Party and ACT provided differing – opposing – views. A ‘quick’ overview of the changes we have noted include:

1. Purpose and system outcomes

In response to submitters the Purpose of the Natural and Built Environment Bill (NBE Bill) has been changed and simplified “to uphold te Oranga o te Taiao”. This change is reflected in a corresponding change to the purpose of the Spatial Planning Bill (SP Bill). The revised purpose and system outcome clauses do not create an explicit hierarchy of outcomes that many submitters requested. But the health of the environment must come first, although not all outcomes need to be achieved in all places or at all times.

Changes have been made to the system outcome for well-functioning urban and rural areas. It now refers to ‘adaptable and resilient urban forms that provide access for people and their communities to and between social, economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities’. Whether this goes far enough to create liveable environments remains to be seen.

Conflict resolution is expected to occur at the highest level possible – that is, in the National Planning Framework or regional plan.

2. Te Tiriti

No changes were proposed to the Te Tiriti clause – “to give effect”. The Select Committee however accepted that the term “area of interest” does not effectively describe the area where the mana and responsibility of iwi and hapū applies. They recommended replacing the phrase “area of interest” with “rohe or takiwā” to better reflect te ao Māori.

3. Regional Planning Committees

While changes have been made there are still concerns surrounding the accountability of Regional Planning Committees (Committees) back to councils and communities.

Nelson and Tasman continue to be treated as one region. The Chatham Islands is also a region.

The phased approach (tranches of councils transitioning to the new system at different times) to implementation has been retained. The 10-year transition period is still envisaged but committees can concurrently develop their Regional Spatial Strategies and Natural and Built Environment Plans.

Each region will have 12 months to set up their Committees - 18 months if dispute resolution is required. This applies to unitary councils too. But they can deem an existing committee to have these functions. The Select Committee has ruled out this applying to other councils despite concerns over unnecessary duplication.

The Minister can extend these timeframes.

The membership of the Committees is as originally proposed. The host council can provide interim support, including funding and the appointment of an Interim Secretariat Director to assist the Committee.

Committees are to aim for consensus decision-making as originally proposed. Quorums must be at least 50 per cent plus one. Voting must be decided by a majority (50 per cent plus one) of the whole membership – not just those present and voting as per the original Bill. The member appointed by the Minister could vote on matters relating to the operation of the RPC.

Committees are required to prepare and publish a draft statement of intent for the upcoming financial year, and submit it to the appointing bodies. The statements should include a three-year forecast of expenditure to assist councils to budget. A new subclause has been included that states the Committee must take into account the view of the appointing bodies when finalising the statement of intent. There is no power for councils to veto the amounts they are being asked to fund but there is a dispute resolution process and the requirement that the director of the secretariat works with local authorities on the resourcing plan for the secretariat have been strengthened.

For unitary councils it is sufficient that the budget for the Committee is included within the annual or long-term plan to avoid unnecessary duplication. Any levy to the Remuneration Authority must be paid by the Committee (that is by the councils). The only funding that sits outside the responsibilities of councils is the Government appointee.

Sub-committees for regional council functions are explicitly provided for and the Minister may direct that these are established. This replaces the original proposal to enable and establish freshwater subcommittees.

Cross-regional planning committees are still provided for in order to prepare a cross-regional spatial strategy for an issue that is common to two or more regions.

It may also delegate its functions, powers, and duties with some exceptions – this has been extended to include a restriction on delegations provided for in existing Joint Management Agreements or Mana Whakahono ā Rohe that were agreed between iwi or hapū and local authorities prior to enactment.

There are now some disqualifying circumstances for membership of Committees - if the person is convicted of an offence punishable by a term of 20 imprisonment of two years or more.

Annual reports must be prepared unless the Committee is part of a unitary council – with the exception of Nelson and Tasman.

The Committees must comply with the requirements of the Local government Official Information and Meetings Act in their own right.

4. The Secretariat

Several changes have been made to these provisions. An existing employee of a local authority can now be appointed as the director of the secretariat. They must consult the Committee on a resourcing plan as well as consult the appointing bodies on the draft resourcing plan. There is a need to collaborate with councils in the region if the director proposes to draw on the skills and expertise of councils and there is a requirement to consider secondments in the first instance (or at least the desirability of them) rather than directly employing or contracting new staff in the secretariat. The director is no longer required to appoint employees, however they and any employees appointed by the director are employees of the regional planning committee.

The director can enter into contracts, leases and other agreements and multi-year contracts (with the approval of the Committee) to commit expenditure that is outside that has been committed or agreed by the councils (using the statement of intent process).

For unitary authorities that are not Nelson City Council or Tasman District Council the unitary authority employs the director. The Committee consults with the CEO of the unitary authority before the appointment, but it appears that the unitary authority must employ the Committee's choice. The unitary authority must provide staff to support the Committee. For Nelson and Tasman the director may appoint any employees, and all employees and the director are employees of the regional planning committee.

The changes are unlikely to address all our concerns regarding employment arrangements under the new system. If, however the Panel's recommendations on the Future for Local Government are pursued in a timely manner then there is an opportunity for some 'regions' at least to have a more streamlined process, particularly if there is a move to more 'unitary' authorities.

5. The Host Authority

The appointment of a host authority must occur "no later than" eight months after councils receive the notification from the Local Government Commission about timeframes for setting up the Committee. A simple majority is enough to give effect to the decision. The regional council remains the default host if no agreement is reached. However, Nelson and Tasman just need to agree this between themselves within the eight months.

The host authority appoints the interim director until a permanent appointment can be made. It is assumed on a quick first reading of the reports that this is true to for unitary councils, but further investigation may be required.

6. Regional Spatial Strategies

A Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) must be adopted within **three** years of the establishment of the Committee, although extensions to this timeframe of up to six months are allowed. Although a NBE Plan may now be developed concurrently, with the expectation that the RSS will be adopted first.

Chatham Islands does not have to produce a RSS and they don't apply to offshore islands administered by DoC.

Some new process steps are included ostensibly to provide clarity, flexibility and encourage engagement and participation. Hearings are now mandatory and there have been some amendments to enable applications to the Environment Court for declarations on the existence or extent of any function, power, right or duty under the SPA.

Regional Spatial Strategies must be consistent with limits and mandatory targets in NBE plans, water conservation orders and any inconsistency between a RSS and NBE Plan will trigger a review of the RSS. Climate change mitigation must be considered, with specific consideration for renewable energy production, land use change and other measures to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Matters of national strategic importance can be included, but the RSS only needs to deal with matters of national or regional strategic importance (as opposed to "sufficient significance").

There is no provision for a National Spatial Strategy. The NBE Bill clarifies that the role of the Government representative is to "communicate to the other members of the committee the government's strategic priorities" under the SPA.

The RSS may be reviewed at any time – the nine-year backstop has been removed but essentially still applies as a RSS must be replaced using a process that commences not later than nine years after adoption. A review must happen first, effectively meaning reviews must still be done (and completed) within the nine-year period.

Funding to implement strategies has been a concern. The Select Committee recommends that Implementation Plans should note whether key actions already had funding attached or if it would be subject to funding. Implementation plans are also required to set out the amount of work that is underway on an action and who would be responsible for it – the lead – and any conditions or limitations on that responsibility. Interdependencies must be noted. There is a corresponding duty on those with responsibilities to report on actions. Agreement to be a lead is required. A summary of the decisions about funding/investment and priority and sequencing of actions must also be included in the Implementation Plan.

No substantive changes have been made to the clauses on Implementation Agreements.

7. NBE Plans

The purpose of these plans is proposed to include providing for the needs of the community.

Strategic content for them is proposed to mean strategic outcomes and policies that:

"(a) identify the issues of importance to a region or to 1 of its constituent districts

- (b) deal with the matters necessary to ensure consistency with the relevant regional spatial strategy
- (c) give effect to the national planning framework and indicates how limits and targets are to be achieved.”

The strategic content cannot include rules or methods.

NBE Plans must assist in resolving conflicts in accordance with direction in the NPF and include a preferred state of the future environment in the region. As introduced the Bill talked about the ‘likely’ state of the environment. The preferred state gets considered in decision making – on consents, Notices of requirement etc.

NBE Plans may also include outcomes, policies, and rules (and other methods) for adaptive management, aquaculture areas and environmental contributions. Rules can’t conflict with or duplicate NPF rules but they can be stricter.

In response to concerns about non-regulatory methods, plans can include non-regulatory methods provided that the Committee is satisfied that councils will fund and implement the method. This of course does not mean that there will be funding for such things and reduce the use of non-regulatory methods.

NBE Plans must be consistent with the region’s RSS, unless there is new information or if there has been a significant change – such as a major environmental or economic event. The Select Committee also recommends that the NBE Plan can be inconsistent if it would conflict with achieving limits and mandatory targets under the National Planning Framework (NPF), if a place of national importance was identified or if the Environment Court had directed a modification etc because the land was incapable of reasonable use.

Specific reference is now made to having regard to the national adaptation plan and emissions reduction plans made under the Climate Change Response Act, as well as the inclusion of other matters such as management plans or strategies prepared under other Acts, which were inadvertently missed from the first draft of the Bill.

The information and science used for RMA plans can be used in developing NBE Plans, to avoid wasted resources.

A ‘proportionate’ streamlined approach to plan changes is also proposed, where engagement on regional policy issues would not be required.

Enduring submissions and secondary submissions remain, with an expanded scope including provision for a Committee to make its own secondary submission.

8. Consents

Water storage and hydro schemes can have longer term consents – longer than 10 years – and replacement consents, as can key infrastructure projects.

Clarifications on how permitted activity notices (PANs) are used – to remove unnecessary resource consents – have been made. They are not applications (one provides information) and there is no discretion to decline them if all the information is provided and consistent with requirements. Requests for further information are not possible. The NPF or plan is supposed to set out the circumstances where PANs are required – not all permitted activities need one – and what information must be provided. Where a PAN exists or is deemed then a certificate of compliance cannot be issued. For clarification a PAN can permit land uses and is a tool that can be used for compliance, monitoring and enforcement, including cost recovery and plan effectiveness monitoring. There are different requirements within the coastal marine area.

Fast-track consenting is retained, largely for housing and infrastructure, but is not available in a customary marine title area or protected customary rights area without agreement with the relevant group.

The NPF and NBEA plans have to contain consent notification provisions. A number of changes in this area have been recommended. A threshold test for 'affected persons' has been introduced. A person would have to have an interest in the application that is greater than that of the general public and be likely to experience adverse effects that are more than minor when compared to what is anticipated by the NBE Plan or the NPF.

9. Compliance monitoring and enforcement

Maximum penalties have been increased for continuing offences, failing to provide information, protection of sensitive information, directions, abatement notices for unreasonable noise and orders that are not enforcement orders made by the Environment Court. They also increase for will obstruction etc.

The maximum duration of an excessive noise direction is also increased from 72 hours to 8 eight days.

Enforcement action commenced under the RMA can be continued and transitional enforcement provisions have been included to enable new offences and the new penalties can apply.

The Environmental Protection Authority can start enforcement action against a regional council for breaches.

The insurance ban is also clarified.

Enforcement action that results in a conviction or court order must be published in a register. Previously it was unclear if all enforcement action needed to be recorded in the register.

When developing a compliance and enforcement strategy there is an expectation that iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū will be involved. How mātauranga Māori and other specialist input will be integrated into compliance monitoring also needs to be included. A local authority's own monitoring and compliance also needs to be addressed.

12.10. Transition

Royal assent will now trigger more of the commencement dates for the new legislation's provisions, however regional transition dates will effectively trigger their application. The region-by-region transition dates will be contained in secondary legislation, once the upholding of Treaty Settlements has been agreed. Legislation will need to be enacted.

The establishment of Committees is still anticipated to occur after agreement has been reached but it can proceed even if amendments to the relevant Treaty settlement legislation have not been enacted. The provision to enable a Committee to be established even where agreement has not been reached – after at least two years following Royal assent – has been retained.

Most plan provisions will become operative from the date of the decisions version of a plan and Plan changes – there are exceptions for comparative and market-based resource allocation methods in first plans – and changes to Regional Policy Statements (RPS) cannot be inconsistent with a proposed (notified) Regional Spatial Strategy.

Councils will not be able to progress plan and RPS changes under the Resource Management Act once a committee in their region had adopted a RSS – unless fixing an error or addressing an emerging or urgent issue. Full plan reviews are not recommended once Royal Assent is given – a consequential change to the RMA would be required.

The Select Committee proposes that resource consents – including fast track provisions – come into force on Royal assent. Decisions on consents and designations are still made under the RMA.

13.11. Water Services Entities

The need to integrate with the Water Entities and their empowering legislation has been recognised and infrastructure providers need to be involved early in the development of Regional Spatial Strategies.

14.12. Local voice

When it came to concerns about losing local voice, the Bills as reported back continue to provide for statements of community outcomes and statements of regional environmental outcomes – and Committees “must have particular regard to” them. This is despite submissions greater weight has not been given to them. Councils can review how their statements and local voice has been included and the Regional Planning Committees must give reasons for their decisions. The statements remain optional and many councils have raised concerns about whether they will be worth doing.

The purpose of the statements of regional environmental outcomes and statements of community outcomes have been tweaked. The former is to express the values of the communities of the region and their aspirations for the use, development, and protection of the natural environment. The latter now includes place making - to express the values of the community and its aspirations for the use, development, and protection of the environment; and the maintenance and enhancement of a community's sense of a place. Potentially this ties in well with the proposal to create shared plans for wellbeing recommended by the Future for Local Government Panel.

These statements need to be provided as soon as reasonably practicable after a director is appointed to the secretariat.

The Committee must explain how they have drawn on these statements in their evaluation reports and when councils review the RSSs and NBE plans prior to notification they can provide comment on how committees have used and reflected them.

Hearings on regional spatial strategies are now mandatory and timeframes for submissions on NBE Plans have also been extended.

15.13. Ministerial powers

The Minister's powers remain very wide ranging and directive. A Crown observer can be appointed – if criteria are met – to assist Committees to resolve or address issues and make recommendations to the Minister. A new clause notes that the Committee could respond to the recommendations made by the Crown observer. The Committee can still be dissolved and a commission appointed, with all the powers of a Committee. If the Committee is reconstituted the Minister has the power to require the appointing bodies to make new appointments.

16.14. Other

- Some definitions have been changed to improve clarity. The new term 'trivial' now refers to minimal – the equivalent of *de minimus*.
- Various changes have been made to better make the connection with climate change and between climate change and natural hazards (and risk). 'Avoid' has been put back into the range of options.
- Intergenerational wellbeing has been re-introduced.
- The Māori Authority comes into being on 1 March 2024, with a slightly revised purpose to uphold the mana of iwi, hapū, Māori.
- Mana Whakahono ā Rohe provisions have been tweaked to make explicit that councils can still be parties to them as well as Committees (or on their own) – the critical part being there needs to be at least one party must be an iwi authority or group representing hapū.
- Interim limits have been removed, and the range of entities that can seek an exemption to a limit have been expanded to Crown agencies and requiring authorities. The impact

of recent natural disasters must also be considered in setting minimum acceptable limits, recognising the severe impacts recent events have had on the natural environment.

- Matters that must be disregarded have been clarified, for example the restriction on considering adverse effects arising from the use of land by people on low incomes has been modified to make it explicit that this restriction only applies to housing and the restriction has been reframed. Similarly, the point about signage and advertising has been clarified.
- New provisions to allow for better protection of urban trees.
- Natural and green infrastructure can be classified as a 'public work'.
- The weight given to te Oranga o te Taiao statements has been increased to a matter that Committees 'must have particular regard to'. These statements have also been defined as 'any statement prepared by an iwi or hapū of a region to express their view on how te Oranga o te Taiao can be upheld at the regional and local levels'.
- Concerns around designations and consenting appear to have been partially addressed to avoid duplication. Territorial authorities will process Notice of Requirements / Construction Implementation Plans outside of the plan making process due to their site specific nature. Hearings need not be held. The work must be reasonably necessary. Requirements around co-location of infrastructure have been removed. The public good test for requiring authorities has been refined. Designations would not be made for the coastal marine area. Territorial authorities must consider – have particular regard to – RSSs. Transitional arrangements for Notice of Requirements lodged but not confirmed before the region has a NBE Plan are also provided for.
- Changes have been made to exclude or limit the liability of judges.
- Financial contributions continue to be redefined as 'environmental contributions' – requiring a consequential change to section 102 of the Local Government Act. It is proposed they can be used to minimise adverse effects and achieve positive outcomes (not just positive effects).
- The NPF provisions remain largely the same meaning the first RSSs will be developed without the full content envisaged for the future system and will be based on existing national direction with the inclusion of an infrastructure chapter. Natural landscapes and features that qualify as places of national importance would be identified in the NPF, but because this information doesn't exist currently places of national importance will not be identified in the first NPF. They will also need to be 'exceptional'.
- Geoheritage is explicitly included within the category of outstanding natural features.
- Only existing national limits will be included in the first iteration of the NPF.
- Transfers of functions, powers and duties from the Committee or councils need only give effect to section 82 of the Local Government Act rather than use the Special Consultative Procedure, although this could still be used.
- Delegations relating to council involvement in planning decisions have been removed as a general tidy up – as councils are no longer involved to the extent they were under the RMA.

And the NBE Bill has been reordered to improve flow and readability... but it is still very long.

17.15. What is not addressed

The complexity of running two regimes at the same time and the costs of the transition and implementation of the new system were never going to be addressed in the legislation but they remain a significant concern. Whether the system will be quicker and more efficient remains a question too.

The missing Climate Change Adaptation Act is also a concern, but recent weather events will likely trigger interim solutions.

The sequencing of the reforms remains an issue, while we await the outcomes of the Future for Local Government Review and whether the recommendations of the Panel will be embraced by a future government. It is anticipated that the Select Committee's amendments will be adopted and the legislation will be enacted as reported back, making the decisions of local government about how it reacts to the Panel's recommendations all the more pressing.

18.16. For further information

This is only a preliminary analysis of the Select Committee's reports on the Bills. For those interested in a full analysis of the Bills please join our [Webinar: What happened to the RMA?](#) with the Simpson Grierson on the 26th of July 2023.

For further information on the Reports and Bills please see the [Final Spatial Planning Bill Report](#) and the [Final Natural and Built Environment Bill Report](#).

NB at the time of writing the Report on the NBE Bill hadn't been uploaded to [Natural and Built Environment Bill \(selectcommittees.parliament.nz\)](#).



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MONTHLY REPORT

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

June 2023

1 Library and Museum

1.1 Library

June was steady with holiday and Matariki preparations. The Library team have set up two window displays in Jellicoe Court for Matariki and space Lego displays. Also, the Ōpōtiki Library staff visited to view our facilities.

The Library's Council Cadet, Ashleigh Dixon finished her cadetship, and Erica Valk reached 35 years of working at the Library on the 27th June.

This month the displays were the Ockham Book Awards and Matariki.

Library Statistics

	June 2023	YTD 2022/23	June 2022	YTD 2021/22
Items issued	3,360	39,313	2,814	38,286
People visiting	4,516	50,835	3,229	42,978
New members	8	190	18	154
Active members*	1,354		1,459	

*Those people that have used library services in the last 2 years

1.2 Museum

Exhibitions were the focus for June with two exhibitions on show to the public this month. One was the 1974 Polynesian Festival held at Kawerau College, and the other was "When NASA Came To Town in 1971" which ties in with the Reading Under the Stars winter reading programme at the Library.

The "How We Used To Live" exhibition has been de-installed in the Gallery in preparation for the Kia Whakatōmuri Te Haere Whakamura (I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past) exhibition which launches 12 July.

Interviews were undertaken for the Museum Technical Assistant role.

The Museum also received a significant donation of materials around the Lake Rotoitipaku Greenpeace campaigns of the 1990s, and this will be approximately six months of work to catalogue and conserve.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Statistics

	June 2023	YTD 2022/23	June 2022	YTD 2021/22
Exhibitions	2	6	1	7
Vernon Records	June 2023	YTD 2022/23	June 2022	YTD 2021/22
Objects – items added to collection	4	234	44	224
Individuals & Organisations	58	523	25	207
Documents	51	783	55	282
Photographs	8	668	48	603

Objects – items added to Vernon Museum Collection, *People* – records added to Vernon on individuals and organisations, *Documents* – a document added to Vernon like newspaper articles, forms, etc., and *Photographs* – photos added to Vernon.

2 Weather Station

The average temperature for the month of June 2023 was 16.6° and the highest temperature for the month was 20.6°. The accumulated sunshine hours for June totalled 133 hours and 12 minutes. The appendix to this report shows graphs of the temperature and sunshine data collected for June.

Please note with the reintroduction of providing daily temperatures and sunshine hours, the process of gathering this data is underway, however there is no year to date data or historical data from the prior year for comparison as this information was not collected.

3 Payments

There were six payments in June 2023, which exceeded \$50,000.00:

- Inland Revenue Department (x2) - \$128,723.39 (total) - PAYE for Fortnight ending 21/05 & 4/06
- Brian Perry Civil Limited - \$111,873.71 – Town Centre Sewer Renewal.
- Draintech 2018 Ltd – \$211,166.30, Hardie Ave Drainage.
- Loveridge Limited - \$142,520.77 – Watermain Reticulation Renewal progress claim 5.
- Ōpōtiki Pumps & Irrigation - \$59,678.10 – Renewal of 2 Rawpit Pumps
- Waste Management Ltd - \$74,775.55 – Refuse collections May 2023.

4 Grants

4.1 Community Grants Scheme:

Applications for the Community Grants scheme for 2023/24 opened on Monday the 26th of June and close on the 2nd of August 2023.

The Committee meeting for consideration of the Community Grants applications is scheduled for the 8th of August 2023. Council budgeted \$21,000 for community grants for the 2023/24 grants.

4.2 Creative Community Fund:

The Creative NZ Community Fund had a carried forward balance of \$21,947.08 as at 1 July 2022. Council received the first grant of \$9,643.80 (August 2022) and received the second grant of \$9,483.80 in February 2023. The committee met in December 2022 for the first funding round and approved 4 applications totalling \$15,263.00 and these grants have all been paid out.

On 6 March 2023, applications opened for the next funding round and applications closed on 3 April 2023. To date three applications have been received for this next funding round. With a full committee now onboard, the next meeting for the new committee to consider the funding applications is planned for the 7th of July 2023.

5 **Requests for Service**

The following table has the total number of service requests received for June and identifies if they have been completed or still being progressed by the end of the month.

Service	Total	
	Completed	Progressed
Dogs	96	7
Noise	42	3
Building Enquiries	7	0
Trees* & Parks	15	0
Rubbish (Bins & Collections)	33	14
Water	71	5
Wastewater	1	0
Roading/Stormwater/Streetlights	15	5
Enforcement/Health/Food/Stock	4	1
Council Buildings/Facilities – Maint.	5	4
Other (Events/Consents/Rates/Vandalism)	10	14
Official Information Requests	6	10
Total	305	63

*Requests relating to the removal of trees are added to a priority list.

For June, 13 requests came via the website/emails. The balance of the requests came from phone calls or visits.

6 **Funds**

The following funds were held at 30 June 2023:

Invested in	\$	Mean Interest	% External
ANZ – on call	776	0.90%	0.02%
BNZ – current & on-call	3,260,034	0.15%	86.29%
Rabobank (on-call)	517,150	2.00%	13.69%
Total Funds (Cash)	3,777,960		100.0%
Internal Loans	1,624,797		
Total Investments	5,042,757		

The following table shows Council's reserve and general funds balances as at 30 June 2023:

	June 2023	June 2022
Reserve Balances		
Depreciation Funds	\$3,179,295	\$7,097,918
Loan	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total Reserve Balances	\$5,179,295	\$7,097,918
General Funds	223,462	\$397,850
Total (comprising funds & internal loans)	\$5,402,757	\$7,495,768

The figures show that overall Council has \$2.0 million less funds at the end of June than this time last year, which is as a result of:

- Less revenue (than budgeted) from Central Cove section sales, due to asbestos contamination and slowing of the market.
- Increased costs for refuse transport and disposal.
- The construction costs for the completion of the remaining 11 retirement units is \$3.4 million which is offset by the six settled Occupation Right Agreements of \$2.2 million. There are still five units at Porritt Glade to have Occupation Right Agreements signed and settled, which once occupied will assist with increasing cash funds.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services for June 2023, be received.

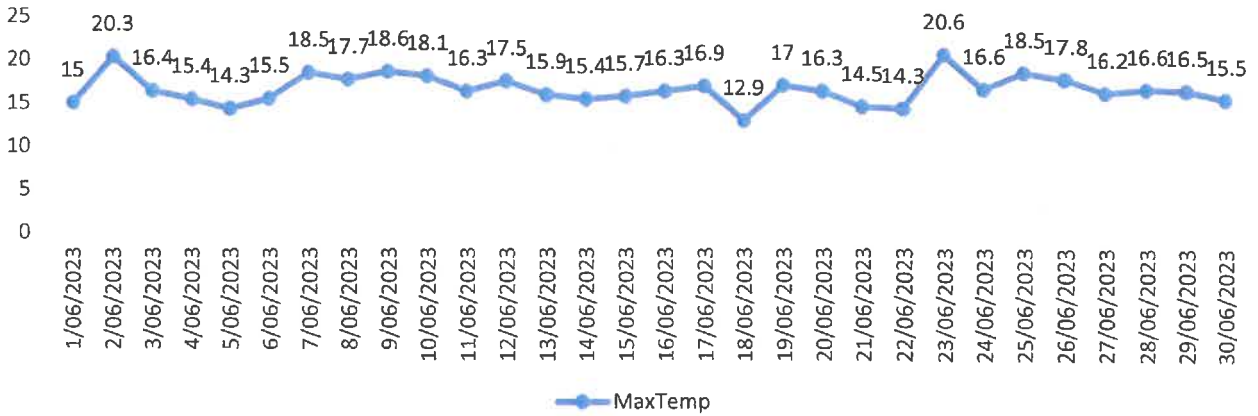
Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS
Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services

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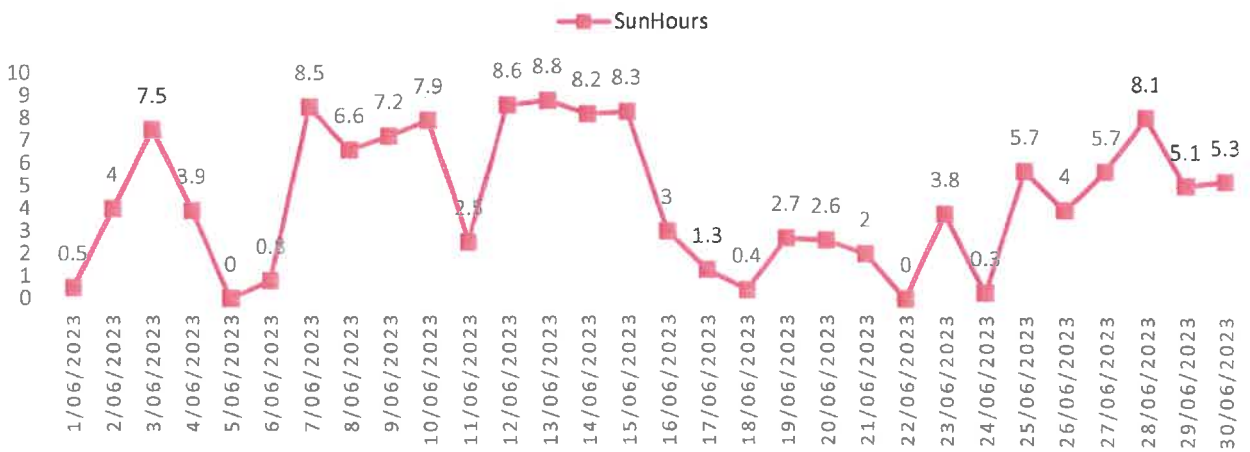
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June 2023 -Weather Data

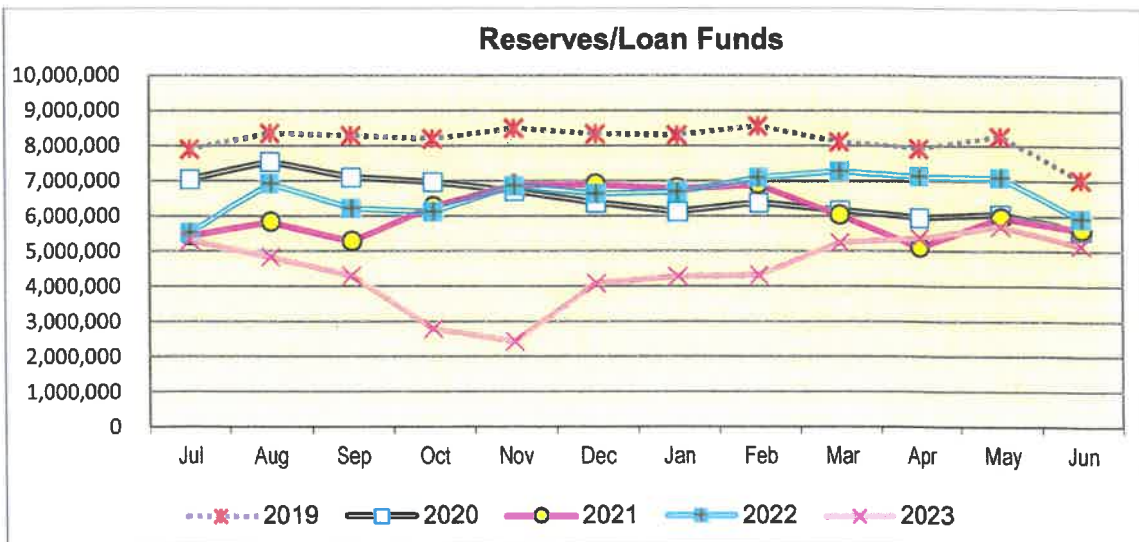
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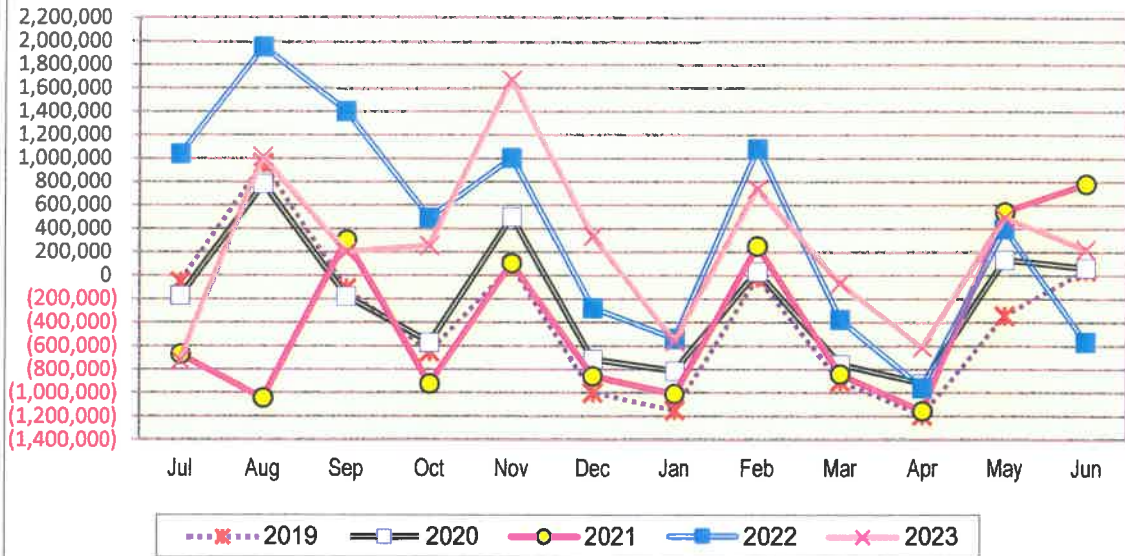
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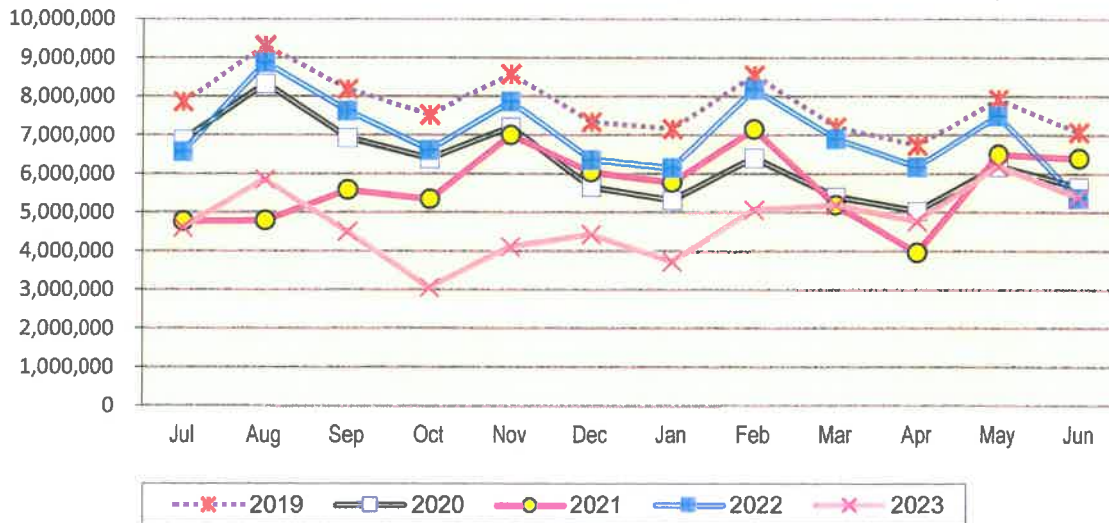
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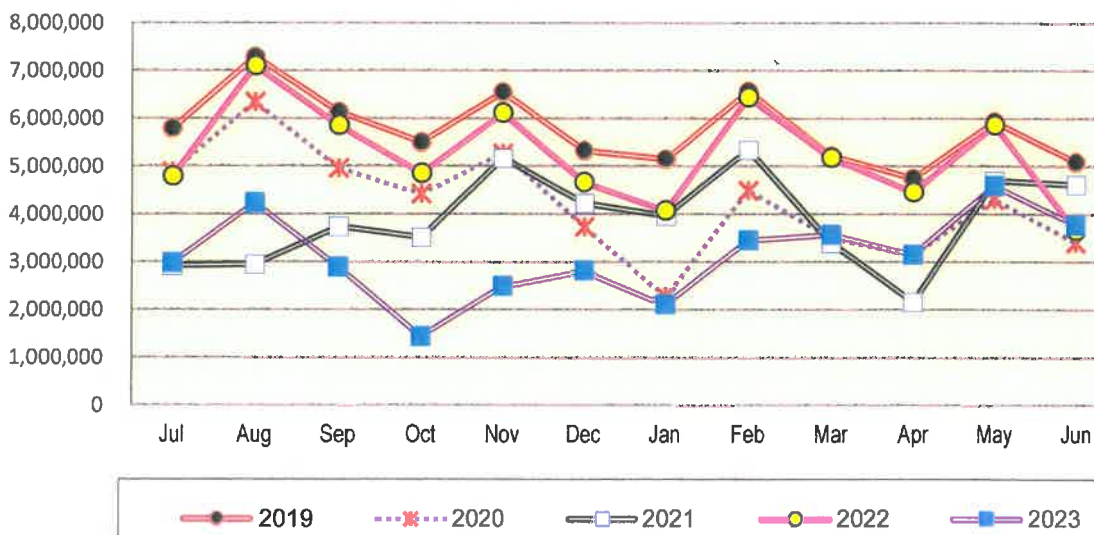
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Total Funds (includes Internal Loans)



Cash Flow



MONTHLY REPORT OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

June 2023

1 Water Supply

Due to high manganese levels, the Pumphouse Spring is no longer in use. Options to remove manganese from the water supply are being evaluated by staff. From 7 June 2023, only the Tarawera Bores were used as water supply.

The Tarawera Bores have sufficient capacity to meet the demands of the community. Work is being done to evaluate the requirements to continue using Umukaraka Springs.

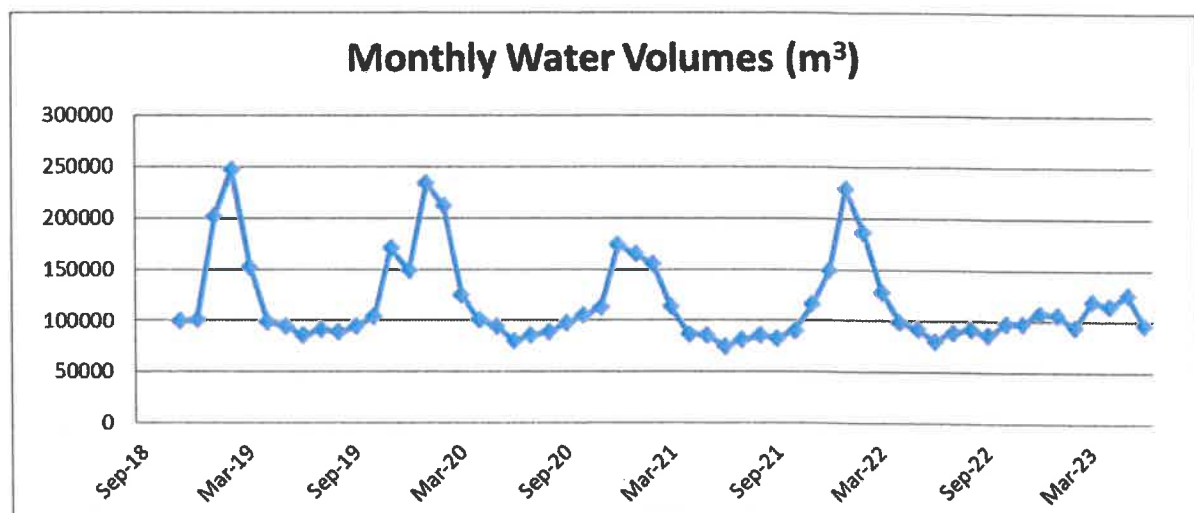
The lime pH correction system in the treatment plant will be replaced with a more robust sodium hydroxide system when the fluoride system is installed later this year. This will reduce Health and Safety concerns regarding handling dust and sedimentation in the reservoirs.

The pumpstation is being rebuilt with new modern pumps and controls during June to December 2023 which will include new telemetry and control of all the boreholes and springs.

1.1 Use

The Town used 96,623 m³ in June 2023, which is normal during this time of year.

The graph below shows the monthly volume (in m³) of water used for the last 5 years for comparison.



The public is still actively using the two unchlorinated outlets located at the Pump Station and New World carpark.

1.2 Water Quality

All routine samples taken during June were clear of E.coli.

There were 57 dirty water complaints received during the first week of June. The Tarawera bores were restarted on 7 June and the Pumphouse spring was closed. The amount of dirty water complaints rapidly decreased and after 23 June, no more dirty water complaints were received.

It has been confirmed that the source of dirty water is the uncharacteristically high levels of manganese in the Pumphouse Spring during the previous 6 months. It is believed to be related to the high water table in the region.

1.3 Reticulation

The physical reticulation replacement works for the 2022/23 programme commenced in January. The River Road area is currently being replaced.

Reservoir 3 was inspected in June and minor remediation work is planned in July for all three reservoirs.

2 **Wastewater**

The Waste Water Treatment Plant had no breaches of its resource consent conditions during this reporting period.

The Town Centre sewerage reticulation replacement works is continuing.

3 **Roading**

Footpath replacements as well as kerb and channel cleaning and replacement have been ongoing in various areas of the town.

Roading reseals and other major maintenance tenders were drawn up in March and were released for tendering in April 2023. The actual works have been delayed due to consistent rainfall in May and June. The 2022/23 Waka Kotahi/NZTA roading works will now be carried over to the 2023/24 financial year.

The installation of the drainage systems designed to resolve the high water table damaging roading infrastructure in Hardie Avenue was completed and other areas will be completed in July 2023.

4 **Stormwater**

All cesspits and stormwater drains are routinely cleaned by gardeners, cleaners and water workers during the peak leaf fall period.

5 Parks and Reserves

During June, the parks and reserves teams performed the following actions:

- Fences were repaired and replaced across town damaged by vandalism and trespassing.
- The annual winter beddings were completed and maintained.
- The damaged berms in Hardie Avenue have been filled and replanted.

6 Pool

All pools are operating within temperature range.

7 Refuse Collection

There were no issues with the refuse collection during this reporting period.

Staff are preparing a review of the refuse collection service.

8 Refuse Disposal

The pickup and transporting of the residual refuse to Tirohia continued without incident.

9 Recycled Collection

The collection and disposal of recycling continued without incident.

The current collection system is being reviewed as part of the solid waste service review.

10 Vandalism

Four incidences of graffiti covering an area of 20 m² was removed from Council owned walls and properties at a total cost of \$1,060. The main areas targeted were:

- Town Centre walls
- District office walls
- The skate park play ground, primarily stickers and tags
- The Recreation Centre

The destruction of park and reserve gates and fences is continuing and different options to reduce these activities are being developed by staff.

11 Projects & Schedule

The project and major maintenance works schedule for the 2022/23 financial year is attached to this report. Significant projects have not been completed at the end of the financial year due mainly to resourcing, and Council will be requested by staff to roll over allocated funding to the next financial year.

The projects and works funded through external sources (Waka Kotahi/NZTA and Ministry of Health) need to be carried over to the final financial year of the current triennium.

The 2023/24 proposed planned project and major maintenance works schedule is also attached. The budgets include amounts that will be requested to roll over at the July meeting.

12 **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of June 2023 be received.



Hanno van der Merwe, MSc (Eng), PhD
Group Manager, Operations & Services

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Capital, Renewals and One off Maintenance Items for 2022/23

30 June 2023

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments	
Transport Management	402515 001	Kerb Replacement	\$80,000	\$49,866	Jun-23		Jun-23	\$30,000	Completed, underspent	
	402515 002	Street Light Upgrades	\$32,000	\$67,025	Mar-23	Oct-23		-\$33,000	Completed, overspent	
	402515 003	Rescals - Roads	\$130,000	\$19,191	Mar-23	Oct-23		\$110,000	Delayed, to be combined with 2023/24	
	402515 004	Pavement Treatment	\$90,000	\$0	Mar-23	Oct-23		\$90,000	Delayed, to be combined with 2023/24	
	402515 009	Minor Safety Improvements	\$46,000	\$400	Jun-23	Jun-24		\$45,000	Delayed, to be combined with 2023/24	
	402515 015	Lane realignment	\$160,000	\$0	Jun-23	Jun-24		\$160,000	Putauaki School	
	402515 013	Footpath replacement	\$155,000	\$124,597	Jun-23		Jun-23	\$30,000	Completed, underspent	
	402516 001	Rescals - Carparks	\$74,800	\$85,693	Aug-22	Oct-22	Oct-22		Completed	
			\$767,800	\$346,772						
	Stormwater	402601 001	Stormwater Renewals	\$140,000	\$67,348	Mar-23	Jun-24		\$70,000	Geothermal areas and Town Centre
	402515018	Hardie Avenue Drainage	\$250,000	\$183,623	Jun-23	Jul-23		\$70,000	Localised flooding	
Water Supply	403001 002	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 2	\$1,900,000	\$1,002,771	Mar-23	Jul-23		\$900,000	River Road	
	403001 003	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 6	\$230,000	\$0	Dec-22	Sep-23		\$230,000	Pumphouse lines and valves	
	403001 005	Valve Refurbishment	\$42,000	\$2,031	Mar-23	Jun-23	Jun-23		Completed	
	403001 007	Refurbish Pump System	\$222,000	\$168,001	Dec-22	Jun-23	May-23	\$50,000	Pumphouse Pumps, purchasing complete, installation	
	403001 010	UV Tube replacement	\$17,000	\$8,474	Feb-23	Jun-23	Feb-23		Completed	
	403001 017	Lime & Fluoride System	\$450,000	\$5,997	Sep-23			\$450,000	Funded by MoH	
	403001 021	Headworks	\$220,000	\$0	Dec-22	Sep-23		\$220,000	Boreholes & springs telemetry and control	
			\$3,081,000	\$1,187,274						
	Wastewater	303520 003	Centrifuge	\$20,000	\$6,405	Feb-23		Feb-23		Completed
		303520 004	Plant Maintenance	\$50,000	\$81,181	Mar-23	Jun-23	Jun-12		Completed
	403520 001	Refurbish Pumps	\$36,000	\$29,114	May-23		Feb-23		Completed	
	403520 002	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 1	\$790,000	\$357,741	Mar-23	Jul-23		\$430,000	Town Centre, almost completed	
	403520 004	Milliscreens Replacement	\$75,000	\$93,264	Dec-22				Completed	
	403520 011	Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$510,000	\$136,909	May-23	Nov-23		\$370,000	Buildings and Structures to be completed	
		\$1,481,000	\$704,614							
Refuse Disposal	403522 014	Asbestos Site Preparation	\$50,000	\$28,000	Dec-22	Jun-23		\$22,000	Conceptual Design complete, Stage 1 design	
		\$50,000	\$28,000							
Pool	404031 001	Club Rooms	\$110,000	\$69,387	Oct-22	Apr-23		\$40,000	Main works completed, outer skirting to be replaced	
	404031 016	Fences	\$50,000	\$52,031	Sep-22	Nov-22	Nov-22		Completed	
	404031 002	Spa Pool	\$2,000	\$29,886	Oct-22	Nov-22	Nov-22		Completed	
	404031 003	Shade sails	\$5,000	\$2,791	Nov-22		Nov-22		Completed	
	404031 004	Steel Poles and Signs	\$37,000	\$20,587	Oct-22	Nov-22	Nov-22	\$17,000	Signs completed, one set of poles and sails to be done	
		\$204,000	\$174,682							
Rec. Centre	404035 020	Roof	\$60,000	\$0	Feb-23	Jun-23		\$60,000	Under evaluation	
		\$60,000	\$0							
Sportsfields	404041 014	Netball Pavilion Reconstruction	\$1,058,467	\$49,149	Apr-23	Sep-23		\$1,000,000	Under construction	
			\$1,058,467	\$49,149						
Playgrounds	404046 001	Renewals	\$35,000	\$0	May-23	Jul-23		\$35,000	Hilldale Reserve	
			\$35,000	\$0						

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments
Dog Pound	405061 012	New Pound	\$600,000	\$0	Jun-23	Jun-24			To be evaluated later this year
			\$600,000	\$0					
District Offices	405064 020	Flashings and Spoutings	\$140,000	\$27,307	Feb-23	May-23		\$100,000	Completed Stage 1. Stage 2 in process
			\$140,000	\$27,307					
Plant	60 80 01 7600	Vehicles	157,800	169,186					
			\$157,800	\$169,186					
Economic Development	15 06 01 7600	Renewals - Firmin Field	\$6,300	\$77,381	Nov-22				Completed
	15 07 01 7600	Renewals - Information Centre	\$5,300	\$0	Jun-23				Not completed
	15 05 01 3500	Bowen & Te Arika Residential Development	\$950,000	\$247,858	Jun-23			\$700,000	
	15 05 01 3500	Stoneham Park Residential Development	\$4,320,000	\$270,088	Jun-27				Tranche 1 Funded
			\$5,281,600	\$595,227					
		Total	\$13,306,667	\$3,533,282		27%		\$5,194,000	

Capital, Renewals and One off Maintenance Items for 2023/24
1 July 2023

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments
Transport Management	402515 001	Kerb Replacement	\$110,000		Jun-24			\$30,000	
	402515 002	Street Light Renewals	\$12,000					-\$35,000	
	402515 003	Reseals - Roads	\$240,000		Oct-23			\$110,000	
	402515 004	Pavement Treatment	\$160,000		Oct-23			\$90,000	
	402515 009	Minor Safety Improvements	\$80,000		Jun-24			\$45,000	
	402515 013	Footpath replacement	\$190,000		Jun-24			\$30,000	
	402515 015	Lane realignment	\$230,000		Jun-24			\$160,000	Putauaki School
	402515 018	Hardie Avenue Drainage	\$70,000		Jul-23			\$70,000	
	402516 001	Reseals - Carparks	\$50,000		Aug-23				
	402516 003	Replace Rubbish Bins	\$6,000						
	402516 004	District Seating	\$1,500						
	402516 006	Town Centre Music	\$3,700						
	402516 009	Town Centre - Decorative Lights	\$3,700						
402516 010	Town Centre Video Cameras	\$7,000							
402516 013	Town Centre - Xmas Streetlight Maintenance	\$9,600							
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$1,173,500	\$0					
Stormwater	402601 001	Stormwater Renewals	\$210,000		Jun-24			\$70,000	
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$210,000	\$0					
	26 01 02 3500	Stormwater Maintenance	\$24,000						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$24,000	\$0					
Water Supply	303001 001	Flushing Mains	\$2,500						
	303001 002	Reservoir Structural Evaluation	\$50,000		Sep-23				
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$52,500	\$0					
	403001 002	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 2	\$2,900,000		Mar-24			\$900,000	
	403001 003	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 6	\$470,000		Sep-23			\$230,000	Pumphouse lines and valves
	403001 004	Toby Replacements	\$50,000		Jun-24				
	403001 005	Valve Refurbishment	\$44,100		Mar-24				
	403001 007	Refurbish Pump System	\$69,000		Sep-23			\$50,000	Pumphouse Pumps installation
	403001 010	UV Tube replacement	\$14,500		Feb-24				
	403001 017	Lime & Fluoride System	\$450,000		Sep-23			\$450,000	Funded by MoH
	403001 021	Headworks	\$470,000		Sep-23			\$220,000	Boreholes & springs telemetry and control
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$4,467,600	\$0					
	Wastewater	303520 001	Sewer Line Cleaning	\$22,200					
303520 002		Video Lines	\$15,000						
303520 003		Centrifuge	\$21,000		Feb-24				
303520 004		Plant Maintenance	\$52,800		Jun-24				
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$111,000	\$0					
403520 001	Refurbish Pumps	\$37,000		May-24					
403520 002	Reticulation Replacement - Zone 1	\$1,176,100		Nov-23			\$430,000		
403520 004	Milliscreens Renewals	\$161,000		Dec-23					
403520 011	Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$854,500		May-24			\$370,000	Buildings and Structures	

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments
Refuse Disposal		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$2,228,600	\$0					
	303522 004	Scales and Electric Gate	\$10,400		Dec-23				
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$10,400	\$0					
	403522 014	Asbestos Site Preparation	\$22,000		Oct-23			\$22,000	Phase 1 Design
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$22,000	\$0					
	304031 006	Heat Exchange Unit	\$5,000		Oct-23				
	304031 009	Spa Pool	\$6,700		Jun-24				
	304031 011	Painting Buildings	\$23,300		Jun-24				
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$35,000	\$0					
	404031 001	Club Rooms	\$40,000		Oct-23			\$40,000	Outer skirting
404031 016	Fences	\$50,000		Oct-23					
404031 020	Changing Rooms	\$60,000		Oct-23				Floors	
404031 024	Pool Floor	\$30,000		Oct-23					
404031 004	Steel Poles and Shades	\$17,000		Oct-22			\$17,000	Lifeguard area	
	Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$197,000	\$0						
Library & Museum	404030 002/3	Stock Purchases	\$75,800		Jun-24				
	404030 005/6	Furniture	\$11,500		Jun-24				
Rec. Centre		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$87,300	\$0					
	304035 008	Lift Inspections	\$3,500						
	304035 018	Air Extractors	\$5,600						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$9,100	\$0					
	404035 005	Building Work	\$6,900						
	404035 020	Roof	\$60,000		Feb-24			\$60,000	
	404035 020	Air extractors and gas detectors	\$10,000		Feb-24				
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$76,900	\$0					
	304036 003	Foyer	\$1,200						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$1,200	\$0					
Town Hall	404036 002	Curains	\$10,000						
	404036 009	Roof	\$50,000		Nov-23				
	404036 002	Audiovisual	\$5,800						
	404036 020	Furniture	\$2,800						
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$68,600	\$0					
	304037 008	Painting - Interior	\$16,300						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$16,300	\$0					
	404037 011	Furniture	\$15,000						
	404037 017	Speakers	\$10,000						
	404037 019	Renewals	\$3,700						
	Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$28,700	\$0						
Town Centre Toilets	304048 001	Exterior Clean	\$2,200						
	304048 002	Painting	\$3,300						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$5,500	\$0					
	404038 007	Toilet Door - Excelco	\$5,000						

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments
Passive Reserves		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$5,000	\$0					
	304042 001	Taravera Walkway	\$7,700						
	304042 002	Monica Lanham	\$24,900						
	304042 003	At Risk Tree Removal	\$75,000						
	304042 004	Ruruanga Stream Maintenance	\$3,600						
	304042 008	Kayak Course	\$2,100						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$113,300	\$0					
	404042 001	Rubbish Bins	\$4,500						
	404042 002	Boundary Fences	\$18,700						
	404042 003	Sprinkler Replacements	\$5,200						
404042 019	Seal Carparts	\$15,500		Aug-23					
404042 031	Reserve Fences	\$12,000							
	Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$55,900	\$0						
Sportsfields	304041 003	Tracks	\$3,500						
	304041 004	Fences	\$2,400						
	304041 005	Goalposts	\$2,200						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$8,100	\$0					
	404041 014	Netball Pavilion Reconstruction	\$1,000,000	\$0	Sep-23			\$1,000,000	
	Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$1,000,000	\$0						
Street Trees	304044 001	Tree Replacement	\$4,500						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$4,500	\$0					
Playgrounds	404046 001	Renewals	\$38,500						
	404046 002	Bins/Seats	\$500		Jul-23			\$35,000	Hilldale Reserve
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$39,000	\$0					
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$0	\$0					
Cemetery			\$0	\$0					
			\$0	\$0					
Library Building		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$0	\$0					
	305060 001	Painting	\$5,000						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$5,000	\$0					
	405060 011	Air Conditioning	\$88,700						
	405060 012	Smoke Detectors	\$1,800						
Dog Pound		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$90,500	\$0					
	405061 012	Extension of facilities	\$600,000	\$0	Jun-24			\$600,000	
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$600,000	\$0					
Field Amenity Buildings	305062 029	Building Maintenance	\$11,100						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$11,100	\$0					
	405062 030	Renewals	\$23,200	\$0					
Depot		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$23,200	\$0					
	305063 003	Building Maintenance	\$3,500						
	405063 018	Maintenance Sub Total	\$3,500	\$0					
	Renewals	\$9,100							

Activity	Code	Item	Budget	Actual	Estimate Finish Date	Revised Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Roll Over	Comments
District Offices		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$9,100	\$0					
	305064 001	Paint walls	\$2,400						
	305064 004	Fire Protection	\$3,600						
		Maintenance Sub Total	\$6,000	\$0					
	405064 001	Air Conditioning	\$13,300						
	405064 012	Lift access	\$3,400						
	405064 021	Hardware & Sundry	\$1,300						
	405064 020	Flashings and Spoutings	\$100,000		Feb-24			\$100,000	Completed Stage 1, Stage 2 in process
		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$118,000	\$0					
	Plant	60 80 01 7600	Vehicles	135,700					
Economic Development		Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$135,700	\$0					
	15 02 01 7600	Renewals - Pensioner Housing	\$50,000						External building condition assessment
	15 05 01 3500	Bowen & Te Arika Residential Development	\$700,000						
	15 05 01 3500	Stoncham Park Residential Development	\$3,800,000						
	15 06 01 7600	Renewals - Firmin Lodge	\$6,400						
	15 06 01 7600	Renewals - Porrit Glade	\$7,000						
	15 07 01 7600	Renewals - Information Centre	\$5,400						
		Asset New/Renewal Sub Total	\$4,568,800	\$0					
			Maintenance Sub Total	\$416,500					0%
			Asset Renewals Sub Total	\$15,205,400					0%
	Total		\$15,621,900	\$0				0%	

MONTHLY REPORT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

June 2023

1 Boundary Reorganisation Initiative

Council submitted an application to the Local Government Commission (LGC) on 7 April 2022 for an alteration of the Kawerau District boundary with the Whakatane District.

The LGC agreed to investigate the proposal on 21 June 2022 and notified local authorities, iwi and hapū. On 20 October 2022, the LGC notified stakeholders of the investigation process with indicative timelines. Public consultation commenced in November and this included a site visit by Commissioners to Kawerau and meetings with all landowners affected by the initiative.

After the site visits Council received a request to provide additional information to the LGC and landowners, with a recommendation that a final piece of landowner engagement took place by June 30 2023.

Unfortunately, various circumstances delayed Council staff completing this final landowner engagement before June 30, and subsequently requested an extension to the deadline. The LGC approved an extension to August 18 2023.

Council is now undertaking further consultation with landowners to provide the LGC with final decisions from all parties.

2 Kawerau isite Visitor Information Centre

Weather events continue to cause disruption to intercity services. The Gisborne to Auckland (via Kawerau and Rotorua) route is currently suspended until SH30 reopens to West bound heavy vehicles. The nearest bus stop for this service is currently in Edgecumbe.

Key Monthly Statistics – June 2023

- Visitor inquiries: 1312 (**15% increase from the previous month**)
- Tarawera Forest access permits: 73 (**4% increase from the previous month**)
- Public toilets use: 2292 (**12% increase from the previous month**)
- Motorhome power users: 11 (**15% decrease from the previous month**)

3 Community Activities

Events completed for June 2023

- EBOP JAB Competition 10 June – Tarawera Park
- Virtual Reality Job Expo 15 June – POSTPONED
- Whakatane Bird Show and Sale 23 – 25 June – CANCELLED (due to Tairawhiti floods and 50% of birds due to travel from that region)

Events registered for July & August 2023

- Kia Whakatōmuri te haere whakamua (*I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past*) - Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum display
- Matariki Film Screenings 5, 12 & 19 July – Concert Chambers, 1.30pm
- isite Matariki – On Foot Hikoi 11 July - Kawerau isite, 10am
- Tirotiro Whetu O Matariki Ki Kawerau Hautapu 14 July - Monika Lanham
- Kawerau Industrial Open Day 14 July - ISK, Manukorihi Drive, 10am
- Canoe Slalom BOP Club Race 19 & 20 August – Waterhouse St Reserve
- Junior Rugby Community Festival 20 August - Tarawera Park

4 Youth Projects

Kawerau Youth Council (KYC)

KYC Chair (Damien Enright) provided an update regarding recent attendance at the Festival for the Future Conference (Future Leaders). Sharing feedback on opportunities to remain connected with Youth Councils elsewhere in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The KYC tabled a youth event as part of the school holiday programme, which is named *Mid-Winter Madness* on 11 July, Town Hall and Concert Chambers, a KYC sub-committee is formed to coordinate.

After a recent success of a 'donate a can' Dusk Zone activity at the Rec Centre, approximately 50 cans of food were donated to Koha ki Kawerau, for later distribution into the community.

The KYC discussed requests from other community sectors for KYC support at Matariki events and agreed to provide support at key events.

The following dates for monthly KYC meetings in the Council Chamber:

- Monday April 10

- ~~Thursday May 11~~
- ~~Thursday June 15~~
- Thursday July 13
- Thursday August 10
- Thursday September 14
- Thursday October 12
- Thursday November 9

Young Achievers Awards

Key dates for the 2023 Young Achievers Awards as follows:

- Nominations opened 7 July
- Close 4 August
- Ceremony - 25 August – Town Hall

Festival for the Future

Council's Youth Projects Officer travelled with KYC Chair and Tuia Rep. Damien Enright to Wellington for the annual premier youth conference. They linked up with former KYC member Matariki Turuwhenua to form the Kawerau representation at the conference.

More than 900 youth from across Aotearoa, New Zealand attended the conference. The Kawerau representatives were invited to the Wellington City Council – Chamber of Commerce where they met the Wellington city Youth Council and they also met the Engagement Officer of WCC.

Feedback from the young people which attended was extremely good and connections with youth councils from across the motu were established and will be retained.

Tuia Representatives

The second Tuia wānanga held in Rotorua explored the theme of Tuia i Raro (to weave from below). They researched a number of different engagements throughout the Waiariki region from taonga puoro (traditional Māori music/instruments) to rongoa.

The Kawerau Tuia representatives and Council's Youth Projects Officer attended the third wānanga at Otakou Marae in Otago, over the weekend of 30 June – 3 July.

5 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of June 2023 be received.



Lee Corbett Barton

Economic and Community Development Manager

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MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

June 2023

1 Communication

1.1 Community Update

Two newsletters completed – 6 June and 23 June 2023.

Thank you to our delivery crews from Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place (KADAP). Welcome on board to our Tarawera High School delivery crews who are fundraising for various sporting and extra-curricular activities.

1.2 Significant Communications:

1.2.1 Hardie Avenue update #5 and #6 produced and delivered to residents, along with another community hui on 20 June 2023.

1.2.2. Discoloured/Dirty Water Issues with the potable / drinking water.

1.2.3 Drinking Water Pipe Replacement Project: current River Road program advertised in Newsletter, Website and Social Media communications support for planned and unplanned water outages.

1.2.4. Community Safety Messaging: Support of Civil Defence messaging and community re weather watches and warnings and roading outages;

1.2.5 Community Messaging: FutureFit 'environmental footprint' programme, Free Car Checks.

1.2.6 Council Events messaging: Meetings, King's Birthday Tree Planting and public holiday, Mānawatia a Matariki (Council and community events), Civil Defence Emergency Drop-In Centre.

1.2.7 Council Operations and Services: Kawerau District Library School Holiday Programme, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre updates, isite operations and services availability, Kawerau Community Award nominations.

1.3 Council Communication Channels overview

Website  2,846 visits Top Page Visits: Situational Content; Matariki; Rates Property

Social Media



Facebook 5,114 visits
Reach 65,159
Followers 4,643



Instagram 26 visits
Reach 72
Followers 129



Support for Online Comms' Channels:

Antenno – Support new messaging and reporting app rollout May 2023

Following session with Elected Members, a Council cross-functional team is rolling out implementation with community groups.

2 Engagement

2.1 Stoneham Park Residential Development:

2.1.1 *Submission Processes*

40 submissions received in the initial submission round. Two submitters spoke at the 26 April Council Meeting re the Intention to Exchange the Reserve Status of Stoneham Park with the Stock Pound.

No further submissions received in the second round of submissions to the Plan Change 4 (District Plan proposed residential growth precinct) during the round of 12 April to 28 April 2023 as per the Resource Management Act 1991. Submissions and responses regarding the Intention to Exchange tabled at the 31 May Council Meeting.

Section 42A Report prepared and delivered to submitters prior to Resource Management Act (RMA) Plan Change 4 Hearing.

There will be a further opportunity for submitters, once the Plan Change 4 and Section 42A Report is adopted by Council.

2.1.2 *Intention to Exchange Reserve Status of Stoneham Park with the land on Fenton Mill Road (currently zoned as the Stock Pound and leased for grazing)* – Council resolved to submit the application on 31 May 2023.

Application and all submissions submitted and received by Department of Conservation and the office of Conservation Minister Willow-Jean Prime and also the East Coast Member of Parliament Hon Kiritapu Allan.

2.1.3 *Hearing for Plan Change 4*

As per the Resource Management Act (RMA) the District Plan Change 4 Hearing was held on 15 June 2023 at Kawerau District Council. One submitter spoke to their submission (via zoom) at the Hearing (however, all submitters to the Plan Change 4 were invited to speak).

Thank you to Independent Commissioner Bill Wasley who chaired the Hearing in the Council Chamber. The Plan Change 4 and Section 42A report will be tabled at the Council Meeting on 19 July 2023 with only minor amendments.

2.2 Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

Progress continues with the communications and engagement plan that is currently seeking 'Friends of the Spatial Plan' group to be identified.

A hui is being planned with Tangata Whenua Iwi to introduce the review.

2.3 Triennial Residents Survey -

Hawkes Bay company SIL Research undertaking survey that meets requirements for Community Outcomes of the Long Term Plan.

There was good uptake by the community.

The survey results are currently being compiled by SIL.

2.5 Mahere ā tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024

Council carried out 11 engagement meetings during the submission period of 28 April to 26 May. Significant communication and promotion via Council social media channels, newsletter, consultation document.

Thank you to Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora for speaking to their submission at the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting on 14 June 2023.

Eight submitters supported Council's reduction of funding of the depreciation, resolved by Council on 31 May 2023.

Communication to advise residents of the increase in fees and charges is underway.

2.6 Māori Representation and Representation Review Requirements

Following the workshop presentation by Election Services' Dale Ofoske on 31 May for Elected Members and Leadership – the consultation and engagement period will commence in August.

Compilation of consultation material and the confirmation of meeting dates with Tangata Whenua and stakeholders is now underway.

Current Engagement Topics

- Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Review
- Age Friendly and Accessibility Strategy -

Upcoming Engagement Topics

- Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

3 Residential Developments – Progress to 30 April 2023

The table below shows the surplus/deficit to date for each of Council's residential developments:

	Central Cove	Hine Te Arika/ Bell Street	Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village	TOTAL
Total Sections / Units	31	4	29	64
Sections / Units Sold	19	0	24	43
Remaining Sections / Units	12	4	5	21
Units completed			29	
Units under construction		2		
Surplus/ (Deficit) to Date	\$108,114	-\$237,259 ¹	-\$1,809,103	-\$1,938,248
Value of Remaining Sections/Land	\$1,490,000	\$660,000	\$269,635	\$2,475,563
Breakeven				
Sales still required to break-even	0	2	5	8

¹This includes payment of 10% deposit for construction of 2 duplex units

- 3.1 Central Cove
Marketing plan being put together by Generation Homes with new section valuation of lot 28 and 29 completed by valuers' Boyce James McKay. The last section sold was in April 2022, which reflects the recent slowing in the property market. Work to clean up the sections by removing the former wash pit, rocks and replacing broken sections of footpaths is underway.
- 3.2 Bell Street 51A and 53A / Hine Te Ariki
Council approved the building of a duplex comprising a three-bedroom and two-bedroom unit at the Bell Street entrance. Building is progressing well of the duplex of 51A and 53A Bell Street – framing is erected and it will be roof ready by mid-July. Work to finalise the Marketing plan is being completed with the planned launch date of August 2023.
- 3.3 Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village
Annual General Meeting to be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at Bert Hamilton Hall.
The village is now completed and a blessing and completion celebration will be held on Thursday, 20 July. An Open Day of the village (and of one of the vacant units) will be held from 12 noon until 5pm on Thursday, 20 July 2023.
The deficit and breakeven point above is as at 31 May 2023, which has reduced significantly due to the sale of six units.

Three units are currently on hold with Applications for Occupation Right Agreements signed. Further interest is being received by Council and the Open Day on 20 July will be another opportunity to market these units.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Manager, Communications and Engagement for the month of June 2023 be received.



Tania Humberstone
Manager, Communications and Engagement

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