



**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Together we thrive!

**Chief Executive's Report**  
Central Hawke's Bay District Council

*Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!*

## KIA ORA FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### E ORA NGĀTAHI ANA – TOGETHER WE THRIVE.

This report provides an update of the organisation's activity over the June 2021 – July 2021 period and provides a snapshot of some of the organisation's achievements and activity over the period.

The Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 was adopted by Council on the 17th of June 2021, following months of hard mahi. We've planned ahead, to ensure the next 10 years deliver on the vision for a thriving Central Hawke's Bay. The Long Term Plan (LTP) is the Council's main planning document, providing a road map for the future of our District. The Long Term Plan sets out what Council's activities, costs, required revenue and rates are. It outlines what Council plans to do over a 10-year period, why we plan to do it, how much it will cost, and who will pay.

It explains how the Council intends to contribute to community well-being and identifies how progress will be monitored. It provides a picture of everything the Council is doing and how all the pieces fit together.

It was pleasing to receive an unqualified audit opinion from our appointed auditors, Ernest Young. With the completion of the Long Term Plan, efforts from our Finance and Procurement Group now turn to the Annual Report 2020/2021, with audit progress well underway.

Within the agenda for the 29th July Council meeting, an information only report is provided on the proposed Three Waters Reform and a summary of recent announcements from the Minister of Local Government. Included in this snapshot though is a summary of the other two key programmes, also likely to have a significant impact on the form and function of Local Government.

**Resource Management Reform:** The Government's resource management reform package includes:

- Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA) to replace the RMA, set positive outcomes for the natural and built environments, and a system of limits and targets to achieve those outcomes.

- Strategic Planning Act to deliver long term integration of infrastructure and land use planning through Regional Spatial Strategies by integrating functions under other legislation (such as the Land Transport Management Act and Climate Change Response Act).

- Climate Change Adaptation Act to address complex issues associated with funding and financing adaptation to climate change, including managed retreat. This will be managed by the Minister for Climate Change office.

The updated timeframe for reform is:

- June – September 2021 - An exposure draft of the purpose and principles of the Natural and Built Environments Bill

agreed by Cabinet and referred to a special select committee inquiry.

- Early 2022 - The Natural and Built Environments Bill and the Strategic Planning Bill introduced to Parliament. A standard select committee process will consider them. The Climate Change Adaptation Act will be developed in a similar timeframe.

- December 2022 - All three pieces of legislation are passed by the end of 2022. Due to the pace of reform, opportunities for Local Government involvement have been limited to date. The Minister for the Environment has signalled that as we near the NBA select committee inquiry, he is open to exploring how the Local Government sector can be more meaningfully engaged. Ministry for the Environment officials are discussing how to do this with Department of Internal Affairs, Local Government NZ and Taituarā

**Te Arotake The Future For Local Government Review:** The Minister of Local Government, Hon Nanaia Mahuta, has appointed Jim Palmer (Chair), Antoine Coffin, Penny Hulse, John Ombler QSO and Gael Surgenor to the Review Panel for Te Arotake - The Future for Local Government. The Review Panel has been asked to reimagine the future of Local Government over the next 30 years, and consider Local Government's future:

- roles, functions and partnerships y representation and governance y funding and financing. The Review Panel held early 'sounding' sessions with the Local Government sector in June 2021 to inform development of an Issues Report. A more comprehensive engagement process will occur later in 2021 and in 2022. Key dates are:

- 30 September 2021 - An Issues Report presented to the minister signalling the probable direction of the review and key next steps

- 30 September 2022 - Draft report and recommendations to be issued for public consultation

- 30 April 2023 - Review panel presents final report to the minister and Local Government New Zealand

Representatives from Council attended a preliminary workshop in June 2021 with the Future for Local Government Panel.

Ironically as we farewell the 2020/2021 financial year, and welcome the 2021/2022 financial year; also, Year 1 of the recently adopted 2021 –2031 Long Term Plan, our community Matariki celebrations have given us all an opportunity to reflect, learn, celebrate and reset. You can read more within this report on the array of events that through our array of partnerships has meant Matariki, a year ahead of becoming a New Zealand public holidays has been more visible across our District than for a very long time.

**Monique Davidson**

**Chief Executive**



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Our vision for Central Hawke's Bay is a proud and prosperous district made up of strong communities and connected people who respect and protect our environment and celebrate our beautiful part of New Zealand.

# Together we thrive!

Our Strategic Direction for Central Hawke's Bay

## What we know - Our DNA -



### WORKING TOGETHER

Central Hawke's Bay will be stronger when we work together. Partnerships and collaboration are at the core of everything we do.



### CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE

The communities we serve are our customers. They are at the heart of our decisions, interactions and communication. We'll engage with our customers to deliver value and exceed expectations.



### THINKING SMARTER

We need to think smarter and better in everything we do. With a culture of innovation and continuous improvement we will add value to our communities.

## What we stand for - Our Values -



Our values capture who we are and what matters most to us. They are the attitudes we embrace as individuals, teams and as a whole organisation. We are all personally responsible for acting with these in mind.

- T** TRUST - We create trust by acting with integrity.
- H** HONESTY - We do what is right even when no one is looking.
- R** RESPECT - We have respect for each other, our community and our stakeholders.
- I** INNOVATION - We find smarter ways to do things to produce improved and sustainable results.
- V** VALUING PEOPLE - We are one team, supporting each other to succeed.
- E** EXCELLENCE - We deliver exceptional results.

## What we're most proud of - Our Greatest Asset -

People are our greatest asset. At Central Hawke's Bay District Council we are committed to providing a safe and great place to work that values diversity and inclusion, and develops skilled people who can lead our community to thrive.



## Why we do what we do - Our Purpose -

It's our goal to create an environment that supports a thriving Central Hawke's Bay district, by providing efficient and appropriate infrastructure, services and regulatory functions.



## The outcomes we want to achieve - Our Objectives -



- A proud district.
- A prosperous district.
- Strong communities.
- Connected citizens.
- Smart growth.
- Environmentally responsible.
- Durable infrastructure.

## How we'll reach our outcomes - Our Focus -



- Promoting smart growth.
- Attracting and enabling business success.
- Strengthening our district and community identity.
- Protecting and promoting our unique landscape.
- Planning for tomorrow to future-proof Central Hawke's Bay.

# Activity

## Updates



### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Safer Central Hawke's Bay

The Safer Central Hawke's Bay coalition has met once in this reporting period. A Safer CHB Teams site has been established which will enhance and streamline access to documents for all coalition members. An initial workshop for the new Road Safety workstream was held with the development of an agreed action plan underway.

#### Positive Ageing

The Positive Ageing Forum has met twice during this reporting period.

June 15-22 was Elder Abuse week and the network worked together to raise awareness of this concerning issues that continues to affect our older residents.

The network also continues to work together to try and mitigate the impact of the change in service provision from Banks in the district. The combination of the removal of cheques, closure of local branches and reduced banking hours of those banks still with a presence in the district continue to impact on many of our residents.

The HBDHB have consulted the network to better understand how they can enable better access for this cohort to access COVID vaccinations.

The network is also developing an information pack to assist older drivers who are confronted with the challenge of whether they can continue to drive. The pack will provide information on where to access local support for those older residents and their families who are affected by this issue.

#### Disability Reference Group

The Disability Reference Group have met once during this reporting period. Over half of the \$11,000 required for a community beach wheelchair has been raised.

The network have also been consulted with by the HBDHB to better understand how they can enable better access for this cohort to access COVID vaccinations.

### COMMUNITY FUNDING

#### Creative Communities Fund

The next round of Creative Communities Funding opens on 3 August 2021.

#### Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund (CVOS)

The CVOS fund opened on 12 July 2021 with the closing date for applications is 6 August 2021.

#### Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund

The Community Pride and Vibrancy Application has received two applications in this reporting period. The first application was for the Matariki Ki Tamatea event which occurred on Friday 18 June 2021. The Fund provided \$4,885.00 towards this event. It was well received with many of the local community coming out and participating.

The second application was for a CHB Park Run, the fund purchased an AED machine which allows for the Park Run to become established within Central Hawke's Bay. The Park Run event will occur on a weekly basis at Russell Park and will be part of a wider array of Park Run Events within New Zealand

therefore it is hoped will draw people from outside the district into Central Hawke's Bay. A start date for Park Run is yet to be established.

## Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

The next round of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund will open in November 2021.

## COMMUNITY PLANS

Community Planning for the Tikokino district is underway. An enthusiastic local working group has formed and met with Elected Members and Council staff in April for initial talks and planning. A successful community workshop was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July with over 45 Tikokino residents attending the event and council officers will work closely with the working group to progress the plan.

## CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT – TUHONO MAI TUHONO ATU

The primary focus for Councils Pou Whatuia continues to build on turning Tuhono mai Tuhono Atu into a plan for implementation and establishing the formation of relationships across the district and wider region.

Other priority areas for cultural engagement have included:

- Continuing to implement components of cultural competency into our council work culture
- Establishing approaches and processes for engagement with hapu and iwi, that are driven by hapu and iwi
- Supporting the continued establishment of capacity and capability within local Maori infrastructure.
- Regular Pou Whatuia advisory meetings schedule with governance and executive leadership teams.
- Working with a range of external planners on various projects to initiate engagement with hapu and iwi
- Identifying engagement workgroups within hapu and iwi and nurturing these relationships

### Te Kupenga

The Te Kupenga team of Maori Managers across the five councils focus has been on finding space to meet due to central government reform there have been many meetings with ongoing attendance required in each district locally and regionally. The Te Kupenga Te Reo application continues to increase in popularity with over 1000 uploads.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Economic Recovery

The projects initiated from funding gains we have secured from the Crown Infrastructure Partners Fund and the Provincial Growth Fund are now well under way.

#### Tukituki trails extension project

Over the June July period, work on the Tuki Tuki trails has continued to push ahead.

#### Berm walking and cycling trails

Work has continued to maintain the new and old Tukituki trail berm trails. The blackberry has started to breakdown which means these trails are nearly rideable. The project has kept on one staff member for this work who is working out really well.

#### Kahahakuri Creek bridge

The contract went to Abseil access who have started are currently working through the consent process. Although this process is taking a bit of time once it has proceeded the bridge construction will happen quickly.

#### Limes and pathways

BT Agriculture have started resurfacing the stopbank from Higgins carpark to Lindsay bush. Hawke's Bay Regional Council are blocking some access points from cars for this process and also extra signage will go up.



#### Worker Redeployment Package – Vegetation management

The PGF funded vegetation management programme has been extended for another 8 weeks to use the remainder of the funding. The tranche has employed 4 people who have been adversely affected by covid. This has seen a number of gardens around town getting a revamp. This team has been led by George Frederic of Recreational Services who is helping with garden design.

#### Rakei Ora – Bringing Wellbeing to Marae Tihei Tamatea

The Rakei Ora project team finished on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, although the project still has outstanding work a lot of it will be completed by trades including painting and flooring it is tracking well to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

We have had some excellent outcomes for the team with gaining further employment. Some success stories include Numi Jackson has secured a full-time role with Recreational services, Kris Taylor has secured a job with Downers, Sandra Te Whaiti has got a job with Traffic Management NZ, other are working in planting programmes around CHB and further training is being provided.

Below is a picture of the certificate being presented at the final lunch along with the working at heights certificates



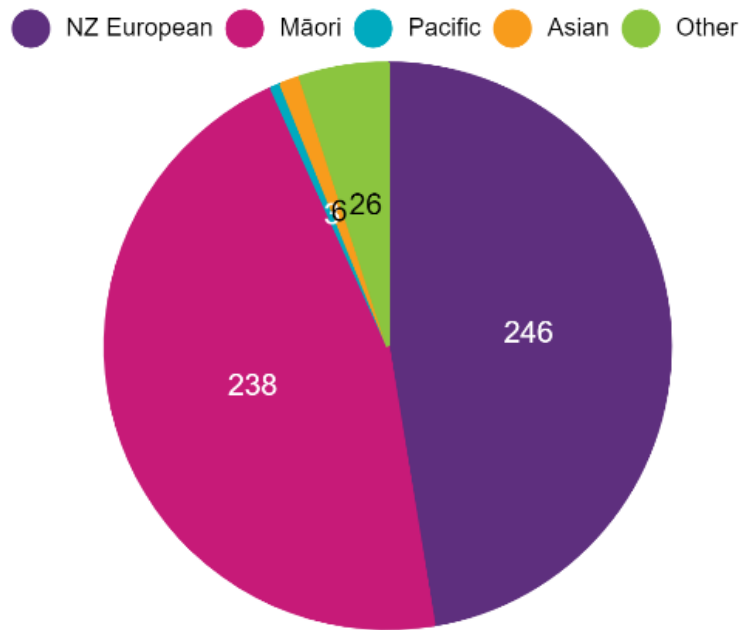
## Jobs in Central Hawke’s Bay - Turanga Mahi ki Tamatea

The Jobs in Central Hawke’s Bay team continues to support local jobseekers and employers to connect the dots and facilitate sustainable employment in our community – Local Jobs for Local People! This external funding from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) through Mayors Taskforce for Jobs will continue for another year through to June 2022.

New job seekers continue to visit the Mobile Employment Hub with 50 new referrals in the last 2 months!



## Ethnicity Breakdown



On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 the Education & Farming Pilot successfully completed with eight local jobseekers securing long term sustainable employment as a result of this pilot. This initiative was a partnership between MSD and Jobs for Central Hawke’s Bay, which funded six months’ work experience in either education or farming for 11 participants, enabling them to learn on the job. Pastoral care was provided to every participant, with the hope that they would secure long-term, sustainable employment.



The success of this initiative has led to the development of Te Māhuri, a broader paid work experience programme, supporting local business to employ staff to develop and grow local skills and talent.

*Some of our current initiatives are:*

### Life Coaching with Complete Coaching HB

Providing one on one coaching and support to our youth, helping them set goals and take steps to secure employment. To date of the 15 participants that have been referred, 12 have moved into sustainable employment supported with ongoing pastoral care for up to 6 months, the 2 others are still being coached and 1 has opted out of continuing with the coaching.

### CONNECT Driver Licensing



Working with job seekers to overcome driver licensing barriers to secure employment. 132 referred for licensing support. As of 13th May 2021, 11 learner licenses, 4 restricted licenses, and 2 full licenses have been achieved and 21 are still engaged in learning.

### Growing Great Entrepreneurs in Central Hawke's Bay

Jobs in Central Hawke's Bay has facilitated two courses in partnership with Hawkes Bay Chamber of Commerce which provides support to those looking to start or grow their business. 11 participants have completed the course with the next course set to start on 15th July.

### Business After 5

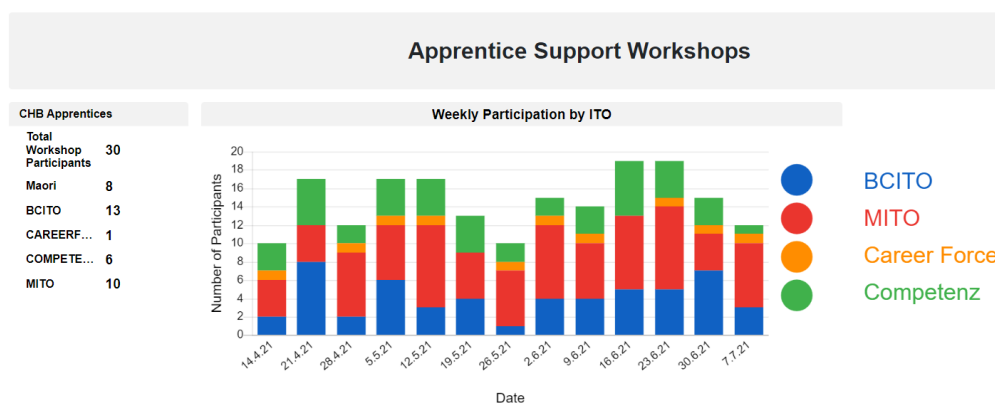
A monthly networking event for local businesses to connect, encourage and support each other. Each event features a short keynote speaker on a relevant topic and then time for casual networking and discussion. The next BA5 is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, and the theme is "Is your business accessible for all?"

### CHB Business Network - Workshops

Following some of our BA5 events we have facilitated more in-depth workshops around social media support and employment law.

### Skills, Training and Employment Network

Working towards sustainable employment outcomes through training, support, and collaboration. The network is made up of local organisations who work together to share training and employment opportunities, identify potential challenges and barriers and how to overcome them. One example of this is our Apprentice Support Workshops, the network's various contacts with young apprentices identified a need for a dedicated learning space for our local trainees.



### Apprenticeship Support Workshops

These workshops are open to any locally based apprentices, providing a facilitated learning space with access to internet and computers and monthly visits from BCITO, MITO and Career Force training advisors. The first three months has been a great success, with 30 different participants attending who are training as: builders, mechanics, engineers, diversional therapists, forestry and plasterers.

*"This initiative from the council has been a great idea. We here at SNT have around 8 apprentices and most of them seem to struggle to find time to do their bookwork outside of work hours. Having a dedicated time each week to carry this out has been great and have had nothing but good feedback from all of our guys. Making this a permanent feature available to all apprentices within CHB is essential. My only suggestion is that if it does become a permanent thing that the trade ITOs need to be more involved. As some of the unit standards are tricky and need specialist help from time to time." Robby Smith, General Manager, Stevenson & Taylor*

We are excited to welcome Angela Ross to the Jobs in Central Hawke's Bay team as our Youth Transitions Coordinator, she will be working with Youth within our community to help them build pathways into training and sustainable employment. This additional role is funded by MSD through the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs. We are also currently seeking a Business Connector to join the team; this role will connect directly with local business offering support to see them THRIVE – as local businesses grow this will create more employment opportunities.

## He Ringa Whānau Ora

He Ringa Whanau Ora has been well received in the community and kaimahi are busy working with a number of individuals and whanau who are experiencing the impacts of drug addiction. The work is challenging however the uniqueness of the programme and the Matauranga Māori approach to wellbeing is already proving beneficial to those accessing the service.

## Ngā ara Tipuna ki Tamatea

This project continues to be a priority focus and is on track for project completion substantially by September 2021. In our previous report at the time of writing the construction team had identified a large area of ground with asbestos in it at Hunter Park. This required the draw down of contingency from the Provincial Growth Fund and the removal of over 90 tonnes of asbestos and contaminated soil, having a major impact on the delivery of work and the balance of programming at other sites.

All of the structures are now in, with signage and the remaining installation aspects the last pieces to be installed. This will follow with planting.

The last key structure will be a pou on the top of the Hunter Park/Pukekaihou that will be unveiled as part of the Official opening at this time proposed for 15 October.

We are still experiencing delays in the operational aspects of the project, with significant delays from the Charities Office in the processing of both the IP and Operational Trust. Recruitment for the business development manager role for the project has now closed and at the time for writing, hui was being held on the next steps.

Communications continue to be a focus as we build up to the opening of the project, being well-received by the wider community.



## CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY TOURISM

### Tourism

#### Central Hawke's Bay Visitor Guide

Hawke's Bay Tourism have printed an additional 10,000 copies of the Central Hawke's Bay Visitor Guide to add to distribution bringing the total number of copies of the 2021 Central Hawke's Bay Visitor Guide to 20,000 copies. Local cafes have said they are very popular and are often taken by people on their way through. The guides are in both Napier and Hastings I-sites and distributed via Visitor Point locations throughout Hawke's Bay -The booklet consists of five "Journeys" based on the findings from the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment as well as promoting 26 Central Hawke's Bay businesses.

### **Spring Fling**

The Spring Fling Programme has been finalised and will be published in the Hawke's Bay today and CHB Mail as well as all digital platforms on the 29th of July. General ticket sales go live on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

The Spring Fling has over 1700 new members on the email database as part of a database acquisition promotion: sign up and win a Spring Fling Weekend. This promotion will run until 22 July hopefully seeing this number increase.

The programme has returning favorites such as Taniwha Daffodils, Ongaonga Victorian Market and Waipawa Spring Festival Duck Day and six brand new events with a Garden Trail, Herb Masterclass, and picnic in the peonies.



## **DRINKING WATER**

### **Drinking-Water Compliance**

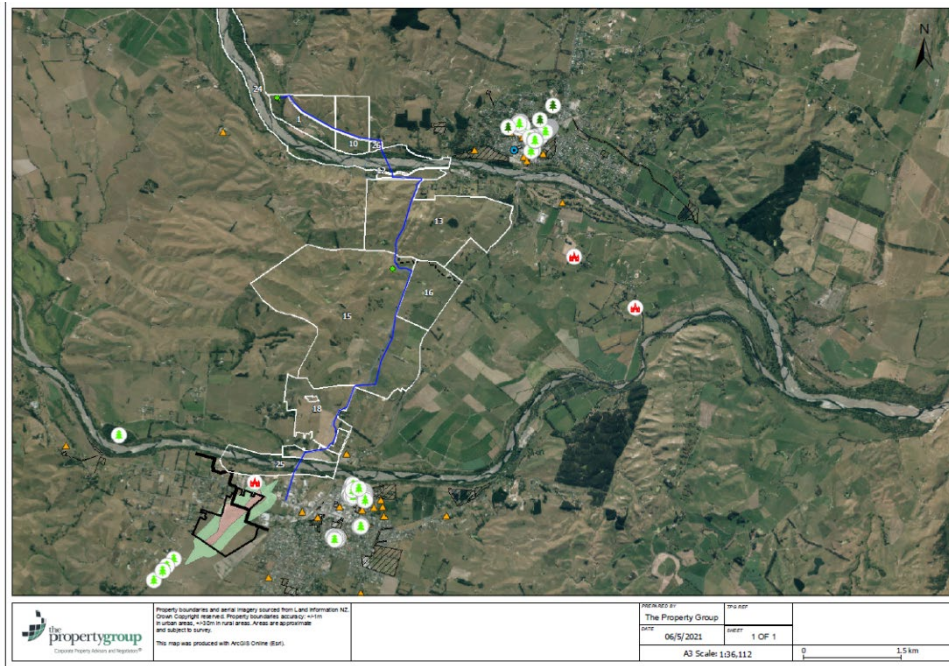
All monitored drinking water networks were compliant through June and July. The Porangahau bore supply experienced a failure of the submersible pump in June, resulting in a loss of supply to the raw water tanks and the treatment process. Fortunately, the treated water reservoirs were adequately filled prior to the event and so the township experienced no loss of supply. The District Health Board were notified of the event and the bore was quickly returned to service thanks to the Three Waters Team and a number of local contractors. Notifications to DHB are both essential and mandatory as part of resource consent requirements, ensuring that we maintain open communication with the DWAs during both compliant and non-compliant periods.

### **Operational update**

Leak repairs continue to be a focus for the team with no let up in the volumes of leaks and a number of large mains breaks taking significant time and resource to repair. The reticulation team are gearing up for significantly increased planned/proactive replacements of aged pipe in 2021 as new LTP budget and work programmes allow for more renewals.

### **Waipukurau Second Supply**

The production bore yield testing has been completed with positive signs, final results from analysis are expected late July. Due diligence work across the route has also been completed. Council have engaged Downer to renew stage 1 pipework from the current Waipawa Bore treatment plant to the Tikokino road gate, with works commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July and expected to be completed by in August. Land negotiations on easements for pipelines and reservoirs has also commenced with valuers assessing compensation packages. Officers held a hui with tangata whenua in June 2021 and this engagement is now progressing with an intent to establish a project reference group. Planning for the river crossing works will commence once stakeholders are comfortable with an ECI tender to develop investigations proposed for market. Learn more and follow updates via: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-council/news/article/695/council-moves-to-next-stage-of-securing-greater-resilience-of-water-supply-for-waipukurau>



### SH2 Borefield Upgrade

The project has been delayed slightly as we iron out some commissioning and turbidity (air) risks at the site. Design involving a run to waste system is being developed to remove turbidity, and further testing will happen once this work is complete. This work is progressing as a priority to allow the upgrade to be finished and the system commissioned.

The filtration system is on hold until the run to waste tests have been performed, this is proposed to be funded from Year One Long Term Plan budgets.

### Kairakau Water Upgrade

After ongoing consultation with QEII and nearby landowners, an updated layout is completed and being developed in preparation for tendering later in July. Council approved proceeding with water hardness treatment in the last session with a request to further develop options for local treatment. Council officers will also seek to develop a planting plan with QEII, Manawarakau Charitable Trust (MCT) and adjacent landowners.



### **Waipukurau Firefighting and Shortfalls**

Stage 3 of the work is now complete, officers have recently undertaken testing of the first 3 stages to validate and measure the improvements before progressing the design and programme of future stages of work. Council is currently investigating some firefighting opportunities as part of the Farm Road water scheme to alleviate the need to draw water from town in the event of a fire.

Stage 4 planning is underway, and aligns with the Waipukurau Second Water Supply to ensure the expected benefits from that project are factored into the future stages of this project. Expecting to have that understood in coming months and we will then confirm what Stage 4 scope consists of.

### **Waipawa/ Otane Firefighting and Shortfalls**

Stage 1 to 3 design is complete, procurement is underway, and a contract is expected to be awarded by early August, and works commence on Stage 1 and 2 in late August 2021.

### **Water Renewals - Nelson Street and Reservoir Road**

Higgins and their subcontractors Xtreme drilling have completed the pipe install of both water mains and rider mains on Reservoir Road and the northern end of Nelson Street. This new network also is now cross connected to the existing network in Fleming Rd and Racecourse Rd and is feeding the Hunter Park Reservoir. Work is now underway at the southern end of Nelson Street.

A design has been completed to address issues in the area with the current stormwater network level of service and is currently out for pricing with contractors.

### **Backflow Prevention**

A project to install backflow prevention devices is underway to improve compliance and protect the health of residents of Central Hawke's Bay. Funding is set aside in the newly adopted Long Term Plan to deliver a framework for rolling out backflow prevention.



## **WASTEWATER**

### **Wastewater Treatment Operational Performance**

Improvements within the wastewater treatment space continue as we implement more robust working procedures to ensure the compliant and continued operation of the various wastewater treatment plants within Central Hawkes Bay. We are seeing steady improvements in TSS, DRP and BOD at Waipawa WWTP, and steady improvement at the Waipukurau WWTP as we begin to replicate those improvements between each plant.

Polymer trials at Waipukurau commence as of the 20th July which we expect will show improvements in our TSS discharge. The most recent heavy rainfall events have significantly contributed to the further deterioration of the wavebands at Waipawa and Waipukurau, of which work to remediate them continues.

The team is currently working with BECA to complete the annual compliance reporting suite – with the first suite of reports due by 01 August 2021 to HBRC.

### **Trade Waste Reviews and Improvements**

An improvement programme is underway largely supported by a new Trade Waste Bylaw which came into effect on May 13 2021. [The new bylaw can be viewed here](#). Central to this project was the development of a new charging regime that will see Trade Waste inputs paying for capital upgrades proportional to their contribution to waste received at the treatment plant – Invoicing for the first month of the regime will be going out to industry in early August 2021.

### **Inflow and Infiltration Management.**

This programme of work has started with the repairing of four manholes in Otane and the relining of a pipeline section in Waipawa. The learnings from these works have been applied to a district-wide project to identify and remediate wastewater defects which is currently in the procurement process. An

approach to dealing with private side defects is currently under development, and will be laid out in an I&I Strategy tabled at Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Waipawa, Waipukurau, Otane Wastewater Upgrade Consenting Project**

In October 2020, Council adopted a new wastewater strategy outlining the approach to be taken across the district. The 2021-2031 Long Term Plan confirms the future investment for these major programmes of work: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/home/article/738/council-confirms-wastewater-investment-for-the-future?t=featured&s=1>

Work is progressing, with significant focus on the DAF, desludging and Otane to Waipawa project pipeline and other activities. Further detailed below.

### **Waipawa & Waipukurau WWTP Short term Improvements**

The installation of DAF units at the Waipawa WWTP, and in 2022 at the Waipukurau WWTP aims to improve the ability to meet consent compliance in the short term, by providing customized and optimized tertiary treatment. These systems would effectively take the place of the non performing lamella clarifiers. With the improved treatment quality post DAF units, it is expected that the sand filters and the UV treatment process will also see an improvement in their efficiency.

This work is occurring alongside and to complement the longer term upgrades.

A contract has been awarded to Enviroden Limited for the supply and installation of the DAF unit at the Waipawa WWTP.

### **Waipawa WWTP Pond desludging**

Hydracare are undertaking the desludging of the oxidation pond at the Waipawa WWTP, this has included the removal of the existing dried solids from the geobag area. Following inspection of the existing liner post solids removal, a complete liner replacement has been completed as well as some minor drainage improvements to this area. The dredge to complete the pond desludging is expected to arrive onsite later in July/ early August 2021.

### **Otane Wastewater Resource Consent**

An extension and variation to the current resource consent was lodged on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to align with the wider work programme for the larger project. Affected parties from the previous consent variations have recently been contacted and approval sought, council officers will continue to engage with these parties. A response to HBRC is planned for August 2021 to gain the extension needed for this consent to support activities underway in Otane.

### **Porangahau and Te Paerahi Wastewater Upgrade Consenting Project**

Our transitional consent has been lodged on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This has been accepted for processing by Hawkes Bay Regional Council. This will be superseded by a long-term consent, due to be lodged by 30 August 2021 that outlines the big picture approach – the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan confirms the funding and supports the phasing. An agreement has been formed with the landowner, design is underway including cultural and archaeological assessment.

### **Takapau Wastewater Upgrade Consenting Project**

Following further engagement, Council has an agreement with a landowner to investigate a land discharge scheme for the dry weather discharge from Takapau. The consent has been lodged, design is underway including a cultural impact assessment of the project. CHBDc has received a range of queries via a section 92 response to the consent, this is on track to be responded to in August 2021 – which will allow the consent to be processed.



## **STORMWATER**

## Stormwater Operational and Compliance update

The recent Four Square fire resulted in potentially hazardous chemicals and waste entering the stormwater networks. As a result, the team quickly implemented its spill procedure to ensure that the networks were protected following the fire and the subsequent demolition on site. Storm water monitoring continues with sampling being carried out during the most recent heavy rainfall events, of which we were unable to meet resource consent deadlines as a result of the time of these events occurring. The data demonstrates slight decreases in DRP, phosphorus and E-Coli; with marginal increases in both nitrates and nitrogen.

The significant increase in development/growth pressure being placed on the District and Council (quantified through consenting volumes) is putting focus on the current and future capacity of our stormwater networks. In many cases it is the ability of our stormwater infrastructure to cope with growth that is the limiting factor. Existing stormwater models are being used to determine future works but in many cases the level of growth has already far exceeded the assumptions built into completed modelling so models are requiring update. This is an active focus for the 3 Waters and Consenting teams together.



## LAND TRANSPORT

### Waka Kotahi 3 Year Programme

Council has received confirmation that the Maintenance and Renewals funding from Waka Kotahi has been approved at the levels requested. A lot of the Councils around the country did not receive what they had asked for and have had to revise their programme.

The Road to Zero and Low Cost / Low Risk safety improvements are yet to be confirmed. The request is for \$1,050,000 per year for the next 3 years and Waka Kotahi will make their final decisions in August of 2021.

### Contract Works 20 / 21

#### Maintenance and Re-seals - Downer

The maintenance and Reseals programme were completed in line with the budgets and work is still progressing into the new fiscal. Downer have gotten an earlier start on the pre-reseal programme of road patching prior to the sealing taking place. Council is in a lot better position this year than the last.

Programming of the activities will take place through July and August to ensure we are meeting the challenges of the network and maintaining the levels of service. As traffic volumes change the inspection frequency for our cyclic activities will be reviewed so that we are responsive to the needs of our rate-payers and the road network

#### Bridges, Structures and Area Wide Pavement Treatments - Higgins

Most of the scheduled work has been completed and materials purchased for the remaining tasks. Budgets have been fully claimed from Waka Kotahi. Due to terrain issues the work remaining consists of the finishing of Tipenes Bridge, Eparaima Bridge, and the Mathew Street footpath. This work will be completed over the July and August period to ensure we have a full programme

Designs for the upcoming year are underway and our contractor is fully resourced to complete new work.

#### Minor Events Activity

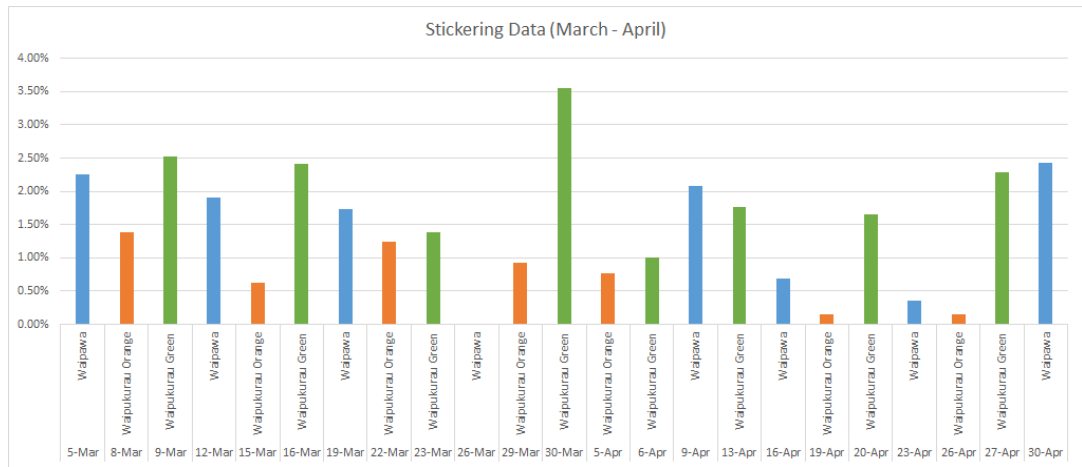
This activity has not been fully expended as it was not required. Waka Kotahi share will be declared surplus and returned while Council's share of the activity will be used to top up the Adverse Events and Catastrophic Events fund. This is a regular washup of the 3-year programme. The initial budget was \$300,000 with \$137,016 being required leaving \$162,984 which allows for a council share of \$63563 to be used for a top-up



## SOLID WASTE

### Levels of Service

Embedding and maintaining levels of service following changes to routes and schedules early in 2021 remains the focus of the team. Encouraging participation in kerbside recycling while ensuring that recyclable product is presented in a safe and useable way is an ongoing focus. The chart below shows non-compliant recycling presented at the kerbside and 'stickered' for March and April. May data was not available at the time of creating this report.



### Service Delivery Change

Following Council deliberations in May, clear direction has been provided on future service delivery offerings for solid waste services. The team are now in full swing organising the roll out for the kerbside recycling service. Delivery of crates will take pace during the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July and the new service starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. A comprehensive and robust comms plan has been developed to ensure our communities and those townships new to kerbside recycling are supported and educational material will be provided to assist them on their new recycling journey. The recent Council workshop on the new service roll out provided the team with the ability to share a lot of the detail and operational planning that has been happening since Council deliberations in May. This workshop also provided the Council with more insight into timelines for the roll out and where they can assist within the engagement space.

### Waste Free CHB

A more detailed update on waste Free CHB was provided to the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee in March. The update included detail on progress and priorities under four key headings that make up Wastefree CHB (Operations, Programme and Events, Community/Partnerships, Communications and Engagement). The update presented the diagram below which illustrates the diversity of the Wastefree CHB umbrella.





### Leachate to Landfill

Pleasingly we have received a new consent (short term – 3 years), which allows the discharge of groundwater to the onsite farm pond.

Works are underway via a new contract that was issued to Higgins, the remaining scope involves completing the half dug leachate pond including lining and penetrations. A pump station and pipeline from the pond to the irrigation area and new irrigation pods.

At 15<sup>th</sup> July the pond preparation is complete, and with a bit more of a dry out, ready for the geotextile and HDPE liner to be installed. The pipeline up from the pond to the irrigation area has been installed, the next few weeks will see the pump station, manhole and power installed and connected.

The project is planned to be completed by mid August 2021, and an opening is planned for late August 2021.

The project website provides regular updates: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/projects/the-big-wastewater-story/leachate-to-land/>



## CONSENTS

Resource Consent application numbers have steadied in June following unprecedented numbers of applications received as a result of the early implementation of the Development Contributions policy on May 13. Notification of the Proposed District Plan on 28 May resulted in another influx of rural subdivision applications in particular as customers sought to maximise the opportunity to subdivide to under the Operative Plan rules with small minimum lot sizes.

Building consents application have remained steady and in line with 2020 volumes.

External processors remain under pressure due to increased volumes and for the most part we are managing to achieve agreed service levels and high-quality customer service. Being available to respond to customer queries remains a high priority.

### Data on consent volumes from the 1-30 June 2021 reporting period

#### Building Consents:

Total consents: 46  
New dwellings: 20  
Total value: \$8.3M

#### Resource Consents:

Total consents: 13  
Number of new lots to be created: 33

The year-on-year numbers below represent a period of unprecedented growth for our District, and we are relying heavily on the good work within our team as well as our consultants, National Processing Ltd, WSP, Stantec and several consultant planners.

The growth in consents is expected to continue and the workload increase as we work our way through processing several large subdivisions and the implementation of the proposed District Plan. The requirement for engineering input has escalated as subdivision volumes and infrastructure complexity increases.

A summary of consenting volumes and value compared with the previous year is provided below.

| 1 JULY 2020 - 30 JUNE 2021 |             |             |            |          |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Building Consents          | 2019 - 2020 | 2020 - 2021 | No. Change | % change |
| Volume - applications      | 419         | 434         | 15         | 3.6%     |
| New dwellings              | 125         | 141         | 16         | 12.8%    |
| Total \$value (Million)    | \$60.9      | \$69.3      | \$8.4      | 9.2%     |
| Resource Consents          | 2019 - 2020 | 2020 - 2021 | No. Change | % change |
| Volume - applications      | 219         | 334         | 115        | 52.5%    |
| Volume - approved          | 181         | 265         | 84         | 46.4%    |
| No. new lots to be created | 332         | 1152        | 820        | 247.0%   |

#### Resourcing:

The exploding volumes of consents coming in due to general growth but also to beat the timing of some Policy work has placed further pressure on team resources to deliver. Particular pressure has been placed on our subdivision/resource consents team with an increasingly heavy reliance on external partners to provide planning and engineering support. Officers are seeking to formalise and better-plan the engagement of external consenting support and plan to take a procurement approach to Council/Committee in July.

The recent recruitment of a Development Engineer is a welcome addition to the consenting team and will provide the additional technical skill required to support a strong customer and delivery focus.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The incident management team as introduction training to the mobile Emergency Operations Centre (mEOC) coming up at the end of this month.

Jae Southerland, community engagement advisor has been out and about in the Central Hawke's Bay community focusing on the review of the Porangahau community resilience plan.

East Coast LAB and CDEM held a life at the boundary evening which was attended by about 25 residents. This was an informative evening with our residents asking some thought provoking questions of the presenters.



## PLACES AND OPEN SPACES

### Funding for Purerere new toilets!

On Friday 16 July the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment announced the outcome of Round 5 of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund. CHBDC has been successful in our application and has been awarded approximately \$210,000 for the new toilets at Purerere Beach. \$29,000 of this is for operational expenses.

A report will be brought to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August to bring funding for the toilets in year two forward to this year.

### Tranche 5 & PGF Funding Waipukurau Town Centre and Hunter Park

The Green Patch, Ruataniwha Street, and Hunter Park / Pukekaihou are being transformed. For the past month Tranche 5 and local contractors have been busy clearing away old, tired, overgrown, and/or dying vegetation. Soil and compost have replenished tired beds and new plants mulched. Hunter Park / Pukekaihou has seen the most dramatic change with plants beckoning in the visitor from the Community Rooms Entrance.

The work continues with plantings still to go in on Kitchener Street and near some of the Ngā Ara Tipuna installations. Bogle Brothers Esplanade is soon to see a transformation and then onto High Street in Waipawa.



### Playground Safety Improvements

Following on from the Otane playground swingset and safety surfacing renewal there has been progress in other playgrounds. Kairakau swingset and safety surface have been renewed by working with the Kairakau Development Society. These are definitely swings with a view!

Takapau has had the most change with a vegetation clean up, increasing the fall area for various play equipment, and renewal of the limesand paths. It is a much tidier place to have a picnic lunch while the kids play.

### Takapau Before



### Takapau After



Nelly Jull work on safety surfacing will commence with contractor availability with plan to be completed by Spring Fling.

### Whangaehu Toilet Block

The Toilet block is built and waiting for paint and timber battens which will be a similar colour scheme to the Te Paerahi toilet block. It is also awaiting its solar panel currently delayed like other building materials. It has received its building consent and is scheduled for installation in early August dependent on supply / arrival of solar panel and the weather.



## Community Halls and other grantees

Letters have been sent out to all the hall committees to provide them with the timeline around their AGM's, reports to Council, grants, and all halls meeting planned for September. Their reports and discussion at the annual meeting will provide information into our Community Facilities Strategy Work.

## Retirement Housing

By the time this report is received all letters will have reached tenants informing them of the rental increases which will take effect in the last week in September. Those with Council owned heat pumps will also receive information about the 'buy-back.'

Following on from the Council workshop, the Retirement Housing Policy has been drafted and will be brought to the August Strategy and Well-being Committee.

## Cemetery Happenings

It has been approximately one year since the Cemeteries Group has been meeting. It is comprised of staff, contractors, and local businesses in the industry. Increased communication has improved some processes and identified others being worked on as continual improvements. Other pro bono works have been completed and another funded through Veterans Association New Zealand (VANZ) all to improve both safety and appearance of our cemeteries.

Below is example of headstone renewal funded by VANZ as the original had deteriorated to a state of being unsafe (at risk of falling on someone).



## Libraries

As work is well underway in The Knowledge and Learning Hub the community is starting to be excited that things are really happening, and they will soon have their library services back. We are busy working on the reduced collection which we will take to the new Hub. We are focussing on providing a bright and exciting looking collection but temporarily we will still be able to access what we call the Stack which for now will reside in the old library. It has been interesting accessing the books from the old library because any activity there attracts people who still think we are reopening!

With the announcement of an estimated date of August for the opening of the Regional Digital Business Hub, the temporary home of the Waipukurau Library, we are starting to receive more positive responses from the community who are eager for the return of their library services.

LIANZA recently offered professional development opportunities via a Weekend School on Inclusivity. With one of our Strategic Framework goals to be Relevant to All and Leading the Way this was an excellent opportunity for us to learn more about how other libraries are achieving this and investigate ways we could be more inclusive for our community. Topics discussed covered different ways of reaching out to teens, families, the LGBTQIA+ community, children with sensory needs, and helping to bridge the digital gap for community members who may struggle to access devices. Sharing gardens, creativity, thinking outside the box, and upskilling staff awareness of inclusive vocabulary and thought were all ideas presented, and we are excited to begin exploring how we can improve the inclusivity of our libraries.

The He Kura Kainga, Digital Inclusion and Outreach program roles funded by NZLPP continue to achieve some fantastic results for the Central Hawke's Bay District Libraries. Matariki was a great success with Te Rangimarie leading the way for the week of events. The weaving programme provided rourou by our local Kaumatua which people used to collect Kai, the Ki O Rahi tournament run by He Taonga Taamata

saw over 10 local schools compete and showcase the ancient game of Ki O Rahi and Kowhaiwhai workshops allowed local artists to learn and show their artwork. It's Cool to Korero is due to recommence in July and we continue to look for ways to engage with our local community to ensure the Library is relevant for all.

In the Digital Inclusion space, Cleavelin has just completed a round of Better Digital Futures programs which are provided by DIAA. These programmes have proven to be successful with four people consistently completing all four rounds. A partnership with EIT is due to commence in July with a program focussed on digital devices and becoming comfortable with using them. An Online Shopping Program which will teach people how to shop online, in particular with their groceries is also due to commence and is being run in partnership with EIT and New World following the Four Square incident. Westpac Bank continue to attend the Waipawa Library once per fortnight to offer banking support to their local customers. CHB Budget Services are also attending the Waipawa Library on a fortnightly basis as they have funding from the Banking Association to provide support to our local community in the banking space. They also attend local communities.

Afterschool Programmes have been occurring throughout the school term with Thrive After Three happening at Te Taiwhenua O Tamatea every Tuesday and Thursday, Digiplay every Wednesday, Crafternoons every Thursday and Board Games every Friday at Waipawa Library. These programs have proven to be successful with children attending on a regular basis. Other programs that have been run in the last term include Sewing for Beginners, Lets Be Sustainable (with Sheryn Slavin from The Empowered Nurse and Neen from Sustainable Ewe) and Digital Banking.

The Winter Reading Programme is due to commence in the new school term with Sharon attending as part of her Outreach role every school within CHB to support and encourage children to read. This program is funded by Eastern and Central Community Trust (ECCT), NZLPP, Friends of the Library and Council.

The new arrival of the Digi-hub and Recollect has the library staff excited about the new opportunity this will bring our community. This hardware will be used to capture, digitize, and share any and all documents/pictures/oral history that community may view as historical or significant. Watch this space for upcoming relevant programmes.

On 24 July, the Library will officially launch "Preserve Your Past". We are lucky to have Sarah Joyce Digitisation Technician from NZMS here on this day who will host an open workshop introducing the staff/community to the libraries new digitizing resources. This ongoing programme will utilize the newly acquired Digi-hub/Recollect resources located in the Waipawa Library and will provide community with the opportunity to digitize and preserve valuable content such as images, documents and oral history.



# Safety

## And Wellbeing

### Health and Safety Overview

The raft of identified improvements identified in the Gap Analysis Project continues to be put into action.

#### Focusing on our "Driving" Critical Risk

- **The E-roads Inspect App was rolled out in May**, enabling driver's to ensure their vehicle is fit for the road before their journey. This roll-out will be followed by a Vehicle Policy offering formal guidance and best practice to safe in the operation of our fleet vehicles.
- **The driver profile component** has been enabled through E-road tracking employee driver licences, with confidence now ensured around currency of licences and ensuring they do not expire without notice.
- **Phase 2 of the E-road rollout was brought forward** and is nearly complete, once the impending vehicles replacements arrive the remainder of the fleet will be fitted.
- **The review of our vehicles has been completed** which resulted in a better allocation of vehicles based on role/work requirements

#### Focusing on our "Isolated and Lone Working" Critical Risk

Lone worker device usage continues to grow and further devices have been ordered for the 3Waters and the Building Consents Teams

#### Our System for Managing our Critical Risks

Bow-tie software has been purchased and work is ongoing to utilise this to explore, display and maintain the significant investment in the critical risk workshops and improve our management of critical risks.

#### #ActWithMana

The #ActWithMana campaign is moving forward with NZTA about to install the billboards on the state highway entrances to our District. Wider interest has been taken with the campaign and NZTA is looking at how they can support us in this project. The formal Comms plan is being developed and launched later in the year.

#### Vaccination Policy

The draft vaccination policy has been prioritised, since receiving approval-in-principal it has gone through a worker engagement phase and is now ready to be put forward for adoption.

On the back of the vaccination policy, the H&S Team ran the **annual workplace influenza vaccination program**. This year should be considered a success with more employee that ever before taking up with vaccination opportunity.

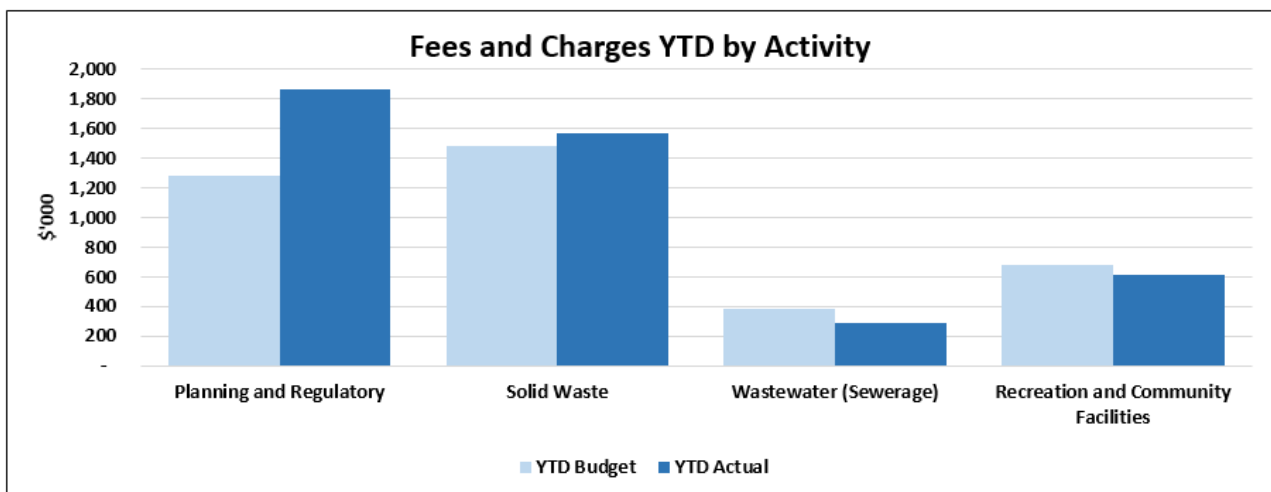
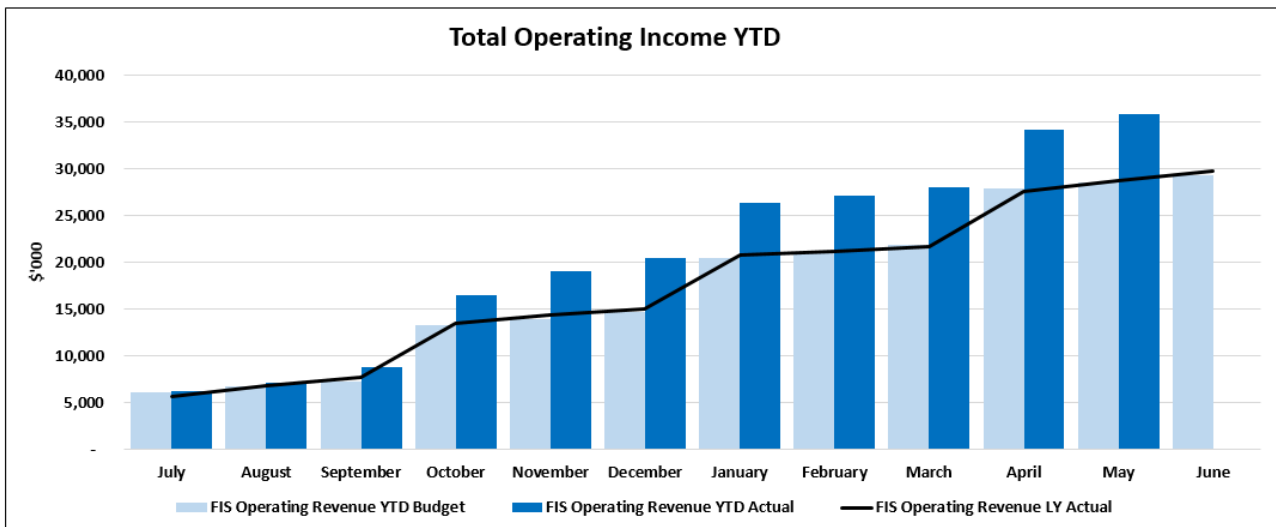
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## Performance

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ENDING 31 MAY 2021

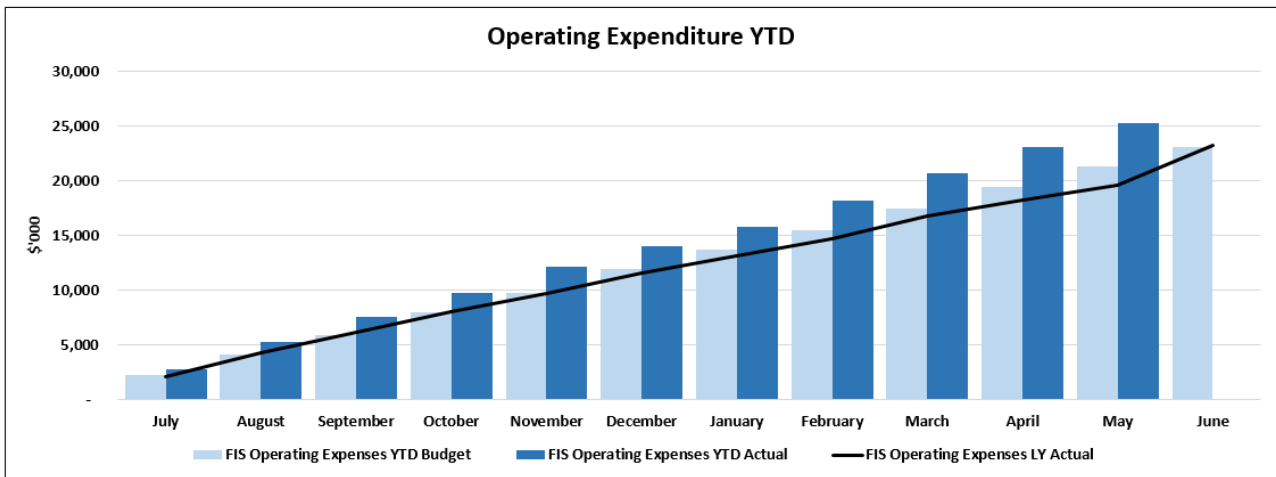
The graphs and tables below show the financial results for Council covering the financial results for the 11 months ended 31 May 2021.

Revenue is tracking above budget, but the unbudgeted 3 Waters Reform monies (\$1.175m operating grant and \$4.25m capital grant – note at 31<sup>st</sup> May only 2.7m of this has been spent, and the balance of \$2.7m will be treated as unearned and revenue in advance at year end) and the Job Creation and Whanau Ora schemes (\$4.3m) (which also comes with unbudgeted costs – again \$3.0m has been spent as at 31 May, with a further \$1.2m received but not yet earned) distort this. The underlying data shows that planning and regulatory is still processing more consents than expected (and this is against a fees budget that was set pre-COVID-19). Landfill is also going strong, but their budgets for 2020/21 had quite a lift from the previous year.

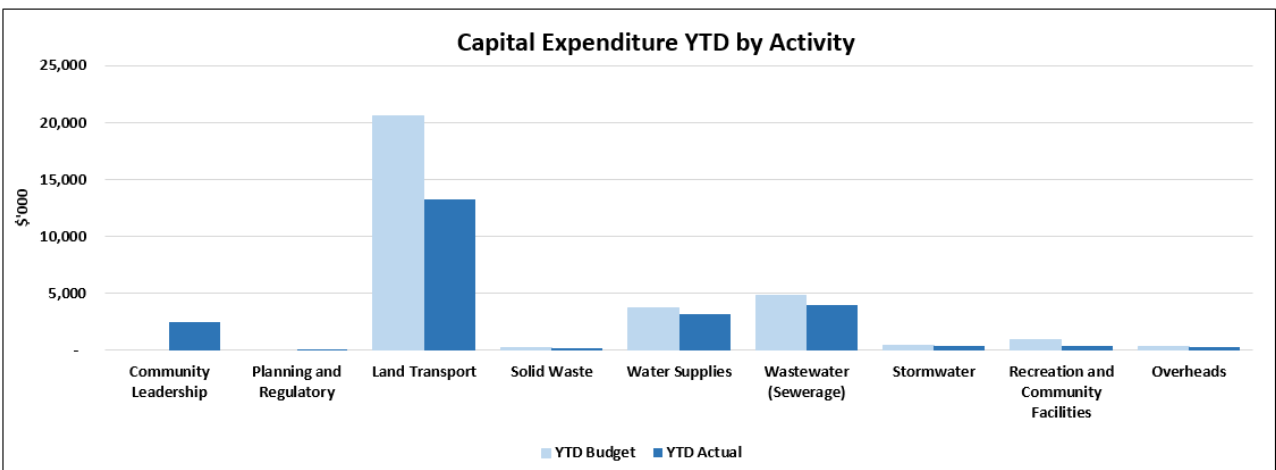
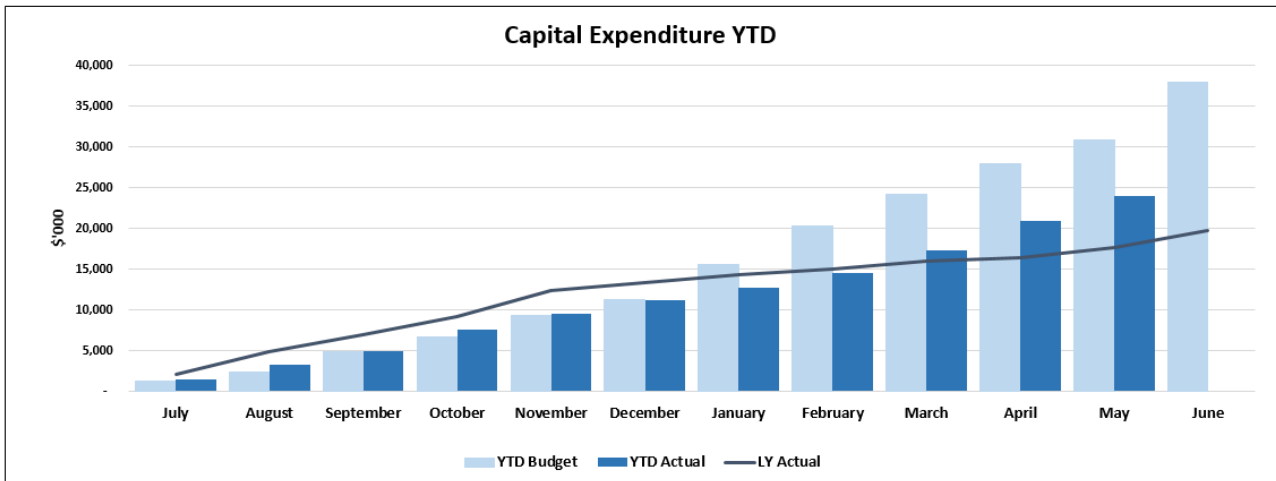


The operating expenses budget shows a similar trend to the operating revenue budget which is being distorted by the Job Creation and Whanau Ora schemes (\$3.0m). Council is showing a savings in wages driven by vacancies. Payments to suppliers are \$4.2m over budget. \$3.0m of this is due the job creation and Whanau Ora scheme, \$620k is outsourcing of

consents, \$358k is in solid waste (disposing of concrete, tyres, green waste, purchase of carbon credits, and the costs of the S17a review), \$828k in Three Waters (mostly operational, but includes \$25k of connection recharges yet to occur).



The capital programs for the year are well underway. Nga Ara Tipuna project is showing up in the graph below under community leadership. Land Transport includes both the budget and spend for the normal activities plus the Route 52 PGF funded project.



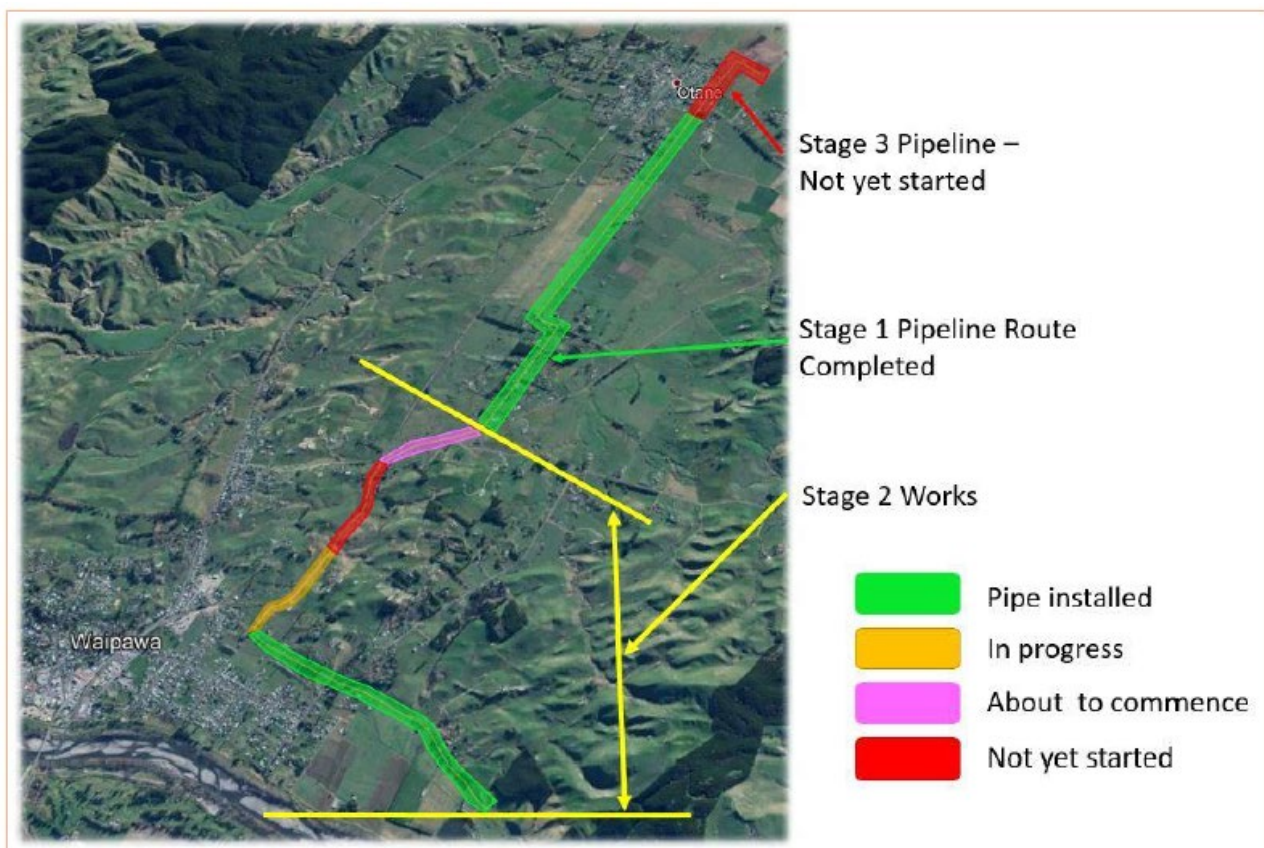
# # the BIG. Waste Water Story

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#TheBigWaterStory programme of work, the Waipukurau Second Supply is making good progress with landowner negotiations well underway along with pipeline and reservoir concept designs. Production bore has been drilled at Tikokino Road borefield, and replacement of the AC main out of the borefield (tagged as Stage 1) is under replacement, Stage 2 and 3 are due out for tender shortly.

The Kairakau Water Supply Upgrade also makes progress with the approval of the approach and design now progressing alongside landowner negotiations, and iwi input. Tender documents are due to be released in late July 2021 to get construction underway by late Spring 2021.

#TheBigWastewaterStory programme has advanced over the last few months, with Stage Two of the Otane to Waipawa Wastewater Pipeline underway in March, and Stage Three due to start late July 2021, linking the end of stage 1 works at Racecourse Road/White Road to the Waipawa Treatment Plant.



Over the next few weeks Council will commence de-sludging of the WWTP ponds, finalise concepts and prepare resource consent applications for land discharge, progress infiltration and inflow (I&I) studies to understand and reduce flows and start the upgrade of the tertiary treatment (DAF) in Waipawa to improve treatment in the short term.

## TRANCHE ONE – 3 WATERS REFORM PROGRAMME

Council identified a number of projects as part of the 3 Waters reform programme tranche one – below is a brief update on the programme –

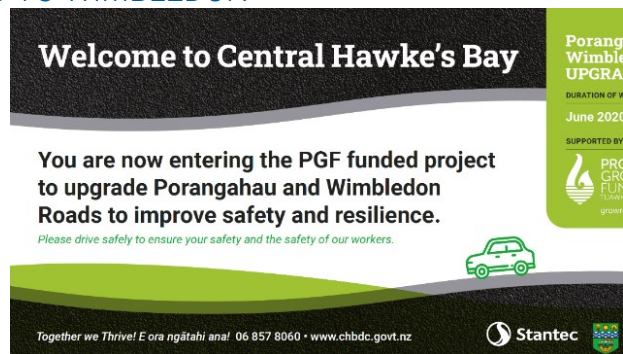


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1. **Regional 3 Waters** – work is underway with other councils to assess water supplies, review asset management systems and GIS systems for synergies.
2. **Water Safety Planning** – source protection mapping and catchment risk assessment work is underway to support our water safety plans. A Sustainable Water Management Plan has been developed and [can be viewed here](#).
3. **Otane to Waipawa Pipeline Stage 2** – the pipeline is well underway as documented above.
4. **Waipukurau Second Water Supply** – Borefield and Stage 1 pipe replacement underway, with future decisions to be tabled in August 2021.
5. **Wastewater Treatment Improvements** – enabling works before a DAF filtration system is installed is underway.
6. **Wastewater Desludging** – Dry solids removal complete at Waipawa, starting at Waipukurau, and actual desludging to be started in early August 2021 at Waipawa.
7. **Bylaw Reviews** – Updated bylaws were adopted on May 13 2021, work is underway on communicating and implementing the changes
8. **Software implementation** – a new project management software is now live and supporting the programme, and a 3 waters monitoring and wider infrastructure consent management tool is being rolled out to support operational compliance and visibility.
9. **Water Renewals** – a project to renew water mains is well underway in Waipukurau across Nelson and Reservoir roads – aiming for completion in September 2021.
10. **Wastewater Renewals** – this fund is focussed on expediting our I&I programme, starting with physical works in Otane and studies in other towns.
11. **Kairakau Water Upgrade** - \$300k was reallocated to increase the budget and scope for Kairakau water upgrade, this is progressing with tendering to take place soon and construction planned to start in Spring 2021.

## PGF ROADING PROGRAMME – PORANGAHAU TO WIMBLEDON

|          |   |                       |
|----------|---|-----------------------|
| PHASE    | DESIGN/ BUILD                                       |                       |
| TIMELINE | JAN 2020<br>START DATE                              | JUNE 2022<br>END DATE |
| PROGRESS | 45%   |                       |
| BUDGET   | Total Budget<br>\$20.1m<br>Spend to Date:<br>\$6.4m |                       |
| RISKS    |   |                       |



### Scope

To upgrade Porangahau and Wimbledon Roads to improve safety and resilience along the route from Waipukurau to the Tararua border on Wimbledon Road.

### The Contractor

Stantec and Council have been delivering the design, procurement and contractor supervision of this significant programme of work.

We now have four different contractors onboard to deliver the main components of this programme, Concrete Structures, Fulton Hogan, Downer and Russell Roads.

Funded through the PGF by MBIE – the programme is well underway, and we can expect to see significant construction through to 2022.

### Communications

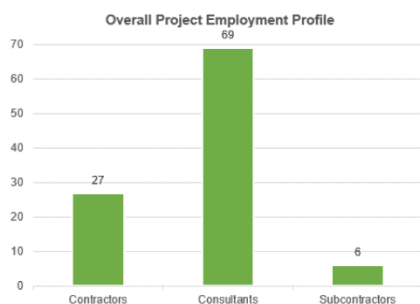
An interactive map has been created and can be visited here:

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Webpages for the programme and individual projects can be found here: <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/projects/porangahau-wimbledon-road-upgrade/>

An e-newsletter is set up and is being sent out monthly. Sign up is available via the Council website, along with the ability to view past editions.

### Employment Statistics to Date:



### Progress Update

Our first bridge is nearing completion at Wallingford with only surfacing and line marking to be completed, slightly delayed by some poor weather at the back of June 2021, concurrently works has commenced at the next bridge at Kokomoko. This bridge was focussed more on strengthening the beams underneath the bridge and refastening the structure, but due to some issues found onsite, the design is having to be revisited.

This will see the team move to the next bridge on the programme and return to Kokomoko once the design has been re-completed.

The upgrades at Flaxmill have seen the first of the five stages completed slightly ahead of schedule, and the upgrades hold well during the recent heavy down pour, our contractor is aiming to re-establish to commence the second stage from the 5th July 2021. Stages 3 will roll on concluding the road lifts. Stage 4 involves replacing and upgrading culverts at Ugly Hill – this is aimed to be undertaken later in 2021 once the fish spawning and trout restrictions are lifted. Stage 5 involves the waterway improvements and providing greater capacity in the stream.

The fourth and fifth retaining wall in the programme have been completed on Wimbledon Road. A guardrail is being completed on retaining wall number three at Bird Road/ Porangahau Road intersection which will fully complete five retaining walls. Work is underway to finalise designs on three further retaining walls.

The remaining scope of this programme will see a significant project along Wimbledon Road to essentially relocate the road away from a subsiding edge. This work is currently being designed alongside landowner engagement.

Due to some of the above projects coming in slightly below expected budget, council has created a new project to undertake a route wide safety improvement programme, this will target demarcation, delineation, shoulder widening, vegetation control and line marking at key points across the route.

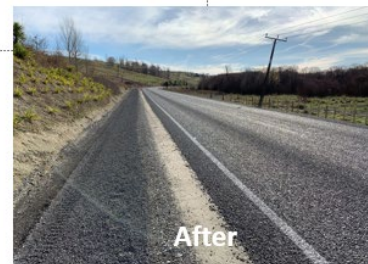
A community session is planned for late August 2021 in Porangahau to allow the community to feed into the programme and offer areas of concern to the project team.

Additionally a project to introduce one maybe two slow vehicle bays is being design and engaged on with landowners to improve safety on the route – more information on this next month.

## C1076 Retaining Walls – Wimbledon Road RW283



## C1097 Flaxmill – Stage 1











## C1096 Bridges – SP1 Wallingford



Porangahau and Wimbledon Road

## DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

|          |                        |   |
|----------|------------------------|---|
| PHASE    | Pre-Notification       |      |
| TIMELINE | AUG 2017<br>START DATE | Notification May<br>2021  |
| PROGRESS | 80%                    |    |
| BUDGET   | \$1,800,749            |    |
| RISKS    |                        |    |



### Scope

The District Plan Review has now progressed to formal notification of the Proposed District Plan (PDP) on 28 May 2021. Following this significant milestone, the current focus is on the submission process.

### Progress Update

The PDP was formally notified on 28 May 2021 following an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021 to formally adopt the Proposed District Plan and Section 32 Reports and to approve these documents for public notification.

In accordance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act (RMA) the PDP will be open for public consultation until 6 August. Following the close of submissions, the Council will prepare a summary of submissions which will be publicly notified for further submissions.













The focus of officers is now on the submission period for the PDP. The weekly 'drop-in' sessions are now well under way with modest levels of attendance by members of the community. Regular requests for assistance and clarification of many of the provisions in the PDP are being addressed by officers.

Cultural engagement with tangata whenua is progressing with a recent hui with Rākautātahi Marae. Support has been offered to all Marae within Tamatea to assist with writing submissions.

The short listing of commissioners for appointment to both the District Plan Hearings Panel and Regulatory Committee is now well progressed. Management anticipates presenting recommendations for these appointments for consideration by elected members at the 29 July Council Meeting,



## POUND PROJECT

|          |                         |   |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
| PHASE    | DESIGN                  |      |
| TIMELINE | JUN 2018<br>START DATE  | JULY 2022<br>END DATE   |
| PROGRESS | 5%                      |    |
| BUDGET   | \$700k<br>TOTAL PROJECT |      |
| RISKS    |                         |      |



### Scope

To build a purpose built Pound Facility for Central Hawke's Bay that meets:

- Ministry for Primary Industry (MPI) standards and;
- the needs of the community now and into the future.

### Progress Update

Work was undertaken with an external stakeholder around a potential land swap opportunity. After further assessment it was established that this was not a viable option.









Work is now underway with an external stakeholder to acquire a section of land. A site has been identified, further due diligence for this site and conceptual design work is currently underway.

An update will be provided at the Council Meeting on 23 September 2021.

The Customer Relationships and Experience Manager is continuing to manage the relationship with the SPCA in the interim.

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## REGIONAL DIGITAL BUSINESS HUB

|          |                             |   |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| PHASE    | DESIGN                      |      |
| TIMELINE | DECEMBER 2020<br>START DATE | AUGUST 2021   |
| PROGRESS | 20%                         |    |
| BUDGET   | \$513,749                   |    |
| RISKS    |                             |    |

### The Project

The project proposes to establish a regional digital business hub at 4 Bogle Brothers Esplanade, in Waipukurau – commonly known as the old 'Bucks Building'.

The new facility will provide for temporary library services for Waipukurau for at least five years, as well Councils Service Centre, AA Services and other community activities. The current 'pop-up' facility at the Railway Station will be closed and retained for additional business hub meeting space that can be hired out.

The building will remain in private ownership with Council making a number of improvements to the premises, while leasing the premises for a term of up to 11 years.

### Progress Update

Plans have been finalised and building consent has now been granted which enabled work to finally begin on Monday 21 June.

Building consent has been granted and work is now well underway in the construction of the new facility – Data Cabling is almost complete; electricians are starting to fit the new lights and power sockets.

At the time of writing, exterior repairs, following by painting is about to commence, all subject to the arrival of joinery. There has been an unforeseen joinery delay that is creating some programming sequencing issues, as the installation of these is time critical in order for lining, plastering and the next stages of the sub-trades to complete their second fix for the interior and the installation of scaffolding on the exterior to complete exterior works.. Officers are currently working through with the subcontractor and master contractor on a work around for this. Worst case is a two-week delay in the programming.

Where possible as many items from the existing library are being repurposed, with contractors expecting to substantially vacate the site the week of 20 August for opening on 28 August, unless the programme can be pulled forward.

The new regional digital hub will become a very significant asset in our community by providing a place of learning in a relaxed environment and also a 'Hub' for small business development and enhancing the skills of the local community.

Staff are particularly excited to be operating from the new space and are already working on a range of programmes and activities ahead of its opening.

