



CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



# Together we thrive!

Organisation Performance Report

Central Hawke's Bay District Council

1 April – 30 June 2023

*Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!*

# Our Strategic Direction

## Together we Thrive!

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.

### 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.



**PLANNING FOR TOMORROW**  
We will act with purpose and think with a long-term lens to make sure our actions future-proof Central Hawke's Bay.



**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.

- 1 **TRUST** - We create trust by acting with integrity.
- 2 **HONESTY** - We do what is right even when no one is looking.
- 3 **RESPECT** - We have respect for each other, our community and our stakeholders.
- 4 **INNOVATION** - We find smarter ways to produce improved and sustainable results.
- 5 **VALUING PEOPLE** - We are one team, supporting each other to succeed.
- 6 **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.

# E ORA NGĀTAHI ANA – TOGETHER WE THRIVE.

## INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

As Matariki celebrations reach Tamatea – Central Hawke’s Bay it’s an important time to reflect on the meaning of Mānawatia a Matariki, the Māori new year and what it means for us all as a community and council. It signals a time to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present and plan for the future.

In our context, it is a time to reflect on the significant challenges that we have faced, the trauma that so much of our community have endured, but also the stories that have emerged and the positivity and opportunity that lies ahead. As we look ahead to the future, we must acknowledge Gabrielle, but now also celebrate so much of what has been achieved and now, look confidently to the future, as we continue to navigate through the challenges ahead.

### Direction and Elected Member priorities

In June, Council signed off on their revised Elected Member priorities. This followed work at the beginning of the Triennium where initial priorities were laid out. Clearly Cyclone Gabrielle has required us to carefully reconsider our priorities and capacity – both resource and funding, while also staying focussed on the long term aspirations and change needed to support community.

In the immediate days, weeks and months ahead - three key focus areas including the Long Term Plan, Representation Review and Recovery remain our three most pressing priorities. Rebalancing our capital funding in a time of uncertainty, is also another major focus requiring us to carefully navigate and plan with the constraints and uncertainty we are experiencing.

### Challenge and opportunity abound

While there is much that has been achieved, there are still significant ‘icebergs’ for the community and council to navigate through the months ahead. Closing the initial negotiations with Government on support for Category 3 and 2 properties, has been one key milestone, however long term funding and certainty relating to our districts critical roading repairs and support for the ongoing implementation of our three waters programme will remain major obstacles ahead.



It is important that we focus on the opportunity through this period to continue to give confidence and hope for what lies ahead.

### Future of Local Government Review

In late June the Review Panel presented their final update and list of recommendations to the Minister and Sector in their final report [He piki tūranga, hi piki kōtuku](#).

The findings of the review align with many of the longstanding challenges and opportunities that this organisation has championed, from funding and finance to regional inequalities. While there will be areas that will challenge the sector, overall it lays down a challenge for Local Government to step into the report and adopt a leadership role in seeing the review brought to life.

Local Government New Zealand, have already begun to take a lead, launching the campaign ‘Choose Localism’ at Superlocal 2023 in July. As a Sector, LGNZ will also be forming a response to be presented to the new Government after the election.

### Appreciation of Goodwill

Again, as I did in our last report, I do want to acknowledge the ongoing goodwill of our community, contractors and staff. The last 6 months have challenged us all, on top of what was an already challenging period through late 2022.

I want to again thank you all for your patience and ongoing support as we work through some of the most complex and challenging times that this district has faced in considerable time, following Cyclone Gabrielle.

Ngā mihi nui

**Doug Tate**  
Chief Executive



## GOVERNANCE

### Long Term Plan

Council have started working on development of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Care is being taken to weave Recovery locality priorities and community feedback into development of key inputs.

Early engagement has commenced through the Recovery Community Conversations scheduled through August and September with a focus on roading. Further early engagement activities are being planned following the Community Conversations.

An Order in Council has been presented to Cabinet to allow Councils in Cyclone affected regions, to adopt a non-audited Long Term Plan.

Work is on track for the Consultation Document to be released in March 2024 and the Long Term Plan to be adopted in June 2024.

### REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Council has engaged with ElectionzNZ to assist with the next representation review for the 2025 Elections.

Councils are required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years. It addresses the total number of councillors there should be for the district or region and the way they are elected.

First, Council must consider what Electoral System to use for the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections as required under Section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) by no later than 12 September 2023 and give public notice Council's decision and of the right of electors to demand a poll on by 19 September 2023 in accordance with Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

The LEA offers the choice between two electoral systems for local government elections: first past the post (FPP) and the single transferable vote (STV). Central Hawke's Bay District Council has used First Past the Post (FPP) as its electoral system for all previous elections.

The Council has an obligation to give public notice by the 19 September 2023 of the right for electors to demand a poll on the matter of the electoral system. If the Council does resolve to change the electoral system, it must include this information in the public notice and the fact that a poll is required to reverse a resolution to change.

Council meeting to be held on 17 August, will decide whether or not to retain the status quo and continue with the First Past the Post electoral system or will resolve to change its electoral system to a Single Transferrable Vote for the 2025 triennial elections or Council may choose to resolve to hold a binding poll on a electoral system to apply for the 2025 triennial elections. Following this decision, Council will then have to consider Māori Wards by 23 November 2023.

A council's initial representation review proposal must be publicly notified no later than 8 September in the year before an election.

Key dates for a Representative Review as follows:

[Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill: Proposed new dates in red]

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| <b>Electoral system</b>                                |  |
| By 12 September <b>2023</b>                            | Resolution on electoral system FPP/STV (optional)  |
| By 19 September  | Public notice of electoral system (mandatory)  |
| <b>Māori representation</b>                            |  |
| By 23 November   | Resolution on Māori Representation (optional)  |
| <b>Representation Review</b>                           |  |
| From 1 March <b>2024</b><br>(20 December <b>2023</b> ) | Earliest date to resolve Initial Proposal  |
| By 31 August<br>(31 July)                              | Last date to resolve Initial Proposal  |
| By 8 September<br>(8 August)                           | Notification of Initial Proposal – open consultation<br>(14 days from resolution)            |
| By 8 October<br>(8 September)                          | Public submissions on Initial Proposal close<br>(not less than one month after notification) |
| By 19 November<br>(3 November)                         | Last date for notification of Final Proposal<br>(8 weeks after end of submission period)     |
| By 20 December<br>(3 December)                         | Last date for public appeals/objections on Final Proposal                                    |
| By 10 April <b>2025</b>                                | If appeals/objections – last date for LGC determination                                      |

## BETTER OFF FUNDING

Better off Funding of \$2.83m was approved by the Department of Internal Affairs in November 2022 for the following projects:

### ***Project 1 – Community and Commercial Property needs (\$919,000)***

This project will scope and explore in the context of a number of challenges the Tamatea-Central Hawke's Bay Community face in relation to community and commercial property, what the opportunities are for the district, where these should be located and to test the viability and scope of how they could be delivered.

### ***Project 2 – Capability & Capacity Programme (\$425,000)***

This project will explore opportunities to grow the capability and capacity – both across cultural, governance and leadership competencies across Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay, creating the next generation of leaders to support investment, governance and be the voice for Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay on a regional, national and international stage.

### ***Project 3 – Community Futures Investment Strategy (\$355,000)***

This project will explore opportunities for circular community investment in Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay, and local opportunities for philanthropic purposes to be developed.

### ***Project 4 – Driving Housing Outcomes***

This project will identify and explore the most appropriate structure to co-ordinate and deliver housing outcomes in the widest sense in Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay.

### ***Project 5 – Bringing Thriving Places and Spaces to Life (\$250,000)***

This project will as a single-phase project following the adoption of the Thriving Places and Spaces Reserve Management Plan at Councils meeting of 29 September 2022, identify a number of quick win projects for implementation. Initial examples already identified include:

- Implementation of Places and Spaces Reserve Signage
- Green space activation Projects (such as Green Patch and Waipawa Museum)
- Accelerating Russell Park Master Planning.

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **Central Hawke's Bay Network of Networks**

The annual survey to our Network of Network partners has been completed. Partner agencies are asked.

- As a partner organisation of the Social Development Network, how satisfied are you with the advice and support provided to you by Council?

100% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied. Respondents were also asked:

- How satisfied they are with the level of services provided to them by Council?

95% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied.

Respondents were also asked to comment on what other support, advice or services could the Central Hawke's Bay District Council provide to support them as a Social Wellbeing Network partnership organisation. Comments included:



- *"Keep doing what you are doing CHBDC"*
- *"CHBDC is a leading example of what can be achieved for the community when agencies work together in true partnership"*
- *"I am fine with the level of services and support I get from the CHBDC. There are some fine people doing great work for the CHB area. Other councils should be envious of the mahi that the CHBDC does".*
- *"CHB information flow to me as a partner organisation is exceptional raising my understanding of not only what is available but also what my organisation can do to support key programs within the district."*

Partner agencies also provided insights and suggestions for continuous improvement in the Social Wellbeing that will be incorporated into planning and dialogue in the future:

- *"While things have shifted in the right direction there is still a lot of work needed to develop a true integrated community response in the social wellbeing space".*
- *"List all other Networks available in CHB that do the work in this field on their website. Website is not easy to navigate so perhaps needs some work to develop a user-friendly website."*

The Network of Networks have continued to provide significant support to the community in the recovery period following Cyclone Gabrielle. This has impacted on priorities and planned activities. All Networks have now reviewed their existing Action Plans to align and support recovery in our community with some business-as-usual activities resuming.

### **Safer Central Hawke's Bay**

The coalition group met once during this reporting period on 9 May. Council officers were able to provide an update of the draft Central Hawke's Bay Cyclone Gabrielle recovery plan which had been completed the week prior to the meeting.

### **Safe and Healthy Homes Workstream**

The Central Hawkes; Bay Smoke Alarms for Everyone (S.A.F.E) project is well underway. To date over 70 alarms installed in to 33 Central Hawke's Bay homes with another 50 homes on the waiting list. The project involves trained team members from, Recreational Services/Veolia spending time out in the community installing smoke alarms into homes where they also complete a home safety check. They have been provided with resources, equipment and dual branded jackets by FENZ who provide administration, coordination and oversight of the programme.



The Network is also coordinating Women's Personal Safety and Empowerment workshops into the community after receiving funding from ACC. Delivered by Brie Sergeant from Kia Haumaru this funding enables us to provide 10 workshops to women aged 18 – 65 throughout the district, complementing the workshops that are already being delivered into schools and to older women via Age Concern. To date, 3 workshops have been delivered with more scheduled between now and November 2023.



### Violence Free CHB

This network has met twice during this reporting period. The network participated in the Ongaonga Community Roadshow on 16 June and supported Age Concern to promote awareness of Elder Abuse and Neglect during the awareness week held from 15 – 22 June 2023. Activities throughout this week, where the theme was "Break the Silence" included Cuppa with a Cop, Scooter Mob ride for awareness, colouring competitions and awareness displays in our CHB Libraries.



### Community Resilience and Wellbeing Network

The network has not formally met during this reporting period due to partner agencies ongoing commitment to supporting cyclone Gabrielle recovery as the psychosocial needs of our community are understood and met.

Mates for Life is a suicide awareness and prevention programme delivered at no cost to workplaces and organisations across Hawkes and Central Hawkes' Bay now has five local workplaces participating in the programme, including Central Hawkes' Bay District Council. These five organisations will now encourage and support other workplaces to participate in the programme. Across Hawke's Bay there are now 45 supporting workplaces, 359 trained Safety Aiders and over 2000 workers who have participated in Awareness training.

### Road Safety Network

The focus for this network during this reporting period was Road Safe week which was held during the period 15-20 May 2023. Once again, the network delivered a range of events and activities to promote road safety prevention messages to our community including:

- Over 60 children participated in a road safe colouring competition at our CHB Libraires.
- A car restraint clinic was held in Waipukurau involving network partners NZ Police, Roadsafe HB, CHB District Council, FENZ, Te Whatu Ora, Te Taiwhena O Heretaunga, Parents Centre, Pregnancy and Parenting Hub and Bright Futures. Those attending were treated to morning tea, information, resources, and the opportunity to win a range of prizes including a car seat donated by Roadsafe HB and vouchers sponsored by Safer CHB. Participants were provided with the opportunity to get their car restraints



checked by a qualified technician with 24 restraints and vehicles assessed during the morning. In event evaluation all participants recorded the event as very useful or extremely useful.

- Five roadside "Caught Being Good" checks were held throughout the week with over 150 vehicles stopped.
- In conjunction with Youth Week an event was held at Central Hawkes' Bay college to raise awareness of road safety amongst our young people. Partners present included NZ Police, FENZ, Roadsafe HB, CHB District Council, CONNECT, EPIC and the CHB Youth Council and over 350 young people participated in the lunch time activities. A highlight of this year's event was a high impact Motor Vehicle Accident scenario run by CHB FENZ volunteers and local Police where students and staff were able to get insights into the impacts that can occur when mistakes happen on our roads.



### Central Hawke's Bay Older Persons Network

The network met one during this reporting period on 8 May 2023.

Older persons nutrition has been identified as a priority area for the network in 2023 and a piece of work has begun to assess the options in our district older people to access adequate and nutritional food as well as identifying the barriers and challenges to this. The CHB food Secure network will also be involved in this project.

Planning is well in hand for the Age Concern bi-annual Older Person's Active Living Expo which is being held in Waipukurau on 21 September 2023.

### Central Hawke's Bay Disability Network

The network has met twice during this reporting period and organisations are now reporting being able to move back into business as usual following the disruption of the Cyclone. Regional resourcing of a Connector through the Disability Resource Centre Disability and targeted disability funding coordinated through CCS Disability has assisted greatly.

### Youth Development Network

Youth week events were able to be held over 3 lunch days in Term 2 after Cyclone Gabrielle affected the Term 1 activities. This term's theme was "Leaders of Today" and the first day saw interactive quizzes held to explore leadership and the skills a leader needs to have. The second day saw activities combined with the Safer CHB Road

Safety network to celebrate Road Safety week and on Friday the team from EPIC, alongside Youth council and the Jobs in CHB team came together in support of Pink Shirt Day.

Cyclone Gabrielle has interrupted the survey being done by the network to understand what providers are present in our community and what services and programmes are being offered. This work was aligning with a regional survey and will be re-instated at a later date – we will continue with our own locally led work in the interim.



### Central Hawke's Bay Food Secure Network

The network has met twice in this reporting period with members still being kept busy responding to food needs as part of the Cyclone Gabrielle Welfare recovery.

The network has continued to advance the Food Secure Infrastructure project with the following resources purchased and operational:

- 20-foot food storage container. The container gives the network the ability to store surplus kai to level out distribution peaks and troughs and to accept larger amounts of donated kai. This container is now operational and is situated behind the old Waipukurau Library. The container is multi-functional – able to support ambient, chilled, or frozen food.



- Walkie Stacker – situated in a purpose-built enclosure beside the Food Secure Network container this piece of equipment gives network partners the resource to easily transport bulk food supplies or deliveries into the container or between nearby organisations. Bulk deliveries from trucks or vehicles are now able to be off loaded directly into the container and a smaller pallet jack enables movement of bulk supplies around the interior of the container.
- Caged Tandem Trailer – allows network partners to pick up and transport kai from local and regional sources and can be used as a mobile or pop up Pataka.

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### Creative Communities Scheme

Local community projects and art initiatives benefited greatly from funding allocated from Creative Communities NZ over the past year.

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| Total allocated                   | \$29,966.09 |
| Total number of approved projects | 17          |
| Estimated number of participants  | 821         |
| Estimated audience                | 3,756       |

The next Creative Communities Funding round opens on 4 August 2023.



### Community Voluntary Organisation Support Fund (CVOS)

CVOS opens for applications on 10 July 2023 for a 4-week period.

### Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund

Two applications to the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund were successful in this reporting period.

- Pōrangahau Football were awarded \$1000 to support football in the Pōrangahau community. The grant provides funds to purchase team kit.
- The Tikokino Historic Projects Trust were awarded \$4500 to support the restoration of a historic dray that when completed will be a focal point in the community.

### Environment and Sustainability Fund

The Environment and Sustainability fund is a fund managed by the Solid Waste team capped at \$20K per year. Applications are accepted throughout the year. The committee approved a grant worth \$4715 excl GST to the Waipukurau Primary School to purchase a paper shredder to assist in repurposing used paper with green waste to turn into compost.

### Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

The next round of Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund opens November 2023.

## COMMUNITY PLANS

The impact of Cyclone Gabrielle has meant that community plan actions have not been a focus for local areas during this reporting period. The Community Plan working groups however were a vital link to communities during the Cyclone Gabrielle response, enabling us to connect and support in a more effective and efficient way. These working groups will be an important part of the locality recovery planning moving forward and there are logical connections between locality and community plans, as an enhanced focus on resilience occurs.

### TOI TAMATEA – CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY ART STRATEGY

The Toi Tamatea Network last met on 9 May 2023. Three months post the cyclone, those in attendance spoke about the struggles they had faced, but due to support from the community and some external funding, they were now in a positive space and planning ahead.

Nga Toi Hawke's Bay held two wellbeing sessions at the Welfare Hub in Waipawa for the local arts community, a place to come together and share their experience in a safe, supportive space. This was much appreciated by those who were able to attend and they plan to hold further ones in the future.

The focus for 2023 will be to monitor and implement actions identified within the Action Plan.

## MĀORI ENGAGEMENT – TŪHONO MAI TŪHONO ATU

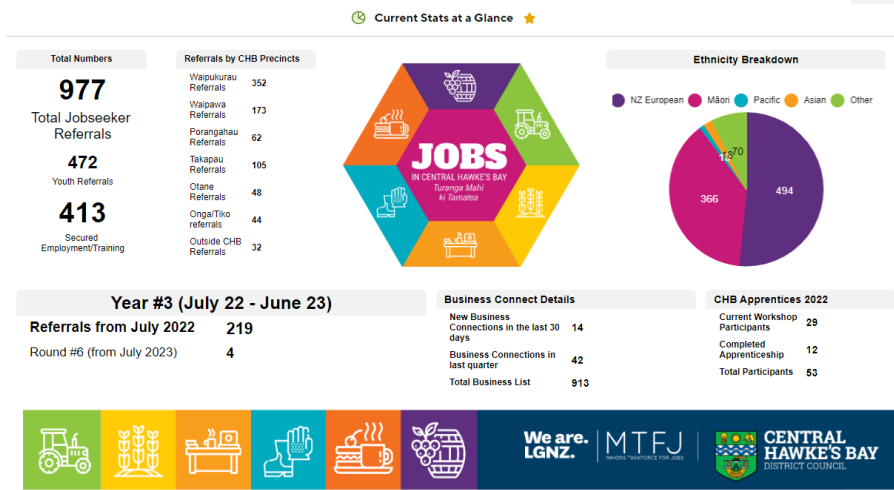
Work continues with the Pōrangahau and Mataweka Community Hubs, contracts are due to be reviewed to meet end of contract timeframes in September. Ngāti Kere Hapū Authority engaged an independent consultant to review how effective the services that they have been providing to community have been. The findings from the review were provided back to the community on the 23rd of July after a series of three community consultation hui being held. A final report is yet to be drafted.

Partnership discussions with Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea and Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust to establish the Tamatea partnership committee are ongoing. Both entities are keen for partnership, however, agreement on what this may look like has not yet been decided.

The Pou Whātuaia has been supporting the water team to provide notifications to Mana whenua on wastewater spills into the awa (river and waterways) has enabled improved communication and understanding of the issues facing Council around infrastructure.

## JOBS IN CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY - TŪRANGA MAHI KI TAMATEA

Local Jobs for Local People - 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, achieving **54** of the **50** required measurable outcomes by 30 June 2023. The team are excited to now have a further 2-year contract with MTFJ (Mayors Taskforce for Jobs) to deliver at least 38 measurable outcomes each year. We are currently sitting at **4** out of the **38** for July 2023 – June 2024.



(Above are the current statistics as at 26 July 2023)

## Growing Great Entrepreneurs

The second cohort of GGE (Growing Great Entrepreneurs) have completed their training, presenting their business concepts to friends and family along with representatives from the HB Chamber of Commerce and Central Hawke's Bay District Council. With businesses in Fashion, CrossFit, Dance and Personalised Gifts, these participants will continue with a further 6 months of fortnightly business mentoring support to continue to develop their ideas. The next GGE starts on Tuesday, 22 August.



### Business After 5



The monthly Business After 5 events are maintaining connection and engagement with local businesses, see above photos from the May event hosted by sisters Prue and Kate at their warehouse and showroom, Foxtrot Home, on Cook Street. A new record 35 attendees were given a fascinating glimpse into a local business with a firm social conscience. From ethically sourced imported flax linen to wool from their own Wanstead farm, Foxtrot Home's beautiful products are flying off the shelves of their Waipukurau warehouse.



July BA5 event was hosted by Sam Barry of CME, held at Centralines. Sam entertained attendees with stories of growth and change, with real insights for new and aspiring business owners. The quote of the night was, when asked if Cyclone Gabrielle had affected the business, Sam mentioned that the clean-up needed lots of machinery to be mobilised throughout the district, and *"if it's working, it's breaking"*. Sam set the bar high for future BA5 events with lollies and other giveaways, and a timed hydraulic pipe assembly contest, with the fastest time winning a Kiwis Rugby League jumper courtesy of sponsors Pirtek. Thanks to Sam Barry and the CME team for educating and entertaining attendees, and thanks to Stuart Smith and the crew at Centralines for hosting.



The next BA5 is on Tuesday 22 August, at Vet Services Hawke's Bay bespoke-designed premises at 43 Takapu Road, Waipukurau hosted by Brendan James and the team.

Vet Services HB were the supreme champions at the 2022 Hawke's Bay Business Awards. Hear from Brendan and his team on how they have developed a winning culture, which incorporates a thoughtful approach to talent attraction and retention, work practices to keep staff safe and engaged, and how they weave innovation through their business.

The Hawke's Bay Chamber will also be joining to share how entering the Datacom Hawke's Bay Business Awards will help businesses showcase their accomplishments, gain recognition, and inspire others within the community.

Also joining will be two Young Enterprise Scheme teams from Central Hawke's Bay College, showcasing their businesses.

Come along and be inspired!

RSVP for the August BA5 [here](#)

### Partnering with Ministry of Social Development

Monthly Employment Workshops in collaboration with MSD have continued this year, offering a relaxed environment, with food and a variety of different support people. It has been great to invite a range of different employers along to showcase their current and future vacancies to our jobseekers. In June we combined our MSD Employment workshop with our Community Services Roadshow. The idea of the roadshows is to bring the providers located in our main towns (Waipawa and Waipukurau) out to the rural townships. Jobs in Central Hawke's Bays stall was next to the local MSD office, so we were able to approach any jobseekers in proximity. The local school came through the roadshow therefore they were given Jobs in CHB branded bags which contained information from both Jobs in CHB and other providers, the idea of this is to get the information into their homes, and also expose them to our branding. Our stall focussed on the 7 Key Employability Skills, and we had a display for the children that highlighted their future working environment, more than their vocation. How they want to feel at work is more important than their occupation and we showed them this with prompts like: "I want a boss that speaks to me kindly."



### MSD VR Training Space

On Wednesday 24 May we hosted our first MSD VR Training Space at Te Huinga Wai, participants went through their Virtual Reality Site Safe training and assessment. Continuing to build their work readiness for Construction & Infrastructure pathways. This workshop continues to run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### Youth Transitions

#### Reality Check

On Tuesday, 16 May in collaboration with Central Hawke's Bay College and our local Skills, Training and Employment Network (STEN) we helped host the first "Reality Check" at Central Hawke's Bay College. The objective of Reality Check is to highlight the skills and achievements that are important for school leavers as they leave secondary education for further training or employment. The event involved introducing the year 12 and 13 students to the reality of what life would look like once they leave college, from how much do groceries cost? What is insurance? What skills do I need to be employable? and Can I cook a good meal? We were able to introduce

them to other agencies in the community that can support them. Each student had a card they were able to check off whether they were competent, had some understanding or need help as they are unsure, and this is now helping us to be able to go back into the school and assist in those areas, so our youth are better prepared when they leave home. There was a real buzz in the hall as the students engaged with each area and there has been plenty of positive talk since the event.

Check out the video from this event [here](#).

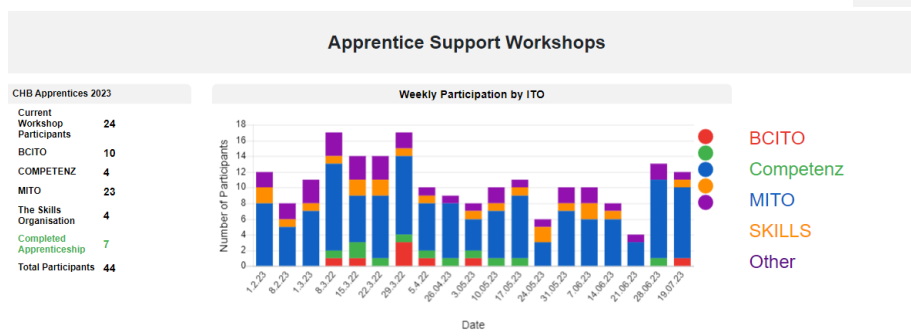


The Jobs in Central Hawke's Bay team were thrilled to receive a Highly Commended in the recent Taituarā Local Government Awards in the Martin Jenkins Award for Collaborative Government Action.

The judges said "Jobs in Central Hawke's Bay is a great example of a small councils a working successfully with multiple government agencies to deliver wellbeing objectives. An important result for the sector – especially those in smaller local authorities!"

– here is our entry [video](#).

Our Apprentice Support Workshops continue to provide value to our local trainees, consistent attendance is producing create results for our local trainees, we are now catering for any learners who are doing on-the-job training from builders & mechanics to ECE teachers and electricians. – see below stats



*Congratulations to our recent graduates; Lynus, Carlos and Niki on completing your current training.*

We collected some great feedback from our regular participants highlighting the reasons they come; Dedicated time to work on my paperwork, Free food, The supportive learning space, Access to internet/computers, Spend time with other learners, Support from training advisor.

*Celeste - "I like to have a dedicated time to study, and the environment created is the perfect space for me to focus and get work done. I also appreciate Jono pushing me to get my work done and stay on task. The other attendees*

are also very supportive and encouraging. Jono does an amazing job running the workshop, keeping everyone on task whilst having a bit of banter. He has created a safe, inviting, calm, happy place for all learners to come together to connect and support each other in their work and industries. He also takes care of our emotional wellbeing which is super helpful for our stress filled lives.

## He Ringa Whānau Ora

The Ringa Whanau Ora team have supported 38 whanau, including 55 dependent tamariki. The disruption from cyclone Gabrielle impacted the ability for Kaimahi to engage with new whanau however they have supported a number of whanau impacted by the event.

Following on from the successful six-week wānaga transformation pilot another programme has been scheduled to begin in July.

A co-design workshop has been held to gather whanau and community voice to inform a recommendation report on a community and whanau led way forward that support whanau in addiction recovery and healing in Tamatea/Central Hawke's Bay. The workshop was facilitated by Peter Thorburn an experienced counsellor with a demonstrated history of working in the mental health and addiction industry.

## TOURISM

### Spring Fling 2023

Preparations for the 2023 Spring Fling are well underway with twenty registered events on offer this year.

New events in this year's calendar include a Ngā Ara Tipuna Tour & Marae Experience, Oruawharo Food & Wine Pairing, Brews & BBQ at the Coles Factory, Evening at the Central Hawke's Bay Museum, Spring Picnic at Pukekaihou, St Vincent's & Maison Vauron, High Tea at the Ongaonga Museum and entertainment by an entirely improvised Austenian musical, Austen Found.

Annual favourites are back for another sensational year, including Taniwha Daffodils, Central Hawke's Bay Homestead Trail, Spring Market, Ōmakere Coastal Hill Walk, Gwavas Homestead & Garden Tour, Picnic in the Peonies, Hawke's Bay Arts Trail, Cooking Masterclass at Punanga Lodge, Garden to Vase floral inspirations, culinary delights at Wallingford Homestead and Waipawa Spring Festival – Duck Day.

Another key feature of the Spring Fling returning this year is the annual Hatuma Half Marathon, a picturesque 21.1 kilometre course that takes in the entire circumference of Lake Whatumā, open to walkers and runners so all the family can join in.

Tickets to these events go on sale 1<sup>st</sup> August with the programme launched on 24<sup>th</sup> July.







## DRINKING WATER

### Compliance update

Performance against Taumata Arowai's Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR) has been largely positive. Good progress has been made with the establishment of critical systems, processes, and practices to help ensure that compliance is achieved; however, there are still areas within the drinking water space that needs to be improved to provide better oversight and control in how our water supplies function.

A Boil Water Notice (BWN) was in place for the town of Waipukurau in response to a weather event that transpired on the last week of June 2023. The monitoring parameters that determine compliance to section 22 and 23 of the Water Services Act 2021 and the DWQAR, were in an upward trend, and was projected to breach compliance levels, hence a BWN was declared to mitigate any public health issue that may arise due to unsafe drinking water. The Operations and Compliance Team worked with our regulatory partners (Taumata Arowai and Te Whatu Ora-Health NZ) all through the event, providing valuable input on how we navigate our response to the weather event.

Monitoring and testing for bacterial contamination and chlorine residual revealed that the water quality throughout was safe.

### Operational update

The Tikokino Road drinking water treatment plant site has been impacted by the Waipawa river breaching informal stop banks in the immediate vicinity, exposing it to more frequent inundation during moderate freshes in the Waipawa river.

Requests for service from customers remain high due to high levels of rainfall and post Gabrielle matters.

### Waipawa to Waipukurau Water Supply

The construction of the platform and access track to the new reservoir contract is near completion. Our panel contractor Fulton Hogan's programme indicates completion by 25 August 2023.



Due to the cyclone impact on existing Waipawa water treatment plant and its vulnerability to major rain events, a need to investigate treatment plant building relocation to higher ground has been triggered. A budget increase is required to proceed with the design and physical works. The feasibility study is underway, and the decision is still to be made.

The phasing of the Waipukurau Second Water Supply project is also under review mainly due to financial uncertainty with Cyclone Gabrielle and the impacts of water reform changes.

### **Pōrangahau Road Water Supply Upgrade**

This project is now in the final stages. We have 2 more details to be completed before commission and living takes place. We have had some issues with shutting down the network due to old infrastructure. We are also experiencing some delays due to cyclone Gabrielle and Fulton Hogan redeploying water crews to emergency works. We are looking at completion of this project in August 2023.

### **Pourerere Beach Water Supply**

The water supply to Pourerere Beach campground has been re-consented and now transitions into the network upgrades phase following a successful funding bid to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

### **Great North Rd Water Supply Upgrade**



The Great North Road Water Supply Upgrade is nearing completion with Higgins working through the snag list at this time. The Higgins have successfully installed 215m of new pipe by trench less drilling. The first detail connection on the corner of Abbotsford Road was successfully installed in March with the remaining two details scheduled for April. There have been some challenges shutting down the network which alongside cyclone Gabrielle has resulted in some delays. The Wastewater extension that is also part of this project has begun. Higgins have installed the new manholes on Tamumu Road and crossed the main road with new pipe. Completion for this project is now scheduled for August 2023.

## Waipawa Water Main Renewal/Upgrade.



Tikokino Road Water Rising Main – Higgins are now at the point of preparation for the detail installation that will allow the new Tikokino Road Rising Main to be connected into the Network that provides Water to the Waipawa Reservoirs. Pressure testing has been completed, the concrete anchor block is ready to pour, and planning for disinfection of the new rising main is underway.

Stage 4 has started with the pipe having been successfully installed and awaiting Stage 4a to be completed.

## Waipawa Water Fire Fighting and Renewal Improvements

Stage 3 – Matthew Street is the last project under the firefighting improvement projects with future projects included in renewals programmes. Matthew Street has been procured under the new panel agreement and awarded to Higgins. Works were due to begin in Feb, however, have been rescheduled to begin in the new financial year due. However recently we have put the commencement of this work on hold while awaiting decisions around budget availability and work s prioritisation.

## SH2 Borefield Upgrade

An offer of service has been received from Stantec to investigate and design Concrete Pillars/Steel Frame to support the repaired Pump. The Project team are assessing the Offer of Service from Stantec and are working to prioritise understanding the budget needs to enable this work to add necessary additional resilience to the site.

The Pump Manufacturer has acknowledged the fault during manufacture process and has supplied replacement parts to rebuild the Pump. The 3 Waters Team have had pump motor checked with repairs carried out to allow continued use once repaired pump is reinstalled.

The Borefield is currently running on one New Bore and Pump in conjunction with the Original Stage 1 Bore A Pump upgrade.

## Kairakau Water Upgrade

Kairakau water treatment plant upgrade project is fully completed. The 3-month proving period is also nearing completion and engineer is busy checking outstanding items and prior to issuing completion certificate.



## Reservoir Renewal Programme

### Abbotsford - Waipawa

Abbotsford Road reservoir replacement as part of the Reservoir replacement programme, was delayed as part of the Annual Plan 2023/24. There is no major work progressing on this programme.

### SH2 Borefield to Pukeora Reservoir – Rising Main Replacement

A concept design and preliminary report to include high level cost estimate to construct new reservoir and water treatment plant at existing SH2 site has been completed. However, this project is now on hold and till the completion of the Waipukurau Second Water supply.



## WASTEWATER

### Wastewater Treatment Operational Performance

Wastewater – Wastewater conveyance and treatment has returned to pre cyclone Gabrielle activity.

Requests for service from customers remain high due to high levels of rainfall and post Gabrielle matters.

Recent overflows and high inlet flow as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle have created isolated non-compliance at our sites but overall performance of the wastewater treatment plants, and systems has been exceptional for the time of year. Seasonal changes and frequently high incoming flow would typically create a string of non-compliances; however, we are seeing an atypically drier period (excluding the cyclone) and greater performance overall. Losses of key equipment and lengthy lead times for replacement parts and equipment poses a significant risk to compliance in the short/medium term, which we expect to resolve before the end of Q4.

### Wastewater reticulation performance

Aside from performance as a result of the cyclone, overall network performance has also been good, with an unprecedented low number of dry weather blockages and network faults. Severe weather events have continued to challenge our networks.

### Inflow and Infiltration Management

Stormwater and wastewater system modelling has provided recommendations informing this programme of work, to identify and remediate wastewater and stormwater defects. This programme of work is underway with manhole repairs, pipe relining, jetting, flow monitoring and CCTV. A contract was awarded to Pipevision for the investigative works, with larger scale renewals to be planned following from their recommendations. More than a quarter of the network has currently been investigated; 24 kilometres of pipe and 331 manholes. Renewal prioritization and planning will follow from here as well as more detailed investigation.

Private property inspections, including recent network “smoke” testing, have been completed for over 700 properties in the district and a number of defects contributing to the amount of stormwater entering our wastewater networks identified. Officers are working through the finalisation of a process around the remediation of these defects.

### Great North Road Wastewater Extension

Alongside the water supply upgrade that is currently underway, the wastewater network is being extended from Tamumu Road to Abbotsford Road to facilitate growth. Higgins began on this stage end of March with new manholes being installed on Tamumu Road and successfully crossed the main road with new pipe installed. A few challenges with a lot of underground services and traffic to manage. This project is on track to be completed in August with Higgins completing the final snag list and expected to be offsite in August 2023

### Waipawa, Waipukurau, Otāne Wastewater Upgrade Projects

Details on current projects below:

#### Waipawa & Waipukurau WWTP Short term Improvements

Currently several short-term improvement projects are either well into the planning stages or have recently commenced, these include optimisation of pond layouts and aeration (which has physical works mostly complete) and upgrading of the UV treatment systems (currently in planned stages).

We continue to work on developing options for the treatment improvements within our existing constraints. Planning for Long-term solutions to move to a centralised treatment plant and away from current surface water discharges are well advanced and ready to be actioned should funding allow.

### **Waipawa and Waipukurau Biosolids application to land**

Consent has been granted for beneficial reuse of biosolids for fertiliser on agricultural land. Management documents have been completed and approved for the application and procurement and methodology is being finalised for commencement.

### **Tukituki Swing Bridge Rebuild**

At the end of 2022 Council approved funding to be brought forward from Y8 of the Long-Term Plan and subsequently procure a contractor, Abseil Access to design and build the bridge. Significant design and investigation work has taken place and following Council's approval to continue with the project in June 2023, design has progressed further. We are currently working to finalise all the details required, including better understanding of cost escalations since the contract was awarded and budget availability, to enable construction to commence.

### **Takapau Wastewater Upgrade Project**

The consent for this wastewater upgrade was approved in October 2022. Following finalisation of concept design in November 2022, work has been underway to finalise preliminary design. This has involved a filtration trial to better understand the particle and UV filtration required for the site. In the future this will also include a super critical UV trial and collimated beam testing.

### **Pōrangahau and Pōrangahau Beach Wastewater Upgrade Project**

Resource consents for Pōrangahau and Pōrangahau Beach wastewater treatment plant upgrades were publicly notified on 14 April 2022 and submissions closed on 17 May 2022. Submissions are accessible on Hawke's Bay Regional Council's website ([Hawke's Bay District Health Board, Ngāti Kere Hapu Authority, Ngāti Kere MACA Working Party, Rongomaraeroa Marae and Te Toro o Punga RMA Unit](#)). Pre-hearing meetings were held on 27 June and 27 October 2022 and 20 January 2023. Council continues to work through remaining technical issues on consent conditions with Hawke's Bay Regional Council and submitters.

Concurrently the concept design for the new wastewater treatment plant has been finalised. A scope of work for the preliminary design of both the new pipeline routes, pump stations and new WWTP has been drafted, ready for work to commence following its approval subject to funding availability. Design for the interim UV treatment system will also commence soon.

You can read more about the project [here](#).



### Rongomaraeroa Marae wastewater connection

Following approval of funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) at the end of June 2022, Council has been engaging with Marae Trustees and beneficiaries on plans to connect the Marae to Pōrangahau’s wastewater system. TIF preconditions were satisfied, and the funding contract was signed on 21 December 2022. Following a meeting with Rongomaraeroa Marae Trustees at the end of June the pipeline route along Cooks Tooth Road was confirmed. In the coming months the project team hope to discuss the possibility of any other private connections along the network extension with relevant property owners. Detailed design of this work will commence shortly.





## STORMWATER

### Stormwater Operational and Compliance update

The unprecedented levels of rainfall associated with cyclone Gabrielle caused widespread flooding around the district. Municipal stormwater systems were inundated, and low-lying areas suffered from overflows in some areas. Urgent maintenance works have been undertaken in high priority drains, with more expected before the end of winter and the intention to have a more structured maintenance regime going forward. River gravels and sediment have also been removed in areas where blockages of the network occurred. High priority piped systems have undergone investigation and jetting where necessary and determination of asset ownership and responsibilities is progressing.

Requests for service from customers remain high due to high river levels impacting ground water, continuing levels of rainfall and post Gabrielle matters.



### Stormwater Strategy and Catchment Management Plan

The opportunity to align stormwater at a strategic level has been identified and a strategy is currently under development to work alongside the Catchment Management Plan (CMP) and other high-level guidance. The scope of works includes a peer review of the CMP and longer-term flood mitigation options to offer a higher level of service to the Waipawa and Waipukurau communities. A workshop with councillors is planned for August/September following which engagement with wider stakeholders will continue on the vision for Stormwater management and the principles under which this is achieved.





## LAND TRANSPORT

### Summary General

The last quarter of the 2022/23 fiscal year saw a continued focus on the response to cyclone Gabrielle ensuring at least minimal access to all of the communities throughout the district. This involved not only physical work but a series of negotiations and discussions with Waka Kotahi to get approval for various response activities which we wanted classed as response and not recovery.

The existing contract work of road maintenance continued under very constrained budgets.

The prioritisation tool that was developed has been tested and is now in use to create a forward works programme based on the needs of the network, safety, the road hierarchy, and other factors. This provides for more visibility around the programme going into the future.

A series of workshops were held with contractor staff, and contract managers to refresh everyone's understanding of the requirements of the contract. This has been extremely successful with everyone's expectations aligned with the contract specifications; however, we acknowledge that there is still significant work ahead of us to address overall service delivery to the community.

### Maintenance

Our local contractor has been busy keeping up with regular maintenance such as grading, pot-hole patching, street sweeping, and drainage work even through the cyclones. This has and continues to be a big challenge. Programming and preparation for the new fiscal years work is well underway.

We acknowledge that there is still considerable work for us to achieve in this activity.

### Winter Storm Damage / Cyclones

All communities have been connected in various ways to the rest of the network. Some of the connections are tenuous and require monitoring and repairs after even a minor event. Where response activities allow, we have been improving on the initial access to allow more capacity to assist with movement of livestock and crops.

There is still a lot of work to complete both in response and recovery once funding is approved. Community input will be invaluable in shaping these works.

We spent approximately \$14,000,000 of the \$35.9 million by the end of June and secured through Waka Kotahi approval to carry forward the unspent funding so that work can continue. We have 5 contractors currently working on the network completing minor works like drain cleaning, scour repair and fixing small dropouts caused by the cyclone and subsequent storms. Larger works are being investigated and designed and we have a further detailed update.

### Reseals

The reseal programme continued in spite of the bad weather, and we have accomplished our target for the year with 4.2% of the network being sealed this year. We have further planning ahead for this year reseal programme, noting that many roads condition have been identified as not needing sealing as forecast in the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031.

### Footpaths

Footpath maintenance and renewals continued to address unsafe areas throughout the network.

Work continues on the "Transport Choices" planning to create footpaths in both Ōtāne and Pōrangahau which will be completed in the 2023/24 Financial year. Council can expect a further update on this programme in the coming months.



## Environmental Waste

### Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery

The impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle are still felt in the district. Throughout April and June, the focus was on managing the transition from response to recovery and business as usual. Free disposal of household waste from Cyclone Gabrielle was managed on a case-by-case basis. This option was phased out by the end of June as cost recovery mechanisms from Central Government cease.

The Environmental Waste team is on track to recover 100% of the eligible costs through the Cyclone Gabrielle – Solid Waste Fund administered by NEMA to the tune of \$340,000 (Excluding GST).

The waste levy attributed to cyclone related waste was also waived.

Approximately \$150,000 was also recovered through the Silt Recovery Fund for the resourcing and improved infrastructure to assist in the disposal of silt at the district landfill.

### WMMP Action Plan Priorities

The programme for CHBDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) Action plan for the current fiscal year will focus on the following priorities:

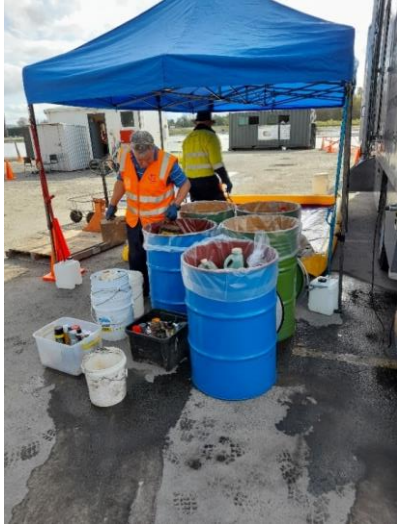
- Continue to focus and where possible, expand waste minimisation education programme at schools.
- Support initiatives that encourage individuals, households, and small community groups to divert green waste and food waste through small scale or home composting opportunities.
- Increased public awareness around our kerbside recycling – where it goes, what happens to it and what it ends up as.
- Support behaviour to repair, reuse or donate before disposing.

### Waste Diversion

Green waste, scrap metal, e-waste, tyres, and recyclables from agriculture waste continue to be diverted through diversion options at our transfer stations. Volumes are high due to the additional waste due to the impacts of Cyclone Gabriel. Where practical, recyclable materials were diverted.

As the recovery progresses, CHBDC along with the other Councils in the region have informed the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) of the need for a Construction and Demolition waste (C&D) sorting and recovery facility in the region and the necessary infrastructure to support it. MfE are aware of the need and are keen to have further discussions with the Councils in the region.

On 16 April, CHBDC organised a Hazardous Waste Day at the Waipukurau Transfer Station. The community was allowed to drop off hazardous waste for appropriate disposal at no cost.



*Hazardous waste day at the Waipukurau Transfer Station*

### **Waste Minimisation Education**

The waste minimisation (Zero Waste) education programme is underway for the 2022-2023 financial year. Since July, we have completed the programme in the following schools:

- Pukehou School
- St. Joseph School
- Waipukurau School
- Elsthorpe School
- The Terrace School
- Ōtāne School
- Waipukurau School.
- Argyle East School.

We also support waste minimisation education through our Paper for Trees programme and Enviroschool Programme managed by the Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

To date, 17 out of the 18 registered schools and 5 early childhood centres are participating in one or more of the above programmes in the district.

### **Food/Green Waste Diversion Initiative Program**

As we transition to more business-as-usual operations, we continue holding composting workshops events. A food waste diversion demonstration was held at the Onga Onga Workshop.

Green waste volumes continue to increase likely owing to the very wet summer the region experienced, damage from Cyclone Gabrielle and a clean out of all green waste that accumulated in the outlying transfer stations. This year we collected and diverted of 6500 m<sup>3</sup> - an increase of 40% from previous years.

## Public Education for Recycling

As a result of the feedback from the Roadshows, we have updated our recycling collateral.

The key changes are:

- Information of location of nearest recycling drop off centre for residents who do not have kerbside recycling.
- Highlighting the need to remove the bottle caps and lids.
- Using the NZ standard recyclable plastic type symbols.

## Kerbside Recycling, Refuse & Transfer Station Services

Kerbside recycling volumes remain steady although transfer station volumes remain slightly elevated. Transfer station staff are now required to visually screening loads whilst attempting to remove contamination where safe and practical to do so. This has resulted in no recycling loads being rejected at the materials recovery facility (MRF).

Works to repair the green waste bunkers and some potholes at the Waipukurau Transfer Station due to flooding and high traffic volumes after the Cyclone have been completed.

CHBDC have adjusted the volume-based pricing structure for all transfer stations. These changes considered the views of transfer station users and resulted in a fairer pricing structure. In general, this has been well received by customers.



*Repairs and resurfacing of green waste bunkers at Waipukurau Transfer Station.*

## District Landfill

The district landfill tonnages remained high in April but returned to more normal levels in June.

**Landfill Tonnages for the month compared with previous year**

| Month \ Year | April       | May         | June       |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 2023         | 1480 tonnes | 1050 tonnes | 897 tonnes |
| 2022         | 823 tonnes  | 892 tonnes  | 806 tonnes |

Total tonnages received at the landfill for the 2022/2023 from all sources for this financial year was 13,982 tonnes.

This compares with tonnages received at the landfill from all sources in the 2021/2022 of 14,925 tonnes. However, it is noted that this includes a one-off disposal of 2,500 tonnes of sewage sludge as part of project to maintain and improve Council sewage treatment infrastructure.

Extreme rainfall during Q1 & Q2 in calendar 2023 means that leachate levels are very high but have not overflowed. Tankering to Waipukurau WWTP during July 2023 has provided hydraulic relief during the low evapo-transpiration months of winter. Managing leachate within annual budget will remain a challenge for FY 2023/24.



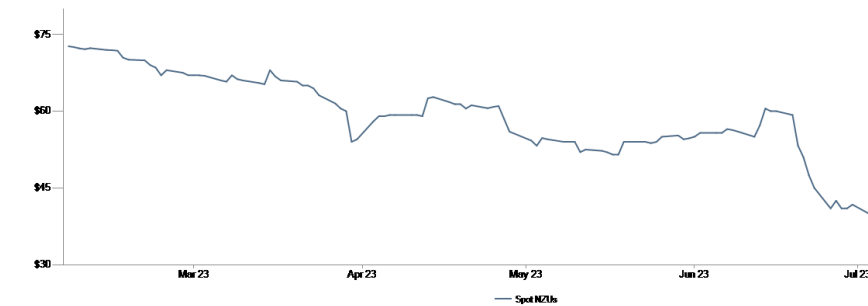
Aerial view of the landfill in June 2022



Aerial View of the landfill in June 2023

## Carbon Prices

### Price History



Carbon prices continue to fall due to uncertainty about the government's position on the ETS scheme. The spot price at the end of June was currently approximately \$40. The Council hedges its carbon liability through purchasing carbon through a futures contract. This means CHBDC purchase carbon credit at a price of what it may be in a years' time. Unfortunately, we have committed to a futures contract when the price was higher.

For the reasons above, we are unable to pass the current lower costs on to landfill users. If this trend continues, we are likely to pass these savings in future financial years.

## Waipukurau Transfer Station Weighbridge

The installation of the Waipukurau transfer station weighbridge has been delayed as the Council reviews its capital expenditure programme.

# CONSENTING

## Consent application volumes for 1 April – 30 June 2023 reporting period

### Building Consents:

- Total consents: 110
- New dwellings: 22
- Total value: \$15.069.637M.

Overall consent volumes remain high but a reduction in the volume of consents for new dwellings is being experienced and the consents are now more based on Adds and Alterations to existing properties. Inspection volumes remain very high with the team of inspectors running at full capacity to keep on top of demand. Beyond the high volumes of consents in the system, the complexity of many consents remains a challenge in many cases.

In November 2022 the BCA had their routine accreditation process with IANZ.) Council received high praise and commendation from IANZ and obtained accreditation with a low-risk rating.

Councils Online Portal for building consents is now live and is being heralded a huge success with significant efficiency added to the consenting process and greater visibility and confidence resulting in much-improved customer experience outcomes.

Council continues to push for the continued development and education of its consenting team with 2 Officers currently working through formal qualification processes. They have completed their first year of studies and are part way through the second year. The studies are due for completion in December 2023

### Resource Consents:

- Total consents: 49.
- Number of new lots to be created: 75.

Resource Consent volumes have reduced substantially since we notified the decisions version of the proposed district plan (25 May 2023). This has been influenced by the dramatic policy shift away from developing in the rural areas. In contrast, enquiries, and pre-application requests to discuss the implementation of the new provisions has increased. The consents being lodged contain a high degree of complexity through either large subdivisions or subdivisions with complex policy, infrastructure/engineering requirements.

We still have two internal planner position vacancies with few applications. Council continues to rely very heavily on the use of external planners and an expert team of RMA specialists to drive our subdivision consenting function. While not considered a long-term option, Council is confident that the partnering approach it has in place with its support partners is resulting in good quality and cost-effective outcomes for customers of the consenting process.



## Emergency Management

On 7 and 8 June the CIMS Level 3 & 4 Course (Coordinated Incident Management System) was held at the Waipawa Municipal Theatre.

The course had 20 participants with a mix of Council, HBCDEM and Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea Staff. The training was delivered by Land Search and Rescue.

CIMS describes how New Zealand agencies and organisations coordinate, command, and control incident response of any scale, how the response can be structured, and the relationships between the respective CIMS functions and between the levels of response. Enhancements from previous editions introduced by the 3rd edition include (among others):

- Strengthening the core foundations that CIMS is based upon, through emphasising a strong community focus.
- Flexibility in application so that it can be used for small to large responses, and from Incident level through to National level, and
- Unity of effort, i.e., organisations working together towards common objectives.
- Highlighting the importance of the inclusion of iwi/Māori in response and recovery.
- Introducing a holistic consequence assessment approach to ensure all consequences (including those not immediately evident) are considered in any response and recovery.
- Expanding on the CIMS supporting protocols and systems by the introduction of an 'Incident Classification' system, expanding on the description of 'Governance', and introducing a 'Strategic Communications' role.

Being prepared and well trained is a key part of supporting our community to move forward and build resilience, it was wonderful to see such a large turnout, who all commented that it was a privilege to serve their community during the response, something the tutors said, was very humbling to hear. Keep up the great work team.



*Congratulations to the Winner of the "National Get Ready Challenge" - Jaycee Sciascia of Pōrangahau School. Go hard Pōrangahau.*

The National Get Ready Challenge this year was themed "tell people about the dangers of floodwater."

- Floods happen often in New Zealand and can cause a lot of damage and loss of life. Floods can have fast-flowing water filled with debris and can sweep people away. Floodwater can even be strong enough to pick up vehicles. Floodwater can be contaminated with chemicals and sewage and can make you sick.



- The challenge was to make a poster using the slogan 'Floodwaters are Deep Trouble'. Your poster should warn people about one of the dangers of floodwater and what they can do to stay safe.
- Take a video of yourself presenting your poster to your class and upload the National Emergency Management Website to win an IPAD.

It is always thrilling to have one of our local CHB children win this competition, last year our winner was from Ōtāne.



## PLACES AND OPEN SPACES

### Open Spaces Contract Performance

A major focus on accountable delivery has been occurring in the Places and Open Spaces activity, with a real focus on contract expectations, delivery and working with the contract team on the service deliverables expected. This has seen a lift in the short term of contract outcomes with a focus on sustaining long term contract delivery improvements.

### Progress on cyclone impacted open spaces

A focus for the activity remains on addressing impacted open spaces as funding allows, including:

- Otaia/Lindsay Bush - HBRC undertook to clear the significant volume of woody debris that had accumulated in the entrance to Otaia/Lindsay Bush (including the intact Black Creek bridge). Forest and Bird are now hard at work on a replanting programme.
- Madge Hunter Park was extensively damaged, with both ends of the skate bowl undermined, the pump track completely washed away, fences broken, and silt deposited across the park. Downers have adopted this park restoration as one of their community projects, and this is proceeding as other work allows.
- Coronation Park – river shingle was deposited across one of the league fields, we have been working closely with HBRC as the stop bank repair work proceeded, and they engaged a contractor to remove the shingle.

## Project updates

TIF Round 6 projects (as previously reported) -

- Pourerere dry vault sustainable toilets were completed and opened in July.
- Otaia/Lindsay Bush carpark upgrade is on hold due to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle

Takapau motorhome dump station at the Takapau Cenotaph Reserve – awaiting the outcome of discussions around the location for the proposed new Takapau Health Centre to see this project completed.

## SAFETY AND WELLBEING

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Council's Health and Safety function continues to remain focussed on a number of internal initiatives to mature and lift the approach to Health and Safety across the organisation.

### Operational Review following the passing of Contractor Employee

Further to one of our contracting partners sadly passed while at work on a Council open space in January, Council engaged an external provider to conduct an Internal Operational Review, the recommendations that came out of this resulted in a formal Critical Incident Management Plan being developed and implemented across the organisation.

As a Council officers take our responsibilities for the health, safety and wellbeing of our people incredibly seriously, and we acknowledge and understand the important leadership role we play in promoting and continuously improving our culture, to see every member of our wider team go home each day to their whanau.

### Critical Risks

In May, Council undertook a review of our Critical Risks which resulted in the refining of the Critical Risk and prioritisation. We are currently holding workshops to progress these Critical Risks into critical risk standards to ensure that our critical risks are effectively controlled, and our staff will be provided with meaningful assurance around the management of each of these.

The table below identifies Councils Critical Risks:

| Priority | Critical Risks                   | Council or Contractor focus |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1        | Driving                          | Both                        |
| 2        | Public Interactions              | Council                     |
| 3        | Transport Corridor               | Both                        |
| 4        | Hazardous Areas/Sites            | Both                        |
| 5        | Hazardous Energy                 | Both                        |
| 6        | Working at Heights               | Both                        |
| 7        | Fixed Plant & Machinery          | Contractor                  |
| 8        | Mobile Plant and Equipment       | Contractor                  |
| 9        | Confined Spaces                  | Contractor                  |
| 10       | Excavations (including trenches) | Contractor                  |
| 11       | Hazardous Substances             | Contractor                  |

## **Health and Safety Committee**

The Health and Safety Committee continues to provide an active voice within Health, Safety and Wellbeing across the organisation and the Health and Safety Reps are taking a lead role in chairing the Health and Safety Committee meetings.

## **Contractor Engagement**

Council continues to engage with our contractors. Monthly meetings with our roading contractors is an initiative that was set up in response to Cyclone Gabrielle which is being positively received by these contractors as we share collaboratively the issues, hazards and opportunities for improvement collectively.

Work is also in progress to align our incident management system Risk Manager to better align with those of our contractors to minimise variation in our reporting. Work is in progress in the defining of a definitive process.

## **Reviewing of Fire Evacuation Procedures**

Over the last few months Council has been reviewing the Fire Evacuation Procedures at the Waipawa Library, Te Huinga Wai and the Municipal Theatre with collaboration from the staff that work in these buildings and with FENZ. This has provided staff with more confidence that we have a safe plan and have the confidence in implementing it should fire evacuation be required. A walkthrough of the Municipal Theatre was undertaken with FENZ where we collaboratively reviewed our procedures. We have undertaken several trial evacuations at Te Huinga Wai and the Waipawa Library to test these procedures and will continue to do 6 monthly.

## **Wellbeing**

The wellbeing of staff continues to be an absolute priority with a continued focus of connectedness across the teams. Bitesize sessions for staff are continuing to be offered for staff which offers topical advice and knowledge across the organisation. Mates 4 Life ran Safety Aiders training for a small group of staff, following this, suicide awareness workshops have been run with all staff with the support of the Safety Aiders and the trained Mates 4 Life team.

## **Covid-19 Internal Health Response**

We continue to follow NZ Government guidance. Only COVID 19 positive individuals are required to isolate for 7 days.

We continue to promote healthy habits and encourage staff to remain home if they are sick and to take a RAT test if they have Covid-19 symptoms.

We still have air purifiers in place and are reviewing the use of these going forward in line with risk from the current flu virus. Hand sanitisers and masks are still in place for staff along with surface sanitiser.

## Central Hawke's Bay Museum

|              | Local      | New Zealand | Overseas  | Total       |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| April 2023   | 103        | 155         | 26        | 284         |
| May 2023     | 384        | 152         | 18        | 554         |
| June 2023    | 322        | 298         | 20        | 640         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>809</b> | <b>605</b>  | <b>64</b> | <b>1478</b> |

On 20 May 2023 the museum launched a free entry to the museum for a year thanks to the Gwen Malden Charitable Trust grant of \$12,500. The visitor numbers doubled since then compared to the previous months. The donations from 20 May to the end of June were \$572.10 - compared to the donations from July 2022 to 20 May 2023 were \$495.50.

**Ghosts of the Past: Jeremy Bright** – A new exhibition of photographs of the old Waipukurau Hospital site by professional Taupo based photographer Jeremy Bright. Jeremy offered one free photo workshop to share his knowledge and skills of being a professional photographer.



**Waipukurau Hospital Classic Ambulance** – The 1949 Humber Pullman Super Snipe ambulance from the Waipukurau Hospital was purchased by a local private buyer and it is on long-term loan to the museum. It's been on display as part of the photographic exhibition in the museum exhibition hall since 20 May 2023.

**Between the Lines – Readers and Writers Festival** – 28 May 2023 – For the third time the museum hosted the Finale of the festival with full house.

**Colouring competition** – Part of the launch of the entry fee was a colouring competition. The museum received 45 entries from different local school students. 10 from Argyll East School, 16 from Omakere School, 14 from Terrace School, 2 from Takapau School, 2 from Tikokino School and 1 from St. Joseph School. The winner gets two free tickets to the Civic Cinema in Waipukurau.

**Henry Russell statue** – A statue of the founder of Waipukurau township Henry Robert Russell was donated to the museum by its creator David Edgecombe. The statue was placed outside the museum, in the courtyard under the tree.

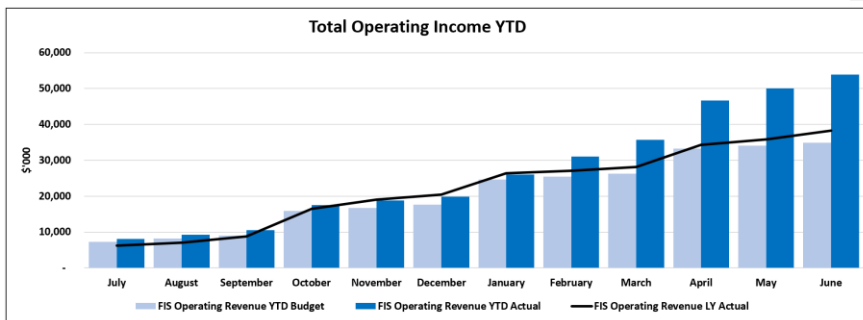
## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

The graphs and tables below show the financial results for Council covering the financial results for the year ended 30 June 2023.

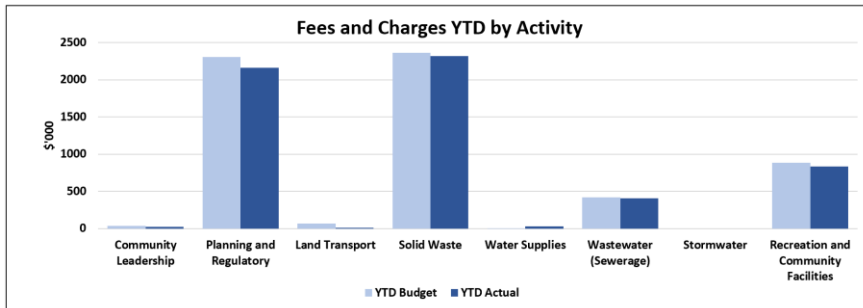
On 14 February New Zealand, and in particular Hawkes Bay, was hit by Cyclone Gabrielle. This financial report covers the financial impact of running a civil defence response for nearly a month, and the first four months of recovery.

Council has been granted up to \$35m in emergency funds from Waka Kotahi, of which \$16m had been spent before 30 June 2023. These funds are received as a reimbursement the month after the works are undertaken.

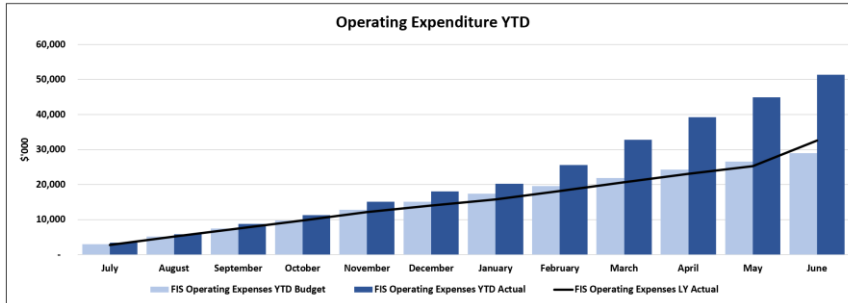
This along with the tail end of Covid recovery monies and PGF funding has meant that Council's income is \$19.0m ahead of budget for the year.



Putting this to one side and ignoring development contributions which are still well below expectations by \$1.9m, the business-as-usual Council activities are broadly achieving their revenue targets.



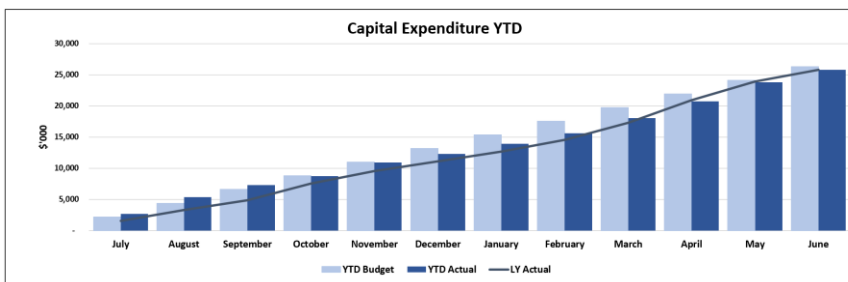
On the flip side Council's overall comprehensive costs (includes depreciation) are \$22.3m over budget.



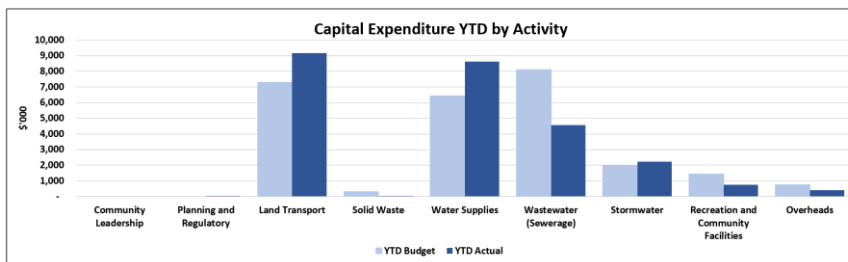
\$22.4m is in supplier payments which is related to the unbudgeted covid and Cyclone related costs as well as additional outsourcing which is being driven by the difficulties recruiting at present. This later cost is largely offset by the savings in the staffing line which represents a \$1.3m underspend for the year.

To date Council has received a \$0.5m progress payment on its Cyclone claim and recovered \$0.8m from NEMA and other agencies towards its Cyclone costs (excluding the roading funding from Waka Kotahi).









Capital expenditure finished the year largely on budget (note the Cyclone roading repairs are being treated as operating costs, repairs, rather than the construction of new assets).



Water was driven by the 2<sup>nd</sup> supply project and general firefighting and other reticulation improvements. Wastewater was underspent in the Waipawa/Otane/Waipukurau treatment improvement program as well as the Porangahu/Te Paerahi improvement program.



## DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

|          |  |   |
|----------|--|---|
| PHASE    | Appeals                                      |      |
| TIMELINE | AUG 2012<br>START DATE                       | May 2023<br>DECISIONS NOTIFIED  |
| PROGRESS | 90%  |   |
| BUDGET   | Total Budget \$4.4m<br>Spend to Date: \$3.5m |    |
| RISKS    |  |    |



### Scope

The review has now progressed past the notification of the decisions on the Proposed District Plan as required by the Resource Management Act. The notification of the decisions on matters and provisions raised in submissions now triggers the appeal phase of the review.

### Progress Update

Council resolved to endorse and adopt the Hearing Panel recommendation reports as its decisions on the provisions and matters raised in submissions at an extraordinary Council meeting on 24 May 2023. The decisions and decisions versions of the PDP were publicly notified the following day, 25 May 2023.

Upon receipt of the public notice of the decisions, submitters and further submitters had the opportunity to appeal Council's decisions by lodging an appeal with the Environment Court within 30 working days. Following appeals, any eligible person was able to become a party to proceedings under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Council received a total of 9 appeals and 21 section 274 notices from 11 different parties.

Officers are now working through the appeal points to prepare for Environment Court direction and appeal resolution, and to release an appeals version of the Proposed District Plan.