



CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



# Together we thrive!

Organisation Performance Report  
Central Hawke's Bay District Council

*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

It feels appropriate to acknowledge that the first quarter of 2023 has been unprecedented following Cyclone Gabrielle. We have seen a complete organisation shift in the response to the event and as we move into Recovery.

While there has been devastation and incredibly challenging times with the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, the overwhelming triumph through the event has been the resilience and strength of our community to respond. It is this resilience and strength that has been critical in how we've responded to date and how we need to work together through recovery for the future.

### Appointment of Recovery Manager

I'm pleased to share Council have appointed its Recovery Manager, Riley Kupa who will be joining the team in early June and will lead out of the Recovery and Resilience Plan and coordinate our recovery efforts from the Cyclone over the next two years.

### First Edition Central Hawke's Bay Recovery and Resilience Plan

The first edition of a recovery plan for the rohe of Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay was submitted to Government and is focussed on the immediate and short-term work we need to do between now and September 2023.

This first edition includes and reflects the initial feedback provided by community through the community conversations and clearly outlines and reflects the district-wide steps and actions required in the short, medium, and long term to address this feedback to ensure a successful recovery for the cyclone, and to ensure our district is more resilient in the future, in particular to future emergency events.

This first edition of the plan also contains nine different locality plans, which themselves contain actions for the short, medium and long term specific to those nine communities.

As we have in our response, partnership with mana whenua at the early stages of our recovery planning is integral to ensuring that we develop a long-term recovery plan that meets the aspirations and needs of everyone in the Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay community, while also respecting the mana motuhake of mana whenua



### Acknowledging the passing of Contractor Employee

An employee of one of our contracting partners sadly passed while at work on a Council open space in January. Council officers want to acknowledge and give our deepest sympathies to their family, friends, colleagues, and their wider connections. Their passing has had a significant impact on our contracting partner, our staff collectively and many who were involved on the day and support continues to be provided to those affected.

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. Council is currently undertaking a review of the event process to implement any learnings.

### Three Waters Reform

The most recent reset of the Three Waters reform programme includes:

- The timeframe for the waters services to transfer to the entities was initially 01 July 2024 and this is now 01 July 2026
- The number of water service entities will move from 4 to 10 – this means Hawke's Bay is now linked with Tairāwhiti.

This delay had been expected, provides further clarity as we move forward with both the Annual Plan and thinking for the development of the Long-Term Plan. There is likely to be questions and clarity still required, and we can expect more information on this.

Ngā mihi nui

**Doug Tate**  
Chief Executive



## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Central Hawke's Bay Network of Networks

Network groups had either just completed or were about to meet to develop their 2023 workplans when Cyclone Gabrielle arrived. All the Networks then turned to providing essential services and support as a part of the coordinated response to the event and many of the individual organisations involved are only just returning to their core business. This emergency event has again highlighted the value of our network of networks and the Network of Networks will continue to play a vital role in the recovery phase, as they turn to how they contribute to longer term recovery plans also.

### Safer Central Hawke's Bay

The coalition group met once during this reporting period. This meeting focused on identifying how Cyclone Gabrielle will impact on the work of Safer CHB and how the network can be involved in assisting in the district's recovery.

### Safe and Healthy Homes Workstream

This workstream was able to deliver its annual Electric Blanket Check initiative during this reporting period. Residents were able to bring in their electric blankets for a free safety check by a certified electrician. The event was a great success with 77 blankets being tested. We know that faulty electric blankets can cause great harm to people and homes if they catch on fire and at our event 24 of the blankets tested were found to be unsafe and failed their check and here is the evidence. We are extremely grateful for all the partners who made this free service possible. To our electricians Owen Spotswood and Gary Weaver who so willingly gave us their time and expertise, our amazing library teams who provided a drop off a collection point for blankets, Mitre 10 for their generous discount vouchers for those whose blankets failed, the Red Cross and FENZ staff who provided vital support on the day and the Waipukurau Fire Brigade for the venue. Those blankets that fail are given the "snip" so they cannot be used and returned to their owners, donated for animal blankets or disposed of.



### Violence Free CHB

This network has met once during this reporting period and re assessed their priorities and developed in their 2023 Action Plan. One of the new priorities is to ensure that our new White Ribbon Ambassadors are supported to get out into our community to raise awareness of Family Violence and how we as a community can work together to support those affected.

### Community Resilience and Wellbeing Network

The network has met once during this reporting period and developed their 2023 Action Plan.

## Road Safety

The network has managed to meet twice to continue to input into the development of the Hawke's Bay RoadSafe Strategy and planning for Road Safety Week, 9-15 May is well underway.

## Central Hawke's Bay Older Persons Network

The network met on 27 March. Three new priority areas below, have been added to the existing priorities for 2023.

- Cyclone Recovery
- Emergency Preparedness
- Living Cost Crisis

A key focus for the network will be supporting the Age Concern bi-annual Older Person's Expo which is being held in Waipukurau on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## Central Hawke's Bay Disability Network

The network has yet to meet in 2023 due to the disruption caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.

## Youth Development Network

The network met in early February to develop their 2023 Action Plan. Due to the Cyclone, Youth week activities from Term 1 were cancelled however planning for Term 2 Youth week are well underway and will be held at Central Hawke's Bay College from 10-12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



## Central Hawke's Bay Food Secure Network

The network is yet to meet in 2023 with network members being kept busy responding to food needs as part of the Cyclone Gabrielle Welfare response.

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### Creative Communities Fund

The Creative Communities Panel met on 22 March 2023 and assessed nine funding applications, each of which were approved. A total of \$16,103.81 was able to be distributed to local community projects and art initiatives. These projects included:

- Waipukurau Little Theatre production- Last Tango
- School Mural – Flemington School
- Shrek The Musical – CHB College
- Creative Art After School – Emma Harker
- School Mural – Tikokino School
- Pania Musical – Omakere School
- North Island Highland Dancing Championship
- Between The Lines – Youth
- Paul Hunter Centre Arts Project

The next Creative Communities Funding round opens 28 July 2023.

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

CVOS is currently closed for applications until July 2023.

## **Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund**

There have been two applications to the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund in this reporting period - these are currently awaiting assessment.

## **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. Two funding applications have been received in the last quarter, but the assessment process was delayed as efforts were prioritised to support Cyclone Gabriel recovery efforts. As we transition towards more 'business as usual' operations, we expect to complete the processing of these applications in the next quarter.

## **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.

### **Tikokino**

The Tikokino Community plan was adopted by council on 1 September 2022. No update during this reporting period.

### **Ōtāne**

The second iteration of the Ōtāne Community Plan has been presented to the working group at a meeting on Tuesday, 7 February. Council officers also attended this meeting to present further detail to the group on the workplan for the communities Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Choices Programme which will see four kilometres of footpaths and safe crossings developed in the centre of Ōtāne.

### **Takapau**

The Takapau Community Plan was adopted by Council on 24 September 2020. Opportunities identified for Takapau included being recognised as motorhome friendly. Procurement for the installation of a free public motorhome dump station is underway with planned construction for next financial year.

### **Ongaonga**

The Ongaonga Community Plan was adopted by Council on 24 September 2020. No update during this reporting period.

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

The Toi Tamatea Network last met on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 where the focus was heavily on the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and recovery within the arts sector. Those in attendance spoke about the struggles they are finding as a result of the cost of living and the lack of funding within the arts nationally. They were provided with information provided from Nga Toi and Creative NZ in regard to funding and support. Upcoming projects were encouraged to share their communications so that the network can support communicating with the community. The group appreciated the ability to get together and share some of their struggles. The focus for 2023 will be to monitor and implement actions identified within the Action Plan.

## MĀORI ENGAGEMENT – TŪHONO MAI TŪHONO ATU

The role of Māori engagement for this period has been focused on covering the District’s Emergency Management Māori liaison role during Cyclone Gabrielle. Out of the nine marae in Tamatea, Rongomaraera marae in Pōrangahau was the only marae flood damaged along with extensive damage to the Kaumatua flats, village businesses, residential homes, farms, and surrounding areas. Support for this Community was prioritised with a daily presence and Council team being stationed at the centres that were stood up in the town. Ngāti Kere Hapu Authority were successful in securing funding from Te Puni Kokiri, Department of Internal Affairs, Eastern and Central Trust and Ministry of Social Development, to provide vulnerable whanau with options to fix their homes and support with a place to coordinate welfare. Rongomaraeroa was also able to attain funding to establish a taskforce to complete the work required to get the marae up and running again.



*Funders and Ngāti Kere*



*MPI and CHBDC support, Pōrangahau Farmers*

Other marae districts were also affected by loss of water supply, and access into some of the more remote areas was totally cut off due to road damage, communications were down, and power was intermittent. In Waipawa the memorial and the trees planted many years ago for the Hutana whanau was destroyed. A team led by the Hutana whanau blessed the site and made plans to remove their taonga to a safer place. Speedy work by our team led by Shane Kingston and Hawkes Bay Regional Council’s Jo Genet, the Mauri oho environmental team and local contractors made the recovery work less distressing for the whanau.



*Hutana Trees Blessing before work starts*

Marae/hapū-led initiatives such as those in Pōrangahau is also being developed in Waipawa. Waipawa was another hard-hit area in Tamatea that suffered during the cyclone. Mataweka Marae have a marae led initiative to develop a welfare response and another option for their community to get some assistance. They have also received funding to provide support where there is an identified need.



*Karakia to bless the Waipawa River post the cyclone*

### **Growing an Almond Opportunity**

In 2022 Council secured funding on behalf of the Hawke's Bay region to assess the feasibility of establishing a NZ almond industry based on a premium product using sustainable agronomic practices. This project was a partnership between CHBDC, HBRC, Wairoa DC, Hastings DC, Picot Productions (Pic's), Plant & Food Research, local Central Hawke's Bay grower Tony Kuklinski and the Ministry for Primary Industries. Reports and fact sheet on growing almonds are now available on to community on Council's project webpage <https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/economic-development/growing-an-almond-opportunity/>

### **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 **41** of the **50** required measurable outcomes for this financial year so far.





Year #3 (July 22 - June 23)		Business Connect Details		CHB Apprentices 2022	
Referrals from July 2022	155	New Business Connections in the last 30 days	16	Current Workshop Participants	29
Measurable Outcomes Round #5	41	Business Connections in last quarter	41	Completed Apprenticeship	12
		Total Business List	873	Total Participants	53



(Above are the current statistics as at 4 April 2023)

### Cyclone Gabrielle

Our MTFJ Team pivoted with the arrival of Cyclone Gabrielle, joining the response team, supporting our local Civil Defence Welfare team.

Our Mobile Employment Hub became a response utility/delivery vehicle helping get much needed supplies to our isolated communities of Elsthorpe and Pōrangahau

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/160999941196772/permalink/1215244395772316/>

Then changed again to be the volunteer coordination hub, helping to connect the dots between people keen to volunteer and households needing clean up support. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/735527637941216>

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/jonoc\\_alex-walker-a-mayor-for-a-positive-future-activity-7032947415502520320-p6Jm?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/jonoc_alex-walker-a-mayor-for-a-positive-future-activity-7032947415502520320-p6Jm?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)

We were able to use our SMARTSHEETS CRM to create simple forms to collect, collate and distribute data in a simple way assisting our Civil Defence Intelligence team.

The team was heavily involved in running our welfare needs assessments, checking in with effected households and connecting them to the relevant supports. Continuing to build strong connections with our community which will add value to our work with jobseekers in the future.

### Business Support

We are into our second Growing Great Entrepreneurs course for 2023 – supporting our new local businesses to THRIVE. Great to see a real range of ideas and businesses getting great support to grow.

Along with this we are also working with the HB Chamber to support our local Young Enterprise Scheme students from Central Hawkes Bay College as they develop their own businesses too.

### Business After 5

Our Business Connector, Mel Wiggins, worked alongside the Central Hawke's Bay District Council Economic Development Lead and Business Network Lead to host the February Business After 5. We saw 10 businesses attend to discuss how Cyclone Gabrielle has and will continue to affect our local economy and employment and how we can work together to ensure our district continues to thrive in the recovery.

During these unprecedented times it has been crucial to keep our employers and their employees up to date with the relevant information regarding our local economy, cyclone relief payments and funding application opportunities both regionally and locally.

The **CHB Business Network** is now being co-led by Justine & Rachael of Sloan's Ltd and supported by the Central Hawke's Bay District Council to ensure the voices of Central Hawke's Bay Businesses are heard and the momentum continues, to support local businesses. Currently undergoing a name change to the **CHB Business Xchange**

## Partnering with Ministry of Social Development

Our **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.

## Youth Transitions

### Support for School Leavers

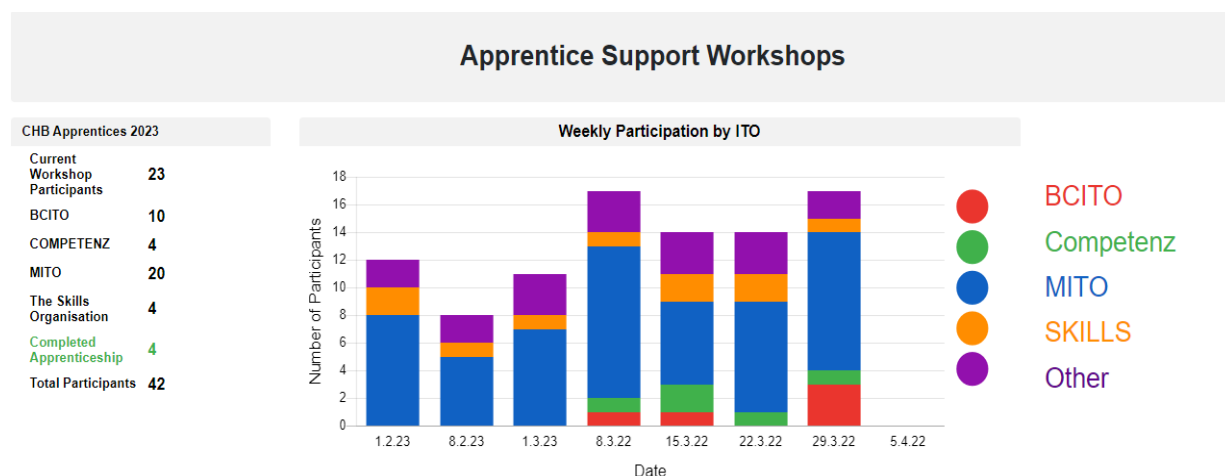
The start of February can be a very exciting time for students heading off on their new adventures. We still made ourselves available to those that were heading away and speaking to most they were finishing up their summer jobs and having a little break before heading around the county to various universities. We had students we were able to support with CV's and find more fulltime employment. We were able to link a student who decided to not return to year 13 with life coaching and through this fulltime work was found with the wrap around service of life coaching so the youth will continue to be supported. Great to see youth still keen to seek their licence, now understanding how important it is to get their restricted.

Ollie, 20 years old came into our jobs van looking for work, due to the cyclone he had to be laid off early from his current employment. We found out Ollie had been at Uni in Otago for a few years but was finding the living arrangements difficult and time to come home and earn some money. He spoke about working for 12 months and then possibly travelling. We met with him again, updated his CV, referred him to sit his full licence, and suggested he come along to our employment workshop with MSD. In the background we were speaking with a local employer who then read his CV and got him in for an interview. He got the job as a Traffic Control Worker with Centralines and is already sharing how he likes the people he is working with and enjoying his new role. We also supported him gain his full licence through CONNECT Driver Licensing.

Jobs in Central Hawkes Bay have been shortlisted in the **Taituara Excellence Awards for the Martin Jenkins Collaborative Government Action Award**.

Our Jobs in Central Hawke's Bay team really enjoyed attending the **National MTFJ Coordinators Hui** in Wellington this month. It was really valuable to meet kanohi ki te kanohi with our counterparts from across the motu, networking and learning together.

Our **Apprentice Support Workshops** have had a great start to the year – see below stats



With apprentices getting real value out of their time at the workshop, our local MITO Training Advisor had this to say *"I see great results in CHB with attending the sessions. Not only are my learners achieving better, but mentally they are doing better (I accredit much of this to you Jono, the group there feel connected and have a shared goal). I also get the opportunity to talk to them outside their workplace and often get a better understanding of how they are really doing."*

## He Ringa Whānau Ora

As at 28 February the He Ringa Whanau Ora team have supported 38 whanau, including 55 dependent tamariki. Following on from the successful six-week wānaga transformation pilot another programme is now being offered. The summer holiday season resulted in a huge demand for assistance in January and this has further highlighted that the resource available from this programme does not meet the demand. Housing and the lack of rehabilitation beds is also causing huge stress on those who are engaged with the service.

## TOURISM

### Spring Fling 2023

Preparations for the 2023 Spring Fling have begun with applications and prospectus being sent out to local businesses. Registrations have started to come in and we have interest from new groups who are looking to be part of this year's event. This year we are looking at expanding our advertising and communications NZ wide to allow the event to receive as much exposure as possible. With the region now focusing on recovery post Cyclone Gabrielle, the Spring Fling is our opportunity to attract tourist back to Central Hawke's Bay, increasing revenue to local businesses.





# DRINKING WATER

## Drinking-Water Compliance

### District Drinking Water Supplies

Continued performance against the new Taumata Arowai DWQAR's is overall positive; however, we are still seeing a number of areas where achievement has proven difficult. Furthermore, the boil water notices implemented throughout the weather event has resulted in non-compliance for Waipawa/Ōtāne and Waipukurau. Our operational and compliance teams will be working closely with regulators to under how this is managed for the annual reporting given its unavoidable nature, and how we might manage future events.

### Operational update

With unusually inclement weather for the period, we have not seen the typical spike in water usage through the summer which would predicate a significant increase in network faults. Although still high for the district, we have been fortunate with RFS numbers overall for the period.

High levels of activity across other waters related departments (projects, metering and assets) is noted to be having an affect now on both operational performance and external resourcing capabilities through the district.

### Waipawa to Waipukurau Water Supply

The construction of the access track to the new reservoir contract is underway. Our panel contractor Fulton Hogan's programme indicates completion by end of June 2023.

Due to the cyclone impact on existing Waipawa water treatment plant and the difficulty of constructing adequate flood protection measures, constructing a new treatment plant building on nearby land above flood level is currently being investigated. A budget increase is required to proceed with the design and physical works.

Currently the planned phasing of the project had aimed to complete the project by the middle of 2024, with a approximately 6 month float through to the end of 2024. This aligned with the paper brought to council in May 2022. The current economic climate and the impacts of council expenditure on ratepayers means that it is very unlikely that funds will be available to achieve delivery of the timeline as was planned.



## Pōrangahau Road Water Supply Upgrade

This project is now in the final stages. We have 2 more details to be completed before commission and livening 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 June 2023.

## Great North Rd Water Supply Upgrade

Higgins have successfully installed 215m of new pipe by trenchless 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 June 2023.



## Waipawa Water Main Renewal/Upgrade.

Stage 1, 2, and 5 have been completed. Higgins have begun remaining works required to complete stage 3. This will allow us commission and liven stage 1,2 and 3. Pipe has successfully been installed alongside the bridge. Higgins are on track to commission end of May.



Stage 4 has also been awarded to Higgins via the new panel agreement, construction has been put on hold until the beginning of May due to Cyclone Gabrielle and some resourcing issues.

## Waipawa Water Fire Fighting and Renewal Improvements

Stage 3 – Matthew Street is the last project under the firefighting improvement projects as we have rolled up any further projects into the renewals programme. 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 to Cyclone Gabrielle and resourcing.

### SH2 Borefield Upgrade

A final issue with a pump is still to be resolved prior to decommissioning of the existing pump system, this has been progressed with the pump supplier. In addition, Council resourced support from Stantec to undertake both a review of the design and investigation of the pump failure. The Stantec report has been completed and received. This has been passed on to WSP the Original Design Consultant with the thoughts on identified issues.

The Pump Manufacturer has supplied parts to carry out repairs of the damaged pump, independent testing of the new housing will be required prior to assembly. The pump motor has been looked at to confirm if any damage occurred because of flooding in the Borefield from Cyclone Gabrielle. Waiting on test report.

The Upgrade Contractor has provided list of work required to repair the damaged pump with discussion between Council and Consultants required to finalise actions of strengthening the pump support frames.

Contractor is currently undertaking the final works to complete electrical control and site visibility in conjunction with the Operations Team.

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 largely completed and is in its final stage, proving period, where both contractor and Veolia operations are monitoring plant performance. This project is considerably over budget as was presented to council in workshop on the 4th of May. A Council paper confirming actions to address this is planned for the Council meeting on 15 June. At this stage it is expected that the cost overrun can be managed within existing budgets in the wider Water supply activity.



## Reservoir Renewal Programme

### Abbotsford - Waipawa

The Reservoir replacement programme has commenced, with the design of Waipawa reservoirs replacement underway. The access track built as part of the emergency works following cyclone Gabrielle is planned to be upgraded to a permanent access to future reservoirs. Land negotiations for purchase and easements are underway. Phasing of this programme is being assessed as part of the finalisation of the annual plan.

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

Officers are in the process of concept design of the alternative option, construction of the new reservoir and treatment plant at existing SH2 site, hence the rising main replacement has been put on hold. This project can only happen following completion of the new Central reservoir and the focus has now shifted to Waipukurau-Waipawa second supply and the construction of the Central reservoir access track and platform, as well as rising and falling mains.



# WASTEWATER

## Wastewater Treatment Operational Performance

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

Network performance was heavily affected by Cyclone Gabrielle, with surcharging, overflows and reduced levels of service commonplace during much of the event and the days following.

Aside from performance as a result of the cyclone, overall network performance has also been very good, with an unprecedented low number of dry weather blockages and network faults. Year to date performance is below targeted levels, pending the result of end of year data reviews which should show marked improvement.

## 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 major contract was awarded to Pipevision for the investigative works, with larger scale renewals following from their recommendations. More than a quarter of the network has currently been investigated; 24 kilometres of pipe and 331 manholes. Renewal prioritization follows from here as well as more detailed investigation.

Private property inspections 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 June 2023.

## Waipawa, Waipukurau, Otāne Wastewater Upgrade Project

Details on current projects below:

### Otāne to Waipawa Pipeline and Pump Station

The Otāne to Waipawa wastewater pipeline is complete with all the approximately 9km of pipeline in the ground across Stages 1, 2, 3 and 5. Similarly, to the conveyance pipeline, the work on the Otāne Pump station is complete enabling the commissioning of the system and the ceasing of the discharge. This system continued to operate during the recent cyclone.





### 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 progressing) and upgrading of the UV treatment systems (currently being planned). We continue to further define and develop the long-term solutions to move to a centralised treatment plant and away from current surface water discharges. Options are being presented as part of the Annual Plan which will allow progression into both design work and more formal engagement with stakeholders.



## Waipawa and Waipukurau Biosolids application to land

Consent has been granted for beneficial reuse of biosolids for fertiliser on agricultural land. Procurement is underway and management documents are being finalised to facilitate this.

## Takapau Wastewater Upgrade Project

The consent for this wastewater upgrade was approved in October 2022. The concept design was completed in November 2022 and the finalisation of the preliminary design is now underway. Following approval of the plan from Council in January 2023, procurement for the design and installation of the irrigation system is taking place.

## 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. Preliminary design for both the new pipeline routes and pump stations will be commencing shortly. Design for the interim UV treatment system will also commence soon. Following approval of the plan from Council in January 2023, procurement for the design and installation of the irrigation system is also taking place.

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







# 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. Some overdue maintenance works have been undertaken in high priority drains, with more expected before the start 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.



## Stormwater Catchment Management Plan

Central Hawkes Bay District Council have finalised an overarching catchment management plan, which outlines the major aspirations and objectives for the CHB stormwater system. The plan is aligned with the recent modelling work as well as the stormwater improvements outlined in the Long Term Plan. The plan has been submitted to HBRC for approval and initial feedback has been recently received. We are now looking to create a strategy out of them CMP and engage with iwi and community to identify further strategic paths. Implementation on projects in the workplan is progressing along with maintenance works.

## Stormwater Modelling

Waipukurau, Waipawa and Otane model builds, and calibration have been completed. We now have a useful digital representation of the stormwater systems for these towns and can manipulate parameters to simulate how the impacts of growth and climate change may affect our systems. Recommendations have also been made on operational and capital improvements to drainage. A similar modelling exercise in Takapau is currently being scoped.

# LAND TRANSPORT



## Summary General

Land Transport was extremely busy balancing programmed work with response to weather events over the first part of 2023.

### Initiatives

- An operational review for quick fixes and operational improvements – the prioritisation tool is working well and the prioritisation of work is better organised to meet the requirements of the network and our residents.
- A review of the maintenance contract specifications is being undertaken to ensure we are applying the correct procedures when completing work and all parties are working together to provide good road maintenance
- A specific focus on remediating slips – this has taken on an extra importance due to the impact of the cyclones and continues to produce good results
- A Strategic Review of the Land Transport Activity in advance of preparation of the Activity Management Plan for Land Transport – this is progressing to ensure we meet the timelines required to submit the next 3-year programme

## 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.

## Winter Storm Damage / Cyclones

Work on the winter storm damage has been continuing and now some sites have been swallowed up by the cyclone events

The impacts of these storms caused unprecedented damage to the road network. Over 100 roads were impacted with dropouts, over-slips, landslides and the destruction of bridges. Our consultants and contractors responded well to close the roads and making sure they were safe.

Several communities were cut-off completely, and our first priority was to restore access to all residents which has been accomplished even though in some of the areas the access has restriction imposed to ensure safety and prevent total loss of access.

It is estimated that the total cost for the re-build will be in excess of \$100 million dollars of which Waka Kotahi has approved \$35.9 million to be spent prior to the end of June. Work continues at pace with multiple contractors working on the network removing over-slips, fixing under-slips and drainage improvements while consultants continue working on investigations and designs to prepare solutions for other damaged infrastructure.



*Gwavas Road*



*Tikokino Road*



*Old Waipawa River Bridge*

## **March Storm Response**

There are only 2 sites remaining from the march storm that have not been repaired. (Old Hill Road and Farm Road at 12.6km. The Farm Road site is currently being worked on as we have verbal approval to proceed from Waka Kotahi. Drainage to remove water from the slope above the road is being constructed. The slope is also being planted in Vertigras which provides deep rooted slope stabilisation.

Old Hill Road is still being monitored and topped up as required

## **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

## **Bridges, Structures**

Gunsons' Bridge repair work has commenced and is progressing well. Due to working in the stream restrictions other bridge work will be pushed forward into the next fiscal year

## **Footpaths**

Footpath maintenance and renewals has continued but is also being hampered by adverse weather. Council was successful in their application for "Transport Choices" funding with Waka Kotahi and are to receive up to \$4,000,000 in funding to construct footpaths in both Ōtāne and one in Pōrangahau. Council is now working with Waka Kotahi

to finalise a consultation, communication plan and construction programme. The programme will include the planned new footpath to the Ōtāne school.

## Other Works

Work is almost complete on the Single Stage Business Case for Pōrangahau & Wimbledon roads (old SH 52) with support and input from Regional Waka Kotahi staff. Once complete this will be submitted to Waka Kotahi for approval. The outcome if successful should provide additional support for any work required on the route.

Our prioritisation methodology has been field tested by our maintenance contractor and is working well. We are now looking at using it to assist in the next 3 year program for the Regional Land Transport Program

Work continues on the Activity Management Plan as well as the draft speed management plan along with a final speed management plan

Low Cost / Low Risk / Road 2 Zero projects for the next 3 year program are being lined up in tandem with support from local Waka Kotahi officers

## Kairakau Road Rebuild – Higgins

The rebuild was effectively completed in March and is open to the public. The new road has endured the Cyclone Gabriel event with no impacts other than a slip on one section of the road. Options to repair the slip are being assessed and will be integrated into the Cyclone Gabriel Recovery Plan.



## SOLID WASTE

### Cyclone Gabriel

The unprecedented levels of rainfall associated with cyclone Gabrielle caused widespread flooding around the district. The team provided support to impacted effected residents with:

- Free drop off at Transfer Stations for flood damaged household goods
- Skip Bins dropped off at the flood impacted suburbs
- Extended and additional opening hours for Transfer Stations and Landfill -



*Skip Bins placed in Bibby Street to assist disposal of flood damaged goods.*



## **WMMP Action Plan Priorities**

The programme for CHBDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) Action plan for the next 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. We are not aware of any downstream capacity issues with our partners but continue to monitor the situation.

We have not found an alternative to divert treated timber disposed by the construction industry since the facility in Hastings stopped accepting it for use as boiler fuel due to environmental concerns. This is a region wide issue.

Treated timber is now being sent to landfill while we find a feasible diversion alternative. All councils in the region recognize that more treated timber entering the waste stream as the region begins the rebuild/recovery process and have alerted the Ministry of the Environment (MfE). This could be an opportunity to fast-track region wide solution for treated timber.

## **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:

- Argyll East School
- St. Joseph School
- Waipukurau School
- Elsthorpe School
- The Terrace
- Ōtāne School
- Waipukurau School.

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

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

As we transition to more business-as-usual operations, we will continue holding composting workshops events. A workshop was held in conjunction with the Ōtāne roadshow in March and we are planning a stand-alone workshop in conjunction with the Ōtāne school in the next quarter buoyed by the interest shown in the roadshow event.



*Composting workshop at the Ōtāne roadshow event.*

### **Public Education for Recycling.**

Officers finalised new collateral to improve messaging around what can and cannot be recycled following feedback from the public during the Roadshows. These are expected to be in place this quarter.

### **Kerbside Recycling, Refuse & Transfer Station Services**

Transfer Stations, particularly Waipukurau Transfer Station received some flooding damage because of Cyclone Gabriel. These transfer stations were reopened as soon as practical, and the contractor performed admirably in less-than-ideal conditions to cope with the increased volumes. External resources were also required to assist with clearing waste from the station to send to the landfill.



*Waste from flooding at Waipawa transfer station*

Officers also prioritised getting kerbside recycling and waste service back online as soon as possible to ensure service is restored to unaffected residents and provide a sense of normalcy as soon as possible.

All transfer stations received about two to three times the normal volumes in the days immediately after the cyclone. Volumes gradually dropped over the 2 weeks and CHBDC implemented a waste permit system to manage free drop off for flood related waste with the exception of Pōrangahau Transfer Station where the system proved impractical due to the scale and large numbers of affected properties.

New waste permit ceased to be issued on 17 April as we transitioned into the recovery phase, but avenues are still available for those who wish to dispose of flood damaged waste for free. These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer station volumes are likely to remain slightly higher than normal in the short to medium term. We have also started minor repairs at affected transfer stations.

### **District Landfill**

The district landfill received large amount of waste as a direct result of the Cyclone Gabriel. From 15 February to 19 February, the district landfill was the only operating landfill within the Hawkes Bay region as the Oamaru Landfill in Hastings remained inaccessible. To assist, we accepted waste from the Hastings District Council and from other private waste collectors within the region on top of the additional waste from flood damaged waste in our district. We acknowledge the efforts of the operators who worked extended hours to manage the elevated volumes of waste.



*Queue of waste disposal vehicles at the landfill in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle.*

The unprecedented event left the leachate pond at critical levels and damaged some of the internal roads, swales and tipping platform at the landfill. Additional resources were needed to reduce the leachate pond levels as well as begin to repair the damage to internal landfill infrastructure to ensure we remain compliant and maintain existing service levels.

Suitable material from failed stop banks were brought to the landfill to be reused to reduce the costs of repairs. Officers have signalled the need for extra funding from the Ministry for the Environment to assist in these

unbudgeted repairs. Whilst there is an acknowledgement of the need of such funding from Ministry for the Environment officers, there has been no firm commitment. This is a concern for officers.

#### Tonnages to Landfill

Month	January	February	March
Tonnes	932	1888	2018

## Carbon Prices

### Price History



Carbon prices continue to fall due to uncertainty about the government's position on the carbon budget. The spot price is currently approximately \$60. The Council hedges its carbon liability through futures contract. This means we purchase carbon credit at a price of what it may be in a years' time.

We are unable to pass on low carbon prices to landfill users this calendar year as we have purchased the credits when the prices were higher but if this trend continues, we are likely to be able to get cheaper carbon credits and thus, pass on these costs to users in the 2024 calendar year.

## Waipukurau Transfer Station Weighbridge

The installation of the Waipukurau transfer station weighbridge has been delayed until mid-June 2023 pending financial review.

## CONSENTING

### Consent application volumes for 1 October – 31 December 2022 reporting period

#### Building Consents:

- Total consents: 81
- New dwellings: 30
- Total value: \$16.8M

Overall consent volumes remain high but a reduction in the volume of consents for new dwellings is being experienced. 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 cadets currently working through formal qualification processes. They have completed their first year of studies and start the second year in February 2023

### Resource Consents:

- Total consents: 53
- Number of new lots to be created: 99

Resource Consent volumes remain steady but with a high degree of complexity through either large subdivisions or subdivisions with complex infrastructure/engineering requirements.

Though we have recently onboarded a Consents Manager, we still have two internal planner position vacant therefore, 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

We welcome Pip Dixon, Emergency Management Advisor – Community Engagement CHB. Pip officially started at CHBDC one week after Cyclone Gabrielle and was subsequently deployed to support the Hawke's Bay response.

Pip is looking forward to working in CHB and supporting communities to be prepared.

The Council's Incident Management Team was stood up on Monday, 13 February to respond to the immediate needs of Community following Cyclone Gabrielle. Our Emergency Operations Centre was operational for a number of weeks from Council Chambers with a large number of staff involved supported by surge staff from other regions. Support for the community is still available as Council transitions to Recovery.

The Waipawa Welfare Hub is open 9am to 1pm at the Waipawa Library.

Ascend Church for Household Goods and Clothing, Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa.

Animal Hub, Waipukurau Racecourse.

Mataweka Marae, Tapairu Road, Waipawa.

Pōrangahau Hub, Porangahau Rugby Clubrooms.



## PLACES AND OPEN SPACES

The arrival of Cyclone Gabrielle saw a number of our Places and Open Spaces impacted.

Otaia Lindsay Bush, Madge Hunter Park, Coronation Park and Kahahakuri (Black Creek) Bridge all sustained damage of varying degrees. Madge Hunter Park was the most seriously affected, with almost complete devastation of the park. Remedial work is now being planned.

Otaia/Lindsay Bush was also seriously affected, with large amounts of slash and debris being washed into the western end of the Bush, taking out fencing and the toilets. Council is working with a number of groups and partners

to look at restoration of this area and would like to acknowledge the work of the volunteers, Forest & Bird and HBRC for their continued support of our sites that were damaged.

Some projects (e.g. Otaia/Lindsay Bush carpark upgrade) were placed on hold, while others, such as the Porerere toilet upgrade, were not affected.

After the immediate impacts of the Cyclone were addressed, we turned our attention back to the implementation of the Open Spaces and Recreation Strategies, and also refreshed our contract management processes with our Open Spaces facilities management provider, Recreational Services.

### CHB Municipal Theatre

As usual this quarter has been quiet, with a few events such as funerals being held in January. Events that were meant to be held in February – (French Film Night, a wedding reception, BPW, and a few other corporate meeting/workshop events) were postponed due to the Theatre becoming the Civil Defence Centre during the Cyclone Gabrielle event. Some were able to reschedule into March, but others have had to Postpone to as yet undecided dates.

There has not been a venue manager onsite for this quarter other than to oversee booked events and remotely keeping an eye on emails and booking requests, however Nic Heremaia has been appointed as the Events and Venue Lead and she is due to commence on Wednesday, 26 April 2023.

### Central Hawke's Bay Museum

	Local	New Zealand	Overseas	Total
January 2023	206	269	62	537
February 2023	39	68	30	137
March 2023	73	61	26	160
Total	318	398	118	834

In January the museum visitor numbers were back to normal (like before covid). The numbers dropped again after Cyclone Gabrielle in February.

**Beyond the Palette** – Ōtāne Arts & Crafts Art Group exhibition finished on the 26 March. Artworks were for sale with 20% commission for the museum. 4 paintings were sold with \$200 going to the museum.



**Upgrade of the heating system** – The Napier Heat Pumps Ltd finished the job of installing new heat pump system on 8 March which was supported by Eastern & Central Community Trust, Council and the Museum. Museum staff received training about the new system from the company. After many years with the old heating system which wasn't providing enough heat for the building, the museum is now a warm place to work.



**Feasibility Study for redevelopment of the museum** -The grant application to the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee was submitted on the 1 March. A requirement brief for undertaking an independent feasibility study was sent to Craig Ireson. The long-term vision for the redevelopment of the museum (2023 – 2053) was delivered to the museum committee members to be adopted.

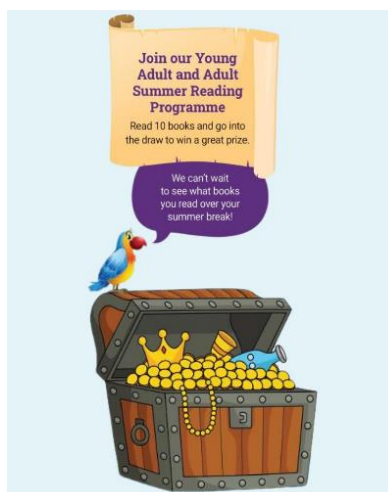
**Community Outreach Proposal Marae Based Exhibition** – A new proposal how to reach our local (Waipawa based) Māori community from external museum professional Moana Davey was presented to the committee. The museum is going to look into this proposal in 2024.

**Free entry to the museum** – Launching on Sat 20 May 2023. In December 2022 the museum, with the support of CHB District Council and Craig Ireson, was successful in securing a funding from the Gwen Malden Trust to remove the admission fee to the museum for one year. The admission to the museum was \$8 for adult, \$5 for CHB resident, \$2 for children, \$15 for family.



## Central Hawke's Bay District Libraries

January saw the libraries Summer Reading Programme "Ahoy Matey – Are you ready to Read" in full swing with children coming into the libraries to report on the books that they had read. We also ran a holiday programme for two weeks in January. Some of the activities that we ran were Pirate story time and crafts, paper bag pirate puppets, make your own comic, stem activities and a Lego challenge. The libraries held a finale for the Summer Reading Programme on 28 January 2023 in the Waipawa Library where we had about 55 children attend. The children were entertained by Pirate David who told them a story about a pirate travelling the world to find pirate gold. Each child got to take home a coloured stone –pirate gem from pirate David. The children also received a prize book and certificate and were then treated to a sausage sizzle which was cooked by the Waipawa Lions.

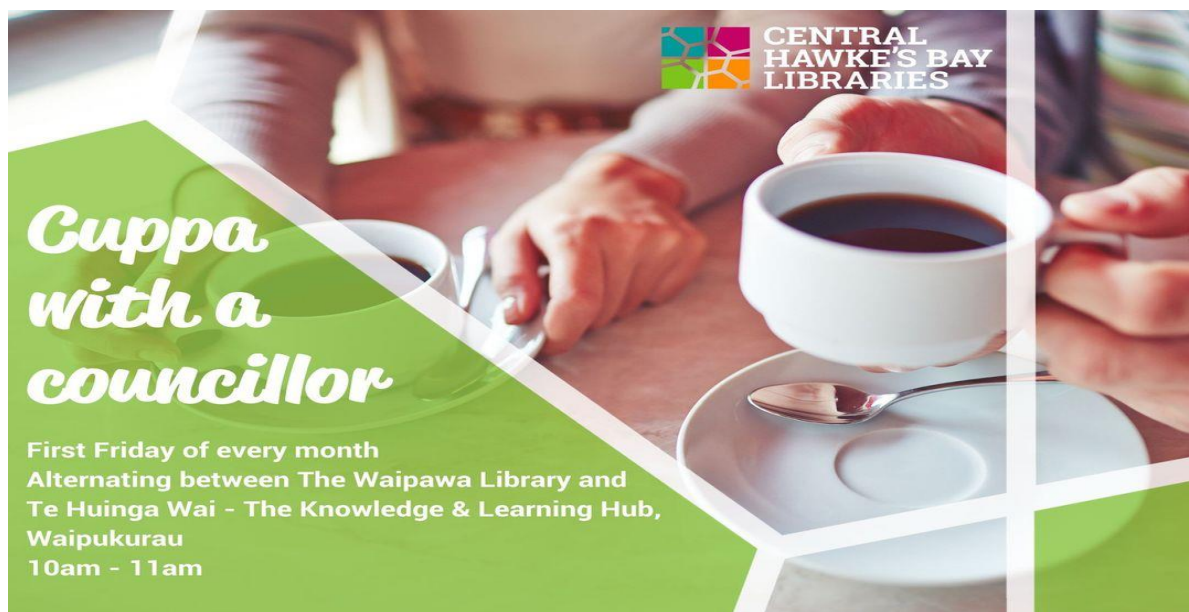


The Young Adult and Adult Summer Reading Challenge is also well supported with 11 registered. Once the participants read ten books, they handed in their bookmarks and went into the draw to win a Kobo e-reader.



With the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, the libraries were closed. On reopening we had volunteers from Red Cross in both libraries, offering support, and making cups of teas and coffee for the community. We saw an increase in demand for Skinny jump modems during this period. Post-Cyclone saw the real need for libraries as community hubs as we were able to open and offer much needed services such as free internet and printing to those affected by the cyclone.

Cuppa with a councillor has recommenced monthly on Friday alternating between both libraries.



Saturday, 11 March saw Oriana come in and do another Rongoā workshop, which was well attended.

Waipawa Primary School are making good use of the Waipawa Library again this year, with regular class visits and the children enjoying issuing their own books on the self-issue machine.



In February, the libraries changed their opening hours on Wednesdays. The Knowledge and Learning Hub - Te Huinga Wai hours are now 10am to 6pm with AA open 10am to 5.30pm and Waipawa Library 10am to 5pm.

The change of hours is primarily to meet the community needs for people that were unable to access our services through normal business hours. They now have access to our services especially AA for all their licence needs. It

also allows staff an opportunity to attend training, upskill and come together for staff meetings, ensuring connectedness among the team each week.

The AA services have had some major hardware changes in the last 3 months. We first received a new camera that now takes excellent photos and we have received a new eye machine. Our old eye machine was at least 15 years old. What a difference the new one has made. We are waiting on a new printer and hard drive which should arrive in May.

In March we had a visit from Sheelah Ransom who is the National Manager for AA Government Contracts. It was great to hear her feedback of how well we were all doing and the good customer service we were providing.

### Library Programmes – School Holidays

The Easter School Holidays has a full itinerary across Waipawa Library and Te Huinga Wai, including a performance at the Municipal Theatre of The Boy with Wings which tells a story through puppetry, songs and storytelling.

Emma Harker from Arty Pants is running two sessions Creative Fun with Emma, Oriana Nepata from Kakara Creations, is also running two workshops, Rongoā Kawakawa Infusions. We also have T Shirt Painting, Slime, Sewing, Badge Making, Wool Creations and more.

**April School Holiday Programme 2023** Participate in one of our programmes!

Week One	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
Waipawa Library	Easter Monday CLOSED	The Boy with Wings 10:30am - 12:00pm Knowledge & Learning Hub	Slime 10:30am - 12:00pm	T-shirt Painting 10:30am - 12:00pm Te Huinga Wai Knowledge & Learning Hub	Wool Craft Bracelets and Pom-poms 10:30am - 12:00pm
Te Huinga Wai Knowledge & Learning Hub		Badge making 10:30am - 12:00pm	Lego Challenge 10:30am - 12:00pm	Sewing 10:30am - 12:00pm Te Huinga Wai Knowledge & Learning Hub	
Waipawa Library	Badge Making 10:30am - 12:00pm	Creative Fun with Emma 10:30am - 12:00pm	Sewing 10:30am - 12:00pm Te Huinga Wai Knowledge & Learning Hub	Knowledge Infusions for kids 10:30am - 12:00pm Te Huinga Wai Knowledge & Learning Hub	Poppy flower and wreath making 10:30am - 12:00pm
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Programme information and updates on our website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. For more information, please contact us on 06 875 1234 or email us at 06 875 1234@centralhawkesbay.govt.nz

**CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY LIBRARIES**



### Waka Tākaro - CHB Play Trailer

The Waka Tākaro has been well utilised in this quarter. It was instrumental in supporting schools that were affected by the cyclone, especially Waipawa School. It was present at the Community Celebration at Nellie Jull Park in March and at the Ōtāne Community Roadshow.

### Community Services Roadshow

On 29 March 2023 the Community Services Roadshow visited Ōtāne. There were over 20 representatives from different agencies in attendance which included, RSA, EIT, Budget Services, Central Connect, Te Taiwhenua O Tamatea, Te Taiwhenua O Heretaunga, RST, MPI, Council Services, Age Concern, FENZ, Sport HB, Connect Driver Licensing, CDEM and MTFJ. Over 30 members of the public came down on the day and were educated on the vast range of services available within the district. The weather hampered people coming out however feedback from the community was that they appreciated having the roadshow and services present in their local Town Hall. Those in attendance were also entertained by the Royal Navy Band who stopped in and played for the crowd whilst MTFJ feed everyone with local Waipawa Butchery Sausages. The next Roadshow is planned for OngaOnga in June.



### Information and Support Hub – Post Cyclone Gabrielle

Following the devastating impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on 14 February, a Welfare Hub was established at Waipawa Library and Te Huinga Wai, run by the Civil Defence Welfare Team. In addition to completing welfare assessments at both sites, local support agencies would also be on site to assist and advise people who had been impacted by the flooding. They ranged from MSD, Age Concern, Budget Services, Food Bank, Rates Relief, Insurance Support, and the Volunteer Hub. Since mid-March the Information and Support hub has been operating from the Waipawa Library with a newly appointed community connector who will continue to support those impacted by the floods.



## Streets for People – Waipawa Main Street

Waka Kotahi approved Streets for People funding to Central Hawke's Bay District Council for all five interventions to improve the safety and connectivity of Waipawa's main street in September 2022. The five projects approved are:

- Traffic calming interventions into Waipawa
- Improved walking and cycling connections across State Highway 2
- Improved walking and cycling connections at key intersections
- Improved access to Madge Hunter Park and Centennial Memorial Swimming Pool
- Testing cycling options on State Highway 2.

Council continues to work with FOLKL on collecting benchmarking data focused on both vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist movement on Waipawa's Main Street and preparation for measuring the impact of the five Streets for People projects. Work on technical design of the projects is underway with Stantec and a Request for Tender is scheduled to be released on GETS in May.

Further information on this project can be found on Council's website – [Streets for People project](#).

### Waipawa Streets For People.

Lets build on what we've heard from the Waipawa community.

'Slow the centre'

'See the highway as a hero'

'Pride in our environment and our people'

#### Projects

- 1 Slower Speeds in the Town Centre - Traffic calming interventions into Waipawa
- 2 Improved Walking and Cycling Connections Across SH2 - 3x Raised tables build outs and bike parking
- 3 Improved Walking and Cycling Connections at Key Intersections
- 4 Improve access to Madge Hunter Park and Centennial Memorial Swimming Pool
- 5 Cycling on SH2 - Testing Cycling Options on SH2.



## SAFETY AND WELLBEING

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.

### Acknowledging the passing of Contractor Employee

An employee of one of our contracting partners sadly passed while at work on a Council open space in January. Council officers want to acknowledge and give our deepest sympathies to their family, friends, colleagues, and their wider connections. Their passing has had a significant impact on our contracting partner, our staff collectively and many who were involved on the day and support continues to be provided to those affected.

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. Council is currently undertaking a review of the event process to implement any learnings.

## Cyclone Gabrielle – H&S Response

With the devastating effect that Cyclone Gabrielle had on the people of Central Hawke’s Bay, Councils Health and Safety functions priority was focused on taking a lead role in supporting the response. During this time, we worked closely with our community and contract partners to identify key risk and in developing an effective safety plan to ensure the safety of our workers and contractors and community. Some examples of key initiatives that we undertook were continuously providing our community with P2 masks and disposable gloves along with bottled water and food at our volunteer hubs, attending contractor toolbox meetings (safety start-up meetings) visiting sites where work was being undertaken ensuring our workers had the right equipment they needed to safely do the work and providing info on PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) requirements ensuring workers understood the ‘why’ around working with silt and flood water, prompting workers to take appropriate measures to ensure positive health and safety outcomes.

## Critical Risks

Our critical risks remain a priority in our work programme, and we have engaged with an external provider to develop a critical risk framework to result in the development and implementation of 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.

## Health and Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee continues to provide an active voice within Health, Safety and Wellbeing across the organisation and will take a lead role going forward in chairing the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee. Our Health and Safety Reps will be attending required Health and Safety Rep training to set them up for success in their Health & Safety Rep roles.

## Contractor Engagement

Contractor engagement across the network continues with our contractors and collectively we are working to better understand the hazards that align to our critical risks that our workers and members of the community could be exposed to following the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Reports	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend
Contractor Hours	13,704	17,527	13,208	13,799	14,397	15,529	15,807	12,997	11,540	16,113	21,210	
Contractor Events (All incidents/near misses)	78	121	77	54	42	27	44	32	41	36	32	
Contractor Incidents (Injuries)	11	11	2	2	3	2	3	0	0	1	5	
CHBDC Reports (Total)	6	9	2	6	4	2	3	9	2	1	5	

## 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. Targeted support via external professionals is being provided to ensure the best advice and guidance is available for staff. The Mates 4 Life is a suicide awareness and prevention programme, initially planned to launch in February has now been confirmed for May.

## **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.

Our RAT testing programme remains in place for staff for those who wish to continue. 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.

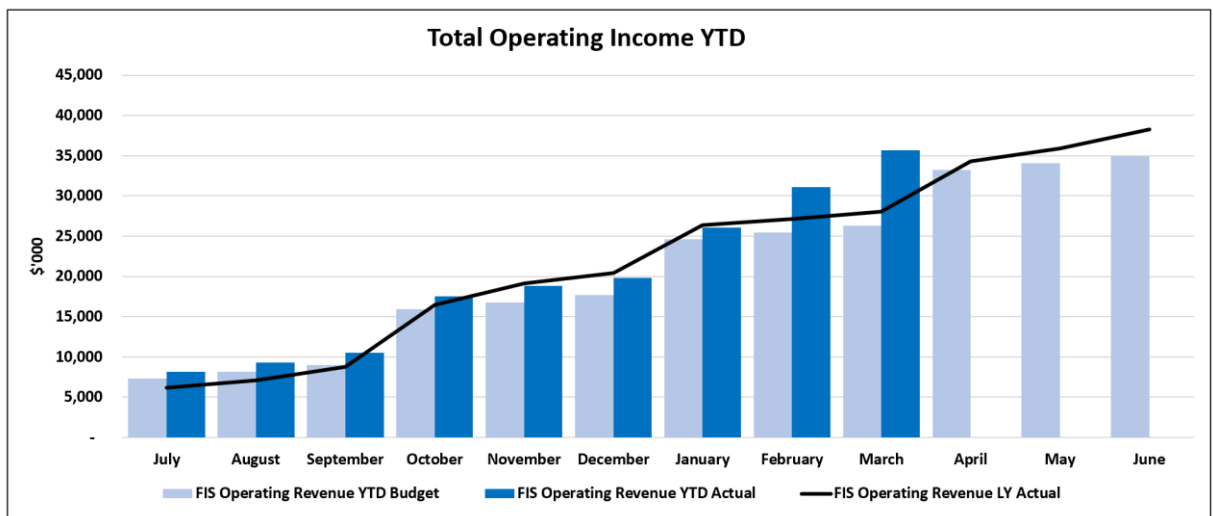
# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

The graphs and tables below show the financial results for Council covering the financial results for the 9 months ended 31 March 2023.

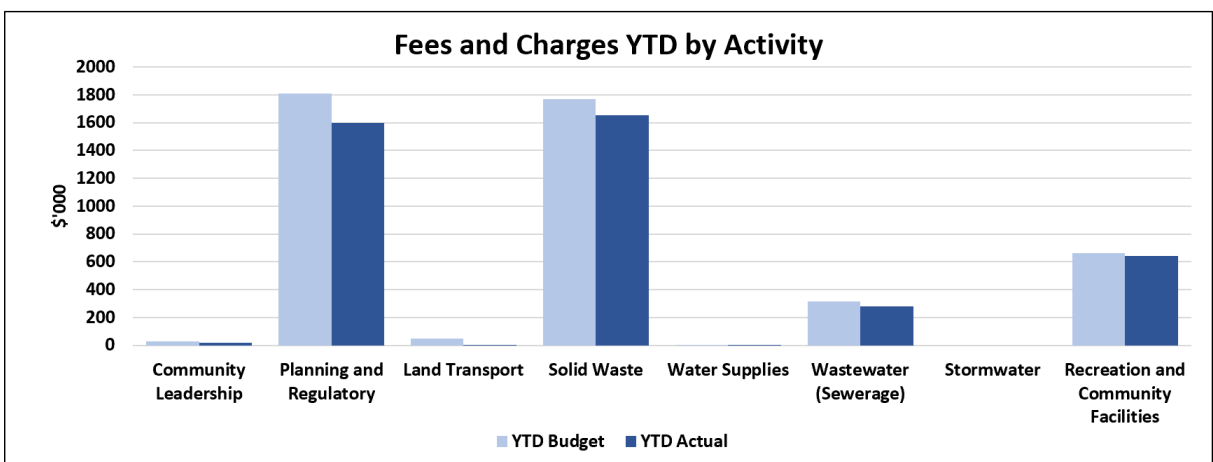
On 14 February New Zealand, and in particular Hawkes Bay, was hit by Cyclone Gabrielle. This financial report covers the financial impact of running a civil defence response for nearly a month, and the beginnings of recovery.

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

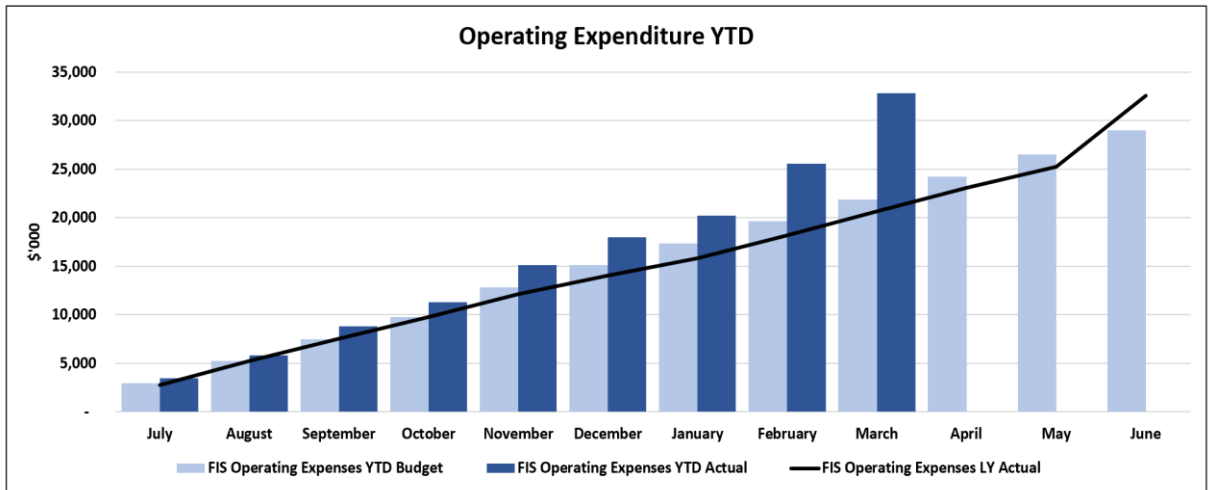
This along with the tail end of Covid recovery monies and PGF funding has meant that Council's income is \$10.4m ahead of budget for the first 9 months.



Putting this to one side and ignoring development contributions which are still well below expectations by \$1.4m, the business-as-usual Council activities are broadly achieving their revenue targets.



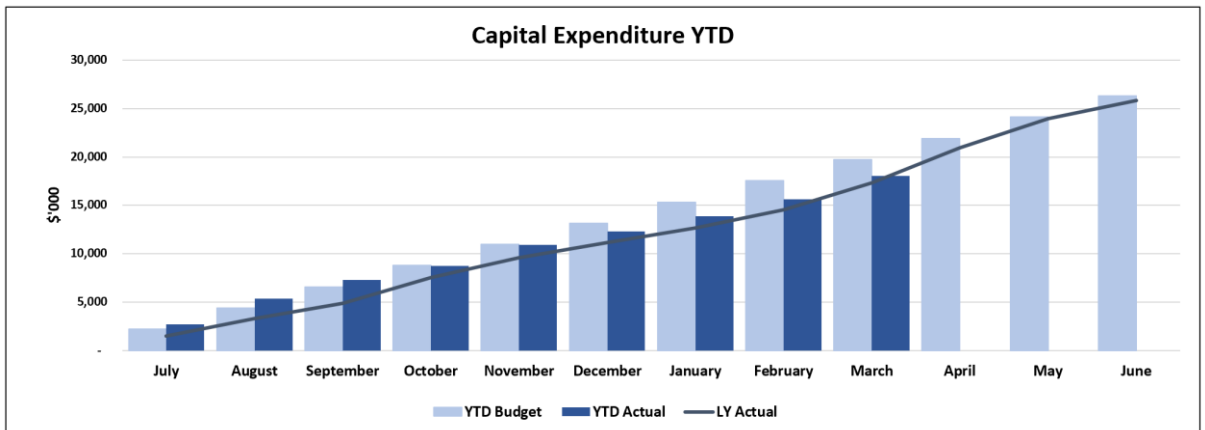
On the flip side Council's overall comprehensive costs (includes depreciation) are \$12.1m over budget.



\$11.9m 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 \$1.0m underspend for the nine months.

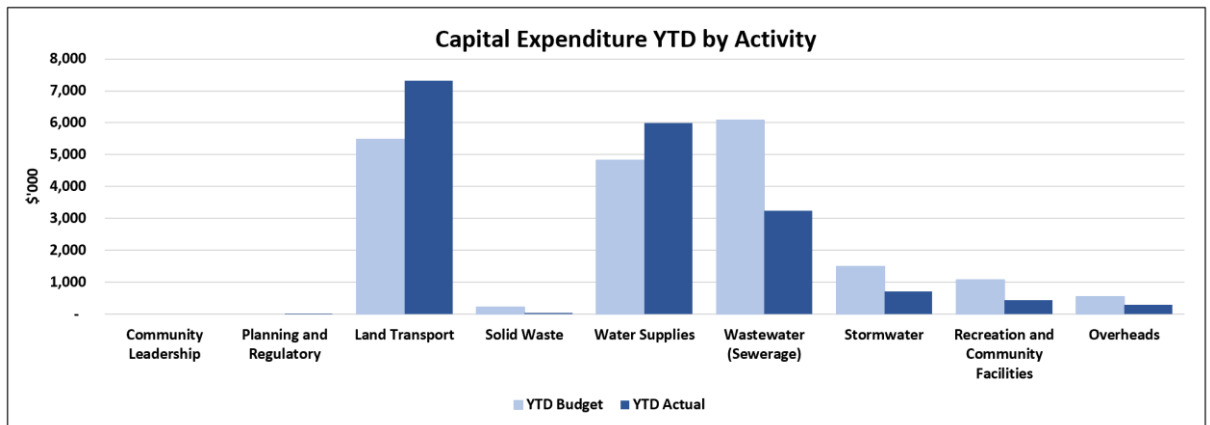
To date Council has received a \$0.5m progress payment on its Cyclone claim, and on Friday has just been informed that its first NEMA claim for running Council's Civil Defence Response has been approved (\$172k out of the \$200k submitted – rejected costs are related to additional costs to run the EOC office including surge staff costs for staff supplied from out of the region).

Capital expenditure continues to trend under budget (note the Cyclone roading repairs are being treated as operating costs, repairs, rather than the construction of new assets).

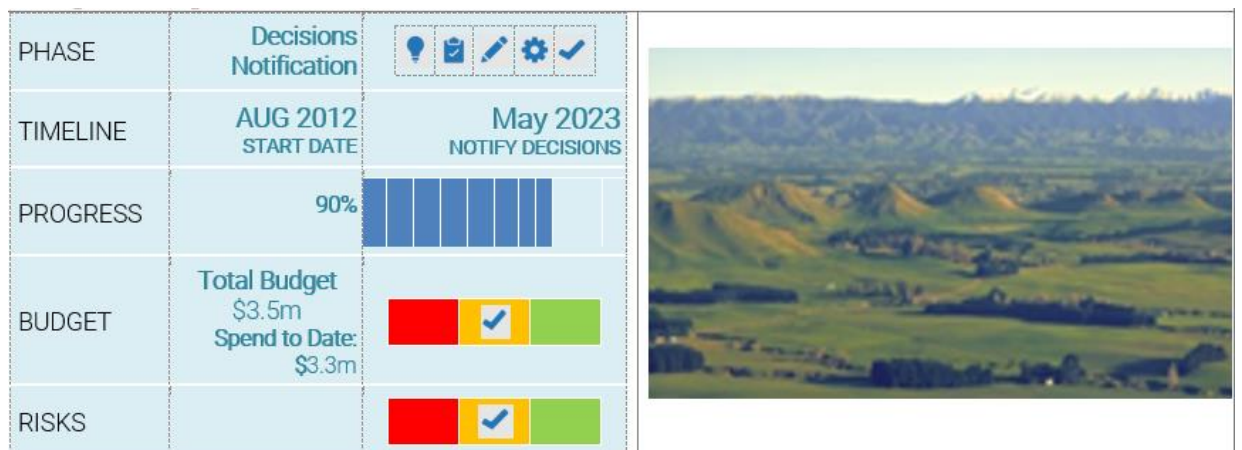




The only activity ahead of budget is Land Transport with the competition of the route 52 project driving this.



## DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW



### Scope

The review has now progressed to notification of the decisions on the Proposed District Plan as required by the Resource Management Act. Throughout 2022 submitters to the District Plan Review had the opportunity to formally submit their views on the topics contained within their written submissions to a Panel of Commissioners appointed by Council.

### Progress Update

The hearings for the District Plan review are now completed. The Panel have finalised their recommendations to Council, to ensure a decisions version of the Proposed District Plan can be adopted within the statutory timeframe of 28 May 2023. Officers are planning for the next phase of the review (ie, post-adoption by Council), which includes planning and resourcing Council's involvement in the Environment Court appeals process (if any appeals received) which starts when the decisions-version of the Proposed District Plan is publicly notified.

