



## **Notice of Meeting**

A meeting of the Tararua District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on **Wednesday 25 September 2024** commencing at **9:00am**.

Bryan Nicholson  
Chief Executive

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## **Agenda**

- 1. Welcome and Meeting Opening**
- 2. Acknowledgements**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Public Forum**

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting may speak for up to five minutes.

Standing Orders may be suspended on a vote of three-quarters of those present to extend the period of public participation or the period any speaker is allowed to speak.

With the permission of the Mayor, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the Mayor, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

## **5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at this meeting if so resolved by the Council and the chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the Council may be discussed if the chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>	<b>7</b>
	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 August 2024 (as circulated) and Extraordinary Council meeting held on 4 September 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as true and accurate records of the meetings.</i>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Community Boards and Community Committees Reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee</b>	<b>27</b>
	<i>Recommended</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 3 September 2024 be received.</i>	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee</b>	<b>32</b>
	<i>Recommended</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 4 September 2024 be received.</i>	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board</b>	<b>41</b>
	<i>Recommended</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 9 September 2024 be received.</i>	
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Minutes - Dannevirke Community Board</b>	<b>47</b>
	<i>Recommended</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held 16 September 2024 be received.</i>	
	Note: Any of the Community Boards and Community Committees may send a representative to address the Council on any issues within the agenda or matters of interest to them.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
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	That the Council notes the correspondence sent to the Ministers regarding the Proposed Tolling for Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Portfolio Reports</b>	
	Councillors assigned the responsibility to undertake the portfolio for a specific activity can report back on any of these matters.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Mayoral Matters</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Items not on the Agenda Accepted in Accordance with the Procedure Outlined as per Agenda Item 4</b>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Public Excluded Items of Business</b>	
	<b>Recommendation</b>	

***That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:***

***Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes***

***Civic Honour Nomination for Community Service***

***Chief Executive 2023-24 Annual Performance Review and End of First Term Review***

***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.***

<b><i>General subject matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under Section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>Chief Executive 2023-24 Annual Performance Review and End of First Term Review</i></b>	<b><i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>
<b><i>Civic Honour Nomination for Community Service</i></b>	<b><i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>
<b><i>Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes</i></b>	<b><i>To protect legal privilege</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>

***This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:***

- s7(2)(g) The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.***
- s7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.***
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## **15. Closure**







Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 28 August 2024 commencing at 9:34am.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore (via Teams), P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards (via Teams)

### **In Attendance**

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager – People, Capability and Customer Experience
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager (via Teams)
Ms G Nock	- Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (via Teams)
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mr K van der Oord	- Communications Team Manager
Mr J Single	- Regulatory Services Manager
Mrs S Walshe	- Finance Manager
Ms A Rule	- Policy and Planning Advisor
Mr J Vince	- Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator
Ms F Chase	- Facilities Manager
Ms B Crosswell	- Facilities Administration and Project Support
Mr S Dunn	- Risk and Assurance Advisor
Mrs V Christison	- IT Projects
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

## **2. Council Prayer**

The Mayor opened the meeting with karakia.

## **3. Apologies**

***That the apologies for lateness from Cr P A Johns be approved.***

#### **4. Acknowledgement**

Her Worship the Mayor noted the sad passing recently of Garrick Murfitt, former Horizons Regional Council Chairperson from 2004-2010, and involved with the Regional Council for about 20 years. She spoke about his achievements from his time with the Regional Council, and expressed condolences to his family. The meeting observed a moment's silence in respect of his passing.

#### **5. Public Forum**

- 5.1 Matua Stephen Paewai on behalf of Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua spoke about the good relationship that Māori have had with the Tararua District Council, that was enhanced by the establishment of the Māori Ward. He spoke about the benefits of the Māori Ward, including greater confidence in the Council, and the improved representation through diversity at the Governance table. He noted that participation by Māori in Council processes had been improved through the establishment of the Māori Ward, through having representation that gives Māori confidence to approach those representatives to discuss issues.
- 5.2 Matua Hayden Hape on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua acknowledged their representative and the challenges she has faced in the role, and thanked the previous Council for making the decision to establish a Māori Ward. He sought reaffirmation to honour that decision and continue moving into the future collectively. He spoke about the strengths that come from working together, with examples such as during COVID, and in responding to Cyclone Gabrielle.
- 5.3 Mr Angus Maniapoto spoke on behalf his whanau and descendants of the owners of Tahoraiti Block about the grievances they have. The first was in relation to the proposal to put a solar farm on unutilised land that was originally their land. They wanted that stopped. Secondly, they would like to have their land returned. He spoke about the history of that land and how it was originally taken from their whanau under the Public Works Act, despite their protests, for the purpose of creating the sewage ponds. He reminded Council that when land that was taken under the Public Works Act was no longer utilised, it was meant to be returned to the original owners. He spoke about the hurt felt by their whanau from their land being taken, and advised that he would be working on having that land returned through the Public Works Act.

*Cr P A Johns joined the meeting at 9:57am.*

#### **6. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Nil

## **7. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

Item 10.4 – Alcohol Bylaw – Her Worship the Mayor, Cr A K Franklin, Cr K A Sutherland, Cr S M Gilmore

Item 10.3 – Application for funding – Cr A K Franklin

## **8. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 31 July 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Crs Johns/Franklin*

*Carried*

## **9. Hearing of Submission**

### **9.1 10:30am Hearing of Submission re Animal Bylaw**

Hannah-Mae Pilkington, who was scheduled to speak to her submission on the proposed Animal Bylaw, tendered her apologies that she was no longer able to attend.

## **10. Reports**

### **10.1 Required Decision-making for Māori Ward**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 6 August 2024 that provided the Council with options for decision-making that is required as a result of enactment of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024.

*That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 06 August 2024 concerning the Required Decision-making for Māori Ward be received.*

*That in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 the Tararua District Council affirms its resolution of 18 May 2021 to establish the Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Māori Ward.*

*Crs Collis/Chase*

*Carried*

*Crs M F Long and S A Wallace recorded their votes against the motion.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:41am and resumed at 11:02am.*

## 10.2 **Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 9 July 2024 that presented He ra ki tua – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043 for endorsement. Mr Carl Johnstone, General Manager of Partnerships – Environments, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the plan.

***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 09 July 2024 concerning the Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043 be received.***

***That the Tararua District Council endorses He rā ki tua – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043 to inform and guide Council decisions on play, active recreation and sports facilities.***

***That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Implementing He rā ki tua – Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043.***

***Crs Collis/Sutherland***

***Carried***

***Crs E L Peeti-Webber and M F Long recorded their votes against the motion.***

## 10.3 **Deliberations on Matters Raised During Tranche 1 Bylaws Consultation**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 13 August 2024 that presented the results of the public consultation on the draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw, and sought decisions on each of the matters raised through the consultation to reflect in the final versions of these Bylaws for adoption by Council at its September 2024 meeting.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 13 August 2024 concerning the Deliberations on Matters Raised During Tranche 1 Bylaws Consultation be received.***

***That the Tararua District Council notes the matters raised through submissions on the draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw.***

***Crs Peeti-Webber/Johns***

***Carried***

### 10.3.1 **Animal Bylaw**

The Tararua District Council discussed matters raised by submitters. With regard to the definition of the urban or residential area, it was suggested that maps showing the zone definition be included as a schedule to the bylaw.



#### ISSUE ONE: GENERAL FEEDBACK ON ANIMAL BYLAW

The Council considered the 123 submissions that noted general disagreement with the bylaw overall, and one submitter that supported the bylaw in general, and the comments made by the submitters.

***That the Council notes the general feedback received about the proposed amendments to the bylaw.***

***Crs Sutherland/Franklin***

***Carried***

#### ISSUE TWO: REQUIRING EVERY CAT AGED OVER 6 MONTHS TO BE MICROCHIPPED AND DESEXED

The Council considered the 18 submissions in favour of microchipping and desexing cats, and nine against, noting that some submitters support one aspect, for example desexing, but not microchipping and vice versa. There were also proposals received for lowering the desexing age from six months to four months, due to the ability of cats of that young age to become pregnant.

The Council noted the aim of introducing this clause was to stop the risk of overpopulation of feral cats and bring the bylaw into line with published guidelines from organisations such as the SPCA.

***That the Council amend clause 7.2 to require every cat aged over 4 months to be microchipped and desexed.***

***Crs Peeti-Webber/Wallace***

***Carried***

***Cr M F Long recorded his vote against the motion.***

ISSUE THREE: AMENDING THE CURRENT LIMIT OF 3 CATS PER HOUSEHOLD WHERE AN OFFICER ACTING ON A COMPLAINT BELIEVES THE NUMBER OF CATS IS OFFENSIVE TO A REQUIREMENT THAT NO MORE THAN 3 CATS ARE KEPT ON A PREMISES (URBAN OR RURAL) EXCEPT WITH APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL (WITH EXCEPTIONS FOR VETS, CHARITIES SUCH AS THE SPCA AND CATTERIES).

The Council considered the seven submissions in support of the limit of three cats per household and seven submissions that were against.

It was noted that the aim of introducing this clause was to have a mechanism that would enable officers to deal with complaints regarding high numbers of cats causing nuisance.

The current 2018 bylaw limited the number of cats per household to three, where an officer was acting on a complaint regarding nuisance arising from the number of cats being kept. The newly worded clause proposed to set a limit of three cats per household unless approval was provided by the Council.

Officers recommended that the clause be reworded slightly to make it clearer about the ability for approval to be sought for keeping more than three cats. The

current proposed wording had the requirement for approval at the start, and this would be more easily understood if the requirement for approval was at the end of the clause. This would also provide consistency with wording used for other clauses in the bylaw.

***That the Council approves the wording of Section 7 Keeping of Cats as follows “7.1 No person may keep more than three cats on Premises, except with the approval of Council.”***

***Crs Franklin/Chase***

***Carried***

***Cr M F Long recorded his vote against the motion.***

ISSUE FOUR: ADDING A REQUIREMENT (CLAUSE 5.2) THAT ANIMALS ARE CONFINED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY WHERE THEY ARE USUALLY KEPT (EXCLUDING CATS AND BEES).

The Council considered the two submissions received regarding this proposed requirement, with one submitter commenting in favour of adding this requirement, and one submitter against.

It was noted that the aim of the clause was to limit any nuisance caused by wandering, uncontrolled animals.

***That the Council confirm the inclusion of clause 5.2(c) within the Animals Bylaw.***

***Crs Peeti-Webber/Long***

***Carried***

ISSUE FIVE: REQUIRING PEOPLE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION TOWARDS FERAL ANIMALS SO AS TO CAUSE THEM TO BE A NUISANCE; AND REQUIRING ABATEMENT FROM THE NUISANCE CAUSED BY FERAL ANIMALS.

The Council considered the three submissions in favour of this proposed requirement, and one submission against.

It was noted that the purpose of this section of the bylaw was to provide the Council with the ability to respond to complaints about nuisance caused by feral animals. An example provided was stray cat colonies, where people were feeding the cats, and the cat colonies subsequently causing a nuisance.

***That the Council confirms the inclusion of section 12 Feral Animals within the Animals Bylaw.***

***Crs Wallace/Sutherland***

***Carried***

ISSUE SIX: ADDING HIVE LIMITS BASED ON PROPERTY AREA FOR URBAN AREAS AND HIVE SET-BACK AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS.

The Council considered the five submissions received relating to keeping of bees, with one submission in favour and four submitters against.

It was noted that the aim of introducing this clause was to mitigate potential

nuisance and health and safety issues that can arise from keeping hives in urban areas.

***That the Council approves the wording of section 6 Keeping of Bees, noting that clause 6.1 is not a new clause and is the same wording as the existing clause 12.4 in the current bylaw, and notes that the requirements in clause 6.3 (e) requiring notification to Council of location of hives is the same wording as the existing clause 12.1 in the current bylaw.***

***Crs Wallace/Johns***

***Carried***

ISSUE SEVEN: REGULATING (PROHIBITING) THE KEEPING, IN AN URBAN AREA, OF ROOSTERS, GANDERS, PEACOCKS, STALLIONS, BULLS, RAMS AND UN-NEUTERED MALE GOATS, AND RESTRICTION ON GRAZING STOCK EXCEPT SHEEP IN AN URBAN AREA.

The Council considered the 64 submissions received on the proposed wording for section 10 Keeping Animals in Urban Areas, with two submissions in favour of the proposed wording, and 62 submissions against.

It was asked that the two parts of the recommendation be taken separately, and it was noted that a comma needed to be included between the words “bull” and “ram”.

***That the Council amends clause 10.1 as follows:***

***10.1 No person may keep, in an urban area, any rooster, gander, peacock, stallion, bull, ram, or un-neutered male goat, except with the approval of Council.***

***Crs Johns/Franklin***

***Carried***

***Crs M F Long, S M Gilmore and S M Wards recorded their votes against the motion.***

***~~That the Council deletes clause 10.2 “no person may keep or graze stock (excluding sheep) in an urban area except with the approval of Council”~~***

***That the Council amends clause 10.3 and rennumbers it as 10.2 as follows:***

***10.2 If, in the opinion of Council, the keeping of sheep stock in an Urban area is, or is likely to become a Nuisance, be offensive or injurious to health, Council may, by written notice, require the owner or occupier to obtain approval of Council, which may be subject to such conditions as may be considered necessary by Council to reduce the Nuisance effects.***

***That the Council includes the following guidance note below clause 10.2:***

***GUIDANCE NOTE: Clause 10.2 does not apply to stallions, bulls, rams and un-neutered male goats (where Clause 10.1 applies) or to pigs (where clause 8.3***

applies).

**Crs Johns/Wallace**

**Carried**

ISSUE EIGHT: ENSURING PERSONS CAN APPLY FOR PERMITS/APPROVALS FROM COUNCIL TO KEEP ANIMALS AND PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR SUCH PERMITS TO BE REVIEWED.

The Council considered the 41 submissions received relating to applying for permits or approval from Council, with 38 submitters objecting to the requirement to obtain a permit, and three in support. Many submitters were concerned about the impact of any future change in zoning of property, where currently their property was zoned rural but under the Urban Growth Strategy an indication was provided that in the future their property could be zoned Urban.

The Council noted that under section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991, land can be used in a manner that contravenes a rule in a district plan or proposed district plan if the use was lawfully established before the rule became operative or the plan was notified, and the effects of the use are the same or similar in character, intensity and scale to those that existed before the rule became operative or the proposed plan was notified.

This means that a change in zoning from rural to urban in the future would likely not affect the use of the land, unless the use was to change in character, intensity and scale. However, the occupier would still be required to mitigate any nuisance arising from the activities on their land towards their neighbouring properties.

A permit would allow people in the urban area be able to carry on their business or activities in an approved manner, Council having had the ability to inspect their property's fencing and consider the potential nuisance or health and safety matters. It was noted that the clause could be reworded to be clearer about the permitting system only applying to the keeping of animals that would otherwise be in breach of the bylaw, and officers recommended amending clause 14 accordingly.

***That the Council amends Clause 14.1 as follows:***

***14.1 Every person who wishes (or is required) to obtain approval from Council (a Permit) ~~to keep animals~~ must under this Bylaw must make an application to the Council in writing and must provide any supporting information and application fee as Council may require.***

***That the Council amends Clause 14.5 to include as follows:***

***Stock in Urban Areas***

***a. The number and type of stock to be kept on the premises;***

***b. The size of the premises and proposed location of stock;***

**c. Housing details, including space, shade and shelter;**

**d. Fencing;**

**e. Effluent disposal.**

***Crs Sutherland/Chase***

***Carried***

***Cr M F Long recorded his vote against the motion.***

ISSUE NINE: CONCERNS ABOUT IMPACTS ON EVENTS AND SHOWS SUCH AS THE A&P SHOW.

The Council considered the concern raised by sixty-one submitters that the changes proposed to the bylaw could potentially impact the events and shows held at the A&P Showgrounds.

It was noted that under section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991, land can be used in a manner that contravenes a rule in a district plan or proposed district plan if the use was lawfully established before the rule became operative or the plan was notified, and the effects of the use are the same or similar in character, intensity and scale to those that existed before the rule became operative or the proposed plan was notified.

Although the Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds was currently zoned urban, it was understood that the showgrounds had been in existence on that site since 1910.

***That the Council note the concerns raised in submissions about potential impacts on the ability of events and shows to continue to be held at the Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds.***

***Crs Wallace/Franklin***

***Carried***

ISSUE TEN: SIMPLIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING PIGS IN AN URBAN AREA (WHERE APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL CONTINUES TO BE REQUIRED).

There were no submissions received on this part of the Animals Bylaw, therefore it was recommended that the proposed requirements be adopted as set out in the Section 8 of the bylaw re Keeping of Pigs.

***That the Council confirms the wording for section 8 Keeping of Pigs.***

***Crs Wallace/Chase***

***Carried***

ISSUE ELEVEN: IMPACT OF ZONING CHANGES FOR RURAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE REZONED AS URBAN IN THE FUTURE.

It was noted that many submitters were concerned about the impact of any future change in zoning of property, where currently their property was zoned rural but under the Urban Growth Strategy an indication was provided that in the future their property could be re-zoned to Urban.

It was explained that under section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991, land can be used in a manner that contravenes a rule in a district plan or proposed district plan if the use was lawfully established before the rule became operative or the plan was notified, and the effects of the use are the same or similar in character, intensity and scale to those that existed before the rule became operative or the proposed plan was notified.

This means that a change in zoning from rural to urban in the future would likely not affect the use of the land, unless the use of the land was to change in character, intensity and scale. However, the occupier would still be required to mitigate any nuisance arising from the activities on their land towards their neighbouring properties.

***That the Council notes the concerns raised by submitters about potential impact from future zoning changes, and advises that section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply to those circumstances.***

***Crs Wallace/Franklin***

***Carried***

#### ISSUE TWELVE: CORRECTION OF DRAFTING ERRORS IN PROPOSED BYLAW

The Council noted that a number of drafting errors had been identified in the proposed Animals Bylaw. These were identified as follows, and were intended to be corrected for the final bylaws:

- Correction of spelling of word in clause 5.2(c) from “present” to “prevent”.
- Adding reference to clause 5.3 in clause 5.5. This was mistakenly left off and Council needs to be able to enforce all general requirements for the keeping of animals.
- The words “urban area” be added into clause 11.1 (as worded in current bylaw).
- Clause 13.1, which explained that breeding of animals is dealt with under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the District Plan, be moved to a guidance note at the end of clause 13.

***That the Council notes the drafting areas identified above and approves these for correction in the final bylaw.***

***Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

#### 10.3.2 Alcohol Bylaw

The Council considered the two submissions received on the Alcohol Bylaw and noted that it had resolved to develop a Local Alcohol Policy at its meeting held 31 July 2024. This policy would give Council the ability to control the number of alcohol outlets, and where they were located.

***That the Council notes the support for development of a Local Alcohol Policy, and that the concerns raised by the second submitter are matters that can be dealt with through the implementation of a Local Alcohol Policy.***

***Crs Sutherland/Franklin***

***Carried***

#### 10.3.3 Cemeteries Bylaw

The Council considered the submission received on the Cemeteries Bylaw, and noted that it related to an operational matter, that could be addressed outside of the bylaw process. In response to a question expressing concern that no submissions had been received from funeral directors in the district, officers confirmed that they had spoken with the funeral directors operating in the district, all of whom were aware of the bylaw consultation.

***That the Council notes the submission and refers the matter raised to officers.***

***Crs Peeti-Webber/Wallace***

***Carried***

#### 10.4.3 Public Places Bylaw

The Council considered the five submissions received on the Public Places Bylaw, and the matters raised by each submitter.

There was discussion around the submission seeking exemptions for emergency services and Defence activities on public land, particular proposed clauses 6.1 (b) which prohibits obstruction of other people's access or use of the public place and 6.1 (k) which restricts operating or driving a vehicle on a beach, sand dune or wetland area. In response it was noted that exemptions for Defence activities were covered under the District Plan.

With regard to clause 6.1(k) prohibiting the operation or driving of a vehicle on a beach, sand dune or wetland area, it was noted that vehicles needed to be allowed on to a beach in order to launch a boat. It was further noted that Herbertville Beach did not have a designated access route to the beach.

With regard to the request to provide an exemption for network utility operators to operate a UAV for inspection of network utilities, it was suggested that an exemption be added to clause 7.1(f) Operate a UAV (except for Network Utility Operators in compliance with Civil Aviation Authority rules).

***That the Council note the submissions related to movement of stock on a road, and stock crossings and advise that the restrictions on stock control had been placed within a separate schedule. The Council intend developing a new Stock Control Bylaw in 2025 which would supersede restrictions placed within the schedule.***

***That the Council note the submission relating to freedom camping, and advise that the restrictions on freedom camping had been placed within a separate***

*schedule. The Council intend developing a new Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2025 that would supersede restrictions placed within the schedule.*

*That the Council amend the terminology in section 7.1 (d) for putting down a hangi as proposed by the submitter.*

*That the Council amend clause 7.1(f) as follows: “f) Operate a UAV (except those operated by Network Utility Operators in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority rules)”*

*Crs Wallace/Long*

*Carried*

#### 10.5 **Request for funding from Pahiatua Museum Society Inc**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 14 August 2024 that presented a request for funding assistance from the Pahiatua Heritage Trust Special Reserve Fund, towards the costs of erecting sign-boards adjacent to the Polish Memorial in Pahiatua. An update was provided on the current amount held in the Pahiatua Heritage Trust Special Reserve Fund, which was \$26,731.55. In discussion, the Tararua District Council considered providing all of the funding currently remaining in that fund towards the Polish Memorial upgrade project.

*That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 14 August 2024 concerning the Request for funding from Pahiatua Museum Society Inc be received.*

*That the Tararua District Council approves the request from the Pahiatua Museum Society Inc for funding of \$26,731.55 towards the costs associated with erecting sign boards adjacent to the Polish Memorial and with filming of the 80th Reunion of the Polish children’s arrival at the Camp.*

*Crs Gilmore/Collis*

*Carried*

*The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm and resumed at 2:09pm.*

*Councillor Chase left the meeting at 2:09pm and returned at 2:10pm.*

#### 10.6 **Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Overview 2023-2024**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator dated 22 August 2024 that presented the outcomes for the past financial year, and discussed the programme for 2024-25.

*That the report from the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator dated 22 August 2024 concerning the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Overview 2023-2024 be received.*

*Crs Wallace/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*



10.7 **Road Closure Requested under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

The Tararua District Council considered the report from the Alliance Manager dated 12 August 2024 that presented an application for temporary road closure for approval, noting that consultation with the Police had been undertaken who indicated they had no concerns, and no public objections were received in response to advertising placed in Bush Telegraph on 22 July 2024.

***That the report from the Alliance Manager dated 12 August 2024 concerning a road closure application under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government 1974 (as circulated) be received, and***

***That pursuant to Section 342 (1) (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, the Council resolves to close the following road for the purpose of allowing the Explore Pahiatua to hold Explore Christmas event:***

***Road name: Main Street, Churchill Street, Dawson Street, Edward Street, George Street, and Arthur Street***

***Date of closure: Saturday 7 December 2024***

***Period of closure: 15:45 – 16:45***

***Conditions Applied to the Granting of this Road Closure***

***That the Tararua Alliance in conjunction with the organiser will assess shortly prior to this event the condition of the road involved to determine its suitability for this purpose.***

***That if the Tararua Alliance identifies the road as being in an unsuitable condition arising from this assessment, then they have the discretion to request the organiser to withdraw the road from the route of this event.***

***That shortly after the event has been held, the Tararua Alliance shall carry out a drive over of the road that was closed for this event to assess its condition.***

***Advisory Note***

***That should the Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event, then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.***

***Crs Johns/Long***

***Carried***

10.8 **Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 22 August 2024 that provided data on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the period 1 July 2024 to 22 August 2024.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 22 August 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.***

***Crs Johns/Chase***

***Carried***

## **10.9 Proposed Change to Start Time of Tararua District Council Meetings**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 15 August 2024 that presented a proposal to change the start time for the monthly meetings of Council for consideration.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 15 August 2024 concerning the Proposed Change to Start Time of Tararua District Council Meetings be received.***

***That the start time for meetings of the Tararua District Council for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year be amended from 1:00pm to 9:30am.***

***Crs Wallace/Chase***

***Carried***

## **11. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports**

### **11.1 Minutes - Eketahuna Community Board**

***That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held 12 August 2024 be received.***

***Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

### **11.2 Minutes - Explore Pahiatua Community Committee**

***That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Community Committee meeting held 7 August 2024 be received.***

***Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

### **11.3 Minutes - Dannevirke Community Board**

***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held 19 August 2024 be received.***

***Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

11.4 **Minutes - Positively Woodville Community Committee**

*That the minutes of the Positively Woodville Community Committee meeting held 6 August 2024 be received.*

*Crs Sutherland/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

**12. Portfolio Reports**

12.1 Councillor Franklin noted that Connect Tararua would be presenting at the next meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee.

12.2 Councillor Johns spoke about the Eastern Te Apiti Group that had recently been formed with a view to be active in the plan for a proposed discovery centre at Ferry Reserve.

**13. Mayoral Matters**

13.1 Her Worship the Mayor noted that a report would be provided on attendance at the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

**14. Items not on the Agenda**

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:35pm.

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Mayor





Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 4 September 2024 commencing at 09:30am.

## **1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, S A Wallace and S M Wards

### **In Attendance**

Ms R Bell	- RFB Consulting
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager – People, Capability and Customer Experience
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager – Infrastructure
Ms J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

## **2. Acknowledgement**

The Council acknowledged the sad passing of Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII with a minutes silence.

## **3. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

## **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

## **5. Public Excluded Items of Business**

***That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this***

*meeting, namely:*

***Rates Rebate Direct Debit Error***

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.*

<b><i>General subject matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>Rates Rebate Direct Debit Error</i></b>	<b><i>To maintain legal professional privilege</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>

*This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:*

***s7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege***

***Also, that Rebecca Bell be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.***

***Crs Johns/Wards***

***Carried***

*The meeting went into public excluded session at 9:35am and resumed open meeting at 11:05am.*

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Hearing of Submissions - draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

**Submission 001 – Ernie Christison** – Mr Christison spoke about his passion for waste management and the potential to add value to the district. He explained to Council the equipment he had that is used for crushing waste concrete and glass to turn it into useful products such as fill for building sites and roading aggregate. He talked about the potential for recycling these products within the district, which would save the costs of transporting the waste out of the district for disposal. He showed a sample of his crushed concrete to the meeting and invited members to visit his yard to see the equipment demonstrated and also offered to do a free demonstration at the transfer station. In response to a question about the noise level of the equipment, he advised that people can stand within a close distance to the equipment and still talk to each other.

- 6.2 **Submission 004 - Christopher Cape** – Mr Cape spoke to his submission, noting his longstanding interest in recycling since the 1970s. He noted the Council's plans to manage waste, but felt there was a lot more that could be done to reduce waste. He spoke about a booklet published many years ago in Wellington which was a register of waste products being produced by industries in the area, which encouraged people to contact those industries if they had a use for the waste product, and then access those products free of charge. He suggested that the Council consider creating such a listing, either online or in a booklet form, a register available to the public as a channel for getting rid of waste. He noted the recent media coverage about the organisation taking tyres to chip and reconstitute and was pleased to see a cost effective method for people to dispose of used tyres. With regard to used batteries, he felt it would be helpful if there was a depository system such as at the library and Council offices to drop batteries off to, instead of people needing to take them to the transfer station office. With regard to recycling soft plastics, he asked that Council encourage soft plastic recycling collection stations at the local supermarkets. With regard to whiteware and electronic waste he asked whether there was any ability for Council to encourage community groups to collect and recycle componentry, or for Council to subsidise disposal costs.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 concerning the Hearing of Submissions - draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be received.***

***Crs Long/Franklin***

***Carried***

## **7. Public Excluded Items of Business**

***That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:***

### ***Rates Rebate Direct Debit Error***

***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.***

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*would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:*

*s7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege*

*Also, that Rebecca Bell be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.*

*Crs Wards/Gilmore*

*Carried*

*The meeting returned to public excluded session at 11:33am and resumed at 4:10pm.*

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4:10pm.

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Mayor





## MEETING MINUTES

### Meeting held 3 September 2024, 7pm Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room

**1. Present:**

Cr P Johns, C Wilton, V Tomlinson, R McMillan, J Preston, P Bonser, S Bonser,  
A Sowry, B Swensson, M May, P Tayler, P Cox, Cr S Gilmore, A Hapuku, C Archer

**2. Apologies:**

D Henman, T Brackenbury, M Stuart, B McMillan, J Kopa

*That the apologies be accepted*

*V Tomlinson / S Bonser*

**Carried**

**3. Other General Business**

Proposed toll on Te Ahu a Turanga Highway  
Fluoridation of water

**5. Conflicts of Interest:**

P Tayler – Discretionary grant application – Woodville Animal Welfare  
J Preston – Discretionary grant application – painting project

**6. Minutes of previous meeting:**

*That the minutes are confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

*B Swensson / J Preston*

**Carried**

**7. Matters Arising from the minutes:**

NIL

**8. Correspondence:**

Inward: TDC Invoices  
Quotes from Total Span, KiwiSpan & Skyline Garages

Outward: Letter to Bunnings supporting J Preston request for donation of boards

*That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outward approved*

*C Archer / R McMillan*

**Carried**

**8.1 Three quotes received for Double Garage**

Total Span \$32,808.35  
Kiwi Span \$37,014.20  
Skyline \$50,911.67

*That we accept the quote from Total Span on the provision that we seek external funding to assist and Total Span extending the quote deadline for 2 months.*

*V Tomlinson / P Tayler*

**Carried**

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Positively Woodville Incorporated  
positivelywoodville@gmail.com

## 9. Finance

V Tomlinson presented the August financial report. V Tomlinson reported that the funding from Council for 2024/2025 is \$3300.00 for discretionary grants and \$35,000 for operational funds. This is a significant decrease.

**V Tomlinson / P Tayler**

**Carried**

***That the financial report be accepted, and accounts noted be paid with the addition of the invoice from Bush Telegraph.***

**C Archer / P Tayler**

**Carried**

### 9.1 Discretionary Grants

NZ Police	Free swimming & Sausage sizzle as reward for Woodville School patrol children	\$105.84	Approved	V Tomlinson/C Wilton
Woodville Animal Welfare	Assistance with desexing & microchipping of animals	\$2500.00	Approved	C Wilton / C Archer
J Preston	Art Deco Painting project for children	\$1513.30	Declined with no motion put forward	

## 10. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore:

### Māori wards

Council voted last week to retain our Māori ward. This decision was required by recent legislation and will trigger a binding referendum at the next council elections which will determine whether Māori wards will continue past 2028. If you are interested in the discussion a recording of the meeting can be found on the council website.

### Te Ahu a Turanga - Manawatu Tararua Highway

NZTA announced on 29 August that they are considering tolling schemes for 3 new roads, including Te Ahu a Turanga - Manawatu Tararua Highway.

Consultation will open on 9 September and run through to 7 October, with details on the proposal and information on how to make a submission released then.

We will discuss this as a council tomorrow, but in my personal opinion, some of the issues with tolling are:

- It appears to breach at least 2 points in their own tolling policy.
- It is not a new road, it is a replacement for the road we lost.
- The burden on ratepayers would be significant and unfair if the Saddle Road and the Pahiatua Track were handed back to council and became the official 'free' routes. If

tolling a road NZTA has an obligation to provide a safe and free alternative - this should not be provided and paid for by our ratepayers.

- There may be issues with their consent as tolling was never raised as a possibility.
- There is an issue with fairness and equity. People have made plans on a promise and now, at the 11th hour, the rug has been pulled.

Legally, the minister of transport must give consideration to consultation outcomes before presenting the proposal to cabinet for approval, so I encourage Positivity Woodville to make a strong submission on opposition and to help rally the community to ensure their voice is heard.

#### **Mayor and Councillor Drop in Meetings**

The next Woodville session will be on 21 October from 2:30 to 4:30. You can drop in anytime that suites between these times. I'm also available to catch up on the phone or in person at other times if this doesn't suit.

- 10.1 That Positively Woodville hold a public meeting on in September 2024 after the consultation period opens with a reference to the potential tolling of the Te Ahu a Turanga Highway**  
**P Johns/ C Archer** **Carried**

S Gilmore will organise meeting.

#### **11. General Business:**

##### **Community Noticeboard**

Community noticeboard has been erected and in use. Many thanks to Vicky, Paul, Scott and Derek for all their work in this project.

##### **Skatepark**

The project team have been completing a number of applications for funding, including Waireka Trust, Tararua District Council and Te Ahu a Turanga - Manawatu Tararua Highway.

Two locations are still being considered for the skate park. Once the detailed design has been discussed with Council staff and public consultation taken into consideration the preferred site will be recommended to Council for final sign off. A public meeting will be held in the next couple of months to update the community and key stakeholders on project status.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Vicky.

##### **Community Gardens**

Awaiting a catch-up with Emma Elliott.

##### **Flagtrax project**

No update yet to applications for funding

### **Community Plan**

K Stevens is working on a draft document that will be presented to the October meeting

### **Mad Hatters**

Plans progressing well. Change of date to March each year, starting 2025.

### **Christmas Parade**

Thanks to Scanpower who have agreed to sponsor advertising.

Thanks also to Waka Kotahi and Traffic Safe have agreed to sponsor the cost of traffic management plan (cost is usually \$10,000), but this will be the last year, so PW will have to consider a change next year.

### **Fluoridation of water**

A Hapuku spoke about the mandate on Council from Government to put fluoride in the water and informed the meeting of a petition against this.

### **Public Toilets**

C Archer thanked Cr S Gilmore for ensuring the public toilets are locked at night.

### **AGM**

This is set for 1 October, 6.30 pm at the Supper room, followed by the ordinary meeting.

For election: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer and two to 4 members. Nominations must be with the Secretary 5 days before the AGM., contact the Secretary for a nomination form.

### **Meeting closed at 8.29pm**

**Signed:**

**Deputy Chairperson**

**Date:**

**Positively Woodville Treasurers Report September 2024**

		<b>Balance</b>	
<b>General Working Account</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>117,741.65</b>
<b>Discretionary Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,642.62</b>
		<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Aug-24 Rothbury Insurance Brokers 24/25 Year			\$ 504.91
Interest	\$ 103.78		
NZME - Advert for Discretionary Grant		\$	87.46
TDC Printing July		\$	12.00
J Kendrick Reim Mad Hatters (MH) Paint <b>MH Project</b>		\$	99.00
J Kopa Reim Hanging Basket		\$	121.03
V Tomlinson Reim Murdoch Prezzie Card		\$	155.95
V Tomlinson Reim 150yr Signs <b>150 Project</b>		\$	298.54
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 103.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,278.89</b>	<b>\$ 116,566.54</b>
<b>Invoices to Pay</b>			
TDC Printing August		\$	8.00
GOBUS Mad Hatters Day 2024		\$	703.22
<b>Committed Funds / Projects</b>			
Ongoing 150th celebrations (\$5892.95)		\$	5,549.41
150 Celebrations - 150 Years Farming (\$2600 confirmed May Mtg)		\$	2,600.00
150 Celebrations - Poetry Book (\$1500 confirmed July Mtg)		\$	1,189.50
Woodville SL Payment - term 3 2024		\$	347.88
Skate Park (confirmed at April Mtg)		\$	6,000.00
Mad Hatters Day 2024 (\$8000 confirmed Feb Mtg)		\$	8,000.00
Community Garden (DIA Funds)		\$	5,599.12
Tararua Trust donation - Defibrillator	<b>balance left</b>	\$	246.01
Dis Grant for Woodville School (approved)		\$	1,720.00
Tee Shirts for Volunteers (Aug Mtg approved)		\$	690.00
Dis Grant Fund		\$	5,642.62
	<b>Total Committed:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,584.54</b>
<b>Potential Available General Funds 2024/25</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>80,157.11</b>
<b>Saver Account:</b>			
Walkway Fund		\$	6,043.21



**Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 4 September 2024, 7:00pm.**

**1. Present**

1.1. Committee Members: Louise Powick (Deputy Chair), James Devoe, Marie Kissick (Treasurer), Ingrid de Graaf, Georgina Morrison

1.2. Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Alison Franklin and Kimberley Stevens (TDC).

1.3. Members of the public: Nil.

**2. Apologies**

2.1. Ali Romanos (Chairperson) and Raylene Treder (Secretary).

Louise Powick/Georgina Morrison

**Carried**

**3. Conflicts of Interest**

3.1. Nil.

Louise Powick/Georgina Morrison

**Carried**

**4. Notification of Items not on the agenda**

4.1. Service Agreement

4.2. Draft Constitution

4.3. AGM Date

4.4. Kimberley Stevens Community Plan

4.5. Advertising re Polish Reunion

**5. Community Plan.**

5.1 Kimberley Stevens provided 100 copies of the Community Plan. The community need to decide where the plan will sit online, e.g. Explore or TDC website. There is a poster that can go up in local cafes. Kimberley noted the committee should feel proud of the first Community Plan that's been developed.

Kimberley Stevens will start the process of planning to present to either the October or November Council meeting. Kimberley Stevens recommends we keep a few for a 10-minute presentation to Council. With regards to structure, Kimberley Stevens can provide an overview to the Council and then introduce and pass over to Ali Romanos. Presentation topics: Cover

the priorities, what we've set and why, and another we want to highlight to Council that they need to be aware of, and finish with our future projects.

**Action:** Kimberley Stevens will check the process and next steps for the Council and whether it will be adopted.

**Resolution:** Move that the Pahiatua Committee Plan is adopted

**James Devoe/Marie Kissick**

**Carried**

**That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the below changes:**

**Marie Kissick/Louise Powick**

**Carried**

## **7. Matters Arising**

7.1 Polich Memorial work started today with stump grinding.

7.2 Children's Day – Nothing to report.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **Inwards**

**From:** Email: Kimberley Stevens – Community Plan

**From:** Te ahu Turanga – Tolling proposal.

**From:** Sandra Duncan – Grant Application

**From:** Kimberley Stevens – Tararua Funders Forum

### **Outwards**

**To:** Sandra Duncan – Grant Application

**To:** Tararua District Council: Invoice for Annual Grant

**That the inwards be received and outwards endorsed.**

**Georgina Morrison/Ingrid De Graaf**

**Carried**

Georgina Morrison suggested a discussion with Ali Romanos about the Correspondence being collated in a folder that the Committee members can access.

## **9.0 Carnival Park Portfolio**

The Community agreement between Explore Pahiatua and DoC has been circulated. There are obligations such as complying with Health & Safety. Karolyn Donald has been leading the Treasure Carnival Park group.

**Action:** Louise Powick will chat with Karolyn Donald about finding a key person to take this forward.

## **10.0 Tararua District Council Report**

Cr Alison Franklin presented her Council report.

### **Māori Ward Decision**

- Council voted 7 – 2 to affirm its resolution of 18th May 2021 to establish the Tāmaki Nui-a-Rua Māori Ward. Council will now include a binding referendum on the continuation of the Māori Ward during the Local Body Elections in October 2025.

### **Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport & Recreation 2023 – 2043**

- Council agreed to endorse He rā ki tua- Horizons Region Spaces and Places plan for Sport and Recreation 2023-2043 to inform Council decisions on play, active recreation and sports facilities. There was some discussion around the benefits to the Tararua District and the difficulties faced by many families who are unable to afford for their children to travel for sport and recreation. It was agreed that an MOU would be drawn up with Horizons for the implementation. There is no cost to the ratepayer involved in this decision. TDC in the past has opted out of joining the Regional Sports Facilities Fund because of the perceived geographical challenges. This Plan is completely separate to that Fund.

### **By-Law Consultation**

- Following the consultation period and the hearing of submissions, the following By-Laws were adopted by Council

1. Animal By-Law – Cats mandatory micro-chipping and deserting from age 4mths Number of cats kept restricted to 3. Feral animals must not be encouraged into urban areas.

2. Keeping of Animals By-Law - It was noted that many submitters were concerned about the impact of any future change in zoning of property, where currently their property was zoned rural but under the Urban Growth Strategy an indication was provided that in the future their property could be re-zoned to

Urban. This means that a change in zoning from rural to urban in the future would likely not affect the use of the land, unless the use of the land was to change in character, intensity and scale. However, the occupier would still be required to mitigate any nuisance arising from the activities on their land towards their neighbouring properties.

3. Alcohol Bylaw

The Council considered the two submissions received on the Alcohol Bylaw and noted that it had resolved to develop a Local Alcohol Policy at its meeting held 31 July 2024. This policy would give Council the ability to control the number of alcohol outlets, and where they were located.

4. Public Places ByLaw

Only submission received was in relation to emergency services and defence activities on public land which prohibits of other people's access or use of the public place. It was pointed out that the District plan covers everything in relation to this.

5. Cemeteries By Law was passed without any submissions received.

### **Funding Application from Pahiatua Museum Society Inc.**

- An application was made to the Pahiatua Heritage Special Reserve Fund by the Pahiatua Museum for the upgrading of the Polish Memorial site together with the introduction of a walkway incorporating signboards that will explain the history and the story of the Polish Children's Camp, and the subsequent use of the Camp, by the Displaced people of Europe.

- The Fund was set up with monies remaining when the Pahiatua Arts Council folded approx 5 years ago. The fund was set aside for the specific use for Heritage projects within the Pahiatua Community.

- The application fitted perfectly within the meaning of the Fund's intention and was given full approval by a former Trustee of the Arts Council.



- The fund had attracted interest and the original \$25,000 had grown to \$26,731.35
- The Pahiatua Museum Society were granted the full amount which left them \$100 shy of the amount required for the upgrade. Mayor Tracey Collis generously offered to pay the difference.
- Work began on the site today (3 September) with stumps being removed and some spindly trees removed to clear the line-of-site to the original campsite. Working bees will be held by the organising committee to carry out other beautification work in preparation for the laying of the concrete pathway and the stand for the plinths.
- Waka Kotahi have agreed to remove a damaged concrete picnic table and concrete slab, all other works have put out for tender and budgeted for within the funds granted.
- The budget also covers 2-days of filming of the 80th Reunion on 1st & 2nd November. Local cinematographer Derrick Sims will be undertaking the filming, editing and producing of what will become, a valuable historic resource for schools and historians. The story of the Children's' Camp is in the primary school's curriculum for next year. The Museum Society are already receiving requests for information from schools in preparation for next year. It is noted that both St Anthony's and Pahiatua Primary have already studied this valuable part of our local history.

#### **Te ahu a Turanga Mānawatu-Tararua Highway – Toll Road Proposal & Consultation**

I would like to have a brief discussion with the Committee about the NZTA announcement that the Mānawatu Gorge replacement road is being considered as a Toll Road, the Consultation Process, and the affect this may have on our communities. Councillor Scott and I have spent considerable time researching this since the announcement was made late last week – we have studied the Government's Toll Road Policy and have a copy of the Business Case that was presented in the Resource Consent phase. For the sake of our communities, we need a collaborative approach to this. I believe we need to work together to encourage attendance at proposed Consultation meetings and to find a way to assist with submissions.

Personally, and as a Tararua District Councillor, I don't believe we should be taking this, lying down. As Chair of the Community Development & Wellbeing Committee of Council, I, and my Deputy Chair Scott, will be raising this as an extraordinary item of General Business at our Committee Meeting of full Council, on Wednesday afternoon.

There is a meeting in Woodville to discuss this on the 11th of September. Cr Alison Franklin will circulate the details for any interested Committee Members. Ingrid will share the details on Facebook.

**That Cr Alison Franklin's Council Report be received.**

**Georgina Morrison/Ingrid De Graaf**

**Carried**

#### **11.0 Financial Report**

- The Bank Reconciliation Report for the main account shows a balance of \$105,755.20.
- The balance of the Business Group account is \$531.83.

We also have the following invoices to be approved for payment on 20 September:

Payee	Description	Amount
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1.	NZME	Bush Telegraph feature	\$538.84
2.	Mitre 10	Community Garden	\$96.66
3.	Freedom Signs	Sticker for pool sign re submissions to LTP	\$125.35
4.	Bush Multisport	Venue hire for Canva workshop (from PDBG account)	\$87.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$848.35</b>

We have also paid the following invoices since the last meeting which are to be retrospectively approved:

Logic Street Scene	Seats for Dog Park (to come out of Waireka Grant)	\$3,256.11
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**11.1 The following amounts are tagged funds:**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	Swimming Pool	\$30,000.00
2.	Explore Pahiataua signage	\$20,000.00
3.	Harvard Playground	\$20,000.00
4.	Carnival Park (originally \$9,289.33 but reduced by \$1,736.25 for Jan invoice, \$985 for seedlings, \$1,471.25 ABC invoice June, \$1,000 tree removal June.)	\$4,096.83
5.	Youth Centre refurbishment	\$3,000.00
6.	Contribution towards Polish reunion event in November	\$ 5,000.00
7.	Dog Park – Waireka Grant - \$10K less \$260 digger works and \$3,256.11 seats	\$6,483.89
8.	NZME Partner Programme less payments since 1 August	\$4,758.48
9.	Community Garden remaining infrastructure works	\$600.00
10.	Community garden operating costs for year ended June 2025	\$1,903.34
11.	Explore Christmas	\$10,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$105,842.54</b>

**That the financial report from Marie Kissick (Treasurer) for the preceding month be received and identified invoices approved for payment.**

**Marie Kissick/James Devoe**

**Carried**

**11.2** There has been a request for funding for classes/workshops in Painting and clay modelling /sculpture for the next 12mths.

That Explore Pahiataua approves a discretionary grant for the Painting & Sculpture Group for \$1700.00

**Georgina Morrison/James Devoe**

**Carried**

**12.0 Portfolio Reports**

#### **12.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group (PDBG) - Ingrid de Graaf**

- There was no event in August – next event is coming up soon on 10<sup>th</sup> September – thanks George Morrison for the idea! No registrations yet though, so need to spread the word further.
- Working with EMA to hopefully come up with some (probably online) Human Resource training sessions, hopefully to be delivered in September (depending on the cost and the interest)

#### **12.2 Explore Pahiatua Marketing - Ingrid de Graaf**

- August Bush Telegraph was used to promote the BAT Golf Fundraiser  
September Bush Telegraph will be used for the Pahiatua Community Garden. Emma Elliott has asked if she can have 3 x half pages per year for the PCG (September, February and May). This needs to be briefly discussed at the meeting.
- October and November Bush Telegraph will be used for Explore Christmas (hoping to bring the October advert forward)
- Will do a Facebook post regarding the AGM.
- Facebook: shared BAT post regarding golf fundraiser, updated the cover photo, shared PDBG regarding WFH event, shared Tararua iSite post regarding Creative Communities Funding, shared BAT post regarding golf fundraiser again, shared Pahiatua Community Garden post regarding Beginners Gardening Series.

#### **12.3 Youth Centre - Ali Romanos**

- The Bush Charitable Trust met in August but again carried over the decision on our funding request until the next meeting – decision will be made late September.

#### **12.4 Carnival Park**

- No report.

#### **12.5 Community Garden - Emma Elliott**

- Marie Connolly-Kerapa has rejoined the garden committee. Discussion regarding a fourth member is in progress. A summer planting plan has been created and monthly committee meetings will be reinstated.
- The growing bed edging was completed by David Powick with assistance from volunteers. In August we switched back twice monthly working bees on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Community Services and Hamua Ora Heartlands continue. Following this Saturday's working bee the gates were unlocked again.
- Sam Te Tau from Pātaka Kōrero will be attending 17 August working bee to reset our worm farm. Worm castings have been used to fertilise the garlic patch.
- We look forward to earmarking a September working bee in order complete the final infrastructure project around the compost bins
- Beginners gardening sessions on 4th Sunday of August, September, October and November are expected to be signed off by Wairarapa REAP this week.
- Emma Elliott attended Manawatu Food Action Network Winter Hui in July, taking part in discussions regarding food sovereignty in the region and how community gardens are

resourced. Pahiataua has certainly caught up with its neighbours in Ashhurst and indeed some Palmerston North gardens. It was a great networking and ideas generating event.

- No word from Pahiataua School enviro group regarding outside compost signage or a return to contributing to the community garden. Students are currently working with Bush Supergrans and tending to gardens of elderly residents. Their own school garden is also being revamped.
- The community garden application to Creative Communities will be submitted in September. The committee will seek additional funding, if necessary, via the new TDC grant portal.

#### **12.6 Swimming Pools - Louise Powick**

- The project plan from Council was received at the eleventh hour for the Lottery Community application.
- No update from Council on procurement planning following the meeting on the 1st August.
- Bryan Nicolson was meeting with Mercury Energy at the end of August to discuss funding possibilities.

#### **12.7 Rotary Dog Park - Raylene Treder**

- Materials and seating ordered. Working be to install equipment and lime track to be confirmed.

#### **12.8 Road Safety Committee - Marie Kissick**

- No report as no meeting held.

#### **12.9 Harvard Playground Upgrade - James Devoe**

- No updates this month.

#### **12.10 Polish memorial / 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion - Gilda McKnight**

- The committee to meet next week to confirm numbers.
- They will now be busing up from Wellington instead of using a train.

#### **12.11 Incorporated Societies Act Compliance – Ali Romanos / Marie Kissick**

- Marie and Ali Romanos have been working hard on the Constitution and Service Level Agreement, the two draft documents were presented at meeting.

#### **12.12 Explore Christmas- Ingrid de Graff**

- Meeting held on 29th August and planning is well underway (currently meeting monthly towards the end of each month) but nothing major to report– the committee is hoping to have completed a number of important jobs before our next scheduled meeting on the 26th September.

#### **12.13 Civil Defence - Georgina Morrison**

- Georgina Morrison has asked Peter Sinclair (TDC) to send through some other Civil Defence plans so we can use those to update our plan. The recent flooding was interesting and gave some insights into how we can respond well and gave me some ideas about opportunities in how we respond as a community. It also means we have a small group of volunteers whose names we can keep for the future.

#### **14. Items not on the agenda**

##### **14.1 Service agreement**

- There was discussion about whether an update had occurred in 2011. It was noted there is nothing about economic growth and projects in general rather than events. There was a question of whether the term 'general assistance funds' should be changed to discretionary funding.
- Louise Powick to circulate the most recent service agreement.

##### **13.2 Draft Constitution**

Discussion occurred in the following areas

- Purposes - noted that these come from the Service Agreement. Marie Kissick has tried to align this with the Pahiata Community Plan, make it general to stand the test of time and try not to refer to specific projects for the same reason.
- Loans - It was discussed that while loans were best to be avoided, that it probably wasn't necessary to restrict this given its unlikely loans could be taken out.
- 19.2 We could be more flexible and make this 6 months instead of 4 months. Decided end of October is manageable.
- 22.1 Minimum Committee members - Agreed 6 - 8 is good.
- 25.b Discussed adding a point about delegated authority to those Sub-Committees and a sitting Committee member on each Sub-Committee. Discussed needing clarity about whether the sub-committees could be working groups or just projects. Potentially this needs to be a bigger conversation around how we structure our groups/projects.
- 27.1 Change to at least half of the committee
- 29.2 New Officers must consent in writing that they meet the conditions
- 30. Discussed adding a line around delegation to the Chairperson to represent Explore and no one else unless they have been given delegated authority
- 32. Discussed whether we needed a term, however, given elections are 12 months this covers any issue of an individual staying on too long.
- 33.3 Members to consider whether the COI needs to be included here and feedback to Marie.
- 35. Discussed that a code of conduct would be helpful. Cr Alison Franklin offered to share these from Council.

Marie Kissick was thanked for her work. The feedback will be considered, and an updated draft sent around.

##### **13.3 AGM**

The date will be the 2nd of October at 7pm. Marie Kissick and Georgina Morrison will be apologies for this meeting. All members will need to fill in a nomination form and have these in 10 days prior to the meeting.

**Action:** Raylene Treder to send out nomination forms.

#### **13.4 Advertising re Polish Reunion**

- Ingrid de Graaf asked if we are advertising the reunion or expected to advertise it. Cr Alison Franklin replied that this is being done from the Polish Group in Wellington. Ingrid de Graaf wanted to use October for Christmas advertisements, but this could clash with supporting the event. Nikki O'Leary has got in touch to say they are planning a 4-5 page spread but need business support.

**That Explore Pahiataua fund a half-page Bush Telegraph feature for the Polish Reunion.**

**Louise Powick/Marie Kissick**

**Carried**

Meeting Closed at 9.08pm.

Louise Powick (Deputy Chair): \_\_\_\_\_



## **Eketāhuna Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on Monday 9 September 2024 commencing at 10:00am.

### **1. Present**

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), L J Barclay, T M Carew (via Teams), E E Chase, and Crs S M Gilmore and M F Long

#### **In Attendance**

Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Mr E Priest	-	Project Manager
Mr C Yonge	-	Team Leader Economic & Community Development
Ms K Stevens	-	Economic and Community Development Advisor
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Public Forum**

There were no requests for Public Forum.

### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Cr S Gilmore: Proposed toll and consultation on Te Ahu a Turanga/Manawatu-Tararua Highway

Manager – Democracy Services: Installation of a TV, internet, and meeting equipment for the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 12 August 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Gilmore/Carew*

*Carried*

**6. Tararua District Council Report**

**6.1 Report from Tararua District Council**

*That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 28 August 2024 be received*

*Barclay/Chase*

*Carried*

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Eketāhuna Community-Led Development Plan (Eketāhuna Community Plan)**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Economic and Community Development Advisor dated 19 August 2024 which provided an updated version of the Eketāhuna Community Plan to discuss progress and to determine next steps.

The Economic and Community Development Advisor was in attendance, and presented an updated version of the Eketāhuna Community Plan to the Board.

It was resolved that the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer of Eketāhuna Our Town be contacted, and optimal meeting times requested.

*That the report from the Economic and Community Development Advisor dated 19 August 2024 concerning the Eketāhuna Community-Led Development Plan (Eketāhuna Community Plan) be received.*

*That the Eketāhuna Community Board determines that it currently has capacity to move forward with a community plan with an aim to have adopted a final Plan within the next 3 months; and*

*Agrees on a date to meet and discuss the Updated Plan, assign project leads where required, reaffirm next steps and select method of community engagement moving forward.*

*McGhie/Chase*

*Carried*



7.2 **Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 that provided an update to the Board on progress with Council's bylaw review programme. It was noted that several concerns had been cleared up surrounding the Keeping of Animals Bylaw, and that all updated Bylaws post deliberations would be up for adoption next? Council meeting. It was underlined that the public would be notified of this.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 concerning the Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws be received.***

***Barclay/Carew***

***Carried***

7.3 **Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 03 September 2024 provides an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held 14 August 2024, and Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 4 September 2024.

The reduction in footpath funding from Waka Kotahi was noted, and that work was being done to ascertain what impact this would have going forward.

Board Member Barclay floated a concept for a repurposing and reselling facility for salvageable waste items to reduce total waste costs.

Chairperson McGhie, Board Member Barclay, and Board Member Chase expressed interest in attending the next funders forum. Likewise, Board Member Chase expressed interest in attending a future Canva course.

It was noted that the Eketāhuna radio station was interested in a revival, and that it could be discussed with Council – notably as the radio constituted a good option in an emergency and would be worth maintaining.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 03 September 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Barclay/Gilmore***

***Carried***

7.4 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 September 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 3 July 2024 and the Infrastructure,

Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 17 July 2024.

Eugene Priest, Project Manager, spoke regarding infiltration of stormwater flowing into the wastewater treatment plant, and advised the Board of work being undertaken to install flow monitors into the public owned wastewater mains, and source detection works for investigating inflow and infiltration source over the next 6-8 weeks. On completion of source detection works, a report would be provided to show where the issues were, on both the public and private networks, and what the recommended fixes would be.

The Board discussed whether tanks could be installed to capture stormwater for other uses, noting this would require funding support.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 September 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.***

***Barclay/Chase***

***Carried***

## **8. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

### **8.1 Report from Board Member Chase**

**Community Board Conference Update:** Board Member Chase attended the Community Board Conference, and noted that many of the Community Board attendees were in a similar situation to them. She noted that she was pleased to meet Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister and Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Transport, and commended their ability to speak their mind despite opposition from the audience. She stated that the primary purpose of the Board was that of community education, and that the difficulty of this was acknowledged. She underlined the importance of communication as a Board with the community. Whilst unable to attend a resilience workshop at the conference, she had obtained the notes from another attendee, and reported that the Board should consider different methods of engagement. She cited use of sausage sizzles by a Chatham Island Community Board member. She also advocated for the use of Council apps – i.e. Antenno – with the Board helping to facilitate their use, and to prompt community members to fill out CRMs for any issues they find.

**Social Services:** Board Member Chase noted that Rangitane o Tamaki Nui a Rua had instated a new service known as the 'Hauora Heartlands', which was connected to services from Work and Income NZ, and to other budgeting services, and would provide support to Eketāhuna every second week. She stated that St Johns hall was being used as a hub for the services, including healthcare services from MidCentral DHB, WINZ services from Dannevirke, and an IRD service as an extension from its Pahiatua service. She noted that this service would be taken to Pongaroa next.

**Driver Licensing:** Board Member Chase noted some issues with Eketāhuna residents with accessing driver licensing and transport services, and outlined that

a proposal had been made to the twice monthly Dannevirke service that looked at adding an Eketāhuna branch at least once monthly.

**Information Board and Signage:** Board Member Chase noted that an information board for Eketāhuna was in the works. It would feature several QR codes, which when scanned would provide a brief history of Maori in the area. It was also noted that the museum was in an obscure location that was not visible from the street. It was suggested that an enquiry be made with the library to suggest the inclusion of a sign with directions to the museum. Board Member Carew noted that an information board with several QR codes was being worked on to direct visitors around the area, and that pamphlets would be distributed at the library. Chairperson McGhie advocated for the inclusion of additional signage alongside the information board.

**Disabled Parking:** Board Member Chase requested the addition of disabled parking to the church hall. She suggested that this be included in the enquiry to the library, and taken up with roading teams.

**Maori Wards:** She commended Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister, and Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Transport, as well as Cr M Long, for speaking their minds regardless of the backlash.

## 9. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

## 10. Items not on the Agenda

10.1 **Proposed toll and consultation on Te Ahu a Turanga/Manawatu-Tararua Highway:** It was announced that Te Ahu a Turanga would be one of three roads to be tolled, and that the consultation opened that day. Cr S Gilmore outlined several concerns to the Board regarding the proposed toll;

- That the toll was set to \$4.30 per light vehicle, and \$8.60 for heavier vehicles, though this was not final.
- He noted that the Saddle Road was a costly and unsafe asset, and would grievously burden ratepayers should the road be handed back to Council as agreed upon after the completion of Te Ahu a Turanga. He underlined that the current maintenance cost for the Saddle Road as a state highway was \$1 million per annum.
- He stated that NZTA would breach two parts of its Tolling Policy should it proceed with the proposed toll. This included that a toll road needs to be considered during the planning stage, prior to the start of construction. It was also emphasised that the highway was a replacement road, not a new route, and that

generally when highways were consulted upon with a toll planned, the consultation would stipulate that either the road would have a toll, or would not be constructed.

- He noted potential issues regarding consent through environmental court, and questioned whether iwi or stakeholders were consulted about this decision. This was in especial regard to those in the district highly impacted by the closing of the Manawatu Gorge, whether for business, employment or healthcare reasons.

He encouraged everyone to make an individual submission, and for the Community Board to make one in itself. He stated that a public meeting would be taking place in Woodville on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September about this.

***That the Eketāhuna Community Board makes a submission on the proposed tolling of Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway.***

***Carew/Barclay***

***Carried***

- 10.2 **Meeting room connectivity:** The Manager – Democracy Services provided an update on the installation of internet connectivity and meeting room equipment in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall. The upgrade was commended by Board members as a way for Council staff to present to the Board without needing to travel, and as a means of increasing the versatility of the space for other interested community groups in need of a meeting room. Chairperson McGhie noted that he could help set up and operate the devices, and Board Member Carew suggested training library staff on its use.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:28am.

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Chairperson



## **Dannevirke Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 16 September 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

### **1. Present**

Board Members: P F Walshe (Chairperson), T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), E J Christison, R T Wallace; and Crs E L Peeti-Webber and S M Wards

#### **In Attendance**

Her Worship the Mayor

Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms F Chase	-	Facilities Manager
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Public Forum**

There were no requests for Public Forum.

### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Board Member Christison: Waihi Falls toilets

Board Member Christison: Town Hall renovations

Board Member Hynes: Umutaoroa Hall

### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 19*

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***August 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with a correction to item 8.7 to record Board Member Hynes and Mayor Tracey Collis as having attended as opposed to Chairperson Walshe.***

***Hynes/Christison***

***Carried***

**6. Tararua District Council Report**

**6.1 Report from Tararua District Council**

***That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 28 August 2024 and the extraordinary meeting held 4 September 2024 be received.***

***Wallace/Hynes***

***Carried***

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling Consultation**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered a consultation document by Waka Kotahi which presented the proposal to toll Te Ahu Turanga/the Manawatu-Tararua Highway. It was recommended that a submission be made regarding the proposal.

The Board recommended that a public meeting be held in Dannevirke to raise awareness and inform the community of the consultation, and agreed a submission would be drafted and sent by the Board.

***That the Dannevirke Community Board makes a submission to NZTA Waka Kotahi on the Te Ahu a Turanga Tolling Consultation and hosts a public meeting to raise awareness and inform the community of the consultation.***

***Christison/Wallace***

***Carried***

**7.2 Management Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 September 2024 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held 14 August 2024, and the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held 4 September 2024.

It was noted that the Board had arranged a stall at the funders forum last year, and that it should be considered to do so this year. It was also recommended to look at other funding sources present at the forum. Board Member Hynes and Board Member Christison noted their intent to attend.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 September 2024***

***concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Wallace/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

**7.3 Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 that provided an update to the Board on progress with Council's bylaw review programme.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 concerning the Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws be received.***

***Hynes/Wards***

***Carried***

**7.4 Community Board Budget Report 2024-25**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 that presented, for information and discussion purposes, the Community Board's budget for the 2024-25 financial year.

The Board were encouraged to meet to discuss and set priorities for the funding that they had been allocated by Council. It was noted that Council was establishing a contestable fund of \$100,000 per year, to which community groups would be able to apply for funding. This was still in the development phase. The Board were reminded of their principal role as a Community Board, which is to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 concerning the Community Board Budget Report 2024-25 be received.***

***Peeti-Webber/Wallace***

***Carried***

**7.5 Capital Portfolio Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 5 September 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 4 September 2024 and the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 14 August 2024.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 05 September 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.***

***Wallace/Walshe***

***Carried***

## **8. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

- 8.1 **Skatepark:** Cr E Peeti-Webber stated that work on the skatepark had begun, and that she would provide more information once the public consultation was released.
- 8.2 **Dannevirke Information Centre:** Board Member Wallace noted that a meeting to support the Dannevirke Information Centre would take place at 4pm today, and that the public were welcome to attend.
- 8.3 **Brass Band:** Board Member Wallace spoke of his attendance at the Brass Band AGM, and read a statement written for the meeting which gave thanks to the committee members for their attendance, the band secretaries for their contributions, the band master for her work and tutoring of students, and to Board Member Wallace for his proactivity between the Board and the Band. He noted that the band was in good stead, and had many new learners.
- 8.4 **Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member Hynes stated that the breakfast meeting went well, and that the primary topic of discussion was the new road and its projected opening for next year. He noted that the prospect of a toll was not brought up. He stated that Phil Grant, owner of NZ Natural Clothing in Norsewood, and having previously owned an Otaki-based business, had given a presentation on business promotion.
- 8.5 **Community Vehicle Trust:** Board Member Hynes noted that the Community Vehicle Trust was operating business as usual, with good patronage.
- 8.6 **Glengarry Settlers Memorial:** Board Member Hynes spoke regarding the recent opening of the Glengarry Settlers Memorial, and commemorated the 8 month process of planning, design, construction, fundraising, and building of the project. He noted his satisfaction with the end result, and recalled approximately 60 people being in attendance during the event.
- 8.7 **Road Safety:** Chairperson Walshe spoke regarding the large number of cones near the Victoria Avenue bridge, and noted that residents had pointed this out to him on visiting the area. He stated that he had spoken to the Group Manager – Infrastructure surrounding the issue, outlined the safety aspects that required the traffic cones and signage at the site, and advised that options were being discussed for a solution. These included making the vehicle bridge one-lane, or installing a separate footbridge.
- 8.8 **Community Board Conference:** Board Member Wallace reported on his attendance at the recent Community Board Conference. He underlined the focus on localism and community, and noted that efficiency should be emphasised. He retold the story of a fellow Community Board member from Whakatane, who took an active role within his community post the White Island tragedy, and underlined the importance of community engagement, togetherness, and having



systems in place in times of crisis. He noted that he made a significant number of contacts from the event.

He spoke about the speech given by Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister at the conference, and an excerpt from that speech was played for the community board members.

It was recommended that the Board consider holding events to bring community members together. Board Member Christison suggested the holding of Working Bees. The importance of community volunteers offering services around town was underlined; an example being the rose gardens. The need for a strategy regarding how the community could work together was emphasised.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Thank you card re Herbertville Hall Roof Funding**

*That the correspondence as listed be received.*

*Hynes/Wallace*

*Carried*

## **10. Discussion items**

### **10.1 Umutaoroa Hall:** Board Member Hynes requested an update regarding the removal of trees from outside Umutaoroa Hall for the respective Domain Board. The Facilities Manager provided an update, noting that the scope of works being investigated was to reduce the risk for the trees and the hall, and noted that funding was limited. It was noted that the project had been shifted to the Project Management team.

It was noted that the trees had been assessed, that their height had been reduced by Transpower to reduce the risk to their assets. The Project Management team were looking at how to tidy up the dropped branches, and were investigating how best to respond to this project for the Domain Board. The Facilities Manager spoke about the work done within the Cyclone Recovery team to upskill local people, and the potential to utilise some of those people that have been certified in chainsaw use, to minimise the impact on resources and on ratepayers. Board member Hynes asked that officers keep in contact with the Domain Board representatives to provide them with updates on progress.

## **11. Chairperson's Remarks**

Nil

## **12. Items not on the Agenda**

- 12.1 **Waihi Falls toilet:** Board Member Christison enquired regarding whether the new Waihi Falls toilet had been funded by external funding, and how much Council had paid towards it. In response it was noted that the tourism infrastructure fund was comprised of \$110,000, with a Council contribution \$23,000.
- 12.2 **Dannevirke Town Hall:** Board Member Christison sought information about renovations being planned for the Town Hall. In response Her Worship the Mayor noted there were no major renovations planned, however there would be information reported in due course.
- 12.3 **Spring Festival and Dannevirke Market Day:** Chairperson Walshe encouraged members to attend the events that were listed on the Spring Festival Programme. With regard to Market Day planned for 25 October, he noted that planning for the Spring Festival Market Day was underway, and noted that pamphlets were being distributed through Dannevirke for this. Board members would be having a meeting to discuss arrangements and assign responsibilities for the day.
- 12.4 **Dannevirke Christmas Parade:** Board Member Christison noted that a business person had expressed interest in helping to fund the Dannevirke Christmas Parade, and was willing to offer \$5,000 to this effect

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:07am.

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Chairperson



## Report

Date : 17 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Request for funding from Positively Woodville Community Committee**

Item No : **9.1**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 September 2024 concerning the Request for funding from Positively Woodville Community Committee be received.*

#### AND EITHER

- 1.2 *That the Tararua District Council approves the request from Positively Woodville Inc for funding of \$..... from the Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve fund, and \$..... from the Tararua District Community Recreation fund towards the costs associated with constructing a skatepark in Woodville.*

#### OR

- 1.3 *That the Tararua District Council declines the request from Positively Woodville Inc for funding towards the costs associated with constructing a skatepark in Woodville.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To present a request for funding assistance from Positively Woodville Incorporated towards the costs of constructing a skate park in Woodville.

### 3. Background

#### **General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land Special Fund Reserve**

- 3.1 The Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve fund was created with funds derived from the sale of land in Woodville that had been endowed to Council for the benefit of the people of Woodville.
- 3.2 The balance of this fund as at 30 June 2024 is \$482,481.79.

#### **Community Recreation Fund**

- 3.3 In 1999, the Council established through its Annual Plan the Community Recreation Fund to assist community organisations and arts and cultural groups within the district to develop significant recreation and arts and cultural facilities.
- 3.4 A copy of the policy guidelines adopted by the Council as the basis for managing that fund is attached for reference and information. Note the eligibility criteria within this fund requires the organisation applying to the fund to be able to contribute a significant proportion of the cost of the project. In the funding priority section of the criteria, it is noted "Subsidy: Clubs and organisations must contribute a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project – which may be by means of cash or 'in kind'. There may, at the Council's discretion, be some flexibility with the 50% contribution requirement to not disadvantage smaller communities."
- 3.5 Originally the sum of \$20,000 was contributed in each financial year to the fund, however as part of the Long Term Plan decision-making to reduce community grant funding, this contribution has ceased.
- 3.6 The balance of this fund as at 30 June 2024 is \$164,494.55.
- 3.7 Previous projects that have been granted financial assistance from this fund are as follows:

Project	Amount
Pahiatua Repertory Society (to complete the restoration and development of the Regent Theatre)	\$10,000.00
Woodville Mainstreet Committee (for completion of the Lindauer Centre)	\$6,724.53
Dannevirke Brass Band (to build a new band room)	\$15,000.00
Eketahuna Combined Sports Club (sealing of carpark)	\$8,200.00
Woodville Districts' Vision (Lindauer Replica Studio Link project)	\$8,000.00

Project	Amount
Woodville Swimming Pool Committee (to build a toddlers pool and family picnic area)	\$25,546.50
Pahiatua Repertory Society (purchase property to develop as a workshop and provide car parking)	\$12,500.00
Pahiatua Swimming Baths Committee (erect a sun shelter over the toddlers pool)	\$1,465.00
Pukaha Mount Bruce Board (Stage 1 of their visitor centre upgrade)	\$50,000.00
Bush Multisport Trust (Stage 3 of the building pavilion development)	\$60,000.00
Bush Multisport Trust (Pahiatua community pool feasibility study)	\$20,000.00
Pahiatua Wheel Park establishment	\$50,000.00
Eketahuna Youth Trust (Eketahuna Skate Park Contribution)	\$38,000.00

#### **4. Discussion**

- 4.1 Positively Woodville is seeking \$150,000 in funding from the Tararua General Purposes Special Reserve Fund, and \$50,000 from the Tararua District Council's Recreation Fund for the construction of the Woodville Skate Park, a new planned community-owned asset.
- 4.2 Following on from the Woodville Districts Vision/Woodville Community Committee paper to the Tararua District Council in 2022, the Skate Park Project Team is completing its full business case incorporating material needed to support final Council decisions. In the interim, to help underpin their construction fundraising activities they are seeking a funding commitment from the funds outlined above.
- 4.3 The Woodville Skate Park project aims to create a new recreational facility tailored to the needs of the town's young people. In a low-decile area with limited resources, the Skate Park will provide a much-needed space for tamariki and rangatahi to gather safely, engage in physical activity, know they are valued, and develop a stronger sense of community. Their goal is to create an enduring and appealing facility that serves locals and is also an attraction for the use of visitors.
- 4.4 Positively Woodville advise that Woodville's town committee, in its various forms, has had a decade-long focus on tourism and visitor experiences. While these efforts have been successful, they say it is crucial to invest in projects that have

direct benefits for their residents. The Skate Park will address the very limited range of youth-oriented facilities in the town, promoting physical health, social interaction, and vibrant community life.

- 4.5 Positively Woodville advise that they are now making applications to a number of regional and national funding bodies.
- 4.6 However, when they apply to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund in January 2025, as a critical potential funding source, they need to have secured at least one third of the total project cost. For the Skate Park, estimated at a total of \$500,000, a third of the project cost is \$167,000.
- 4.7 Positively Woodville is requesting a financial contribution of \$150,000 from the Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve of the Tararua District Council, and \$50,000 from the Tararua District Council Recreation Fund, a total of \$200,000.
- 4.8 This project aims to benefit the people of Woodville and Tararua by enhancing recreation, health, and overall economic wellbeing. The funds will contribute to a significant portion of the overall project costs and are important to help secure additional funding from a key national funding body.
- 4.9 Once the detailed planning phase has been completed and Positively Woodville has met with the Council's Facilities Team, they advise they will be submitting a detailed business case to Council.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

- 5.1 The Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve of the Tararua District Council has \$482,481.79 and the Tararua District Community Recreation Fund, has \$164,494.55.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 A request has been received from Positively Woodville Inc for funding towards the construction of a skatepark in Woodville. Their request seeks a total of \$200,000 funding from the Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve and from the Tararua District Community Recreation Fund.
- 6.2 A copy of their application letters, and a copy of the Council's Policy Guidelines for use of the Community Recreation Fund, are attached.

## **Attachments**

- 1[↓](#). Policy - Community Recreation Fund adopted August 1999
- 2[↓](#). 2024-08-25 TDC Letter Reserve Fund
- 3[↓](#). 2024-08-25 TDC Letter Rec Fund



COMMUNITY RECREATION FUND - POLICY GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY  
THE COUNCIL - MEETING 25 AUGUST, 1999

- 11.7.10 *That the policy guidelines as set out below and incorporating the above changes be adopted by the Council as the basis for managing the Community Recreation Fund.*

*Community Recreation Fund*

*This fund is to assist community organisations and arts and cultural groups within the Tararua District develop local sport, fitness and physical activity. The sole purpose is to promote the development of recreation and arts and cultural projects within local communities, that would otherwise be difficult for the local community to fund. Applications will be considered on merit and benefit to the community.*

*Facility Development*

*The Community Recreation Fund is to assist with the development of significant recreation and arts and cultural facilities.*

*Facilities may be defined as playing fields, courts, all weather surfaces, playgrounds, clubrooms, swimming pools, halls and arenas.*

*Eligibility*

*Organisations can apply for funds if they are:-*

- Legally constituted club or organisation eg: Inc.Soc, Trust etc, and*
- Operating as a non-profit club or organisation, and*
- Accessible for any member of the public to use/join, and*
- Able to contribute a significant proportion of the cost of the project, and*
- Able to account for their funds.*

*Funding Priority*

*Subsidy: Clubs and organisations must contribute a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project – which may be by means of cash or ‘in kind’.*

*There may, at the Council’s discretion, be some flexibility with the 50% contribution requirement to not disadvantage smaller communities.*



Information to be Provided by the Applicant

*To enable the Council to be able to evaluate the merits and benefits of any proposal all applicants are required to submit a detailed application containing the following information:-*

- 1. Name and address of applying organisation and contact person.*
- 2. Number of members in organisation.*
- 3. Objectives of organisation.*
- 4. Description and detailed costing of the project.*
- 5. Amount of financial assistance being requested and details of where the remainder will come from.*
- 6. Outline of how the project will benefit the community and when it is to take place.*
- 7. Provide evidence of funding already available for the project and its source.*

*All applications must be accompanied by a Balance Sheet or Statement of Income and Expenditure for the current financial year.*

Accountability

*To satisfy the Council that the public money distributed through the Community Recreation Fund has been used for the purpose it was provided the recipient organisation shall within one month of completion of their project:-*

- 1. Submit a report detailing the success of the project and the benefits produced.*
- 2. Account for the expenditure which the assistance from the fund has been applied to.*

Types of Projects That Are Ineligible for Funding

- 1. School based activities that would reasonably be expected to be covered by the schools own resourcing provision, except that applications may be considered where there are community benefits outside of the school.*
- 2. Council projects that would normally be funded by the Council, except that users of Council facilities can apply.*

*In addition to the above, funding will not be provided to assist with any expenditure relating to the following:-*

- 1. Ongoing costs that are not related to a specific project.*
- 2. Retrospective project costs (for projects already completed)*
- 3. Elimination of accumulated debt or debt servicing.*
- 4. Costs associated with fund raising.*

*Crs Lea/Crispin*

*Carried*

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26 August 2024

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Kia ora Allie

**Positively Woodville Request for Funding from the Taranua General Purposes Special Reserve Fund**

Positively Woodville is seeking \$150,000 in funding from the Taranua General Purposes Special Reserve Fund for the construction of the Woodville Skate Park, an important new planned community-owned asset.

Following on from the Woodville Districts Vision/Woodville Community Committee paper to the Taranua District Council in 2022, the Skate Park Project Team is completing its full business case incorporating material needed to support final Council decisions. In the interim, to help underpin our construction fundraising activities we are seeking a funding commitment from the Fund per the above.

The Woodville Skate Park project aims to create a new recreational facility tailored to the needs of the town's young people. In a low-decile area with limited resources, the Skate Park will provide a much-needed space for tamariki and rangatahi to gather safely, engage in physical activity, know they are valued, and develop a stronger sense of community. Our goal is to create an enduring and appealing facility that serves locals and is also an attraction for the use of visitors.

Woodville's town committee, in its various forms, has had a decade-long focus on tourism and visitor experiences. While these efforts have been successful, it is crucial to invest in projects that have direct benefits for our residents. The Skate Park will address the very limited range of youth-oriented facilities in our town, promoting physical health, social interaction, and vibrant community life.

We are now making applications to a number of regional and national funding bodies. However, when we apply to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund in January 2025, as a critical potential funding source, we need to have secured at least one third of the total project cost. For the Skate Park, estimated at a total of \$500,000, a third of the project cost is \$167,000.



### **What is the request?**

Positively Woodville is requesting a financial contribution of \$150,000 from the Tararua General Purposes Woodville Gifted Land CT HB P2/147 special fund reserve of the Tararua District Council.

This project aims to benefit the people of Woodville and Tararua by enhancing recreation, health, and overall economic wellbeing. The funds will contribute to a significant portion of the overall project costs and are important to help secure additional funding from a key national funding body.

### **For more information**

Once the detailed planning phase has been completed and we have met with the Council's Facilities Team, we will be submitting a detailed business case to Council.

This is a key long-term project for a part of our community that is frequently underserved, and Positively Woodville is committed to its success.

Please contact me (detailed below) if you have any questions about the project or request.

Nga mihi nui

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Kia ora Allie

### **Positively Woodville Request for Funding from the Recreation Grant**

Positively Woodville is seeking \$50,000 in funding from the Taranua District Council's Recreation to support the construction of the Woodville Skate Park, an important new planned community-owned asset.

Following on from the Woodville Districts Vision/Woodville Community Committee paper to the Taranua District Council in 2022, the Skate Park Project Team is completing its full business case incorporating material needed to support final Council decisions. In the interim, to help underpin our construction fundraising activities we are seeking a funding commitment from the Fund per the above.

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### **What is the request?**

Positively Woodville is requesting a financial contribution of \$50,000 from the Tararua District Council's Recreation.

It is our understanding that the Eketahuna and Pahiatua communities were granted funds from this special reserve for the purpose of constructing a skate park in their community, and it is our hope that Woodville will be able to secure funds for the same type of facility in our community.

The funds will contribute to the overall project costs and are important to help secure additional funding from a key national funding body.

### **For more information**

We would be happy to provide detailed material on the project as required to support this request. This is a key long-term project for a part of our community this is frequently under-served, and Positively Woodville is committed to its success.

Please contact me (detailed below) If you have any questions about the project or request.

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## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Hamish Featonby  
Group Manager - Infrastructure

Subject : **Submission on Tolling for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway proposal**

Item No : **9.2**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That Council endorse the submission on Tolling for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua highway.*
- 1.2 *That the delegation to incorporate amendments and additions of the draft submission as discussed in this Council meeting is assigned to the Mayor and Chief Executive to have final sign off prior to submission.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To receive feedback on the draft submission on Tolling for Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua highway.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Monday 9 September 2024, NZTA Waka Kotahi commenced its consultation on its previously announced proposal to toll Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway (Te Ahu a Turanga).
- 3.2 This report outlines the Tararua District Council's submission on the proposal with a position of not supporting the tolling of the new road.
- 3.3 This report seeks feedback from the Mayor and Councillors on the draft submission.

- 3.4 The feedback received will be considered as part of the final submission which will be authorised by the Mayor and Chief Executive prior to the final submission date of 5pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### **Attachments**

- 1 [!\[\]\(9063468a59e93f469b71000ac5796bc3\_img.jpg\)](#). Tararua District Council - Submission on Tolling of Manawatu Tararua Highway Draft





**NZTA Waka Kotahi**

**Email: ....**

**16 September 2024**

**Submission on the Proposal to Toll the Manawatū Tararua Highway**

**Submission to NZTA Waka Kotahi**

**Tēnā koe,**

Tararua District Council thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Proposal to Toll the Manawatū Tararua Highway.

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## **Tararua District Council Submission**

Tararua District Council appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal to toll the Manawatū Tararua Highway. We recognise tolling as a valid revenue generation option in certain scenarios however while we understand the financial pressures on the National Land Transport Fund and the need for additional revenue to support infrastructure projects, we cannot support the proposal in its current form due to several factors unique to our district which must be carefully considered.

The following key concerns explain why we oppose tolling of the new Manawatū Tararua Highway:

### **1. Not a 'New' Road, but a Replacement**

Te Ahu a Turanga is not a 'new' road in the traditional sense. The original SH3 was damaged by slips in 2017, and rather than repairing it, a decision was made to replace it. This is fundamentally different from other proposed toll roads, which are typically entirely new builds. The toll proposal does not fully acknowledge the unique context of this project, where we are replacing vital infrastructure that has already been lost.

NZTAs Manawatu Gorge Alternatives Detailed Business Case clearly highlights that the project has a positive Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) as an un-tolled replacement of an existing state highway route so tolling has not been considered. This tells us the project stands on its own merits based on the information known at that time. We believe tolling will substantially change the usage figures that form the Benefit Cost Ratio making the Benefit part of that equation fall away through the dropping of vehicle operating cost and crash reduction savings which won't be realised.

### **2. This will negatively affect the people of Tararua**

Our district has high levels of socioeconomic deprivation, which means many residents will likely avoid the tolled road due to cost concerns.

- For those who commute daily for work or business, particularly low-income earners, the toll could pose an additional financial hardship. This raises equity concerns, as tolling could disproportionately impact the most vulnerable members of our community. While those who can afford the road will benefit from quicker travel times and a safer more direct route, those who cannot afford it would be left using the slower, less safe alternatives, entrenching inequality in the region.
- Our entire community has borne the cost of this closure for seven years already personally with an increase in fuel and vehicle costs and again through increased

costs to all goods and services into the Tararua District reflected in increased freight costs.

- Our district continues to feel the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle. Introducing a toll on a critical transport route would add another burden to a community already dealing with recovery challenges. The proposed toll could slow economic recovery efforts by adding financial strain to residents and businesses still trying to rebuild.
- This road is the primary route for accessing clinical and health services, with a large proportion of residents needing to travel regularly for healthcare. Adding a toll to this route could create barriers to accessing essential medical services, particularly for those who are already financially stretched.
- Our rangitahi studying at Massey University and UCOL will not be able to afford to take the safe route to study. Our local schools who travel to Palmerston North for sport many times a week will be taking our children over the Saddle Road and the Pahiatua Track, compromising their safety because the schools will not be able to pass this extra cost on to parents. This is not an acceptable option for our young people.
- It is unclear whether the modelling was based on tolling in other areas or whether it took into account the affordability for the Tararua community or not but it appears that the proposed toll is the highest in New Zealand. We have requested the tolling assessment for further context but we consider the \$4.30 for light vehicles and \$8.60 for heavy vehicles particularly oppressive.

### **3. Continued Increased Use of Alternative Routes and Maintenance Burden**

The proposal acknowledges the availability of alternative routes such as the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track. However, it is estimated in the Consultation document that up to 37% of traffic will divert to these roads. This will continue to place considerable strain on these routes, leading to higher maintenance costs and increased safety concerns. The alternative routes are not intended to bear such a high volume of traffic in the long term.

- Before SH3 through the Manawatū Gorge closed, the Saddle Road and Pahiatua Track were part of the Tararua District road network. NZTA Waka Kotahi intends to redesignate these roads to Tararua District Council when the highway opens. Under an un-tolled scenario we expect most of the traffic is expected to take the highway with traffic flows dropping back to manageable levels.

- Traffic count data provided by NZTA shows that in 2023 there were 6000 vehicle movements a day over the Saddle Road, with 12% of these heavy vehicles. Data from March 2019 shows a daily traffic count of 5565 on the Saddle Road with 12% heavy vehicles, and 3858 on the Pahiatua Track with 10% heavy vehicles.
- Based on the Consultation provided figures of 11,000 vehicles a day travelling through Manawatū and Tararua, in a tolled scenario there would still be 3300 vehicles a day on the Saddle Road which is 22 times more traffic than prior to the Gorge closure when it was only 150 vehicles per day.
- The maintenance and renewals performed on the Alternate Routes, Saddle Road in particular, have changed the Level of Service of those roads. Prior to the Gorge closure they were designed and maintained as bypass routes for very short-term increased use when the Gorge was closed and day to day for low levels of traffic. Since the Gorge closed, they have been built up to endure a significant increase in traffic volume and continue to require significant renewal input to keep them in a barely suitable condition level.
- With a continued level of traffic 22 times more than prior, there will be an expectation to keep the Level of Service high which puts a significant financial pressure onto the Tararua District Council at their 10,200 rate payers that is not incorporated in its NLTP or LTP funding. Tararua District Council has received a level of Transport funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi as part of the NLTP that is less than was requested in order to maintain our network. This additional burden of keeping alternate routes to a higher than standard will require either additional funding from NZTA or a drop in work done elsewhere in our district further exacerbating the situation for our community.

#### **4. Failure to Achieve the Business Case Goals**

NZTA's business case for the new highway emphasised the importance of providing a safe and efficient route for the residents of Tararua and Manawatū. However, if a significant portion of residents avoid the toll road due to the cost, this goal will not be achieved. Increased traffic on alternative routes may reduce the safety and efficiency benefits that the new road was intended to deliver.

- The alternative routes are noted in the Detailed Business Case for the Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project as follows: *“Even with improvement works on Saddle Road, both routes are steep, narrow and winding resulting in poor*

*safety, resilience and efficiency outcomes. These routes are not considered to provide an appropriate level of service for the State Highway 3 link.” (Page vi).*

- The Detailed Business Case also states: *“While Saddle Road is sufficient as a short-term alternative route, it is not an appropriate long term option as a regionally significant state highway. Average travel times for general traffic between Woodville and Ashhurst have now increased from approximately 13 minutes for all traffic to 22 minutes for general traffic and 28 minutes for HCVs (when impeded, some trips can be even longer).” (Page 24)*
- In 2019 the speed limit was permanently reduced on the Saddle Road to 60km/hr as the number of crashes including Death and Serious Injury crashes on the route increased 88% since the closure of the Gorge.
- Continued use of the Alternate routes by 37% of the traffic is a missed opportunity to deliver on the Business Case goals of efficiency and safety improvements.

## **5. Public Support for Infrastructure**

Public buy-in for infrastructure projects like Te Ahu a Turanga is important for long-term success. If the tolling proposal creates widespread dissatisfaction, particularly amongst residents who feel economically disadvantaged, it could undermine broader public support for necessary infrastructure investments. It can also drive a scepticism at the outset of projects because it is the local community who has been inconvenienced and disadvantaged by the seven years the Gorge has been closed already and their goodwill will be further eroded by having to then pay for access to the asset they have been waiting on.

## **Conclusion**

While we recognise the financial challenges associated with constructing and maintaining infrastructure like Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū – Tararua Highway and understand the rationale for considering tolling as a means of alleviating pressure on the National Land Transport Fund, this proposal does not adequately account for the unique situation in our district which is why we cannot support it.

The replacement of the SH3 route is essential infrastructure and tolling it will disproportionately affect an already vulnerable population. The social and economic impacts on our community, particularly with regard to access to healthcare, daily commuting, and the ongoing recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle, make the current tolling proposal untenable. We understand the need to explore tolling due to costs, but in this case, the negative impacts on our community far outweigh the potential benefits.

Thank you for considering this submission, and we look forward to NZTA’s response to the community’s feedback.

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## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Rebecca Bell  
Contractor

Subject : **Draft Rates Postponement Policy - Adoption for Consultation**

Item No : **9.3**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Contractor dated 16 September 2024 concerning the Draft Rates Postponement Policy - Adoption for Consultation be received.*
- 1.2 *That Council adopts the draft Rates Postponement Policy and Statement of Proposal for public consultation.*

## Executive Summary

- 1.3 Council management has discovered it has been following a faulty process for recalculating direct debit payments for some of its ratepayers.
- 1.4 Council has considered options to address the issue resulting from this fault.
- 1.5 Council agreed that the preparation of a Rate Postponement Policy was one appropriate course of action to address the issue.
- 1.6 This report presents the draft Rate Postponement Policy and Statement of Proposal for public consultation.

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 At a meeting held on 4 September 2024, Council resolved to introduce a Rates Postponement Policy with specific provisions to address the direct debit error that resulted from a faulty process used in recalculations.

- 2.2 This report presents to Council the draft Rates Postponement Policy for adoption for public consultation.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Council management has discovered it has been following a faulty process for recalculating direct debit payments for some of its ratepayers.
- 3.2 The error impacts 602 households from across the district. Those impacted are those who are:
- a) eligible for a rates rebate, and
  - b) pay their rates using direct debit.
- 3.3 281 impacted households have paid more rates than required, and 321 impacted households have not been charged enough and have paid less than required.
- 3.4 This is a faulty process that has occurred over the last six years, since 2018. The total amount Council needs to reimburse those who have over-paid is \$146,758. The total amount of rates payments in arrears is \$400,340.
- 3.5 Council's ability to write off rates is constrained by its obligations under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (the LGRA) and Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA), and Council must recover the arrears, however Council also wants to ensure that it limits any financial hardship to impacted households directly caused by Council's error.
- 3.6 Council management has obtained legal advice regarding the remedies available, risks and limitations associated with each remedy and the source of the discretionary powers that can be exercised either by the Chief Executive or Council.
- 3.7 An extraordinary meeting of Council meeting was held on 4 September 2024, where management presented to Council, in a public excluded session, the legal advice received and a range of options to address the outstanding amounts, both for those in credit and those in arrears.
- 3.7.1 These options included:
- a) A full write-off of the arrears;
  - b) A partial write-off of the arrears;
  - c) A payment plan for impacted households to pay off their arrears over time;
  - d) The ability for impacted households to postpone the payment of their arrears to a defined point in the future;



- e) An update to Council's existing Rates Remission Policy to include a remission related to this matter and an option to postpone the payment of their arrears to a defined point in the future.
- 3.7.2 Management sought legal advice to determine if there were any other options they not yet considered or were not aware of. The advice received was that the options presented were the reasonably practicable options open to Council in this situation.
- 3.8 The analysis of the options also presented a range of factors for Council to consider in relation to each of the options. These were:
- a) Sections 12, 44, 100, and 101 of the LGA;
  - b) Sections 65, and 90A of the LG(R)A;
  - c) The likelihood of judicial challenge to any Council decision;
  - d) Equity for all ratepayers across the district;
  - e) What effect the treatment option might have on households impacted by Council's error in terms of financial hardship;
  - f) The reputational damage that may occur as a result of the treatment option;
  - g) The impact of the treatment option on Council's levels of service.
- 3.9 Council resolved to introduce a Rates Postponement Policy with a specific postponement provision on this matter, to assist households impacted by Council's error.
- 3.10 It should be noted that, regardless of whether Council proceeds with public consultation, and/or Council's final decision regarding the adoption of this policy post consultation, impacted households also have two other options for addressing their arrears:
- a) paying off the arrears amount in full at this time, or
  - b) setting up a payment plan with Council to pay off their arrears over time.
- 1.2 Council will work with impacted households to agree on tailored solutions for repayment, which may include a combination of the available options.

#### **4. Description**

- 4.1 During its discussion of the matter and consideration of the options, Council was concerned to:
- a) minimise the impact on impacted households of this error as much as possible;

- b) ensure equity and fairness to all ratepayers;
- c) act with integrity and transparency; and
- d) remain within the legal framework referred to in 3.5 above.

4.2 Council decided that, on balance, the most equitable option was to prepare a Rates Postponement Policy that responds specifically to this issue.

4.3 Management has prepared a draft policy which reflects the discussion and decision of Council on 4 September 2024. The draft policy is presented for adoption for public consultation.

## 5. Significance Assessment

5.1 Based on the criteria set out in section 7 of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, adoption of the draft policy is not considered to be a significant decision.

5.2 However, as Council does not currently have a Rates Postponement Policy, public consultation is required by section 102 of the LGA prior to adopting this policy, and this consultation must give effect to the principles of section 82 of the LGA.

5.3 Council acknowledges that the wider issue of the recalculation error will have a significant impact on those ratepayers whose direct debit payments were not correctly recalculated, as well as on the district's confidence in Council's processes. Council is committed to transparency, and has a plan in place to:

- a) find a tailored solution for each impacted household that works best for their circumstances;
- b) investigate the root cause of the problem and correct all faulty processes so that this cannot happen again; and
- c) provide regular updates to our impacted households and the wider community on our progress towards full resolution.

## 6. Options

6.1 Council has three options in relation to the purpose of this report:

- a) Adopt the draft policy for public consultation as presented.
- b) Adopt the draft policy for public consultation with amendments.
- c) Not adopt the draft policy for public consultation.

## 7. Assessment of Options

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
a) Adopt the draft policy	Consultation will proceed	None identified.

for consultation as presented	as planned. Council will have public feedback to consider when deliberating on the policy.	
b) Adopt the draft policy for consultation with amendments	Consultation will proceed as planned. Council will have public feedback to consider when deliberating on the policy.	Further work required to update the policy prior to scheduled consultation dates. May require further legal advice.
c) Not adopt the draft policy for consultation	None identified.	Council will not have this option to offer impacted households to repay their arrears.

## 8. Consultation

8.1 Section 102(4)(a) of the LGA requires that Council consults on a draft Rates Postponement Policy in a manner that gives effect to section 82 of the Act. Section 82 sets out the principles of consultation.

8.2 If Council proceeds with the adoption of the draft policy for consultation, the consultation timeline would be as follows:

- **Public consultation period** – 27 September – 20 October. A three week consultation is recommended. This amount of time will enable the community to provide feedback while also enabling Council to progress resolving the issue with the impacted households as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- **Hearings** – 4 and 5 November
- **Deliberations** – 11 November
- **Adoption** – 15 November

## 9. Conclusion

9.1 Management recommends that Council adopts the policy as drafted for public consultation.

## Attachments

1 [1](#). FINAL DRAFT Policy - Rates Postponement Policy

2 [2](#). Draft Postponement Policy Statement of Proposal FINAL DRAFT





# Rates Postponement Policy



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## 1 Purpose

This Policy sets out the eligibility criteria for applications by ratepayers to postpone the payment of rates arrears in specific circumstances. It has been developed in response to an administrative error by Council in its recalculation of direct debit payments for ratepayers who typically are in receipt of rates rebates. The purpose of this Policy is to provide a remedy for those impacted ratepayers to reduce potential financial hardship directly caused by Council's error.

The Policy's specific eligibility criteria, objectives and administrative details are set out below.

## 2 Alignment

Tararua District Council's principle in establishing remission or postponement policies is to provide rates relief in certain situations, to support either the fairness and equity of the rating system or the overall wellbeing of the community.

Tararua District Council is committed to transparency and integrity in its dealings with its ratepayers and communities.

This Policy sets out our commitment to the impacted ratepayers to support their wellbeing by providing a remedy to reduce potential financial hardship.

Our aim is to improve our community's confidence in Council being guided by our values of Pono, Whanake and Whanaungatanga, and encourage our community to engage with us. We want to do this by:

Our Values:

Pono – integrity through transparency, trust and accountability. Integrity through standing up for what is right.

Whanake – continue to evolve.

Whanaungatanga – relationship, kinship, working together.

## 3 Scope and criteria

This Policy has limited application. It applies to a limited group of impacted ratepayers, who:

- Were typically in receipt of or were eligible to receive a rates rebate under the Rates Rebate Act 1973 at any time during the rating years 2018/2019 to 2023/2024; and
- Authorised Council to apply Direct Debits against their bank account at any time during this period; and
- Relied on Council to adjust their direct debit payment amounts during this period; and
- Did not have their direct debit amount adjusted correctly during this period; and
- As a direct result of Council error in setting the direct debit amount, have an outstanding rates arrears balance as of 30 June 2024.

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Ratepayers who meet all of the criteria above will be eligible to apply for full or partial postponement of rates arrears which are a direct result of Council's error.

This Policy does not provide for postponement of rates more generally, and ratepayers who do not meet all of the criteria above will not be eligible to apply for postponement of their rates or rates arrears.

## 4 Objectives

The objectives of developing this Policy are to:

- provide assistance to ratepayers impacted by a systemic Council error in failing to recalculate the direct debits over several years which has resulted in rates arrears as at 1 July 2024.
- provide a remedy for the impacted ratepayers to enter an agreement to fully or partially postpone their rates arrears to a specified date or event.
- reduce potential financial hardship caused by Council's error in recalculating direct debits for the impacted ratepayers, in providing an alternative payment option.
- provide Council with a further tool to allow Council to work with individuals on a one on one basis to reduce their immediate financial concerns.
- provide that no interest or penalties will be charged on the arrears postponed.

## 5 Background

Tararua District Council has discovered an error in its process for calculating rates for some of its ratepayers. The impacted ratepayers are typically those who were eligible for a rates rebate, paid their rates using direct debit between 2018 and 2024, and Council did not correctly adjust their direct debit payment amounts during this period.

This error has led to a small group of impacted ratepayers accumulating rates arrears through no fault of their own.

The arrears amounts do not include any penalties or interest, as this has not been charged during this period.

After careful consideration, Council has resolved to develop this Rates Postponement Policy in response to its error, to provide impacted ratepayers with another option for addressing their arrears.

Postponement is just one of the tools that Council can use within the framework of the Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to assist the impacted ratepayers.

This Policy allows impacted ratepayers to apply to Council to have part or all of their rates arrears postponed to a future date or event, without any penalties or interest accumulating.

## 6 Implementation/Administration

1. Ratepayers who meet all of the eligibility criteria set out at paragraph 3 may apply to Council for postponement of their rates arrears at any time after this Policy is adopted.

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2. On application by an impacted ratepayer ("the applicant"), Council must work with the applicant to prepare and sign an individual agreement setting out the amount of arrears postponed. Council will advise the applicant of their right to get legal or other advice prior to signing this agreement.
3. The applicant may elect to postpone the payment of a lesser sum than that which they would be entitled to have postponed pursuant to this scheme.
4. Any postponed rates will remain a charge on the property and will become payable on the occurrence of the following (whichever comes soonest):
  - a) the ratepayer/s cease/s to be the owner or occupier of the Rating Unit; or
  - b) the ratepayer/s cease/s to use the property solely as his/her residence; or
  - c) the postponed rates are 80% of the available equity in the property; or
  - d) the death of the ratepayer(s);
5. When an application for postponement is approved, the following provisions will apply:
  - a) postponement will first apply in the year a completed application is received.
  - b) the amount of rates postponed will not incur interest or penalty charges during the period of postponement.
6. All or part of the postponed rates may be paid at any time.

## 7 Roles and Responsibilities

The Mayor and Councillors will be responsible for approval of this Policy.

Administration of this Policy will be the responsibility of the Revenue team, with appropriate escalation for approvals.

- Applications on prescribed form are to be made to the Revenue team.
- Applications will be reviewed and negotiated by the Revenue team.

Approval of individual postponement agreements will be given by the Chief Executive or Group Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services.

## 8 Related Internal Policies, Processes, and documents

Revenue and Financing Policy 2024

## 9 References

This Policy is adopted under sections 102(3)(b) and 110 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 10 Definitions

1. **Rates arrears** – outstanding or unpaid amounts of rates that are owing or overdue. In this instance, this refers to rates arrears accumulated in the period 2018/2019 to 2023/2024.
2. **Rates Rebate** – a partial discount on a rates bill made under the Rates Rebate Act 1973.

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3. **Direct Debit** – a regular payment that is approved by the bank account holder but set up and controlled by the business or organisation being paid (in this case, Council).
4. **Postponement** – deferring payment of rates arrears by agreement with Council until a specified event.
5. **Rating unit** - the land comprised in the record of title.

## 11 Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed internally on an annual basis.

At least once every six (6) years, this Policy will be reviewed using a consultation process that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002, as required by section 110 (2A) Local Government Act 2002. The Policy may be revoked following this review if no longer required.

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# Statement of Proposal

## Rates Postponement Policy (draft)

### Introduction

**Tararua District Council has discovered it has been following a faulty process for recalculating direct debit payments for some of its ratepayers.**

The error impacts 602 households from across the district. Those impacted are those who are:

1. eligible for a rates rebate, and
2. pay their rates using direct debit.

There are 281 impacted households have paid more rates than is required, and 321 impacted households have not been charged enough and have paid less than is required.

This is a faulty process that has occurred over the last six years, since 2018. The total amount Council needs to reimburse those who have over paid is \$146,758. The total amount of rates payments in arrears is \$400,340.

Now that Council is aware of the problem, we will be:

1. Completing a full and thorough investigation to find out how this faulty process went on undetected and to put a robust process in place to make sure the error will never happen again in the future.
2. Working with the impacted households to reimburse those who have been overpaying, and recoup the rates that are now in arrears.

By law, Council needs to recoup the money that is now in arrears and is committed to delivering a fair and equitable process for all ratepayers. No penalties or interest will be charged to rates that are in arrears because of our error.

Council takes full responsibility and acknowledges that this faulty process will cause a lot of stress for impacted households for their rates arrears they were not aware of. We are deeply sorry for the error and we will be working with these households to find a tailored solution that works best for their circumstances.

Part of addressing the problem is Council's proposal to allow the directly and negatively impacted people options to postpone the payment of their outstanding rates. This would be done through the adoption of a Rates Postponement Policy. This document gives the background and reasons for this proposal.

## How did this happen and how will we correct it?

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

The problem has occurred because our automated system for direct debits and our manual system for applying rebates have been out of sync. The two systems were not “talking to each other” very well.

It is important to note that the rates have been correctly calculated each year for all ratepayers, including those impacted by this error. The error occurred for some ratepayers when their direct debit was not recalculated each year when Council rates were set.

#### How does direct debit work?

Council gives ratepayers the option of paying their rates by direct debit. These payments are automated and make paying rates easy and efficient for both the ratepayer and Council.

Once Council sets the rates for the coming year, the system calculates how much each ratepayer needs to pay and their direct debit payments are automatically adjusted. Each ratepayer will be sent a letter indicating the new Direct Debit amount and the effective date. Council and the ratepayer don't have to do anything manual to make the adjustment, and the rates due for the year will be paid automatically from their bank account, as agreed when they set up the direct debit payment.

1358 ratepayers in the district use direct debit to pay their rates. Most of them have not had any problems.

#### How do rates rebates work?

Rates rebates are not automated. People have to apply each year and their eligibility for a rebate is assessed, when their application is received. If they are eligible, the rebate is applied to their rates and the amount they need to pay is adjusted. Depending on when the application is received during the year, the adjustment can occur after some direct debits have been made for the year. Because of the way the rates rebate application is set up, it cannot be automated.

The error relates only to ratepayers who have set up a direct debit for their rates and are eligible for a rates rebate.

This faulty process has been happening since 2018. For most of those years, the amounts were small, and we now realise that our processes were not tight enough to notice. In the last couple of years, as the increase in rates has been higher, the amounts have become more noticeable. The problem is made worse because the amounts have been accumulating over the years.

## **WHEN DID WE LEARN OF THE PROBLEM AND WHY HAS IT TAKEN THIS LONG TO ADDRESS IT?**

The Chief Executive was alerted to the problem by a legal representative of one ratepayer in November 2023. The issue was considered to be a one-off incident.

Then from February to April 2024, a handful of ratepayers raised a similar issue with their direct debits with elected members and the team dealt with them on an ad hoc basis, without understanding the scale of the problem.

The Mayor, Chief Executive and Councillors played a vital role in helping the team to understand there was a pattern forming and, in May 2024, a dedicated staff member began leading a project to investigate the issue.

From May to August 2024, which included large rates increase during this time, the scale and extent of the issue started to become apparent.

From August to September 2024, Council worked to understand their options to fix the problem and to minimise the financial burden for impacted households before making a public announcement.

## **WHAT IS COUNCIL'S PLAN FOR FIXING THIS?**

Council is committed to being open and honest about what went wrong and our plan to address it. We will keep impacted households and the wider community informed every step of the way.

Here's our plan:

- Reimburse the ratepayers who have paid too much (either a refund or a credit on future rates).
- Meet with those who are now in arrears and find a tailored solution that works best for their personal circumstances. This includes developing a plan that works best for them for catching up on current and outstanding rates.

### **Possible options for repayment**

1. Repay outstanding amount in full, and/or
  2. Payment plan to spread outstanding amount over a timeframe that suits the individual, and/or
  3. Postpone their payments - **that's where this policy proposal comes in.**
- Investigate what led to this problem and how we will fix it.
  - By the end of February 2025, we will report back to those directly impacted, and the wider community, on what we have learned and how we have fixed the problem.

## WHY DOESN'T COUNCIL JUST WRITE OFF THE MONEY FOR THE RATEPAYERS WHO ARE IN ARREARS?

**After all, it was Council's fault!**

At first glance, this seems like the easiest and most logical solution. However, there are three constraints to this process:

- **Local Government (Rating) Act 2022 (LG(R)A):** This requires the Chief Executive of Council to write off outstanding rates that "cannot reasonably be recovered". It is not possible at this early stage to confirm that the total amount of the arrears cannot reasonably be recovered, as Council has not had an opportunity to consider individual circumstances of ratepayers, their ability to repay the rates arrears, and whether the number of tools available to Council could assist ratepayers in paying these amounts.
- **Fairness:** Rates are tough on everybody. Council needs to keep other ratepayers in mind who have paid their rates in full over the last few years, and those who will do so in this financial year.
- **The impact on how Council delivers its activities:** The rest of the community should not have to experience a lower level of service than planned because the money to provide those services will not be collected.

## WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL?

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### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RATES REMISSION AND RATES POSTPONEMENT?

**Rates Remissions** are where a set amount is deducted (remitted) from the rates invoice. This is done according to Council's Rates Remissions Policy. Council must consult with the community when preparing or reviewing this policy.

**Rates Postponement** is when a future date is set, or a specific future event is named by Council (eg. the sale of the property), that triggers the date by which the rates owing must be paid in full. These dates or triggering events must be stated in a policy and Council must consult with the community when preparing or reviewing this policy.

Council considered a range of options for addressing the rates arrears and the likely impacts of those options, as summarised in the table below.<sup>1</sup> Council decided that Option 3 was the best balance of all the considerations.

LIKELY IMPACTS OPTIONS	Fairness/ equity for all ratepayers?	Financial hardship for those worst affected?	Impact on levels of service?	Additional ongoing administrative resourcing required?	Reaches the “cannot reasonably be recovered” threshold?
1. A full and/or partial write-off for impacted households	No	No (for full write-off) Possible (for partial write-off)	Possible	No	No
2. A mandatory payment plan for impacted households	Yes	Exacerbates	Possible	Yes	N/A
3. Rates postponement options for impacted households	Yes	Seeks to lessen inevitable impact	Possible	In short term, yes. Related to policy development + consultation	N/A
4. Rates postponement <b>and</b> Rates remission options for impacted households.	Yes (for postponement) No (for remissions)	Seeks to lessen inevitable impact	Possible	In short term, yes. Related to policy development + consultation	N/A

**Proposal:** That Council adopts a Rates Postponement Policy to provide a remedy for those impacted households to reduce potential financial hardship directly caused by Council’s error.

<sup>1</sup> Council sought legal advice to see if there were any other options we hadn’t considered or didn’t know about. The legal advice received was that the options listed in the table were the reasonably practicable options open to Council in this situation. All the options listed in the table were presented to Council with their related risks and benefits.



### **Reason for proposal**

As mentioned above, Council thinks this proposal strikes the best balance between overall fairness for all ratepayers and seeking to lessen the inevitable financial hardship for those worst affected.

### **Details of the proposed Rates Postponement Policy:**

1. The draft Policy sets out the eligibility criteria for applications to postpone the payment of rates arrears by the impacted ratepayers. It has been developed to respond specifically to this Council error and provide a remedy for these impacted households.
2. The policy applies to those impacted households, who:
  - a) Were typically in receipt of or eligible to receive a rates rebate during the period of 2018 to 2024; and
  - b) Authorised Council to apply direct debits against their bank accounts at any time during this period; and
  - c) Relied on Council to adjust their direct debit payment amounts during this period; and
  - d) Didn't have their direct debit payment amounts adjusted correctly during this period; and
  - e) As a direct result of Council error in setting the direct debit amount, have an outstanding rates arrears balance as of 30 June 2024.
3. Impacted households who meet these criteria will be able to apply for a full or partial postponement of rates arrears which are a direct result of Council error.
4. The policy, if adopted, will provide an additional option for impacted households. The options available to the impacted households will be:
  - a) Full postponement of rates arrears
  - b) Partial postponement of rates arrears
  - c) Entering into a payment plan, spreading the repayments over a number of years;
  - d) Repaying the arrears in full.
5. Impacted households will have all of these options available to them at any time.
6. They may choose to repay in part or full at any time.
7. They may choose to postpone at any time.

### **What do you think?**

Council would like public feedback on the draft Rates Postponement Policy.

1. Do you agree with Council's proposal to adopt a Rates Postponement Policy to provide a remedy for those impacted ratepayers to reduce potential financial hardship directly caused by Council's error.
2. Do you agree with the postponement options Council has proposed?

A feedback form is attached to this Statement of Proposal, or can be filled out online [here](#) (link).  
More information on the consultation process is included below.

## Consultation process

Council wants to know what you think about the draft Rates Postponement Policy.

Steps in the process	Dates
<p><b>1. Feedback period</b></p> <p>The feedback period will be 3 weeks, During this time, you can give us your feedback via mail, email, or the online submission form (see link below).</p> <p>If you would prefer to talk to someone at Council who can help you with giving your feedback, please contact us on the number provided below.</p>	27 September – 20 October 2024
<p><b>2. Hearings</b></p> <p>Council will be holding a special meeting, called hearings, for people who would like to come and speak to Councillors in person (or by Teams) about your feedback.</p> <p>This will happen before Council makes any final decisions about updating the Rates Postponement Policy.</p> <p>If you would like to come and speak to Council at hearings, <b>please tick the box in the feedback form</b> and we will be in touch.</p>	<p>Monday 4 November 2024 – Pahiatua Council Chambers, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua</p> <p>Tuesday 5 November – Business Hub Training Room, 40 Denmark Street, Dannevirke</p> <p>1:00pm – 8:00pm (with a break for dinner) on both days.</p> <p>Meetings open to the public - afternoon and evening.</p>
<p><b>3. Deliberations</b></p> <p>Once Council has received all the written and spoken feedback it will consider all the points raised and discuss how it wants to proceed with the draft policy.</p> <p>Staff will then update and finalise the draft according to Councillor's decisions.</p>	<p>Monday 11 November 2024, 2:00pm</p> <p>Pahiatua Council Chambers, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua.</p> <p>Meeting open to the public</p>
<p><b>4. Adoption</b></p> <p>Once the policy is finalised, Council will adopt it. (Or it could choose not to.)</p>	<p>15 November 2024 (Extraordinary meeting) 9:30am</p> <p>Pahiatua Council Chambers, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua</p> <p>Meeting open to the public</p>
<p><b>5. Implementation (if the policy is adopted)</b></p> <p>Council staff will work with the affected people who would like to postpone payment to help them with arranging repayment according to the options in the policy.</p>	From 15 November 2024

If you have any questions about the consultation process, please contact Allie Dunn, Manager - Democracy Services on 06 3744080 or [allie.dunn@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:allie.dunn@tararua.govt.nz).

## How to get your feedback to us

You need to get your feedback to us by 20 October 2024. If using the postal service, please bear in mind that delivery of posted items can take over a week

**Mail to:** Draft Rates Postponement Policy Consultation, Tararua District Council PO Box 115  
Dannevirke 4942

**Email to:** [submissions@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@tararua.govt.nz)

**Deliver to:** Council offices in Eketāhuna, Pahiatua, Woodville or Dannevirke

**Online:** <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation>

This Statement of Proposal is issued pursuant to section 83 of the LGA and in compliance with sections 82, 83, 87, 102 and 110 of the Local Government Act 2002, and section 87 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

## Attachments to this Statement of Proposal

1. Draft Rates Postponement Policy
2. Submission form (if possible, please use the [online version of the form](#))

Signatures of Chief Executive and Mayor





## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Roger Earp  
3-Waters Manager

Subject : **Dannevirke Impounded Supply Options Assessment**

Item No : **9.4**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the 3-Waters Manager dated 19 September 2024 concerning the Dannevirke Impounded Supply Options Assessment be received.*
- 1.2 *That Council endorses the proposed approach, including implementing its October 2023 decision to install pre-treatment and additional treated water storage facilities.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

Endorsement is sought from Council to realign the Impounded Supply work programme in the LTP, to prioritise implementing the resilience measures previously approved by Council in October 2023 prior to making a substantive decision on the future of the Impounded Supply.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In 2010 Tararua District Council approved the development of a large, Impounded Supply to help meet the then new abstraction restrictions for river water take and to reduce the risks outlined in Council's Water Asset Management Plan. Following acceptance of the detailed plans construction started in February 2011 and the impound was commissioned in May 2013.

In July 2021, officers discovered leakage from the impounded supply, where flows from the subsoil drain network that runs under the structure were abnormally high.

A remotely operated vehicle (ROV) was utilised to inspect the floor of the Impounded Supply, but no tears or leaks were located. The area immediately below the inlet structure was also inspected and significant damage to the liner was identified. To address this the depth of the Impounded Supply was reduced, and a section of damaged liner removed and replaced. However, it was noted that further remediation work was required to the batter slope immediately below the inlet but that this could only be completed if the Impounded Supply was emptied.

Following the repairs the loss of water from the reservoir reduced, however, elevated water loss continued. Extensive additional inspections were completed by a ROV but no further tears were located.

Following this a possible leak was identified on the outside face of the eastern embankment of the dam wall and Tonkin and Taylor (T&T) were commissioned to complete an onsite assessment and prepare a report for Council. In their report T&T recommended that TDC take specific action to manage and monitor the reservoir and to commence preparations for permanent repairs. To implement the recommendations and manage the situation Council allocated a budget and stood up an Incident Management Team. In addition, the maximum depth of the reservoir was lowered from 12 metres to 9.5 metres to reduce the hydraulic pressure on the floor and batter slopes.

Over subsequent months the volume of water being lost through the subsoil drain outlet pipes continued to increase reaching an average of 26 litres per second. In May 2023 a further ROV inspection was commissioned to complete a grid pattern inspection of the Impounded Supply floor and as far up the batter slopes as possible. This inspection identified seven depressions in the floor of the reservoir, including a tear and a pinhole in the liner above two of the depressions. Preparation commenced immediately to complete repairs utilising a dive team.

The repairs occurred in June 2023, both the tear and the pinhole were repaired, the cavities beneath them filled and all depressions were marked with chalk so that any further deterioration could be identified. Once the repairs were completed the sub soil drainage flow initially reduced to 5.5 litres/s and this loss has settled between 2.4m – 4.5 litres/s depending on season.

In the process of completing the repairs it was identified that the liner and subsoil drains were in a worse condition than expected and Council was advised by T&T to commence remedial works during the 2023/24 construction season and not delay until 2024/25 as originally planned. In July 2023 Council approved funding to undertake further geotechnical investigations and commence detailed design to complete repairs of the Impounded Supply in 2023/24.

In September during the detailed design workshop, the peer review team challenged several of the options presented in the design. This caused additional

analysis and ongoing interaction between the parties to finalise the recommendation for the liner system and to establish to what extent, if any, the eastern embankment required remediation.

In October 2023, Council approved a resolution to delay commencing the full remediation works until the design work was complete, the geotechnical investigation completed, the liner system confirmed, and pre-treatment and additional raw and treated water storage were in place.

### **3.2 Actions since October 2023 decision**

Since the Council decision in October 2023, officers have been awaiting the completed analysis and interpretation of the geotechnical investigations so that the full extent of remediation work can be quantified and final cost estimates produced. Until this information was available the total cost of the repairs could not be quantified – informing the financial viability to repair the impounded supply. In parallel it was decided to put the purchase of the pre-treatment plant and the construction of additional treated water storage on hold due to ongoing uncertainty about the future of the Impounded Supply, the value of the financial commitment and resource constraints.

This pause provided the opportunity for an investigation to be conducted into the Dannevirke Water Supply System more holistically, looking at alternative water sources, raw water storage, water treatment, treated water storage and demand management. The purpose of this investigation was to identify any other feasible approaches Council could take to address the condition of the Impounded Supply without incurring huge cost.

Officers have now received the final geotechnical investigation report from T+T, a comprehensive review of the Dannevirke water supply system and options analysis from Rationale and a report from New Plymouth Underwater following their recent ROV inspection. Analysis of these reports is detailed below.

The Impounded Supply continues to be closely monitored through an enhanced monitoring and surveillance regime, including a daily physical inspection, regular ROV inspections and ongoing data analysis by operators and experts. In addition, it is operated at a reduced maximum depth of 9 metres, and the emergency management plan is regularly reviewed by the team.

## **4. Expert Reports**

In the last two months four expert reports have been received answering several outstanding questions necessary to inform Council decision making. Rather than attaching them to this report, they have been loaded up in the Council's webpage in the Projects → Impounded Supply section because of their large size and very technical nature. These reports include:

- Tonkin and Taylor: Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report

- Damwatch: Peer Review – Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report
- Rationale: Dannevirke Impounded Water Supply – Assessment of Options
- New Plymouth Underwater: Remote Operated Vehicle Inspection – 9 September 2024

Figure 1 below is included as a reminder to Council of the component parts of the Dannevirke water supply system.

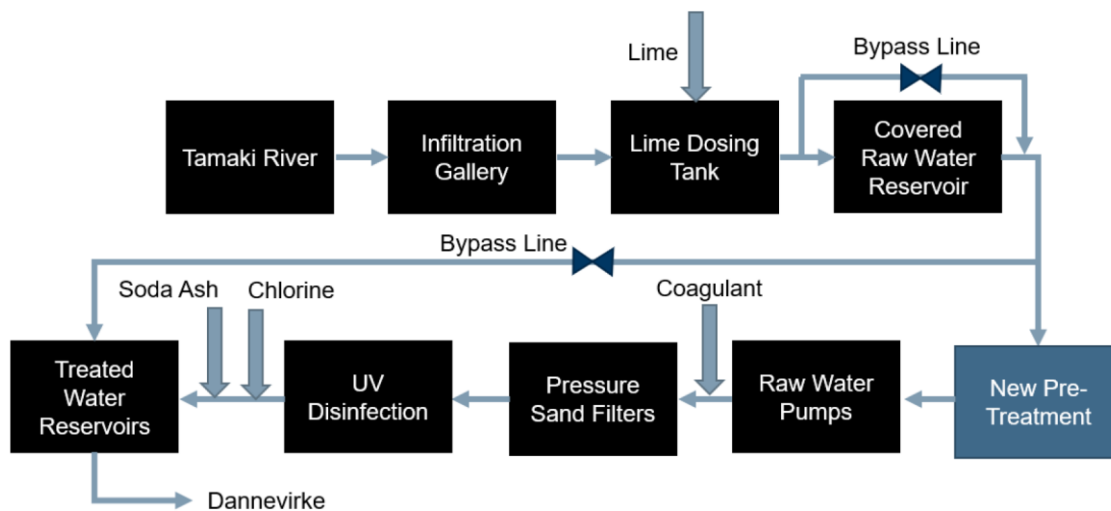


Figure 1: Dannevirke water supply scheme schematic (GHD, 2024)

#### 4.1 Tonkin and Taylor: Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report

The scope of this report covered four areas in relation to the geotechnical investigations undertaken by T+T in 2023, to distinguish the urgent remedial works from non-urgent works that could be programmed as future maintenance, and to provide an indicative cost for these works.

The areas of dam performance that T+T were asked to provide professional advice on were:

- a Stability of the western reservoir rim.
- b Stability of the eastern dam embankment.
- c Potential for internal erosion of the eastern dam embankment, including dam foundation, and backfill around the subsoil outlet pipe.
- d Urgency of remediating the existing liner, subgrade, and underlying subsoil network.



The key findings of the T&T Report are:

*“Based on current information and analysis, the risk related to the potential failure mode is **not an immediate danger but could deteriorate rapidly and require emergency intervention at any time**, which would likely take the reservoir out of service for water supply.*

Issue “d” represents the greatest risk for dam safety. As such, repairing the liner, subgrade, and subsoil network should remain the central and urgent focus of the remedial works. T&T stated: *“It is considered possible that the existing situation could deteriorate rapidly and require emergency intervention at any time. The longer the repair of the liner, subgrade, and subsoil network is deferred, the greater the risk that an emergency could arise that could affect water supply to Dannevirke. Therefore, we recommend preparing to remove the risk **as soon as practicable** either by repairing the liner, subgrade, and subsoil network or decommissioning the dam.”*

*“The risk associated with issue “c” is largely alleviated under most loading conditions by repairing the liner, subgrade, and subsoil network, which will prevent high water pressures reaching possible (but, unavoidably, unconfirmed) defects through the eastern dam embankment.”*

*“The non-compliances associated with stability performance for issues “a” and “b” represent risk that is higher than recommended industry practice but well below thresholds that represent an emergency (unlike issue “d”).”* However, T&T have noted several areas of uncertainty / risk with respect to the stability, deformation and seepage performance of the western reservoir rim slopes that could have a significant impact on the Impounded Supply in the future.

*“Based on the level of dam safety risk, development of other remedial options to address the non-compliances for issues “a”, “b”, and the remaining risks for issue “c” (that are not addressed by the liner, subgrade, and subsoil network repair) **could reasonably be deferred and undertaken as part of routine asset management and renewal processes.**”*

T&T noted that addressing internal erosion vulnerabilities and non-compliances will also likely be required under the Building (Dam Safety) Regulations 2022 once enacted, so should remain something Council consider and programme in the future. Their recommendation was to develop and implement a plan to investigate, confirm, and resolve the non-compliances in a timeframe that reflects the level of risk of the non-compliances. However, the report notes that further investigations may find that *“surveillance and emergency preparedness are a more pragmatic way to manage the risk of the deficiency than physical interventions”*.

#### Tonkin and Taylor Recommendations

In summary, T&T recommendations based on dam safety and engineering considerations are:

- Ongoing enhanced surveillance.

- Maintaining preparedness to implement TDC’s interim emergency action plan
- Prepare to remove the risk as soon as practicable either by repairing the liner, subgrade and subsoil drains or decommissioning the dam.<sup>2</sup>

The cost estimates presented in the T+T report are based on concept design level arrangements. Concept design is an early stage of design development, and it is likely that the final design will differ. The options presented by T+T are based on limited information and informed judgement. Calculations, modelling, further investigations, and detailed design have not yet been undertaken. These estimates include significant limitations, exclusions and assumptions.

Item	Middle “P50” estimate	Cost range -30% to + 100%
Overall remedial works cost, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reservoir works (liner system, subgrade, subsoil network, floating liner, ring beam)</li> <li>• Outlet works</li> <li>• Inlet works</li> <li>• Instrumentation</li> </ul>	\$ 8.0 M to \$ 9.3 M	\$ 6.0 M to \$ 17.2 M
Drainage and stability berm	\$ 2.8 M to \$ 3.2 M Adds 35% to overall remedial works cost	\$ 2.1 M to \$ 6.0 M
Upstream filter blanket	\$ 0.7 M to \$ 0.8 M Adds 8% to overall remedial works cost	\$ 0.5 M to \$ 1.4 M
Full rebuild of eastern dam (from “Concept design and preliminary cost estimates for remediation options” report (T+T July 2023).	\$ 12.2 M to \$ 14.3 M Adds 154% to overall remedial works cost	\$ 9.3 M to \$ 26.5 M

#### 4.2 Damwatch: Peer Review – Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report.

Damwatch was originally engaged by Council to peer review the Detailed Design of the Dannevirke Impounded Supply remedial works.

Given the importance of the advice contained in the Geotechnical Interpretation report for Council decision making, Council engaged Damwatch as peer reviewer under an additional scope of works, to undertake a completeness review of the Geotechnical Interpretation Report. This review was to ensure that T&T had adequately answered the questions specified by Council in the Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report.

Damwatch concluded that the T&T Report fulfilled the scope of work. Damwatch’s technical review identified certain components missing in the report, which T&T agreed to include in the final document. In closing, Damwatch stated: *“although the interpretive report addresses the Potential Failure Mode, uncertainties remain. These uncertainties as proposed will need to be addressed*

*further in the detailed design. The conceptual remedial options may not be comprehensive as it appears seepage could bypass the proposed measures and/or not be fully controlled at the downstream exit”.*

#### **4.3 Rationale Report: Dannevirke Impounded Water Supply – Assessment of Options**

Rationale Limited was commissioned to complete an independent strategic review of the Dannevirke Water Supply to identify viable investment options, including alternatives, for Dannevirke’s water supply. Of note Rationale observed that the recommendation by T&T to conduct urgent repairs requires dewatering the impounded supply causing Dannevirke to be totally reliant on the Tamaki River for the duration of the outage. Hence, a solution is needed to ensure sufficient water is available to meet peak demand during low flow and/or high turbidity events, which is something that is not achievable under the current water take consent and with the existing treatment process.

This report (as well as T+T’s) reinforces the critical decision by Council in October 2023 to implement pre-treatment and treated water storage capacity prior to commencing any remedial works or decommissioning the impounded supply. It is noted that all options are predicated on these resilience measures being in place and operational prior to any works commencing.

To date, Council have focused primarily on supplementary source water via a new bore nearby the treatment plant, and an upgrade to the water treatment plant to improve source water quality to mitigate these risks while the impounded supply is dewatered. If these improvements are needed, Council should consider if there is opportunity to install more permanent upgrades that might negate the need for the impounded supply altogether with the goal of reducing long-term asset and financial risk.

#### **Rationale Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council:

- Continue to monitor and manage the impounded supply at a reduced depth.
- Upgrade the existing Water Treatment Plant to treat the increased source water volume from two abstractions, and during high turbidity events (e.g. 300NTU).
- Install raw and/or treated water reservoirs to support the new source water and treatment plant system.
- Decommission the impounded supply.

#### **4.4 New Plymouth Underwater: Remote Operated Vehicle Inspection – Sep 24**

New Plymouth Underwater completed a comprehensive inspection of the floor and batter slopes of the Impounded Supply on 9 September 2024 to identify if any deterioration had occurred since the first detailed inspection in May 2023. The inspection revealed no additional depressions in the floor of the reservoir; however, it appeared that natural undulations in the terrain were forming above one of the sub soil drainage lines.

No further movement was visually detected in the vicinity of any of the existing depressions and the two repairs where chalk lines are still visible. However, in depressions 5, 6, and 7, New Plymouth Underwater were unable to detect movement due to faded lines, which hindered accurate monitoring in these sections.

This report along with the data that has been collected since July 2023 as part of the monitoring and verification program was encouraging as it confirms that there has been no significant deterioration in the floor or batter slopes of the Impounded Supply since the two tears in the liner were repaired in June 2023. However, it is essential that this situation continues to be monitored closely.

## **5. Recommendation To Council**

Having reviewed the expert reports and taken into consideration all that is now known about the Impounded Supply and the Dannevirke water supply system it is recommended that Council implement the following resilience measures in the short-term:

- Source: continue alternative source investigations including a bore on Laws Road as a potential supplementary source
- Raw Water: continue to monitor and manage the impounded supply at the present reduced depth.
- Treatment: retain existing Water Treatment Plant and upgrade pre-treatment
- Treated Water: install additional treated storage capacity
- Demand: reduce leakage and implement universal water metering.
- Land: proceed with land acquisition

## **6. Iwi and Stakeholder Engagement**

At the last meeting of the district 3 Waters Advisory Group Iwi and Horizons Regional Council were advised that several expert reports on the Impounded Supply had recently been received and a report would be presented to Council in September recommending a way forward.

A meeting with HRC has yet to be scheduled to discuss the resource consent renewal and specifically options in relation to a potential alternative source/s including the bore on Laws Road as a potential supplementary source.

## **7. Significance Assessment, Public Consultation and Engagement**

It is acknowledged that given the critical role the Impounded Supply plays in providing a safe and secure supply of water to Dannevirke, the large potential financial implications and the public interest in any decision regarding the Impounded Supply's future, this would likely be a significant decision when assessed against Council's significance and engagement policy.

In officers' assessment, Council is not yet able to decide on the future of the Impounded Supply. For that reason, Council's significance and engagement policy is not triggered.

Once the recommended resilience measures are implemented and operational, Council will be able to perform more explorative investigations by further dewatering the impounded supply and testing under the liner which will provide Engineers a better picture of the required remediation work. At that point Council will seek input from our community through a formal consultation process as to the next steps based on a more concise set of solutions.

It is predicted the options will remain:

- Repair the impounded supply focussing on urgent works, and programming non-urgent works for future maintenance cycles to meet dam safety compliance:
- Decommission the impounded supply;
- Continue enhanced monitoring and surveillance.

## **8. Financial and Insurance Implications**

Monitoring of the impounded supply conservatively utilises 0.3 FTE staff time and has \$35,000 per annum budgeted for dam safety expert reviews of monitoring data.

In the upcoming annual plan officers will look to include a budget of approximately \$70,000 (annually) to allow for the Impounded Supply liner to be surveyed as part of ongoing monitoring. Existing budgets will be used for any costs incurred in the current financial year. This additional cost will be factored in the upcoming annual plan deliberations.

As of 30 June 2024, Council had approved total capital budgets for the impounded supply of \$8,188,800. The unspent funds have carried over into the Long Term Plan 2024-34, so there is budget to perform the resilience works. To date the actual spend against this budget totalled \$2,729,753. This includes the emergency

repairs and costs for the detailed design work completed to date. Until resilience measures have been completed, should a new tear occur in the liner additional funding will be sought to complete repairs.

Council has kept its insurer informed of the status of the Impounded Supply and will continue to explore the potential for an insurance claim or cost sharing for any future repairs.

## 9. Risk Analysis and Assessment

The principal risk is that the Impounded Supply deteriorates leading to a controlled or uncontrolled release of stored water. The Impounded Supply will then be unavailable as a source of stored water until (or if) it is repaired.

### Consequences

The consequences of an uncontrolled release of water are outlined in detail in the Tonkin & Taylor report Comprehensive Potential Impact Classification (PIC) Assessment. The Impounded Supply has a medium PIC classification based on the following consequences:

- The Impounded Supply is critical infrastructure as it is an essential component of the Dannevirke water supply scheme. If the Impounded Supply fails, the community would be more vulnerable to high turbidity and drought events. Potential impacts on the community are loss of water supply, water restrictions, and boil water notices.
- There is potential for the failure to cause damage downstream to other infrastructure such as the railway line.
- It is considered unlikely there would be a loss of life, however, there could be an impact on surrounding land and farm infrastructure e.g. tracks.

Using Council's Risk Management Framework, the consequences of a failure of the Impounded Supply are assessed as **Very High** – Level of service for water supply significantly below expectation over multiple years, significant financial impact, impact on public confidence and Council reputation, potential for essential water supply to be unavailable or degraded for an extended period.

### Likelihood

The Tonkin & Taylor report *Dannevirke Raw Water Reservoir – Stage 2 Geotechnical Interpretation Report* provides a comprehensive assessment of the Impounded Supply failing.

While they do not provide a specific risk rating using Council's Risk Management Framework, they advise the Impounded Supply could fail at any time without warning and recommend Council undertake repairs or decommissioning as soon as practicable.

Analysing the report and using Council's Risk Management Framework to make a judgement on likelihood, a likelihood rating of **Possible** is considered appropriate.

#### Risk Rating

This provides a risk rating for the failure of the Impounded Supply as High.

#### Risk Appetite

In Councils draft risk appetite, reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 27 August 2024, the risk appetite for Infrastructure Assets and Service Delivery is **Moderate**. The rationale for a moderate risk appetite is the Council's focus is on providing safe resilient critical infrastructure and to achieve this will use practicable and affordable solutions. It is intended to reduce risk appetite over time.

With a High risk rating and significant consequences to safety and resilience if it fails, the Impounded Supply as critical infrastructure falls outside Council's appetite for risk in its current state and with current controls. The current controls are:

- Enhanced Monitoring
- Emergency Response Plan
- Boil water notices for high turbidity
- Water restrictions and demand management for low flows

Enhanced monitoring has now been in place since August 2023 and has detected minor deterioration in the floor of the reservoir. No further deterioration in the liner has been detected.

#### Other Risks

The strategic Risk Register and Long-Term Plan Assumption **Capital Project Do-ability** has a **Severe** risk rating as the capital works programme as a whole will be challenging to deliver. It has been identified that the Year 1 capital program will be challenging to deliver, and this program of works will be managed out of the PMO office.

The Strategic Risk Register and LTP Assumption **Three Waters Reform** has a **Severe** risk rating. It is not expected that the proposals in this report will have a material impact on the progress of Council's Local Water Done Well discussions or completion of the Water Services Delivery Plan.

The Strategic Risk Register and LTP Assumption **Climate Change** outlines the direct and cascading impacts of climate change for the Tararua District. Addressing this is a Priority Area for the Infrastructure Strategy *"Improving service delivery and asset resilience to natural hazards and the effects of climate change. Decisions about*

*roading drainage, stormwater, water sources and storage are priorities for this strategy.” This program of works will increase the resilience of the Dannevirke water supply scheme.*

## **10. Conclusion**

Council has now received all the information that is presently available on the condition of the Impounded Supply. It will not be until the cover and liner are removed and the floor and batter slopes of the Dam can be visually inspected before the full extent of remediation work will be identified.

The expert reports have verified the decision Council made in October 2023 to increase the resilience of the Dannevirke water supply scheme. Once this work has been completed a decision can be made about the future of the Impounded Supply itself.

In addition, it has been established that there has not been any significant deterioration in the floor or batter slopes of the Impounded Supply since the emergency repairs were completed in June 2023. However, it will be essential that the Dam monitoring regimen is maintained to identify any further degeneration.

Endorsement is sought from Council to realign the Impounded Supply work programme in the Long-Term Plan 2024/2034, to prioritise implementing the resilience measures previously approved by Council in October 2023.

## **Attachments**

1. [Taranui District Council Report Dannevirke Impounded Supply - Request for Funding 31 October 2023 Special](#)





## Report

Date : 13 November 2023  
To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council  
From : Roger Earp  
3-Waters Manager  
Subject : **Dannevirke Impounded Supply - Request for Funding**  
Item No : **4.1**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the Council delay the decision to commence the remediation works to the Dannevirke Impounded Supply until the design work is complete including geotechnical investigation and liner system confirmation. It is likely this will mean a delay to any permanent repairs until the 2024/25 construction season.*
- 1.2 *That the Council approve the Project Objectives for the detailed design of the repairs to the Impounded Supply.*
- 1.3 *That the Council approve up to \$3,200,000 to purchase a pre-treatment plant, and \$400,000 to purchase the raw water storage Kliptanks.*
- 1.4 *That the Council approve up to \$2,500,000 to purchase a 6 mega litre treated water storage tank.*
- 1.5 *That the Council notes the other works being investigated to improve resilience to the Dannevirke water supply of which any implementation decision will be brought back to Council.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 The reason for this report is to provide an update on progress since the 25% design peer review workshop and to request approval for the next steps in the programme.
- 2.2 This report does not seek a decision on whether to proceed or not with repairs to the Impounded Supply.

- 2.3 It does require a decision on whether to proceed with solutions that will provide an increased level of resilience while permanent solutions are determined and implemented.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Dannevirke Impounded Supply was commissioned in 2013 to provide bulk raw water storage to manage high turbidity and low flow events on the Tamaki River, provide resilience for unexpected water supply infrastructure failure.
- 3.2 In 2021 a leak was detected in the Impounded Supply liner and subsequently repairs were undertaken. Issues with elevated sub soil drain discharges continued to be observed and further temporary repairs were undertaken in 2023. Since then, sub soil drainage flows have remained at an acceptable and stable level, however, some further minor degradation in the sub soil drains has been detected. This demonstrates the Impounded Supply continues to deteriorate, however imminent failure is less likely.
- 3.3 If the Impounded Supply fails or is required to be dewatered (drained) Dannevirke will be solely reliant on water drawn directly from the Tamaki River with no buffer. This includes during periods of high turbidity where the treatment plant cannot produce compliant drinking water, and during periods of low flow when Council's water abstraction limit may be insufficient to meet town demand. Enhanced monitoring is in place and is a key mitigation for dam safety and water supply risks associated with the current state of the Impounded Supply. An update on dam safety monitoring was provided to the Audit and Risk Committee on 25 October 2023.
- 3.4 In addition to dam safety monitoring the Impounded Supply is being operated at a maximum of 8 metres to reduce the risk of deterioration and the safety consequences of a failure. To enable it to be emptied below six metres a pump has temporarily been installed on the cover. Its operational capability to draw water to low levels is not able to be tested.
- 3.5 It is almost certain the Impounded Supply will continue to deteriorate, and officers are working towards a permanent solution for the Impounded Supply and security of the supply of water to the Dannevirke community. An optioneering workshop with consultants, Iwi and other stakeholders was conducted in May 2023 and the outcome was reported to Council at its meeting on 31 May 2023.
- 3.6 On the 20 September 2023 a report was presented to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee titled 'Dannevirke Impounded Supply' (attached). The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the progress for remediation since the previous report in July 2023. In addition, the Committee was informed of the detailed design 25% peer review workshops and provided an update on each of the enabling projects and lines of work.
- 3.7 Since the September report the detailed design 25% peer review workshops have occurred. This activity included three workshops – a review of the detailed design

at the 25% completion point, a review of the risk register and a safety in design workshop. It was facilitated by Tonkin and Taylor and was attended by four staff from TDC (including the Chief Executive), the peer review team from Damwatch, liner/cover supplier/installers (including representatives from Australian geotextile companies), a local earthworks contractor and supporting staff from Tonkin and Taylor.

- 3.8 During the detailed design workshop, the peer review team challenged several of the options presented. This has caused additional analysis and ongoing interaction between the parties to finalise the recommendation for the liner system and to what extent, if any, the eastern embankment requires remediation. At time of writing the project team are still waiting on the results of geological investigation and analysis of the site.

#### **4. Recommendation to Delay to Repair Works**

- 4.1 The advice of Officers remains that repairing the Impounded Supply will significantly reduce the risk of failure as the resulting structure will be fully repaired, modifications made to the inlet, outlet and spillway, monitoring equipment installed and will meet modern seismic specifications.
- 4.2 In the September 2023 report to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee, it was intended that repairs to the Impounded Supply would commence in January 2024.
- 4.3 Prior to commencing the repairs officers required the full results of geological investigations, a completed design, procurement of earthworks contractors, and suppliers and installers for the liner system and cover.
- 4.4 In addition, the advice was that pre-treatment capability was required prior to dewatering the Impounded Supply to mitigate the risk that Council could not continue to meet its legislative obligation to provide compliant drinking water during turbid events, which could result in boiled water notices.
- 4.5 For the Impounded Supply to be repaired this construction season it was identified that it must be dewatered in late November 2023 and the earthworks commence in January 2024. This was essential to ensure contractors had the entire construction season available to complete repairs.
- 4.6 An outcome of the 25% detailed design peer review was that further soil samples were required and Officers are expecting the final results and analysis in early December 2023. The purpose of the geological investigation is to determine if any repairs need to be completed to the eastern embankment which could significantly increase the repair's total cost.
- 4.7 Detailed design has not progressed as quickly as anticipated either due to the many challenges at the site, and the latest programme provided pushes out the completion of the design to January 2024. This impacts the procurement and

commencement of earthworks. This also assumes weather that is conducive to the very weather sensitive construction methodology.

- 4.8 The liner system design has also not been finalised as it is also waiting on peer review confirmations and as such Officers are unable to order the required materials in time for them to be available for installation in March 2024 due to long lag times from order to delivery.
- 4.9 We are advised that the lead time for a relocatable pre-treatment plant to be constructed and installed is between 20 to 24 weeks. Officers have explored many options in this space, and our process engineer has identified that there are very few suppliers of this product that can deliver in the timeframe specified.
- 4.10 Because of the above factors, it is recommended that the decision to repair the Dannevirke Impounded Supply be delayed until we have all the information required.
- 4.11 However, given the unknown condition of the Impounded Supply it is recommended that various additional risk mitigation measures are implemented to ensure the ongoing security of the water supply to Dannevirke. These measures include:
  - 4.11.1 Purchase additional pre-treatment in the form of a relocation membrane plant to ensure a continuous supply of water in more adverse river flow situations;
  - 4.11.2 Purchase or repurpose a Kliptank to provide supplementary raw water for periods of high turbidity;
  - 4.11.3 Purchase additional treated water storage in the form of a 6 mega litre tank;
- 4.12 Officers will continue to progress the following mitigation / resilience measures:
  - 4.12.1 Investigate an alternate water source for the Alliance Meatworks, and an alternate source for the Dannevirke water supply. Drilling of the test bores is scheduled to commence 30 October; the outcome of the testing will show whether the water volume and quality of those bores are suitable to mitigate high turbidity events and low flows in summer.
  - 4.12.2 Demand Management, including: metering of unmetered users between the Tamaki River gallery and reservoir #2; a district wide water conservation education program and water restrictions as and when required both of which will have the aim of encouraging conservative water use especially in times of restricted supply.
- 4.13 To enhance the current dam safety monitoring regime and provide Council with early warning of further deterioration, and the best chance to act to maintain the Impounded Supply in operation the following actions are being taken:

- 4.13.1 Purchase a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle so that Council officers can conduct site inspections of this and other district water infrastructure rather than contract in the service at a similar cost;
- 4.13.2 Investigate the installation of flow meters on all the sub-soil drains in the 2050mm manhole;
- 4.13.3 Conduct further failure mode analysis at different water levels to assess potential impact;
- 4.13.4 Investigate the possibility of installing inception drains on the eastern embankment;
- 4.13.5 Assess the condition of the Tamaki River intake / gallery to identify if any remedial work is required;
- 4.14 Concurrently, complete the detailed design for remediation of the impoundment issues. Once completed, a recommendation will be brought to Council regarding repair or decommission of the Impounded Supply.
- 4.15 In order for the detailed design work to be completed it is recommended that Council approve the 'Project Objectives' attached.

## **5. Project Objectives**

- 5.1 During the 25% Review it was identified by the Peer Reviewer that Project Objectives had not been set for the repairs. Subsequently, Tonkin and Taylor have prepared Project Objectives for approval. It is recommended that the Council approve the Project Objectives that will guide the completion of the detailed design process.

## **6. Pre-Treatment Capacity and Raw Water Storage**

- 6.1 The Dannevirke water treatment plant is designed to treat water supplied from either the Impounded Supply or directly from the Tamaki River and the Impounded Supply provides a raw water 'buffer' for times of low flows and high turbidity events.
- 6.2 A review of data from 2019-2023 shows the occurrence of turbidity events on the Tamaki River has been highly variable but it is expected these events will occur most years and at times will last for several days.
- 6.3 Currently the Impounded Supply provides water to the treatment plant during turbidity events, and this would be unavailable if it were dewatered or under repair. Supply would then be limited to the current 1 day of treated storage which if exhausted would then put Dannevirke's water into a non-compliant state. Non-compliant water may contain pathogens and requires the issuing of a of a boil water notice until the water supply network has been cleared over 3 days.

- 6.4 Summer 2021/22 was when Council last time issued a boil water notice for Dannevirke caused by high turbidity in the Tamaki River coupled with insufficient capacity in the Impounded Supply.
- 6.5 Installation of pre-treatment and additional raw water storage is a mitigation for turbidity events if the Impounded Supply is unavailable.
- 6.6 Extensive investigations have been completed by an external consultant and peer reviewed to identify which process option would best address the specific turbidity found in the Tamaki River, provide a flow rate to meet town demand, and be installed and commissioned as soon as possible.
- 6.7 Options explored have included:
  - 6.7.1 Leased relocatable membrane plant from Australia;
  - 6.7.2 Purchased relocatable membrane plant (certified);
  - 6.7.3 Purchased relocatable membrane plant (not certified);
  - 6.7.4 Lamella clarifier plant;
  - 6.7.5 Raw Water bladders;
  - 6.7.6 Kliptank storage tanks.
- 6.7.7 In addition, DIA, Auckland Watercare, Wellington Water, National Lifelines, NEMA and NZ Water has been contacted to identify any other potential pre-treatment capability options.
- 6.8 The recommended option is to purchase a certified relocatable membrane plant at a cost of up to \$3,200,000. This cost includes installation (earthworks, electrical upgrades, pipework), and commissioning of the plant as well as a 10-20% contingency. Suppliers have estimated a maximum 24 weeks to manufacture, install and commission a certified relocatable membrane plant that meets design specifications. It has been indicated this could be operational in May 2024.
- 6.9 In addition to the pre-treatment plant, it is recommended that a 2,300 m3 Kliptank at a cost of \$400,000 be installed in the vicinity of the current treatment plant to further mitigate high turbidity events, and to a lesser extent, periods of low flow.
- 6.10 The advantages of the preferred approach are:
  - 6.10.1 A pre-treatment capability, owned and operated by Council, could be operational within 24 weeks;
  - 6.10.2 Mitigates the risk that the NZ Drinking Water Standards cannot be met during periods of high turbidity should the Impounded Supply fail, be dewatered or be emptied for repairs;

- 6.10.3 A purchased pre-treatment plant can be capitalised as part of the Impounded Supply asset (rather than a leased option, which would be an operational cost funded through rates in the year it is incurred);
- 6.10.4 Could be redeployed anywhere in the District should an existing plant fail or require additional treatment capability, creating greater resilience;
- 6.10.5 Asset could be sold or leased to another council or entity.
- 6.11 The disadvantages of the preferred approach are:
  - 6.11.1 Upfront cost to purchase the pre-treatment plant;
  - 6.11.2 Increased operating costs;
  - 6.11.3 Costs and logistics of sludge disposal of waste product generated by process;
  - 6.11.4 Increased operator input during use / periods of high turbidity;
  - 6.11.5 Consenting;
  - 6.11.6 Land acquisition and/or easements and works compensation. The cost of land acquisition is not included in the above budget and will require a separate Council decision. Land acquisitions are usually funded from the General Purpose Reserve, which is sufficiently funded for this purpose;
- 6.12 The risks of the preferred approach are:
  - 6.12.1 The Impounded Supply may fail before the plant is installed;
  - 6.12.2 The availability of a suitability qualified and experienced project manager to oversee this project on behalf of Council;
  - 6.12.3 There is a risk that land acquisition negotiations will not be successfully completed in a timely manner. To mitigate this risk, officers have commenced early engagement with landowners;
  - 6.12.4 In any project there is a tension between time, cost, and quality. With the urgency of this project there is pressure on the time component that may lead to project outcomes not being reached (quality), and higher costs. To mitigate this, officers have explored options widely across the industry, undertaken early engagement with potential suppliers, had proposals peer reviewed, and utilised a procurement specialist;

## **7. Purchase of Additional Treated Water Storage**

- 7.1 It is recommended that a second water tank of 6,000 m<sup>3</sup> be built adjacent to reservoir # 2 at the top of Blue Gum Lane in addition to pre-treatment, and raw water storage.

- 7.2 Additional treated water storage would double the amount of treated storage available from at least 1 to 2 days' supply based on normal demand.
- 7.3 While the Impounded Supply is unavailable, additional storage is a mitigation for high turbidity events in the Tamaki River where treatment or pre-treatment cannot produce enough complaint water, low flow events where supply cannot meet demand, and for other unforeseen events that impact water supply infrastructure.
- 7.4 While this is an important mitigation for planned or unplanned dewatering of the Impounded Supply it will provide ongoing resilience to the water supply by providing treated water storage at the level recommended by industry standards. It will also provide resilience in the event of unforeseen events that impact water supply infrastructure, and to provide redundancy for maintaining the existing tank.
- 7.5 Three quotes have been received to date. The expected period to install is 6 months.
- 7.6 The advantages of installing additional treated water storage are:
- Provides mitigation to supply risk for turbidity events, and to some extent for low flow events.
  - Provides ongoing resilience in accordance with industry standards.
  - Compliments the existing tank and allows for maintenance capability and redundancy.
- 7.7 The disadvantages of establishing additional treated water storage are:
- Cost
  - Would require the purchase of additional land. Land acquisitions are usually funded from the General Purposes Reserve, which is sufficient funded for this purpose;
- 7.8 The risks of establishing additional treated water storage are;
- The availability of a suitability qualified and experienced project manager to oversee this project on behalf of Council.

## **8. Alternative Water Sources update**

- 8.1 Alliance Meatworks. Investigations to establish a bore and associated storage to meet all the water requirements for the Alliance Meatworks continue. This would reduce town demand by approximately 20% therefore increasing capacity / resilience to the system. The drilling of a test bore including an initial assessment of water quality and quantity is scheduled to commence within weeks of this paper depending on contractor availability. The bore will require Council to apply



for a new or amended resource consent to implement permanently, which could include the Laws Road bore sites, item 8.2 below, if they prove successful. If the result is positive a paper recommending a permanent bore to be installed in partnership with the Alliance Group will be brought to Council.

- 8.2 Laws Road. Investigations to establish if two bores adjacent to the Tamaki River to the south of the Water Treatment Plant could meet some or all the water required to supply Dannevirke continue. This would enable water to be drawn further downstream where the flow is greater. In addition, drawing from a bore is likely to reduce turbidity. The drilling of the bores including an initial assessment of water quality and quantity is scheduled to commence within weeks of this paper depending on contractor availability. If the result is positive two permanent bores would be drilled, a pump station built and a 400mm pipeline installed to the water treatment plant. As noted in item 8.1 above, the bores will require Council to apply for a new or amended resource consent.
- 8.3 It is important to note that the viability of both locations to supply water to the extent required has yet to be proven. If the test bores are successful in meeting quality and quantity specifications, works could commence in the New Year subject to Council approval and the granting of a resource consent.

## 9. Timeline

- 9.1 The table below outlines the key dates that have been identified to support the delivery of the programme.

Item	Activity	Forecast Delivery Date
1	Laboratory testing of soil samples complete	13 November 23
2	Review outcomes of soils samples against detailed design	18 December 23
3	Kliptank Installed and operational	12 January 24
4	Alliance Meatworks Bore completed (subject to resource consent)	09 January 24
5	Alternative Water Source Laws Road completed (subject to resource consent)	01 April 24
6	Pre-treatment Plant installed	03 May 24
7	Treated water tank installed and operational	1 July 2024

## 10. Financial Considerations

- 10.1 To date officers have sought approval of funding for the following;
- 10.1.1 Planning of permanent repairs and function improvements (\$1.085 million September 2022)
- 10.1.2 Additional funding for repairs required under urgency after liner inspections were completed (\$300,000 July 2023)

- 10.1.3 Approval to proceed with detailed design work including a second geotechnical investigation (\$600,000 July 2023)
- 10.2 Total additional budget approvals of \$1.985 million of which Council has incurred costs totalling \$1.688 million to date.
- 10.3 As has previously been reported in the August 2023 Management Report to the Finance and Performance Committee, Council's borrowing headroom within its self-imposed borrowing limits for the 2023/2024 Annual Plan was \$18.956 million.
- 10.4 Implications to Council's headroom limits when officers factor in the additional unplanned borrowing requested in this report for the purchase of a container pre-treatment solution (\$3.2 million), additional raw water storage (\$400,000) and additional treated water storage (\$2.5 million) this reduces the headroom availability to \$13.095 million for the 2023/2024 year.
- 10.5 When officers consider what the implication of the additional unplanned borrowing are in conjunction with borrowings required for year 4 capital projects (\$9.789 million) this reduces headroom availability to \$2.858 million.
- 10.6 It is important for Council to note that the borrowing headroom availability does not include the cost of repairs to the Impounded Supply. The final cost of repairs is likely to exceed its self-imposed borrowing limits which reinforces the need to confirm total costs before committing to a repair decision.
- 10.7 As a result, a reassessment of the Capital Projects programme may need to be undertaken to prioritise spending.
- 10.8 The process of reviewing Council's self-imposed borrowing limits is currently underway as part of the 2024/34 Long Term Plan.
- 10.9 Council's ability to borrow funds as and when required is a mitigation for the following risks in the Strategic Risk Register and Long Term Plan. These risks should be considered in any decision that may reduce Council's financial headroom;
- Climate Change;
  - Natural Disaster;
  - Waka Kotahi Funding;
  - Three Waters Renewals;
  - Inflation;
  - Economic downturn;
  - Population Growth.

- 10.10 There will be an operational budget implication associated with this request with potential increases to operating expenditure required. These may be offset with savings within the current budgets set for the 2023/24 financial year however this impact is yet to be assessed. There will be unbudgeted interest costs associated with the additional borrowings, and any net unbudgeted costs not able to be offset will be recovered in subsequent years.

## **11. Iwi and Stakeholder Engagement**

- 11.1 Representatives from both Iwi recently attended a detailed design review meeting with Tonkin and Taylor in Wellington whilst they attended the Water NZ Conference in conjunction with TDC staff. Both Iwi have been advised of the proposed delay to repairs and the risk mitigation measures that have been proposed to ensure the security of the water supply to the Dannevirke community.
- 11.2 The Waikato Regional Council and Horizons Regional Council continue to be engaged in relation to consenting requirements for both building and water take consents with support from WSP.

## **12. Public Consultation and Engagement**

- 12.1 Council must always be aware of its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 ("the LGA") and its own Significance and Engagement policy in its decision making.
- 12.2 Council's decisions about whether or not to purchase pre-treatment capability and additional storage are significant decisions in the context of the Council's Significance and Engagement policy.
- 12.3 Council is being asked to make these decisions about pre-treatment and storage in isolation from its decision to repair or not repair the Impounded Supply, as they are necessary mitigations for the later decision Council will make. The requirement to consult or engage with the community in respect of these two decisions must be balanced against the urgency with which these decisions must be made.
- 12.4 To support Council's decision making, officers have obtained legal advice on Council's obligations to consult under its Significance and Engagement Policy and the LGA in respect of the key decisions presented. Council officers have also discussed the decision-making process with Audit New Zealand.
- 12.5 The legal advice obtained has reaffirmed officers' views that Council is not subject to a mandatory explicit requirement to consult before making these urgent decisions as the decisions do not engage section 97 of the LGA because there is no significant change to levels of service.
- 12.6 Council remains subject to the mandatory discretionary considerations under section 76(1) of the LGA and must comply with the LGA requirements under

sections 77, 78 and 79, but in the circumstances, Council can reasonably exercise its discretion not to consult prior to making these urgent decisions. The genuine urgency of the two immediate decisions can reasonably support a decision not to consult before making the decisions, especially when the options analysis indicates that these options are necessary regardless of Council's later substantive decision to repair or not repair the Impounded Supply.

- 12.7 As detailed above, Council has been advised that it must take urgent action to mitigate the risk of failure and the risk that it will be unable to continue to supply Dannevirke residents with safe drinking water that meets national drinking standards in periods of high turbidity. The need for urgent action by Council has been reinforced by the recent observed deterioration of the Impounded Supply. Council is advised that the decisions presented in this report must be made urgently. For this reason, it is considered there is no ability for Council to carry out the full public consultation process it normally would prior to taking these time critical decisions.
- 12.8 Purchasing the pre-treatment system and additional storage provides Dannevirke with resilience both if the Impounded Supply is not repaired, and if the repairs are completed during the 24/25 construction season. This additional capability will also be a key mitigation should the Impounded Supply fail or begin to deteriorate further requiring dewatering before repairs can commence.
- 12.9 It is noted that there has already been some community engagement on the broader matter (so the fact of the decisions being made would not take the community by surprise). Council has engaged with the community and kept them informed as to progress at public water meetings held in December 2022 and June 2023, through five previous Council and Committee update reports presented at publicly attended meetings and articles in the Bush Telegraph, on social media and on Council's dedicated Impounded Supply page on its website.
- 12.10 This engagement will continue, and officers will prepare a community engagement plan for these decisions as well as the broader programme of works and will present this to Council for approval. The engagement plan will include the use of approved methods of public engagement provided for in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, in line with legal advice received. It is intended that public engagement will take several forms to ensure it is accessible to our communities, including publications on Council's social media accounts and website, articles in the Bush Telegraph, public Council reports and public meetings.
- 12.11 Council will continue to assess its obligation and ability to consult or engage with the community on the substantive decision to repair or not repair the impounded supply, and on the broader programme of remediation or decommissioning works as further information becomes available. If Council decides to delay its decision making to a later date, this may present the opportunity for more thorough consultation with the community. It is anticipated that there may be elements in the broader programme of works that will also be able to be meaningfully consulted on.

- 12.12 Officers have considered the risk that making the two urgent decisions without consultation effectively binds the Council to a particular larger programme of works in such a way that there is nothing that could be meaningfully consulted on in that larger programme (in the absence of the section 97 trigger to consult), potentially compromising the later decision-making process. However, it is considered that these decisions can be made in isolation from the substantive decisions, as the resilience provided by the pre-treatment capacity and additional storage is a mitigation for all potential options.
- 12.13 The assessment of the two urgent decisions has been completed in isolation from considering the specific details of the broader programme. However, in the circumstances in which the urgent decisions are required, it is recommended that the Council proceed to make the necessary decisions (as Council is legally able to) and that later decisions be assessed when details of them become known, against Part 6 LGA 2002 decision-making requirements.

### **13. Future Decisions**

- 13.1 Several major decisions will be presented to Council over the coming months as more information becomes available including:
- A recommendation on the future of the Impounded Supply;
  - Approval to purchase additional land;
  - Approval to proceed with the installation of an alternative water source for the Alliance Meatworks;
  - Approval to proceed with the installation of an alternative water source for Dannevirke in the form of two bores on Laws Road.

### **14. Conclusions**

- 14.1 Since the temporary repairs to the Impounded Supply in June 2023 the focus has been on preparing to complete permanent repairs in the 2023/24 construction season. The inability to source a pre-treatment capability, and delays to the geological investigation, and a final decision on the liner system has meant there is insufficient information to recommend a decision to Council.
- 14.2 However, the risk that the Impounded Supply could fail remains. To address this possibility officers advise that the installation of a pre-treatment capability, and additional treated water storage should proceed now. In addition, this will position Council for potential repairs in the 2024/25 construction season.
- 14.3 Officers continue to investigate a number of other risk mitigation measures to ensure that the Impounded Supply continues to provide water to the Dannevirke community until an informed decision can be made about the future of this asset.



### **Attachments**

1. Impounded Dam Report to ICCEM September 2023
2. Project Objectives



## Report

Date : 17 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Adoption of Bylaws - Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw**

Item No : **9.5**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 10 September 2024 concerning the Adoption of Bylaws - Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw be received.*
- 1.2 *That the Tararua District Council's Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2024, Alcohol Bylaw 2024, Cemeteries Bylaw 2024 and Public Places Bylaw 2024 be adopted, with an effective date of 30 September 2024.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To seek adoption of the following bylaws, following completion of the public consultation and decision-making on matters raised through submissions.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting held 13 February 2024, the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw. The proposed bylaws are all existing bylaws, that were adopted in 2018, and required review as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

- 3.2 The committee agreed that pursuant to s155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, that a bylaw was the most appropriate way of addressing perceived problems identified for the keeping of animals in Tararua district, alcohol compliance, issues in public places and in Tararua District Council cemeteries.
- 3.3 The committee subsequently approved the Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2024, draft Alcohol Bylaw 2024, draft Cemeteries Bylaw 2024 and draft Public Places Bylaw 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83 and s86 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 3.4 The draft bylaws largely continued the current bylaws, with some amendments and improvements proposed. The key changes proposed were set out in the Statements of Proposal that formed part of the consultation documents.
- 3.5 The bylaws were originally set down for consultation from 1 May to 3 June 2024, however due to the change in the Long Term Plan 2024-34 consultation timeline, the bylaws consultation was delayed until July 2024.
- 3.6 A hearing for submitters that wished to speak in person to the Council regarding the matters they raised in their submissions was held on 7 August 2024. Fifteen submitters took up the opportunity to speak at the Hearing.

#### **4. Statutory Requirements**

- 4.1 The powers for Council for setting bylaws comes from the Bylaws Act 1910 and the Local Government Act 2002. The Local Government Act 2002 sets out requirements that must be met, including requirement to determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, and if so, whether the proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and whether the proposed bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

#### **5. Assessment of whether the draft bylaws give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights 1990**

- 5.1 Section 155(2)(b) of Local Government Act 2002 requires that before adopting a bylaw, Council determine whether the proposed bylaw will give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA).
- 5.2 The NZBORA sets out specific rights and freedoms which are protected by legislation. The NZBORA states that the rights and freedoms covered by the Act, *may be subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.*
- 5.3 The following are the rights and freedoms covered by the Act:
- Life and security of the person:
    - Right not to be deprived of life;



- Right not to be subjected to torture or cruel treatment;
- Right not be subjected to medical or scientific experimentation;
- Right to refuse to undergo medical treatment.
- Democratic and civil rights:
  - Electoral rights;
  - Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion;
  - Freedom of expression;
  - Manifestation of religion and belief;
  - Freedom of peaceful assembly;
  - Freedom of association;
  - Freedom of movement.
- Non-discrimination and minority rights:
  - Freedom from discrimination;
  - Rights of minorities.
- Search, arrest and detention:
  - Unreasonable search and seizure;
  - Liberty of the person;
  - Rights of persons arrested or detained;
  - Rights of persons charged;
  - Minimum standards of criminal procedure;
  - Retroactive penalties and double jeopardy;
  - Right to justice.

5.4 We have assessed the proposed Keeping of Animals, Alcohol, Public Places and Cemeteries Bylaws in terms of Section 155(2)(b) of Local Government Act 2002 against the rights and freedoms protected under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act, and have assessed these bylaws as not giving rise to any implications under the NZBORA.

## 6. Discussion

6.1 Between 1 July 2024 and 31 July 2024 consultation was undertaken with the community on the draft Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw.

6.2 The consultation on the draft bylaws was publicly notified through the Bush Telegraph on 24 June 2024 and 8 July 2024, and through Council's "Have Your Say" page on the Tararua District Council website. Regular social media articles on the Tararua District Facebook page promoted the consultation and sought engagement of the public. Information about the consultation was sent out as a media release to regional, local and national media outlets, as well as local radio stations.

6.3 A total of 239 submissions were received. The following is a breakdown on the number of submissions received on each draft Bylaw.

- 231 submissions on draft Keeping of Animals bylaw (with one submitter subsequently withdrawing their submission)
- 2 submissions on draft Alcohol Bylaw
- 1 submission on draft Cemeteries Bylaw
- 5 submissions on draft Public Places Bylaw

6.4 The following submitters attended the hearing held on 7 August 2024, and spoke to their submissions:

- 001 – Health New Zealand – Alcohol Bylaw
- 003 – Federated Farmers – Public Places Bylaw
- 123 – Federated Farmers – Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 113 – Tararua College – Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 027 & 087 – Randall and Annette Gerrand - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 178 – SPCA – Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 226 – Forest and Bird - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 231 – Predator Free NZ - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 230 – Leah Wilson - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 100 – Hennie Verwaayen - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 227 – Totally Vets - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 187 – Dannevirke A&P - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 229 – Kirstin Wahlberg - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 228 – BS Ranch - Keeping of Animals Bylaw
- 149 & 150 – BJ and Barry Crosse - Keeping of Animals Bylaw

6.5 The Council deliberated on matters raised through the submissions at its meeting held 28 August 2024. The recommendations adopted by the Council have been incorporated into the proposed bylaws, and these have been attached to this report as appendices.

6.6 The following table provides a summary of the amendments made to the proposed bylaws, as recommended by the Council. The new text is underlined, and deleted text shown with strikethrough.

Bylaw	Recommended Change
Alcohol Bylaw	No changes recommended.
Cemeteries Bylaw	No changes recommended.
Public Places Bylaw	<p>1. Public Places Bylaw</p> <p>1.2 This Bylaw is made under the Local Government Act 2002; the Litter Act 1979; Reserves Act 1977; Health Act 1956 and every other power vested in the Council to make Bylaws and regulate activities in public places.</p> <p><u>Explanatory Note: this Bylaw does not apply to emergency vehicles being used in an emergency; or to New Zealand Defence Force vehicles being used for approved New Zealand Defence Force activities.</u></p> <p>7. Activities Requiring Prior Approval</p> <p>7.1 A person may not do the following in a Public Place unless they have prior approval from Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Place posters, signage or advertising.</li> <li>b) Discharge fireworks.</li> <li>c) Put up, alter, or demolish any structure of any kind.</li> <li>d) Light fires (except at any places specifically provided) or <del>install</del> <u>put down</u> hangi.</li> <li>e) Collect or solicit donations, preach, or busk.</li> <li>f) Operate a UAV <u>(except those operated by Network Utility Operators in compliance with Civil Aviation rules).</u></li> <li>g) Sell or trade (or attempt to sell or trade) good or services.</li> <li>h) Place a donated goods container.</li> </ul>
Keeping of Animals Bylaw	<p>5. Keeping of Animals</p> <p>5.2 Without limiting clause 5.1, every person keeping Animals must ensure that such animals:</p>

Bylaw	Recommended Change
	<p>a) Do not cause (or be likely to cause) a nuisance;</p> <p>b) Are kept in conditions which are not offensive or injurious to the health of any person;</p> <p>c) Are confined within the boundaries of the property where the animal is usually kept (noting that this does not apply to cats or bees; and does not <del>present</del> <u>prevent</u> a person from driving, leading or riding any animal).</p> <p>5.5 Council may, by written notice, require a person to take specified steps to ensure compliance with clauses 5.1 <del>and/or 5.2</del> <u>and/or 5.3</u> within a timeframe specified in that notice.</p> <p>7. Keeping Cats</p> <p>7.1 <del>Except with the approval of Council, n</del> No person may keep more than three cats on a Premises <u>except with the approval of Council.</u></p> <p>7.2 Every cat over <del>six</del> <u>four</u> months old must be:</p> <p>a. Microchipped and the cat's microchip registered with New Zealand Companion Animals Register; and</p> <p>b. Desexed.</p> <p>10. Keeping Animals in Urban Areas</p> <p>10.1 No person may keep, in an Urban area, any rooster, gander, peacock, stallion, bull, ram, or un-neutered male goat, <u>except with the approval of Council.</u></p> <p><del>10.2 No person may keep or graze stock (excluding sheep) in an Urban area except with the approval of Council.</del></p> <p>10.2 If, in the opinion of Council, the keeping of <del>sheep</del> <u>stock</u> in an Urban area is, or is likely to become a Nuisance, <u>be offensive or injurious to health</u>, Council may, by written notice, require the owner or occupier to obtain approval of Council, which may be subject to such conditions as may be considered necessary by Council to reduce the Nuisance effects.</p> <p><del>10.3.</del> <u>GUIDANCE NOTE: Clause 10.2 does not apply to</u></p>

Bylaw	Recommended Change
	<p><u>stallions, bulls, rams and un-neutered male goats (where Clause 10.1 applies) or to pigs (where clause 8.3 applies).</u></p> <p>11. Slaughter of Animals</p> <p>11.1 No Animal is to be slaughtered in any <u>urban area</u> unless it is permitted by the Tararua District Plan and the activity complies with the said Plan and cannot be seen from beyond that rateable property.</p> <p>13. Breeding Animals</p> <p><del>13.1 Breeding of animals is considered under this Bylaw to be a commercial activity and may be subject to conditions under the Resource Management Act 1991 and Council's current operative District Plan.</del></p> <p><u>13.1</u> If, in the opinion of an Authorised Officer, any breeding facility creates a nuisance by the keeping of any animal, the Council may, by written notice to the breeder, owner or occupier, require the breeder, owner or occupier to abate the nuisance.</p> <p><u>13.2</u> The breeder, owner or occupier must comply with the notice in the specified time period.</p> <p><u>GUIDANCE NOTE: Breeding of animals is considered under this Bylaw to be a commercial activity and may be subject to conditions under the Resource Management Act 1991 and Council's current operative District Plan.</u></p> <p>14. Permits</p> <p>14.1 Every person who wishes <u>(or is required)</u> to obtain <u>approval from Council</u> (a Permit) <del>to keep animals must under this Bylaw must</del> make an application to the Council in writing and must provide any supporting information and application fee as Council may require.</p> <p>14.5 In deciding to grant or decline an application for a Permit the Council will consider the following additional matters for the following applications (evidence of which the applicant must include in their application for a Permit):</p>

Bylaw	Recommended Change
	<p>Cats</p> <p>a. The number of cats to be kept on the Premises;</p> <p><u>b. Housing details (including how the cats will be retained on the Premises).</u></p> <p><u>Stock in Urban areas</u></p> <p>a. <u>The number and type of stock to be kept on the premises;</u></p> <p>b. <u>The size of the premises and proposed location of stock;</u></p> <p>c. <u>Housing details, including space, shade and shelter;</u></p> <p>d. <u>Fencing;</u></p> <p>e. <u>Effluent disposal.</u></p> <p>16. Non-Compliance</p> <p>16.2 Such actions may include, but are not limited to, <u>obtaining a permit</u>, limiting numbers, removing certain animals, and prohibiting persons from keeping certain animals.</p>

6.7 The Council now has two options before it, which are outlined below:

**Option One** – adopt the proposed Animal Bylaw 2024, Alcohol Bylaw 2024, Cemeteries Bylaw 2024 and Public Places Bylaw 2024, as amended following deliberations by Council on matters raised by submissions.

**Option Two** – to not adopt the proposed Animal Bylaw 2024, Alcohol Bylaw 2024, Cemeteries Bylaw 2024 and Public Places Bylaw 2024.

6.8 If Council follows option one and adopts the Bylaws as amended through the submission and deliberation process, these documents will be made operative with an effective date of 30 September 2024. These documents will replace the current versions of these Bylaws on the Council’s website. Implementation of the new Bylaws will involve updates to associated forms, webpages, and guidance documents. Public notice will also be given in accordance with section 157 of the Local Government Act 2002 of the making of the bylaws, stating the date on which the bylaw will come into effect, and advise that copies of the bylaws may be inspected at the Council offices, and may be supplied to any person on request and on payment of a reasonable charge.

- 6.9 If Council follows option two, the proposed adoption timeline will be delayed. The current versions of these bylaws have already expired, but still have legal effect until 5 November 2025. The Council would need to start the process again to develop and adopt draft bylaws for consultation, call for submissions, hold hearings and deliberations in order to adopt replacement bylaws prior to their expiry.
- 6.10 Should the Council not complete the review of the bylaws prior to 6 November 2025, the bylaws will be automatically revoked as of that date.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 Approval is sought from Council for the adoption of the Keeping of Animals Bylaw, Alcohol Bylaw, Cemeteries Bylaw and Public Places Bylaw.
- 7.2 The review of these bylaws followed the Special Consultative Procedure, as required by section 156(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 7.3 The Council received a total of 239 submissions on the draft bylaws. Fifteen submitters spoke to their submissions at the Hearing held on 7 August 2024. The Council deliberated on matters raised through submissions on 28 August 2024. The recommendations of the Council have been incorporated into the proposed bylaws, as documented in this report, and the updated copies of the proposed bylaws are attached as appendices to this report.
- 7.4 Once adopted by Council, these bylaws will have legal effect from Monday 30 September 2024. The next review period will be in ten years' time.

## **Attachments**

Nil.







## Report

Date : 18 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Deliberations - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan consultation**

Item No : **9.6**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 04 September 2024 concerning the Deliberations - Waste Management and Minimisation Plan consultation be received.*
- 1.2 *That the following responses to matters raised through submissions be made (refer to separate recommendations contained within Section 5 of this report).*
- 1.3 *That the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be made the final version of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and be submitted to Council for adoption on 30 October 2024.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To present to the Council for its consideration the results of the public consultation on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and to seek decisions from the Council on each of the matters raised through the consultation to reflect in the final versions of these Bylaws for adoption by Council at its October 2024 meeting.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The formal consultation period on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 took place from 18 July to 18 August 2024.
- 3.2 Seven submissions were received. Each submission was shared with the elected members as it was received to enable sufficient time for submissions to be read.
- 3.3 Of the seven submissions, two submitters asked to present their views to Council in person and a hearing was held for this purpose on 4 September 2024.

### **4. Discussion and Options**

- 4.1 The draft 2024 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan signalled an increased focus on efficient management, waste minimisation and waste diversion now that transfer stations and recycling facilities were in place. Council provides urban kerbside collections in the larger towns that meet the mandated government standards, while a glass recycling facility in Dannevirke enables consolidation and transporting of sorted glass to Auckland for reuse. New initiatives will include increased education in the community on reuse and waste reduction, as well as improvements to facilities that increase Council abilities to reduce waste to landfill.
- 4.2 In the Infrastructure Strategy, published as Part 4 of Council's Long Term Plan 2024-34, it is reported that Council is facing some major decisions around the management, operations and disposal of waste for Tararua. Waste disposal costs have increased significantly in recent years placing high costs on the community. Council faces challenges to reduce waste to landfill, including the high proportion of organic waste in the waste stream. Proposed government mandated urban food waste collections may not now be imposed. Costs of urban kerbside organic collections are high, and similar waste reductions may be possible through more education and subsidised composting products. Increased waste reduction grant funds from Ministry for the Environment are now available to fund these and other improved recycling / diversion facility initiatives.
- 4.3 It is noted too that Council has signalled through the Long Term Plan 2024-34, that a major review of solid wastes services would be taken in the 2024-25 year through a Local Government Act 2002 Section 17A process. This would deliver to Council recommendations on management and operational changes that would best achieve the goals and objectives identified in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in an affordable manner.
- 4.4 Outlined below are the matters that were raised by submitters for consideration by Council.
  - Consider local recycling of glass, concrete and greenwaste, including blending of glass with aggregates and bricks and concrete to utilise in building site fill.

- Introduce a system for collecting bottle lids, glass jar lids, milk caps and tin can lids.
- Facilitate introduction of soft plastic recycling with a local supermarket.
- Introduce drop off points for used batteries at Council offices and libraries.
- Introduce collection of E-waste such as computers, TVs on a regular basis and facilitate recycling and selling of componentry.
- Return to providing a Council service for kerbside rubbish collection rather than let private companies provide the service.
- Invest more in education to empower people with knowledge to recover their own resources.
- Identify amounts of waste produced by each rating group e.g. urban, rural and introduce a targeted rate.
- Identify rural vs urban impacts on Council waste services.
- Encourage local community members to band together to collect food scraps for feeding to pigs and poultry.
- Invest more time in consultation on this matter to allow people to have simple and plain options explained to them, instead of complex documents with little specific action detail.

4.5 None of the matters identified by submitters highlight any changes that could be made to the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in order to accommodate the suggestions made.

4.6 In the next section of this report, proposed recommendations for responding to each matter raised area provided for consideration by the Council.

## 5. **Advice from Officers**

5.1 **Issue one: Consider local recycling of glass, concrete and greenwaste, including blending of glass with aggregates and bricks and concrete to utilise in building site fill**

5.1.1 Advice from officers:

Officers felt this proposal had some merit, however there would need to be work done on processes to ensure no contaminants would be included in the resulting fill material, for example cigarette ends that have been disposed of inside bottles.

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for innovation such as demonstrated by the submitter. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to

reduce, rethink, and redesign waste” and Council objective “opportunities for innovative waste solutions are explored”. The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan also includes a summary of actions and proposed methods for achieving waste management and minimisation, with a relevant action included of “Investigate options for construction and demolition wastes and provision for deconstruction.”

### **Recommendations**

***That the Council notes the proposal for a solution to recycle glass and concrete locally, and thanks the submitter for demonstrating a potential local solution which is consistent with the goals, objectives and proposed methods highlighted in the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.***

## **5.2 Issue two: Introduce a system for collecting bottle lids, glass jar lids, milk caps and tin can lids**

### **5.2.1 Advice from officers:**

Officers note that there is currently no alternative solution for dealing with waste bottle lids, glass jar lids, milk caps and tin can lids, hence the need to dispose of these to landfill. However, officers were planning a trial for the Dannevirke transfer station for capturing clean bottle lids for re-use, for example by schools and kohanga for arts and crafts, subject to there being a demand demonstrated.

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for alternative waste recovery and recirculation of resources such as suggested by the submitter. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 3 “to be a community that values resources, both now and for the future”, Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to reduce, rethink, and redesign waste” and Council objective “opportunities for innovative waste solutions are explored”.

### **Recommendations**

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to introduce a system for collecting bottle lids, glass jar lids, milk caps and tin can lids to divert these from the landfill, and notes that a trial has been proposed for capturing some clean bottle lids for alternative use, however currently there was no alternative solution available for dealing with such waste other than disposal to landfill.***

## **5.3 Issue three: Facilitate introduction of soft plastic recycling with a local supermarket.**

### **5.3.1 Advice from officers:**

Officers note that there are currently no stores offering soft plastic collection within the Tararua District. However, officers were investigating options. The soft plastic recycling scheme currently collects from Auckland, Waiheke Island, Gisborne, Northland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Hauraki District,

Taranaki, Thames Coromandel, Whanganui, Wairarapa and Wellington regions. The scheme notes on its website that they are looking at the potential for new collection points and logistics solutions around the country. They advise that for every new collection area they need to put in place a collection service from stores, baling of the plastic and transport to the end processor and it was important that they minimised the environmental footprint of their service by utilising existing transport where possible.

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for alternative waste recovery and recirculation of resources such as suggested by the submitter. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 5 “to be a community that is collaborative and connected in how we deliver resource recovery,” and Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to reduce, rethink, and redesign waste”.

#### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to facilitate introduction of soft plastic recycling with a local supermarket, noting that officers were investigating options for soft plastic recycling.***

#### **5.4 Issue four: Introduce drop off points for used batteries at Council offices and libraries.**

##### **5.4.1 Advice from officers:**

Officers advise that introducing a drop off point for used batteries at Council offices and libraries could be considered. The positive ends of the batteries would need to be taped to minimise fire risk, so processes would need developing including a communication strategy to ensure people were not turning up with large quantities of untaped batteries.

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for alternative waste recovery and recirculation of resources such as suggested by the submitter. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 5 “to be a community that is collaborative and connected in how we deliver resource recovery,” and Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to reduce, rethink, and redesign waste”.

#### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to facilitate introduction of alternative drop off points for used batteries, such as the Council office and libraries, and advises that officers were investigating options for this service.***

**5.5 Issue five: Introduce collection of E-waste such as computers, TVs on a regular basis and facilitate recycling and selling of componentry.**

**5.5.1 Advice from officers:**

Officers advise that plans were underway for holding an amnesty day for drop off of televisions. There are examples of resource recovery centres run by community organisations throughout New Zealand, and other resource recovery initiatives that could be investigated.

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for alternative waste recovery and recirculation of resources such as suggested by the submitter. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 5 “to be a community that is collaborative and connected in how we deliver resource recovery,” Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to reduce, rethink, and redesign waste” and Council objectives “introduce regular e-waste collection ‘amnesty’ days” and “Where possible, provide for reuse stores, repair sites, community workshops, demonstrations and courses at key network sites” and “Investigate virtual trading marketplaces e.g. freecycle pages, Civilshare, FB marketplace.”

***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to introduce collection of E-waste such as computers and televisions, noting that an amnesty day for such collection was being planned.***

**5.6 Issue six: return to providing a Council service for kerbside rubbish collection rather than let private companies provide the service.**

**5.6.1 Advice from officers:**

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan indicates investigation of options to meet central government requirements, including supporting services such as a possible household rubbish collection. This is detailed in objective CS2 “Investigate options for introducing a rates-funded (but user-pays) council-run or -contracted household kerbside rubbish collection service; consult with community and implement overall best option (based on, for example, value for money to community).”

It is noted that the Long Term Plan 2024-34 adopted by Council makes budget provision for providing a kerbside refuse collection service from Year 4 onwards. In the 2027-37 Long Term Plan the Council will explore expanding the kerbside service, the funding options and consult with the community.

***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to return to providing a Council service for kerbside rubbish collection, noting that the Waste***

***Management and Minimisation Plan details the objective for investigation options for introducing a Council-run or contracted household kerbside collection service, that budget provision has been included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34 from year four of that plan, and that the next Long Term Plan, 2027-37 will include consulting on options for this with the community.***

- 5.7 **Issue seven: Invest more in education to empower people with knowledge to recover their own resources.**

- 5.7.1 Advice from officers:

The draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan provides for collaboration in how resource recovery is delivered, and funding for education is available through the Waste Minimisation Fund. Examples from the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan are Goal 5 “to be a community that is collaborative and connected in how we deliver resource recovery,” Goal 4 “to be a community that is open to new initiatives to reduce, rethink, and redesign waste.” The Plan also details in one of its action areas, for Communications – “Continue community engagement and education, and initiate more engagement with commercial sectors.” As part of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, Council includes information about how the implementation of the plan will be funded.

#### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to invest more in education to empower people with knowledge to recover their own resources.***

- 5.8 **Issue eight: Identify amounts of waste produced by each rating group e.g. urban, rural and introduce a targeted rate and Issue nine: Identify rural vs urban impacts on Council waste services.**

- 5.8.1 Advice from officers:

Officers advise that there is currently no system that would enable identification of amounts of waste produced by each rating group. People in the rural area could be disposing of their waste on site, for example, burning, or they could be bringing their waste to one of the district’s transfer stations. Urban residents could be either bringing their waste to one of the district’s transfer stations themselves, or they could be using a refuse service provided by one of the private operators in the district. Information on the amount of waste collected by private operators is not available. For the refuse taken directly to the district’s transfer stations, there is no system in place to identify where that waste has originated from, whether it’s from urban residents or rural.

The Council’s Financial Strategy, published as part three of the Long Term Plan 2024-34, notes that funding of refuse disposal is 100% user pays, meaning no rates component for that funding. There is a rates component for the cost of providing the transfer stations, and a rates component for the provision of recycling services. The provision of recycling services is 90-100% funded through a rates

component, however there is a differing amount paid by urban properties to that paid by rural properties to reflect the kerbside recycling collection provided to urban properties.

The provision of refuse transfer stations throughout the district ensures a service is available for use by both rural and urban residents.

### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to identify rural vs urban impacts on Council waste services, and identify amounts of waste produced by each rating group e.g. urban, rural and introduce a targeted rate.***

**5.9 Issue ten: Encourage local community members to band together to collect food scraps for feeding to pigs and poultry.**

**5.9.1 Advice from officers:**

It is illegal to feed untreated meat, or food that has been in contact with untreated meat, to any pig in New Zealand. The Ministry for Primary Industries provides advice on their website about collecting or supplying food waste intended to feed pigs. A fact sheet can be accessed from their website, along with a link to the Biosecurity (Meat and Food Waste for Pigs) Regulations 2005.

Any collection of food scraps for feeding to poultry would need to ensure that those supplying and collecting the food scraps were educated in the types of food scraps that can be toxic to poultry.

The level of risk and potential liability for ensuring compliance with the law is something that would need to be considered carefully if Council was to look at becoming involved in such a collection of food waste.

However, the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan does signal future food scraps collection as a kerbside service, in compliance with any future requirement of the Government.

### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their suggestion to encourage the community to collect food scraps for feeding to pigs and poultry, but notes the risks associated with this and the need to comply with legal requirements for feeding of pigs.***

**5.10 Issue eleven: Invest more time in consultation on this matter to allow people to have simple and plain options explained to them, instead of complex documents with little specific action detail.**

**5.10.1 Advice from officers:**



The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan sets out Council's plans to minimise and manage the waste in the Tararua District. The plan is in three parts:

- Where we are now – includes background information that informed the development of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, for example the Waste Assessment undertaken;
- Where we want to go to – sets out what Council is aiming to achieve, and the broad framework for working towards that vision;
- The action plan – details the proposed specific actions to achieve the goals, objectives and targets, and information on how Council will monitor, report on actions taken, and how these will be funded.

There is always a balance to be taken with how much detail is provided in such documents, and the need for ensuring that any actions documented will be achievable within Council's resource constraints.

### ***Recommendations***

***That the Council thanks the submitter for their note about investing more time in consultation to provide opportunities for people to have options explained to them.***

## **6. Statutory Requirements**

- 6.1 The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 encourages a reduction in the amount of waste generated and disposed of in New Zealand. The aim is to reduce the environmental harm of waste and to provide economic, social and cultural benefits. The Act specifically 'clarifies the roles and responsibilities of territorial authorities with respect to waste minimisation', which is 'to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within their districts'. This is achieved by having a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.
- 6.2 Waste Management and Minimisation Plans must include objectives, policies and methods to achieve the above, and to show how implementation will be funded. Councils must also consider the waste hierarchy, have regard to the New Zealand Waste Strategy and their most recent waste assessment.
- 6.3 Sections 43 and 44 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 set out requirements for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and requirements for preparing or amending a waste management and minimisation plan.
- 6.4 The Council is required to use the special consultative procedure outlined in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 for consulting the community on its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.
- 6.5 The requirements for any consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 are as follows:

The council must prepare and adopt a statement of proposal, and if it considers it necessary to enable public understanding of the proposal, a summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal.

The Council must ensure the following is publicly available:

- The statement of proposal;
- A description of how the Council will provide persons interested in the proposal an opportunity to present their views; and
- A statement of the period within which views on the proposal can be provided to the Council. This period can not be less than one month from the date the statement is issued.

## **7. Community Engagement and Consultation**

- 7.1 The consultation page on Council's website went live on 18 July 2024. This page contained information about the consultation, including links to the draft Plan, the statement of proposal and the submission form. Printed copies of the consultation information were available for collection from Council's service centres / libraries, and social media posts were arranged during the consultation period to create awareness and encourage participation in the consultation. A public notice was also included in the Bush Telegraph on 22 July 2024.

## **8. Conclusion**

- 8.1 We received seven submissions in response to consultation on Council's proposed draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Each submission was shared with the elected members as it was received, to enable sufficient time for all submissions to be read.
- 8.2 Two submitters attended an extraordinary Council meeting to present their feedback in person to the Council.
- 8.3 There were no matters raised through the submissions, or at the in-person opportunity for submitters to present their feedback, that gave rise to any recommendation for a change to be made to the contents of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.
- 8.4 As noted through the responses to matters raised by submitters, the majority of matters were already covered in the goals, objectives and actions documented in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.
- 8.5 In reviewing the matters raised by submitters, and comparing those with the goals, objectives and planned actions in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, officers do not have any proposed changes to recommend to Council for adoption.

- 8.6 Following the consideration of recommendations for responses to matters raised by submitters, it is recommended that the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be made the final version of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for provision to Council for adoption on 30 October 2024.

### **Attachments**

Nil.





## Report

Date : 17 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Angela Rule  
Policy and Planning Advisor

Subject : **Draft Bylaws Review and Consultation - Trade Waste Bylaw 2024, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024 and Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024**

Item No : **9.7**

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## **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 *That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 12 September 2024 concerning the Draft Bylaws Review and Consultation - Trade Waste Bylaw 2024, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024 and Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024 be received.*
- 1.2 *That the Tararua District Council determines, pursuant to s155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing perceived problems identified for the regulation of trade wastes and tanker discharges, the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material), and road use.*
- 1.3 *That the Tararua District Council approves the combined Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83, s86 and 148 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
- 1.4 *That the Tararua District Council approves the combined Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83 and s86 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
- 1.5 *That the Tararua District Council approves the combined Statement of Proposal and the Tararua District Council's draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024, for public consultation in accordance with s83 and s86 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
- 1.6 *That the Tararua District Council agrees that the Chief Executive be delegated the power to approve any minor amendments to the draft bylaws or statements of proposal that he considers appropriate, prior to consultation starting.*

## **Executive Summary**

This report seeks approval to publicly notify the draft Tararua District Council Trade Waste Bylaw, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, and Traffic and Road Use Bylaw. These bylaws will replace the current Trade Waste Bylaw 2018, Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2018, and Solid Waste Bylaw 2018 that expired in October-November 2023. These drafts largely continue the current Bylaws, with some amendments and improvements.

The key changes to the Trade Waste Bylaw are:

- Editorial changes to wording and definitions, to align with other documents and legislation, and reformat to improve readability;

- Amending the purpose of the bylaw to better align with wording under section 146(b) of the Local Government Act;
- Clarifying the definition of trade premises;
- Adding considerations for Council when determining an application for consent;
- Adding a new clause that requires anyone wishing to discharge trade waste to contact Council to determine if a trade waste discharge is permitted, conditional or prohibited;
- Adding a clause to provide for a consent holder receiving a written notice to be given a reasonable time period to comply with any varied consent condition; and
- Adding a clause for requiring a meter as a condition of a consent for the measurement of the rate or quantity of discharge of trade waste.

The key changes to the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw are (only substantive changes are listed):

- The name is changed to 'Waste Management and Minimisation' Bylaw (from 'Solid Waste') to align with the terms used in the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
- One of the purposes of the Bylaw is changed from being 'Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material) from public places or by persons licensed by the Council' to 'Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material)'
- The term 'Collection Point' is amended to a more general meaning (originally only applying to rural roadside locations, and now meaning 'a Council advertised location for the collection of waste or recyclable materials').
- A definition of 'nuisance' and 'premises' is added.
- The term 'prohibited waste' is extended to include all batteries, asbestos, gas containers, fluorescent lights and aerosol cans.
- The term 'Resource Recovery Centre' is changed to 'Waste Management Facility'.
- In terms of using Approved Containers, the bylaw clarifies that containers may not be damaged; that Council may charge to replace Approved Containers that are lost/stolen/damaged; and that Council may require Approved Containers to be placed in alternative locations to be picked up.
- In terms of public litter receptacles, adding that no person may:
  - Cause, permit or allow the deposit of any material into a Litter Receptacle that is not approved for that type of waste (as evidenced by signage on or near the Litter Receptacle).
  - Damage any Litter Receptacle provided by Council.

- Adding clause 20 – that Council may suspend or revoke licences held by waste operators in certain circumstances.
- Adding clause 21.2 – being the actions Council may take where a person does not comply with the requirements of the Bylaw in relation to the waste and diverted materials collection service that applies to them.

The key changes to the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw are (only substantive changes are listed):

- Adding definitions from the current Administration Bylaw (e.g. ‘animal’, ‘approval’, ‘footpath’).
- Updating wording (from ‘Operation Mobility Parking’ to ‘Mobility Parking’).
- For general Council discretions (clause 5), it is clarified that Council may exercise the discretions by resolution, which may be permanent or temporary. Engine braking in areas of 70kmph or less is added; as is the use of vehicles on unformed legal roads; and restrictions on heavy traffic.
- New restrictions on parking are added (clause 6.3): vehicles must not be parked on footpaths, grass verges where it will damage the grass verge; gardens; or other parts of roads not designed to accommodate vehicles.
- At clause 8, a new prohibition on parking heavy motor vehicles in residential areas (except for loading and unloading) without a resolution from Council to the contrary.
- Removing all reference to metered areas and parking meters (i.e. paid parking areas), and focusing at clause 9 only on the potential for Council to introduce, by resolution, time-restricted parking zones.
- Requirements relating to stock on roads have been moved to Schedule I, understanding that a new Stock Control Bylaw may be proposed to be introduced.
- Modifying vehicle crossings (clause 19.1) is clarified as including as a result of a change of use of the property.
- Setting out the action Council may take if there is non-compliance (at clause 20).
- Clarifying that offences occur where there is a breach of a provision of the bylaw; an obstruction of an Authorised Officer from carrying out their duties under the bylaw; or a failure to comply with a notice (clause 21.1).

Section 155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) requires that before making a bylaw, Council determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing perceived problems. The section 155(1) assessments for the draft Tararua District Council Trade Waste Bylaw, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, and Traffic and Road Use Bylaw are included within the Statements of Proposal appended to this report. Determinations in relation to section 155(2) of LGA 2002 matters are included in this report and the statements of proposal.



Providing Council passes a resolution in relation to s155(1) of LGA 2002, approval is sought to publicly notify the draft statements of proposal and bylaws attached as appendices to this report.

There will be two different consultation pathways for the draft bylaws proposed for review. The Trade Waste Bylaw has additional consultation requirements set out in section 148 of the Local Government Act 2002, which involves consultation with the Minister of Health, and registered trade waste premises, and a two-month public notification period.

The Traffic and Road Use Bylaw, and the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw consultation will follow the requirements described in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, known as the special consultative procedure.

## **2. Reason for the Report**

- 2.1 This report relates to the review and replacement of the following Tararua District Council 2018 Bylaws: Trade Waste, Traffic and Road Use, and Solid Waste.
- 2.2 This report includes determinations under section 155(1) of LGA 2002 that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems identified for the the regulation of trade wastes and tanker discharges, the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material), and road use in the Tararua district.
- 2.3 This report also includes the statements of proposal and draft Trade Waste, Traffic and Road Use, and Waste Management and Minimisation bylaws for public feedback.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Most of Tararua District Council's bylaws expired at the end of 2023. Consequentially, the bylaws are being reviewed over the year in a series of tranches.
- 3.2 All Council bylaws continue to have legal effect until they are automatically revoked under section 160A of LGA 2002, in November 2025 (unless reviewed prior).
- 3.3 Council proposes to review and renew the expired bylaws. The statement of proposal and draft bylaws for public consultation are attached as appendices to this report.
- 3.4 Council is also required by the Act to determine whether, in accordance with s155(1), a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems, The s155 assessments for each of the draft bylaws are included within the statement of proposals.

- 3.5 The draft bylaws largely continue the current bylaws, with some amendments and improvements. The key changes to the bylaws are described in clause 7 of this report.

#### **4. Determining the need for a Bylaw**

- 4.1 According to s155(1) of Local Government Act 2002, Council must, before commencing the process for making a bylaw, determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems. If Council determines that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems, it must, before making the bylaw, determine whether the proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and whether the proposed bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

##### **4.2 S155(1) assessment for Council's Trade Waste Bylaw 2024**

- 4.2.1 As outlined in the Statement of Proposal, outlining the s155(1) assessment for the draft Trade Waste 2024, a bylaw is considered to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems in relation to regulating trade waste and tanker discharges into Council's wastewater network, and ensuring safe and efficient working Council's wastewater network.

##### **4.3 S155(1) assessment for Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024**

- 4.3.1 As outlined in the Statement of Proposal, outlining the s155(1) assessment for the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024, a bylaw is considered to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems in relation to providing a process for waste collectors to be licenced to ensure that everyone who operates within the waste industry in the district operates to the same set of regulations (and provides a process to be followed in the event of noncompliance). It also provides further enforcement options for Council and waste collectors to utilise in the event of noncompliance.

##### **4.4 S155(1) assessment for Council's Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024**

- 4.4.1 As outlined in the Statement of Proposal, outlining the s155(1) assessment for the draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024, a bylaw is considered to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems in relation to requirements for parking and control of vehicles and other traffic on any road in the District, for addressing the issues of vehicle crossings and the presence of heavy traffic and for setting and enforcing parking areas and spaces to ensure compliance for the safe and efficient working of the transport system.

#### **5. Determining the Appropriate Form of the Bylaw**

- 5.1 Section 155(2)(a) of LGA 2002 requires that before adopting a bylaw, Council determine whether the proposed bylaw is *the most appropriate form of the bylaw*.

5.2 The draft bylaws are both considered to be the most appropriate form of the bylaw. External legal advisors have reviewed the draft bylaws to help ensure this is the case.

5.3 Bylaws are consistent with all relevant legislation and are sufficiently clear and certain so that those who are subject to the bylaws understand their effect.

## **6. Preliminary assessment of whether the draft bylaws give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights 1990**

6.1 Section 155(2)(b) of Local Government Act 2002 requires that before adopting a bylaw, Council determine whether the proposed bylaw will give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA).

6.2 The NZBORA sets out specific rights and freedoms which are protected by legislation. The NZBORA states that the rights and freedoms covered by the Act, *may be subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.*

6.3 It is not expected that the draft Trade Waste Bylaw, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, and Traffic and Road Use Bylaw to address perceived problems identified, would give rise to any implications under the NZBORA.

## **7. Key Changes to Draft Bylaws**

### **7.1 Trade Waste Bylaw 2024**

7.2 The substantial regulatory requirements in the current Trade Waste Bylaw have largely been replicated, but have been reflected with different wording to better align the terminology used in the Bylaw with that used in other Council documents, and also in legislation (such as the Water Services Act 2021).

7.3 The purposes of the bylaw have been amended to better align with the special bylaw making powers for Council's under section 146(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

7.4 The definition of "trade premises" has been clarified that this does not include any part of Council's wastewater network or treatment facilities.

7.5 A requirement has been added for any person that discharges or proposes to discharge Trade Waste to contact Council to determine if a Trade Waste discharge is permitted, conditional or prohibited, and advising that Trade Waste must not be discharged into the wastewater network before Council has determined whether a consent is required.

7.6 Additional considerations have been included for Council when determining an application for consent, including:

- Compliance history;

- Relevant Council planning documents, guidelines or policies;
  - Any alternatives to the trade waste discharge, including ways in which the trade waste may be disposed of other than via the wastewater network; and
  - Any other matter that the Council considers relevant when having regard to the purpose and terms of the Bylaw.
- 7.7 Adding a clause where a consent holder who receives a written notice from Council will be given a reasonable time period in which to comply with any varied consent conditions.
- 7.8 Adding a clause for where Council requires a meter as a condition of a consent for the measurement of the rate or quantity of discharge of Trade Waste.
- 7.9 The operational costs associated with any wastewater treatment plant are strongly influenced by the specific treatment processes which, in turn, are heavily influenced by resource consent conditions. Therefore, wastewater treatment costs can vary significantly from treatment plant to treatment plant, and from district to district.
- 7.10 The three main trade waste dischargers in the Tararua district are all located in Dannevirke.
- 7.11 The Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant is a waste stabilisation pond based plant, with a membrane filtration unit added c2004 to remove Total Suspended Solids and indicator organisms such as E. coli. In 2023/24, dissolved air flotation (DAF) and ultra-violet (UV) disinfection systems were added to meet the long-standing summer dissolved reactive phosphorous (DRP) consent condition while maintaining the required E.coli removal. Removing DRP through coagulation, flocculation and DAF treatment significantly increases the operational costs associated with the Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 7.12 **Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024**
- 7.13 Changing the name from “Solid Waste Bylaw” to “Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw” to align with the terms used in the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
- 7.14 Removing reference to “persons licensed by the Council” in relation to the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material).
- 7.15 The term ‘collection point’ now means ‘a Council advertised location for the collection of waste or recyclable materials’.
- 7.16 Definitions have been added and updated.
- 7.17 The term ‘Resource Recovery Centre’ is changed to ‘Waste Management Facility’.

- 7.18 Matters relating to the use of approved containers.
- 7.19 Matters relating to the use of public litter receptacles.
- 7.20 Adding clause 20 – that Council may suspend or revoke licences held by waste operators in certain circumstances.
- 7.21 Adding clause 21.2 – being the actions Council may take where a person does not comply with the requirements of the Bylaw in relation to the waste and diverted materials collection service that applies to them.
- 7.22 **Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024**
- 7.23 Additional terms are added into the interpretation section, noting that many of these terms currently sit in the Administrative Bylaw, which is likely to be repealed in the future.
- 7.24 Updating terminology (from “Operation Mobility Parking” to “Mobility Parking”).
- 7.25 Clarifications and additions regarding Council’s ability exercise discretions by resolution (clause 5).
- 7.26 New restrictions on parking are added (clause 6.3).
- 7.27 At clause 8, a new prohibition on parking heavy motor vehicles in residential areas.
- 7.28 Removing all reference to metered areas and parking meters.
- 7.29 Requirements relating to stock on roads have been moved to Schedule I.
- 7.30 Modifying vehicle crossings (clause 19.1) is clarified.
- 7.31 Setting out the action Council may take if there is non-compliance (at clause 20),
- 7.32 Clarifying that offences occur where there is a breach of a provision of the bylaw (clause 21.1).

## **8. Significance Assessment**

- 8.1 The immediate decision before the Council, about whether to commence consultation on the draft bylaws, is not itself a significant decision. However, the decisions that will follow such consultation (such as whether to adopt the new bylaws) will be significant under the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy. Consistent with this, the Local Government Act 2002 generally requires the Council to consult before making, amending or revoking a bylaw.
- 8.2 Section 156(1)(a) of LGA 2002 requires Council to use the special consultative procedure when making, amending or revoking a bylaw made under this Act, if:

- The bylaw concerns a matter identified in the local authority's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of significant interest to the public; or
  - The local authority considers that there is, or is likely to be, a significant impact on the public due to the proposed bylaw or changes to, or revocation of, the bylaw.
- 8.3 Section 148 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires public notification by Council, and consultation with any persons as directed by the Minister of Health.
- 8.4 The new Trade Waste, Waste Management and Minimisation and Traffic and Road Use Bylaws discussed in this report are considered to be of significant interest to the public on the basis of criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 8.5 The reviewed bylaws in this report will affect anyone disposing of trade waste or tankered waste to Council's wastewater network, anyone that collects, stores, manages and disposes of solid waste, including recyclable material, anyone who uses the roading network, and the public in general.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1 Consultation is required by s156(1)(a) of the LGA 2002, the Significance and Engagement Policy is automatically triggered.
- 9.2 The level of engagement recommended for this issue is: Consult (using the special consultative procedure as required by s156(1)(a) of the LGA 2002).
- 9.3 Council will fulfil the requirements of s82 and 83 of the Act by doing the following:
- Publishing a public notice relating to consultation on the draft bylaws, including information on where to access the statements of proposals and how to provide feedback;
  - Make copies of the draft bylaws, the statements of proposals and submission forms available on Council's website for the duration of the consultation period;
  - Provide those interested with an opportunity to present their views to the Council in person at a Hearing.
- 9.4 In addition, the requirements of section 148 of the Local Government Act 2002 will be fulfilled, through the following:
- Sending a letter to the Minister of Health providing a copy of the draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024, and the Statement of Proposal for that bylaw review. The letter will seek comment from the Minister as well as advice on any other parties to consult with. The letter will inform the Minister that all registered trade waste premises will be notified about the consultation.

- Sending a letter to all registered trade waste premises within the Tararua District including a copy of the public notice.
- Providing a minimum of a two-month period for submissions on the draft Trade Waste Bylaw (as required by section 148(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2002).

## **10. Conclusion**

- 10.1 This report relates to the review and replacement of Council’s Trade Waste Bylaw, Traffic and Road Use Bylaw, and Solid Waste Bylaw. These bylaws were due to be reviewed in November 2023. Council must replace these bylaws with new bylaws by November 2025 in order to continue regulating activities pertaining to each bylaw’s respective issues.
- 10.2 The draft bylaws are largely a continuation of the current bylaws, with some amendments and improvements.
- 10.3 The recommendations at clause 1.2 of this report relates to determinations required by s155(1) of LGA 2002 at the commencement of a bylaw review. Council must first determine whether a bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the perceived problems identified for the regulation of trade wastes and tanker discharges, the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material), and road use in the Tararua district.
- 10.4 In recommendations at clauses 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5, Council approval is sought to publicly notify the draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024, the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024, and the draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024, including the statements of proposal that are required by section 83(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act 2002 and form the basis for the consultation on the draft bylaws.
- 10.5 The recommendation at clause 1.6 of this report gives the Chief Executive the authority to approve any minor amendments to the draft bylaws or statements of proposal prior to consultation commencing.

## **Attachments**

- 1 [↓](#). Statement of Proposal Draft Trade Waste Bylaw
- 2 [↓](#). Statement of Proposal Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw
- 3 [↓](#). Statement of Proposal Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw



## Draft Trade Waste Bylaw: Statement of Proposal

### Introduction

Tararua District Council seeks your views on its draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024.

The current Trade Waste Bylaw was adopted on 31 October 2018 and was due for review by 31 October 2023. Due to resource constraints the review has been delayed. The 2018 Bylaw still has legal effect (under s 160A of the Local Government Act 2002 until it is automatically revoked on 31 October 2025 (unless replaced sooner). By replacing the expired Bylaw with a new, updated Bylaw, Council can continue to regulate trade waste and tanker discharges into Council's wastewater network.

This statement of proposal is prepared under sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002 and contains:

- a copy of the draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024 (the 'draft bylaw')
- information about the proposed amendments, including the key differences between the 2018 Trade Waste Bylaw and the draft bylaw; and Council's determinations under section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002;
- the reasons for the proposed amendments;
- how you can have your say; and
- timetable for consultation.

In summary, Council is proposing to retain most of the content of the Trade Waste Bylaw 2018, with an update in wording and editorial changes to make the bylaw easier to understand and consistent with other bylaws and legislation that has been introduced since the 2018 bylaw was adopted (including for example the Water Services Act 2021). The draft Bylaw provides an opportunity to make the requirements for trade waste clearer and more transparent.

### Proposal

This statement of proposal relates to the review of the Trade Waste Bylaw and is prepared in line with sections 83, 83AA and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Council proposes that:

- (a) a new bylaw (the Trade Waste Bylaw 2024) should be made;
- (b) the Trade Waste Bylaw 2018 be revoked once the Trade Waste Bylaw 2024 comes into force.

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The key changes are summarised in this Statement of Proposal and are set out in the draft bylaw (attached).

### Proposed Changes

The substantive regulatory requirements in the current Trade Waste Bylaw have largely been replicated but have been reflected with different wording to better align the terminology used in the Bylaw with that used in other Council documents, but also in legislation (such as the Water Services Act 2021). The main proposed changes are summarised below (only substantive changes are listed):

#### Editorial

- Changes to wording and definitions to align with other documents and legislation and ensure clarity, including:
  - Change from 'sewage system' to 'wastewater network'
  - 'sewage' to 'wastewater'
  - Domestic sewage to domestic wastewater
- The bylaw has been reformatted / reordered to improve readability and flow of the document. Similar clauses have been grouped together to make the bylaw easier to read and understand and to remove duplication
- Redundant terms (such as abbreviations) have been removed
- The example application forms have been removed from the appendices and will now be found on Council's website

#### Material

- Amendments to the purposes of the Bylaw to better align the bylaw with the special bylaw making powers for territorial authorities under s 146(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, by changing:
  - "ensure the protection of Council personnel and the general public" (current) to "Ensure the health and safety of all people from potential adverse effects of harmful substances discharged to the Wastewater System (draft)
  - "protect the ability of Council to meet the requirements of the Resource Management Act..." (current) to "protect the environment by ensuring compliance with the Resource Management Act..." (draft)
  - "provide for an equitable spread of costs between domestic and trade waste discharges" (current) to "provide for an equitable basis for charging trade waste users of the wastewater network" (draft)
- Clarifying in the definition of 'trade premises' that a trade premises does not include any part of Council's wastewater network or treatment facilities.
- Adding clause 7.2: *Any person that discharges or proposes to discharge Trade Waste must contact Council to determine if a Trade Waste discharge is permitted, conditional or prohibited. Trade Waste must not be discharged into the wastewater network before Council has determined whether a consent is required.*
- Adding, at clause 16.1, considerations for Council when determining an application for consent as including:

- The compliance history of the applicant or any other person who is likely to be materially responsible for or involved with the discharge, with particular regard to compliance with any other trade waste consent;
- Any relevant Council planning documents, guidelines or policies;
- Any alternatives to the trade waste discharge, including the ways in which trade waste may be disposed of other than via the wastewater network; and
- Any other matter that the Council considers relevant when having regard to the purpose and terms of this Bylaw.
- Adding clause 19.4: *A consent holder who receives a written notice under clause **Error! Reference source not found.** will be given a reasonable time period, specified in the notice, in which to comply with any varied consent conditions.*
- Adding clause 25.1(d): *in any case, where Council requires a meter as a condition of a consent for the measurement of the rate or quantity of discharge of Trade Waste.*

## Background

Under sections 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council may make bylaws to:

- protect the public from nuisance;
- protect, promote, and maintain public health and safety;
- minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places; and
- manage, regulate against or protect against damage or misuse of land under the control of the territorial authority.

Council is also specifically mandated the ability to make a bylaw for the purpose of regulating trade wastes under s 146(1)(a)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Council is satisfied that there is legal authority for all provisions in the proposed bylaw. Council is also satisfied that the proposed bylaw is not repugnant to any existing laws, and that it is overall reasonable and drafted to provide sufficient certainty.

## Legal Framework: s 155 determinations

Council must determine, pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, whether:

- A bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem;
- The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and
- The draft bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Council must also comply with the general decision-making requirements in sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 in that it must identify and consider all reasonably practicable options and the community's views.

Is a bylaw the appropriate means to deal with a problem?

The problem needs to be defined before determining whether a bylaw is the most appropriate method of addressing the perceived problem.

Benchmarking against other councils showed that issues related to trade waste were addressed through bylaws. A bylaw is also considered by staff to be the most appropriate mechanism to effectively deal with those issues.

The proposed bylaw aligns with the Local Government Act 2002 purposes above. Council is satisfied that the amended, proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. Other options such as taking an educational approach to issues, or not regulating trade waste were considered but determined to be inappropriate due to the need to ensure compliance for the safe and efficient working of Council's wastewater network.

**Is the bylaw in the appropriate form?**

The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. It places clear controls and restrictions on the regulation of trade waste. It allows for exceptions and special circumstances and is consistent with Council document standards and has been written in plain English so far as possible.

The final form of the bylaw will be determined after the Council has heard and considered submissions as part of a consultation process using the special consultative procedure.

**Is the bylaw consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?**

The purpose of the bylaw is to enable Council to manage trade waste and wastewater in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. The regulatory controls provided under this draft bylaw are important to ensure the health and safety of people, Council's wastewater network, and the environment. It is therefore considered that the draft bylaw imposes no obvious infringements or implications with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Following the prescribed special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council will consider the final draft of the proposed bylaw and its New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 implications, if any.

**Consultation**

In making, amending or revoking a bylaw, Council must use the Special Consultative Procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council has prepared and adopted the draft bylaw for public consultation. Any person can make a submission on the draft bylaw, and we invite you to have your say.

The following dates are relevant to the consultation process:

- (a) Council resolved to undertake public consultation regarding the Proposal at its meeting on 25 September 2024
- (b) Submissions open on 14 October 2024
- (c) Submissions close on 16 December 2024

Submissions will be heard before Council or a Committee at a time following the close of submissions, with Council considering the outcome of the consultation process and its

decision at a Council meeting some time following the hearing date, and likely to be in February 2025.

**The key point to note is that consultation opens on 14 October 2024 and closes on 16 December 2024.**

We encourage you to participate in this important consultation process.

There are several ways you can have your say. A submission form is provided with this document, or you can fill in your submission online.

**How to get your submission to us:**

**Mail to:** Draft Trade Waste Bylaw  
Tararua District Council  
PO Box 115  
Dannevirke 4942

**Email to:** [submissions@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@tararua.govt.nz)

**Deliver to:** Council offices in Eketāhuna, Pahiatua, Woodville or Dannevirke

**Online:** <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation>

This Statement of Proposal is issued pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in compliance with sections 76AA, 82, 83 and 148 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Bryan Nicholson**  
Chief Executive

**Attachments:**

1. Draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024
2. Report to Council on adopting the draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2024
3. Submission form



## Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw: Statement of Proposal

### Introduction

Tararua District Council seeks your views on its draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024.

The current Solid Waste Bylaw was adopted in 2018 and is now due for review.

This statement of proposal is prepared under sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002 and contains:

- a copy of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024 (the 'draft bylaw')
- information about the proposed amendments, including Council's determinations under section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002;
- the reasons for the proposed amendments;
- how you can have your say; and
- timetable for consultation.

In summary, Council is proposing an update in wording (including for example to the title of the Bylaw and to update terms such as 'resource recovery centre; to 'waste management facility' and other changes to make the bylaw easier to understand. The bylaw also provides a framework to suspend or revoke licences given by Council to Waste Operators operating within the District and adds enforcement options for Council/waste operators to utilise in the case of non-compliance.

### Proposal

This statement of proposal relates to the review of the Solid Waste Bylaw and is prepared in line with sections 83, 83AA and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Council proposes that:

- (a) a new bylaw (the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024) should be made;
- (b) the Solid Waste Bylaw 2018 be revoked once the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024 comes into force.

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The key changes are summarised in this Statement of Proposal and are set out in the draft bylaw (attached).

## Proposed Changes

The main proposed changes are summarised below (only substantive changes are listed):

- The name is changed to 'Waste Management and Minimisation' Bylaw (from 'Solid Waste') to align with the terms used in the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.
- One of the purposes of the Bylaw is changed from being 'Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material) from public places or by persons licensed by the Council' to 'Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material)'
- The term 'Collection Point' is amended to a more general meaning (originally only applying to rural roadside locations, and now meaning 'a Council advertised location for the collection of waste or recyclable materials').
- A definition of 'nuisance' and 'premises' is added.
- The term 'prohibited waste' is extended to include all batteries, asbestos, gas containers, fluorescent lights and aerosol cans.
- The term 'Resource Recovery Centre' is changed to 'Waste Management Facility'.
- In terms of using Approved Containers, the bylaw clarifies that containers may not be damaged; that Council may charge to replace Approved Containers that are lost/stolen/damaged; and that Council may require Approved Containers to be placed in alternative locations to be picked up.
- In terms of public litter receptables, adding that no person may:
  - Cause, permit or allow the deposit of any material into a Litter Receptacle that is not approved for that type of waste (as evidenced by signage on or near the Litter Receptacle).
  - Damage any Litter Receptacle provided by Council.
- Adding clause 20 – that Council may suspend or revoke licences held by waste operators in certain circumstances.
- Adding clause 21.2 – being the actions Council may take where a person does not comply with the requirements of the Bylaw in relation to the waste and diverted materials collection service that applies to them.

## Reason for Proposal

### Background

Council is empowered by the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 ("the Act") to create bylaws for the following purposes:

- Prohibiting or regulating the disposal of waste;
- Regulating the collection and transportation of waste;
- Regulating the manner of disposal of dead animals, including their short-term storage pending disposal;
- Prescribing charges for use of council-owned waste management facilities;
- Managing access to council-owned waste management facilities;

- Prohibiting the removal of recycling from council bins by anyone other than the occupier of a property or a person authorised by council.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Council may make bylaws for all or any of the following purposes:

- protecting the public from nuisance
- protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety
- minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places

Council is also currently reviewing its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, with a draft out for consultation until 18 August 2024.

The draft bylaw is intended to give Council the ability to meet the goals set out in that Plan, and in the two Acts set out above.

### Legal Framework: s 155 determinations

Council must determine, pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, whether:

- A bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem;
- The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and
- The draft bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Council must also comply with the general decision-making requirements in sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 in that it must identify and consider all reasonably practicable options and the community's views.

#### Is a bylaw the appropriate means to deal with a problem?

The problem needs to be defined before determining whether a bylaw is the most appropriate method of addressing the perceived problem. The purpose of this bylaw is to:

- a) Promote and deliver effective and efficient Waste Management and minimisation in the District;
- b) Assist in implementing the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan;
- c) Promote the purpose of the Act and the goals of the New Zealand Waste Strategy;
- d) Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material); and
- e) Protect the health and safety of waste collectors, waste operators and the public.

The matters in this bylaw are of importance to the community in terms of public health and safety, distress and nuisance to the community and for environmental protection. The proposed bylaw is considered to be consistent with the approach taken by other Councils of a similar size and nature. The draft bylaw provides a process for waste collectors to be

licenced to ensure that everyone who operates within the waste industry in the district operates to the same set of regulations (and provides a process to be followed in the event of noncompliance). It also provides further enforcement options for Council and waste collectors to utilise in the event of noncompliance.

**Is the bylaw in the appropriate form?**

The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. It places clear controls and restrictions on the regulation of collection, storage, management and disposal of waste to reduce the potential for nuisance or harm to others; allows for exceptions and special circumstances and is consistent with Council document standards and has been written in plain English so far as possible.

The final form of the bylaw will be determined after the Council has heard and considered submissions as part of a consultation process using the special consultative procedure.

**Is the bylaw consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?**

The draft bylaw is designed to regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste only as far as necessary to ensure that waste management is undertaken in a lawful way, in accordance with legislation, the goals of the New Zealand Waste Strategy and Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. This does not unreasonably interfere with any of the rights in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Following the prescribed special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council will consider the final draft of the proposed bylaw and its New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 implications, if any.

## **Consultation**

In making, amending or revoking a bylaw, Council must use the Special Consultative Procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council has prepared and adopted the draft bylaw for public consultation. Any person can make a submission on the draft bylaw, and we invite you to have your say.

The following dates are relevant to the consultation process:

- (a) Council resolved to undertake public consultation regarding the Proposal at its meeting on 25 September 2024
- (b) Submissions open on 14 October 2024
- (c) Submissions close on 16 December 2024

Submissions will be heard before Council or a Committee at a time following the close of submissions, with Council considering the outcome of the consultation process and its decision at a Council meeting some time following the hearing date, and likely to be in February 2025.

**The key point to note is that consultation opens on 14 October 2024 and closes on 16 December 2024.**



We encourage you to participate in this important consultation process.

There are several ways you can have your say. A submission form is provided with this document, or you can fill in your submission online.

### How to get your submission to us:

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This Statement of Proposal is issued pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in compliance with sections 76AA, 82, 83 and 148 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Bryan Nicholson**  
Chief Executive

### Attachments:

1. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024
2. Report to Council on adopting the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2024
3. Submission form



## Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw: Statement of Proposal

### Introduction

Tararua District Council seeks your views on its draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024.

The current Traffic and Road Use Waste Bylaw was adopted in 2018 and is now due for review.

This statement of proposal is prepared under sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002 and contains:

- a copy of the draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024 (the 'draft bylaw')
- information about the proposed amendments, including Council's determinations under section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002;
- the reasons for the proposed amendments;
- how you can have your say; and
- timetable for consultation.

In summary, Council is proposing to retain most of the content of the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2016, with an update in wording and editorial changes to make the bylaw easier to understand and consistent with other bylaws. It removes all reference to metered parking and metered zones, recognising that paid parking is highly unlikely to be introduced to the district (and if it ever was, Council would want to work through a full consultation process first).

### Proposal

This statement of proposal relates to the review of the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw and is prepared in line with sections 83, 83AA and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Council proposes that:

- (a) a new bylaw (the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024) should be made;
- (b) the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2018 be revoked once the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024 comes into force.

The key changes are summarised in this Statement of Proposal and are set out in the draft bylaw (attached).

## Proposed Changes

The main proposed changes are summarised below (only substantive changes are listed):

- Adding definitions from the current Administration Bylaw (e.g. ‘animal’, ‘approval’, ‘footpath’).
- Updating wording (from ‘Operation Mobility Parking’ to ‘Mobility Parking’).
- For general Council discretions (clause 5), it is clarified that Council may exercise the discretions by resolution, which may be permanent or temporary. Engine braking in areas of 70kmph or less is added; as is the use of vehicles on unformed legal roads; and restrictions on heavy traffic.
- New restrictions on parking are added (clause 6.3): vehicles must not be parked on footpaths, grass verges where it will damage the grass verge; gardens; or other parts of roads not designed to accommodate vehicles.
- At clause 8, a new prohibition on parking heavy motor vehicles in residential areas (except for loading and unloading) without a resolution from Council to the contrary.
- Removing all reference to metered areas and parking meters (i.e. paid parking areas), and focusing at clause 9 only on the potential for Council to introduce, by resolution, time-restricted parking zones.
- Requirements relating to stock on roads have been moved to Schedule 1, understanding that a new Stock Control Bylaw may be proposed to be introduced.
- Modifying vehicle crossings (clause 19.1) is clarified as including as a result of a change of use of the property.
- Setting out the action Council may take if there is non-compliance (at clause 20).
- Clarifying that offences occur where there is a breach of a provision of the bylaw; an obstruction of an Authorised Officer from carrying out their duties under the bylaw; or a failure to comply with a notice (clause 21.1).

## Reason for Proposal

### Background

Under sections 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council may make bylaws to:

- protect the public from nuisance;
- protect, promote, and maintain public health and safety;
- minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places; and
- manage, regulate against or protect against damage or misuse of land under the control of the territorial authority

Section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998 also authorises Council to make bylaws in respect of the management of roads. The Land Transport Act 1998 also provides some enforcement powers to Council (regarding stationary vehicles).

Council is satisfied that there is legal authority for all provisions in the proposed bylaw. Council is also satisfied that the proposed bylaw is not repugnant to any existing laws, and that it is overall reasonable and drafted to provide sufficient certainty.

#### **Legal Framework: s 155 determinations**

Council must determine, pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, whether:

- A bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem;
- The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and
- The draft bylaw gives rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Council must also comply with the general decision-making requirements in sections 76 to 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 in that it must identify and consider all reasonably practicable options and the community's views.

#### **Is a bylaw the appropriate means to deal with a problem?**

The problem needs to be defined before determining whether a bylaw is the most appropriate method of addressing the perceived problem. The purpose of this bylaw is to set out the requirements for parking and control of vehicles and other traffic on any road in the District other than state highways which are controlled by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Council is of the view proposed changes to the bylaw are the most appropriate means of addressing the issues of vehicle crossings and the presence of heavy traffic and for setting and enforcing parking areas and spaces. Council is satisfied that the amended, proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. Other options such as taking an educational approach to issues, or not regulating traffic and parking were considered but determined to be inappropriate due to the need to ensure compliance for the safe and efficient working of the transport system.

#### **Is the bylaw in the appropriate form?**

The draft bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. It places clear controls and restrictions on the regulation of parking spaces and the use of the road by vehicles (and currently stock). It allows for exceptions and special circumstances and is consistent with Council document standards and has been written in plain English so far as possible.

The final form of the bylaw will be determined after the Council has heard and considered submissions as part of a consultation process using the special consultative procedure.

#### **Is the bylaw consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?**

The draft bylaw has been assessed as not giving rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Following the prescribed special consultative procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council will consider the final draft of the proposed bylaw and its New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 implications, if any.

### **Consultation**

In making, amending or revoking a bylaw, Council must use the Special Consultative Procedure set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council has prepared and adopted the draft bylaw for public consultation. Any person can make a submission on the draft bylaw and we invite you to have your say.

The following dates are relevant to the consultation process:

- (a) Council resolved to undertake public consultation regarding the Proposal at its meeting on 25 September 2024
- (b) Submissions open on 14 October 2024
- (c) Submissions close on 16 December 2024

Submissions will be heard before Council or a Committee at a time following the close of submissions, with Council considering the outcome of the consultation process and its decision at a Council meeting some time following the hearing date, and likely to be in February 2025.

**The key point to note is that consultation opens on 14 October 2024 and closes on 16 December 2024.**

We encourage you to participate in this important consultation process.

There are several ways you can have your say. A submission form is provided with this document, or you can fill in your submission online.

### How to get your submission to us:

**Mail to:** Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw  
Taranua District Council  
PO Box 115  
Dannevirke 4942

**Email to:** [submissions@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@tararua.govt.nz)

**Deliver to:** Council offices in Eketāhuna, Pahiatua, Woodville or Dannevirke

**Online:** <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/consultation/current-consultation>

This Statement of Proposal is issued pursuant to section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in compliance with sections 76AA, 82, 83 and 148 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Bryan Nicholson**  
Chief Executive

### Attachments:

1. Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024
2. Report to Council on adopting the draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw 2024
3. Submission form

 TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL





## Report

Date : 20 September 2024  
To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council  
From : Kawtar Tani  
Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing  
Subject : **Rationalisation of Land and Buildings Project**  
Item No : **9.8**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 13 September 2024 concerning the Rationalisation of Land and Buildings Project be received.*
- 1.2 *That Council is satisfied with the proposed approach, scope, and deliverables of the rationalisation project.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To communicate the scope, approach, and deliverable of the rationalisation project.
- 2.2 The purpose of this project is to better understand the land and buildings the council owns and manages and identify sites that can be re-purposed, rationalised or, in the case of buildings, an understanding on use, administration, condition and improvements required.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Rationalisation of Community Buildings and Council Land is a significant project in the LTP.

3.2 LTP deliberations also directed the Chief Executive to further reduce operational expenditure through rationalisation to decrease the overall rating requirement from Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan, with further savings in Year 2.

3.3 Xyst Ltd will work with TDC to complete the rationalisation project.

#### **4. Description**

4.1 For the **land** component of the project, Xyst will assist in investigating council-owned and managed land to:

- understand which land is council-owned or derived from the crown,
- understand which land has the potential to be considered for re-purposing or rationalisation,
- identify any alternatives to rationalisation of land, particularly where there is an ability to generate income from the land,
- understand legal requirements, obligations, processes or restrictions on disposing of the land/buildings.

4.2 The land rationalisation assessment considers the high-level service need and impact of disposing of the land, including the impact on existing use, environmental and community and environmental values, potential future uses and the value and benefit to the community of retaining the land.

4.3 For the **Community Buildings** component of the project, Xyst will:

- develop an accurate list of community buildings. This should include some research into buildings that the council has responsibility for but that are currently not on the asset registers/ databases,
- outline the legal status, usage and condition of buildings,
- collect other relevant information that will enable the council to assess the ongoing management and ownership of the buildings.

4.4 Xyst will take us through an overview of the planning for the project.

#### **Attachments**

Nil.





## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Mike Dunn  
Manager - Programmes & Projects

Subject : **Capital Expenditure Budget Carryforwards 2023/24**

Item No : **9.9**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 19 September 2024 concerning the Capital Expenditure Budget Carryforwards 2023/24 be received.*
- 1.2 *That the Council approves the carry forwards as outlined in section 4.1 of the report of the Manager – Programmes & Projects dated 19 September 2024 for addition into the 2024-25 year's capital budget.*

## Executive Summary

As is evidenced in the report, a concerted effort has been made to reforecast our programmes and projects with the LTP. Over this year, we have seen some significant direction changes within the 3 waters and ongoing recovery works that adds operational complexities. Last financial year we closed out with a high carry forward of \$14.645 million. Since then, we have imbedded our Project Management Framework across Council and with the support of our Executive Leaders and the work of our officers we are well on track to ensuring future successful deliveries through a consistent and disciplined approach.

### 2. Reason for the Report

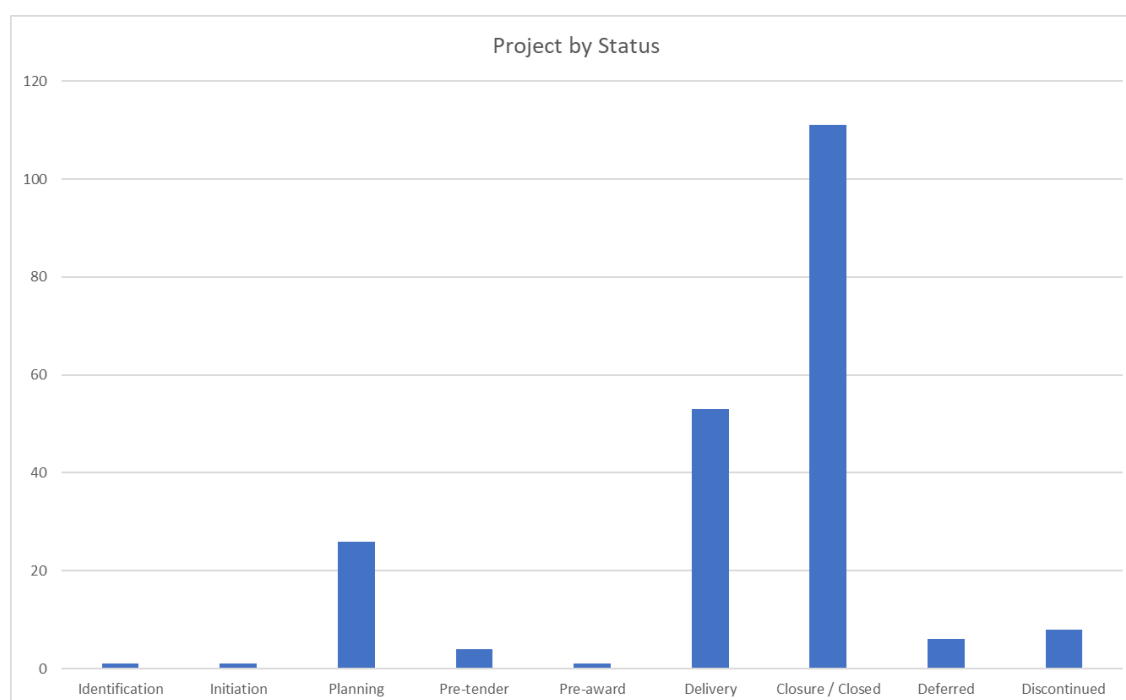
- 2.1 To identify and seek approval for carry forwards of unspent budgets to the 2024/25 financial year.

### 3. Background

3.1 In 2023/24 Council spent \$36.405 million on capital expenditure of a total budget of \$48.609 million. This equates to 74.89% of the approved budget.

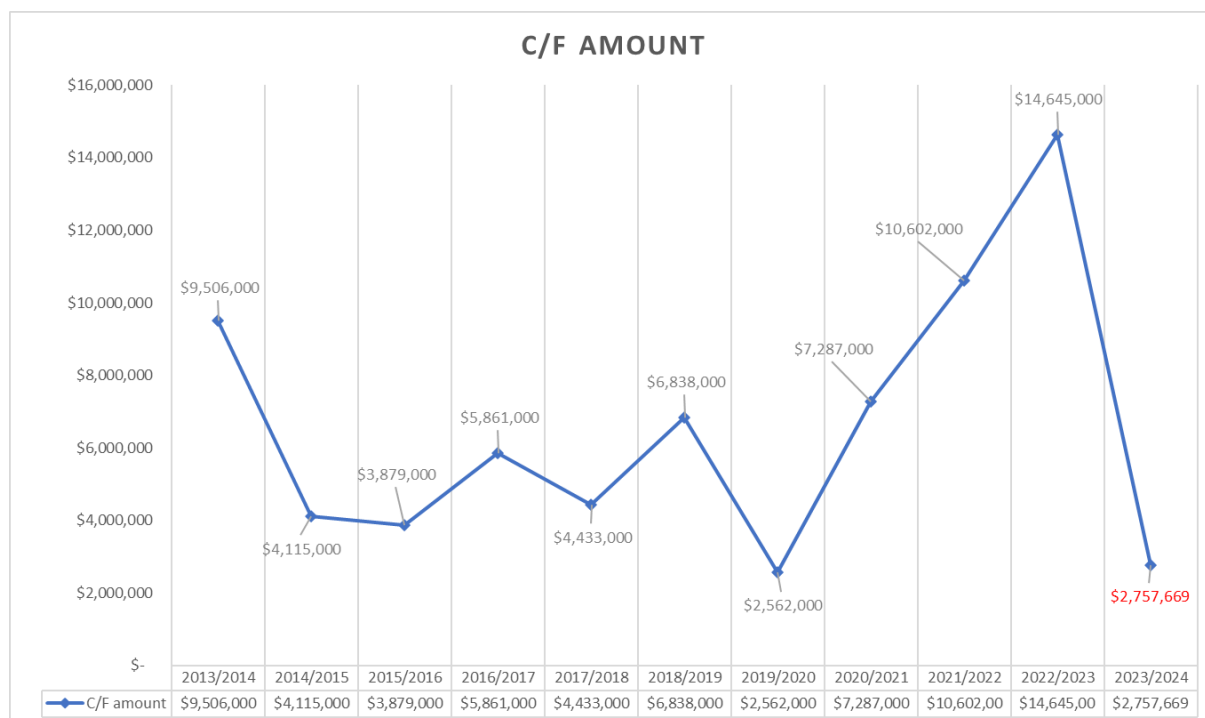
3.2 During the year we have had a number of competing priorities that have added operational complexities and resourcing issues. Following Cyclone Gabrielle, a significant portion of our capital programme was ongoing recovery that demanded resourcing from staff to initiate the work required. The Dannevirke Impounded Supply has proven to be challenging and has required adjustments to the proposed deliveries and direction setting. Further, the changes within the three waters sector and the redirection and scope reductions on the Better Off Funding have created some delays with our planned programmes of works and in some cases have sent them back to the drawing boards.

3.3 As represented in the chart below, from a total of 211 projects for the 2023/24 financial year, 111 projects were completed / in closure and 53 are in delivery. 45 projects are still in planning i.e. assessment of options, designs, development of delivery plans and procurement.



3.4 An area of focus for Council has been on improving our capital programme delivery and better forecasting the budgets across the delivery of projects.

3.5 The total amount proposed to carry forward into the 2024/25 financial year from the end of 2023/24 financial year budgets is \$2,757,669.



## 4. Projects Proposed for Carry Forward

4.1 The following table highlights (in green) the proposed carry forwards sought for approval:

	Sum of Current Budget	Sum of YTD Actuals	Carry Forward Requested
<b>Communities and Recreational Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,952,015</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,599</b>	<b>\$ 537,759</b>
Barraud St Toilet	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,482	\$ 5,500
BOF - Actioning PARS	\$ 552,305	\$ -	
BOF - Upgrade Of Council Owned Reserves	\$ 257,898	\$ -	
Camping Grounds	\$ 57,236	\$ 43,402	\$ 4,200
Camping Grounds Renewal	\$ 14,000	\$ 35,330	\$ 5,800
Cemeteries	\$ 62,517	\$ 38,419	\$ 40,801
Cemeteries Renewal	\$ -	\$ 40,076	
Community Buildings	\$ 242,817	\$ 104,341	
Community Buildings Renewal	\$ 226,868	\$ 181,345	\$ 40,000
Dannevirke Sports Centre	\$ 92,542	\$ 13,884	\$ 22,000
Dannevirke Town Hall	\$ 22,360	\$ 1,696	\$ 20,000
Eketahuna Camping Ground	\$ 16,770	\$ -	
Eketahuna Grandstand	\$ 72,659	\$ 117	\$ 40,000
LED Lighting Upgrade	\$ 131,924	\$ 17,525	\$ 20,200
Libraries	\$ 263,482	\$ 123,560	\$ 15,000
Lindauer Walkway	\$ 543,000	\$ -	
Pahiatua Pool (New)	\$ 320,000	\$ 9,692	\$ 310,308
Pahiatua Stadium	\$ 213,020	\$ 196,128	
Parks & Reserves	\$ 93,850	\$ 8,433	
Parks & Reserves Renewal	\$ 81,378	\$ 465	
Pensioner Housing	\$ 389,255	\$ 439,880	
Public Conveniences	\$ -	\$ 1,005	
Public Conveniences Renewal	\$ 16,770	\$ 13,372	
Swimming Pools	\$ 54,000	\$ 47,494	
Swimming Pools Renewal	\$ 7,826	\$ -	
Waihi Falls Toilet	\$ 169,538	\$ 76,953	\$ 13,950
<b>District Promotion and Economic Development</b>	<b>\$ 193,536</b>	<b>\$ 202,727</b>	<b>\$ 42,060</b>
Digi Trailer	\$ -	\$ 156,536	
District Development	\$ 158,240	\$ 13,498	\$ 42,060
District Entry Signs	\$ 27,575	\$ -	
District Promotion	\$ 7,721	\$ 32,693	
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>\$ 41,914</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Regulatory	\$ 41,914	\$ -	
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>	<b>\$ 195,428</b>	<b>\$ 100,571</b>	
Solid Waste	\$ 156,360	\$ 100,571	
Solid Waste Renewals	\$ 39,068	\$ -	
<b>Stormwater</b>	<b>\$ 1,213,795</b>	<b>\$ 305,008</b>	
IAF Pahiatua Hillcrest School	\$ 649,495	\$ 305,008	
Stormwater	\$ 484,220	\$ -	
Stormwater Network Renewal	\$ 80,080	\$ -	
<b>Support</b>	<b>\$ 1,486,901</b>	<b>\$ 931,343</b>	<b>\$ 172,000</b>
BOF - Digitisation of Council Records and Into of E-services	\$ -	\$ 50,661	
District Support	\$ 194,186	\$ 161,771	
District Support Renewal	\$ 57,605	\$ 39,875	
Emergency Management	\$ -	\$ 51,704	
Emergency Management Renewal	\$ 35,848	\$ 15,192	
Emergency Management Starlink Systems	\$ -	\$ 8,057	
Information Services	\$ 232,512	\$ 95,253	
Information Services Renewal	\$ 587,594	\$ 276,182	\$ 172,000
Support	\$ -	\$ 41,041	
Vehicles	\$ 379,156	\$ 191,607	

	Sum of Current Budget	Sum of YTD Actuals	Forward Requested
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$ 17,341,513</b>	<b>\$ 23,574,009</b>	
Footpaths	\$ 536,000	\$ 354,037	
Roading	\$ 6,905,906	\$ 16,446,074	
Roading Renewal	\$ 1,594,607	\$ 1,502,931	
Route 52	\$ 6,305,000	\$ 5,165,083	
Transport Choices Woodville Footpaths	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 105,884	
<b>Wastewater</b>	<b>\$ 13,400,732</b>	<b>\$ 4,901,788</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,119</b>
Dannevirke Inverted Syphon	\$ 1,239,000	\$ 50,527	
Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 97,000	-\$ 6,886	
Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 1,157,708	\$ 1,224,153	
Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant Renewal	\$ 312,000	\$ -	
Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 2,315,416	\$ 44,601	\$ 250,000
Eketahuna Wetland	\$ 645,000	\$ 307,880	\$ 337,119
IAF Pahiatua Hillcrest School	\$ 727,796	\$ 1,107,786	
Infiltration and Inflow	\$ 794,416	\$ 82,450	\$ 335,000
Pahiatua Wastewater	\$ 155,000	\$ 2,278	
Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 2,315,416	\$ 1,254	\$ 75,000
Pahiatua Wetland	\$ 179,445	\$ 25,806	
Wastewater	\$ 719,912	\$ 19,232	\$ 15,000
Wastewater Network	\$ 689,720	\$ 472,954	
Wastewater Renewal	\$ 1,404,903	\$ 1,299,915	
Wastewater Resource Consents	\$ 330,000	\$ 7,472	
Wastewater Safety Fencing	\$ 94,000	\$ 119,621	
Woodville Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 164,000	\$ -	
Woodville Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks	\$ -	\$ 141,759	
Woodville Wetland	\$ 60,000	\$ 986	
<b>Water Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 10,782,028</b>	<b>\$ 4,954,651</b>	<b>\$ 993,731</b>
Dannevirke Fluoridation Plant	\$ -	\$ 556,308	
Dannevirke Impounded Supply	\$ 7,612,139	\$ 1,652,186	
Dannevirke Impounded Supply Renewal	-\$ 163,000	\$ 225,226	
Dannevirke Water	\$ 534,276	\$ 55,651	\$ 478,624
Dannevirke Water Renewal	\$ 134,180	-\$ 1,899	\$ 114,770
Dannevirke Water Treatment Plant	\$ -	-\$ 3,312	
Eketahuna Water	\$ -	\$ 1,818	
IAF Pahiatua Hillcrest School	\$ 46,027	\$ 71,331	
Norsewood Water	\$ 99,000	-\$ 33,518	
Norsewood Water Treatment Plant	\$ -	\$ 299,368	\$ 117,297
Pahiatua Old Reservoir	\$ 173,354	\$ 69,034	
Pahiatua Water	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,689	
Pahiatua Water Renewal	\$ -	\$ 8,001	
Pongaroa Water	\$ -	\$ 32,314	
Telemetry / SCADA	\$ 286,112	\$ 87,223	\$ 180,660
Universal Water Metering	\$ -	\$ 16,599	
Water	\$ 91,490	\$ 80,130	
Water Network	\$ 529,139	\$ 503,990	\$ 25,000
Water Network Renewal	\$ 48,950	\$ 8,153	\$ 40,000
Water Renewal	\$ 1,228,361	\$ 1,260,485	
Water Resource Consent	\$ 92,000	\$ 38,734	\$ 37,380
Woodville Water	\$ 45,000	\$ 1,818	
Woodville Water Storage	\$ -	\$ 17,321	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,607,862</b>	<b>\$ 36,368,696</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,669</b>

- 4.2 All of the projects requesting carry forwards are either committed and have contracts in place, are soon to move into delivery or have been forecasted in line with the LTP. In order to provide additional context to the requests a short summary of the key areas follows. We have minor carry forward requests across Facilities in order to close out the programmed renewal works as well as the first contribution of funds to the Pahiatua Pool. Information Service renewals have several switches (hardware renewals) on order. Projects across three waters have been considered against the LTP and forecasted accordingly and are being reported on throughout the monthly Project Sheets.
- 4.3 The impact of these carry forwards is an increase in total capital budget from \$53.4 million to \$56.15 million. It is worthwhile noting here that \$20.42 million is for Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery works.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 \$2.758 million is a significantly lower carry forward budget than previous years and while the total capital budget is high, we know what the portfolio of works require, and that the Cyclone Recovery works contribute significantly to the total. Therefore, we are better positioned to deliver on the plans we have worked hard to put in place.

## **Attachments**

Nil.



## Report

Date : 19 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Beth Fowler  
Senior Financial Accountant

Subject : **12 Month Performance Report - Period Ending 30 June 2024**

Item No : **9.10**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Senior Financial Accountant dated 11 September 2024 concerning the 12 Month Performance Report - Period Ending 30 June 2024 be received.*

## Executive Summary

1. Reason for the Report
2. Background
3. Dashboard
4. Dashboard High-level Analysis – Operating Performance

## Detailed Report

5. Explanation of Significant Operating Variances
6. Summary of Service Performance Variances
7. Capital Expenditure Report
8. Treasury Report
9. Debtors Report
10. Self-funded Activities Report
  - 1.1.1. Forestry
  - 1.1.2. Pensioner Housing

## 2 Reason for the Report

2.1 The reason for the report is:








- For the Council to receive and comment on the performance report for the 12 months ending 30 June 2024.
- To provide an indication of the year-end result.

## 3 Background

3.1 This report is for the nine months of the 2023/24 financial year, which covers the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

3.2 The structure and content of this report is consistent with other quarterly reports. The purpose is to inform Council of the financial and non-financial performance and indicate expected year-end results.

## 4 Dashboard

Legend (for dashboard on page 5)	
Improved from previous Quarter	
No change from previous Quarter	
Worsened from previous Quarter	
Forecast to be on target at Year End	
Minor Variance to budget expected at year end	
Significant unfavourable variance to budget expected at year end	
Significant favourable variance to budget expected at year end	

Note:

- Variances equal to or less than 5% of what was budgeted at year end are considered on target
- Variances greater than 5% but less than 10% of what was budgeted at year end are considered minor
- Variances equal to or greater than 10% of what was budgeted at year end are considered significant
- Where Variances are higher than \$100,000 they are also explained in the report



# Executive Summary (Dashboard)

## 2024 4th Quarter Performance Report

### Operating Performance

Summary Operating Performance (000s)	2022/2023		YTD Budget	Trend from previous quarter
	YTD Actual	YTD Actual		
Operating Revenue	\$ 69,169	\$ 95,009	\$ 56,465	38,544
Operating Costs	\$ 68,685	\$ 68,169	\$ 41,642	(26,526)
Operating Result	\$ 483	\$ 26,840	\$ 14,823	12,017

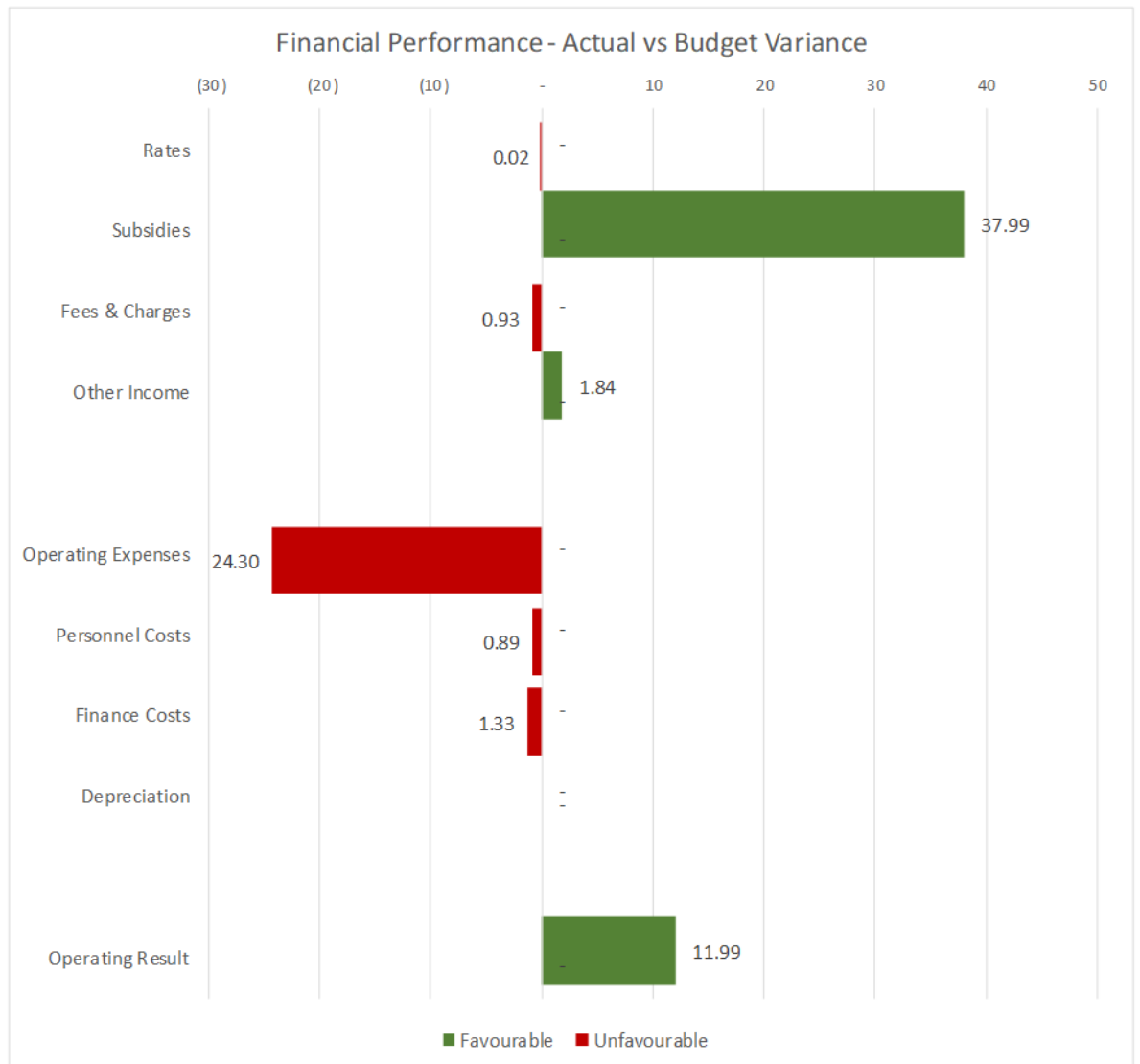


Figure 1

	Revenue (\$'000)					Expenditure (\$'000)					Overall Result (\$'000)		Net (\$'000)	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Prev result	Year end	Budget	Actual	Variance	Prev result	Year end	Net Variance	Report Item#	Budget	Actual
<b>Building Communities &amp; Leadership</b>														
Community Support	694	1,062	368	👉	🚩	551	736	(184)	👇	🚩	184	1	143	326
Representation	2,720	2,547	(173)	👇	🟢	1,349	1,221	128	👇	🟢	(44)	2	1,371	1,326
<b>Community &amp; Recreation Facilities</b>														
Cemeteries	547	514	(33)	👉	🔴	432	375	57	👉	🟢	24	3	115	139
Community Buildings	873	889	16	👆	🟢	531	600	(69)	👉	🟢	(53)	4	342	290
Housing	617	660	43	👆	🟢	476	584	(108)	👇	🔴	(64)	5	141	76
Libraries	1,602	1,579	(22)	👇	🟢	732	778	(46)	👇	🔴	(68)	6	869	801
Parks & Reserves	3,014	2,269	(745)	👇	🔴	1,552	1,691	(139)	👆	🟢	(884)	7	1,462	578
Public Conveniences	355	410	55	👆	🟢	249	301	(52)	👉	🔴	3	8	106	109
Service Centres	937	936	(1)	👉	🟢	499	499	(0)	👉	🟢	(1)	-	438	437
Swimming Pools	937	938	1	👉	🟢	626	634	(8)	👇	🔴	(7)	-	311	304
<b>District Promotions and Development</b>														
Commercial Investments	92	125	33	👆	🟢	108	496	(388)	👇	🔴	(355)	9	(15)	(370)
District Promotion & Development	1,371	1,413	43	👆	🟢	796	643	152	👇	🟢	195	10	575	770
<b>Regulatory Services</b>														
Animal Control	647	760	112	👆	🚩	514	578	(64)	👇	🔴	48	11	133	181
Emergency Management	310	2,104	1,795	👇	🚩	188	1,755	(1,567)	👇	🟢	228	12	122	349
Health & Safety	2,940	2,389	(551)	👇	🔴	2,208	1,806	402	👆	🟢	(149)	13	732	583
Resource Management	1,287	1,327	39	👇	🚩	1,575	1,293	281	👉	🟢	321	14	(287)	33
<b>Roading and Footpath</b>														
Footpaths	3,357	1,470	(1,887)	👇	🔴	324	468	(144)	👆	🟢	(2,081)	15	3,033	1,002
Roading	16,573	55,488	38,915	👆	🚩	8,055	32,105	(24,050)	👇	🔴	14,865		8,518	23,384
<b>Solid Waste Management</b>														
Stormwater Drainage	1,328	857	(471)	👇	🔴	221	455	(234)	👇	🔴	(706)	17	1,107	402
Wastewater	4,993	5,442	449	👆	🟢	2,244	2,447	(203)	👇	🟢	247	18	2,749	2,995
Water Supplies	4,560	4,938	377	👆	🟢	2,354	2,987	(633)	👇	🔴	(255)	19	2,206	1,951
Support Activities	1,270	902	(368)	👉	🔴	9,796	9,825	(29)	👇	🟢	(397)	20	(8,526)	(8,923)
Treasury	909	1,782	874	👆	🟢	2,484	2,579	(95)	👇	🔴	779	22	(1,575)	(796)
<b>Total Year to Date</b>														
	56,465	95,009	38,544			41,642	68,169	(26,526)			12,017		14,823	26,840

Figure 2

## 5 Dashboard – High-level Analysis – Operating Performance

- 5.1 For the year ended 30 June 2024, Council achieved a favourable operating result of \$26.840 million compared to a budget of \$14.823 million because of higher than expected operating revenue.
- 5.2 The operating performance dashboard (figure 1) shows most of the variance to budget is driven by external funding and associated expenses being over and above what had been budgeted. For the year ended 30 June 2024, Council received \$37.992 million more revenue than budget.

5.3 The detailed explanations (section 6) below highlight sources of funding across each of the activities. The three largest contributors to this variance are:

- Waka Kotahi (at a 100% subsidy rate) for Council's response to Cyclone Gabrielle damage to the roading network.
- The Department of Internal Affairs for Council's Route 52 upgrade (Huarahi Tūhono – Weber to Wimbledon), which is a multi-year project.
- Funding received to support Council's recovery response to Cyclone Gabrielle outside of the roading network.

5.4 Full year operating costs are unfavourable to budget, showing a \$26.526 million overspend against budget.

5.5 The financial performance actual vs budget variance graph shows where costs incurred are more than budgeted.

5.6 Operating expenses are the costs directly associated with the delivery of Council's operational services. Operating expenses at year end are \$24.301 million higher than budget.

- As covered in the detailed explanations below this is mostly due to contractor costs being \$24.663 million higher than budget. The main driver being the unbudgeted costs associated with the external funding received for Cyclone Gabrielle (\$23.579 million).
- Insurance premiums have increased significantly (as previously reported in the February 2024 management report) and are \$204,000 higher what was budgeted. Figure 3 below shows the increase in annual premiums.

	Material Damage	Infrastructure	Motor Vehicle	Other	Total
<b>2024</b>	629,845.24	237,704.97	42,338.73	153,876.15	1,063,765.09
<b>2023</b>	508,276.44	158,479.95	36,388.25	140,470.20	843,614.84
<b>2022</b>	419,327.27	136,258.60	29,690.69	136,258.60	721,535.16
<b>2021</b>	377,982.92	130,329.06	31,009.02	85,129.02	624,450.02
<b>2020</b>	324,342.32	111,018.62	31,969.71	82,376.19	549,706.83

Figure 3

5.7 Costs that were favourable against budgets at year end are:

- Costs related to externally funded projects – these were \$513,000 under budget.
- All other operating expenses for the year are overall \$176,000 under budget. These include (but are not limited to) power, and Council grants paid as key costs.

5.8 Staff costs cover the salaries and wages of Council employees. Staff costs for the year are \$887,000 higher than budget. The unfavourable variance is made up of two components:

- A large portion of the unfavourable variance is due to the employee leave accruals (\$667,000) that is required to be recorded.
- The remaining balance of the unfavourable variance (\$219,000) is due to the costs incurred for the unbudgeted roles in the building, solid waste, and recovery function activities. If these unbudgeted costs are removed then staff costs would result in a favourable variance of \$392,000.

## 6 Detailed Explanation of Significant Operating Variances

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
12	Footpaths & Roothing	<p>Overall, these two activities show a net favourable variance of \$12.834 million.</p> <p>Footpaths is showing a net unfavourable variance of \$2.031 million. This is mostly due to funding budgeted to be received for the new footpaths in Woodville through the Transport Choices programme which Waka Kotahi has subsequently removed.</p> <p>Roothing is showing a net favourable variance of \$14.865 million. This is mostly due to unbudgeted funding received for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route 52 upgrade \$5.165 million (fully offset by the associated capital expenditure costs incurred)</li> <li>• Saddle Road alternate route upgrade \$1.079 million (fully offset by the associated capital expenditure costs incurred)</li> <li>• Emergency reinstatement \$6.929 million (although the nature of these costs is typically operational the balance of this funding has been utilised as capital expenditure)</li> <li>• Cyclone Gabrielle response &amp; recovery \$25.239 million</li> </ul> <p>The positive variance in roading revenue is offset by the associated contract costs incurred for Cyclone Gabrielle works</p>	✓	N/A

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
		<p>\$23.579 million.</p> <p>If the unbudgeted costs incurred for Cyclone Gabrielle are excluded, roading expenditure is overspent by \$676,000. This overspend was to ensure that the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 3-year block funding was fully spent in year 3.</p>		
9	Emergency Management	<p>Overall, there is net favourable variance of \$228,000.</p> <p>This is largely reflective of the unbudgeted \$1.794 million Government funding received for Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery costs.</p> <p>The positive variance in revenue is offset by the associated unbudgeted expenses incurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovery costs \$1.376 million</li> <li>Salaries \$288,000 (this includes the recovery team)</li> </ul> <p>Ordinary emergency operating costs are within budget.</p>	✓	N/A
1	Community Support	<p>Overall, this activity shows a net favourable variance of \$184,000.</p> <p>Council received \$325,000 unbudgeted funding from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs of which \$253,000 has been spent in associated costs.</p>	✓	N/A
2	Cemeteries	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$24,000 for this activity.</p> <p>Interment contract costs for the year are \$50,000 under budget due to fewer than forecast interments. Grounds maintenance costs are also \$32,000 under budget due to lower than budgeted contract costs.</p> <p>The positive variance in operational expense is offset by lower than budgeted revenue from interments and plot sales of \$39,000 and \$7,000, respectively.</p> <p>Interments for the year ended 30 June is lower when compared with to last year (2024: 43 adult burials, 59 ashes   2023: 64 adult burials, 82 ashes). Fees for adult interments increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800. All other cemetery fees</p>	✓	✓

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
		remained the same.		
3	Community Buildings	<p>Overall, there is a net unfavourable variance of \$53,000.</p> <p>Maintenance costs for the year are \$73,000 higher than budget. This is mainly due to costs associated with the painting of the Dannevirke Town Hall (\$87,000) that had been planned to be completed in the 2023 financial year. However, due to works being delayed until May 2023 these costs have been incurred in this financial year.</p> <p>In addition, insurance costs are \$30,000 higher than budget which is reflective of increased premiums.</p> <p>The unfavourable variance is offset by savings across the activity, including cleaning costs which are \$20,000 less than budget.</p> <p>As expected, this activity is over budget at year end.</p>	✗	✓
4	Housing	<p>Housing is a self-funding activity and further explanation is provided in the self-funding activities section of this report.</p> <p>Overall, there is a net unfavourable variance of \$64,000.</p> <p>Housing revenue was \$660,000 against a budget of \$617,000. We continue to see the favourable variance in housing revenue with a 97% occupancy rate of Council owned flats. Council prepared the 2023/24 budget based on a 98% occupancy rate, with 50% of the year at the old rate and the remaining 50% at the new rate.</p> <p>Total operating expenses for the year are \$108,000 higher than budget. This is due to the timing of maintenance works carried out in the units (an unfavourable variance of \$32,000 compared to budget), and higher than budgeted insurance and rates costs for the year (\$35,000 and \$47,000, respectively).</p> <p>As expected, the housing activity is over budget at year end.</p>	✗	✓
5	Parks & Reserves	<p>Overall, there is a net unfavourable variance of \$893,000.</p> <p>This is mainly due to Better Off funding Council had budgeted to receive which has since been reallocated.</p> <p>Removing the budgeted Better Off funding results in a favourable variance of \$142,000 which is a combination of</p>	✗	N/A

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
		under and overspends across the activity		
7	District Promotion Development	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$195,000.</p> <p>All district promotion development activities performed above budget at year end:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District marketing – performed better than budget with a favourable variance of \$9,000</li> <li>Tararua isite – performed better than budget with a favourable variance of \$14,000</li> <li>Business development performed better than budget with a favourable variance of \$172,000 due to budgeted contract and consultancy costs relating to the Te Awa Community Foundation, major projects and business support network budgets being \$125,000 underspent at 30 June. In addition, Council received its scheduled funding payment (\$40,000) from the Ministry of Business, Industry and Employment (MBIE) for the Regional Digital Hub in Woodville.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the long-term plan process, spend associated with Te Awa Community Foundation has been paused and was not incurred in this financial year.</p>	✓	N/A
10	Regulatory services (Building and Compliance & monitoring)	<p>Overall, there is a net unfavourable variance of \$149,000.</p> <p>Revenue from fees and charges for the year are \$551,000 under budget primarily due to lower than forecast special inspections and building consent fees. Both revenue streams are demand driven. As at 30 June 2024 a total of 279 consents were issued (18 for new builds and 18 relocatable dwellings), compared to 366 for the previous year (33 for new builds).</p> <p>However, operating costs are \$402,000 lower than budgeted, mainly due to savings of \$500,000 in building consent authority (BCA) contract costs, which is reflective of the building officer vacancies being filled and less reliance on the external contractor to carry out these functions.</p> <p>Staff costs are over budget at year end due to Council successfully recruiting two building officers – these roles were unbudgeted.</p>	✗	✓

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
11	Resource Management	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$321,000.</p> <p>Revenue from external funding and fees and charges is \$39,000 higher than budget at year end. This is mainly due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Off funding for the future community urban design project being \$50,000 less than budget due to timing of receipts, and</li> <li>• \$132,000 higher than forecast land use consent fees.</li> <li>• Offset by \$43,000 lower than forecast subdivision consent fees.</li> </ul> <p>The total number of consents (land use &amp; subdivision) processed to 30 June 2024 has decreased compared to the same period last year (2024: 15 land use, 90 subdivision consents   2023: 21 land use, 125 subdivision consents).</p> <p>Operating costs are \$351,000 under budget. This is primarily due to costs incurred for the district plan review being significantly lower than expected. As previously indicated, the full budget was not required this year however it is anticipated these costs will be incurred in the next financial year as the Proposed District Plan Review heads into its draft consultation and public notification phase.</p> <p>As expected, this activity has a favourable variance at year end.</p>	✓	✓
13	Solid Waste Management	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$140,000.</p> <p>Revenue from fees and charges for the year is \$591,000 under budget. The unfavourable variance is offset by receipt of 265,000 external subsidies from the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) for waste minimisation initiatives ahead of budget.</p> <p>Operating expenditure for the year is \$744,000 less than budget. The favourable variance is offset by increased staff costs of \$222,000, driven by the change in the way transfer stations are managed with this function being brought inhouse. Bringing the services inhouse has resulted in contracting costs coming under budget at year end by \$767,000.</p>	✓	✓



Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
		<p>Refuse taken to CHB landfill for the year was 3580.22t (2023: 4937.55t).</p> <p>Kerbside recycling collection was 317.23t (2023: 317.58t)</p> <p>This activity performed slightly above budget at year end.</p>		
17	Stormwater	<p>Overall, there is a net unfavourable of \$706,000.</p> <p>Revenue is showing an unfavourable variance of \$471,000 and this is due the external funding Council had budgeted to receive from the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) for the Pahiatua project. Although funding for the IAF project (\$857,000) has been received in full it was reallocated across all the 3 waters activities.</p> <p>In addition, as part of the Annual Report process \$183,000 of Alliance costs that had initially been allocated to capital projects has been reclassified as operational costs.</p> <p>The balance of the unfavourable variance is made up of over and underspends across the activity.</p>	✗	N/A
15	Wastewater	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$247,000.</p> <p>Subsidy revenue received is \$449,000 higher than budget due to the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) for the Pahiatua project. As explained in the stormwater activity IAF funding was reallocated across all the 3 waters activities.</p> <p>If the IAF funding was removed the result would be an unfavourable variance of \$202,000 which is largely due to the unbudgeted interest costs (\$256,000). These are the interest allocations from internal borrowings that are posted at year end as part of the Annual Report process. Council does not budget for these interest costs.</p> <p>Council had planned to dispose of GeoBags of sludge in this financial year however this did not happen and will be revisited in the next financial year.</p> <p>As expected, this activity is under budget at year end.</p>	✓	N/A

Report item # (refer activity dashboard)	Activity	Explanation	On Track for Year End	Reflected in 2024/34 Long-term Plan
19	Water Supplies	<p>Overall, this activity shows a net unfavourable variance of \$254,000.</p> <p>Water supplies revenue is \$377,000 higher than budget mainly due to the Ministry of Health funding received for the Dannevirke fluoridation project. If external funding was removed this would result in an unfavourable variance of \$629,000.</p> <p>Revenue from metered water was \$387,000 higher than budget. Consumption for the year decreased compared to the previous year (2024: 546,568m3   2023: 574,523m3).</p> <p>This is offset by consultancy costs being \$98,000 higher than budget due to consultants engaged for help on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water safety plans,</li> <li>• Dam safety management,</li> <li>• Risk assessments, and</li> <li>• Source water risk management planning.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, there are the interest allocations (\$510,000) from internal borrowings that are posted as part of the Annual Report process. Council does not budget for these interest costs.</p>	✗	✓
22	Treasury	<p>Overall, there is a net favourable variance of \$779,000.</p> <p>Investment income is revenue received by Council through interest received on term deposits. Investment income is \$1.524 million ahead of budget due to investments made on prefunded debt and rising interest rates on term deposits.</p> <p>This is offset by higher than budgeted interest costs. Interest costs are \$1.334 million more than budgeted due to higher than forecast external borrowing, and rising interest rates.</p> <p>In addition, there is the interest allocations from internal borrowings (\$1.225 million favourable variance) and the interest rate swap valuation (\$651,000 unfavourable variance) that are posted as part of the Annual Report process. These are year end adjustments and are not budgeted for.</p>	✗	✓



## 7 Summary of Service Performance Results

### 7.1 Summary of Results

Council use a range of service performance measures to monitor the service levels delivered to customers. Table 2 below highlights the performance for the year ended June:

Category	2023/24 measures			% (out of 101 measures) Category	Last Year Results Council
	Council	Survey	Mandatory		
Achieved	28	4	31	62%	59%
Not achieved	5	23	10	38%	1%
Not yet measured	-	-	-	-	7%
Total	33	27	41	100%	100%

**Figure 4**

Council met 62% of its service performance measures, compared to 67% for the third quarter and 63% (excluding the measures that weren't yet completed) for the same period last year.

### 7.2 Mandatory Measures

- 7.2.1 Council uses a range of measures and targets to inform how Council are performing against agreed service levels. These measures range from complaints in the Customer Request Management (CRM) system to physical inspections of assets.
- 7.2.2 Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) mandates 41 measures with Council setting the targets to be achieved.
- 7.2.3 Ten of these mandatory measures are shown as not met at year end. In the third quarter report officers signalled two measures would not be met and eight measures were categorised as needing improvement to be categorised as achieved these have now been categorised as not met in the year end report and are discussed below.
- 7.2.4 In the stormwater activity there is one mandatory measure categorised as not met, this is for the number of complaints received by Council about the performance of its stormwater system, expressed per 1,000 properties connected to the stormwater system – target was <9 and result achieved was 10.66. All other mandatory measures (7) are categorised as achieved at year end.
- 7.2.5 In the transportation activity, specifically the roading part of the transport activity there is four mandatory measures that are categorised as not met (of a total of 4 measures). These measures include the change (expressed as a number) from the

previous financial year in the number of crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries on the local road network, CRM's relating to roads are responded to within 3 working days (target 90% result achieved 88%), the average quality of ride on the sealed road network as measured by smooth travel exposure, and the percentage of the sealed local network that is resurfaced (target 5% result achieved 3.1%).

NZTA Waka Kotahi has changed the method of reporting for the smooth travel exposure, and we are awaiting the release of information to allow this to be calculated so this result may change in the final Annual Report.

The percentage of the network resurfaced result is a true reflection of the impact of the commodity prices (bitumen and chip) has on Council's ability to achieve this target. The new NLTP funding block has seen an increase in funding for reseals which will support the target percentage of reseals being deliverable.

- 7.2.6 In the wastewater activity Council has not met two of these measures. Council was issued with two infringement notices and two abatement notices in relation to Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant Wetlands. Council was issue these for land disturbance that was not expressly allowed by a national environment standard, a rule in a regional plan or a resource consent, one relating to the discharge of contaminant, namely sediment onto land in circumstances which may result in contaminant entering water when discharged is not expressly allowed, one relating to large scale land disturbance and associated discharge of contaminant namely sediment and the other notice was to comply with the resource consent and required Council to undertake additional actions.

All other mandatory measures for the wastewater activity (10) are shown as achieved.

- 7.2.7 In the water activity Council has not met 7 of these measures (total of 15). These measures include the number of complaints over 1,000 connections to Council's networked reticulation system for drinking water clarity, number of complaints over 1,000 connections to Council's networked reticulation system for continuity of supply, number of complaints received about water per 1,000 connections for total number of recorded complaints, number of water schemes that comply with Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules for bacteria compliance, number of water schemes that comply with Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules for protozoal compliance, the percentage of real water loss from Council's networked reticulation schemes based on the minimum night flow, and the average consumption of drinking water per day per resident connected to a council scheme.

For the two compliances with the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules, an independent report is required and provides our auditors with the appropriate information on the compliance with both items for the financial year. For Bacteria compliance Council was compliant for 366 out of 366 days for its Pahiatua, and Woodville water treatment plants. Dannevirke and Eketahuna were non-compliant due to technical errors with the monitoring for 5 and 2 of the 366 days for the year.

Compliance with Protozoal Council was complaint for the Pahiatua water treatment plant for 366 out of 366 days. Dannevirke was compliant for 330 days, Woodville for 362 days and Eketahuna for 366 days. The non-compliance is a result of a combination of things such as turbidity in the water and UV performance. Both results do not indicate that public health was at risk and the report has confirmed that Council has met all its required reporting obligations to Taumata Arowai.

- 7.2.8 The percentage of real water loss from the Council's networked reticulation schemes based on the minimum night flow analysis – officers are still completing work in this space and do anticipate a reduction in what this result is currently showing as achieved (63.7%), but not likely to be reduced to meet the target of 10%.

### 7.3 Community Survey

- 7.3.1 The final of three waves of the Key Research community survey was completed in May (and have been included in this report) with 149 residents completing this wave and a total of 512 residents completing the surveys across the three waves (199 residents in January and 164 residents in September). This survey is sent to members of the community based on Council's electoral role and residents are given the option of completing it by way of mail or an online survey (all respondents this wave completed the survey online).
- 7.3.2 Of the 27 service performance council recognises as being survey measures, 22 are completed using this method. The remaining 5 are surveys Council conducts themselves using various methods. 4 of these surveys show an achieved result at year end and one of these surveys was not completed as a result is showing a not achieved result.
- 7.3.3 Of the 22 remaining community survey measures agreed in the Long Term Plan, 4 have been categorised as achieved (3 were on target at 31 December 2023 and 2 were on target at 30 September 2023). This can be compared to 6 that were marked as being achieved at 30 June 2023.
- 7.3.4 The opportunity was also taken to seek feedback on other aspects of Council that are of strategic significance, and the notable results are:
- 59% Satisfied with Vision and Leadership (55% at 31 December, 39% at 30 September 2023 and 65% at 30 June 2023)
  - 60% Satisfied with Overall Reputation (51% at 31 December, 52% at 30 September 2023 and 62% at 30 June 2023)
  - 70% Satisfied with staff (66% at 31 December, 57% at 30 September 2023 and 76% at 30 June 2023)
  - 78% Feel safe from dogs (77% at 31 December, 65% at 30 September 2023 and 71% at 30 June 2023)

- 45% Satisfied with managing and issuing building consents (59% at 31 December, 41% at 30 September 2023 and 55% at 30 June 2023)
- 71% Satisfied with the wastewater management (81% at 31 December, 85% at 30 September 2023 and at 81% at 30 June 2023)
- 61% Satisfied with overall management of the urban water supplies (45% at 31 December, 45% at 30 September 2023 and 52% at 30 June 2023)

7.3.5 Feedback on recycling methods used by residents, along with the upcoming waste minimisation plan review, will help inform decisions on how to enhance and encourage recycling services. Notable findings are:

- 55% of residents use the recycling drop off (53% at 31 December, 63% at 30 September 2023 and 60% at 30 June 2023)
- 56% using regular kerbside recycling (50% at 31 December, 41% at 30 September 2023 and 51% at 30 June 2023)
- 26% use composting/worm farming (28% at 31 December, 28% at 30 September 2023 and 23% at 30 June 2023)

7.3.6 Roothing continues to be an area of low satisfaction. Rural roads in particular recording 40% (43% at 31 December, 37% at 30 September 2023 and 43% at 30 June 2023), compared to 47% (44% at 30 September 2023 and 44% at 30 June 2023) satisfaction for urban roads. The most common reason given for dissatisfaction is potholes, visibility issues with grass length, grading issues, heavy vehicles using the road where width is an issue, slips and time it takes to complete repairs. When asked for which routes travelled that have prompted residents' dissatisfaction, we continue to see the Saddle Road, Pahiatua Track, State Highways (these are managed by Waka Kotahi) and Route 52 which is undergoing a multi-year upgrade programme coupled with impact that Cyclone Gabrielle had on the roading network.

7.4 Water and Wastewater Complaints – Qualification in 2019/2020 through to 2022/2023

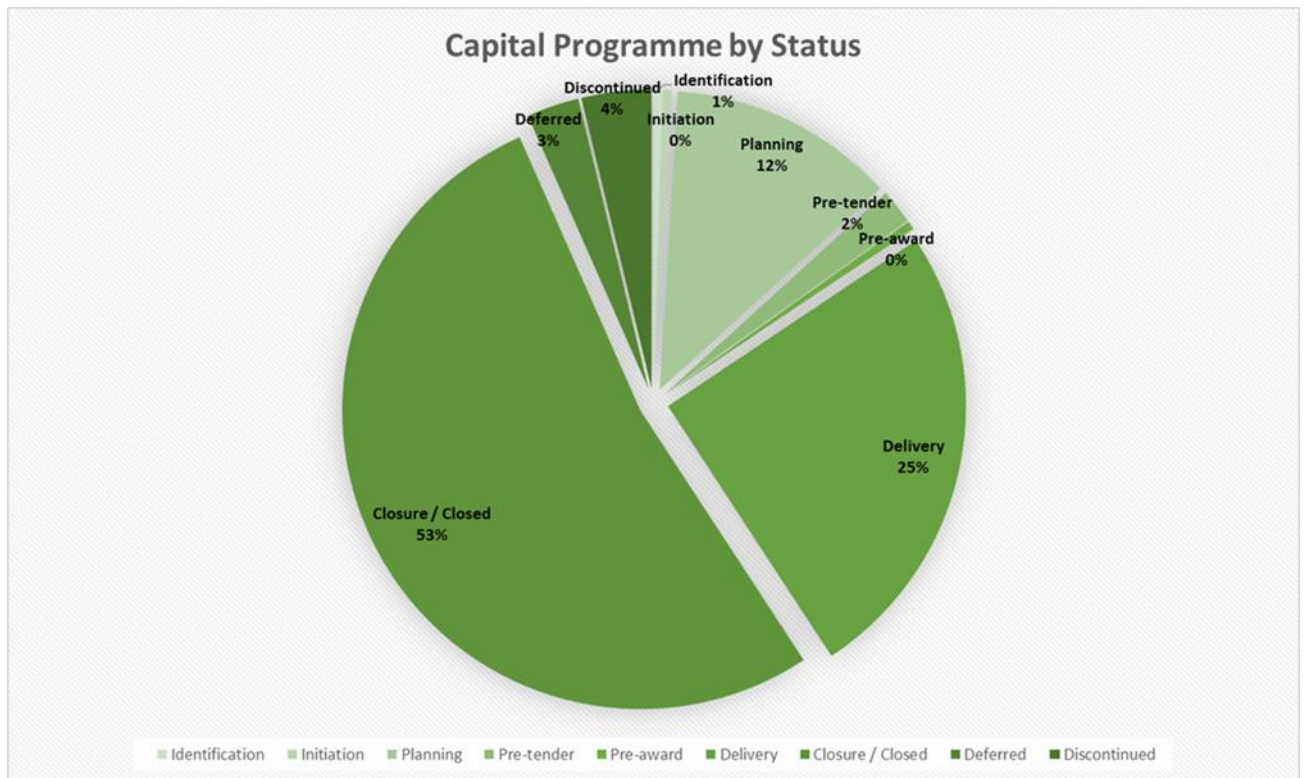
Through the 2022/2023 Annual Report auditors have confirmed that Council will be in a position to have this qualification removed from its annual report for the 2023/2024 as Council has satisfied it has corrected these issues and they have provided clearance to the 2022/2023 numbers

## 8 Capital Expenditure Report

### 8.1 Summary

As of June 2024, we have spent \$36.405 million of our \$48.609 million annual budget. This is 74.89% of the budget which is up approximately 20% from last year (2023: 54.18%).

We close out the end of this year with 211 projects.

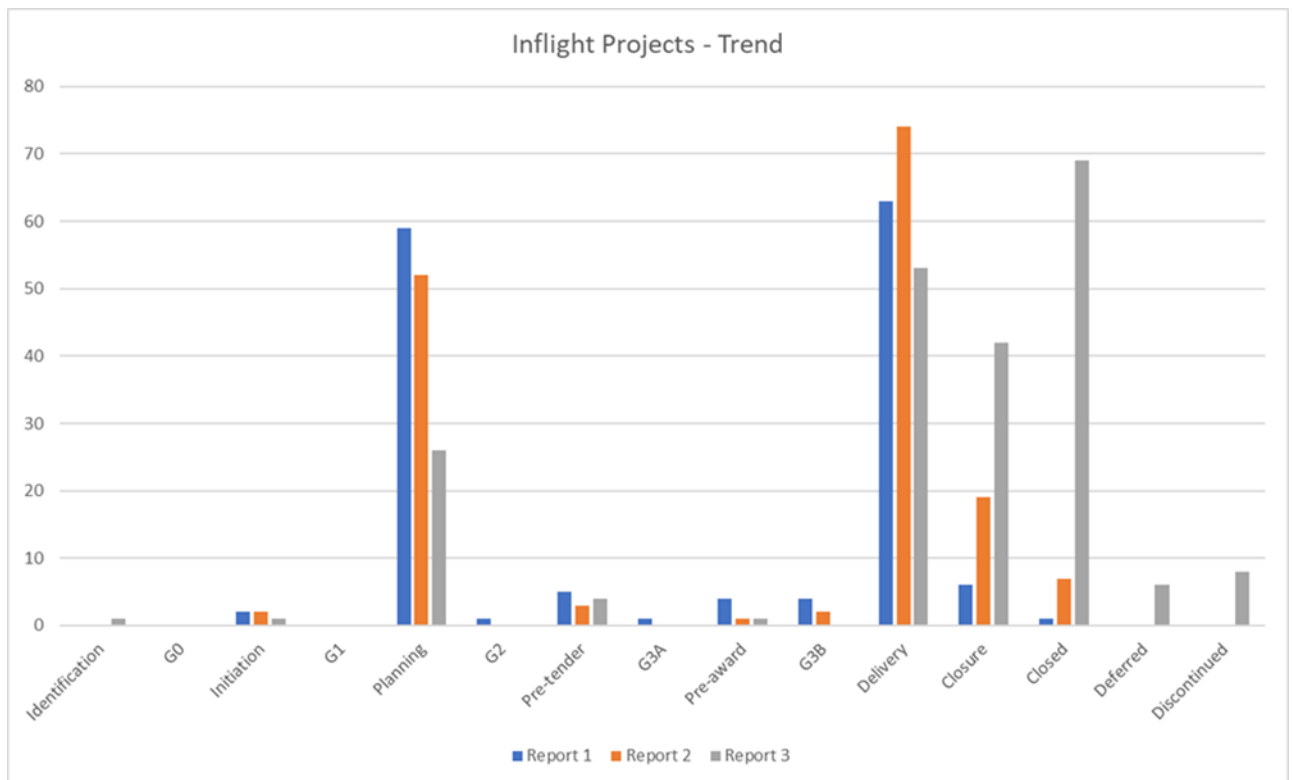


Count of Project	
Identification	1
Initiation	1
Planning	26
Pre-tender	4
Pre-award	1
Delivery	53
Closure / Closed	111
Deferred	6
Discontinued	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>211</b>

**Figure 5**

*It should be noted that these figures represent the individual projects. This is important to note as there are a number of projects that formulate programmes of works, that is, the projects are inter-dependent upon each other. Also includes added projects from throughout the year.*





**Figure 6**

## 8.2 Completed and/or in Closure – 111 projects

In closure means that the project is finalising their close outs, for example, minor adjustments, handovers, and finalising invoices. High value projects completed for the financial year include:

- District telemetry wastewater
- Footpath construction
- Bridge renewals
- Carpark renewal
- Drainage renewals
- Emergency reinstatement
- Unsealed road metaling
- Dannevirke netball tennis court green Plexipave surface renewal
- MPI NIWA fund grant
- MPI emergency hub fund
- Pahiatua wastewater aerators (replacement blowers)

- Dannevirke wastewater treatment plant upgrade
- Dannevirke perimeter safety fencing around wastewater ponds
- Pahiatua bore investigation
- Pahiatua old reservoir assessment
- Pahiatua weir and infiltration gallery investigation
- IAF Pahiatua Hillcrest School
- Sealed road resurfacing
- Eketāhuna flow meters inflow
- Pavement rehabilitation

### 8.3 In Delivery – 53 projects

Noted projects in delivery include:

- Route 52
- District parks/playground facilities investigation and development
- Dannevirke Barraud Street
- Waihi Falls toilet replacement
- Digital spaces mobile trailer
- Eketāhuna wetland
- Infiltration strategy and implementation
- Water and wastewater district IoT devices smart city systems
- Woodville headworks refurbishment
- Dannevirke alternate water source investigation
- Dannevirke impounded security of supply programme
- Dannevirke water supply fluoridation plant
- Norsewood water treatment plant upgrade
- SCADA and telemetry phase 1
- IoT door counters

- Building Iwi Capacity
- Future community urban design
- Mangatainoka cemetery extension
- Mangatera cemetery development (new area)

#### 8.4 In Planning and Procurement – 26 projects

Planning status includes design works, approach, resourcing, and procurement.

There are a number of large programmes of works with multiple interdependencies.

High value programmes and projects to note are the:

- Woodville wastewater programme
- Carnegie project
- District entry signs
- New Pahiatua pool
- Eketāhuna wastewater treatment plant upgrade
- Pahiatua wastewater treatment plant upgrade
- Pahiatua wetland development
- Pahiatua wastewater pipeline from plant to wetland
- Dannevirke impounded security of supply – pretreatment plant
- Dannevirke impounded security of supply – raw water storage
- Dannevirke impounded security of supply – treated water storage
- Dannevirke multisport park – skatepark development – Better Off funding

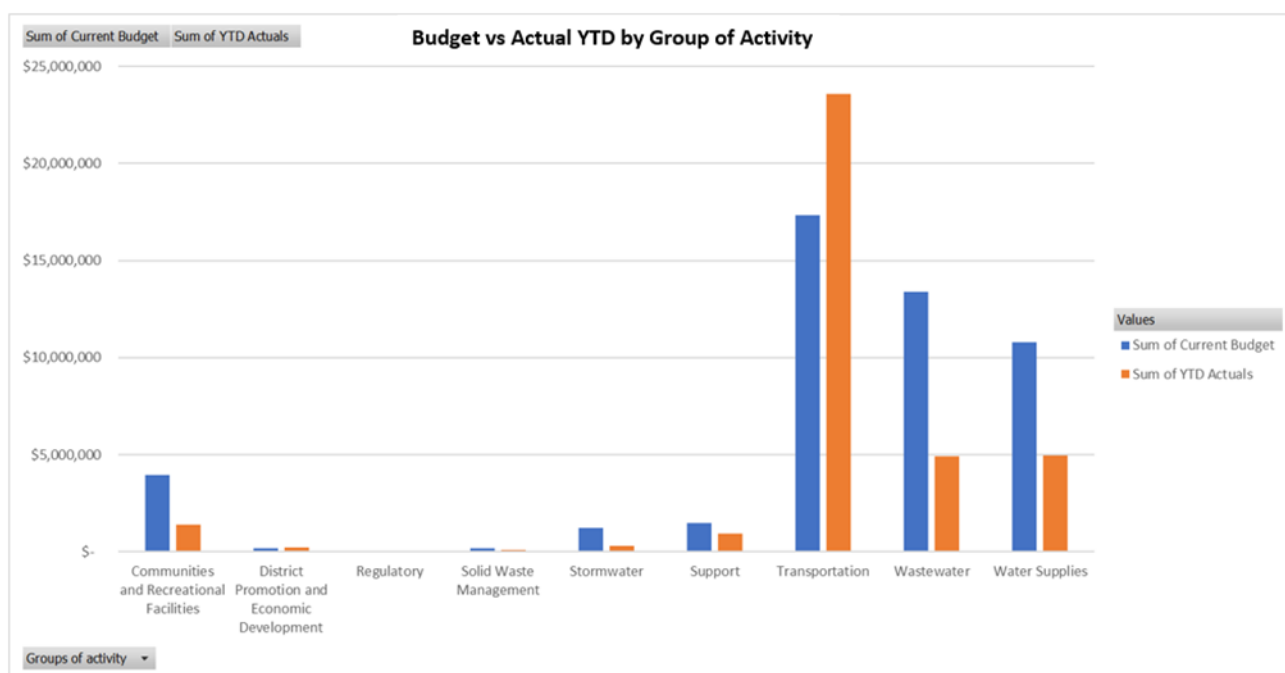
#### 8.5 Deferred – 6 projects

- Pahiatua Town Hall / Library earthquake strengthening
- Wastewater – Woodville wetland design
- Woodville wastewater treatment plant design
- District admin buildings solar power

- Norsewood investigation – alternate water source
- Norsewood alternate water source infrastructure

#### 8.6 Discontinued – 8 projects

- Aften Court new parking pads – pensioner funds required for other repairs
- Dannevirke Sports Centre curtain/blinds – on investigation, not required
- Transport Choices – NZTA withdrew funding
- District Libraries 3D printer – governance decision
- District 3D copiers development – governance decision
- The upgrading of Council owned reserves – governance decision to redirect funding to 3 waters
- Dannevirke Sports Centre heating upgrade – on investigation, not required
- Actioning Council's Play, Active Recreation and Sports (PARS) Strategy – governance decision to redirect funding to 3 waters



	Sum of Current Budget	Sum of YTD Actuals
Communities and Recreational Facilities	\$ 3,963,045	\$ 1,398,599
District Promotion and Economic Development	\$ 193,536	\$ 202,727
Regulatory	\$ 41,914	\$ -
Solid Waste Management	\$ 195,428	\$ 100,571
Stormwater	\$ 1,213,795	\$ 305,008
Support	\$ 1,475,871	\$ 931,343
Transportation	\$ 17,341,513	\$ 23,574,009
Wastewater	\$ 13,400,732	\$ 4,901,788
Water Supplies	\$ 10,782,028	\$ 4,954,651
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,607,862</b>	<b>\$ 36,368,696</b>

**Figure 7**

- 8.7 The graph 'Budget vs Actual YTD by Group of Activity' in figure 6 graphically depicts where the budget was spent by group of activity. Unfortunately, the financial year saw the recovery efforts due to Cyclone Gabrielle. This continued workload has gradually transitioned into business as usual however the strain on internal and external working capacity has not lessened.
- 8.8 Focusing on best practice project management by managing by exception those at risk, the following summaries provide explanation of the projects that had a significant impact on the delivery of the groups of activities.
- 8.9 As the graph displays, the ramifications of Cyclone Gabrielle are apparent in the transportation budget, this has been over and above the original budget put aside for emergency works and was approved for funding through Tararua Alliance to NZTA.
- 8.10 Water and wastewater have both had a serious amount of work in planning invested in. The Dannevirke impounded supply added significantly to the budgeted projects in water. The monitoring taking place and the finalisation of the required reports has enabled a planned course of action to be reconsidered and consulted on. Wastewater programmes for Eketāhuna and Pahiatua wastewater programmes have taken a redirection approach and have established an effective working group and are now progressing the projects in a coordinated, joint venture with our Iwi partners, Horizons, and our other stakeholders. The budgets as a result have been reassessed with this new approach and have been programmed over the next financial years as was workshopped and approved into the Long-Term Plan.
- 8.11 The Communities and Recreational Facilities should be noted to also include the budgets for actioning TDC Play and Recreation Strategy, upgrade of Council owned reserves, Lindauer Walkway and the existing funds set aside for Pahiatua pool.
- 8.12 Following our review during the Long-Term Plan, we have prioritised and forecasted our projects budgets and as a result the carry forwards request will be significantly lower than previous years. With the support from our Executive Leadership Team and the organisational buy in to project management methodologies we are confident in the following identified requests for carry forwards (figures to be confirmed and requested formally).

- Dannevirke intake pipeline between impounded supply and No.2 Reservoir renew
- Eketāhuna wetland
- District wastewater shower & toilet
- Dannevirke alternate source resource consent
- Ground water investigation Dannevirke
- Dannevirke alternate source infrastructure
- Infiltration and inflow strategy implementation
- Scada
- Norsewood water treatment plant upgrades
- Eketāhuna wastewater treatment plant upgrades
- Hardware renewals
- EV ducting
- Camping grounds – Dannevirke and Pahiatua
- Mangatainoka cemetery development
- District community buildings programmed works
- Dannevirke Barraud Street toilet
- Waihi Falls toilets
- District parks LED lighting upgrade
- Dannevirke library programmed renewals
- Pahiatua pool development

8.13 The above projects requesting carry forwards are to enable successful completion of committed works and totals \$2.7 million. Falling in line with our work to reforecast the LTP and a focus on better project financial management this figure is down significantly from last years \$14.6 million request.

8.14 Throughout this period, our organisation's project management maturity has progressed significantly as we navigate through a five-stage model.

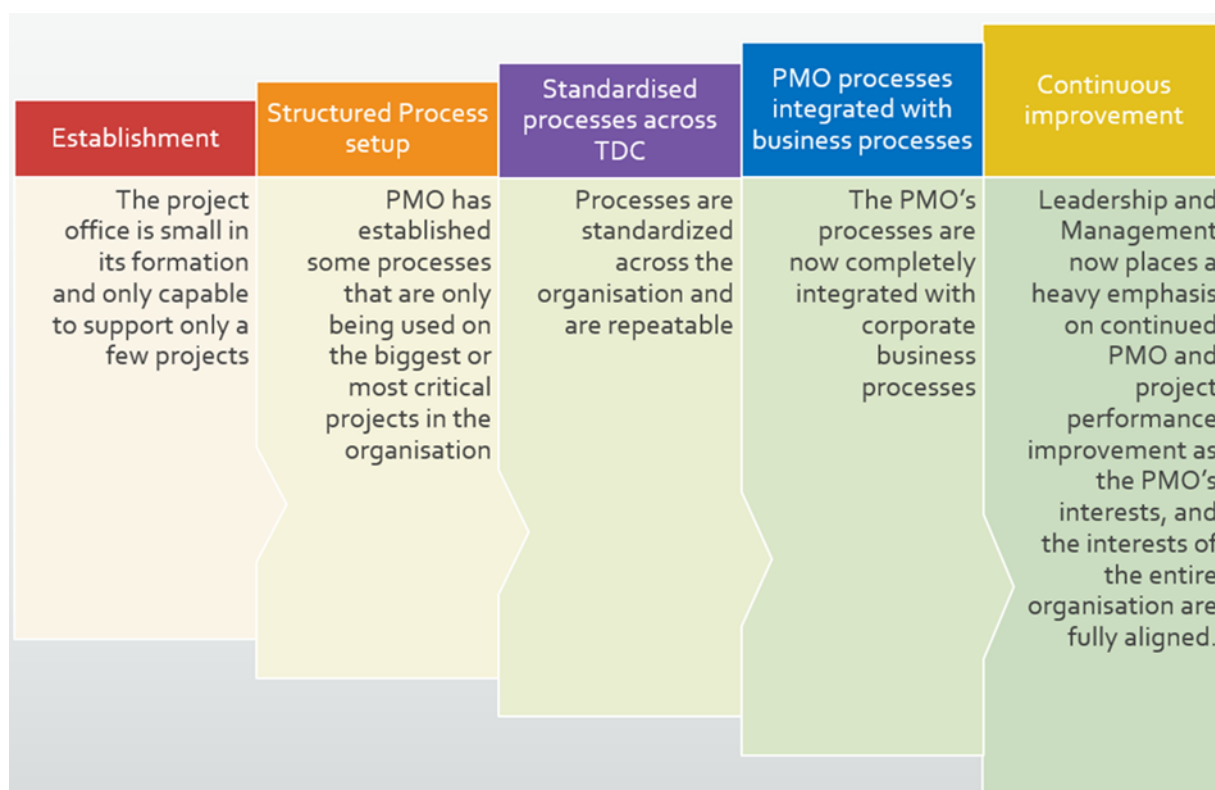


Figure 8

8.15 We are currently integrating the PMO processes with our business processes and continually enhancing these processes to support organisational alignment. Our focus spans five key dimensions of PMO maturity:

- Governance
- People
- Integration and Alignment
- Technology and Data
- Processes

8.16 We are standardising actions across all projects, programmes, and portfolio lifecycles, which are reflected in our current focus areas, including forward works maps, project finance, procurement performance, project communications, and workload management.

8.17 This ongoing development in maturity is not only improving the planning and delivery of our key projects and programs but also benefiting all projects and programs across the organisation.

## Executive Summary (Dashboard)

### 2024 4th Quarter Performance Report

#### Treasury Performance

##### Summary Treasury Performance (000s)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	Trend from previous quarter
Finance Costs	\$ 3,744	\$ 2,410	● (1,334)	↓
Total External Debt	\$ 69,200	\$ 65,962	● (3,238)	↓
Net Debt Position	\$ 66,459	\$ 59,753	● (6,706)	↓

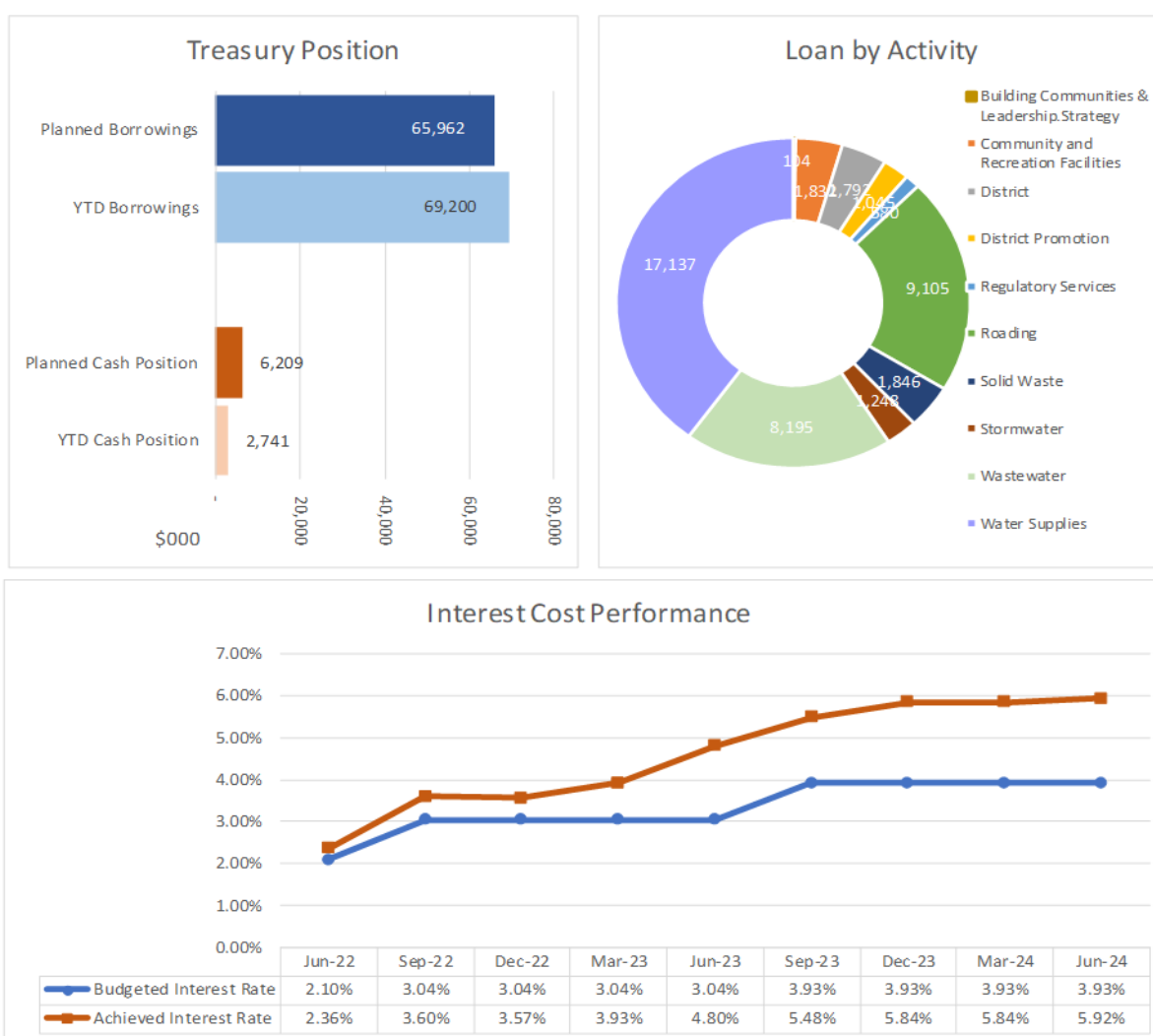


Figure 9



## 9.1 Treasury Strategy

9.1.1 Finance continues to work with Council's treasury advisor to develop and implement strategies to manage interest rate risk and optimise funding in accordance with its Finance Strategies.

9.1.2 The focus continues to be managing interest rates and funding risk through forecasting debt levels, hedging strategies and to managing interest rate risk.

## 9.2 Current External Debt Position

The following table (figure 9) summarises Council's external debt position as at 30 June 2024 (all held with Local Government Funding Agency):

	Balance 1 April 2024	Drawn / (Repaid)	Balance 30 June 2024
Core debt	\$57,200,000	\$6,000,000	\$63,200,000
Prefunding	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000
Short-term debt (commercial paper & MOCL facility)			
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$61,200,000</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>\$69,200,000</b>

Figure 10

## 9.3 Current Financing Cost

Interest expense is significantly higher than budget (\$1.334 million higher than year-to-date budget). This is due to Council's effective interest rate of 5.84% being higher than the budgeted rate of 3.93%.

## 9.4 Cash Flow Management and Liquidity

Cash and cash equivalents for the year ended 30 June 2024 was \$2.741 million. This was lower than budget by \$3.468 million and is reflective of more cash being held in long term investments (2024: 4.762 million | 2023: 5.867 million).

Total cash position at 30 June 2024 is \$9.977 million compared to \$12.849 last year.

# 10 Debtors Report

## 10.1 Total rating units in the Tararua district

10.1.1 Council has 10,346 rating units we are collecting rates from in 2023/2024 defined by the different categories per town as below (figure 11).

<b>Ratepayers by Town 2023/2024</b>						
<b>Town</b>	<b>Total Number of Rating Units</b>	<b>Ind/Com</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Non-Rateable with Services</b>	<b>Utilities</b>
<b>Dannevirke</b>	<b>5,297</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>51</b>	
<b>Woodville</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Pahiatua</b>	<b>2,389</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>Eketahuna</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,346</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>5,039</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>32</b>

Figure 11

## 10.2 Arrears Debtors

- 10.2.1 Council had 2,043 rating units in arrears 1 July 2023 with 1,883 clearing their arrears by 30 June 2024, leaving 160 with an arrears balance. Total collected and approved write-off from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 was \$1,160,577 see figure 12 below.

<b>Debtors Arrears Collected 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>No of Rating units Arrears</b>	<b>Total Rate Arrears Owing</b>	<b>Total Arrears Penalty Owing</b>	<b>Total Rates Arrears &amp; Penalty Owing</b>	<b>Total Arrears Collected</b>
1/07/2023	2,043			\$ 2,333,923	
31/12/2023	397	\$ 1,012,611	\$ 473,098	\$ 1,485,708	\$ 848,215
31/03/2024	223	\$ 810,402	\$ 463,461	\$ 1,273,863	\$ 211,845
30/06/2024	160	\$ 718,443	\$ 454,904	\$ 1,173,346	\$ 100,517
<b>Total collected and approved write-offs 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024</b>					<b>\$ 1,160,577</b>

Figure 12

- 10.2.2 Any payments received will be applied to the arrears and arrears penalties until these are cleared. Then payments are applied to current instalments and penalties.

## 10.3 Managing debtors

- 10.3.1 Council continues to manage the rates debtors by classifying them into categories based on risk – see figure 13. This allows staff to take a risk-based approach to managing rates debtors.
- 10.3.2 Council use internal resources and MWLASS Debt Management Central Services (DMC) to manage/collect rates debtors in arrears.

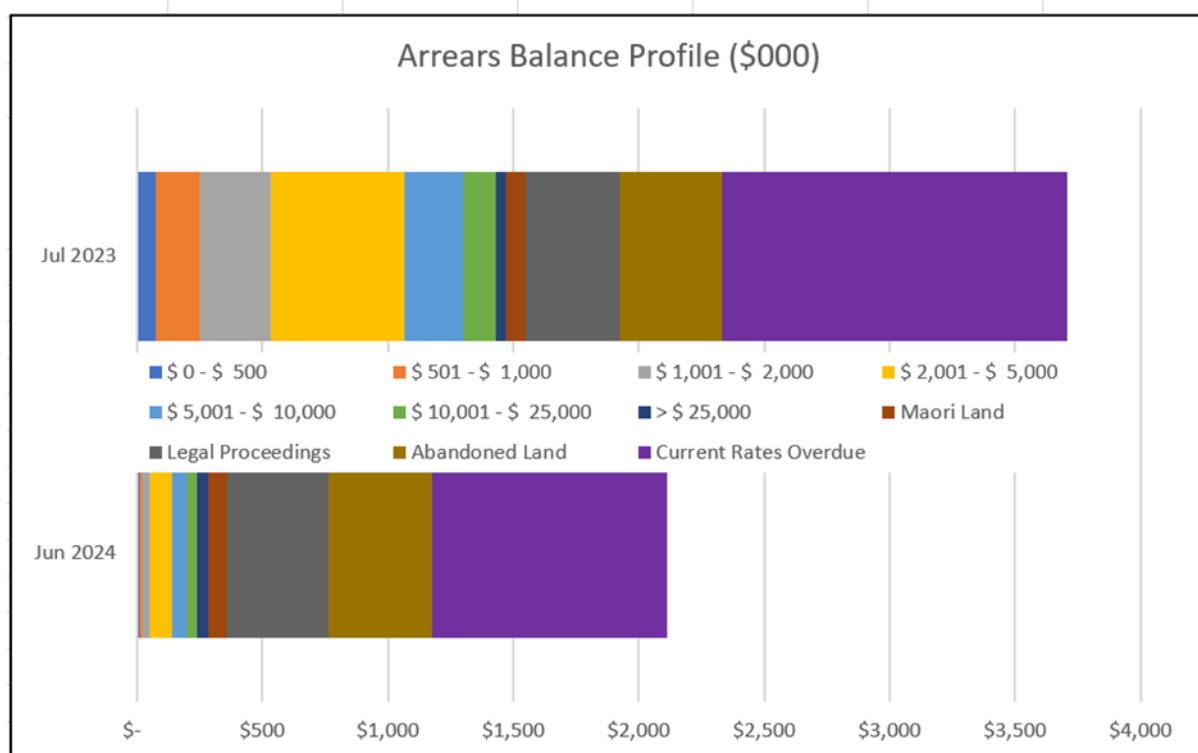
Summary Rates Arrears 2023/2024 as at 30 June 2024												
Debtors Managed by Categories - Arrears and Current												
Arrears Managed by	No of Ratepayers 1/07/2023	Opening Balance as at 1/07/2023	No of Rating units Arrears 30/06/2024	Total Rate Arrears Owing 30/06/2024	Total Arrears Penalty Owing 30/06/2024	Total Rates Arrears & Penalty Owing as at 30/06/2024	No of Rating Units Current 30/06/2024	Current 2023/2024 Instalments 1-4 Owing 30/06/2024	Penalty applied 2023/2024 Owing 30/06/2024	Total Current & Penalty to 30/06/2024	Total Arrears, Current Rates & Penalties Owing 2023/2024	
Arrears Paid	-	\$ -	-	\$ 138	\$ -	\$ 138	987	\$ 774,784	\$ 71,073	\$ 845,857	\$ 845,995	
Irregular Payments	1,900	\$ 1,044,467	48	\$ 37,354	\$ 1,015	\$ 38,369	47	\$ 116,780	\$ 10,584	\$ 127,364	\$ 165,733	
Agreements	84	\$ 189,686	21	\$ 21,764	\$ 2,199	\$ 23,962	20	\$ 58,265	\$ 17,508	\$ 75,773	\$ 99,736	
DMC Management	28	\$ 237,429	58	\$ 174,259	\$ 44,599	\$ 218,858	58	\$ 152,398	\$ 62,789	\$ 215,187	\$ 434,045	
Following Up - Dispute	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Maori Land	6	\$ 79,134	6	\$ 39,744	\$ 39,390	\$ 79,134	5	\$ 8,331	\$ 9,012	\$ 17,342	\$ 96,476	
Legal Rating Sales	9	\$ 371,827	13	\$ 145,759	\$ 258,212	\$ 403,970	13	\$ 31,938	\$ 84,349	\$ 116,287	\$ 520,257	
Abandoned Land	16	\$ 411,380	14	\$ 299,425	\$ 109,490	\$ 408,915	14	\$ 25,416	\$ 23,261	\$ 48,676	\$ 457,591	
Cyclone Gabrielle	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Current Inst not paid	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	898	\$ 313,754	\$ 33,294	\$ 347,049	\$ 347,049	
	2,043	\$ 2,333,923	160	\$ 718,443	\$ 454,904	\$ 1,173,346	2,042	\$ 1,481,665	\$ 311,870	\$ 1,793,535	\$ 2,966,882	

Figure 13

10.3.3 The table below (figure 14) shows the ranges for arrear by dollar (\$) amount at 1 July and remaining balance at 30 June 2024.

Summary of Arrears Balances as at 30 June 2024				
Category	No of Rating Units 1/07/2023	Brought Forward Balance as at 1/07/2023	No of Rating Units 30/06/2024	Arrears & Penalty Balance as at 30/06/2024
(\$ 17,000) - \$ 0	-	\$ -	1,873	(\$ 32,776)
\$ 0 - \$ 500	1,362	\$ 76,402	51	\$ 9,721
\$ 501 - \$ 1,000	228	\$ 171,200	15	\$ 10,711
\$ 1,001 - \$ 2,000	198	\$ 287,217	20	\$ 29,561
\$ 2,001 - \$ 5,000	177	\$ 531,671	28	\$ 88,331
\$ 5,001 - \$ 10,000	36	\$ 233,015	9	\$ 61,666
\$ 10,001 - \$ 25,000	10	\$ 131,199	3	\$ 40,460
> \$ 25,000	1	\$ 40,877	1	\$ 40,877
Sub-total	2,012	\$ 1,471,582	127	\$ 281,327
Maori Land	6	\$ 79,134	6	\$ 79,134
Legal Proceedings	9	\$ 371,827	13	\$ 403,970
Abandoned Land	16	\$ 411,380	14	\$ 408,915
Sub-total	31	\$ 862,341	33	\$ 892,019
Total	2,043	\$ 2,333,923	160	\$ 1,173,346

- Figure 14
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• **Figure 15**

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10.4 Progress update

10.4.1 We placed 134 rating units with arrears of \$311,705 from 1 July 2023 remaining in September 2023 with our Debt Collection agency. These ratepayers did not respond to our letters last rating year.

10.4.2 In March 2024 we placed a further 19 rating units with arrears of \$22,328.44 with our Debt collection agency where the opening balances were lower however no payment to date had been received.

10.4.3 At 30 June 2024 we had 58 rating units with a remaining arrears and current balance of \$434,045. Some of these have come onto agreements to clear their rates.

10.4.4 We have 14 rating units that are currently going through the process of a rating sale – 5 dwelling, 4 with buildings and 5 vacant land.

10.4.5 The team had focused on the high risk debtors that make up \$281,327 which is 24% (23% last year) of the overall arrears. Focus will now include abandoned land.

10.4.6 We will continue to place those with no mortgage and do not respond to our letters to commence legal action.

10.5 Collection trends over last four years and to 30 June 2024

10.5.1 The table below (figure 16) shows the opening balance, the amount collected and the closing balance over 5 years.

Total Arrears and Current Collections from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2023								
Date	No of rating units	Total Arrears & Penalty & New Current Owing	Date	No of rating units	Total Arrears	Total Penalty	Total Arrears	Total Arrears Collected as at 30 June
1/07/2019	1,688	\$ 1,507,061	30/06/2020	124	\$ 528,971	\$ 337,959	\$ 866,930	\$ (640,131)
1/07/2020	1,783	\$ 1,764,241	30/06/2021	154	\$ 592,318	\$ 376,484	\$ 968,802	\$ (795,439)
1/07/2021	2,089	\$ 1,718,474	30/06/2022	108	\$ 532,167	\$ 308,962	\$ 841,129	\$ (877,345)
1/07/2022	1,887	\$ 1,899,984	30/06/2023	143	\$ 594,666	\$ 366,312	\$ 960,978	\$ (939,006)
1/07/2023	2,043	\$ 2,333,923	30/06/2024	160	\$ 718,443	\$ 454,904	\$ 1,173,346	\$ (1,160,577)

Figure 16

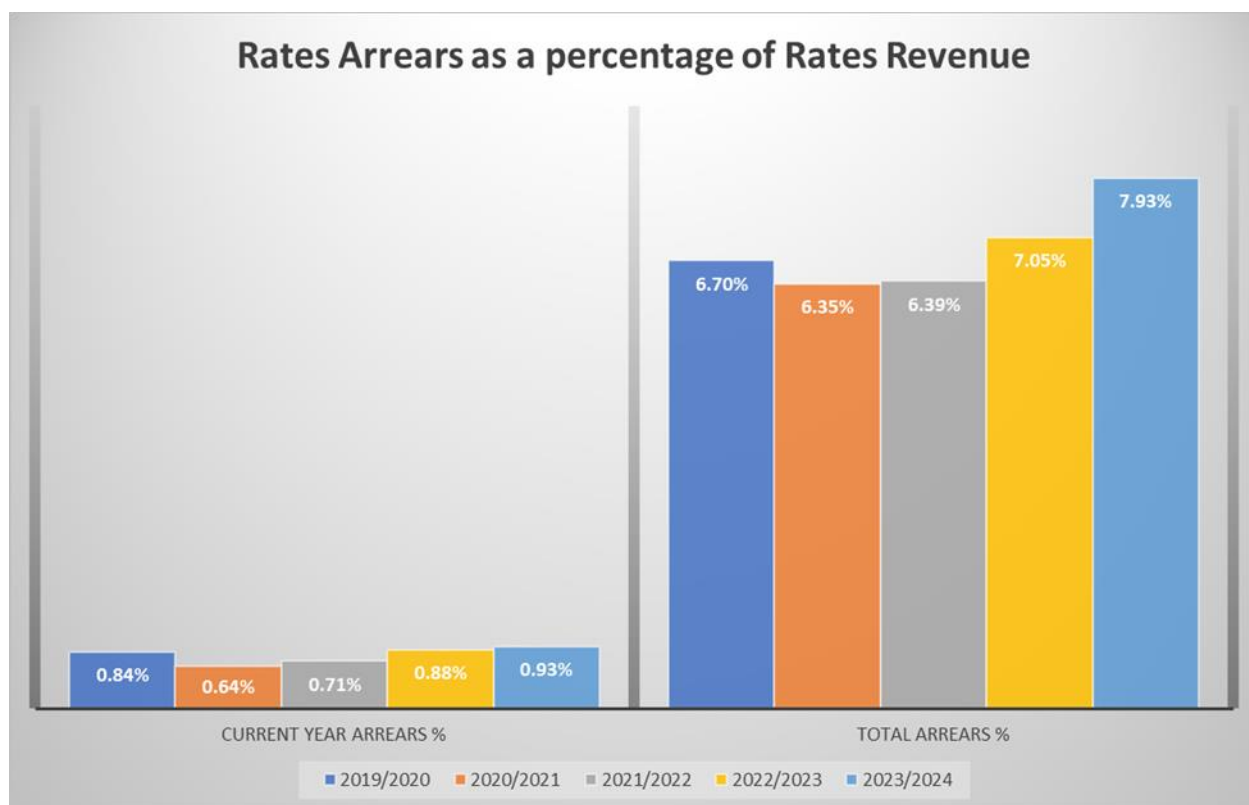
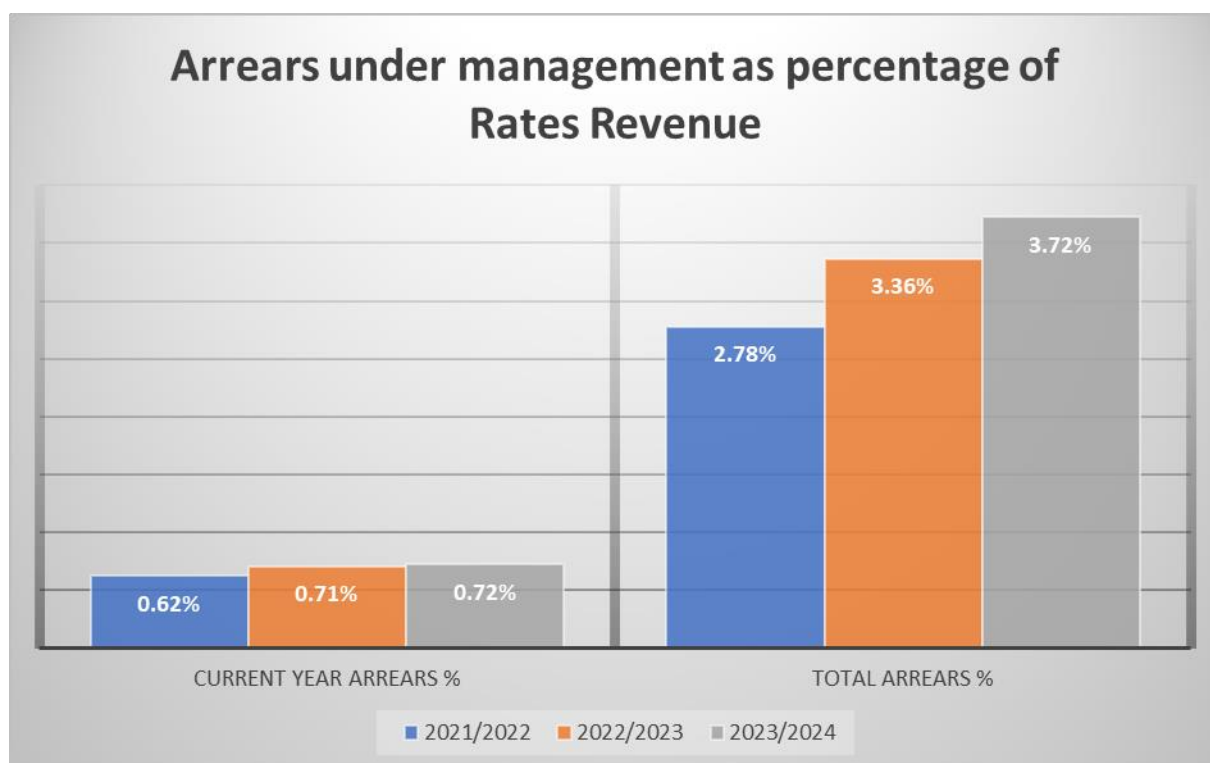


Figure 17

10.6 The graph above (figure 17) shows the trend for:

- Current year arrears – amount owing carried forward
- Total arrears – amount owing at year end



• **Figure 18**

10.6.1 The graph above (figure 18) shows the same trend but excluding rating sale and abandoned debtors.

#### 10.7 How Council manages the debtors

Staff are always looking at different ways of reaching out to those who are missing paying their rates. The best approach is to call the ratepayers when they miss the first instalment or a payment.

Direct debits are Council's preferred payment option as once it is set up there is limited receipting required by Council as this is processed in bulk by the different types offered.

A direct debit authority form is issued within the rates notice twice a year, along with a brochure explaining the benefits of spreading over the year and never missing a payment no matter what is happening at the due date etc.

Rates Rebate also assists low-income earners with payment of their rates. The table below (figure 19) shows the direct debits and rates rebates processed for the prior four years and to 30 June 2024.



Date	Total No of Rating Units	No Using Direct Debit	Percentage using Direct Debit	Rate Rebates Processed to date	Amount Paid to Rates	Maximum Rebate Paid by DIA
30/06/2020	9,903	4,499	45%	742	\$ 419,499	\$ 640.00
30/06/2021	9,960	4,510	45%	771	\$ 441,340	\$ 655.00
30/06/2022	10,056	4,664	46%	822	\$ 502,872	\$ 665.00
30/06/2023	10,201	4,808	47%	901	\$ 593,919	\$ 700.00
30/06/2024	10,346	4,820	47%	970	\$ 696,351	\$ 750.00

Figure 19

## 11 Self-funded Activities

### 11.1 Forestry – Summary for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

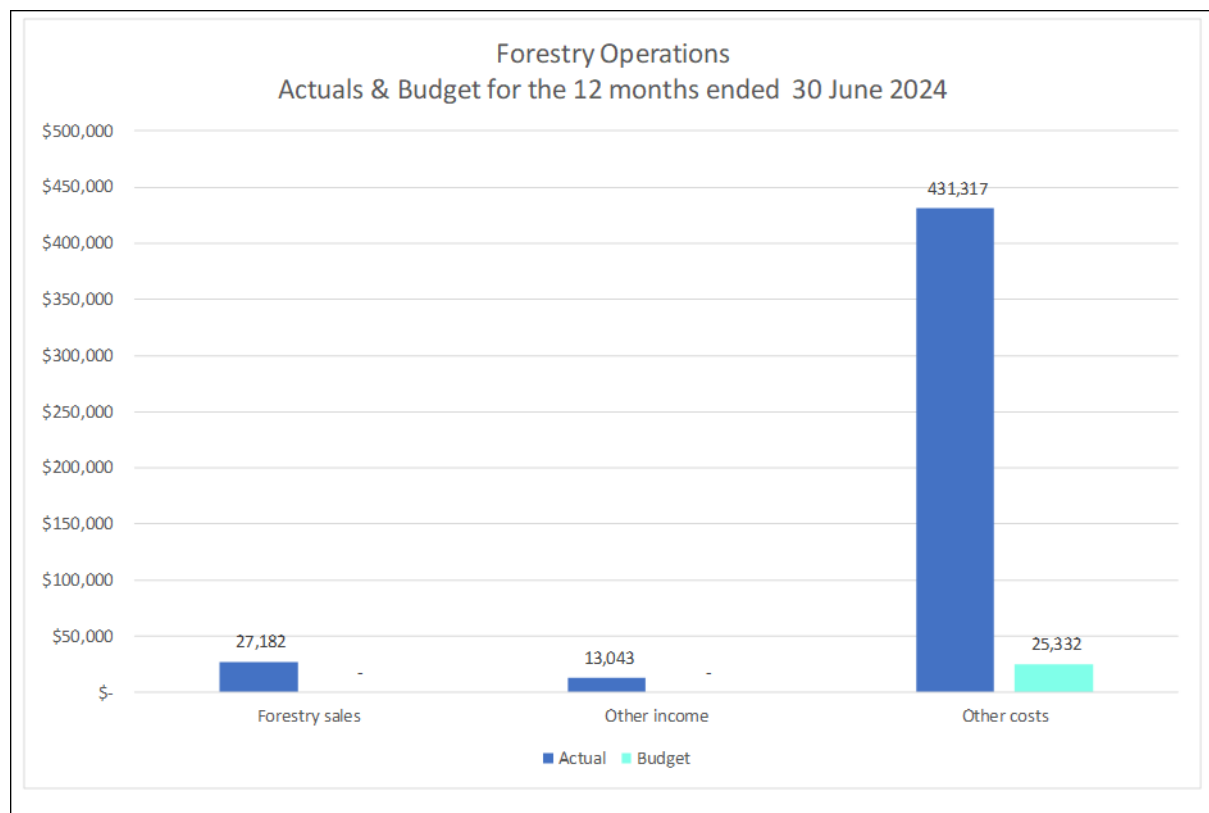


Figure 20

- 11.1.1 For the year ended 30 June 2024 the forestry activity has made a loss of \$391,000.
- 11.1.2 As previously reported, harvesting in small timber lots within Birch North Forest has been completed with a return of \$27,000 received in the third quarter.
- 11.1.3 Expenditure to 30 June 2024 totalled \$431,000 against a budget of \$25,000. This was mainly due to unbudgeted costs incurred for silviculture at Birch North Forest block of \$390,000 and management fees of \$13,000. Budgeted costs of \$25,000 for the year is for rates and insurance.

11.1.4 Forestry is a self-funding activity, and at 30 June 2024 had a reserve balance of \$427,158.

## 11.2 Pensioner Housing – Summary for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

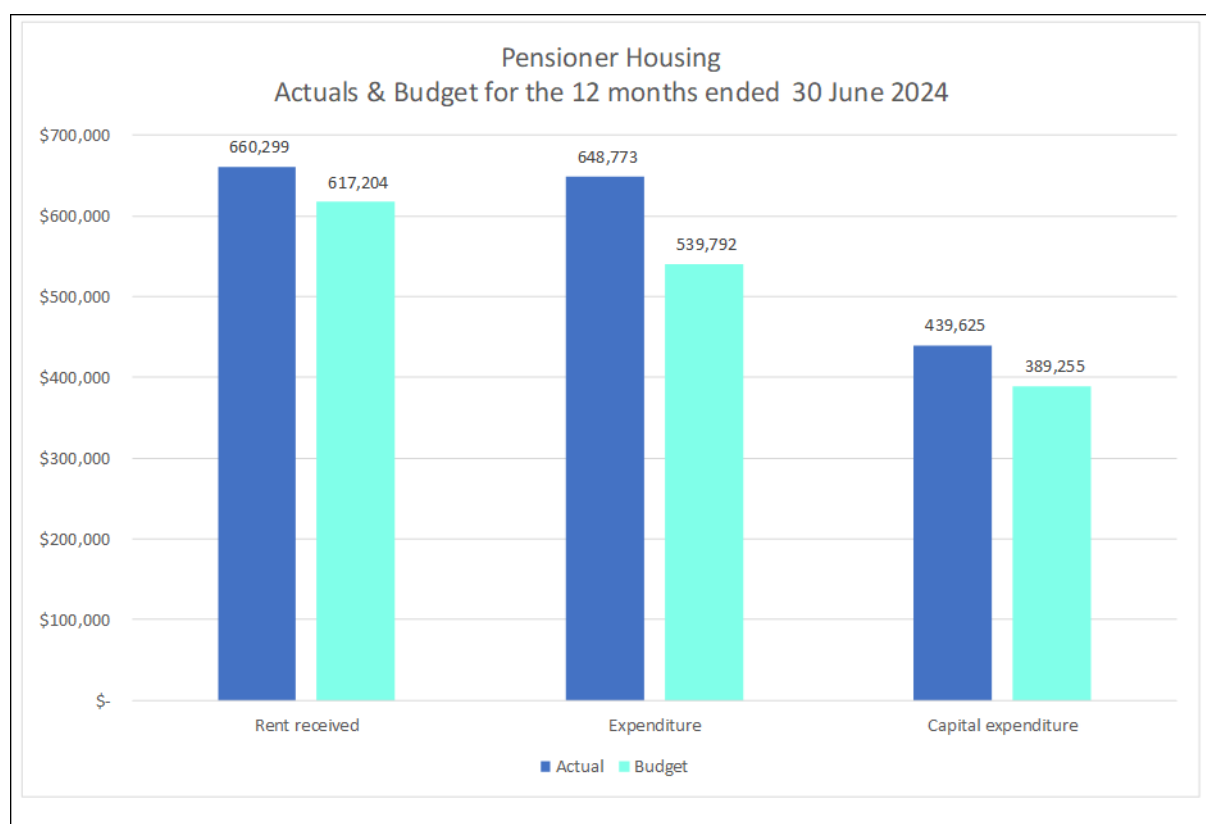


Figure 21

### 11.2.1 Operating Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2024 the pensioner housing activity has made an operating loss of \$12,000. Council budgeted for an operating surplus of \$77,000 for the year.

As shown in the graph (figure 11), total revenue for the year is higher than budget by \$43,000, however this is offset by total operating expenses for the year being \$109,000 higher than expected. Insurance and rates expenses are \$35,000 and \$48,000 higher than budget. In addition, maintenance costs are \$33,000 higher than budget mostly due to maintenance work at both Elsinore and Aften Court flats.

### 11.2.2 Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure for the year totalled \$440,000 against a budget of \$389,000.

### 11.2.3 Pensioner Housing Reserve



Pensioner housing is a self-funding activity. At 30 June 2024 the reserve was overdrawn by \$372,304 (based on actual revenue, expenditure and capital renewals).

The 2023/24 year represents a period of rectifying deferred maintenance. Consequently, the Pensioner Housing Reserve has become overdrawn. Repayment of the Reserve is a priority and includes a multi-faceted approach. Firstly, maintenance and renewals will be phased using a planned/programmed approach. Use of RAMM asset management software to collate maintenance/renewal information is well-underway and will aid decision making and assist in prioritising expenditure going forward. The second key change in approach will be close financial monitoring of pensioner housing operational and capital expenditure to ensure that pensioner housing is self-funding and that a surplus is generated each year to repay the reserve account. Data from RAMM will also enable better multi-year budgeting and planning. Lastly, regular rent reviews will ensure that revenue is keeping pace with inflation and the increasing costs of an ageing housing portfolio.

## **Attachments**

- 1 [!\[\]\(38441ceaa711016e0bf2ad46ad394ff4\_img.jpg\)](#). Treasury - Quarterly Economic & Council Risk Management Update - 30 June 2024
- 2 [!\[\]\(6e027340d4263908f264926b1ad81c5e\_img.jpg\)](#). Tararua District Council 2024 Residents Survey Report



## Tararua District Council

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**To:** Raj Suppiah, Beth Fowler and Sarah Walshe  
**From:** Brett Johanson and Raj Verma  
**Date:** 1 August 2024  
**Subject:** Economic Update

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### 1. Economic and financial market update summary

#### Short term domestic interest rates:

- The short-end of the interest rate swap curve saw a further extension of July's trend of decline last week. Once again, the shift was largely attributable to an acceleration of the market-implied pace and extent of Official Cash Rate ('OCR') easing from the RBNZ. That pricing now points toward an OCR of 3.50% by July next year - a 200-basis point shift in 12 months.
- Assuming the RBNZ does not deliver any double-whammy 50-basis point ('bps') reductions, achieving alignment with the current market expectation would require a 25-bps OCR cut at each meeting, starting next month and continuing through to mid-2025.
- We continue to view 5.50% as the peak level for the OCR this cycle, with a late-2024 (November) commencement of a period of gradual easing, though we acknowledge that the specific start timing will be informed by the evolution of domestic data. We view the current extent of downward pressure applied across the curve, particularly the short-end, as excessive.

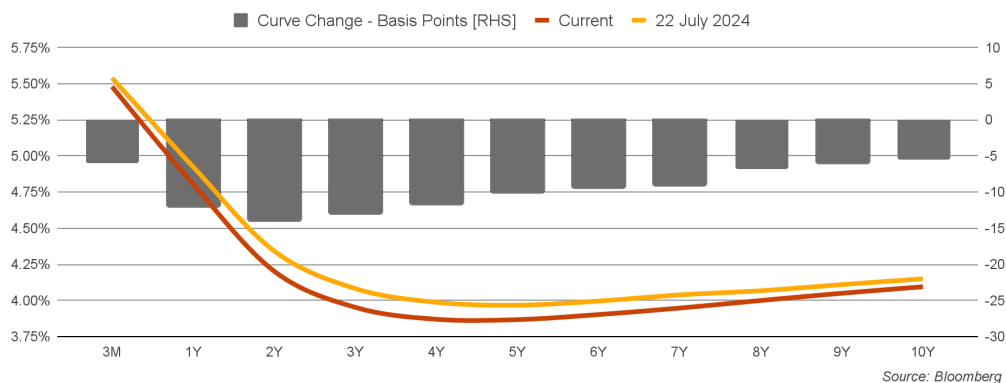
#### Long term domestic interest rates:

- The long-end of the local swap curve delivered a similar downward move to that of the short-end last week. In terms of curve shape, as measured by the spread between the 10-year and 2-year interest rate swap, the structure is on the cusp of achieving technical flatness, though the sinking belly (broadly 4 - 6 years) hints at a continuation of the shift back toward normalisation.
- Global economic sentiment remains squarely at the helm of the local long-end, though the pressure exerted by traditionally short-end influencing factors is notable. As with the short-end, we view the decline in the local swap curve as being over-extended. The out-of-kilter current level of the curve is likely attributable, at least in part, to the broader theme of curve normalisation. The transition back to a normal curve is likely to generate anomalies and occasional opportunities.

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## New Zealand interest rate swap curve comparison - current and beginning of year

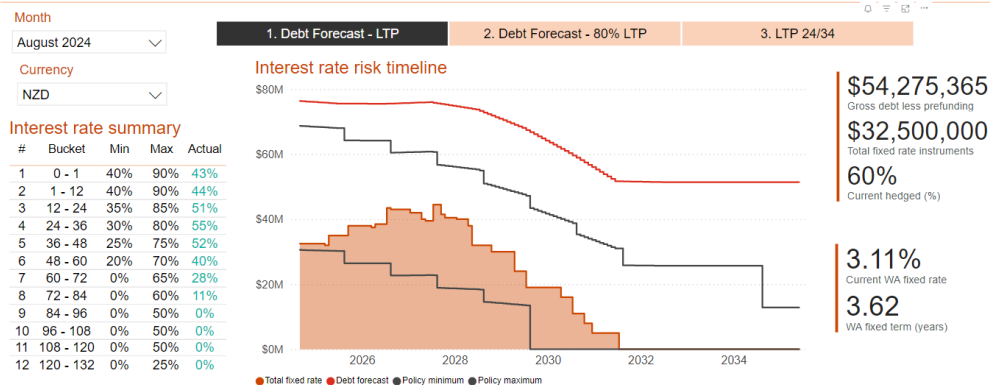


## 2. Interest rate risk management

Tararua District Council (Council) is compliant to interest rate Policy parameters as at 31 August 2024. The interest rate risk profile is as follows:

### Interest rate risk position

Tararua District Council



#### List of instruments

Instrument	Counterparty	Notional (\$)	Start date	Maturity date	Interest rate
Swap	Westpac	500,000	25 March 2019	24 March 2025	4.61%
Swap	Westpac	500,000	29 December 2021	18 March 2026	3.25%
Swap	Westpac	500,000	16 November 2022	17 August 2026	3.49%
Swap	Westpac	1,000,000	15 October 2019	15 January 2027	3.29%

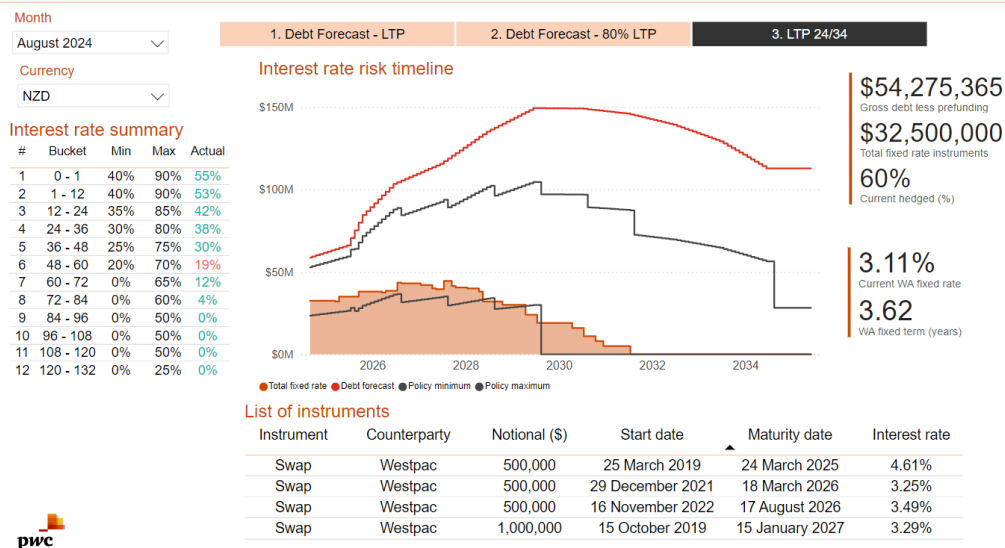
Council is currently near mid-points of Policy following the execution of the July interest rate strategy. Under the current debt forecast, Council will remain compliant with Policy parameters until 31 March



2026. However, Council's debt forecast is expected to increase sharply following the approval of the LTP 24/34 debt projections. Councils interest rate risk position under the LTP 24/34 debt forecast scenario will be as follows:

### Interest rate risk position

Tararua District Council



As can be seen above, Council will be non-compliant under the proposed LTP 24/34 debt forecast. Given recent and expected interest rate movements, we are able to put together an interest rate strategy following management confirmations of approved LTP 24/34 debt forecasts.

### Cost of funds: sensitivity analysis

Based on current market rates and Council's hedging profile, the projected cost of funds for FY25 is expected to be 4.49%. Based on Council's base-case debt forecast, this equals an interest cost amount of \$2,730,064 in FY24. See Appendix 1 for further details.

### Summary

Council is compliant to interest rate Policy requirements as at 31 August 2024. Council maintains compliance until 31 May 2026 where non-compliance arises in the 4-5 year time band. We understand the proposed LTP debt forecasts are not yet adopted, but we are able to put together an interest rate strategy once the forecasts have been confirmed by management. We continue to recommend Council target rates of 4% and below in order to maintain interest rate hedging towards mid-points of Policy.

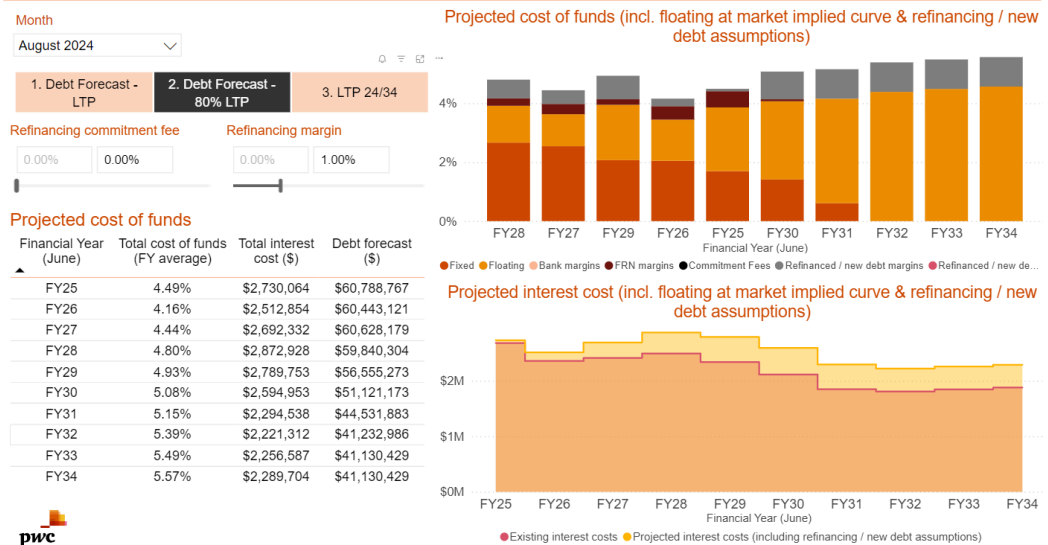


## Appendix 1

### Cost of funds: sensitivity analysis

Projected gross cost of funds analysis, per FY

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# 2024 Tararua District Council Annual Residents' Survey



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## Background, objectives and methodology

### Background

The Tararua District Council has an ongoing need to measure how satisfied residents are with resources, facilities and services provided by Council, and to prioritise improvement opportunities which will be valued by the community.

### Research objectives

- Measure residents' satisfaction with the Tararua District Council's performance
- Provide insights into how the Council can best invest its resources to improve residents' satisfaction with its overall performance

### Methodology

- A statistically robust postal to online survey with a sample of 512 residents across the Tararua District.
- Data collection was managed to quota targets by age, ward and ethnicity. Post data collection, the sample has been weighted so it is aligned with known population distributions as per the Census 2018 results.
- At an aggregate level, the sample has an expected 95% confidence interval (margin of error) of +/- 4.32%. The margins of error associated with sub-groups will be larger than this as the results become less precise as the sample size shrinks. Thus, results associated with small sample sizes should be read with caution.
- The survey was undertaken four-monthly in three waves, between October 2023 and May 2024, with n=150 completions being targeted per wave.

### Notes

- Due to rounding, percentages may add to just over or under (+/- 1%) totals.
- Within the survey, respondents were asked to select their gender. The options provided were Male, Female, or Non-Binary. Non-Binary was not selected by any respondents, therefore gender results are reported as Male and Female only.



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## Key Findings

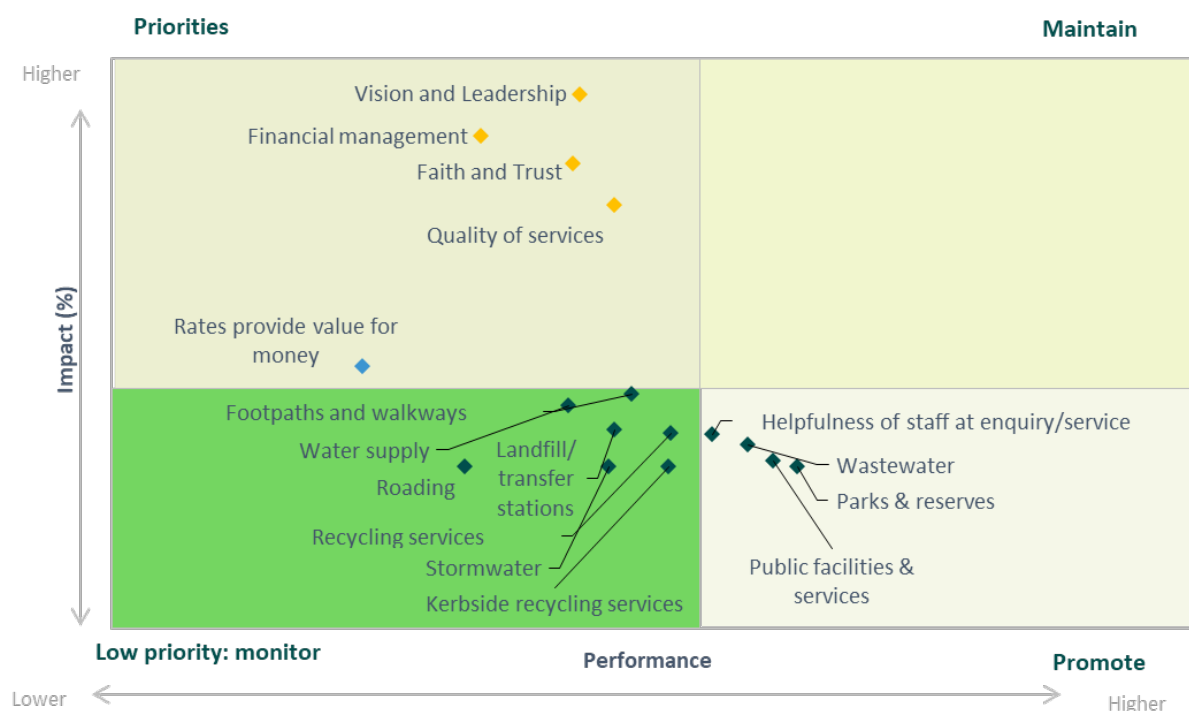
Overall satisfaction with the *Council's performance* has steadily declined over the past three years, dropping from 64% in 2022 to 62% in 2023, and further to 58% in 2024. This decline is primarily due to worsening perceptions of the Council's *Image and reputation*. This year, residents are particularly concerned about how the Council handles water supply issues, contributing to the low reputation score.

The Council's *Image and reputation* continue to impact residents' overall perception most, with an impact score of 78%. Given the relatively low performance in this area, all measures related to *Image and reputation* (*Vision and leadership*, *Financial management*, *Faith and trust*, and *Quality of services*) present an opportunity to improve. *Rates providing value for money* is also identified as an area for improvement.

Subsequently, the Council's reputation benchmark (55) is at the lower end of the scale, with younger residents aged 18-29 giving the lowest score of 42.

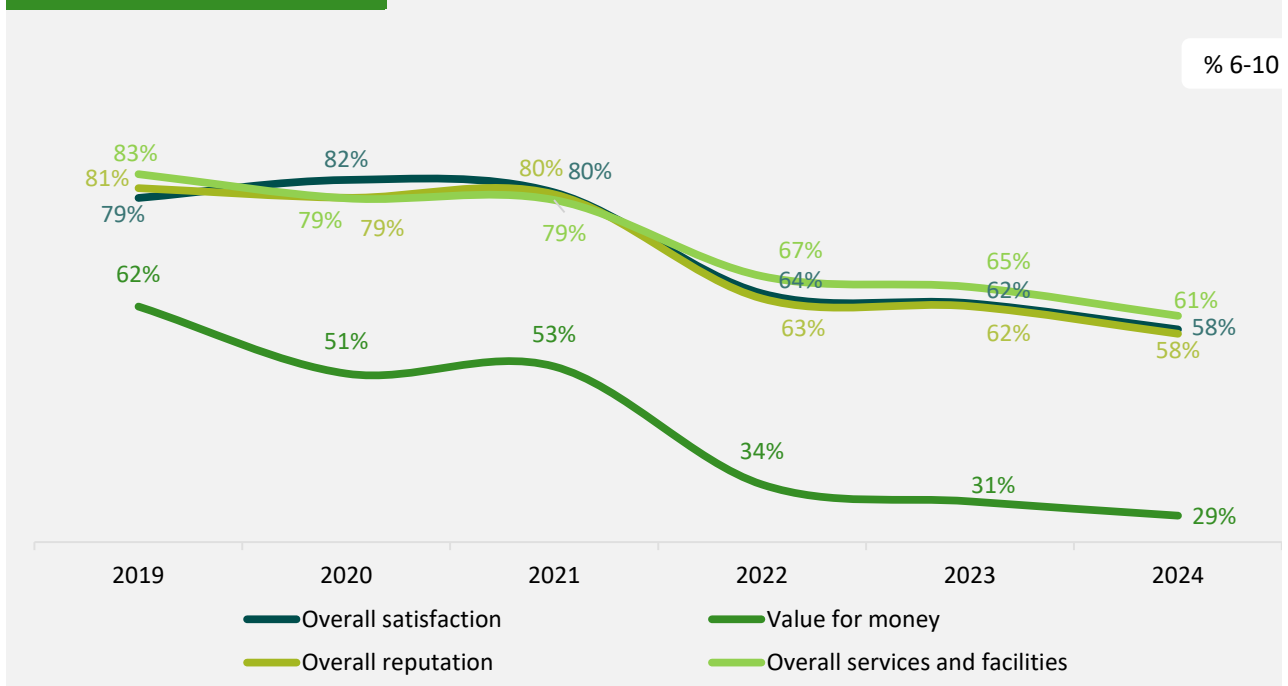
Residents highly value Council-maintained open spaces and public facilities, including *Libraries* (88%), *Playgrounds* (87%), *Sportsfields* (87%), *Community Buildings and Service Centres* (87%), and *Parks and Reserves* (86%). Promoting these services could help shift residents' focus towards a more positive perception of Council overall.

Residents' perception of their *Quality of life* is high at 90%. However, only 61% believe that the *District is going in the right direction*.

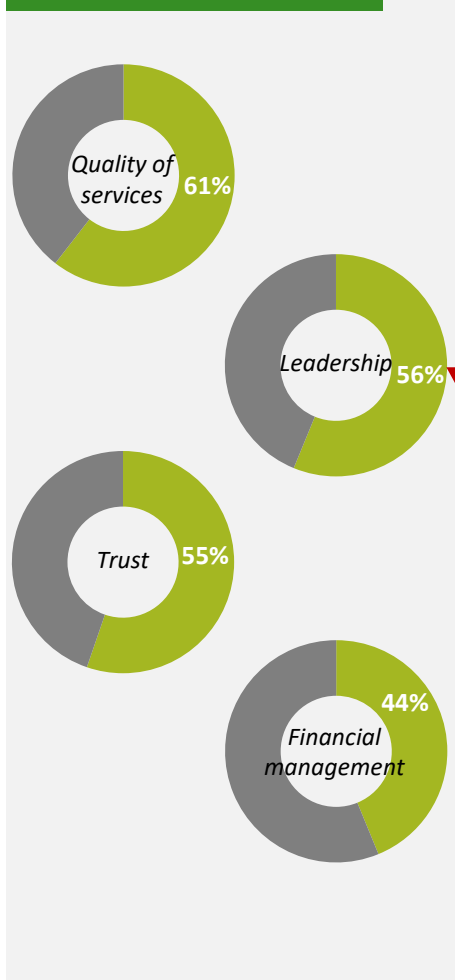


## Summary of Key Performance Indicators

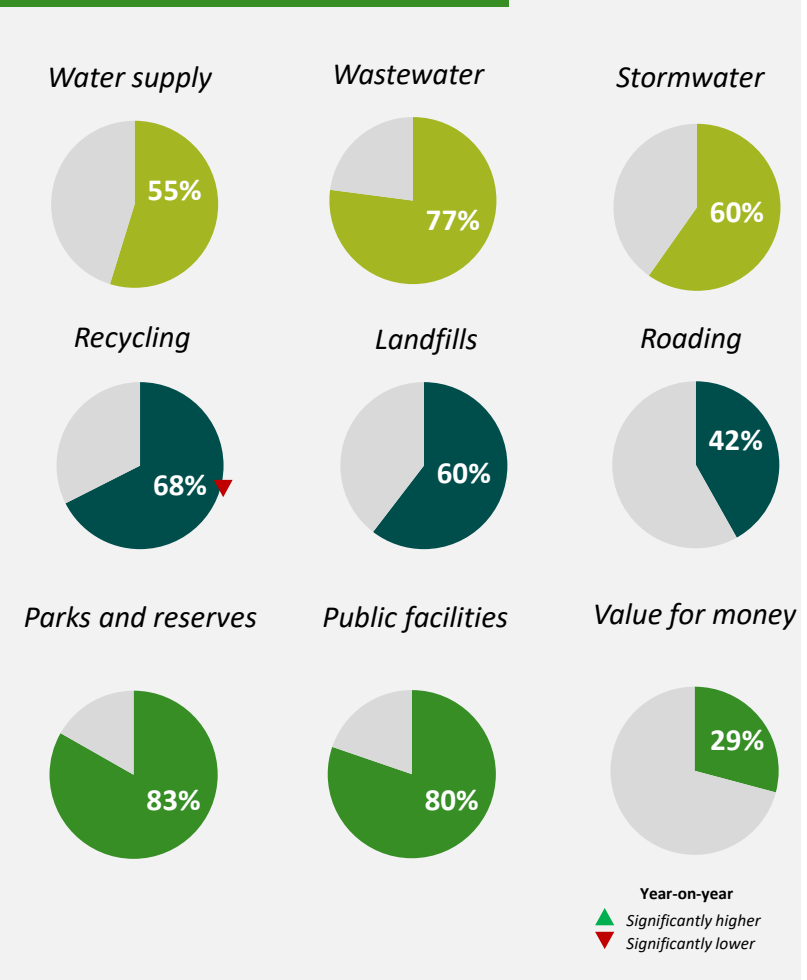
### OVERALL MEASURES



### REPUTATION



### SERVICES AND FACILITIES



### Trends in overall measures and reputation (%6-10 excluding don't know)

		% point increase / decrease (2024-2023)	Percentage of respondents satisfied, or very satisfied					
			2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
05_1	Emergency Management services	7%	68%	61%	60%	70%	74%	84%
02_3	Playgrounds	5%	87%	82%	90%	95%	94%	96%
02_1	Sports-fields	4%	87%	83%	89%	97%	95%	95%
01_1	Urban roads	3%	47%	44%	51%	65%	75%	77%
02_5	Overall management of your water supply	2%	55%	53%	51%	76%	80%	82%
05_1	The provision of dedicated walkways around the District	1%	62%	61%	61%	79%	77%	75%
05_2	Walkways in general	1%	62%	61%	62%	79%	79%	81%
02_2	Parks and reserves	1%	86%	85%	88%	95%	92%	94%
06_1	Overall satisfaction with the public facilities	1%	80%	79%	82%	92%	92%	92%
011	Quality of life	1%	90%	89%	90%	90%	90%	90%
02_3	The clarity of the water	-	73%	73%	68%	83%	74%	84%
03_1	Overall roads	-	42%	42%	51%	58%	62%	63%
06_1	Overall footpaths and walkways	-	63%	63%	61%	74%	78%	81%
07_1	Overall communication and engaging with the community	-	58%	58%	57%	74%	78%	75%
02_1	The availability of the water supply	-1%	70%	71%	64%	81%	86%	89%
02_4	The odour of the water	-1%	71%	72%	61%	76%	74%	78%
02_2	Rural sealed roads	-1%	39%	40%	46%	51%	51%	53%
05_3	Public toilets	-1%	71%	72%	83%	84%	81%	86%
04_4	The front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry	-1%	70%	71%	68%	78%	76%	74%
04_7	Overall handled your enquiry	-1%	49%	50%	49%	41%	58%	57%
03_1	Financial management	-1%	44%	45%	55%	69%	73%	72%
02_4	Cemeteries	-2%	84%	86%	88%	95%	92%	94%

NOTES:

Sample: 2024 n=512; 2023 n=460; 2022 n=553; 2021 n=451; 2020 n=451.

Excludes don't know responses.

### Trends in overall measures and reputation (%6-10 excluding don't know)

		% point increase / decrease (2024-2023)	Percentage of respondents satisfied, or very satisfied					
			2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
3_1	Overall parks and reserves	-2%	83%	85%	88%	95%	95%	95%
5_1	The library(s)	-2%	88%	90%	94%	97%	96%	97%
5_4	Community buildings and Service Centres	-2%	87%	89%	89%	94%	94%	95%
M1_2	Rates provide value for money	-2%	29%	31%	34%	53%	51%	62%
M2_2	The taste of the water	-3%	60%	63%	58%	72%	67%	75%
4_2	How well footpaths are maintained	-3%	59%	62%	63%	70%	71%	75%
6_2	Managing and issuing resource consents	-3%	36%	39%	36%	51%	62%	67%
4_2	How long it took to resolve the matter	-3%	41%	44%	39%	36%	41%	38%
M1_1	Annual property rates are fair and reasonable	-4%	34%	38%	41%	56%	58%	51%
M4_1	Council management of the wastewater system	-4%	77%	81%	83%	88%	91%	90%
4_3	Footpaths in general	-4%	63%	67%	65%	74%	79%	80%
P4_1	Service quality	-4%	61%	65%	67%	79%	79%	83%
P5_1	Overall reputation	-4%	58%	62%	63%	80%	79%	81%
P1_1	Overall performance	-4%	58%	62%	64%	80%	82%	79%
OL2_1	You are confident that the District is going in the right direction	-4%	61%	65%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4_6	The resolution or outcome achieved	-5%	45%	50%	47%	38%	46%	47%
4_1	The availability of footpaths	-5%	72%	77%	76%	83%	83%	84%
5B_1	Dog exercise areas	-5%	47%	52%	47%	88%	0%	0%
6_3	Managing liquor licensing	-6%	68%	74%	89%	95%	66%	82%
4_3	The information provided being accurate	-6%	51%	57%	62%	44%	58%	60%
P2_1	Faith and trust	-6%	55%	61%	61%	75%	75%	78%
2_1	Rural unsealed roads	-6%	41%	47%	49%	49%	48%	48%

NOTES:

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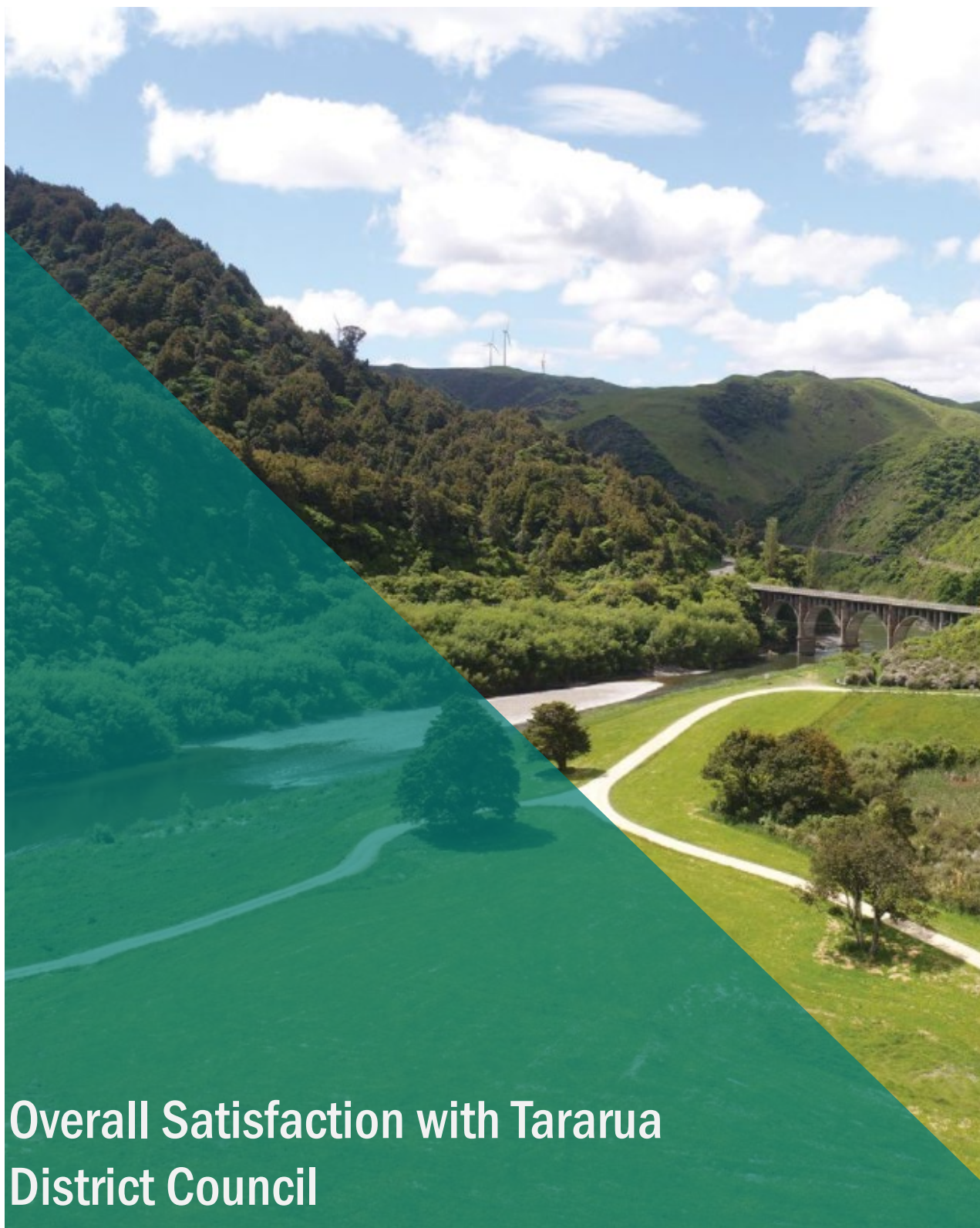
### Trends in overall measures and reputation (%6-10 excluding don't know)

		% point increase / decrease (2024-2023)	Percentage of respondents satisfied, or very satisfied					
			2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
5_2	Swimming pools	-6%	73%	79%	73%	85%	87%	86%
1_3	Overall performance of Community Boards and Community Committees	-6%	62%	68%	69%	86%	83%	79%
1_1	Overall performance of Mayor	-7%	68%	75%	75%	89%	92%	84%
R3_3	Landfills /transfer stations	-7%	60%	67%	62%	81%	79%	88%
M4_2	Usefulness of the Bush Telegraph Council page	-7%	71%	78%	73%	82%	87%	84%
R3_1	The recycling services	-8%	68%	76%	63%	79%	80%	87%
4_1	How easy it was to make your enquiry or request	-8%	77%	85%	75%	87%	84%	79%
V6_1	How well the stormwater system is managed	-8%	60%	68%	69%	63%	66%	71%
7_1	Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling your enquiry/service	-8%	73%	81%	72%	85%	86%	80%
R3_2	The Kerbside recycling services	-9%	67%	76%	0%	0%	0%	0%
M4_3	Usefulness of Council website content	-9%	66%	75%	68%	85%	87%	86%
P1_1	Vision and Leadership	-9%	56%	65%	66%	77%	81%	81%
6_4	Food licensing	-9%	69%	78%	100%	53%	0%	0%
1_2	Overall performance of Councillors	-9%	58%	67%	64%	80%	81%	77%
2_1	Dog control	-10%	62%	72%	71%	75%	79%	67%
6_5	Noise Control	-10%	49%	59%	65%	0%	0%	0%
1_4	Overall performance of Council staff	-10%	66%	76%	75%	87%	86%	85%
5_5	The Tararua Business Network	-11%	66%	77%	75%	0%	0%	0%
MD1_1	Council involvement in Community Development	-11%	57%	68%	67%	77%	82%	79%
6_1	Managing and issuing building consents	-13%	42%	55%	53%	74%	86%	82%
9_1	Satisfaction with afterhours services	-22%	46%	68%	45%	48%	0%	0%
4_5	The service provided by the after-hours call centre staff	-27%	47%	74%	76%	72%	67%	78%

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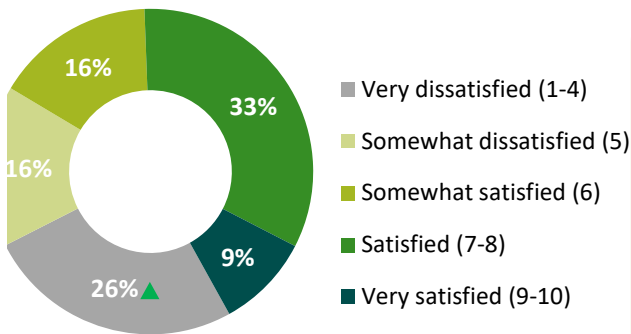


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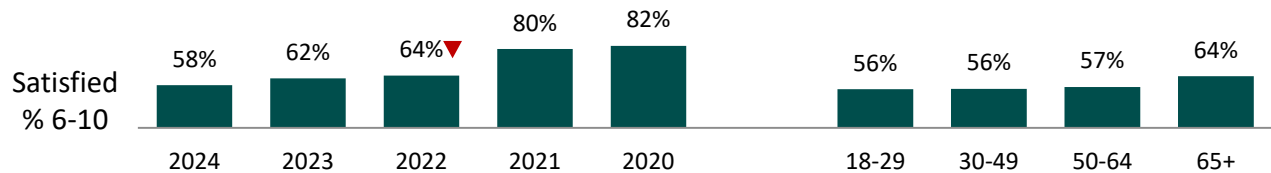




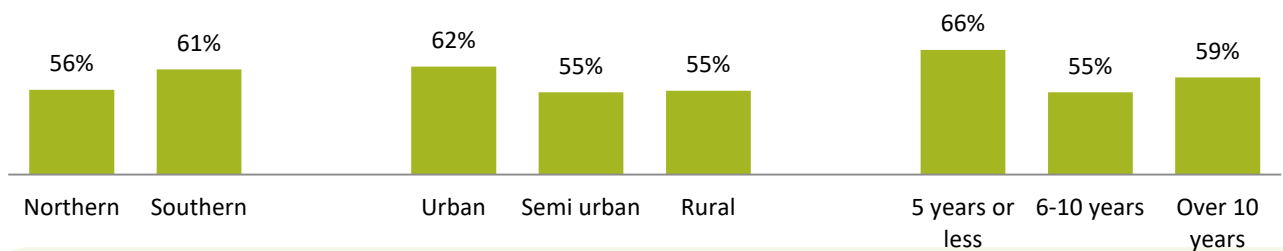
## Overall Performance



- Overall satisfaction with the *Council's performance* has shown a consistent decline, dropping from 64% in 2022 to 62% in 2023, and further to 58% in 2024.
- Just over a quarter of respondents (26%) are very dissatisfied with the *Overall performance* of the Council.
- Older residents, those aged 65+, exhibit a higher likelihood of providing high satisfaction scores for the Council's *Overall performance* (64%) when compared with younger age groups.



- Female residents are more likely to be satisfied with Council's *Overall performance* (61%) compared to Male residents (56%).



- Residents in the Southern ward tend to express higher satisfaction with the *Overall performance* of the Council.
- Long-term residents of the Tararua District (that is, those residing in the district for over 5 years), generally give lower ratings of the Council's *Overall performance* compared to newer residents.

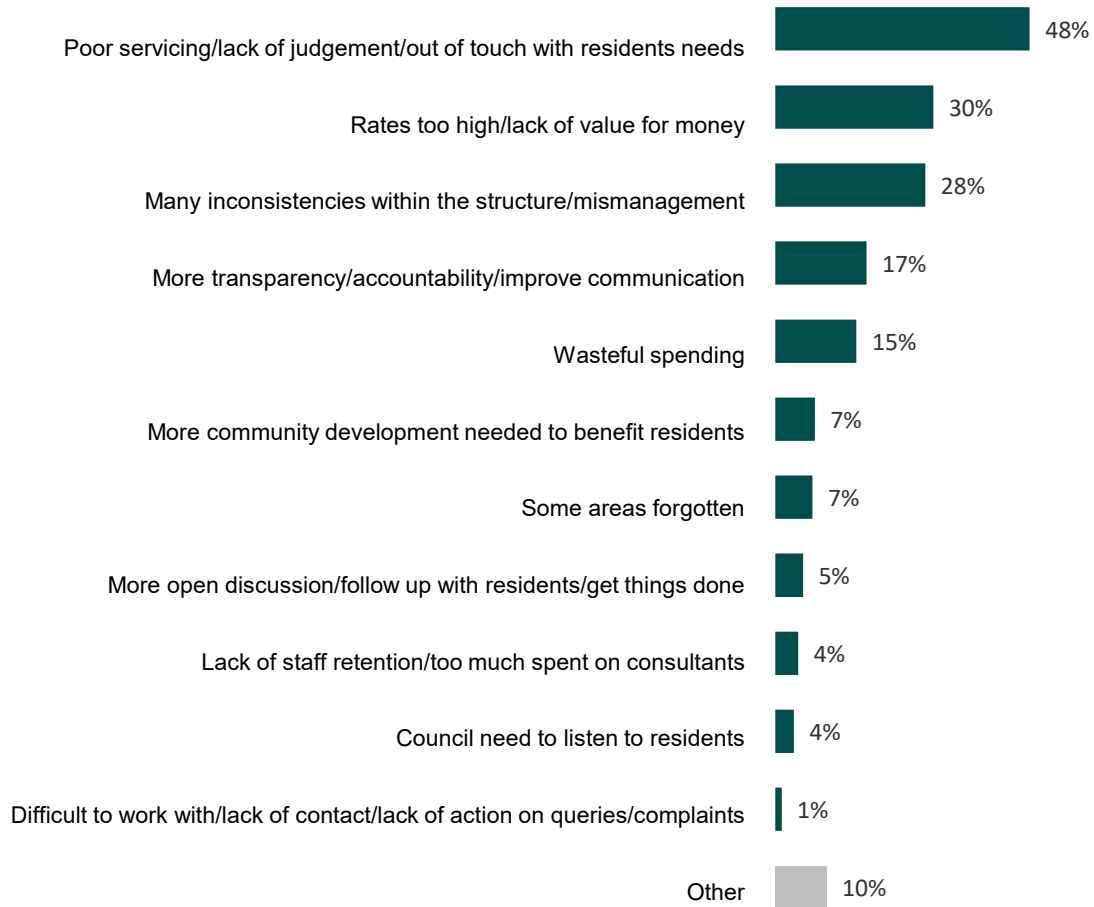
### NOTES:

OP1. Everything considered; reputation, services and value for money, how satisfied are you with the performance of the COUNCIL? n=477  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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**Between demographics**  
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## Dissatisfaction with Council's Overall Performance

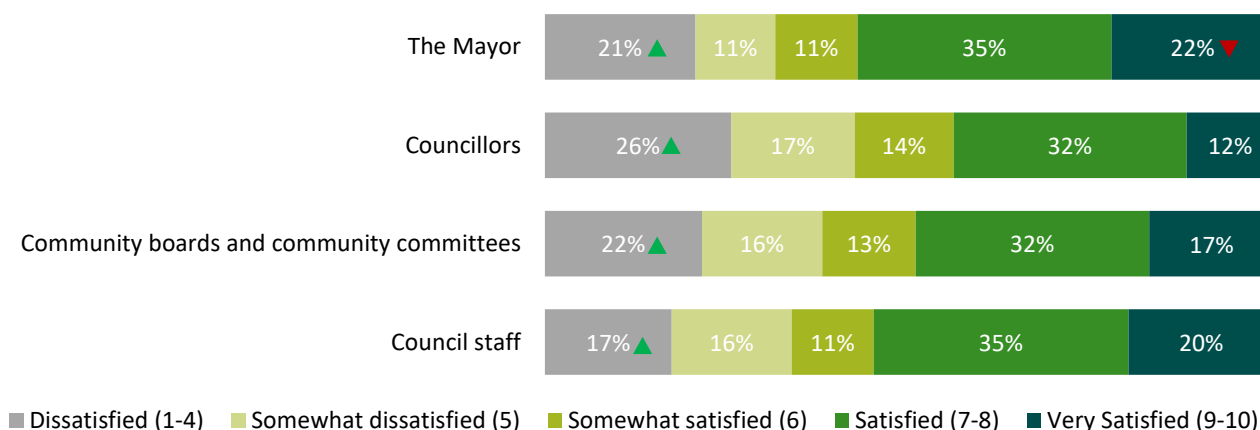


- *Failing infrastructure, lack of oversight for basic responsibilities. Escalating staff numbers and costs without addressing affordability for ratepayers.*
- *There is no value for money. We can't afford the Tararua Alliance, Downers is using up all the money. Too top heavy.*
- *Bad roads, footpaths, water restrictions and the list goes on. The towns aren't even welcoming to drive into.*
- *Please do better. Sort out our water, roads and services.*
- *No rubbish removal.*
- *Rates keep going up, and service goes down.*
- *For what we pay in rates, the value for money is a joke. Too many unproductive paid staff. The business hub a case in point.*
- *They need to stop raising the rates, especially the dog control fees. Make the owners of wandering dogs pay more. People are struggling. Forget the beautification for now, and go back to basics.*

OTES:

OP1A. Could you please tell us why you gave that rating? n=63

## Overall performance of Mayor, Councillors and Council staff



- There has been a significant increase in dissatisfaction regarding the *Mayor* (from 13% in 2023 to 21% in 2024), *Councillors* (from 16% in 2023 to 26% in 2024), *Community boards and committees* (from 15% in 2023 to 22% in 2024), and *Council staff* (from 11% in 2023 to 17% in 2024), along with a significant decrease in overall satisfaction with these key authority representatives.
- Residents in the Southern ward are more likely to be satisfied with the *Mayor's overall performance* (70%) compared to those living in the Northern ward (66%).

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
The Mayor	68% ▼	75%	75% ▼	89%	92%	71%	68% ▼
Councillors	58% ▼	67%	64% ▼	80%	81%	51%	59% ▼
Community boards and community committees	62%	68%	69% ▼	86%	83%	70%	60%
Council staff	66% ▼	76%	75% ▼	87%	86%	70%	65% ▼

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
The Mayor	66%	70% ▼	69%	67%	69%
Councillors	53%	62%	60%	52%	57%
Community boards and community committees	64%	60%	63%	60%	61% ▼
Council staff	63%	68% ▼	74%	61%	59% ▼

NOTES:

CP1. So how would you rate the overall performance of ...? n=431  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
▲ Significantly higher  
▼ Significantly lower

**Between demographics**  
▲ Significantly higher  
▼ Significantly lower

## Overall performance of Mayor, Councillors and Council staff



% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
The Mayor	73%	66%	66%	72%
Councillors	57%	53%	56%	64%
Community boards and community committees	73%	60%	59%	63%
Council staff	51%	66% ▼	64%	75%

% 6-10	5 years or less	Between 6 and 10	Over 10 years
The Mayor	58%	63%	71%
Councillors	41%	52%	60%
Community Boards and Community Committees	55%	52%	65%
Council staff	61%	71%	66%

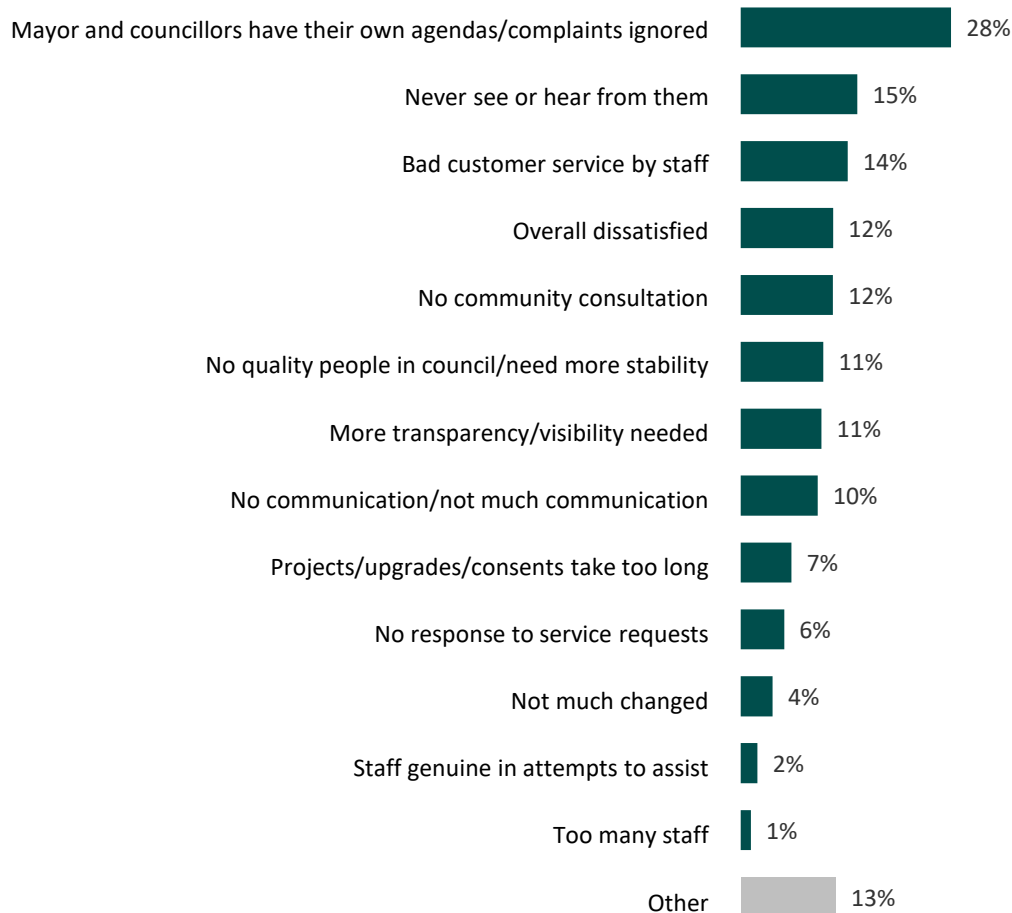
- *The Mayor* (73%) and *Community boards and committees* (73%) are consistently valued the highest by younger residents, those aged 18-29 years. While *Council staff* (51%) are rated significantly lower by younger residents compared to those aged 65 and above (75%).
- Residents who have lived in the district for 5 years or less are less likely to be satisfied with the performance of the *Mayor* (58%), *Councillors* (41%), *Community Boards and committees* (55%), and *Council staff* (61%).

OTES:

CP1. So how would you rate the overall performance of ...? n=431  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**      **Between demographics**  
 Significantly higher      Significantly higher  
 Significantly lower      Significantly lower

## Comments of Those Dissatisfied with the Performance of the Leadership Team



- The low rating for Councillors reflects how appalled I was by their behaviour during the debate relating to Three Waters. Widely publicised photos showing thumbs down, and communist signs, and comparing the reforms to the bombing of Pearl Harbour were disingenuous to the thousands of people who died, and an embarrassment to the district.*
- They are arrogant and rude, don't do anything, or take voluntary time into account.*
- The mayor and councillors make decisions without consulting the people that put them in power. Eg. unelected Maori representation.*
- Our council are not very good at problem solving, spending our money or communicating. They give us nothing much for our huge rate costs. No dog parks in Woodville, poor roads, no rubbish collection, poor water quality.*
- A number of ratepayers phoned Council about the problem, only to be told there wasn't a problem by someone who is your head in charge of infrastructure. Photos provided to Council showed otherwise.*
- We have tried several times to get involved and bring other members along, it's impossible to be heard over the current committee members.*

JTES:

CP1A. Could you please tell us why you gave that rating? n=99

## Value for Money

Annual property rates are fair and reasonable



Rates provide value for money



■ Disagree (1-4) ■ Somewhat disagree (5) ■ Somewhat agree (6) ■ Agree (7-8) ■ Strongly agree (9-10)

- Nearly half (48%) of residents disagree that the *Annual property rates are fair and reasonable*, while over half (54%) do not believe that *Rates provide value for money*.
- Agreement levels that *Annual property rates are fair and reasonable* and that *Rates provide value for money* have continuously declined over the past three years, with scores now at 34% and 29% respectively.
- Māori residents have a higher level of disagreement with the statements provided regarding *Value for money* than other ethnicities.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Annual property rates are fair and reasonable	34%	38%	41% ▼	56%	58%	25%	36%
Rates provide value for money	29%	31%	34% ▼	53%	51%	27%	30%

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Annual property rates are fair and reasonable	31%	36%	34%	35%	33%
Rates provide value for money	28%	30%	31%	30%	26%

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Annual property rates are fair and reasonable	29%	30%	30%	46%
Rates provide value for money	24%	25%	26%	41%

% 6-10	Male	Female	5 years or less	6-10 years	Over 10 years
Annual property rates are fair and reasonable	30%	37%	35%	31%	35%
Rates provide value for money	26%	32%	41%	26%	29%

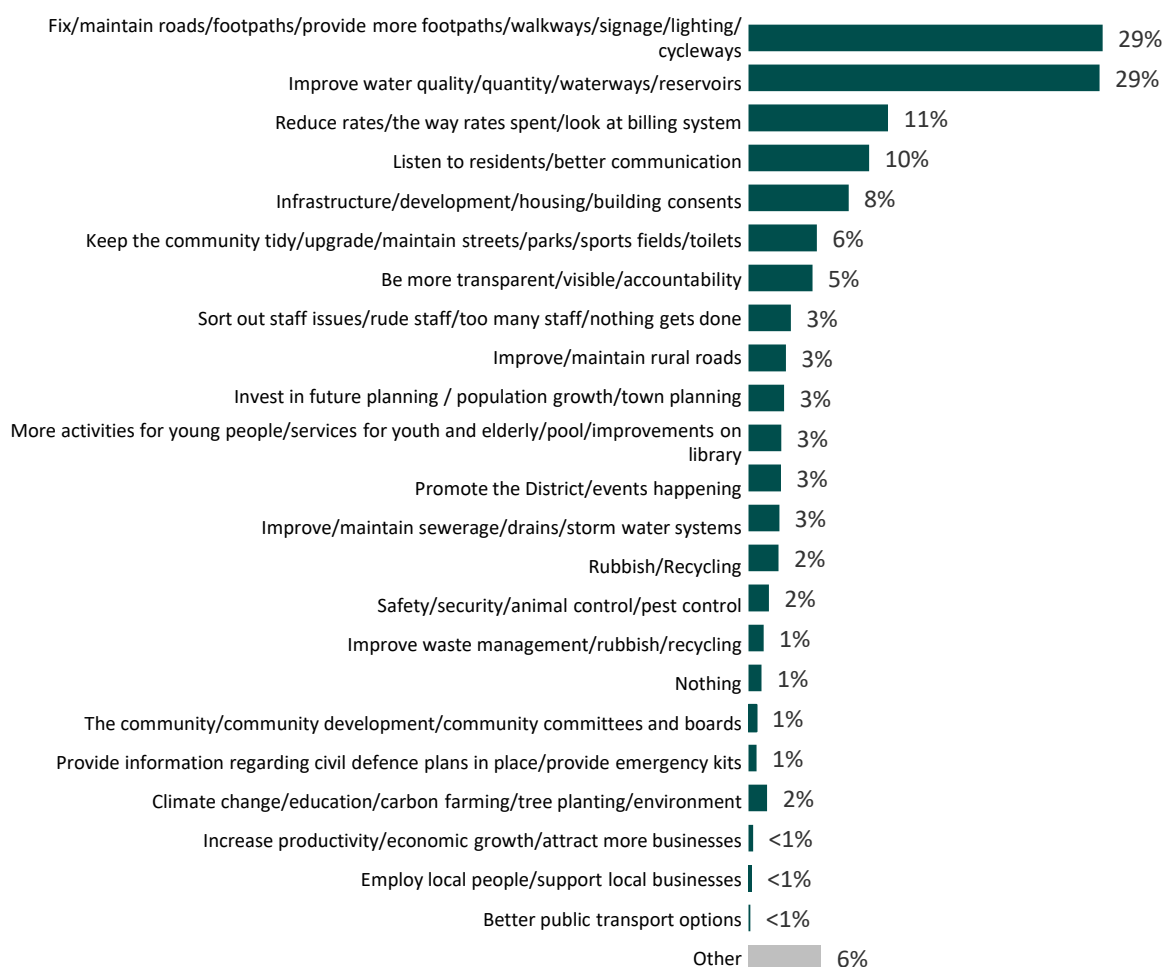
NOTES:

VM1. Using a scale of 1-10 where 1 is strongly disagree and 10 is strongly agree, how much do you agree with the following statements? n=488  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
▲ Significantly higher  
▼ Significantly lower

**Between demographics**  
▲ Significantly higher  
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## Important Issues for Residents



- Nearly three in ten residents (29%) identified *Fixing roads, footpaths, and cycleways*, and *Improving water quality, quantity, and waterways* as key issues that the Council should prioritise with more time and effort.

- Management of road and riverside rubbish, including emptying rubbish bins.*
- Roads, and looking after the Main Street of Pahiatua. Even if shops are closed, Council could do something to make them look better than just an empty building or set standards that Main Street buildings need to meet to stay modern and tidy.*
- Fixing the water dam to ensure we have enough good quality water all year round.*
- Prioritise the issues that the residents of the district have. Water is essential, and sorting out the issues that each town has would be a good start.*
- Water quality and availability. It tastes terrible and is like swimming pool water chlorine. I only drink and cook with bottled water because of this.*
- Using money wisely. Lobbying the government for more road funding to deal with extreme weather damage.*
- Find a way to lower rates and stop increasing them.*

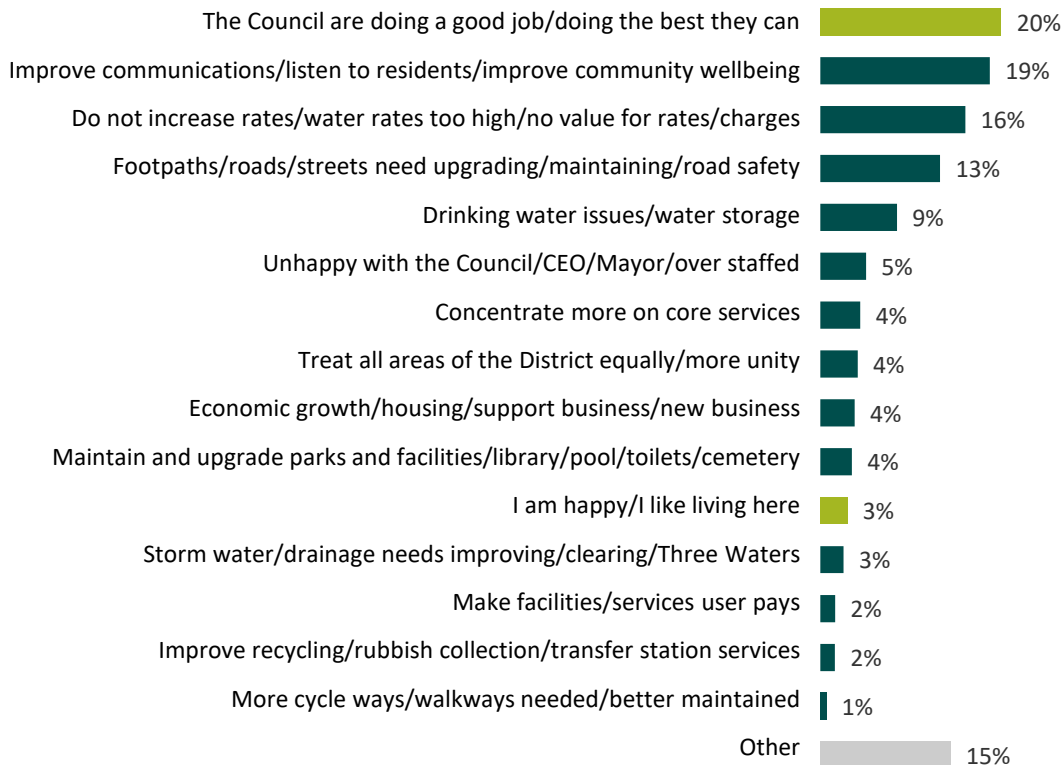
OTES:

OP2. What do you think is the single most important issue that the Council should put more time and effort into? n=467

**Year-on-year**  
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**Between demographics**  
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## General Comments



*Please listen to your residents' concerns, especially around the water situation.*

*It's about time that the Council bit the bullet and did something for its constituents and ratepayers and stop pandering about the tough decisions because they will keep coming back.*

*More needs to be done for our young people; teenagers especially. We need more facilities, programmes, skate parks, confidence courses, sports facilities, and events available after school and at weekends.*

*I felt most of the Councillors were out of touch with the realities of rural living.*

*Focus on statutory expenditure before any discretionary items of expenditure are considered.*

*The financial burden placed on ratepayers keeps on ballooning. There is a constant barrage of increase, on top of increase, on top of increase. There seems to be no limit to how much the Council is willing to gouge out of our pockets.*

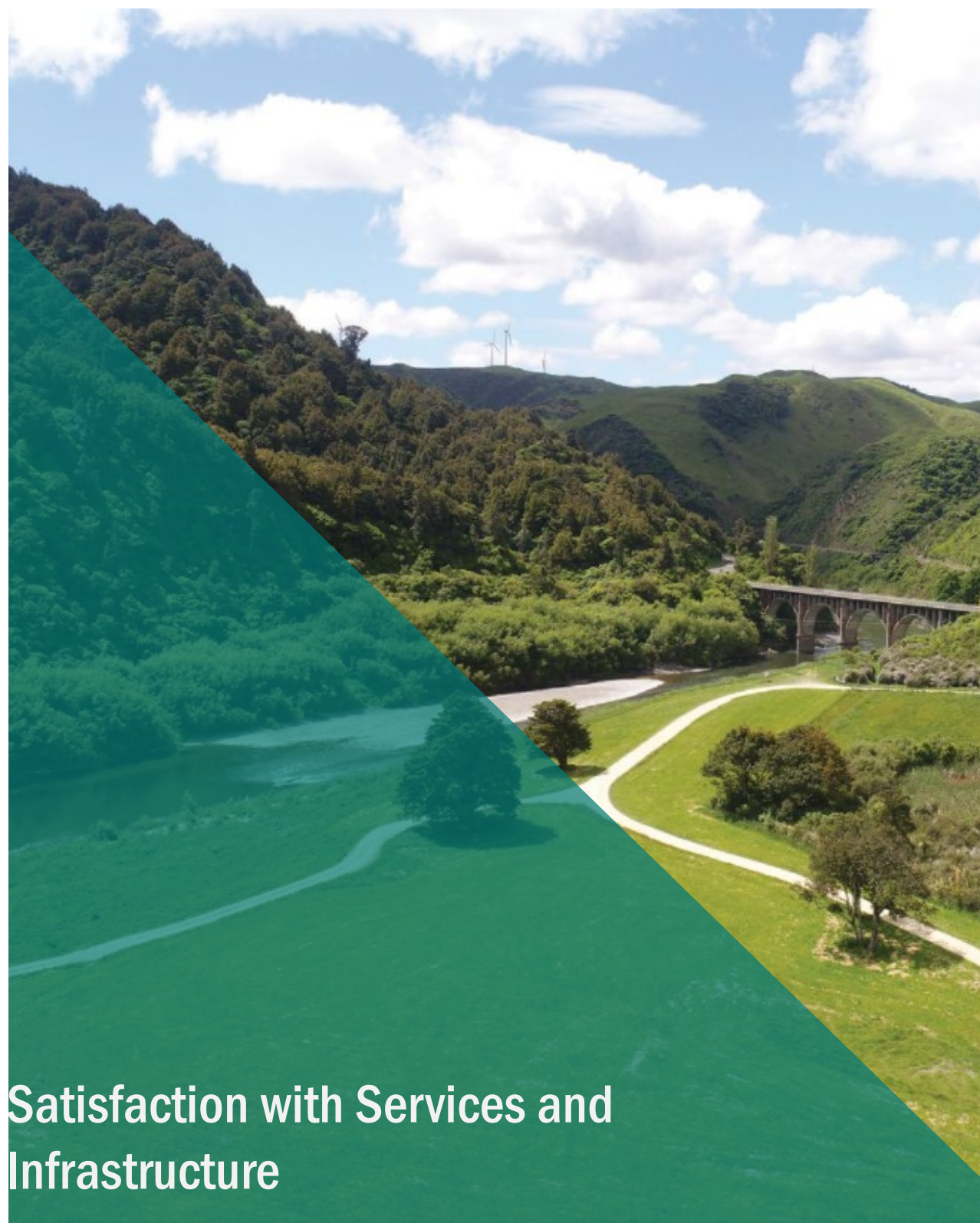


- *Generally heading in the right direction.*
- *The upgrade of Pahiatua is great and we are looking forward to the next Christmas event.*
- *Alison is approachable and willing to listen and help where she can. She is an asset to the district.*
- *The Council website is very helpful and informative. Keep it going.*
- *Overall, we are in a much better position than after the first 14 years of the Tararua District formation in the southern wards, but we can always improve.*
- *Pahiatua town centre is generally tidy and well presented, people doing the gardens do a great job and upgrade looks good and district appropriate.*
- *I was impressed with the recent work in Princess Street, very organised, efficient and well done.*
- *The centre of town upgrade looks nice and the stormwater rain garden system which went in was a practical forward thinking piece of infrastructure.*

### NOTES:

1. OP3. Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the Council? n=273





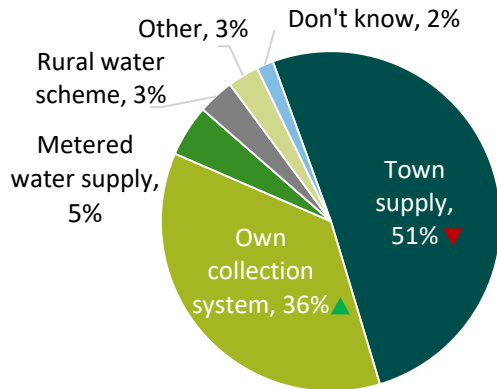
## Satisfaction with Services and Infrastructure



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## Water Supply



- Just over half of the residents in the district (51%) were connected to the *Town supply*, which is a significant decline from the 60% recorded in 2023.
- 36% of residents are connected to their *Own collection system*, a significant increase from 27% in 2023.

### Overall management of water supply



### The clarity of the water



### The odour of the water



### The availability of the water supply



### The taste of the water



■ Dissatisfied (1-4) ■ Somewhat dissatisfied (5) ■ Somewhat satisfied (6) ■ Satisfied (7-8) ■ Very Satisfied (9-10)

- 55% of those connected to the *Town supply* and *Metered water supply* are satisfied with the Council's *Overall management of water supply*.
- The taste of the water* is the lowest performing area regarding the *Water supply*, with 40% of respondents being at least somewhat dissatisfied with the taste.

NOTES:

TW1. Which of the following best describes your water supply connection? n=512

TW2. On the scale of 1- 10, how would you rate your satisfaction with... n=289

Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Year-on-year  
▲ Significantly higher  
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Between demographics  
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## Water Supply

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall management of water supply	55%	53%	51%▼	76%	80%	58%	54%
The clarity of the water	73%	73%	68%▼	83%	74%	76%	72%
The odour of the water	71%	72%▲	61%▼	76%	74%	80%▲	68%
The availability of the water supply	70%	71%	64%▼	81%	86%	79%	67%
The taste of the water	60%	63%	58%▼	72%	67%	64%	58%

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall management of water supply	46%	54%	56%	58%
The clarity of the water	68%	73%	71%	77%
The odour of the water	75%	68%	69%	73%
The availability of the water supply	68%	66%	73%	72%
The taste of the water	64%	50%	63%	67%

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall management of water supply	47%	63%	55%	51%	73%
The clarity of the water	74%	72%	73%	67%	90%
The odour of the water	75%	66%	71%	69%	90%
The availability of the water supply	65%	75%▼	70%	65%	73%
The taste of the water	69%	50%	59%	58%	82%

- Residents highly rate *The clarity of the water* (73%), while they express the lowest satisfaction with *The taste of the water*, at 60%.
- Residents in the Northern ward are significantly less likely to be satisfied with the *Overall management of water* (47%) than residents in the Southern ward (63%).
- Residents in rural areas are more likely to perceive water-related measures as satisfactory compared to residents in other areas.

NOTES:

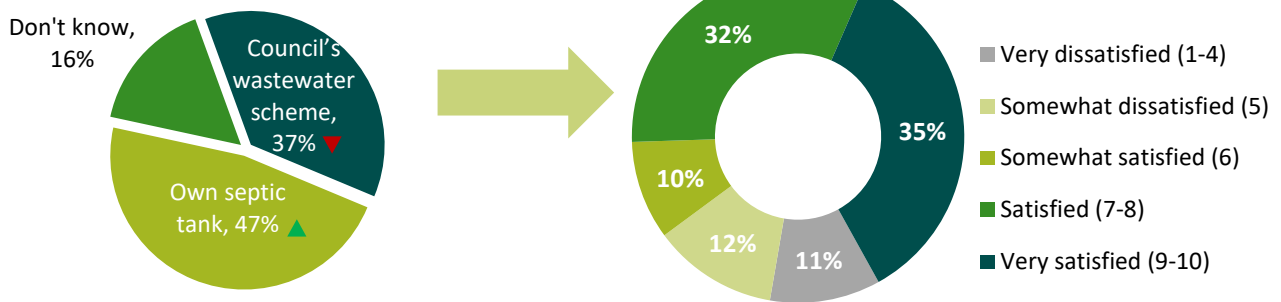
TW2. On the scale of 1- 10, how would you rate your satisfaction with... n=289  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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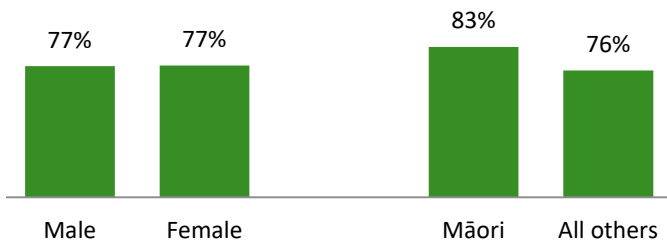
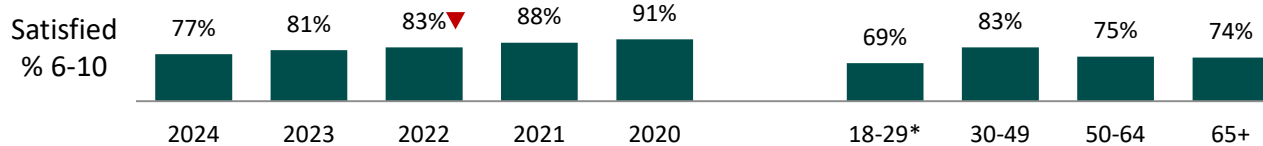
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## Wastewater System

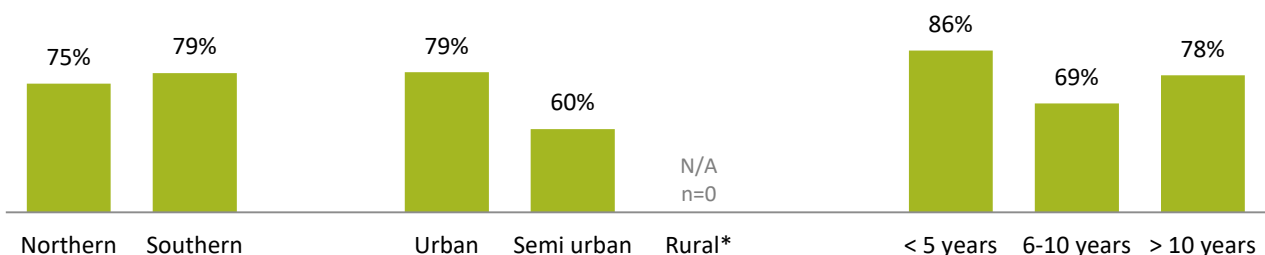
### Household wastewater connection



- Nearly in four in ten households (37%) are connected to Council's *Wastewater scheme*, which is a significant decrease since 2023 (44%).
- Among those who are connected to the Council's *Wastewater scheme*, 77% were satisfied with the service.



- Residents who identified as Māori are more likely to be satisfied with Council's *Wastewater system* than those of another ethnicity.
- There is no significant difference seen across genders or wards.



NOTES:

TW3. Are you connected to Council's Wastewater Scheme?; n=512

TW4. On the scale of 1- 10, how would you rate your satisfaction with... n=209

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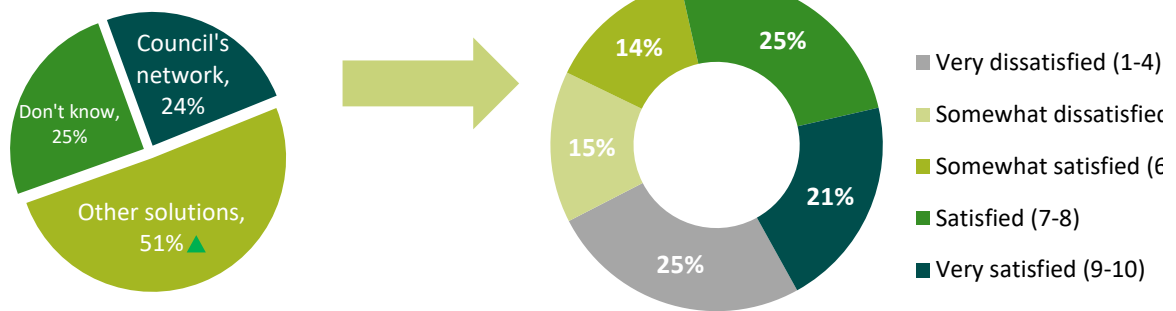
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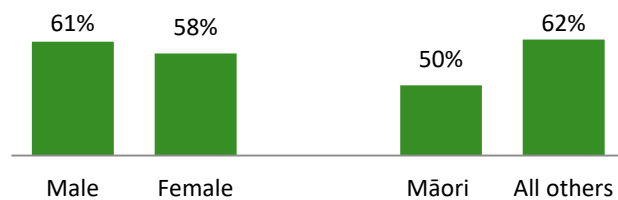
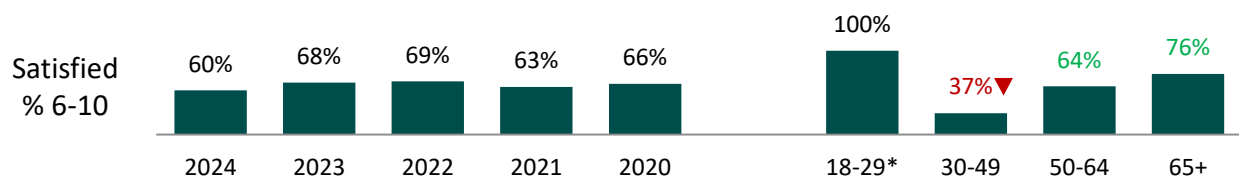
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## Stormwater Management

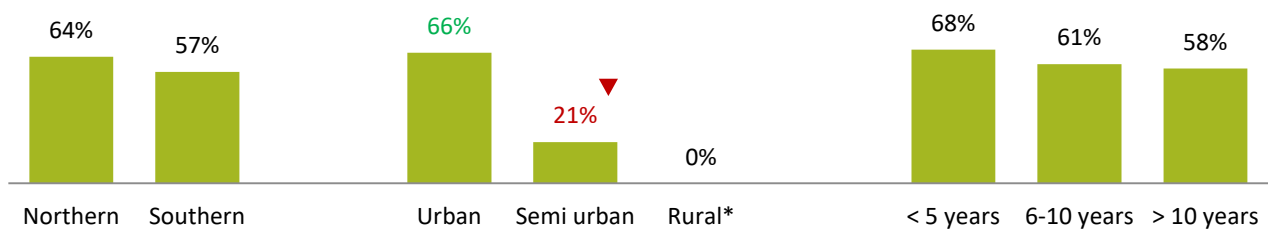
### Household stormwater connection



- Nearly a quarter of households (24%) are serviced by Council's *Stormwater network*.
- Among those who are serviced by the Council's *Stormwater network*, six in ten (60%) were satisfied with the Council's management.



- Older residents, those aged 50 and above, exhibit higher satisfaction levels with the Council's *Stormwater management* than younger residents.
- There are no significant differences across genders, ethnicities or wards. However, residents in urban areas (66%) are notably more likely to be satisfied with this service than those in semi-urban areas (21%).



NOTES:

TW5. Are you serviced by Council's stormwater network? n=512

TW6. On the scale of 1- 10, how would you rate your satisfaction with? n=138

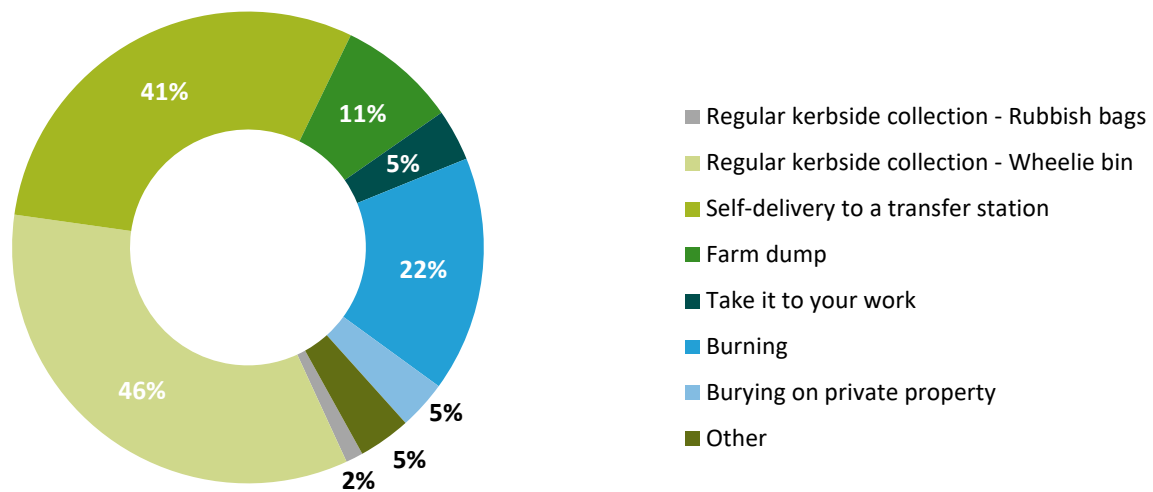
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\*Caution small sample size (n<10) results are indicative only.

Year-on-year  
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Between demographics  
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## Disposal of Non-recyclable Waste



- Nearly half (46%) of residents use *Regular kerbside collection – Wheelie bin* for disposing of non-recyclable waste, representing a slight decrease from 50% since 2023.
- Almost four in ten residents (41%) stated that they use the option of *Self-delivery to a transfer station*.
- There is a slight decrease of 2% points in the usage of *Farm dump* for disposing non-recyclable waste since 2023 (from 13% to 11%), while *Burning* (22%) remains consistent year on year.

% Use per method	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Regular kerbside collection – wheelie bin	46%	50%	47% ▲	27%	21%
Self-delivery to a transfer station	41%	42% ▼	49% ▲	41%	37%
Burning	22%	21%	17% ▼	27%	25%
Farm dump	11%	13% ▲	6% ▼	16%	16%
Burying on private property	5%	3%	2% ▼	8%	5%
Take it to your work	5% ▲	2%	3%	2%	2%
Regular kerbside collection – rubbish bags	2% ▼	4%	6%	7%	14%

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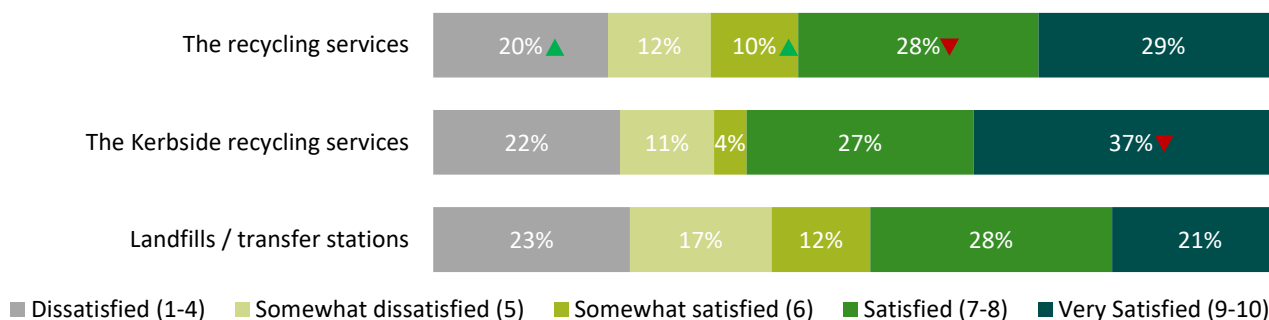
- WR1. Which of the following methods does your household use for disposal of non-recyclable waste? n=512
- Excludes 'Don't know' responses

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Between demographics  
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## Satisfaction with Waste Disposal



- Satisfaction with Waste disposal services including *Recycling services* (68%), *Kerbside recycling services* (67%), and *Landfills/transfer stations* (60%) have each decreased since 2023 by 7%-9% points.
- Residents in Semi-urban and Rural areas are significantly less likely to be satisfied with these services. Some residents mentioned that the Council should provide more accessible recycling services in rural communities.
- Despite the significant decrease, residents aged 18-29 years and those 65 years and older have rated the *Recycling services* highest, reporting at 71% for both age groups.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
The recycling services	68% ▼	76% ▲	63% ▼	79%	80%	90% ▲	62% ▼
The Kerbside recycling services	67% ▼	76%	-	-	-	85% ▲	62% ▼
Landfills / transfer stations	60%	67%	62% ▼	81%	79%	72%	57% ▼

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
The recycling services	71%	65% ▼	81%	52%	54% ▼
The Kerbside recycling services	68%	66%	83%	54%	16%
Landfills / transfer stations	68%	54%	68%	61%	49% ▼

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
The recycling services	71% ▼	67%	62%	71% ▼
The Kerbside recycling services	59% ▼	67%	62%	77%
Landfills / transfer stations	70%	59%	53%	66%

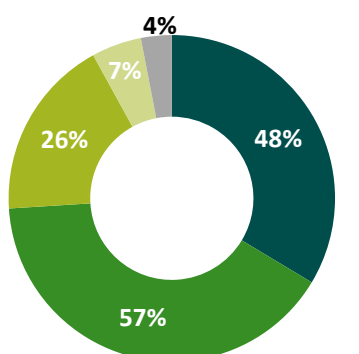
NOTES:

WR3. How satisfied are you with the following services that are provided by Council? n=457  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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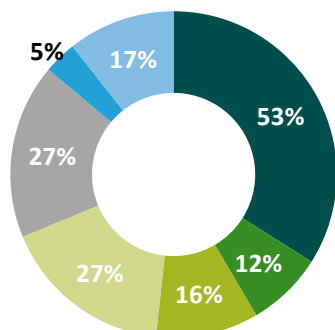
## Disposal of Recycling



- Regular Kerbside Collection
- Recycling Centre drop-off
- Composting/worm farming
- I don't recycle
- Other

% Use per method	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Recycling centre drop-off	57%	60% ▼	82%	79%	81%
Regular kerbside collection	48%	51% ▲	22% ▲	15%	15%
Composting/worm farming	26%	23%	28%	30%	18%
Don't recycle	7%	5%	6%	5%	4%
Other	4%	3%	3% ▼	6%	8%

- Most respondents (57%) use *Recycling centre drop-off* for recycling. While nearly five in ten respondents (48%) use *Regular kerbside collection*.
- Those who do not recycle cited a *Lack of convenient access* (53%) as the main barrier.



- Lack of convenient access
- Lack of space for extra bins
- Lack of time to separate recyclables
- Lack of incentive
- It does not make a difference
- Lack of knowledge
- Other

	2024	2023	2022
Lack of convenient access	53%	52%	41%
Lack of space for extra bins	12%	5%	9%
Lack of time to separate recyclables	16%	27%	14%
Lack of incentive	27%	10%	20%
It does not make a difference	27%	19%	5%
Lack of knowledge	5%	6%	10%
Other	17%	13%	12%

## Other Barriers to Recycling (Verbatim):

- *It should be free.*
- *There is no collection.*
- *As we live outside town boundaries, there is no pickup available.*

NOTES:

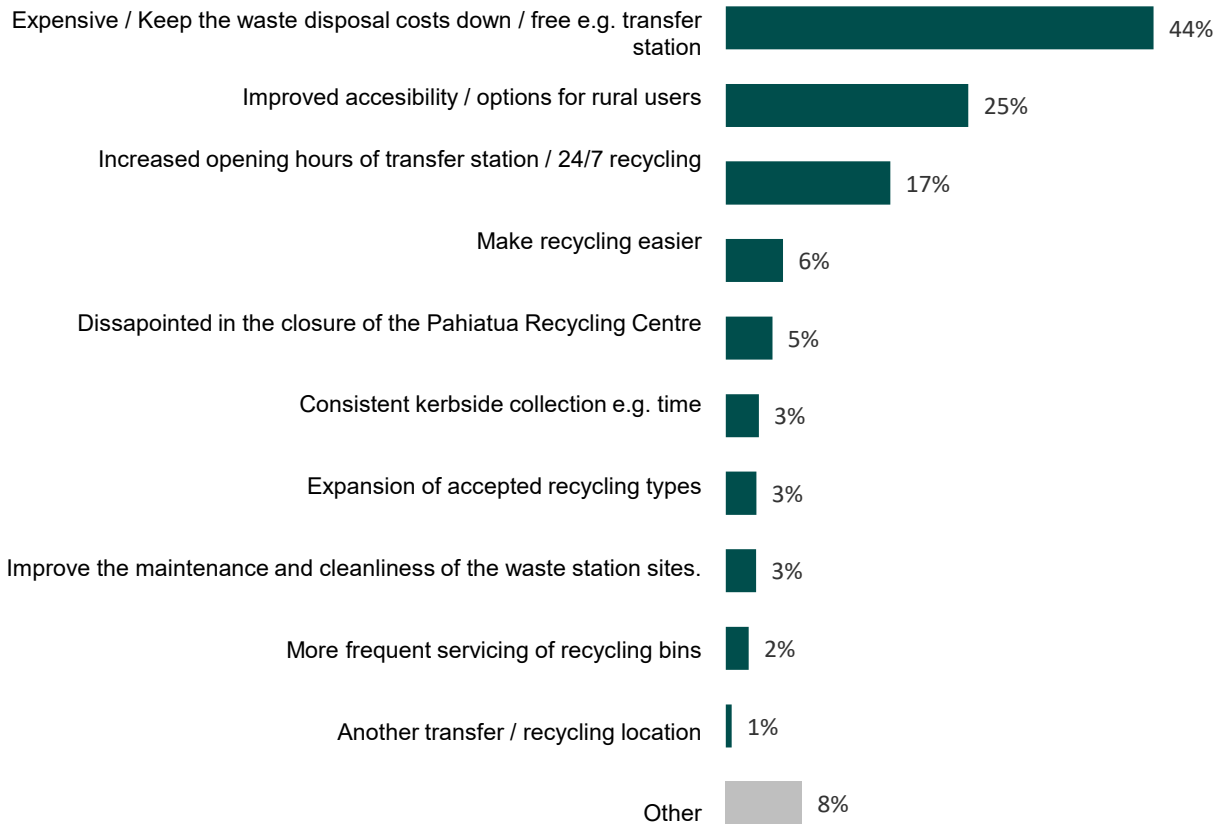
WR5. What methods do you use for recycling? n=512  
WR6. What are the things that prevent you from recycling? n=36  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Suggested Improvements for Waste Disposal Services

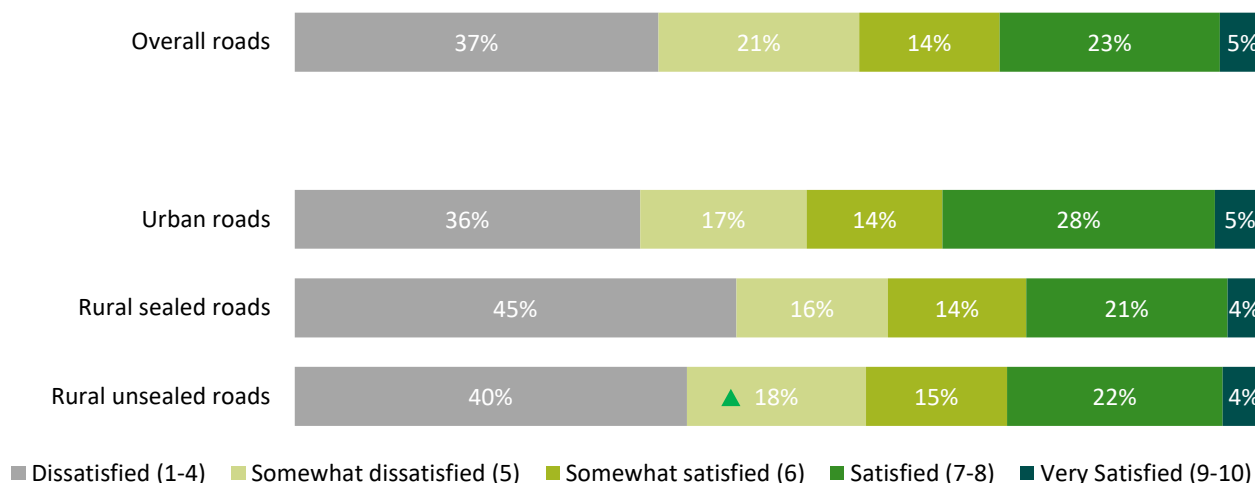


- *The way it is done, and the cost, is ridiculous.*
- *It is too expensive to consider using the transfer station unless it is absolutely necessary.*
- *The charges are too high, and we can't pay in cash. You have to take cash in this country, it is still legal tender. You can't just say card only. You are breaking the law.*
- *Free use of recycling centres since there is no services at the gate.*
- *More available recycling for rural areas.*
- *Would be nice to be included, we are only 5 minutes from town. However, if this is not possible, just some communication as to why not, which is probably cost. I assume our rates are lower, acknowledging the fact of not receiving these services.*
- *Better opening hours. Green waste at a much cheaper price.*
- *Recycling depots are often full or not open convenient hours.*

OTES:

WR4. If you are dissatisfied with Council recycling waste disposal services, what would you like to see changed? n=103

## Roading



% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall roads	42%	42% ▼	51% ▼	58%	62%	44%	41%
Urban roads	47%	44% ▼	51% ▼	65%	75%	44%	48%
Rural sealed roads	39%	40% ▼	46%	51%	51%	45%	37%
Rural unsealed roads	41%	47%	49%	49%	48%	50%	39% ▼

- Satisfaction with *Overall roads* (42%) has remained consistently low over the past year.
- Satisfaction with *Urban roads* has seen a slight increase of 3% points since 2023, rising from 44% to 47%, whereas satisfaction with *Rural roads*, both *Sealed* (39%) and *Unsealed* (41%), continues to decline year on year.
- Residents who identified as Non-Māori express significantly lower satisfaction levels with *Rural unsealed roads* (39%) compared to those who identified as Māori (50%).

### NOTES:

RF1. Still using the 1 to 10 scale where 1 means 'very dissatisfied' and 10 means 'very satisfied', how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the following...

RF2. How would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following? n=508

RF3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the roads around the Tararua District? n=506

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
▲ Significantly higher  
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**Between demographics**  
Significantly higher  
Significantly lower

## Roading

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall roads	40%	43%	53%	35%	30%
Urban roads	45% ▲	49%	50%	40%	46%
Rural sealed roads	33%	44% ▼	54%	29%	25%
Rural unsealed roads	43%	40% ▼	57%	32%	28% ▼

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall roads	37%	43%	36%	50%
Urban roads	41%	51% ▲	45%	49%
Rural sealed roads	35%	39%	38%	42%
Rural unsealed roads	40%	48%	37%	38%

- Residents in the Southern ward are more likely to be satisfied with *Overall roads* (43%), *Urban roads* (49%), and *Rural sealed roads* (44%) than Northern ward residents.
- Older residents, aged over 65 years, demonstrate a higher likelihood of satisfaction with *Overall roads* (50%) and *Rural sealed roads* (42%) compared to other age groups.

### NOTES:

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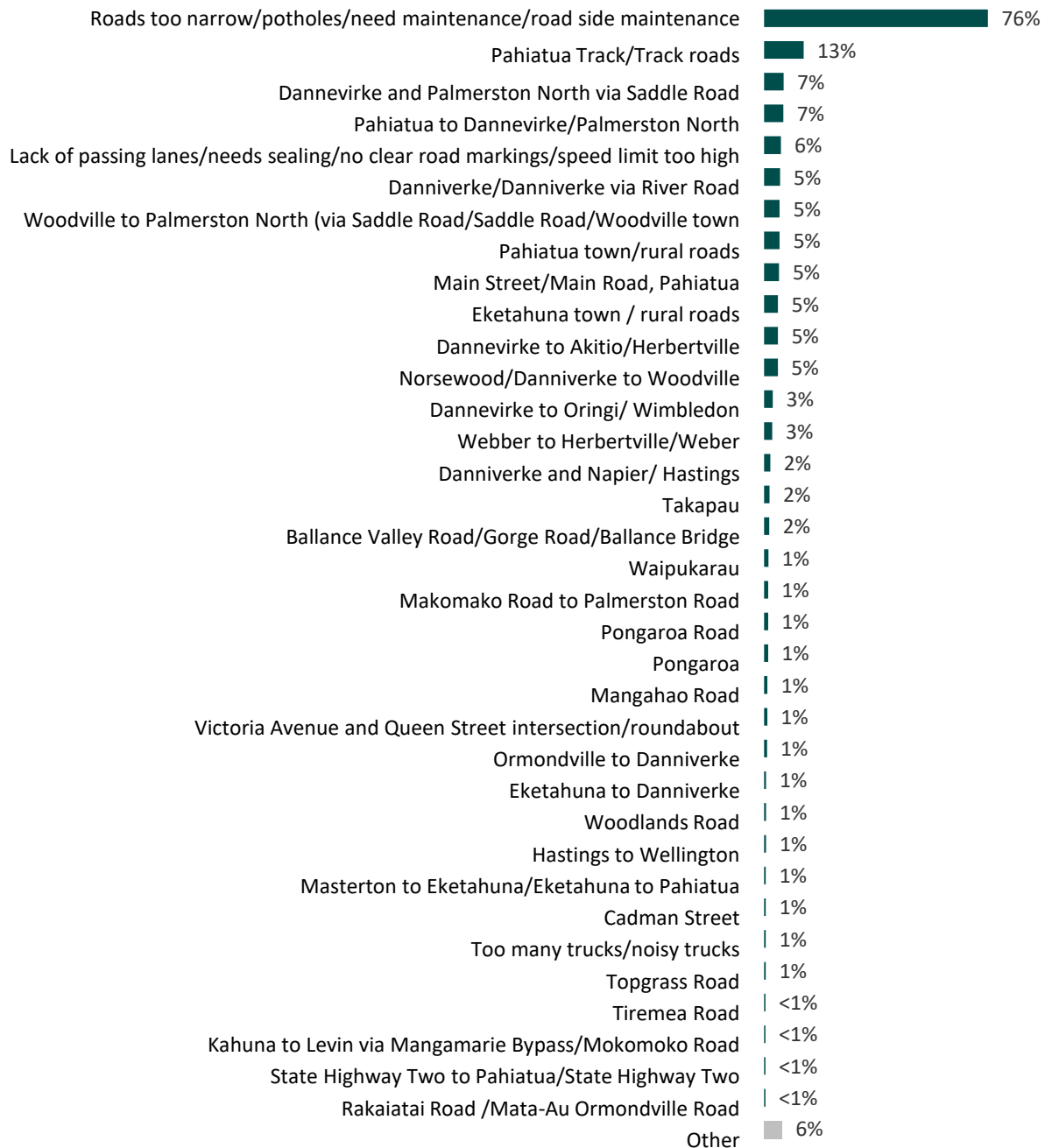
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## Dissatisfaction with Specific Journeys



- The predominant concerns among most residents are regarding *Narrow roads, potholes, and the need for maintenance* (76%) as their primary sources of dissatisfaction during their journeys.
- Over one in ten residents (13%) who expressed dissatisfaction specifically mentioned the *Pahiatua Track/Track roads*.

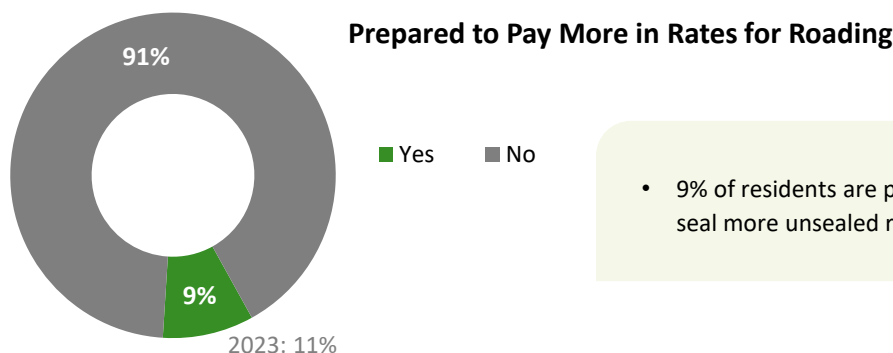
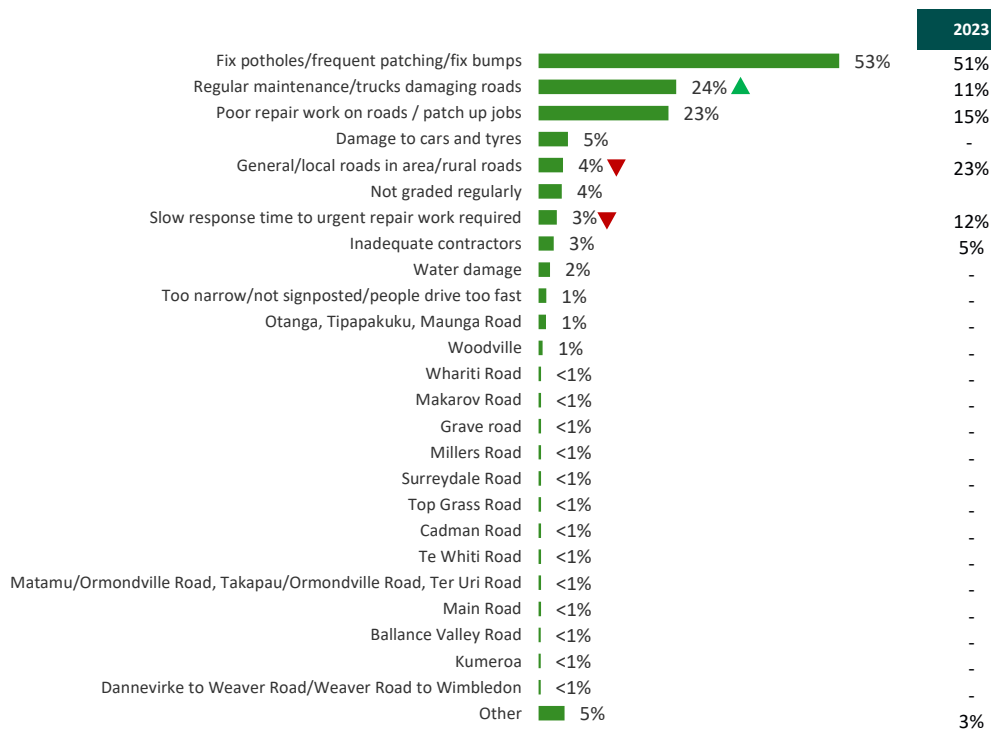
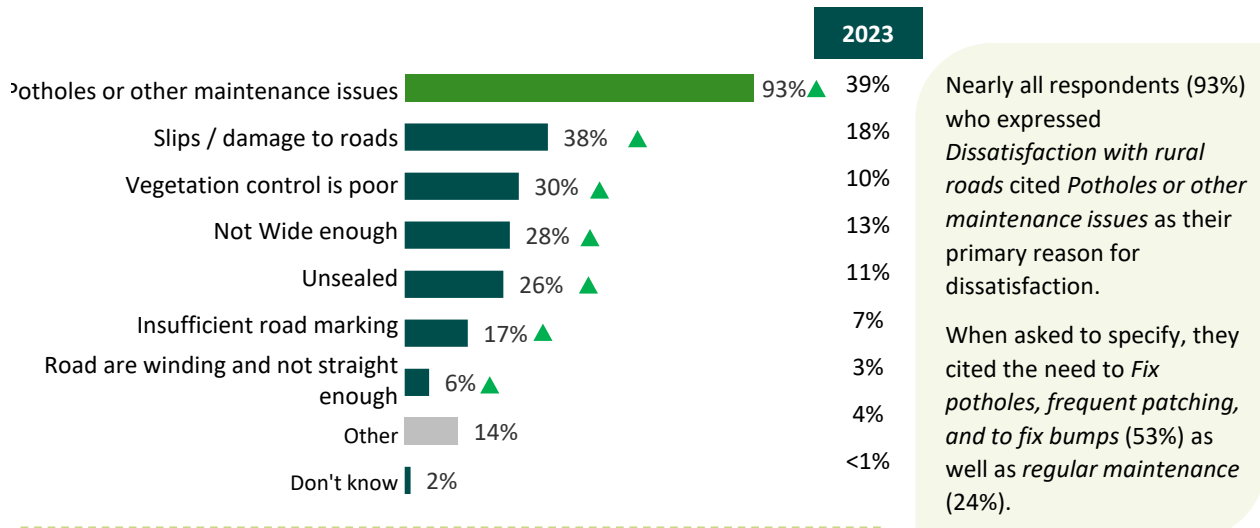
OTES:

RF1A. What journeys are you most unsatisfied with and why (e.g., my commute from Dannevirke to Palmerston North due to the Saddle Road)? n=127

**Year-on-year**  
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## Dissatisfaction with Rural Roads



- 9% of residents are prepared to pay more in rates to seal more unsealed roads.

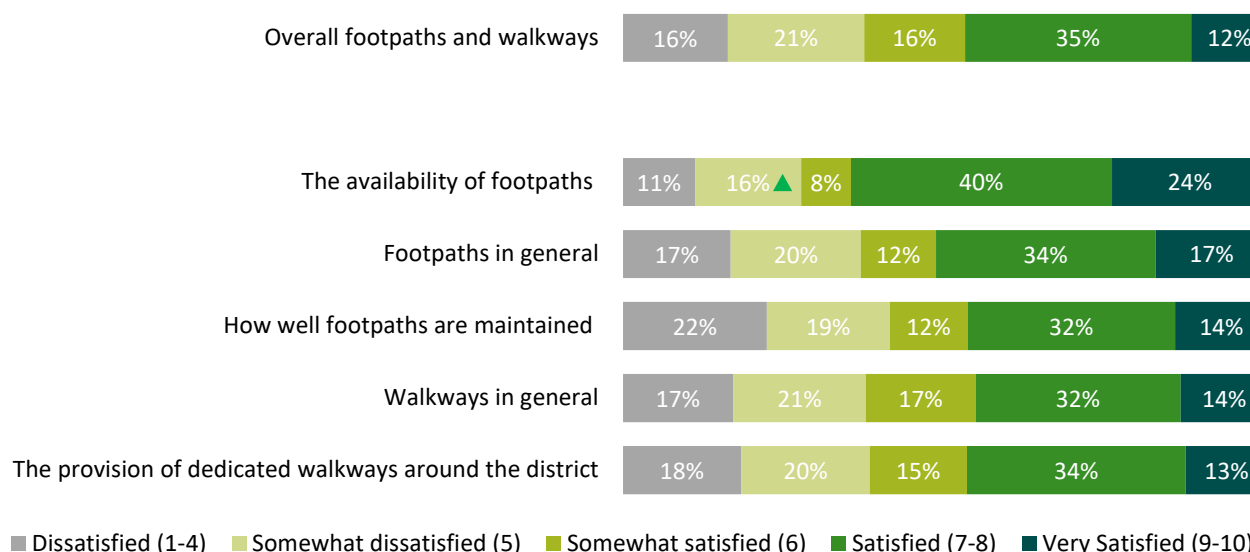
NOTES:

RF2A. Why weren't you satisfied with the rural roads? Please select all that apply. n=191  
RF3A. Would you be prepared to pay more in rates to seal more unsealed roads? n=427

Year-on-year  
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Between demographics  
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## Footpaths and Walkways



% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall footpaths and walkways	63%	63%	61% ▼	74%	78%	70%	60%
The availability of footpaths	72%	77%	76% ▼	83%	83%	81%	70% ▼
Footpaths in general	63%	67%	65% ▼	74%	79%	71%	61%
Walkways in general	59%	61%	62% ▼	79%	79%	74%	59%
The provision of dedicated walkways around the district	62%	61%	61% ▼	79%	77%	75%	58%
How well footpaths are maintained	62%	62%	63% ▼	70%	71%	69%	56%

- 63% of residents are satisfied with *Overall footpaths and walkways*.
- Despite the decrease in satisfaction, *The availability of footpaths* (72%) remains the aspect with the greatest satisfaction, however residents are the least satisfied with *Walkways in general* (59%).

OTES:

RF4. Still using the 1 to 10 scale where 1 means 'very dissatisfied' and 10 means 'very satisfied', how would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following... n=451

RF5. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following... n=375

RF6. Overall, how satisfied are you with the footpaths and walkways around the District? n=431  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

Year-on-year  
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Between demographics  
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## Footpaths and Walkways

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall footpaths and walkways	82%	58%	61%	59%
The availability of footpaths	80%	69%	68%	77%
Footpaths in general	72%	60%	64%	60%
Walkways in general	86% ▲	53%	60%	61%
The provision of dedicated walkways around the district	86% ▲	53%	59%	60%
How well footpaths are maintained	68%	57%	58%	55%

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall footpaths and walkways	69%	57%	67%	44%	63%
The availability of footpaths	78%	67%	79%	61%	66% ▼
Footpaths in general	63%	63%	65%	49%	66%
Walkways in general	70%	55%	66%	43%	65%
The provision of dedicated walkways around the district	70%	54%	64%	41%	66%
How well footpaths are maintained	62%	55%	59%	44%	63%

- Younger residents, those aged 18 to 29 years, are more likely to be satisfied with all measures related to *Road networks* compared to other age groups.
- Except for *Footpaths in general*, residents in the Northern ward are more likely to express satisfaction with the overall condition of footpaths, walkways, and related metrics compared to residents in the Southern ward.

### NOTES:

RF4. Still using the 1 to 10 scale where 1 means 'very dissatisfied' and 10 means 'very satisfied', how would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following... n=451

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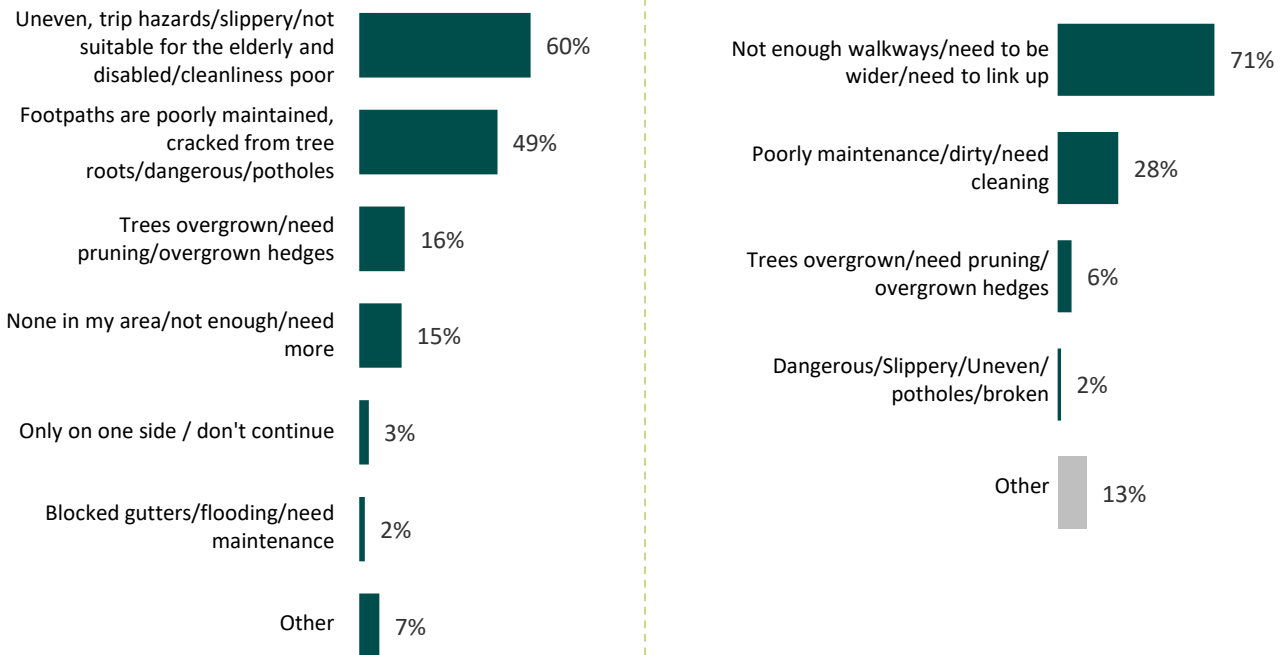
RF6. Overall, how satisfied are you with the footpaths and walkways around the District? n=431

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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**Between demographics**  
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## Dissatisfaction with Footpaths and Walkways



- The crossings from the footpaths to the carriageways. Many are diabolical for mobility scooters. Some are far too steep and where driveways meet the road, there is often a 50 to 70 millimetre step.
- The need to be cleaned. There is so much moss and damage to driveway entrances that should be sorted by the Council.
- There are cracks, weeds, and lots of rubbish, which I normally pick up when I'm out walking.
- Lichen growing on footpaths can also make footpaths slippery.
- Moss, uneven surfaces. Driveways have holes and the ground is uneven. Vegetation is not kept back.
- I have lived here for seven years, and the footpath outside my house has been broken the entire time.
- Suffice it to say, the footpaths are very bad.
- Footpaths are way below average, weeds everywhere, uneven, and there's ones by my house you can't walk on because they're too rough.

- Have more options around the town perimeters with safe access for general exercise, and support passage to workplaces.
- We need a walkway from the dog park to the lower domain, and an extension to the Adelaide Road walkway.
- Need to get one along the river from Pahiatua to the brewery, need to look at the big picture to with the new road over to Ashhurst.
- Not enough in Woodville.
- I'd like to see a walkway that is well maintained, that walkers can navigate without risk from wheeled vehicles, for a decent length and attractive setting.
- More effort in fixing up and making pretty the walkway outside my house where my family, friends and visitors use.
- Just tidy up Woodville's footpaths and the verges. We look poor, our council should be ashamed.
- A big clean-up.

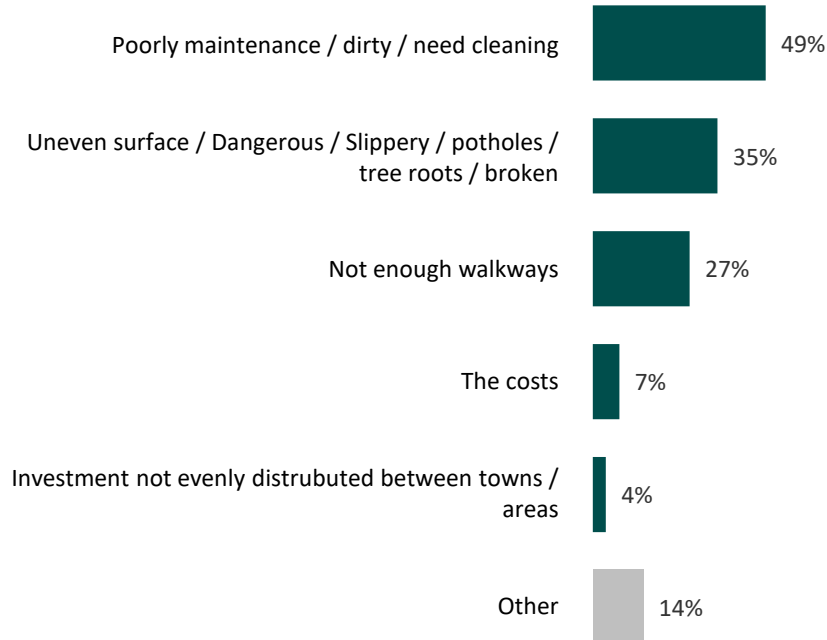
OTES:

RF4A. What aspects of the District's footpaths are you unsatisfied with and why? (Please provide as much detail as possible.) n=72

RF5A. If dissatisfied with Council walkways around the Tararua District, what would you like to see changed? n=53



## Dissatisfaction with Overall Footpaths and Walkways



- *Some walkways don't even get looked at.*
- *The footpaths around Pahiatua need more maintenance.*
- *The moss build-up has been there for months.*
- *Again, I'd like to see footpaths where children play and live, where elderly people visit family members the footpaths fixed up.*
- *Most of our footpaths and walkways are terrible, the only ones that look okay are the Main Street ones from the fish spot to the school and perhaps one block back, the majority aren't that great.*
- *Walk my dog daily, have to be very careful where I step, have tripped up on roots of trees pushing through the pavement.*
- *Uneven ground. Holes over driveways, moss and mold are growing on paths, making it slippery, and rubbish on footpaths.*
- *Uneven and dirty, and no walkways in Woodville.*

JTES:

RF6A. Can you please tell us why you gave that rating? (Please provide as much detail as possible.) n=40



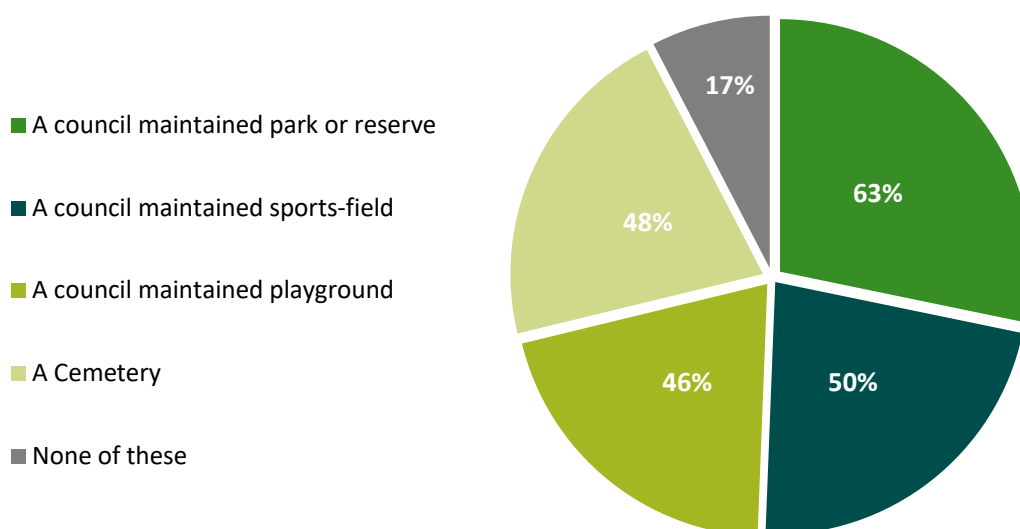
## Satisfaction with Parks and Reserves, Public Facilities and Regulatory Services



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## Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces: Visits



- A Council-maintained park or reserve has remained the most frequented public facility, with slightly over six in ten residents (63%) having visited. However, there has also been a gradual decline in the percentage of residents visiting A Council-maintained park or reserve over the past three years, decreasing from 67% in 2022 to 65% in 2023 and further declining to 63% in 2024.
- Visitation to Council-maintained playgrounds (46%) has seen a gradual increase of 2% points since 2023.

Visited at least once in last 12 months	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
A Council maintained park or reserve	63%	65%	67%	69%	67%	75%
A Council maintained sports-field	50%	50%	46% ▼	58%	60%	67%
A Cemetery	48%	42%	46% ▼	50%	54%	65%
A Council maintained playground	46%	44% ▼	53%	56%	59%	62%
None of these	17%	16%	19% ▲	13%	15%	11%

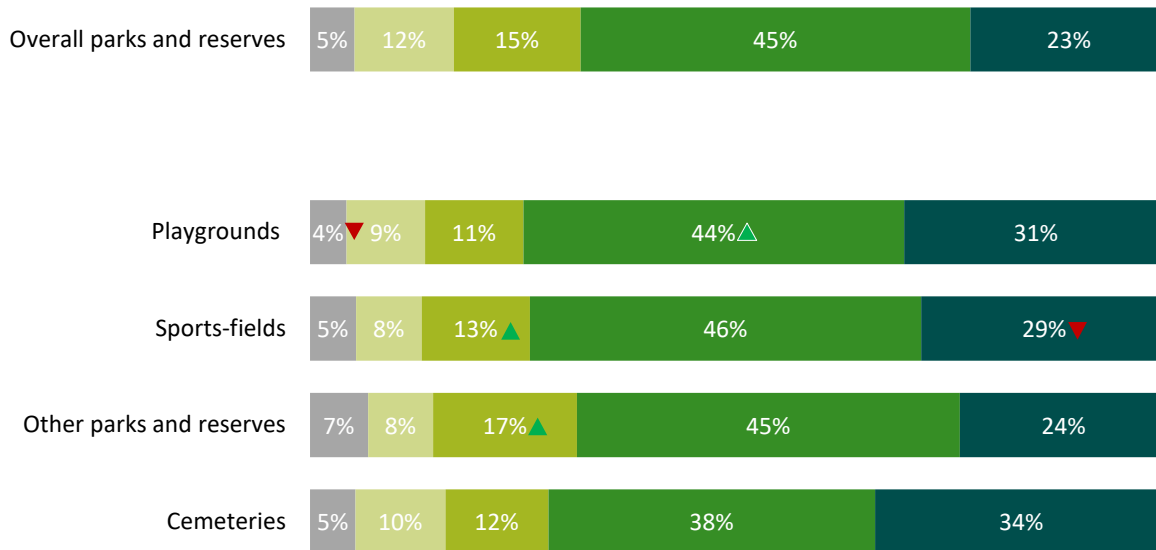
NOTES:

PR1. In the last year, which of the following have you visited? n=512  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

Year-on-year  
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## Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces: Satisfaction Overall



■ Dissatisfied (1-4) ■ Somewhat dissatisfied (5) ■ Somewhat satisfied (6) ■ Satisfied (7-8) ■ Very Satisfied (9-10)

- *Playgrounds* and *Sports fields* received the highest satisfaction scores (87%) among all *Open public spaces*, with increases of 5% and 4% points, respectively.
- Non-Māori residents express a higher level of satisfaction with *Parks, reserves, and open spaces* maintained by the Council compared to other residents.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall parks and reserves	83%	85%	88%▼	95%	95%	81%	85%
Playgrounds	87%	82%▼	90%▼	95%	94%	81%	83%
Sports-fields	87%	83%▼	89%▼	97%	95%	80%	84%
Other parks and reserves	86%	85%	88%▼	95%	92%	80%	87%
Cemeteries	84%	86%	88%▼	95%	92%	81%	87%

NOTES:

PR2. Still using the 1 to 10 scale where 1 means 'very dissatisfied' and 10 means 'very satisfied', how would you rate your overall satisfaction with Council's performance in maintaining its... n=410

PR3. And overall, how satisfied are you with how well Council maintains its sports-fields, parks, playgrounds, cemeteries and other open spaces? n=436

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

Year-on-year  
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Between demographics  
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## Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces: Satisfaction Overall

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall parks and reserves	83%	80%	84%	86%
Playgrounds	94%	84%	86%	87%
Sports-fields	86%	87%	88%	87%
Other parks and reserves	100%	83%	82%	84%
Cemeteries	70%	85%	88%	88%

- Residents in the Southern ward have shown a significant increase in satisfaction with *Playgrounds* (from 82% in 2023 to 89% in 2024), while residents in the Northern ward have shown a significant increase in satisfaction with *Sports-fields* (from 79% in 2023 to 88% in 2024).
- Rural dwellers (86%) exhibit a significantly higher likelihood of satisfaction with *Overall parks and reserves* compared to residents in semi-urban areas (75%).

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall parks and reserves	86%	81%	86%	75%	82%
Playgrounds	83%	89% ▲	86%	89%	86%
Sports-fields	88% ▲	86%	90%	83%	84%
Other parks and reserves	87%	84%	87%	81%	85%
Cemeteries	91%	78%	86%	89%	80%

### NOTES:

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## Dissatisfaction with parks, reserves and open spaces

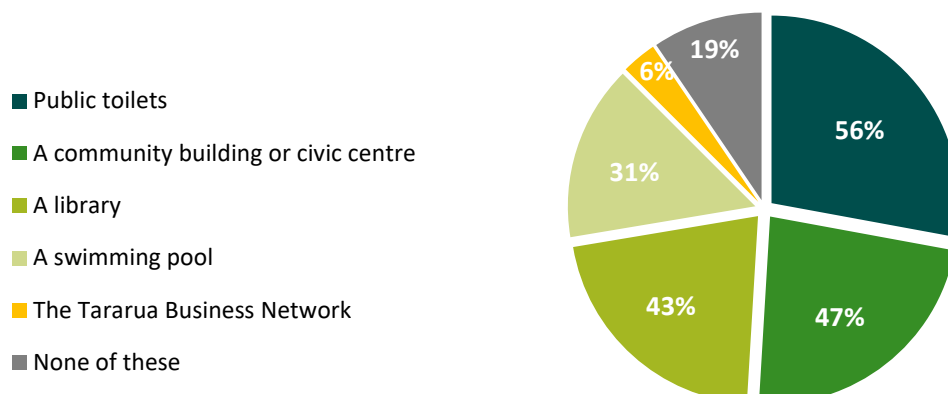
- *Improved plant pest management.*
- *The only playground we have for children and the Council does not maintain it, and they even removed things from it under the guise of it not being safe, which was absolute rubbish.*
- *More maintenance.*
- *The minimal dog park that is available, is horrible. It is next to a busy road and is not fenced.*
- *From what I can see, the Council do not maintain these facilities that well.*
- *The Eketāhuna rugby grounds need better draining and mowing more often.*
- *More rubbish bins should be provided.*
- *Regular inspection and spray of noxious weeds.*
- *These spaces benefit everyone in the district. Good maintenance improves the experience for everyone. Poor maintenance gives a bad impression to visitors and residents alike.*
- *You need to do more maintenance on the playground. Many families stop here on the way through Pahiatua, but things like the slide and the plane needs work. The paths need sweeping because there is bark all over them.*
- *Bush multi-sport is always well maintained but that is ensured by the local trust on the site.*
- *Eketahuna has no reserve parks.*
- *Keeping these areas clean and safe for any visitors.*
- *Urupa is falling apart.*
- *More weed control and pest control taking place. Restoring areas back to native biodiversity. Controlling Old Mans Beard, and Clematis Vitalba.*
- *Cutting the grass and maintaining the cemetery, Alfredton Road, Eketahuna.*
- *Somewhere to walk, cycle, and walk dogs, like a walking and cycling path from Toki to Pahiatua.*
- *All grounds need to be mowed regularly, Gorge cemetery needs better drainage and the road, it's getting harder to get up there to see my mum.*

NOTES:

PR2A. If dissatisfied with Council parks, reserves and other open spaces, what would you like to see changed? n=19  
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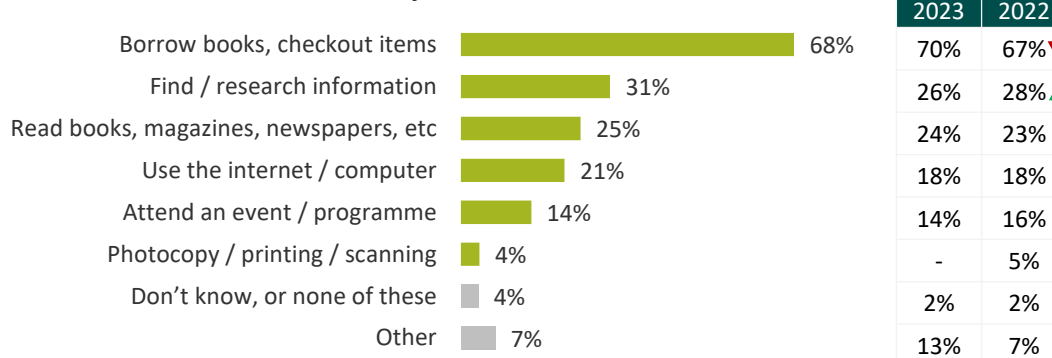
## Other Public Facilities: Visits



- Among all public facilities, residents mostly visit *Public toilets* (56%), *A Community building or civic centre* (47%), and *A Library* (43%).
- *Library* visitors primarily go to *Borrow books and check out items*, with 68% engaging in these activities, while over three in ten visitors (31%) go to *Find or research information*.

Visited at least once in last 12 months	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Public toilets	56%	55%	59%	59%	64%	63%
A community building or civic centre	47%	47%	51%	49%	58%	56%
A library	43%	44%	48%	44%	50%	56%
A swimming pool	31%	29% ▼	35%	36%	37%	45%
The Tararua Business Network	6%	5%	6% ▼	10%	8%	11%
None of these	19%	21% ▲	15%	15%	13%	10%

## Library services used



2023	2022
70%	67% ▼
26%	28% ▲
24%	23%
18%	18%
14%	16%
-	5%
2%	2%
13%	7%

NOTES:

CF1. Which of the following facilities have you visited in the last year? n=512

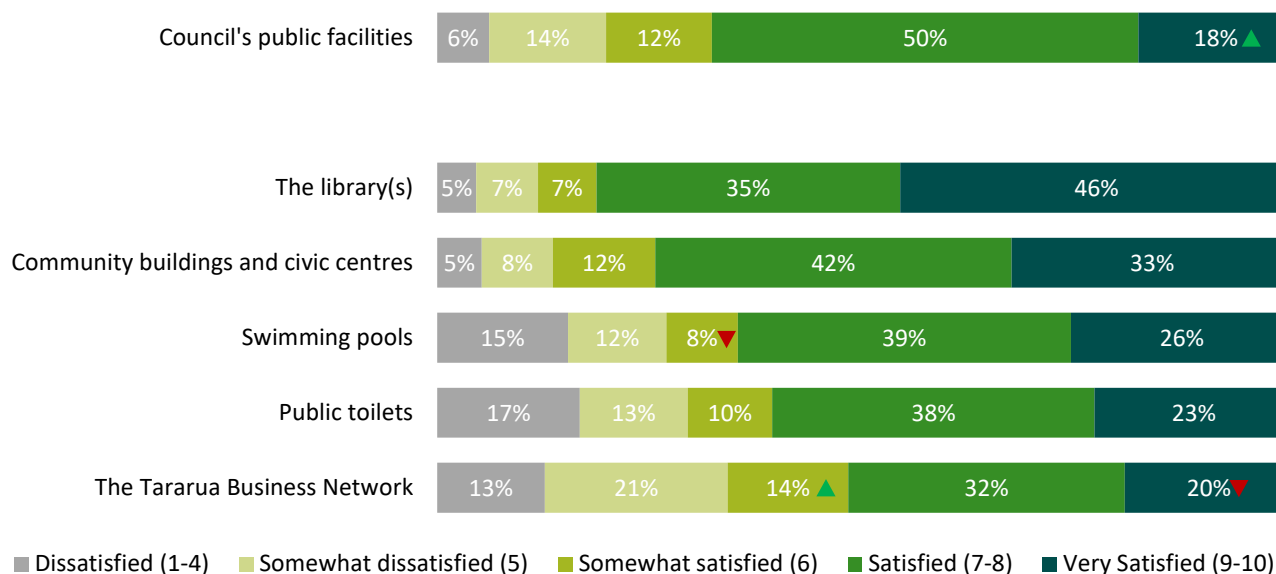
CF1A. Please indicate which Library services you have made use of in the past year. n=231

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

Year-on-year  
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## Council Services and Facilities: Overall Satisfaction



- Satisfaction with public facilities has continued to decline over the past year.
- *The library(s)* (88%) received the highest satisfaction score among all public facilities, while the *Tararua Business Network* was rated the lowest by residents at 66%.
- There are no significant differences in satisfaction among ethnicities.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Council's public facilities	80%	79%	82% ▼	92%	92%	77%	81%
The library(s)	88%	90% ▼	94%	97%	96%	93%	87%
Community buildings and civic centres	87%	89%	89% ▼	94%	94%	93%	85%
Swimming pools	73%	79%	73% ▼	85%	87%	71%	74%
Public toilets	71%	72% ▼	83%	84%	81%	69%	71%
The Tararua Business Network	66%	77%	75%	N/A	N/A	60%	68%

### NOTES:

CF2. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following facilities? n=343

CF3. When you consider all the public facilities that are provided by Tararua District Council including how well they are maintained, the opening hours and where applicable, the cost to use these, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the public facilities that are provided? n=424

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Council Services and Facilities: Overall Satisfaction

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Council's public facilities	70%	77%	82%	88%
The library(s)	92%	85%	87%	92%
Community buildings and civic centres	86%	81%	88%	91%
Swimming pools	70%	75%	68%	78%
Public toilets	47%	64% ▼	80%	82%
The Tararua Business Network	50%	69%	58% ▼	77%

- Younger residents, those aged 18 to 29 years, are significantly less inclined to express satisfaction with the *Council's public facilities* (70%) and *Public toilets* (47%) compared to their older counterparts.
- Satisfaction levels among urban residents with the *Council's public facilities* have significantly increased since 2023 (from 77% to 84%). Additionally, urban residents are more likely to express satisfaction compared to semi-urban areas (67%) and rural communities (79%).
- Northern ward residents are significantly more likely to express satisfaction with the *Swimming pool*, likely attributed to the quality or amenities of the swimming pool available within their area.

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Council's public facilities	80%	81%	84% ▲	67%	79%
The library(s)	86%	90%	90%	87%	86% ▼
Community buildings and civic centres	87%	86%	87%	76%	89%
Swimming pools	86%	59% ▼	73%	73%	74% ▼
Public toilets	71%	70%	71%	63%	73%
The Tararua Business Network	63%	70%	73%	58%	59% ▼

### NOTES:

CF2. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following facilities? n=343

CF3. When you consider all the public facilities that are provided by Tararua District Council including how well they are maintained, the opening hours and where applicable, the cost to use these, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the public facilities that are provided? n=424

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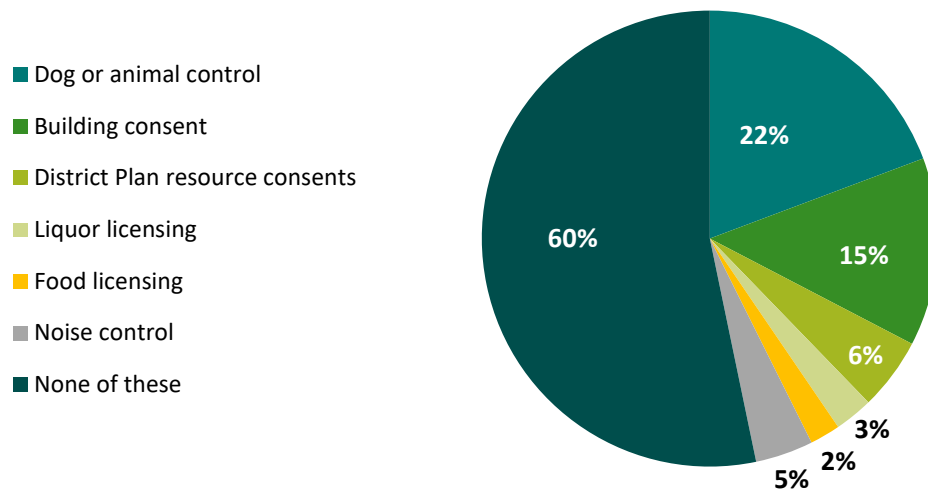
## Dissatisfaction with Public Facilities

- *Interestingly, the previous question had an asterisk beside the business hub, explaining what it is, which tells the story in itself. I didn't know it existed. It is a total waste of ratepayers' money.*
- *You need to upgrade the public toilets. A huge number of people use these in Pahiatua, and they are looking very old and worn.*
- *Toilets are not good. Need upgrading.*
- *Being proud of a clean town.*
- *Our swimming pool has been waiting for ages to get the heater installed. Hurry up and get this sorted. It would be great to see the same amount of effort that you have put into Pahiatua put into Eketahuna. We are sick of being the poor cousin.*

OTES:

CF3A. If dissatisfied with Council public facilities, what would you like to see changed? n=5

## Other Services



- Over two in ten residents (22%) had direct involvement or contact with the Council regarding *Dog or animal control*, which is a significant decline since 2023.
- 15% of residents have contacted the Council for a matter relating to a *Building Consent*.

Involved with at least once in last 12 months	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Dog or animal control	22% ▼	30% ▲	25% ▲	19%	15%	20%
Building consent	15%	16%	16%	14%	15%	14%
District Plan resource consents	6%	4%	3% ▼	6%	7%	9%
Noise control	5%	4%	6%	-	-	-
Liquor licensing	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Food licensing	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	-
None of these	60%	56%	56% ▼	68%	72%	66%

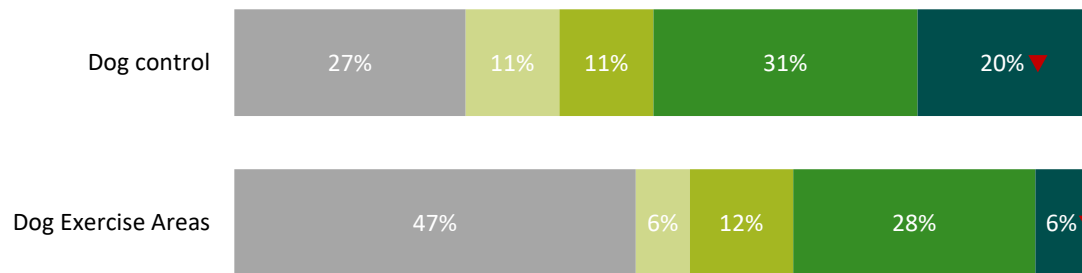
NOTES:

OS1. Council also provides a range of other services. In the last year have you had any direct involvement or contact with Council in relation to any of the following? n=512  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Dog Control and Exercise Areas



■ Dissatisfied (1-4) ■ Somewhat dissatisfied (5) ■ Somewhat satisfied (6) ■ Satisfied (7-8) ■ Very Satisfied (9-10)

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Northern	Southern
Dog control	62%	72%	71%	75%	79%	56%	66%
Dog Exercise Areas	47%	52%	47%▼	88%	-	76%	27%

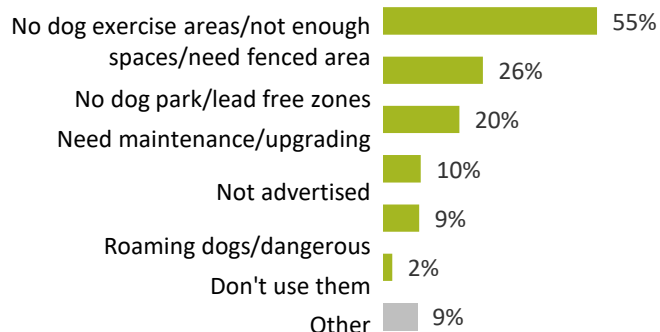
- Satisfaction with *Dog control* (62%) and *Dog Exercise Areas* (47%) has declined by 10% and 5% points respectively since 2023.
- Residents in the Southern ward provided *Dog exercise areas* with a relatively low rating of 27%. The primary reason for dissatisfaction among the majority of residents was cited as *Insufficient areas for dog exercise* (55%).

## Dissatisfaction Dog Control



- The cost of this service is off the charts.
- It seems expensive for very little return.
- It's a tax, we get nothing for registering our dogs.
- There seems to be an increase in roaming dogs through the night in Pahiatua.
- We were made to feel we were at fault for reporting cruelty.

## Dissatisfaction Dog Exercise Areas



- We have the Rotary Park and the river but dog exercise areas, particularly green ones, are few and far between when walking.
- I don't believe we have a facility solely for dog exercise.
- I know of only one dog exercise off the leash area at the north end, and it is right next to SH2, so not suitable.

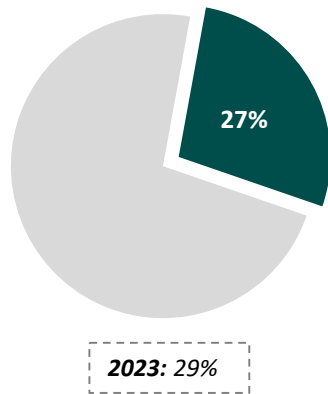
NOTES:

OS2. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Dog Control service? n=112  
OS3B. How would you rate your satisfaction with dog exercise areas in the district? n=64  
OS3A. Could you please give me an example that has led you to feel this way? n=34  
OS3C. Could you please give me an example that has led you to feel this way? n=32  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

Year-on-year  
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## Feel Safe from Dogs



■ Do not feel safe from dogs when walking in town

- Nearly three in ten residents (27%) *Do not feel safe from dogs when walking in town.*
- 42% of those who did not feel safe from dogs mentioned feeling unsafe due to *Dogs roaming the streets.*
- While 22% mentioned being *Dogs were able to leave their property* due to fences not being secured or properly contained.
- 21% mentioned *Aggressive dogs barking, looking menacing and/or intimidating.*

### Reasons for Not Feeling Safe from Dogs

		2023
Dogs roaming the streets	42%	51%
Dogs not contained adequately/able to leave the property	22%	24%
Aggressive dogs barking/looking menacing / intimidating	21%	29%
Dogs not controlled in backyards/hanging over gates and fences	16%	10%
Dogs not on a leash/inadequate leash	16%	21%
Attacked/chased by dogs	9%	19%
Owners not having control of their dogs	5%	11%
Lack of response from dog control	4%	1%
Unregistered dogs	2%	3%
Dogs are left unattended	1%	1%
Other	7%	1%

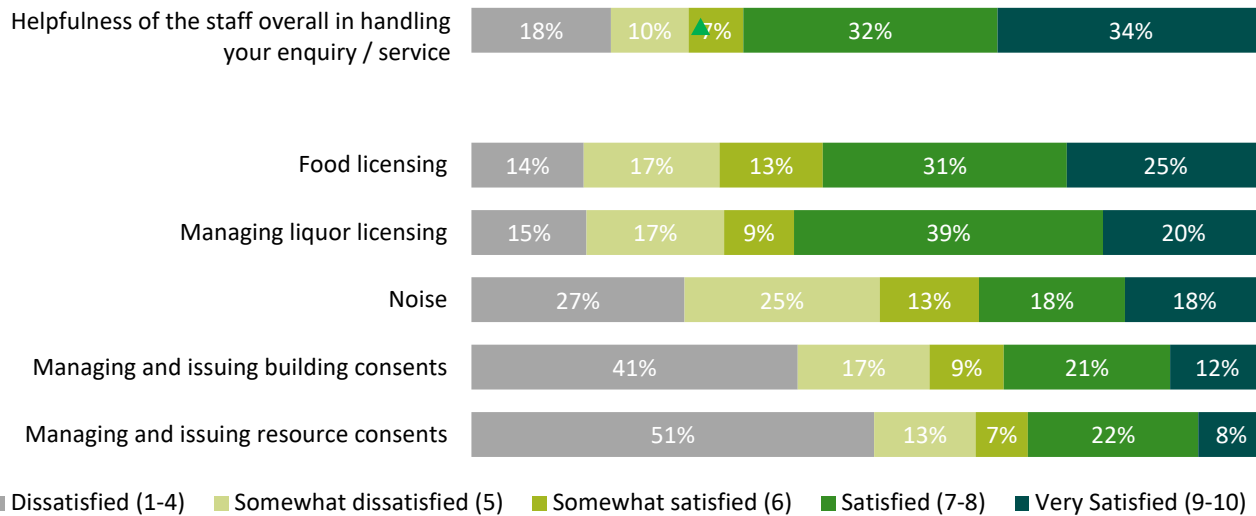
NOTES:

OS4. Do you feel safe from dogs when walking around the towns in the district? Do not feel safe n=511  
OS5. Could you give me an example of why you don't feel safe? n=160

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## Satisfaction with Regulatory Services



- Despite the decrease, those who interacted with the Council's staff rated their *Overall handling of enquiry* highly at 73%.
- Satisfaction with *Managing and issuing building consents* has significantly declined over the past year (from 55% in 2023 to 42% in 2024).
- Māori residents have shown a significantly higher likelihood of satisfaction with *Food licensing* (83%) compared to non-Māori residents.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling your enquiry	73%	81%▲	72%▼	85%	86%	82%	70%
Food licensing	69%	78%	100%	53%	-	83%	62%
Managing liquor licensing	68%	74%	89%▼	95%	66%	76%	65%
Noise	49%	59%	65%	-	-	53%	47%
Managing and issuing building consents	42%▼	55%	53%	74%	86%	39%	43%
Managing and issuing resource consents	36%	39%	36%	51%	62%	33%	37%

NOTES:

OS6. Based on your experience and impressions, how would you rate the [COUNCIL's] performance in providing each of these services? n=198

OS7. And thinking of your interactions with staff in regulatory services, please rate your satisfaction with the following... n=191

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Satisfaction with Regulatory Services

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling your enquiry	64%	79%	75%	65%	72%
Food licensing	74%	64%	71%	77%	64%
Managing liquor licensing	68%	69%	79%	93% ▲	52% ▼
Managing and issuing building consents	43%	41% ▼	42% ▼	41%	43%
Managing and issuing resource consents	33%	40%	39%	30%	36%
Noise	51%	46%	57%	54%	25% ▼

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling your enquiry	57%	78%	72%	78%
Food licensing	70%	77%	61%	60%
Managing liquor licensing	60% ▼	74%	63%	70%
Managing and issuing building consents	29%	42% ▼	48%	44%
Managing and issuing resource consents	40%	40%	33%	34%
Noise	41%	48%	50%	51%

- Southern ward residents (78%) are significantly more likely to express satisfaction with the *Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling their enquiry* compared to Northern ward residents (64%).
- Younger residents, aged 29 and below, are the least likely to be satisfied with the *Helpfulness of the staff overall in handling their enquiry* compared to older residents.
- There has been a significant decline in satisfaction with *Managing liquor licensing* among younger residents, those aged 18 to 29.

### NOTES:

OS6. Based on your experience and impressions, how would you rate the [COUNCIL's] performance in providing each of these services? n=198

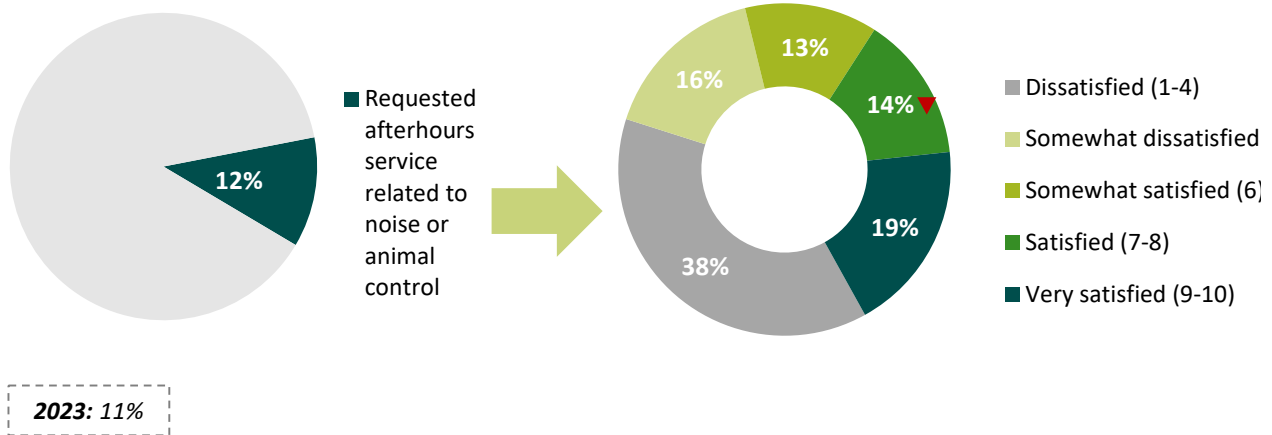
OS7. And thinking of your interactions with staff in regulatory services, please rate your satisfaction with the following... n=191

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Afterhours Services: Satisfaction



% 6-10	2024	2023	2022
Satisfaction with afterhours services	46% ▼	68%	45%

## Dissatisfaction with Afterhours Services

- The lack of willingness to help. Reactive not proactive process.
- It takes a long time to generate the service after the first half hour has passed.
- It took over three months for anyone to start helping us with our neighbour at the time who liked to use a generator without an exhaust from 10pm at night until 7am in the morning, and every night, in a built-up area, 7 days a week outside our bedroom window.
- Rang about stray dogs, got told to ring a security firm.
- They did nothing, just took notes.
- I called about the house over the road numerous times... and nothing changes, nothing is ever done.
- Not very helpful and don't seem to care, but it is also the same when I call the Council about animals during the day.

OTES:

OS8. Have you requested afterhours services related to noise or animal control?

OS9. How would you rate your satisfaction with the afterhours services provided? n=58  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

OS10. Could you give me an example that has led you to feel this way? n=26

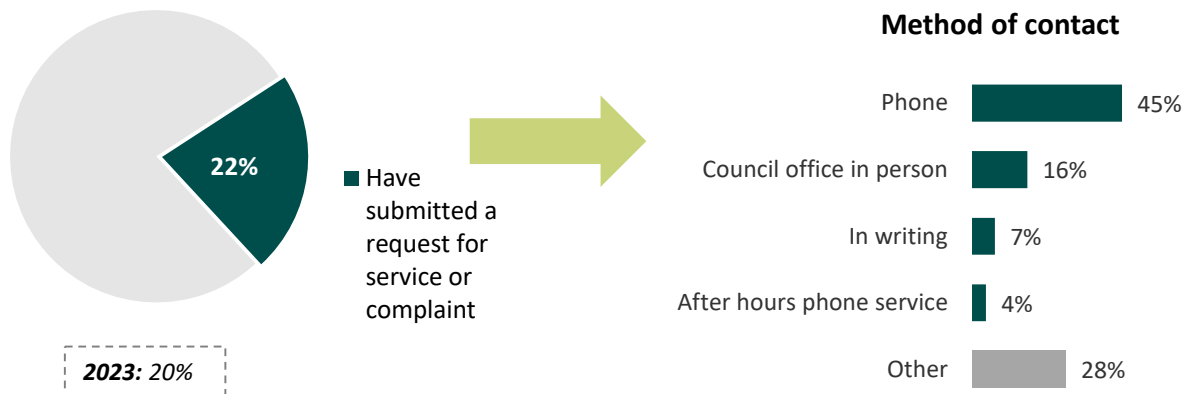
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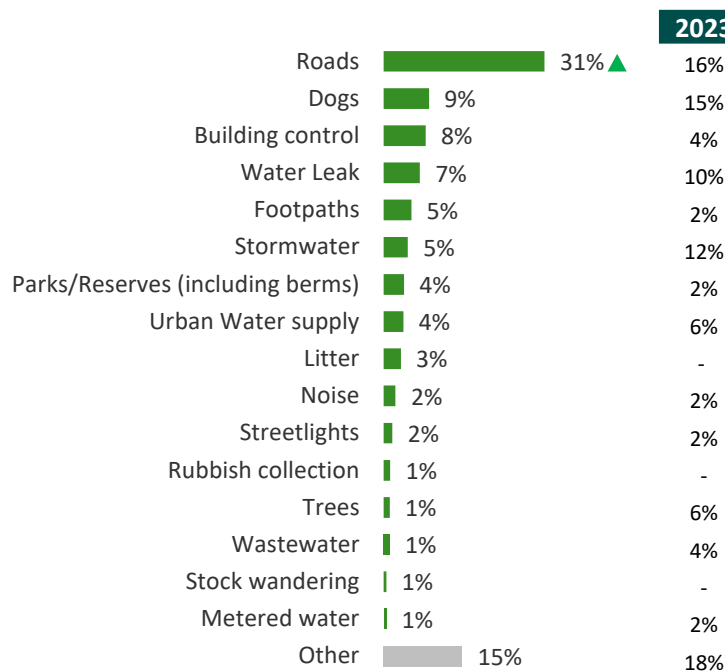


## Request for Service or Complaint: Interaction



- Two in ten residents (22%) *Have submitted a request or complaint* to the Council.
- Among those who submitted a request or complaint, 45% did so by *Phone*, while 16% visited the *Council office in person*.

## Reason for Contact



NOTES:

RS1. Have you made a request for service or complaint about a Council service during the past 12 months?

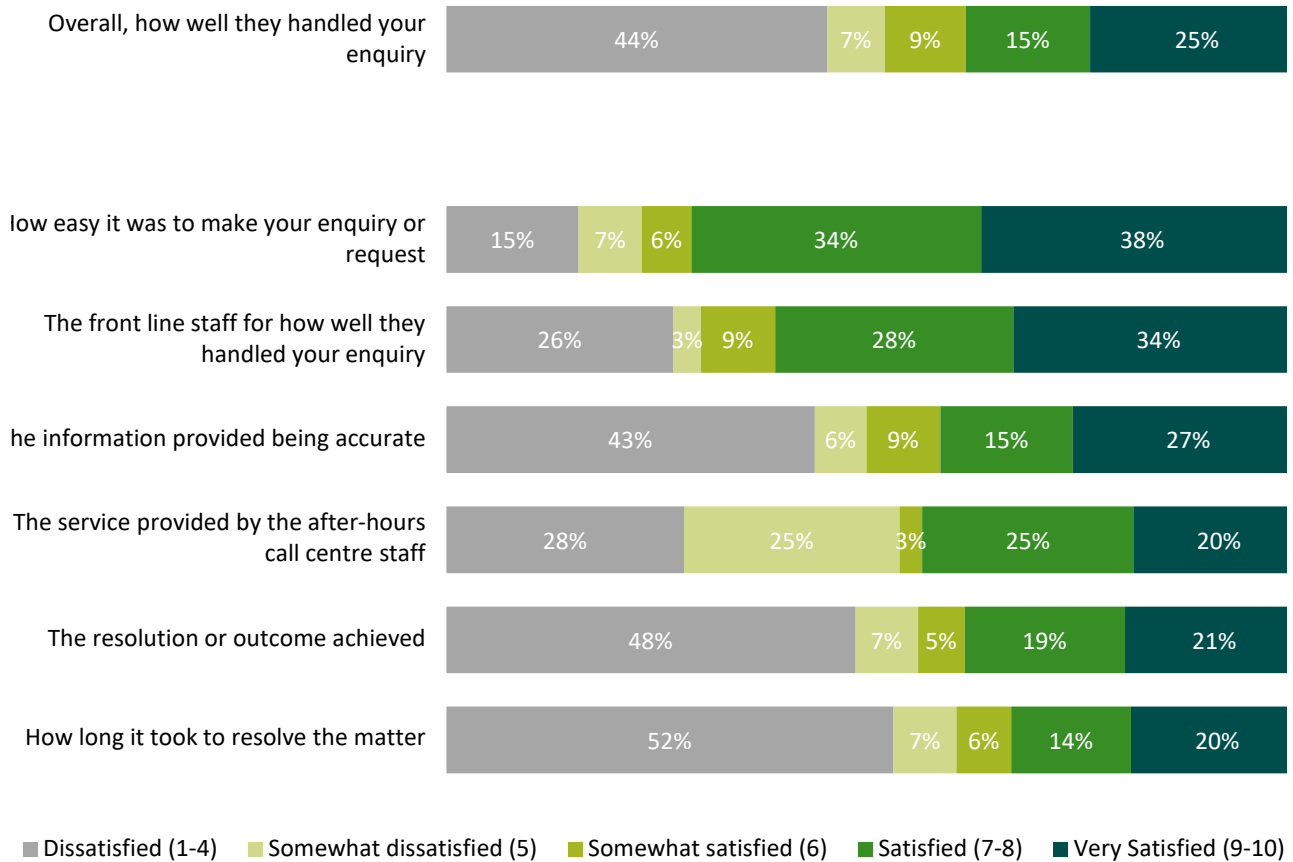
RS2. How did you make the request for service? n=126

RS3. Thinking about your most recent request or complaint, what did it relate to? n=126

**Year-on-year**  
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**Between demographics**  
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### Request for Service or Complaint: Satisfaction



- 49% of residents who contacted the Council are satisfied with *How well the Council handled their enquiry*, representing a slight decrease since 2023 (50%).
- Despite the decrease, satisfaction with *How easy it was to make your enquiry or request* remained high at 77%.

NOTES:

RS4. Thinking back to your most recent request, how would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following? n=125

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
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## Request for Service or Complaint: Satisfaction

% 6-101	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall how well Council handled the enquiry	49%	50%	49%	41%	58%	65%	47%
How easy it was to make your enquiry or request	77%	85%	75%▼	87%	84%	78%	77%
How the front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry	70%	71%	68%	78%	76%	94%	67%
How the information provided being accurate	51%	57%	62%▲	44%	58%	42%	52%
How the service provided by the after-hours call centre staff	47%▼	74%	76%	72%	67%	100%	44%
How the resolution or outcome achieved	45%	50%	47%	38%	46%	39%	46%
How long it took to resolve the matter	41%	44%	39%	36%	41%	33%	42%

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall how well Council handled the enquiry	43%	52%	48%	50%	49%
How easy it was to make your enquiry or request	79%	76%▼	79%	61%▼	81%
How the front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry	72%	70%	68%	81%	69%
How the information provided being accurate	48%	53%	52%	47%	51%
How the service provided by the after-hours call centre staff	42%	52%▼	40%▼	50%	69%
How the resolution or outcome achieved	39%	48%	46%	51%	42%
How long it took to resolve the matter	35%	44%	42%	30%	43%

- Residents' perception of *How the Council handled their enquiry* has been consistent for the past two years, with a slight decrease of 1% point compared to 2023, as satisfaction dropped from 50% to 49%.
- Residents are least satisfied with *The resolution or outcome achieved* (45%) and *How long it took to resolve the matter* (41%).
- Māori residents are significantly more likely to be satisfied with *Front-line staff* than other residents (94% vs 67%).

### NOTES:

RS4. Thinking back to your most recent request, how would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following? n=125

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Request for Service or Complaint: Satisfaction

% 6-10	18-29*	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall how well Council handled the enquiry	100%	42%	50%	44%
How easy it was to make your enquiry or request	100%	68%	75%	84%
The front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry	100%	54%	67%	84%
The information provided being accurate	100%	44%	51%	53%
The service provided by the after-hours call centre staff	-	40%	61%	56%
The resolution or outcome achieved	56%	41%	46%	46%
How long it took to resolve the matter	100%	27%	40%	42%

- Residents aged 30 to 49 years are significantly less satisfied with *The front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry* (54%) compared to older residents aged 65 and above (84%).
- Residents who have lived in the district for more than 10 years are likely to be satisfied with *How easy it was to make your enquiry or request* (81%). However, except for this measure, they are less satisfied with how well the Council handles inquiries and related attributes compared to other residents.

% 6-10	Male	Female	5 years or less	6-10 years	Over 10 years
Overall how well Council handled the enquiry	49%	49%	57%	62%	45%
How easy it was to make your enquiry or request	72%	82%	77%	68%	81%
The front-line staff for how well they handled your enquiry	73%	68%	77%	74%	69%
The information provided being accurate	54%	48%	60% ▲	65% ▼	46%
The service provided by the after-hours call centre staff	45%	51%	-	51%	45%
The resolution or outcome achieved	47%	43%	57%	45%	44%
How long it took to resolve the matter	42%	40%	57%	53%	36%

### NOTES:

RS4. Thinking back to your most recent request, how would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following? n=92

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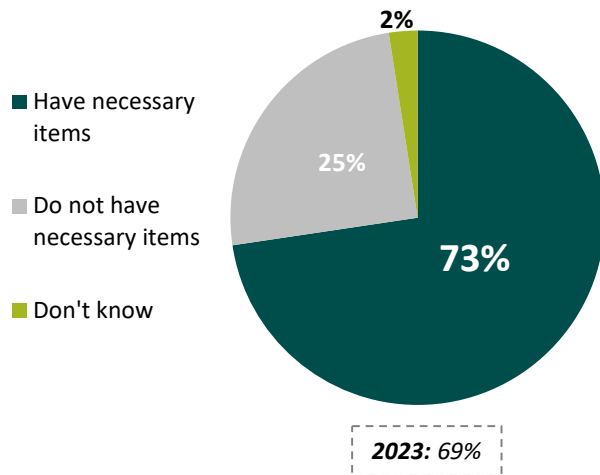
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## Emergency Preparedness

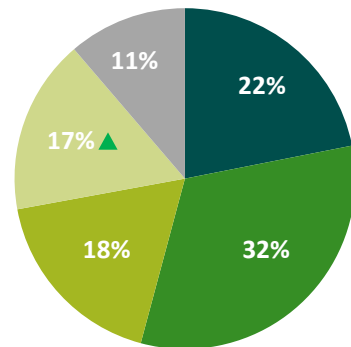


- Over seven in ten residents (73%) stated that their homes have the necessary items to survive a natural disaster, reflecting a slight increase since 2023 from 69%.

## Last Update of Emergency Survival Items

- More than half of the residents who have emergency survival items have updated them recently, with 22% doing so within the last month, and 32% within the last six months.
- 18% have updated their emergency survival items within the past year, while 17% updated them more than a year ago.

- Within the last month
- Six months
- A year
- More than a year
- Don't know



OTES:

CD1. Do you have at home the necessary items needed to survive a natural disaster, e.g., tinned food, bottled water for more than 3 days (at 3 litres per person per day)? n=506

CD2. When was the last time you updated your emergency survival items? n=399

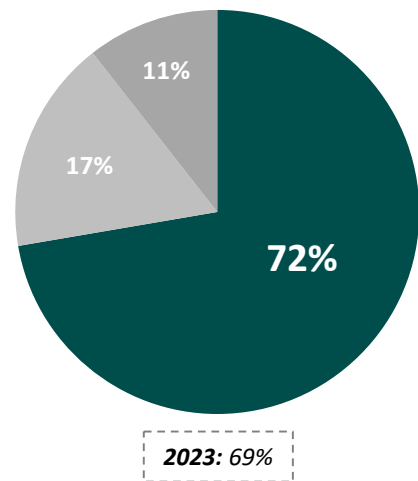
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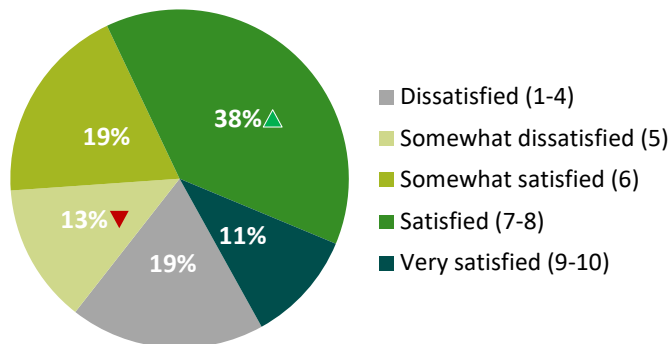
## Civil Defence

- 72% of residents *Consider their household ready to respond* to a civil defence emergency, showing an increase compared to the previous year (69%).
- However, 17% of residents felt they were *Not ready and capable* of responding to a civil defence emergency.

- Consider household ready to respond
- Not ready and capable to respond
- Don't know



## Satisfaction with Council Promoting Emergency Preparedness



- Nearly seven in ten residents (68%) are satisfied with *Council promoting emergency preparedness*, an increase compared to the previous year (61%).

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022
Emergency management services	68%	61%	60%

OTES:

CD3. Do you consider that your household is ready and capable to respond to a civil defence emergency? n=506

CD4. So how would you rate your satisfaction with the Council promoting being prepared in the event of an emergency ...? n=363

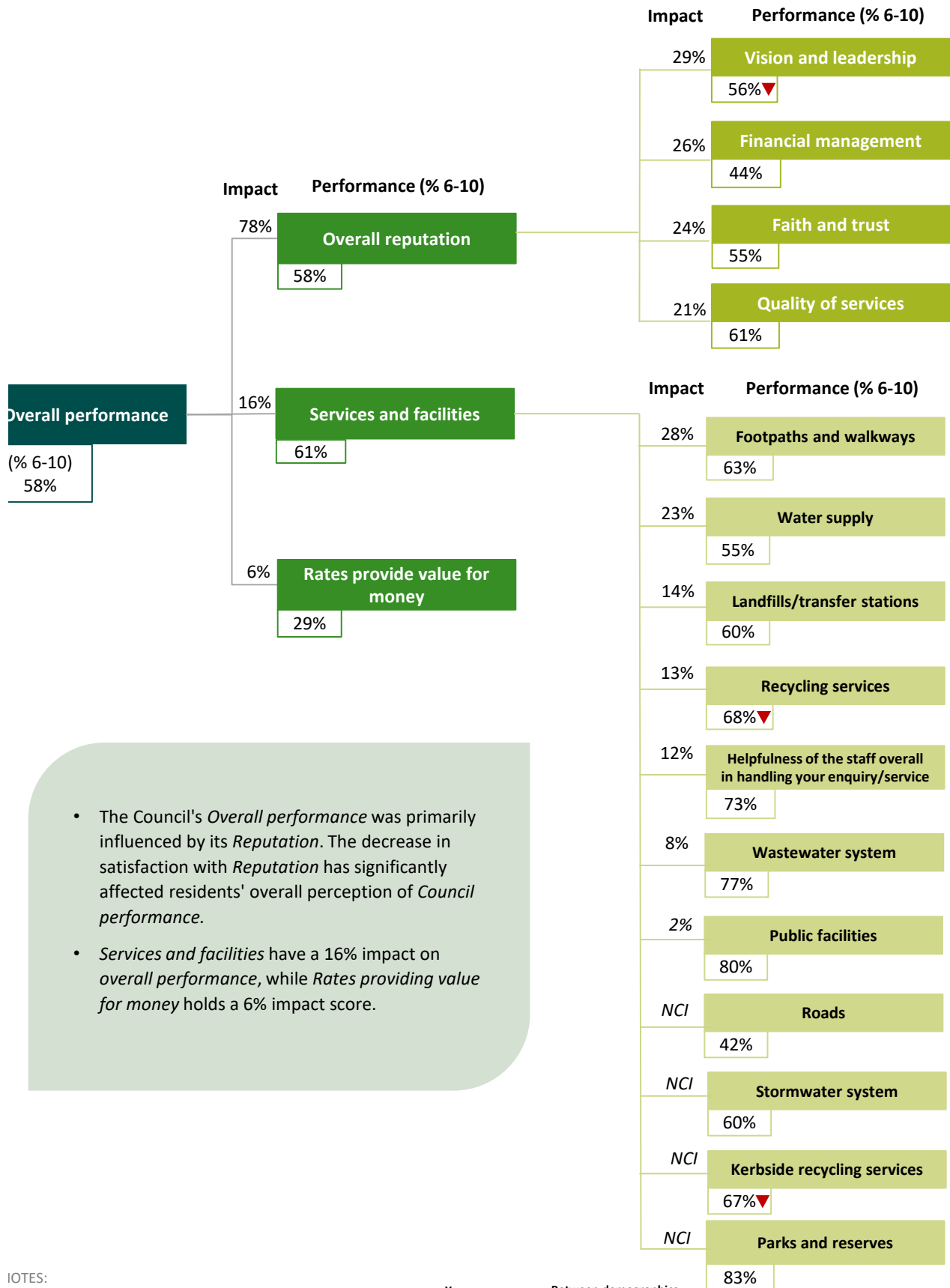
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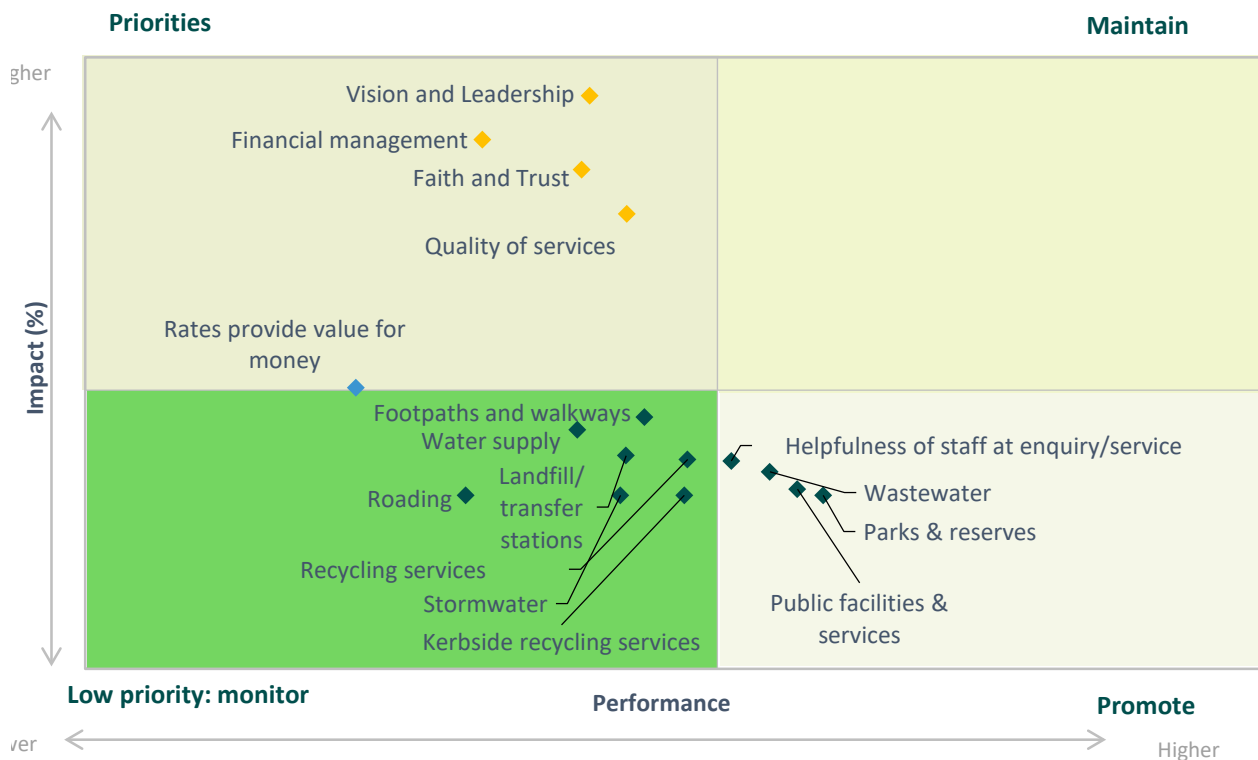




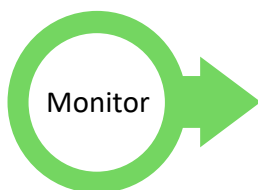
## Drivers of Perceptions of Tararua District Council's Performance



## Opportunities and Priorities: Overall Measures



- The Council's areas for improvement remain focused on reputation-related attributes, including *Financial management*, *Faith and trust*, *Vision and leadership*, and *Quality of services*, consistent with 2023.
- Additionally, *Rates providing value for money* has been identified as another opportunity for improvement this year.



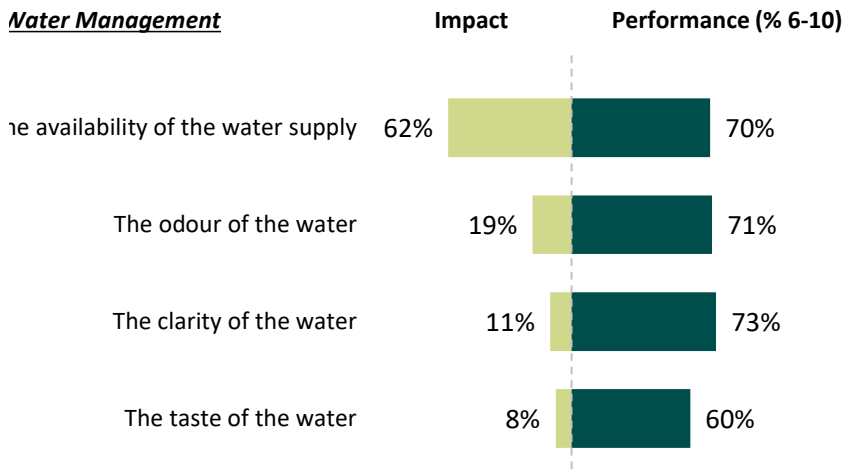
The Council should monitor performance in the following areas: *Footpaths and walkways*, *Water supply*, *Rooding*, *Landfill/transfer stations*, *Recycling services*, and *Stormwater*.



Areas within the Council's performance that are not receiving sufficient recognition include *Helpfulness of staff at enquiry/service*, *Wastewater*, *Parks and reserves*, and *Public facilities and services*. Highlighting these aspects of the Council's performance would naturally shift residents' attention towards a more positive perception.

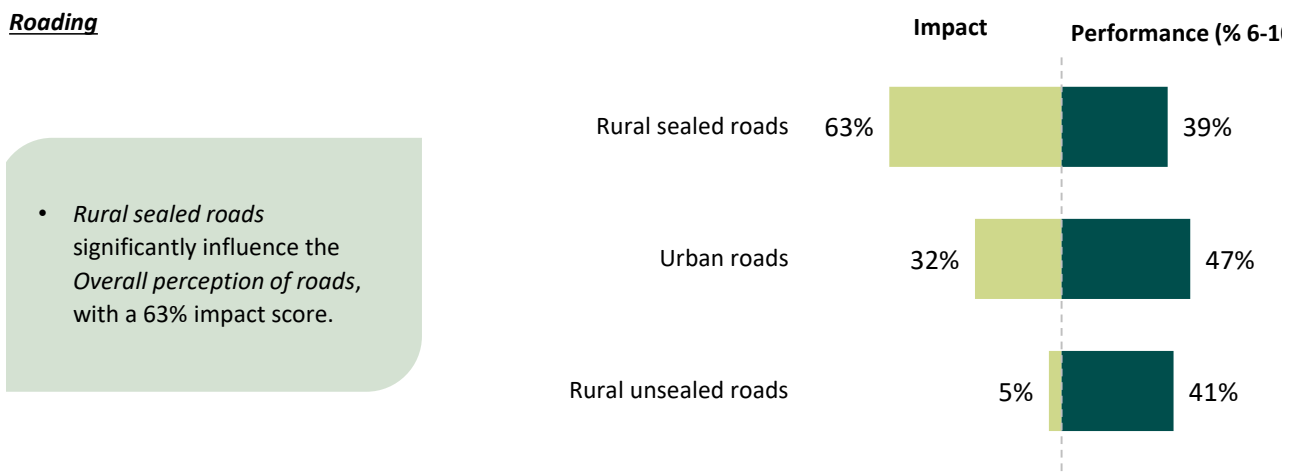
## Impact Scores

### Water Management



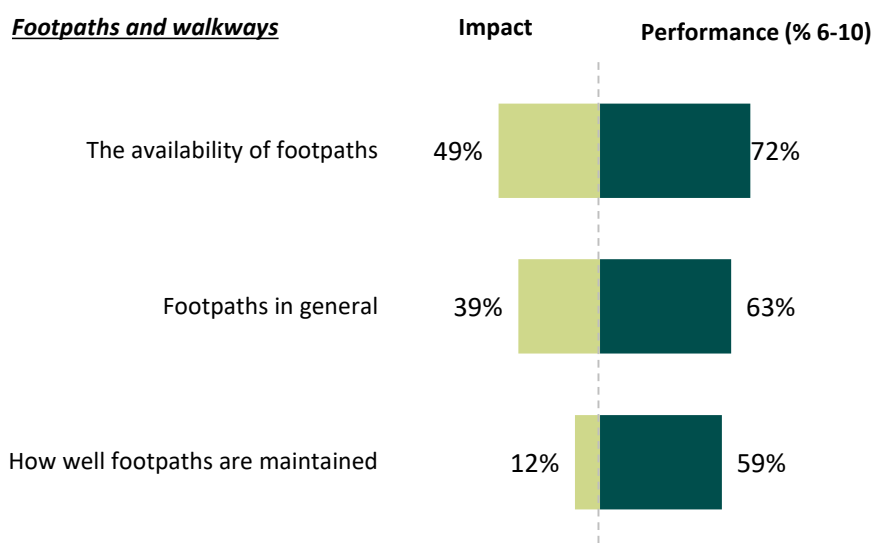
- The availability of water supply (62%) consistently holds the greatest impact on residents' satisfaction with *Overall water management*.
- Except for *The clarity of the water*, which remained consistent year-on-year at 73%, all metrics related to water management experienced a slight decrease of 1% to 3% points.

### Roading



- *Rural sealed roads* significantly influence the *Overall perception of roads*, with a 63% impact score.

### Footpaths and walkways



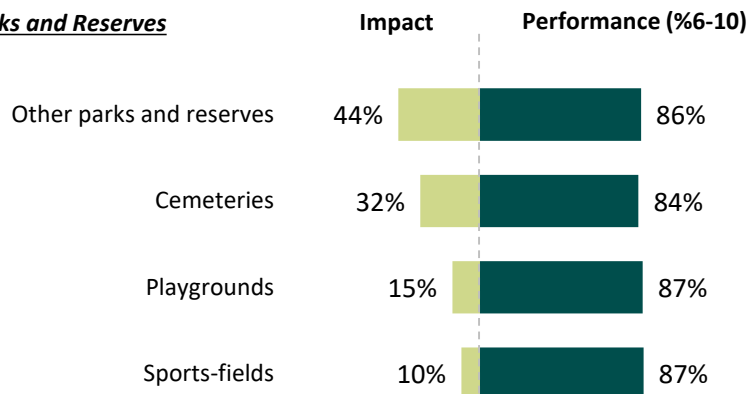
- Both *The availability of footpaths* and *Footpaths in general* have a significant impact on perceptions of overall footpaths and walkways, with impact scores of 49% and 39%, respectively.

OTES:  
NCI – no current impact

Year-on-year      Between demographics  
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## Impact Scores

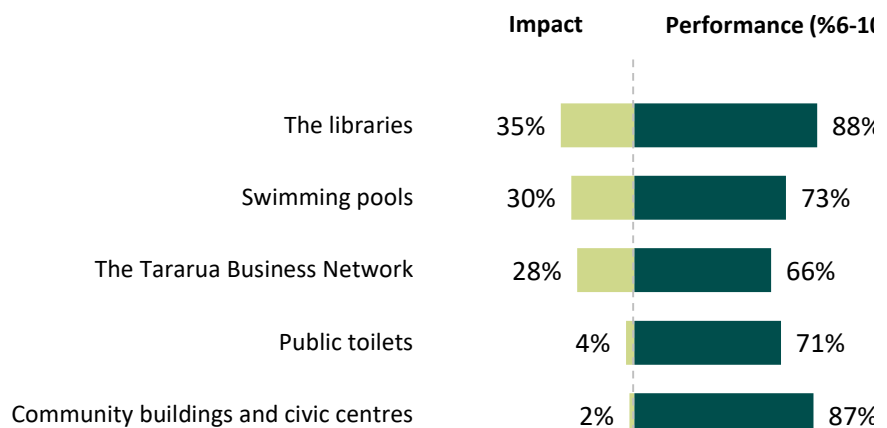
### Parks and Reserves



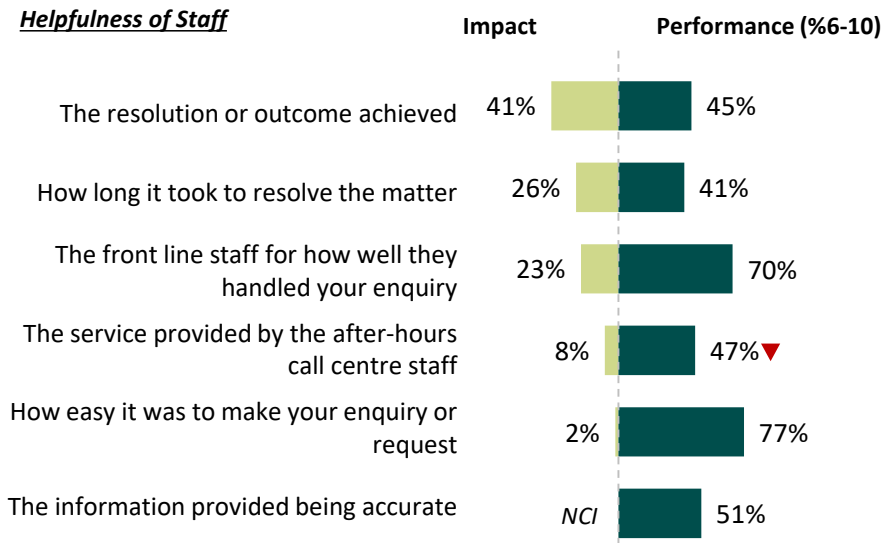
- Other parks and reserves and Cemeteries significantly influence the Overall perception of Parks and Reserves, with impact scores of 44% and 32%, respectively.
- Satisfaction in these areas are generally high, providing the Council with an opportunity to promote these aspects, which could have a positive impact on overall perception toward the Council.

### Public Facilities

- The perception of Public facilities is primarily influenced by The libraries (35%), closely followed by Swimming pools (30%).



### Helpfulness of Staff



- The satisfaction with the helpfulness of staff is greatly influenced by three key factors: The resolution or outcome achieved (41%), How long it took to resolve the matter (26%), and The front-line staff for how well they handle enquiry (23%).

OTES:

NCI – no current impact

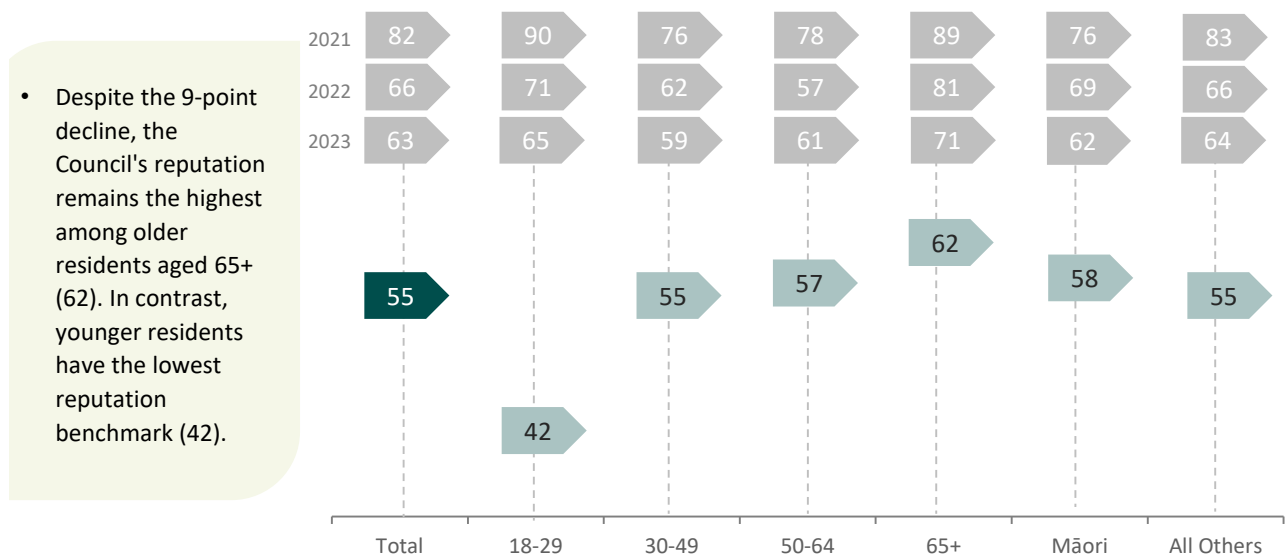
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## Reputation Benchmarks



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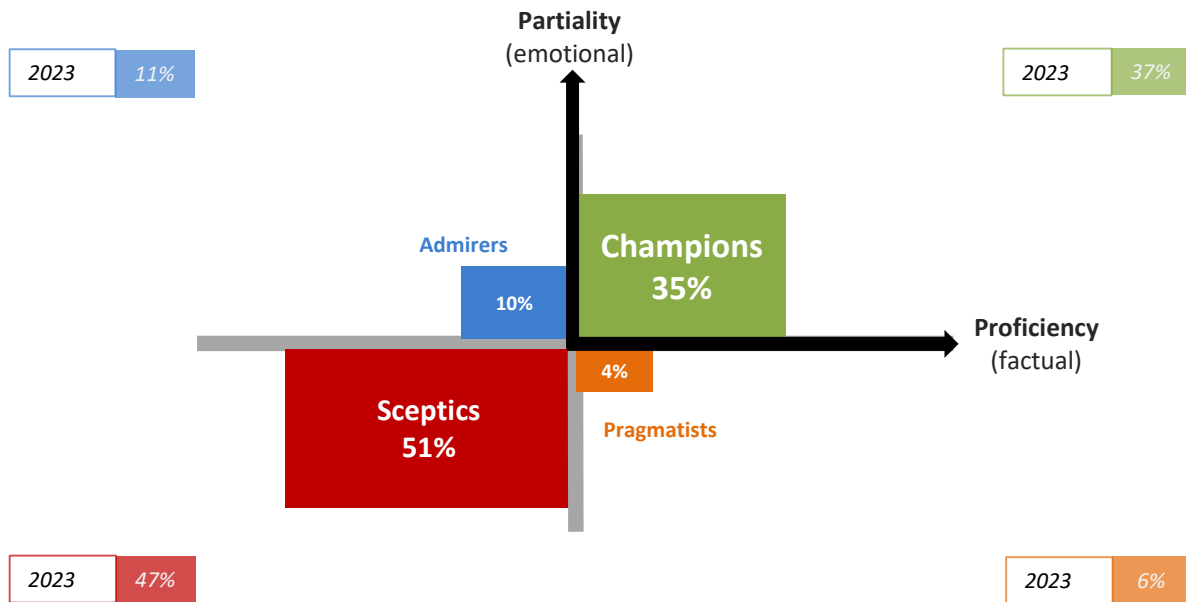
REP2\_1: So, considering, leadership, trust, financial management and quality of services provided, how would you rate rate Tararua District Council for its overall reputation?  
The benchmark is calculated by rescaling the overall reputation measure to a new scale between -50 and +150 to improve granularity for the purpose of benchmarking  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

### Key:

>80 Excellent reputation  
60-79 Acceptable reputation  
<60 Poor reputation  
150 Maximum score



## Reputation Profile



- This year, 35% are identified as *Champions* while 51% are identified as *Sceptics*, indicating a continued shift in residents' perception toward the Council. The majority of residents have reservations and may not fully appreciate the Council's performance, or trust it as much.

- 10% of residents are categorised as *Admirers*.
- Those who identified as non-Māori are more likely to be categorized as *Admirers* (12%) than Māori residents (2%). As *Admirers*, they tend to have a more positive emotional connection and hold the belief that performance could be improved.

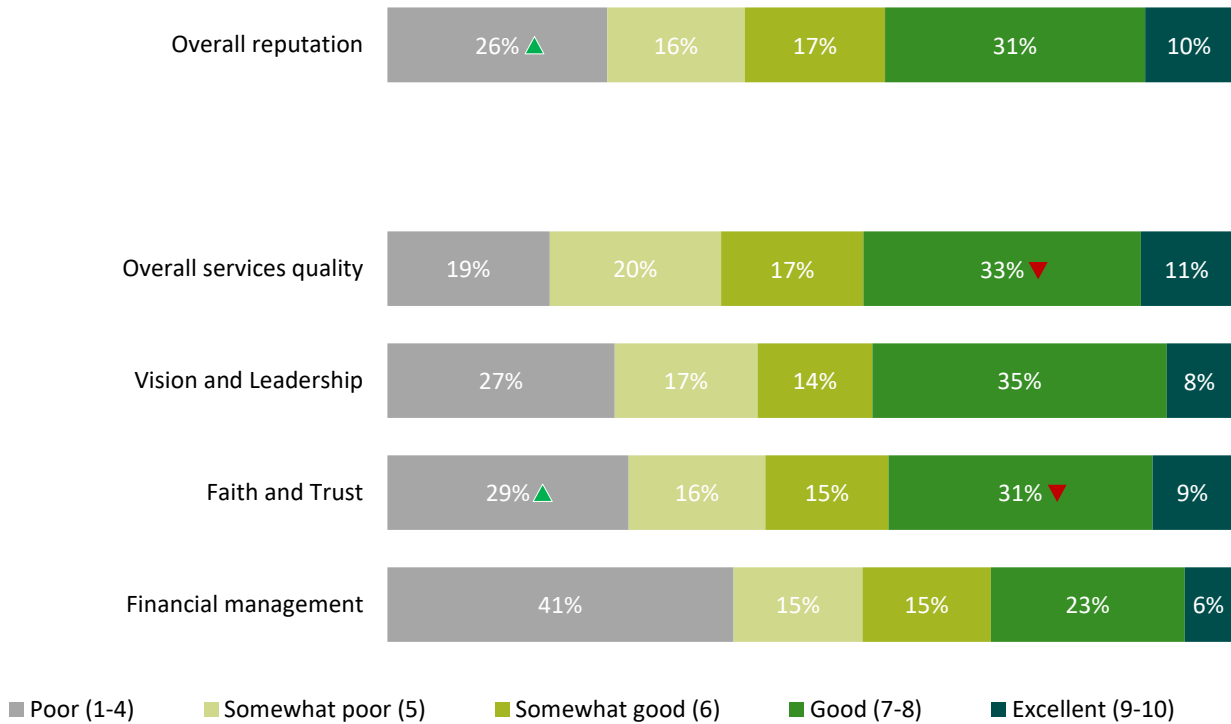
- Most residents in the Northern ward are identified as *Sceptics* (58%), representing a slight increase of 3% points compared to the previous year. This classification suggests a continued sense of doubt and skepticism toward the District Council.

- The younger the residents is, the more likely they are to be classified as *Sceptics*. Thus, it becomes increasingly important for the Council to connect with younger residents.

OTES:

REP1\_1 leadership, REP1\_2 trust, REP1\_3 financial management, REP1\_4 quality of deliverables, REP2\_1 overall reputation  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

## Image and Reputation



- Just over a quarter (26%) rated the Council's *Overall reputation* as poor, indicating a significant 7% point increase over the past 12 months.
- Satisfaction with all reputation-related attributes has further decreased, with every aspect requiring improvement, continuing the trend seen since 2022.

### NOTES:

REP1. Being committed to creating a great District, how it promotes economic development, being in touch with the community and setting clear direction, overall, how would you rate the Council for its vision and leadership? n=417

REP2. Thinking about how open and transparent Council is, how Council can be relied on to act honestly and fairly, and their ability to work in the best interests of the District, overall, how would you rate the Council in terms of the faith and trust you have in them? n=443

REP3. Now thinking about the Council's financial management – how appropriately it invests in the district, how wisely it spends and avoids waste, and its transparency around spending, how would you rate the Council overall for its financial management? n=406

REP4. And thinking about all the services, facilities, and infrastructure the Council provides, how would you rate them for the quality of what they provide the district? n=466

REP5. So, considering, leadership, trust, financial management and quality of services provided, how would you rate the Council for its overall reputation? n=455

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

▲ **Year-on-year** *Significantly higher*  
▼ *Significantly lower*

▲ **Between demographics** *Significantly higher*  
▼ *Significantly lower*



## Image and Reputation

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Overall reputation	58%	62%	63% ▼	80%	79%	59%	57%
Overall services quality	61%	65%	67% ▼	79%	79%	62%	60%
Vision and Leadership	56% ▼	65%	66% ▼	77%	81%	53%	57% ▼
Faith and Trust	55%	61%	61% ▼	75%	75%	56%	55%
Financial management	44%	45% ▼	55% ▼	69%	73%	48%	43%

- All measures related to *Overall reputation* have declined, with *Vision and leadership* experiencing the most significant decline, dropping by 9% points. The water supply issue has negatively impacted residents' perceptions of the Council's leadership.
- Satisfaction of residents in the Southern ward with both *Vision and Leadership* and *Faith and Trust* have significantly declined over the past 12 months.

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Overall reputation	55%	61%	62%	51%	55%
Overall services quality	58%	63%	63%	49%	61%
Vision and Leadership	51%	61% ▼	55%	59%	56%
Faith and Trust	53%	57% ▼	56%	48%	56%
Financial management	38%	49%	45%	44%	42%

### NOTES:

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**Between demographics**  
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## Image and Reputation

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Overall reputation	41%	59%	58%	65%
Overall services quality	46%	60%	61%	67%
Vision and Leadership	46% ▼	58%	57%	58%
Faith and Trust	41% ▼	57%	54%	62%
Financial management	29%	44%	44%	51%

- Younger residents who are aged 18 to 29 are significantly less likely to be satisfied with the Council's *Overall reputation* and its related measures. This group has the lowest reputation benchmark score of 42 points and is more sceptical towards the Council than any other age group. A comment suggested that the Council should utilise social media to connect with younger residents.
- In contrast, the Council appear to maintain a strong relationship with older residents who are aged 65 and above, who continue to exhibit significantly higher satisfaction scores with the *Overall reputation* and its related measures.

% 6-10	Male	Female	5 years or less	6-10 years	Over 10 years
Overall reputation	56%	59%	61%	59%	57%
Overall services quality	57% ▼	64%	68%	56%	61%
Vision and Leadership	59%	54% ▼	51%	53%	58% ▼
Faith and Trust	57%	54% ▼	61%	54%	55% ▼
Financial management	41%	47%	47%	42%	44%

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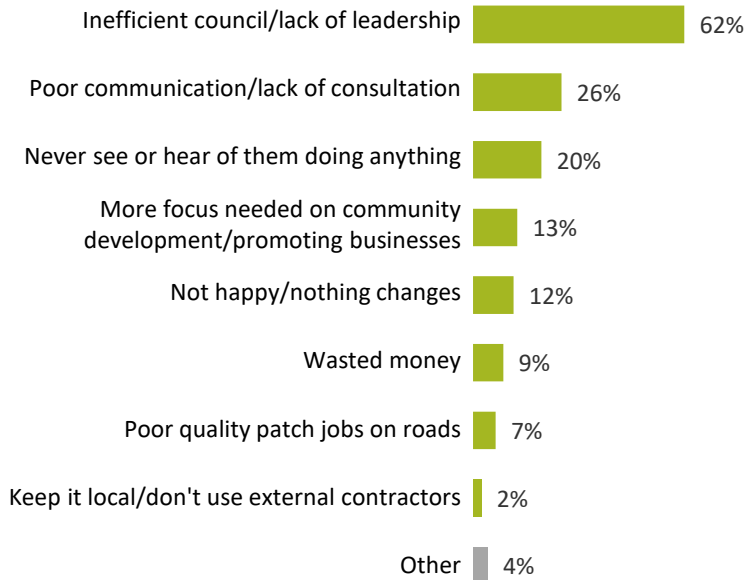
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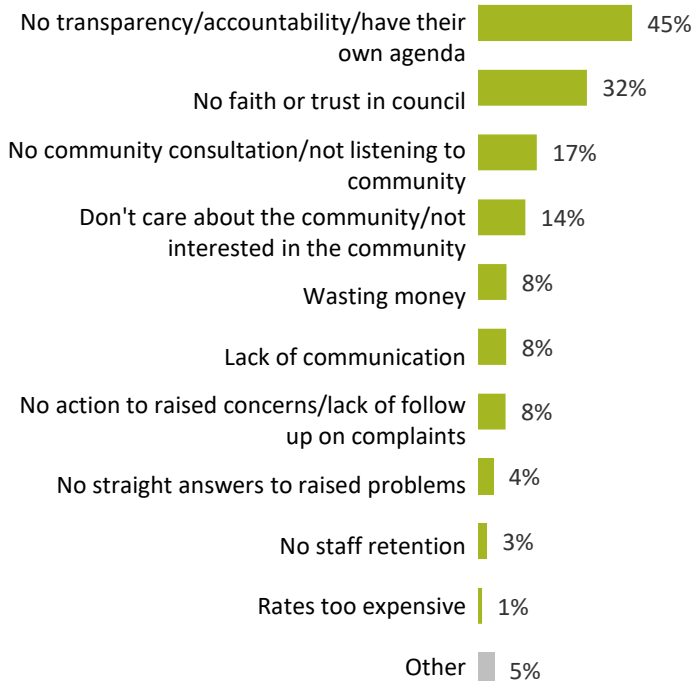
## Comments About Reputation

### Vision and Leadership



- We wouldn't have a water supply issue if there was just, fair, and transparent leadership.
- The Council is a corporation and only interested in making money, not looking after the people.
- I have felt a bit disconnected and seem to miss information regarding public consultations. Facebook is more in the moment and could help me feel connected better if it was used alongside papers.
- Too slow to get anything done. Need to get more in touch with and cater for the younger generation. Not enough to facilitate their boredom.

### Trust



- They have not come through with a promise made two years ago concerning our water problems and tank supply.
- If there was public transparency within the council with their decision matters, then it would be more accessible to the public beforehand and during decision making.
- I feel like the public really do not get transparency around Council information when we in effect pay rates, so we know what is happening within our communities
- They have not been upfront with the community about the water issue.
- Perceived mismanagement, lack of transparency and accountability.

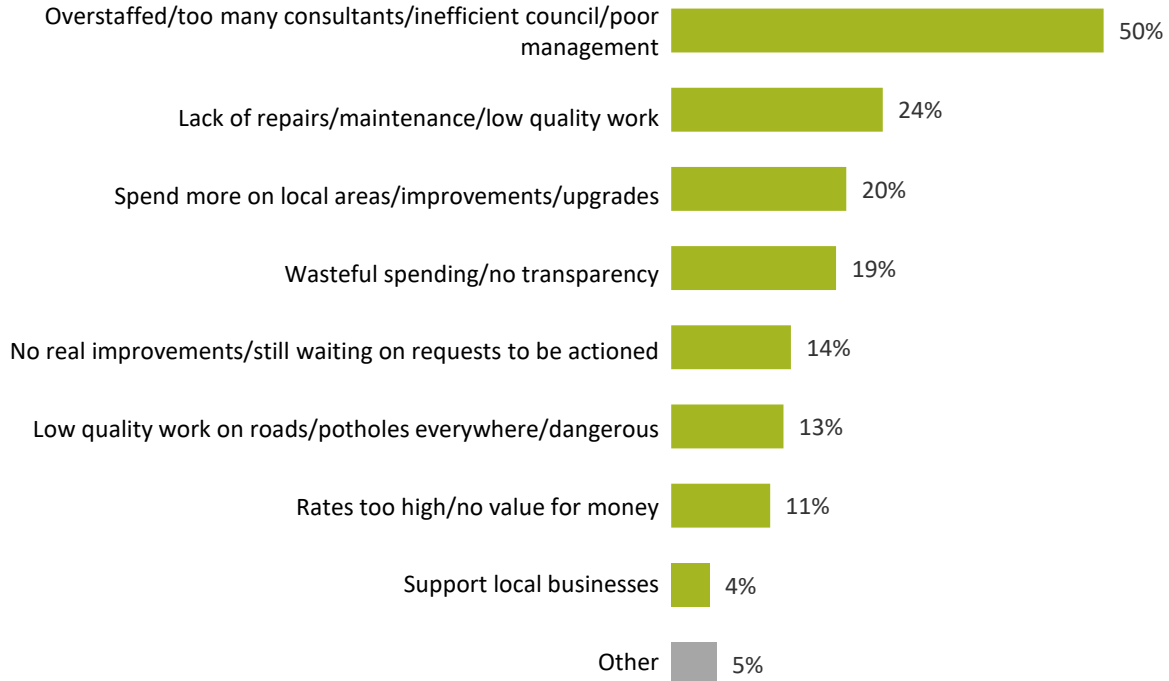
OTES:

REP1A. Could you please tell us why you gave that rating? n=61

REP2A. Could you please tell us why you gave that rating? n=61

## Comments About Reputation

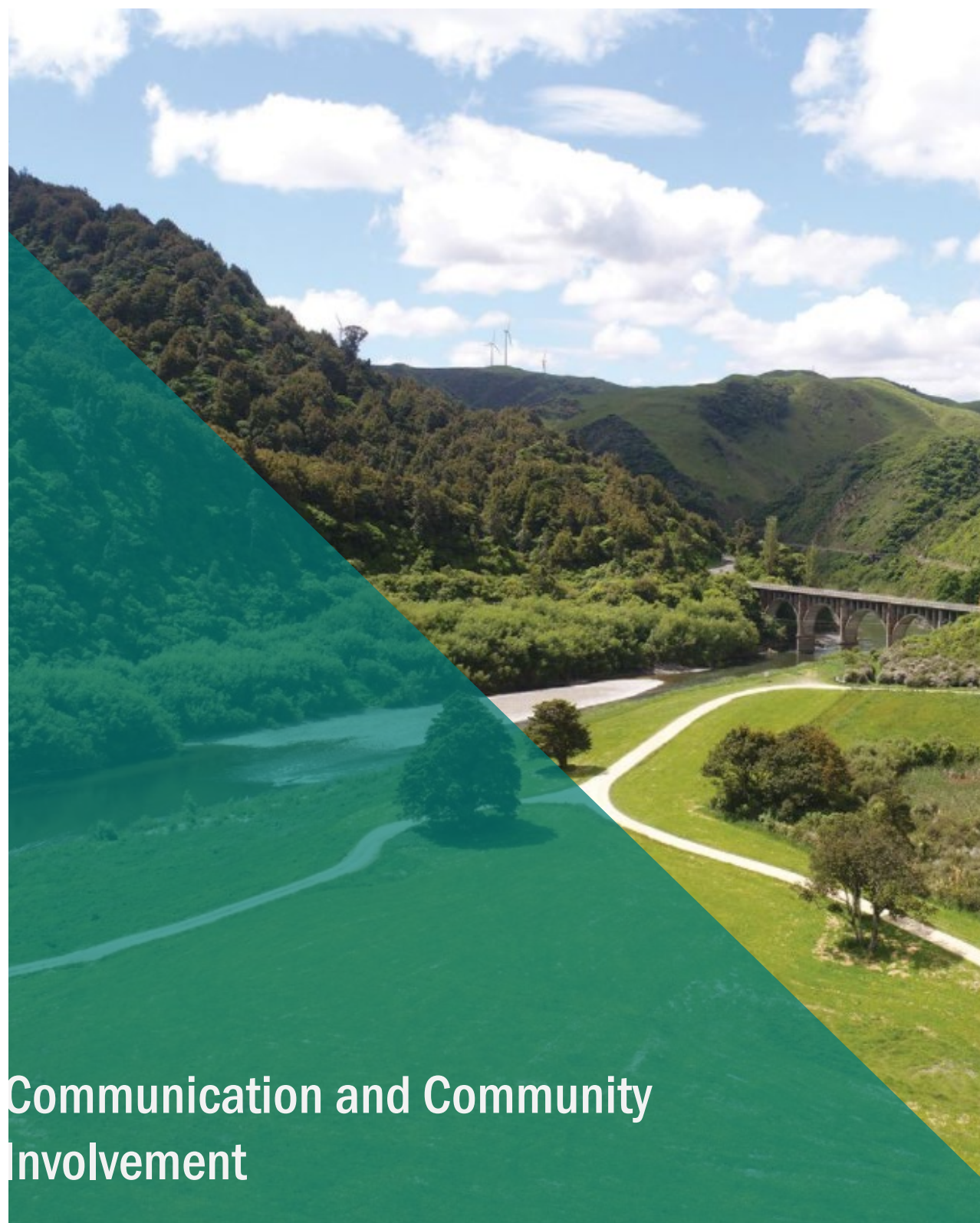
### Financial management



- *The Council employ far too many people that achieve nothing. How about cutting the fat and making people actually work for their salary? Then using the money saved on our roads.*
- *Poor project management, poor decisions and potential penny-pinching have meant that some projects have incurred extra costs because the original work done was seemingly not fit-for-purpose. For example, the Dannevirke impounded water supply, and the recurring leaks in the liner. Perhaps going for the less expensive option at the start was not the best decision.*
- *Too much spent on personnel costs.*
- *The control of sub-contractors. Downers have reverted to continuous smoke breaks and massive waste in repair projects.*
- *Rural residents pay more but get less in return relative to their urban counterparts.*
- *They waste money on not doing things right in the first place.*
- *Where was the last financial allowance for beautifying Woodville to make it look less like a highway rest stop.*

OTES:

REP3A. Could you please tell us why you gave that rating? n=81



## Communication and Community Involvement



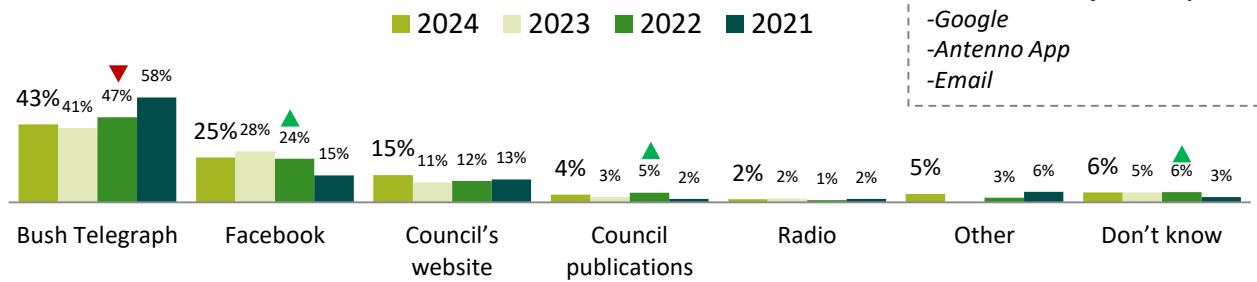
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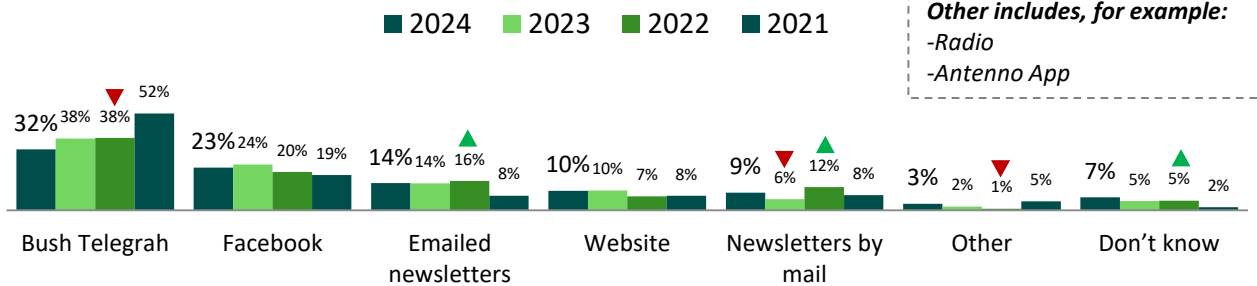


## Communication: Information Sources

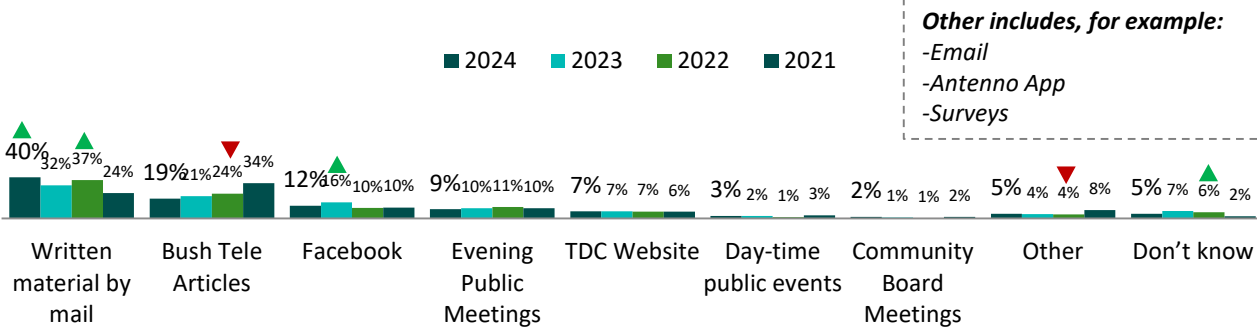
### Most Relied Method of Information



### Preferred Method of Information



### LTP Consultation Preference



- A slight increase in reliance on the *Bush Telegraph* (43%) as a source of information about the Council has been observed, although it remains below the level seen two years ago.
- Bush Telegraph* is the preferred source of information for 32% of residents, followed by *Facebook* at 23%.
- 40% of residents express a preference for being consulted by the Council regarding the LTP via *Written mail*.

OTES:

CM1. Which of the following do you most rely on for information about the [COUNCIL]? n=512

CM2. What would your preferred method be to being kept informed? n=512

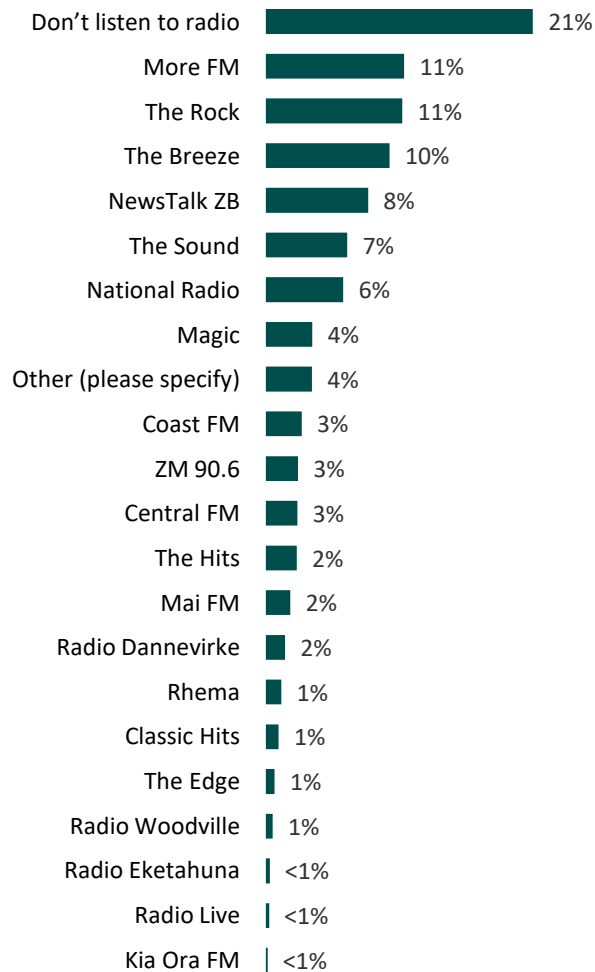
CM3. How would you prefer to be consulted with by Council on LTP issues? n=512

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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## Most Listened to Radio Stations



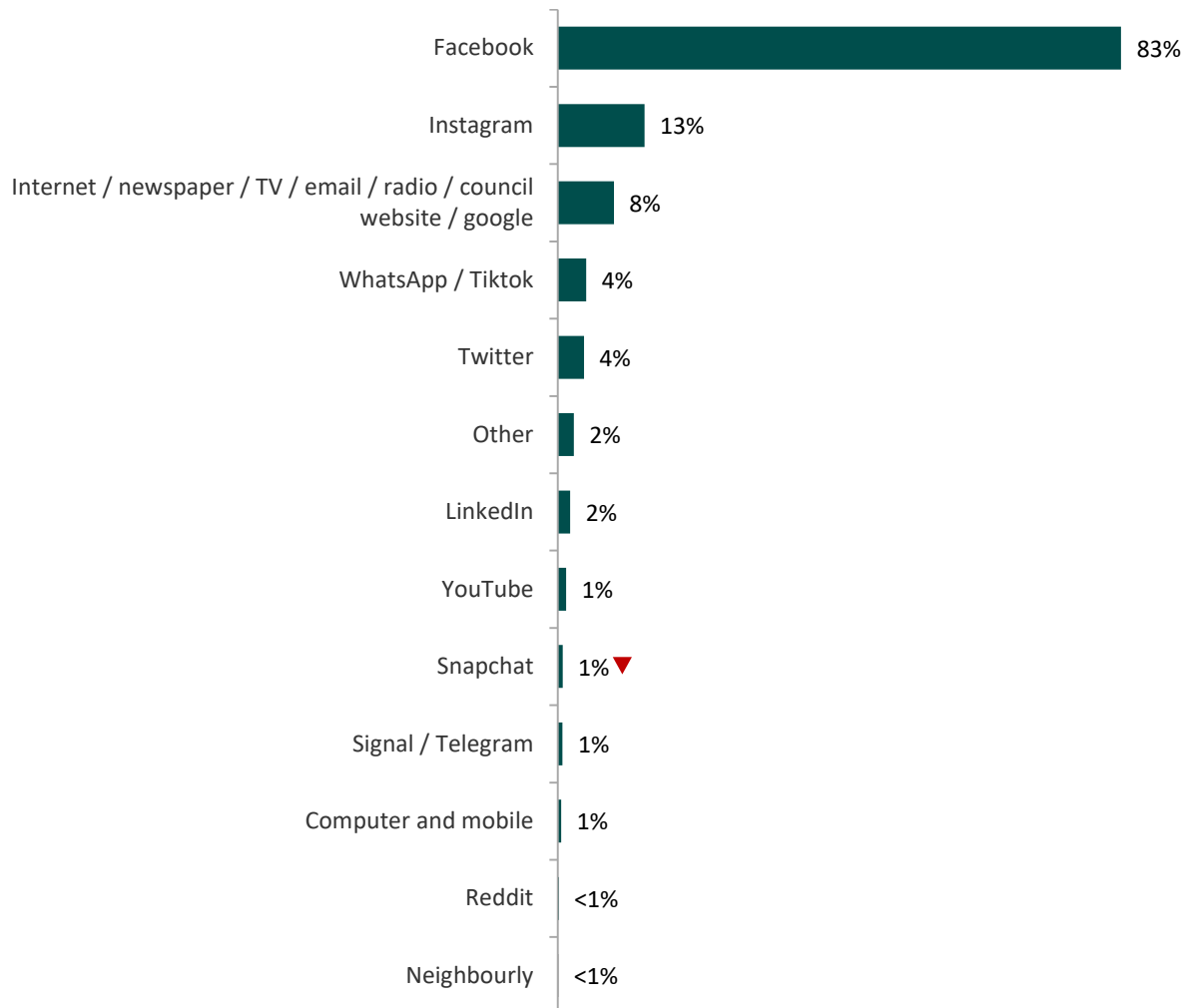
- 21% of residents do not listen to the radio; however, among those who do, the majority tune into *More FM*, or *The Rock* (11%) and 10% prefer *The Breeze*.

NOTES:

CM5. Which Radio station do you mostly listen to? Please select one answer. n=512

Year-on-year      Between demographics  
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## Social Platforms Used



- *Facebook* remains the predominant social media platform utilised by residents, with a usage rate of 83%.

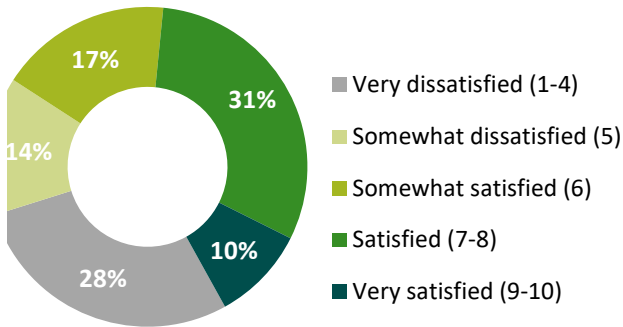
OTES:

CM6. Which social media platform do you use? n=375

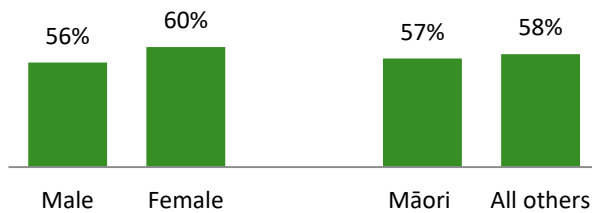
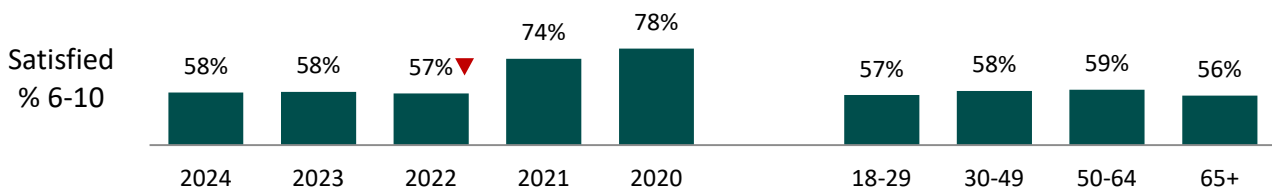
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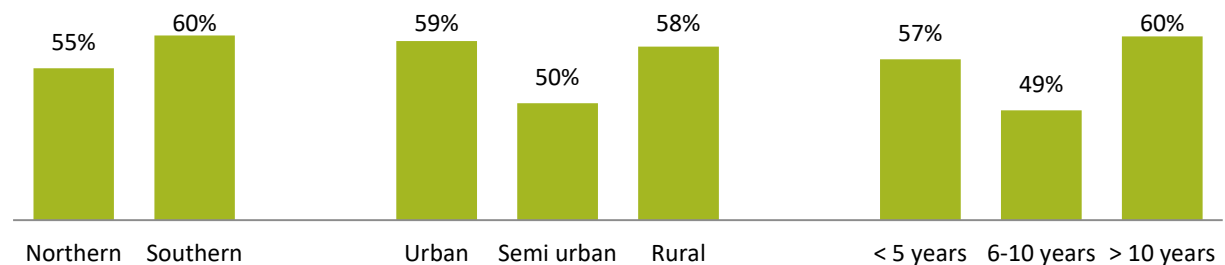
## Overall Communication and Involvement



- The satisfaction with Council's *Overall Communication and Involvement* remains consistent year on year at 58%.
- Perceptions among different age groups show no significant difference.



- Female residents (60%) are more likely to express satisfaction with *How the Council keeps the public informed and involved in its decision-making* compared to male residents (56%).



- Southern ward residents exhibit higher satisfaction with *How the Council keeps the public informed and involved in its decision-making* compared to residents in the Northern ward.

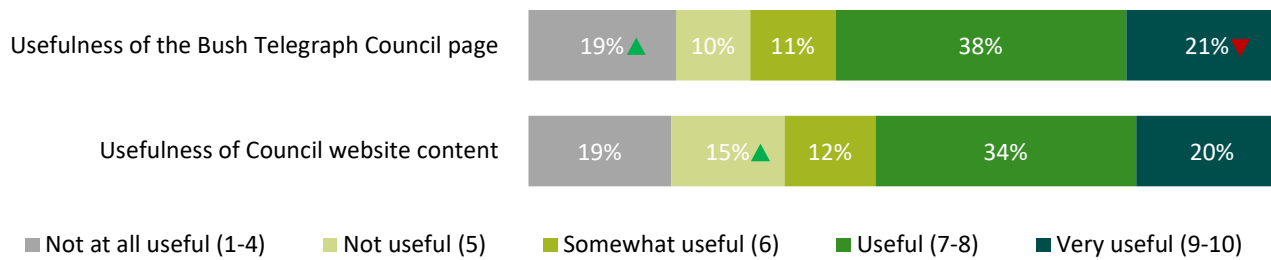
OTES:

CM7. How would you rate Council for keeping the public informed and involved in its decision making?  
n=464

Year-on-year  
▲ Significantly higher  
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Between demographics  
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## Usefulness of Council Communication



- Seven in ten residents (71%) perceive the *Bush Telegraph Council page* as useful, while 66% perceive the *Council website content* as useful, representing a significant decline in satisfaction with both forms of Council communication since 2023.
- Younger residents aged 18 to 29 are less likely to perceive *Council communication* as useful compared to older residents in the district.

% 6-10	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Māori	All Other
Usefulness of the Bush Telegraph Council page	71% ▼	78%	73% ▼	82%	87%	76%	69% ▼
Usefulness of Council website content	66% ▼	75%	68% ▼	85%	87%	75%	64% ▼

% 6-10	Northern	Southern	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Usefulness of the Bush Telegraph Council page	73%	69% ▼	76%	67%	66% ▼
Usefulness of Council website content	69%	64% ▼	68%	76%	60% ▼

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Usefulness of the Bush Telegraph Council page	56% ▼	66%	76%	78%
Usefulness of Council website content	60%	60%	71%	74%

% 6-10	Male	Female	5 years or less	6-10 years	Over 10 years
Usefulness of the Bush Telegraph Council page	68% ▼	74%	73%	66%	72% ▼
Usefulness of Council website content	63% ▼	69%	83%	49%	69%

NOTES:

CM4. Thinking about the Bush Telegraph Council page and website content, using a scale of 1 – 10 where 1 is not at all useful and 10 is very useful, how would you rate the... n=443  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
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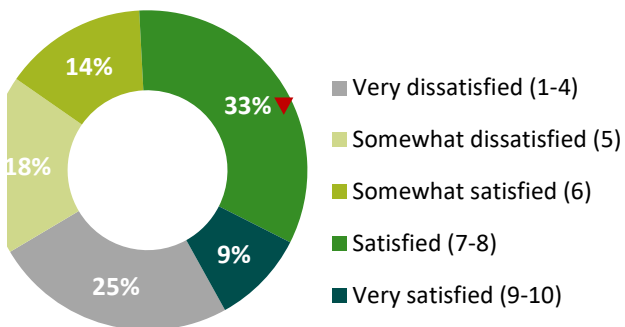
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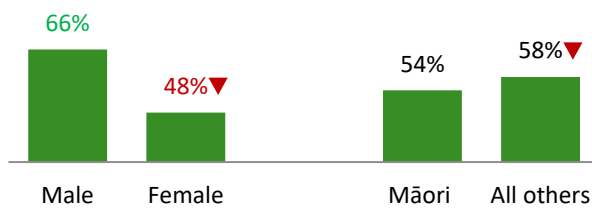
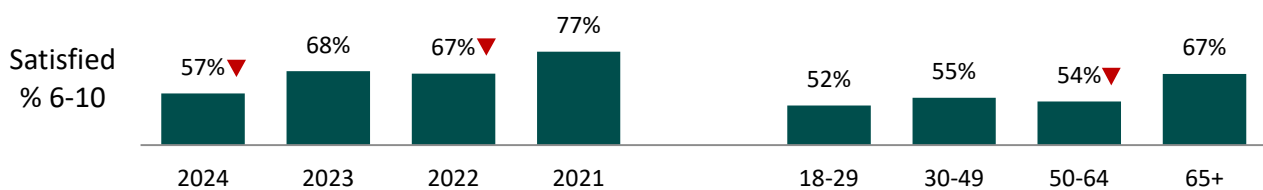
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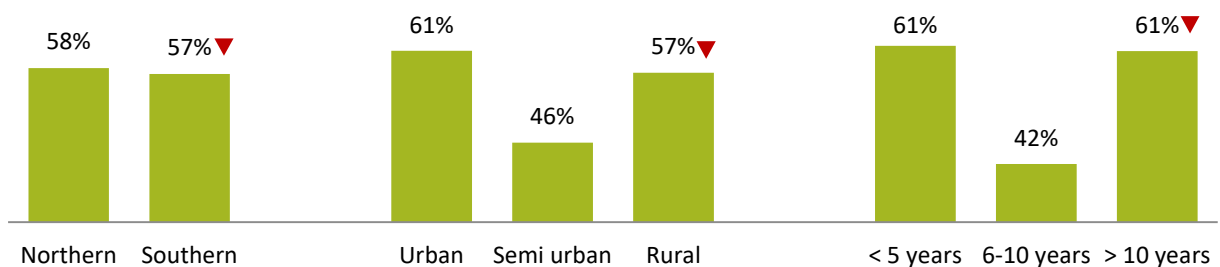
## Satisfaction with Council's Involvement in Community-led Development



- This year, residents are significantly less satisfied with the *Council's involvement in community-led development*, dropping from 68% in 2023 to 57%.
- 25% of residents are 'Very dissatisfied' with this aspect of the Council
- Satisfaction of residents aged 50-64 has significantly decreased over the past year (from 72% to 54%).



- Male residents are more likely to be satisfied with *Council's involvement in community-led development* than female residents.



- Semi-urban residents exhibit a significantly lower level of satisfaction with the *Council's involvement in community-led development* (55%).
- Satisfaction among Southern ward residents with the Council's involvement in community-led development has significantly declined. One resident mentioned that the Council needs to commit more funding and resources to community development, particularly in the Southern Ward.

NOTES:

CMD1. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Council's involvement in Community-led development? n=304  
Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

**Year-on-year**  
▲ Significantly higher  
▼ Significantly lower

**Between demographics**  
▲ Significantly higher  
▼ Significantly lower

## Comment about Council Involvement in Community Development

- The Council need to commit more funding and resources to community development, particularly in the South Ward. There needs to be significantly more effort put into the community engagement space where whole communities can actively participate in both identifying their own needs and goals and developing their own plans to achieve these aspirations.*
- We pay a targeted rate, and see very little in return.*
- It would be nice to know what is going on and to see someone.*
- I do not see any visible or tangible leadership from Council. All I see is costs.*
- Things like our new swimming pool have been in the pipelines for over ten years, and still not built.*
- Fixing the roads and communicating better with your ratepayers. Especially those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle because we have had no communication at all from Council.*
- Less is more. Facilitate rather than lead. Volunteers could drive much of what council is now promoting.*
- In my opinion the council don't do much to help with community development. There has been rumours for years about a skate park for the kids, but I hear the council are just making it too difficult.*
- Our council is not as proactive as in Feilding and Waipukurau who are progressing ahead.*
- The council to actually listen to and take on board what the public are saying.*
- I cannot believe this Council would even consider fluoridating our water supply after so many years of resistance. This council must continue in its resistance of anything related to ICLEI, Agenda 21/30 and borrowing from the corporations if they plan on surviving another term.*
- You have building owners very, very stressed out about the earthquake safety and how they're meant to find the money for your demands, and yet Councils like in Whanganui are actively working with building owners to try and help. Not going to be much of a community left to develop in Tararua when building owners abandon their properties.*
- Other than a rundown tennis court, there is very little to do in Woodville for children over 8 years old. What happened to the bike track?*
- Lack of a heritage strategy.*
- More funding for community projects.*
- Put the same amount of effort into Eketahuna that you have in Pahiatua.*
- Fix the basic infrastructure that is already here. There's a drain blocked, flooding homes as your pipes have never been cleaned. I would like to see encouragement with landlords for the town centre development.*
- More authority against companies setting up wind farms, Tararua District Council seem to be shy on supporting locals when wind mills are threatening residents wellbeing and livelihood.*

JTES:

CMD1A. If dissatisfied with Council involvement in Community Development, what would you like to see changed? n=28





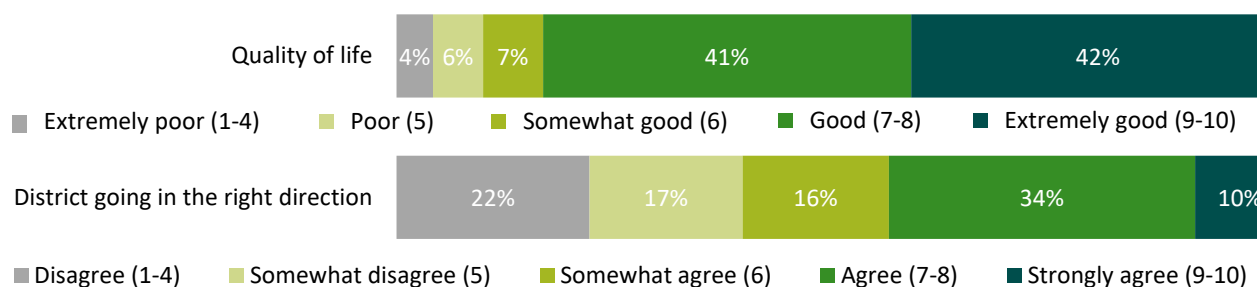
## Quality of Life



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## Quality of Life



- Overall, residents of Tararua District have a high perception of their *Quality of life* (90%), with a slight increase since 2023. However, their perception of the *District going in the right direction* remains relatively low (61%), with a decrease of 4% over the past 12 months.
- Residents who have lived in the district for 6 years or more are less likely to agree that the *District is going in the right direction* compared to those who have lived there for 5 years or less.

% 6-10	2024	2023	Northern	Southern	Māori	All Other
Quality of life	90%	89%	88%	92%	92%	90%
District going in the right direction	61%	65%	60%	62%	68%	59%

% 6-10	Urban	Semi-urban	Rural
Quality of life	90%	94%	89%
District going in the right direction	66%	55%	56%

% 6-10	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Quality of life	88%	88%	92%	92%
District going in the right direction	61%	59%	57%	68%

% 6-10	Male	Female	5 years or less	6-10 years	Over 10 years
Quality of life	90%	90%	94%	92%	90%
District going in the right direction	62%	61%	76%	56%	61%

### NOTES:

QOL1. On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is 'extremely poor' and 10 is 'extremely good', how would you rate the overall quality of your life? n=481

QOL2. On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is 'strongly disagree' and 10 is 'strongly agree', how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement about the District? n=431

Excludes 'Don't know' responses.

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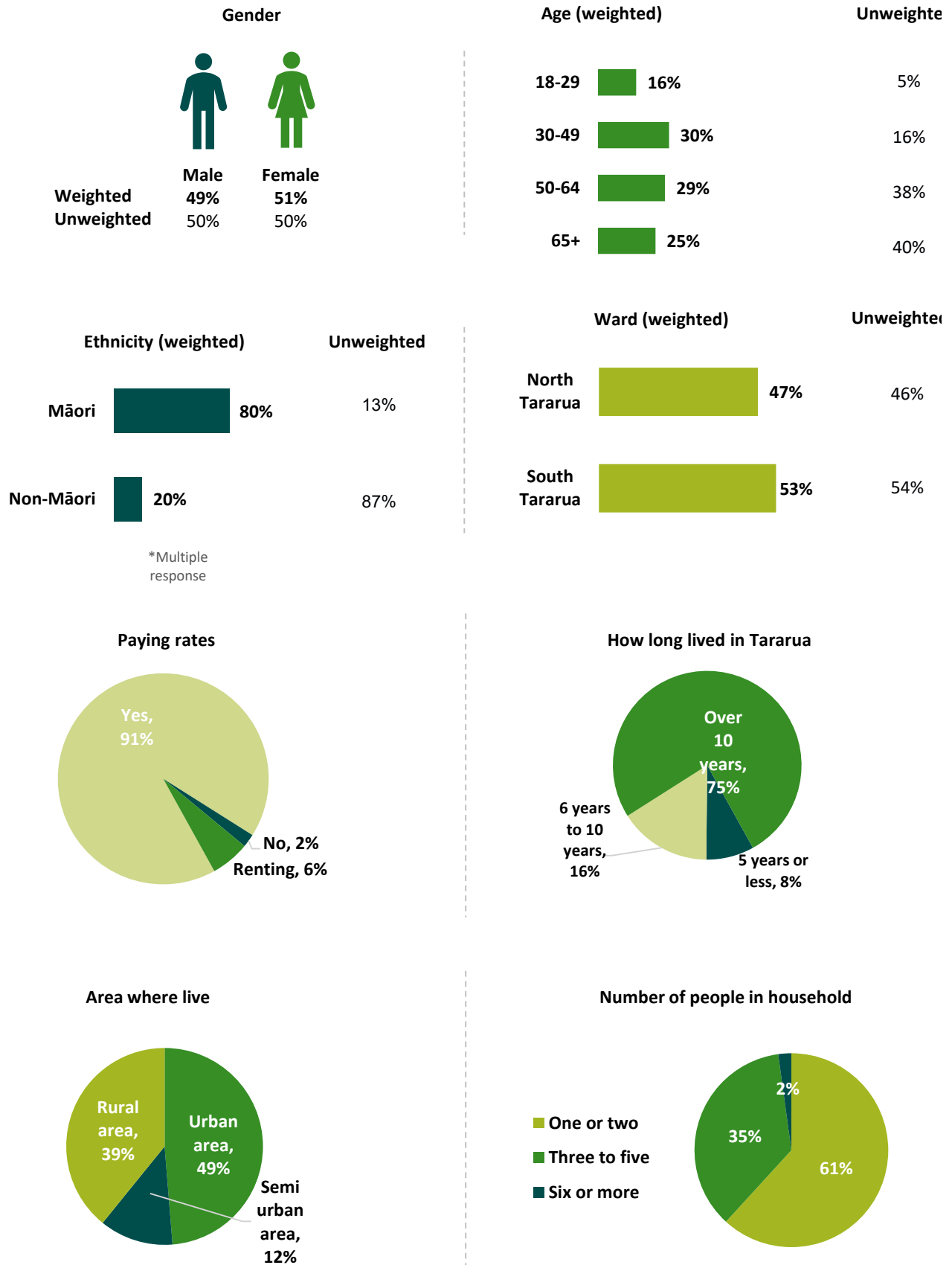


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## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : James Single  
Regulatory Services Manager

Subject : **2023/2024 Annual Report of the Tararua District Licensing Committee**

Item No : **9.11**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 19 July 2024 concerning the 2023/2024 Annual Report of the Tararua District Licensing Committee be received and noted.*

## Executive Summary

This report is for information purposes only.

The Council is required to report to the Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority (ARLA) each financial year on the proceedings and operations of its District Licensing Committee (DLC) and statistical information under section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (SSAA).

The format for reporting to ARLA is now entered online. Additionally, the report must be received by ARLA before 30 September 2024 to provide them time to prepare submissions to Central Government.

The Tararua DLC report for the year 2023/24 is attached to this report for Council noting only. The report has been approved by the DLC Chair and has been forwarded to ARLA within the required timeframe, completing Council's responsibilities under the Act.

## **2. Reason for the Report**

- 2.1 To inform Council of the annual report on the administration of alcohol licensing for the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. This report is required under the requirements of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

## **3. Statistical Information**

- 3.1 Statistical and financial information for the reporting period is included in the report.

## **4. Significance Assessment**

This item does not trigger Council's significance and engagement policy and it has no financial impacts on the approved Long Term Plan.

## **Attachments**

- 1 [!\[\]\(13dd0e1ab3baa23f7c1ed52b3eec2756\_img.jpg\)](#). Annual Alcohol Licensing Report - Tararua District Licensing Committee



# Annual Report 2023/24

Tararua District Licensing Committee

1 August 2024



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The following report is a summary of the activities of the Tararua District Licensing Committee ('the DLC'), as required by section 199(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, for the reporting year of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.



**David Lea**  
Chairperson  
Tararua District Licensing Committee



**James Single**  
Secretary  
Tararua District Licensing Committee

## 1. Overview

### District Licensing Committee Structure and Personnel

#### Chairperson

David Lea

#### Deputy Chairperson

Kerry Sutherland (Councillor)

#### Members

Tracey Collis, Scott Gilmore, Alison Franklin

#### Secretariat and Support Staff

Bryan Nicholson      Chief Executive Officer

James Single      Regulatory Services Manager  
(Secretary of the Tararua District Licensing Committee)

Marlene Lyall      Alcohol Licensing Officer

Lizzen Nobathu      Environmental Health Officer and Alcohol Licensing Officer



## 2. Contact List

Name	Role	Email	Phone
James Single	Secretary, DLC	james.single@tararuaadc.govt.nz	027 245 4178
Marlene Lyall	Alcohol Licensing Officer	Marlene.lyall@tararuaadc.govt.nz	027 245 5507
Lizzen Nobathu	Environmental Health Officer	lizzen.nobathu@tararuaadc.govt.nz	027 350 7096
Generic Email		Alcohol-licensing@tararuaadc.govt.nz	06 374 4080

### **3. Questions Provided by the Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority**

#### **1: How many applications for new on-licences did your committee grant?**

New On Licences - 5

#### **2: How many applications for new on-licences did your committee refuse**

Nil

#### **3: How many applications for new off-licences did your committee grant?**

New Off Licences - 6

#### **4: ) How many applications for new off-licences did your committee refuse?**

Nil

#### **5: How many applications for new club licences did your committee grant?**

New Club Licences - 1

#### **6: How many applications for new club licences did your committee refuse?**

Nil

#### **7: How many applications for new manager's certificates did your committee grant?**

Manager Certificates New - 34

#### **8: How many applications for new manager's certificates did your committee refuse?**

Nil

#### **9: How many applications for the renewal of licences did your committee grant?**

On Licences renewals – 7

Off Licences renewals - 8

Club renewals - 5

Total = 20

**10: How many applications for the renewal of licences did your committee refuse?**

Nil

**11: How many applications for the renewal of manager's certificates did your committee grant?**

Managers' certificate renewals - 53

**12: How many applications for the renewals of manager's certificates did your committee refuse?**

Nil

**13: What is the total number of on-licences in your licensing district?**

Total On licences - 17

**14: What is the total number of off-licences in your licensing district?**

Total Off licences - 22

**15: What is the total number of club licences in your licensing district?**

Total Club licences - 21

**16: Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2023-24.**

There has been a decrease in applications received this year, most likely due to the cost-of-living increases. Licensees report less people in premises eating out and choosing to purchase alcohol to consume at home.

**17: Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2023-2024.**

We are attempting to introduce combined controlled purchase operations with Te Whatu Ora and NZ Police. Unfortunately, the Tararua district is not well supported by Police in regard to night inspections as Police are under staffed and do not have the resources to accompany the Licensing Officer. Currently, inspections are mostly undertaken during daytime hours.

**18: Has your DLC developed a Local Alcohol Policy?**

No

**19: If yes, at what stage is the policy?**

N/A

**20: If the answer to 19 is 'in force' what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having?**

A Local Alcohol Policy is currently in the process of being drafted for Tararua district.

**21: If the answer to 19 is 'in force', is your Local Alcohol Policy due for review?**

N/A

**22: Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:**

- a) the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and*
- b) the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.*

We believe that the object of the Act is being achieved in terms of processes and procedures that licensees and managers must undertake, to ensure the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly.

Controlled purchase operations with Police and regular compliance checks ensure processes by licensees and managers are undertaken to minimise harm caused by excessive consumption of alcohol.

**23: What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?**

We have not observed any changes or trends in our district.

**24: What changes to practices and procedures under the Act would you find beneficial?**

Requirement for photo ID on Manager's Certificates would be helpful.

## 4. Statistical Information

During the reporting period, the DLC issued 183 applications, being 23 less than the previous reporting period.

Below is a comparison of the applications issued in the previous four reporting periods.

Application Type	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
ON LICENCE new	0	1	6	5
ON LICENCE renewal/variation	3	1	12	7

OFF LICENCE new	1	1	4	6
OFF LICENCE renewal/variation	9	4	21	8
CLUB LICENCE new	0	0	0	1
CLUB LICENCE renewal/variation	1	8	27	5
Temporary Authorities	3	1	6	8
Manager's Certificates	15	31	51	34
Manager's Certificates Renewals	21	31	27	53
Special Licences	56	32	52	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>183</b>

The Committee did not refuse any new or renewal On, Off or Club licences.

The Committee did not refuse any new or renewal Manager's Certificate applications.

## 5. Annual Returns to the Alcohol Regulatory Licensing Authority

### Tararua District Council Annual Return for the Year Ending 30 June 2024

On-licence, Off-licence and Club Licence Applications Received						
Application Type	Number Received in Fee Category – Very Low	Number Received in Fee Category – Low	Number Received in Fee Category – Medium	Number Received in Fee Category – High	Number Received in Fee Category – Very High	Total
On-licence new	0	0	5	0	0	
On-licence variation	0	0	0	0	0	
On-licence renewal	1	1	5	0	0	
Off-licence new	0	0	6	0	0	
Off-licence variation	0	0	0	0	0	
Off-licence renewal	0	0	8	0	0	
Club licence new	1	0	0	0	0	
Club licence variation	0	0	0	0	0	
Club licence renewal	5	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total number</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total fees payable to ARLA (GST incl)</b>	<b>\$120.75</b>	<b>\$34.50</b>	<b>\$1242.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1397.25</b>

Annual Fees for Existing Licences Received						
Licence Type	Number Received in Fee Category – Very Low	Number Received in Fee Category – Low	Number Received in Fee Category – Medium	Number Received in Fee Category – High	Number Received in Fee Category – Very High	Total
On-licence	0	0	4	4	0	4
Off-licence	1	0	4	0	2	4
Club licence	6	3	6	4	0	5
<b>Total fees payable to ARLA (GST incl)</b>	<b>\$120.75</b>	<b>\$172.50</b>	<b>\$724.50</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>379.50</b>
<b>Total fees paid to ARLA (GST incl)</b>						<b>\$2052.75</b>

Managers' Certificate Applications Received	
Application Type	Number Received
Managers' certificate new	34
Managers' certificate renewal	53
<b>Total number</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Total fees payable to ARLA (GST incl)</b>	<b>\$2501.25</b>

Special Licence Applications Received			
	Number Received in Category – Class 1	Number Received in Category – Class 2	Number Received in Category – Class 3
Special licence	0	2	56

Temporary Authority Applications Received	
	Number Received
Temporary authority	8

Permanent Club Charter Payments Received	
	Number Received
Permanent club charter payments	-
<b>Total paid to ARLA</b>	<b>\$5951.25</b>

## 6. Current list of licensed premises

Premise Name	Type	Site Address
Dannevirke Tennis Club	CLUB	2 Anderson St Dannevirke
Club Hotel Pahiatua	ON	81 Main St Pahiatua
The High St Bistro	ON	133 High St Dannevirke
Merrylees Hotel	ON	Station St Dannevirke
Merrylees Hotel	OFF	Station St Dannevirke
Eketahuna Club Inc	CLUB	Herbert St Eketahuna
Makuri Country Club	CLUB	Coonoor Rd Pahiatua
Tararua Club	CLUB	Tararua St Pahiatua
Dannevirke Services & Citizens Club	CLUB	1 Princess St Dannevirke
Dannevirke Bowling Club Inc.	CLUB	19 Waterloo St Dannevirke
Pahiatua Golf Club	CLUB	State Highway 2 Pahiatua
Dannevirke Squash Club Inc	CLUB	38 Gregg St Dannevirke
Tararua Squash Club	CLUB	57 Huxley St Pahiatua
Eketahuna Inn	ON	42 Main St Eketahuna
Dannevirke Four Square	OFF	247 High St Dannevirke
Eketahuna Golf Club	CLUB	Macara St Eketahuna
Eketahuna Rugby Football Club	CLUB	Alfredton Rd Eketahuna
Akitio Boating Club	CLUB	53 Akitio Esp Pongaroa
Tui HQ / Tui Breweries	ON	Kohinui Rd Pahiatua
Tui HQ / Tui Breweries	OFF	Kohinui Rd Pahiatua
Big Barrel Pahiatua	OFF	163 Main St Pahiatua
Aotea Sports Club	CLUB	Makirikiri Rd Dannevirke
Dannevirke Sports Club	CLUB	High St Dannevirke
Eketahuna Four Square	OFF	27 Main St Eketahuna
Eketahuna Bottle Store	OFF	27 Main St Eketahuna
Black Dog Tavern Matamau	ON	835 Matamau Ormondville Rd Dannevirke
Dannevirke New World	OFF	8 Barraud St Dannevirke
Big Barrel Dannevirke	OFF	145 High St Dannevirke
Super Liquor Woodville	OFF	61 Vogel St Woodville
New Central Motor Inn	ON	63 Vogel St Woodville
Im-Aim Thai Cuisine	ON	2 Barraud St Dannevirke
Zampelles LTD TA Cafe 88	ON	88 Vogel St Woodville
Dannevirke Sports Bar	ON	2 Barraud St Dannevirke
Pongaroa Hotel	ON	10810 Route 52 Pongaroa
Pongaroa Hotel	OFF	10810 Route 52 Pongaroa

Super Liquor Dannevirke	OFF	14 Miller St Dannevirke
Woodville Bowling Club	CLUB	30 Vogel St Woodville
Cape Turnagain Golf Club	CLUB	75 Seaview Rd Dannevirke
Red Chillies	ON	84 Main St Pahiatua
Dannevirke Golf Club	CLUB	14 Tamaki River Rd Dannevirke
Wimbledon Tavern	ON	6353 Route 52 Pongaroa
Wimbledon Tavern	OFF	6353 Route 52 Pongaroa
Ruahine Ports	OFF	609 Tipapakuku Rd Dannevirke
The Shed	CLUB	4 Edward St Pahiatua
Bush Sports Park and Stadium Pahiatua	CLUB	Huxley St Pahiatua
The Bottle-O Mangatera	OFF	389 High St Dannevirke
Mangatera Hotel	OFF	391 High St Dannevirke
Mangatera Hotel	ON	391 High St Dannevirke
Norsewood Golf Club	CLUB	35 Kopua Rd Norsewood
New World Pahiatua	OFF	Main St Pahiatua
Woodville Four Square	OFF	90 Vogel St Woodville
Pahiatua Bowling Club	CLUB	Paterson St Pahiatua
Smoke 'N' Wood	ON	51 Mclean St Woodville
The Black Stump Dannevirke	ON	21 High St Dannevirke
Catalyst Fruit Wines	OFF	84006 State Highway 2 Eketahuna
Post Office Hotel	OFF	164 Main St Pahiatua
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Seaview Takeaways	OFF	50 Akitio Esp Pongaroa
Pongaroa Golf Club	CLUB	4948 Pahiatua Pongaroa Rd Pahiatua









## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Kate Jessep  
Alliance Administrator

Subject : **Road Closure Requested Under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

Item No : **9.12**

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### 1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 Eketahuna Our Town Inc has made application for road closures on Saturday 30 November 2024. These closures have been requested under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Act, consultation with the Police has been undertaken. The Police have indicated they have no concerns. No public objections have been received in response to advertising placed in the Bush Telegraph on Monday 19 August 2024.

### 2. Recommendation

***That the report from the Alliance Manager dated 05 September 2024 concerning a road closures application under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 (as circulated) be received, and***

***That pursuant to Section 342 (1)(b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, the Council resolves to close the following roads for the purpose of allowing the Eketahuna Our Town Inc to hold the Eketahuna Christmas Parade event:***

***Road name: Haswell Street, Herbert Street, and Bengston Street***  
***Date of closure: Saturday 30 November 2024***

### ***Conditions Applied to the Granting of these Road Closures***

- 2.1 That the Tararua Alliance in conjunction with the organiser will assess shortly prior to this event the condition of the roads involved to determine their suitability for this purpose.***
- 2.2 That if the Tararua Alliance identifies any road or roads as being in an unsuitable condition arising from this assessment, then they have the discretion to request the organiser to withdraw such road from the route of this event.***
- 2.3 That shortly after the event has been held, the Tararua Alliance shall carry out a drive over of the roads that were closed for this event to assess their condition.***

### ***Advisory Note***

***That should the Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event, then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.***

### **Attachments**

- 1 [!\[\]\(4c660a3c4ce1da3313488b7854f55083\_img.jpg\)](#). Eketahuna Our Town Inc - Eketahuna Christmas Parade



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PO Box 7  
Dannevirke  
06 374 5341

13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Murray Sargison  
100 Main Street  
Eketahuna, 4900

Dear Sir/Madam

**Road Closure Application: Haswell Street, Bengston Street, and Herbert Street. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

I am in receipt of your application for a road closure on the above date, and an invoice for the permit fee will follow in due course.

An advertisement will be placed in the Bush Telegraph on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, and the matter will be placed on Council's agenda for discussion at its meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Should there be no complications, another advertisement notifying the closure will be placed in the Bush Telegraph on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The cost of advertising the closure will be invoiced separately.

I will notify you of Council's decision in due course.

Yours faithfully

Kate Jessep  
**Alliance Administrator**

For: Rik Morris  
**Corridor Supervisor**



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13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Senior Sergeant  
Dannevirke Police  
13 Gordon Street  
Dannevirke

Dear Sir/Madam

**Road Closure Application: Haswell Street, Bengston Street, and Herbert Street.**

An application has been received from Eketahuna Our Town Inc to hold a Christmas Parade on the above streets on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

The closure, which has been requested under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, requires that the police be consulted.

Council will decide on the application at its meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

I would appreciate your consideration of the application and your early advice as to whether you have any objections.

Yours faithfully

Kate Jessep  
**Alliance Administrator**

For: Rik Morris  
**Corridor Supervisor**



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07<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Rosalind (Ros) Watson  
4 Claudius Street  
Dannevirke

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **Road Closure under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

I am pleased to inform you that the Tararua District Council at its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 passed the following resolution:

***That pursuant to Section 342 (1)(b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, the Council resolves to close the following roads for the purpose of allowing the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Christmas Parade event:***

***Road name: Stanley Street, London Street, Millers Road, High Street and Swinburn Street***

***Date of closure: Saturday 7 December 2024***

***Period of closure: 11:45am-12:45pm***

The following standard conditions are attached to the closure:

#### ***Conditions Applied to the Granting of these Road Closures***

***That the Tararua Alliance in conjunction with the organiser will assess shortly prior to this event the condition of the roads involved to determine their suitability for this purpose.***

***That if the Tararua Alliance identifies any road or roads as being in an unsuitable condition arising from this assessment, then they have the discretion to request the organiser to withdraw such road from the route of this event.***

***That shortly after the event has been held, the Tararua Alliance shall carry out a drive over of the roads that were closed for this event to assess their condition.***

#### ***Advisory Note***

***That should the Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event, then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.***



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An advertisement notifying the public of the date and time of this closure will be placed in the Bush Telegraph on 02/12/2024.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

I wish you a happy and successful event.

Yours sincerely

Kate Jessep  
**Alliance Administrator**

For: Rik Morris  
**Corridor Supervisor**





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07<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Minister of Transport  
FreePost Parliament  
Private Bag 18888  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington 6160

Dear Sir/Madam

**Road Closures under the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974**

At its meeting on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, the Tararua District Council made the following resolution which is forwarded to you pursuant to Clause 15 of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974:

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***Advisory Note***

***That should the Council incur any additional maintenance costs as a consequence of the event, then those expenses shall be recovered from the event organiser.***

This closure is subject to this Council's standard conditions for road closure.

For information/reference.

Yours faithfully

Kate Jessep  
**Alliance Administrator**

For: Rik Morris  
**Corridor Supervisor**



## Report

Date : 20 September 2024

To : Mayor and Councillors  
Tararua District Council

From : Allie Dunn  
Manager - Democracy Services

Subject : **Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

Item No : **9.13**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 10 September 2024 concerning the Requests for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 be received.*

### 2. Reason for the Report

- 2.1 To provide information on the requests for information received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 makes provision for public access to Council information.
- 3.2 The Act also details requirements for how Council must deal with any requests for access to information that it holds.
- 3.3 Each month a report is provided to Council on the requests received. This report details a list of requests received over the preceding month to date, timelines associated with the requests, and the subject matter of the requests.

## 4. Discussion

- 4.1 Following are tables that detail requests that were received from the start of the preceding month, up to the date of completing the report. Also included are any requests listed in the previous report to Council that have been resolved since reporting to Council. Under the Privacy Act 2020, details and information relating to individuals have been withheld.

### Resolved Requests

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
9/08/2024	20/08/2024	7	Individual	Number of Code of Conduct complaints received last two financial years
14/08/2024	11/09/2024	20	Individual	Annual costs for Road Gutter Sweeping and regularity of service
19/08/2024	20/08/2024	1	TVNZ	Cost of Government's proposed reversal of speed limit changes, and number of speed limit changes required
19/08/2024	11/09/2024	17	Individual	Maintenance record for Huxley Street Pahiatua drains
20/08/2024	11/09/2024	16	Individual	Annual costs for water blasting of footpaths in High Street
20/08/2024	11/09/2024	16	Individual	Information on costs for operating Dannevirke Campground 2020 until present
20/08/2024	4/09/2024	11	Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment	Environmental Data and Information in Local Government
20/08/2024	2/09/2024	9	Office of MP for Ikaroa-Rawhiti	Request for copy of policy on Rating for Māori Land

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
22/08/2024	30/08/2024	6	Individual	Halls Road Flooding
27/08/2024	3/09/2024	5	Individual	Lease held for Pahiatua Reservoir Land
2/09/2024	17/09/2024	11	Free Speech Union	Policies and guidelines for use of Tararua District Council Facilities and information relating to cancellation or refusal of use of facilities
6/09/2024	6/09/2024	0	Public Service Association	Introduction and Use of AI Tools and Applications
11/09/2024	19/09/2024	6	Snapshot Projects	Information on overhead gantry signs within Tararua District
13/09/2024	13/09/2024	0	Newsroom	Māori Ward Voting Details
13/09/2024	19/09/2024	4	Urban Connection	Traffic Count data pre and post 2017 for Saddle Road, Woodville Township, Balance Valley Road and Pahiatua Track

### Requests pending response

There are currently five open requests pending response.

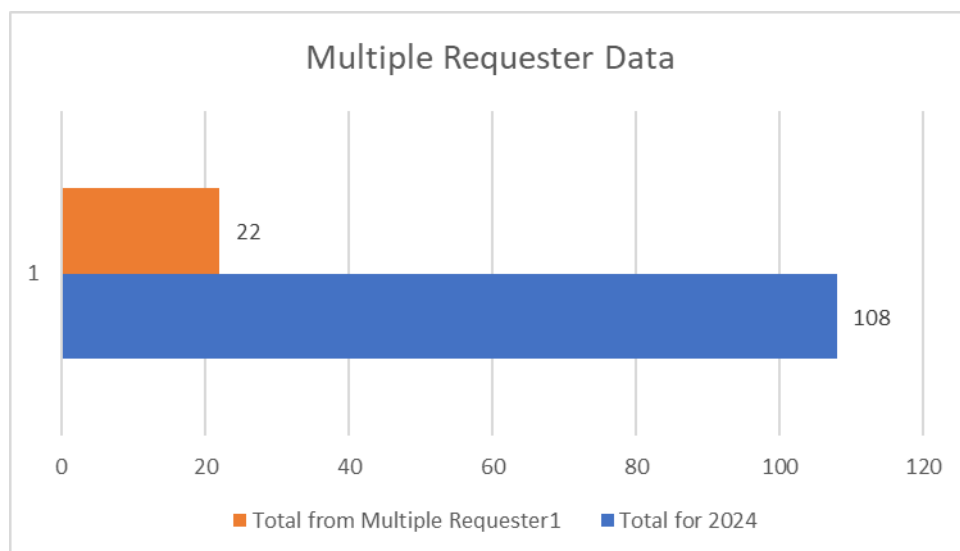
Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
29/08/2024			Individual	Breakdown land values between urban and rural, and UAGC % from land value rates
6/09/2024			Individual	Section 17A Reviews
10/09/2024			Taxpayers Union	Number of staff and amount spent sending staff on Wall Walks courses
12/09/2024			Individual	Land Leases for land

Received	Responded	# Days	Requester	Subject
				surrounding Dannevirke wastewater treatment ponds
17/09/2024			Radio New Zealand	Applications for speed humps pedestrian crossings and traffic calming

### Multiple Requests from an Individual

This year we have been receiving multiple requests from one individual, which has seen a rise in the amount of officer time that has needed to be diverted from their day-to-day responsibilities, to providing answers to the questions being asked.

To date, one individual has been responsible for 20.37% of the total number of requests for information processed in 2024 (22 out of 108 requests for 2024).

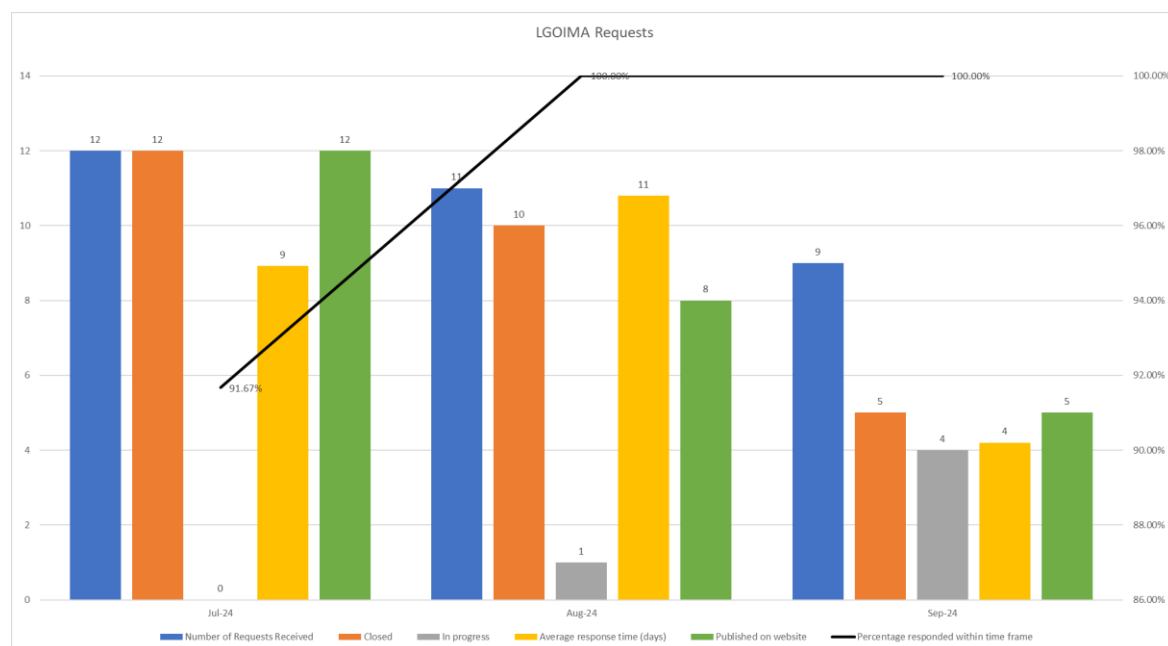


The Office of the Ombudsman provides guidance on dealing with multiple requests for information from a single person, allowing officers to consider aggregating multiple requests, and dealing with these as if they were a single request for information. The guidance also includes processes for charging for the provision of the information being requested, in order to recoup a portion of the costs incurred by the Council in providing the information being sought.

Due to the number of requests being received, this process is being followed and the requester advised accordingly.

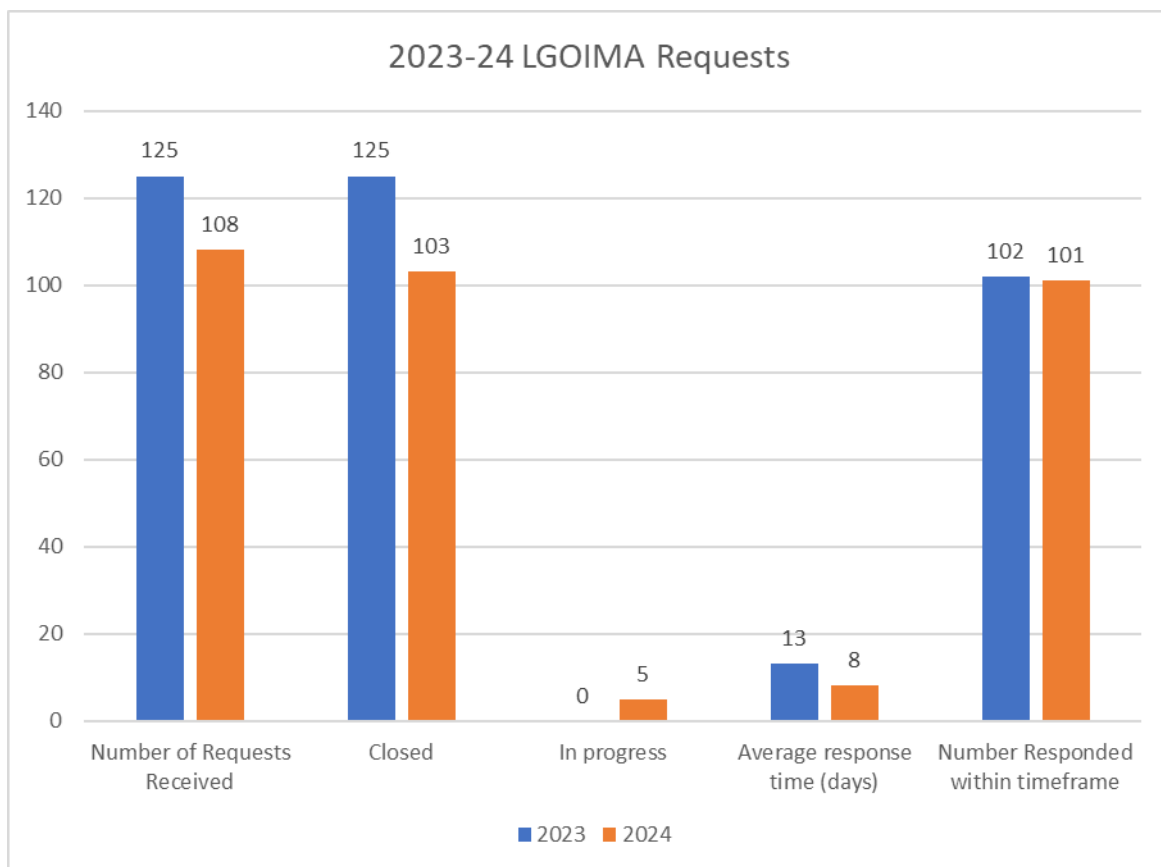
## Status of Requests Received and Timelines for Response

The following graph provides a snapshot of the status of requests received and timelines for response, for the period covered by this report.



## Statistics for Calendar Year 2023 and Comparative Data for 2024

- 4.2 The following graph provides statistics relating to the requests for information processed during the year 1 January to date, compared against statistics for the previous calendar year.



### **Proactive Release and Publishing of Local Government Official Information**

- 4.3 Proactive publishing of official information is an opportunity for Council to increase the transparency and accountability of its operations. The Office of the Ombudsman strongly encourages Councils to engage in effective proactive release of official information, and proactive release is in line with the purpose of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which requires that information shall be made available unless there is good reason to withhold it.
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information would be redacted from both the request and the response to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act 2020.

- 4.7 The proactive release of LGOIMA requests started from 1 July 2024. The information released can be viewed on Council's website, from the following page:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/information-requests-proactive-release>

## **5. Statutory Requirements**

- 5.1 The statutory requirements associated with access to local authority information, and the procedures for dealing with requests received for information held by local authorities, is set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 This report presents requests for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 that have been received from 1 August 2024 to 19 September 2024.

## **Attachments**

Nil.





13 September 2024

Rt Hon Winston Peters Deputy Prime Minister  
By email: [Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Winston.Peters@parliament.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe Deputy Prime Minister

I wanted again to express our heartfelt thanks for the critical role you played in enabling the replacement road to be considered and built when the Manawātū Gorge collapsed and was closed for safety. Locals still talk about the impact you had when you attended the public meeting in Woodville in 2017, and the excitement we felt when the replacement road was announced.

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This is a tremendous blow for our rural community and we will be actively campaigning against this action due to the barrier it adds for our access to health services, education, employment and sport for the people of Tararua. We understand the revenue challenges for state highways, the impacts to rural communities must be given consideration as it will have severe consequences to our economic development.

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Your assistance, and voice, would be greatly appreciated to highlight the detrimental impact imposing a toll would have on the residents of the Tararua District.

Ngā mihi nui



Tracey Collis  
**Mayor**



13 September 2024

Hon Simeon Brown Minister of Transport  
By email: [Simeon.Brown@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Simeon.Brown@parliament.govt.nz)

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Mike Butterick Member of Parliament Wairarapa  
By email – [mike.butterick@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:mike.butterick@parliament.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe Mr Butterick

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Tracey Collis  
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13 September 2024

Celia Wade-Brown MP

By email: [Celia.Wade-Brown@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Celia.Wade-Brown@parliament.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe Celia

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