



KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau

TAONGA O TE WHENUA - TREASURE OF THE LAND

**The Meeting of the
Regulatory and Services Committee
Will be held on Wednesday 16 April 2025
commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

REGULATORY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Her Worship the Mayor - F K N Tunui

Councillor C J Ion - Chairperson

Councillor W Godfery

Councillor S Kingi

Councillor B J Julian

Councillor A Rangihika

Councillor R G K Savage

Councillor R Andrews

Councillor J Ross

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A period of thirty minutes is set aside for a public forum at the start of each Ordinary Council or Standing Committee meeting, which is open to the public. This period may be extended on by a vote by members.

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

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A G E N D A

- 1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Leave of Absence**
- 4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

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

- 5 Public Forum**

PART A – REGULATORY

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

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Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Regulatory and Planning Services activities for the month of March 2025.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory & Planning Services for the month of March 2025 be received.

PART B – NON REGULATORY

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

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Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Finance and Corporate Services activities for the month of March 2025.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of March 2025 be received.

8 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

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Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering Operations and Services activities for the month of March 2025.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of March 2025 be received.

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

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Attached is the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering Economic and Community activities for the month of March 2025.

Recommendation

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of March 2025 be received.

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

Pgs. 24 - 27

Attached is the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager covering Communication and Engagement activities for the month of March 2025.

Recommendation

That the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager for the month of March 2025 be received.

11 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

M Godfery
Chief Executive Officer

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MONTHLY REPORT REGULATORY & PLANNING SERVICES

March 2025

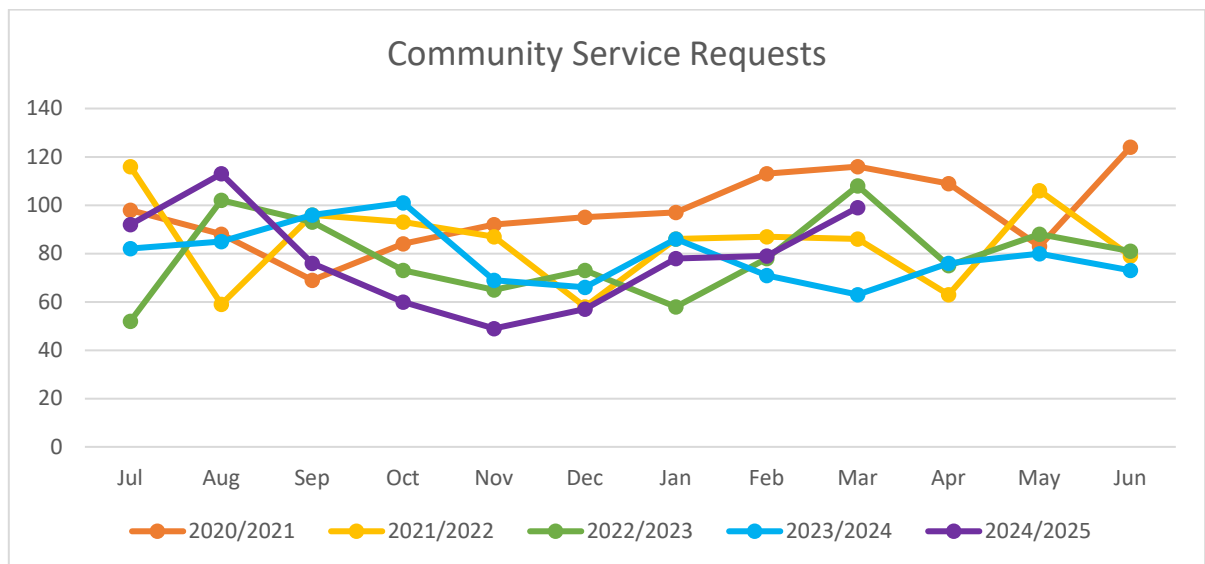
1 Animal Control

1.1 Dog Registration

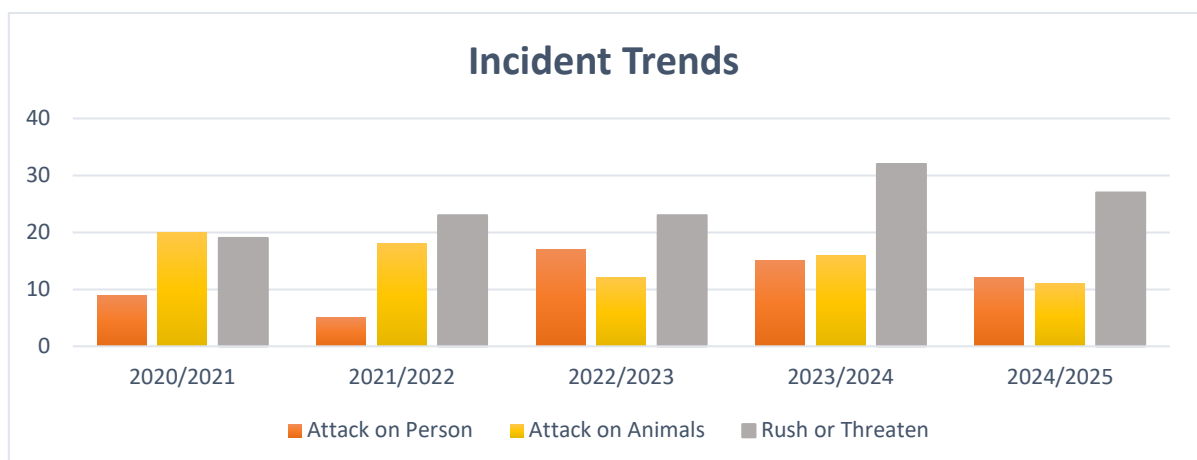
At 31 March 2025, there are 1,338 dogs registered of the 1,354 dogs listed on the dog register for 2024/2025. This represents 98.8% of known dogs.

1.2 Dog Control - Ranging, Complaints and Incidents

A total of ninety nine (99) service requests were responded to during March 2025.



This included fifty six (56) statutory occurrences (barking, roaming, attacks) attended by Council. These related largely to complaints of barking (16) or roaming (33).



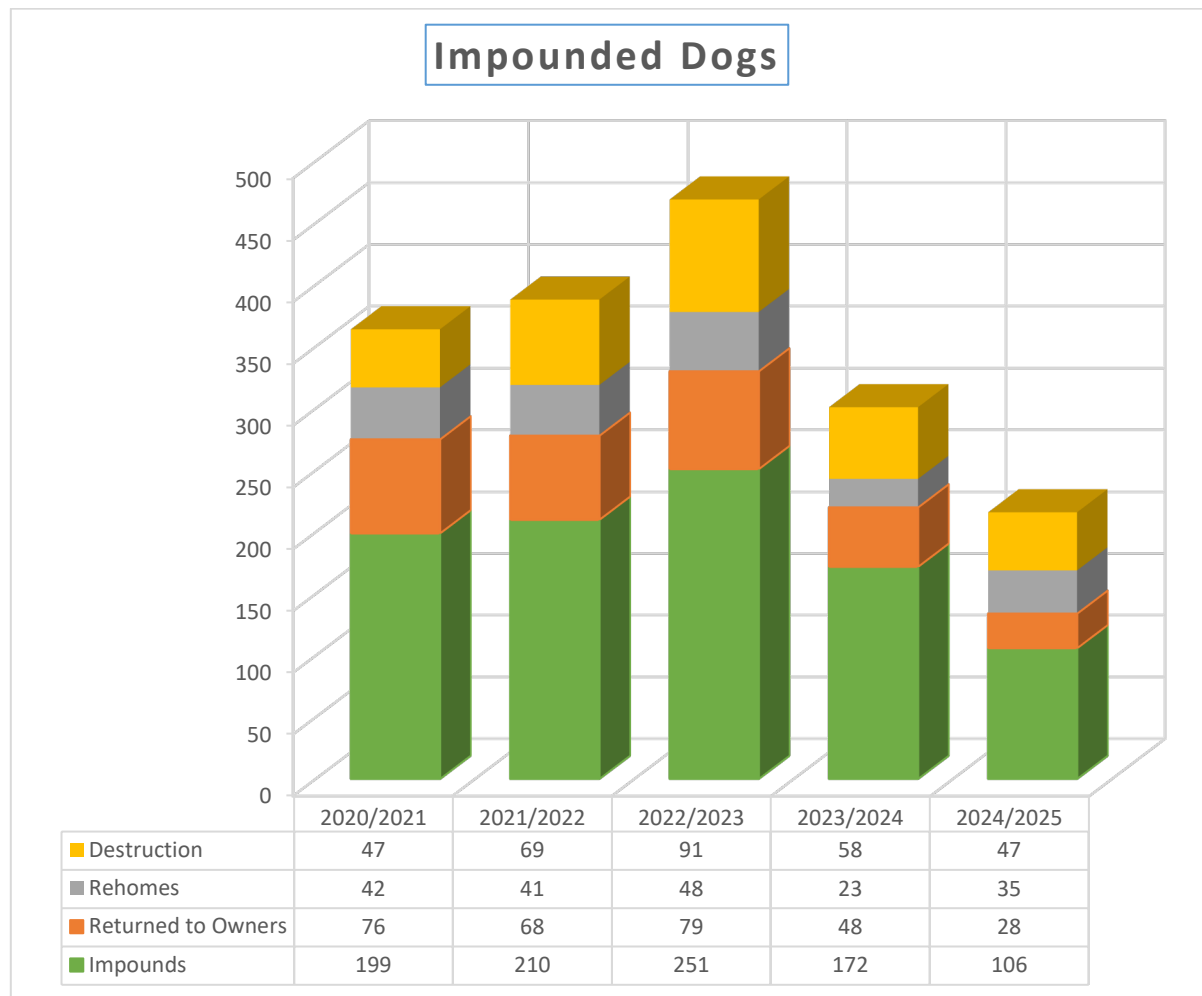
During March, we received two (2) reports of an attack on a person and three (3) reports of a rush.

The victim of one attack declined to make a statement. Inspection of property was completed and repairs undertaken promptly.

One attack related to two boys walking to school being bailed up by two roaming dogs. One dog bit one of the boys on the leg. The dogs were impounded and have since been surrendered by the owner.

The first of the rush incidents resulted in the dog being impounded and an infringement being issued. The second incident occurred after a dog escaped through a faulty gate. Property repaired and infringement issued.

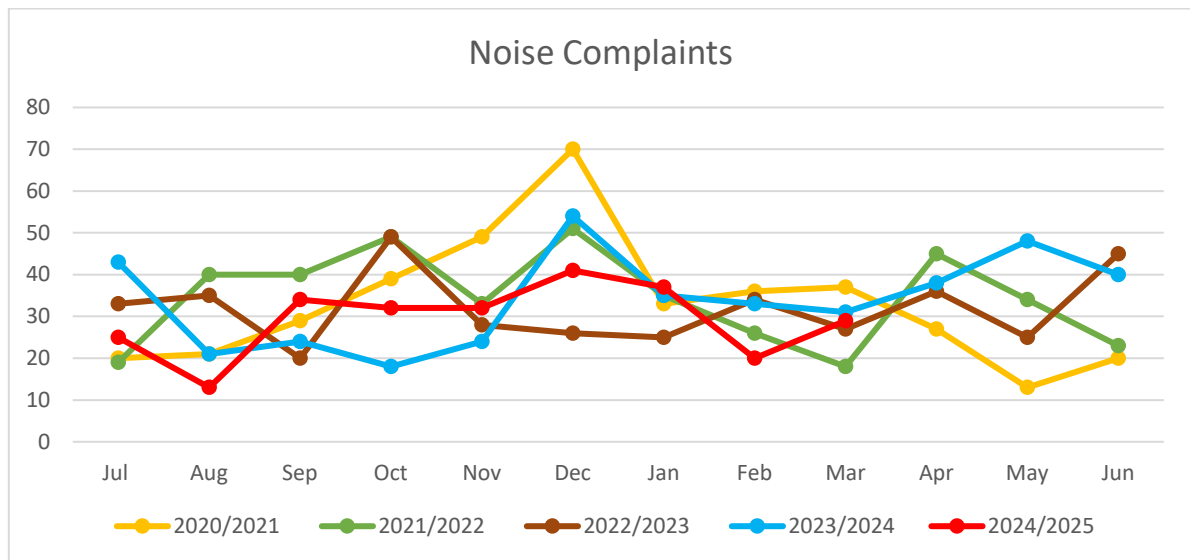
The owner of a dog suspected of being involved in one of the rush incidents, is co-operating with a Council officer, witness information was insufficient to take matters further.



During the same period, fourteen (14) dogs were impounded, six (6) dogs were returned to their owners, eight (8) dogs were destroyed and two (2) dogs were rehomed.

2 Monitoring and Compliance

There were 29 noise complaints in March 2025. Three incidents were found to be excessive.



3 Alcohol Regulation

Thirteen (13) alcohol inspections were completed during the month of March.

4 Food Safety and Premises

Over the last month, the following work was completed:

Three food control plan verifications were completed, two had acceptable outcomes, and one unacceptable with actions identified to rectify the situation and a further inspection will be required.

The Food Safety Training Course was held on 10 March 2025, with twelve (12) attending. Great presentation and engagement with good feedback received.

One new funeral consulting business was registered (HM Locum Funeral Services Limited).

5 Environmental Health

No complaints received during March.

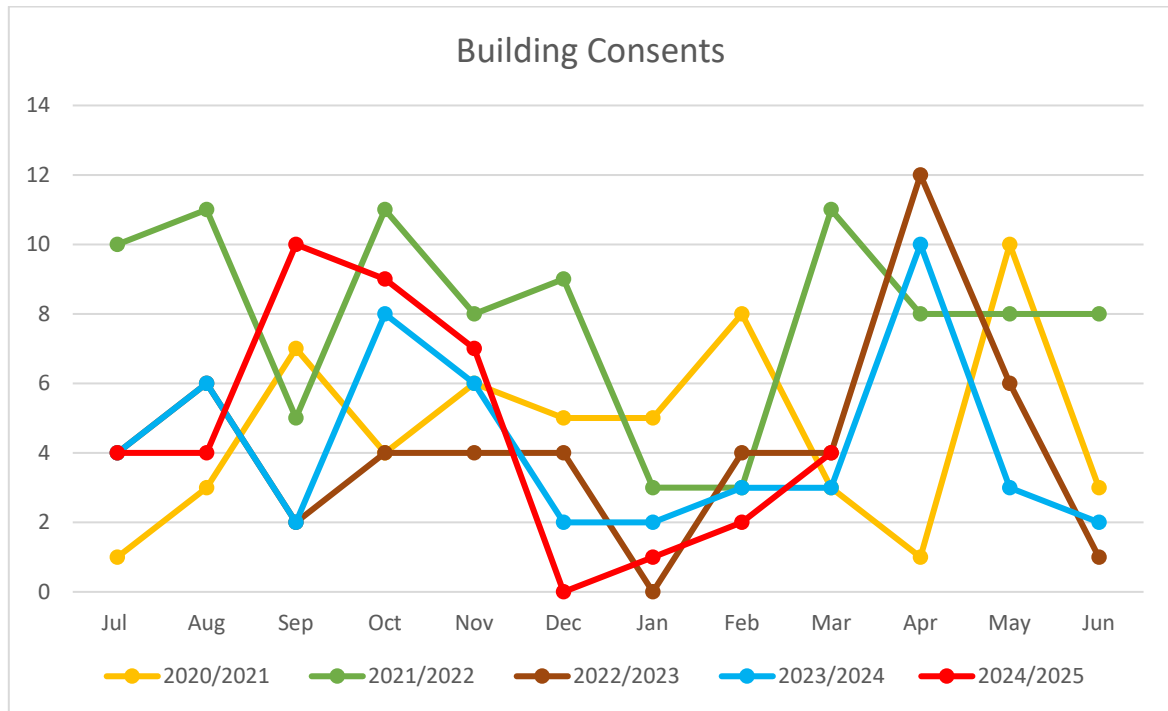
6 Building Control

6.1 Building Consent Authority (BCA)

Only four (4) building consents were issued for the period of 1 March 2025 to 31 March 2025.

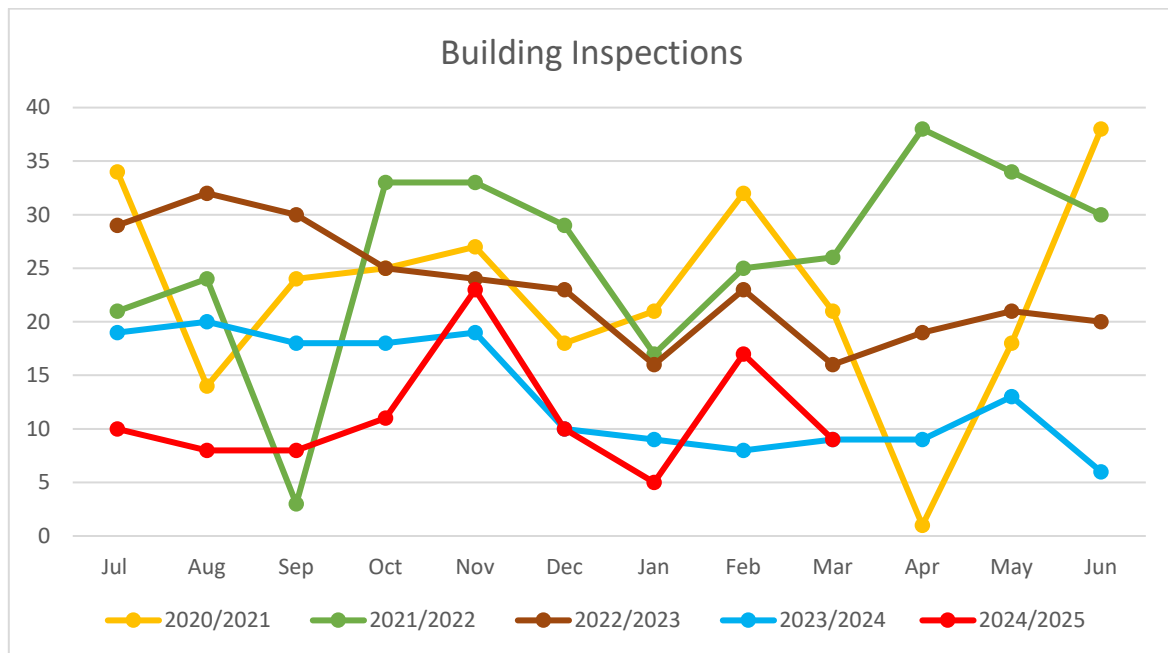
The types of building work for the month included:

- 3 x Solid Fuel Heaters
- 1 x carpark



Three (3) code of compliance certificates were issued.

Nine (9) building inspections were completed and nine (9) office meetings.



6.2 Territorial Authority

Six (6) Land Information Memorandum ('LIM') reports were issued for March.

Five (5) Building Warrant of Fitness (BWOFF) Inspections were completed for the month.

7 Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)

The Emergency Management Bay 8 training programme was held in Kawerau between the 16th and 21st of March 2025. The course was opened and closed by Council's Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa Te Rire.

On the final day, Council stood up its Emergency Operations Centre to help and to participate in the final exercise. There were 38 people who participated or assisted in the Emergency Operations Centre on the day. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for all involved and provided Kawerau staff an opportunity to test our systems. The Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika turned up to support Council on the day and spoke at the closing of the course.

Congratulations to all those who completed the course and particularly, our own Courtney Cox.

8 District Plan

8.1 District Plan Review

Work is continuing with the District Plan Review. In light of the initial announcements on the Resource Management reform, which was released on 24 March 2025, some adjustments will need to be made and a paper will be prepared for Council.

8.2 Resource Consents

No resource consent applications were received or processed to a decision during this period.

8.3 Spatial Plan

A workshop has been set for Kawerau District Council on 9 April 2025 to provide Councillors an opportunity to hear, understand and provide feedback on the new growth scenario and the implementation plan, which will form part of the Spatial Plan. Development of the final Spatial Plan is being compiled with the initial draft expected in April.

9 Policies/Bylaws

9.1 Freedom Camping Bylaw

The final Freedom Camping Bylaw was adopted at a Council meeting on 26 March 2025 and came into force 1 April 2025.

9.2 Easter Sunday Trading Policy

The final Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy was adopted at a Council meeting on 26 March 2025 and came into force on 31 March 2025.

9.3 Gambling Venues and Board Venues Policy

The initial review of the Gambling Venues and Board Venues Policy has been completed. The introduction of the draft policy was delayed, but has been prepared for introduction to Council for consideration and adoption for public consultation on 9 April 2025.

10 **Resource Management Act 1991 Reform**

Government has announced the outline for the reform of the Resource Management Act. While there are significant details still to be worked through in developing the proposed Bill, the information signalled will have an impact on the current District Plan review and the future of resource management. The proposed outline includes the following:

- **Two Acts** – A Planning Act focused on regulating use, development and enjoyment of land and Natural Environment Act focused on use, protection and enhancement of the natural environment.
- **Permitted activity presumption** – the two Acts will have starting presumptions that a land use is enabled unless there are significant impacts on either the ability of others to use their own land or on the natural environment.
- **National standardisation of the RMA system** – including nationally set land-use zones, rules, and policies. This will allow spatial and regulatory plans to be collated and accessed as “one national e-plan for New Zealand”.
- **A single regulatory plan per region** – which will include a spatial plan chapter, a natural environment plan, and planning chapters (one per District Council)
- **No more regional policy statements** – these will be eliminated and partially replaced by spatial plans made under the Planning Act.
- **No more first in first served** – where a resource approaches over-allocation, or an environmental limit will soon be breached, the relevant community must agree a timeframe and approach for making improvements and settle on an alternative allocation method to ‘first-in-first-served’.
- **Changes to consent processes:**
 - The two Acts will raise the bar for when a person is considered to be affected, with only those ‘materially affected’ by an activity able to participate in consent processes.
 - When an application is fully notified, it is proposed that notification be limited to the district within which the activity is located.
 - Changes to activity classes, including:
 - Making greater use of permitted activities;
 - Removing controlled activities;
 - Greater focus on the use of restricted discretionary activities;
 - Removing non-complying activities;
 - Narrowing the scope of prohibited activities and providing direction on how they are to be used.
- **A New Planning Tribunal** – to offer quick, low-cost conciliation and administrative review of council functions. Of note is a proposed new route to challenge notification decisions by way of administrative review – with challenge of notification decisions only available by way of judicial review to the High Court at present.

- **Reverse sensitivity will be no more** – the proposed Planning Act will clarify the protection of existing use rights, including that those who ‘come to the nuisance’ will not be able to complain about it.
- **Landscape and amenity effects** – do not have a role in the new system, beyond protecting outstanding features and landscapes, and areas of high natural character. (for example, interior building layouts or exterior aspects of buildings that have no impact on neighbouring properties such as the size and configuration of apartments, the provision of balconies, and the configuration of outdoor open spaces for a private dwelling will no longer have a place in the new rules).

The details of what this means will be determined through the drafting of the Bills with the first expected mid 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Services for the month of March 2025 be received.



Michaela Glaspey

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning

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MONTHLY REPORT

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

March 2025

1 Library and Museum

1.1 Library

March was steady with youth and class visits increasing. A creating bookmarks workshop was offered at the Library and for Mountain View Rest Home residents. The Library has also brought its cataloguing processes back to 100% in-house as Council's previous supplier can no longer compete for this service. Planning and advertising was developed for the April school holidays.

Displays for March were Create @ the Library and Celebrating New Zealand writing (Ockham Book Awards).

Library Statistics

	March 2025	YTD 2024/25	March 2024	YTD 2023/24
Items issued	3,399	29,200	3,396	29,969
People visiting	4,335	37,014	4,115	39,540
New members	12	139	13	145
Active members*	1,233		1,366	

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

1.2 Museum

During March, an exhibition called *Kawerau From Above* was prepared for the Morning Tea with landowners, dignitaries, and special guests, to formally acknowledge and recognise the boundary reorganisation from Whakatāne to Kawerau, which was held on the 1st of April. This featured original objects showing an aerial overview of Kawerau over the decades, including drone footage from March 2025. Some of this material is also being shown on Council's Facebook page.

Work continued on the Vernon Brower project and the Billy McQueen exhibition. The museum team also began preparations to move the contents of the museum storage office from the Library & Museum building to the Archives & Museum Storage building.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Statistics

	March 2025	YTD 2024/25	March 2023	YTD 2023/24
Exhibitions	0	4	0	4
Vernon Records	March 2025	YTD 2024/25	March 2023	YTD 2023/24
Objects – items added to collection	20	198	1	217
People	103	490	72	452
Documents	38	388	94	777
Photographs	68	690	0	555

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

2 Weather Station

The average temperature for the month of March was 27.1° and the highest temperature for the month was 31.2° recorded on 24 March 2025.

The accumulated sunshine hours for March was 243 hours and 48 minutes, with the sunniest day being 11 hours and 48 minutes of sunshine which was recorded on 2 March. The Appendix to this report shows a combined graph of the temperatures and sunshine data collected for March.

The total rainfall was 18 mm with the year to date total of 187.8 mm.

3 Payments

There were six payments in March 2025, which exceeded \$50,000.

- Inland Revenue Department (3 invoices) - \$246,948.46 (total) - PAYE for Fortnights ending 23/02/2025, 09/03/2025 and 23/03/2025.
- Acon Industries 2015 Limited - \$68,113.89 – One invoice for Pavement Treatment coded to 402515.004 - Pavement Treatment
- Beulah Services (4 invoices) – Total of \$77,639.08 – One invoice for Kerb replacement \$31,317.96 and one for Footpath replacement \$33,310.90 both invoices coded to 402515.01 - Kerb Replacement. One invoice was for Access Road construction at WTP = \$8,133.03 coded to 402516.001 Reseal Carpark and one invoice was for \$4,877.19 for Footpath Renewals coded to 402515.013 - Footpath Replacement.
- Goldseal Group Ltd - \$75,755.98 – One invoice Cladding Roof Repair at Recreation Centre coded to 404035.020
- Loveridge Limited – Two invoices \$14,386.55 for main trunk renewals and \$36,946.69 for water main renewals, both coded to 403001.002 - Pipework Zone 2.

- Waste Management NZ Ltd - \$59,370.27 for General Waste February 2025.

** Please note the payments above are GST inclusive, however all financial reporting is GST exclusive. When comparing to capital expenditure reporting there is likely to be timing differences between payment date and reporting date.

4 Requests for Service

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

Service	Total	
	Completed	In Progress
Dogs	78	4
Noise	28	1
Building Enquiries	9	2
Trees* & Parks	26	11
Rubbish (Bins & Collections)	55	2
Water	14	2
Wastewater	6	0
Stormwater	1	0
Roading/ Streetlights	15	5
Enforcement/Health/Food/Stock	10	0
Council Buildings/Facilities – Maint.	10	0
Other (Events/Consents/Rates/Vandalism)	11	4
Official Information Requests	3	1
Total	266	32

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

For March, 23 requests came via the website/emails and 23 via Antenno. The balance of requests came from phone calls or visits.

6 Funds

The following funds were held at 31 March 2025:

Invested in	\$	Interest Rate	% External
ANZ – on call	751	1.60%	0.02%
BNZ – current & on-call	3,482,070	3.05%	99.32%
Rabobank (on-call)	22,955	2.50%	0.66%
Total Funds (Cash)	3,505,776		100.0%
Internal Loans	1,469,017		
Total Investments	4,974,793		

The following table shows Council's reserve and general funds balances as at 31 March 2025:

	March 2025	March 2024
Reserve Balances		
Depreciation Reserve Funds*	\$4,808,773	\$4,699,617
Total Reserve Balances	\$4,808,773	\$4,699,617
General Funds	\$166,020	(\$471,119)
Total (comprising funds & internal loans)	\$4,974,793	\$4,228,498

* This includes loan funds uplifted.

The figures show that overall Council has increased funds of \$746,295 at the end of March when compared to this time last year. Council had lower cashflows throughout 2023/24, with the funds gradually increasing during 2024/25. Council now has \$6m in loans funding the water asset renewals.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services for March 2025, be received.



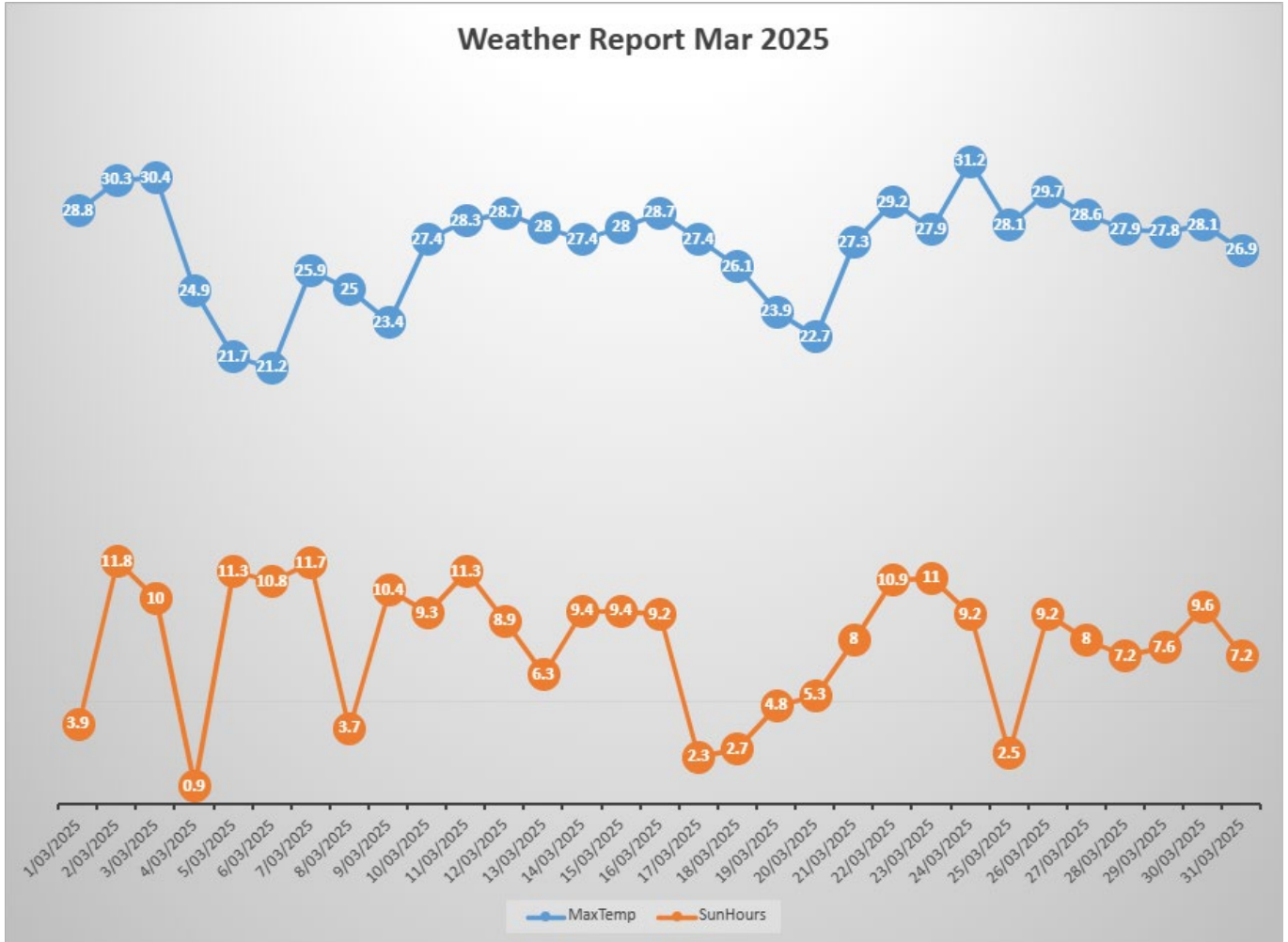
Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS

Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services

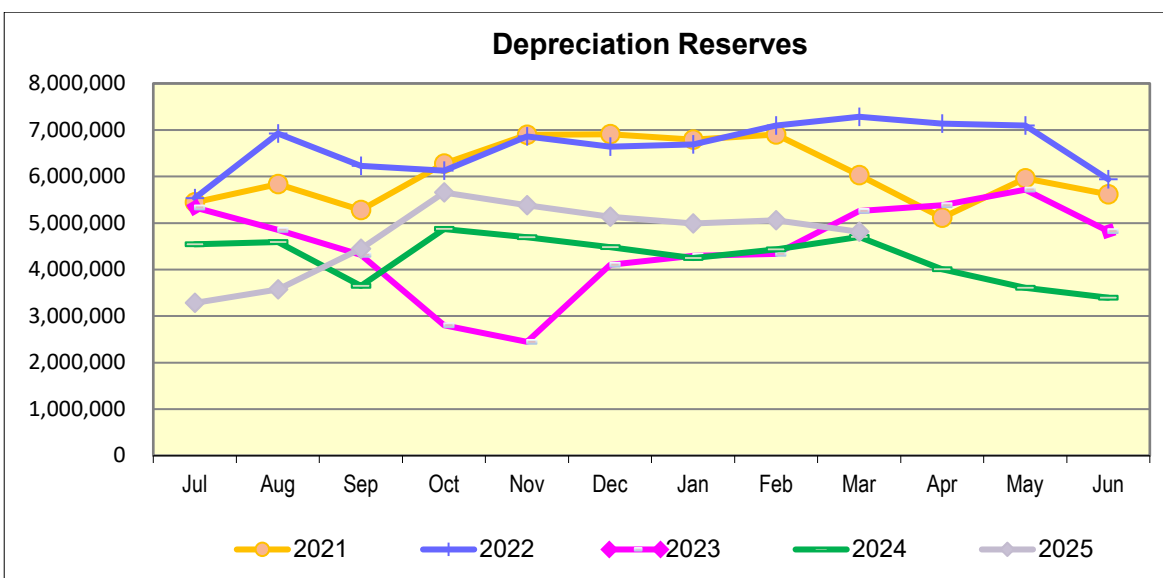
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March 2025 - Weather Data

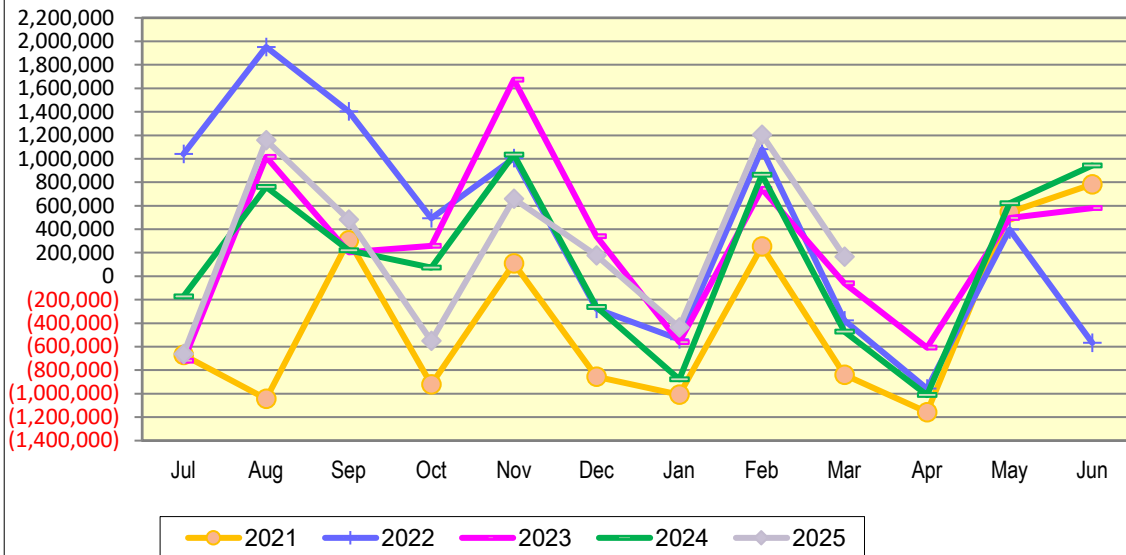


March 2025 – Financial Data

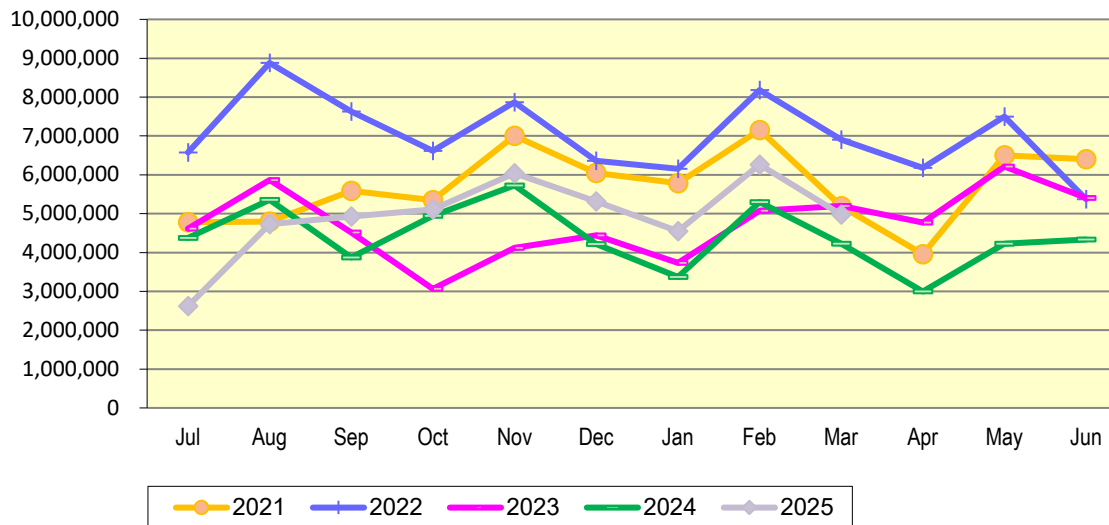


The depreciation reserves funds above includes the loan funding Council has uplifted.

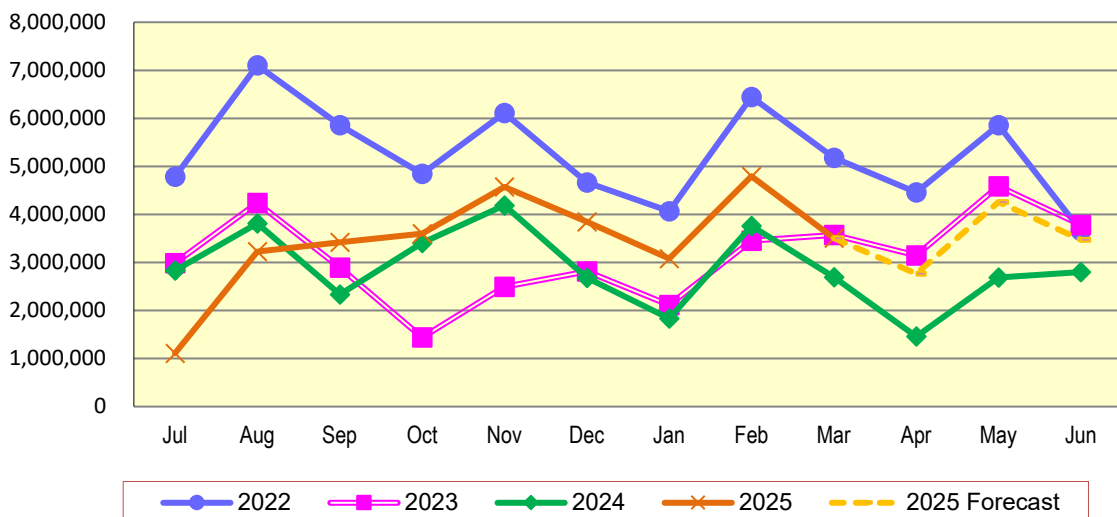
General Funds



Total Funds (includes Internal Loans)



Cash Flow



Please note that the 2024/25 actual cashflow is the same as the forecast cashflow for months year to date.

MONTHLY REPORT OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

March 2025

1 Water Supply

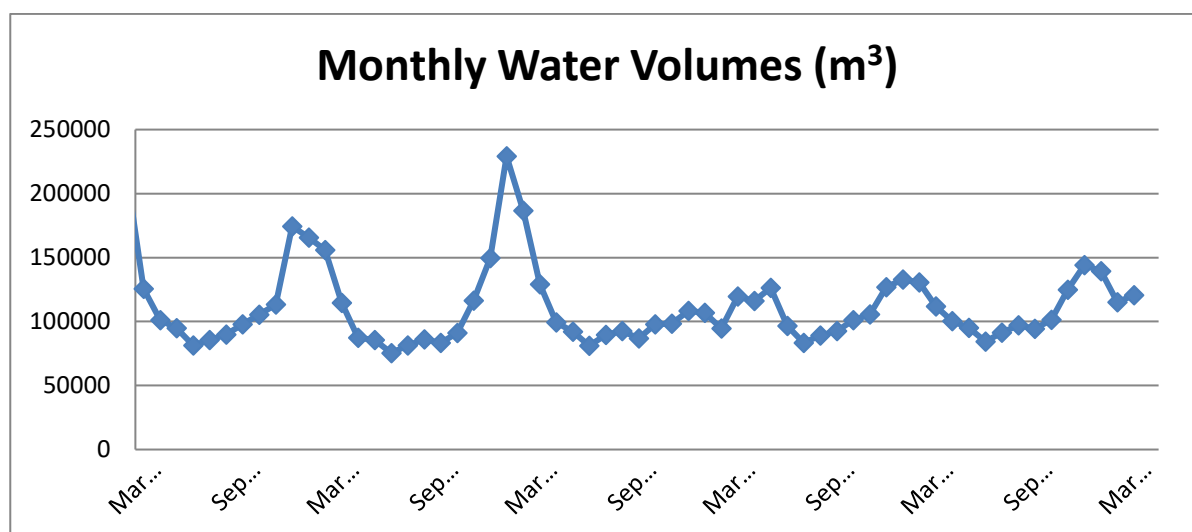
In March 2025, water consumption across the district experienced a decrease when compared to the peak demand observed in December 2024 and January 2025. During this peak period, the Tarawera Bores were unable to provide an adequate water supply to meet the requirements of the community.

To address this water supply challenge, Umukaraka Spring was utilised under an approved emergency consent for water extraction, which served to supplement the existing supply. However, due to the normal seasonal variations observed in March 2025, the district reverted to relying solely on the Tarawera Bores for its water supply. Since that time, the district has exclusively depended on these bores for its water needs.

Umukaraka Spring has been fully developed, with all requisite telemetry and infrastructure established. Council staff are in the process of renewing the water source consent to secure long-term approval for the sustained use of the spring. To date, Council has received input from five out of six stakeholders. Once all feedback is collected, the consent application will proceed to the final review stage with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

1.1 Use

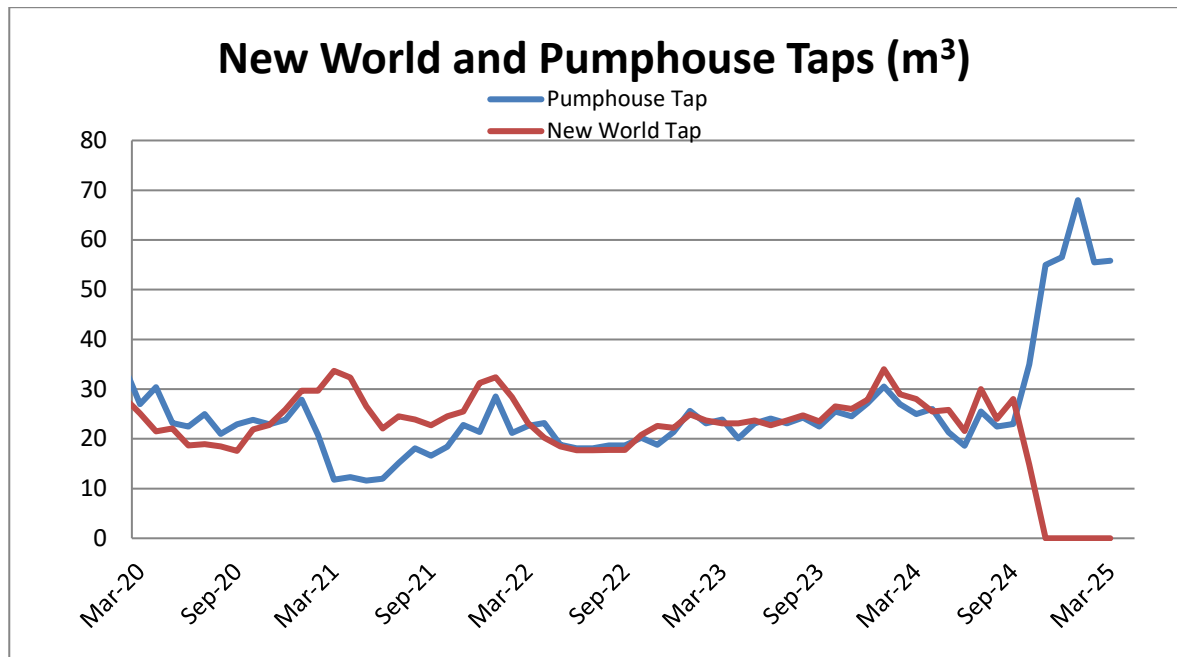
The district used 120,000 m³ of water in March 2025. The graph below illustrates the monthly volume of water used (in m³) over the past five years for reference.



The water consumption recorded for the New World car park was 0 m³, while the pumphouse located on River Road supplied a total of 55 m³ for March 2025.

A report will be submitted to Council outlining options for consideration regarding water supply at the taps in the New World car park.

The attached graph illustrates the monthly water usage (in cubic metres) over the last five years.



1.2 Water Quality

All routine supply samples tested negative for E. coli.

No complaints were reported about low water pressure.

There was one report of discoloured water. Staff flushed the system and found it to be clear.

1.3 Reticulation

The project to replace 12 km of pipes in Zones 2 and 3 of the distribution network has been completed.

A tender has been developed and released to the market for the next phase of reticulation replacement in Zones 5 and 6. The contract has been awarded, and planning and preparation for execution are ongoing.

2 **Wastewater**

During this reporting period, the Wastewater Treatment Plant had no breaches of its resource consent conditions.

There were no wastewater overflow events during the month.

Renewal and upgrade works are currently underway as per the attached project schedules, which detail the timelines and phases of each task.

3 Roading

Renewals and maintenance have been done throughout the district, including pothole repairs, footpath improvements, and kerb and channel replacements.

The following project work was completed:

- 350 metres of Road repairs along Plunket Street
- Road marking renewals along the following streets:
 - Onslow Street
 - Islington Street
 - Plunket Street (from speed hump to Onslow Street)
 - Kawerau Information Centre
 - River Road
 - Glasgow St, Bell St Junction
- Transfer Station 90 square metres of footpath replaced
- 30 metres of kerb replacements

The main priority for the rest of this financial year will be renewal activities, particularly focusing on road resealing. Resealing has started on Onslow Street and will continue throughout the district.

4 Stormwater

No stormwater system failures have been reported. Stormwater catchment renewals are planned for the last quarter of the financial year.

5 Parks and Reserves

The parks and reserves teams have concentrated their efforts on the following activities in the district:

- Cemetery area maintenance and housekeeping
- Identification and maintenance of hazardous trees
- District-wide mowing operations
- Initiation of weed spraying activities
- Commencement of annual bed preparation
- Maintenance and repairs of boundary fences
- Inspections and maintenance of playgrounds

6 Aquatic Centre

All pools are currently operating within their designated target ranges, which include maintaining appropriate temperature, chemical balance, and water levels.

7 Refuse Collection

There were no disruptions to refuse collection during this reporting period.

8 Refuse Disposal

The pickup and transportation of refuse to Tirohia continued without disruption.

9 Recycling Collection

The recycling collection and disposal operations have proceeded without any interruptions.

10 Vandalism

No instances of graffiti were reported in March 2025.

Nonetheless, there have been occurrences of vandalism resulting in damage to the fences, gates, and entrances of public parks. The primary factor contributing to this damage appears to be individuals attempting to gain vehicular access to the river and other popular recreational areas.

11 Buildings and Facilities

The maintenance and renewal projects at the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre and the District Office Building have been successfully completed. This work involved replacing the roof structures, applying coatings and seals to the roofs, and replacing the gutters and flashings.

Currently, the detailed design work for the Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility is underway and is anticipated to be finalised by April 2025.

Repair and maintenance operations have been conducted at the Cemetery ablution facility.

The Cemetery area map and the Information Shelter project have been successfully completed.

Additionally, new lighting systems have been installed in the ablution facilities at Firmin Field.

12 Maintenance, Projects & Schedule

The attached report includes the project schedule for the financial year 2024/25.

13 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of March 2025 be received.

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Riaan Nel, B. Tech, BSc Hons

Group Manager, Operations & Services

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Activity	Period	Type	Mar-25	TOTAL YEAR	YTD	%	Comments
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 001	Renewal/Capital	Kerb Replacement	83,000	87,000.00	105%	This exceedance was due to additional scope identified during execution. The cost will be balanced in the overall budget.
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 002	Renewal/Capital	Street Light Upgrade	40,000	39,814.00	100%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 003	Renewal/Capital	Reseals	135,000	180.00	0%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 004	Renewal/Capital	Pavement Treatment	75,000	61,889.00	83%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 013	Renewal/Capital	Footpath Replacement	57,000	45,000.00	79%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 018	Renewal/Capital	Hardie/River Drainage Works	1,000,000	1,000.00	0%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 019	Renewal/Capital	Storm water catch-pit renewal	60,000	600.00	1%	
AR Non Subsidised Programme	402516 001	Renewal/Capital	Reseal Carpark	30,000	22,784.00	76%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 002	Renewal/Capital	Pipework Zone 2	2,513,862	1,430,000.00	57%	12% exceeding the current Zone 2 & 3 Approved Contract Variations - 68% drilling through rock and boulders \$2,800,000 vs. \$2,500,000
Water Supply Availability	403001 003	Renewal/Capital	Retiulation Replacement Zone 6	470,000	232,056.00	49%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 004	Renewal/Capital	Replace Tobies	50,000	14,581.00	29%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 005	Renewal/Capital	Valve Refurbishment	75,000	23,872.00	32%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 007	Renewal/Capital	Refurbish Pump System	54,815	56,000.00	102%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 010	Renewal/Capital	UV Tube Replacement	15,000	13,000.00	87%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 021	Renewal/Capital	Headworks	197,402	215,739.00	109%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 030	Renewal/Capital	Line and Fluride System	419,000	419,000.00	100%	Fully funded by MOH
Wastewater Availability	403520 002	Renewal/Capital	Pipework Zone 1	1,400,000	803,000.00	57%	Exceedance of this contract due to drilling and excavations through rock and boulders.
Wastewater Availability	403520 004	Renewal/Capital	Milli Screen Renewals	58,776	400.00	1%	Long lead item
Wastewater Availability	403520 011	Renewal/Capital	Wastewater Treatment Plant	369,670	36,170.00	10%	Project under way to renew the Raw Pit
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 001	Renewal/Capital	Club Rooms	39,749	0.00	0%	Engineering work underway
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 002	Renewal/Capital	Spa Pool	25,000	20,000.00	80%	
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 024	Renewal/Capital	Pool Floor	23,030	7,700.00	33%	
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 061	Renewal/Capital	Filtration system	107,360	106,000.00	99%	
Recreation Centre	404035 005	Renewal/Capital	Building - Various	25,000	4,000.00	16%	
Recreation Centre	404035 020	Renewal/Capital	Cladding/Roof	100,000	94,106.00	94%	
Town Hall Availability	404036 009	Renewal/Capital	Roof	50,000	0.00	0%	
Passive Reserves	404042 002	Renewal/Capital	Boundary Fence	19,000	17,100.00	90%	
Passive Reserves	404042 019	Renewal/Capital	Seal Carparks	15,800	0.00	0%	
Dog Pound	405061 001	Renewal/Capital	Extension of facilities	595,502	6,000.00	1%	
Fields Amenity Buildings	405062 001	Renewal/Capital	Prideaux Park Pavilion - Electrical Equipment	20,000	0.00	0%	
District Office Building	405064 001	Renewal/Capital	Replace Air Conditioner	13,500	9,000.00	67%	
District Office Building	405064 020	Renewal/Capital	Flashings Spoutings	60,000	31,000.00	52%	
Vehicles & Plant	60 80 01 7600	Renewal/Capital	Plant Renewals	249,200	172,519.00	69%	
				8,447,656	3,989,410.00	47%	

MONTHLY REPORT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

March 2025

1 Economic Development

Regional Deals

A conclusive list of all the light-touch proposals has been released by the Department of Internal Affairs:

[City-and-Regional-Deals-28-February-light-touch-proposal-submissions-a.pdf](#)

The next milestone is May 2025 with Cabinet decisions on who they will progress MOU's with:

[Regional Deals information for councils - dia.govt.nz](#)

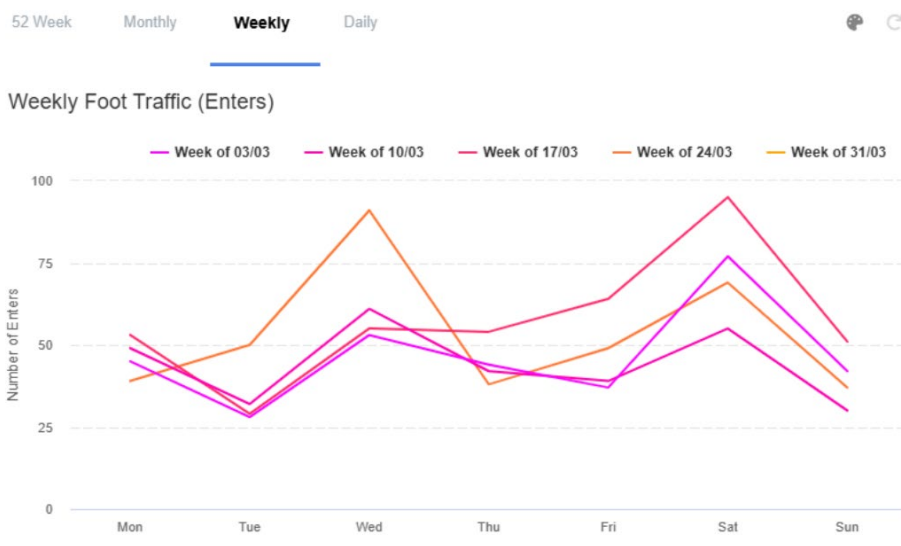
2 Kawerau isite Visitor Information Centre

The month of March had an increase in forest permits issued compared to February.

Key Monthly Statistics – March 2025

**The door counters for the public toilets have been reinstated*

Activity	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025	% difference (to Feb. 2024)	Mar. 2024	% difference (to Mar. 2024)
Visitor enquiries	1451	1581	4%	2364	-35.7%
Forest permits	142	192	26%	119	61.3
Public toilet use*	2440	3505	30%	1320	165.5%
M/home power	9	9	0%	9	0%



3 **Community Activities**

Regular summer activities

Weekly twilight cricket and athletics have now come to an end with the upcoming conclusion of daylight saving and the cooler months.

Events completed for March 2025

- **Canoe Slalom BOP Champs**
Sunday 2nd March - Tarawera River
- **Canoe Slalom North Island Champs**
Sunday 23rd March – Tarawera River
- **Hapai te Hapori Ki Kawerau**
Saturday 29th March – Town Hall

Events registered for April & May 2025

- **EBOP Dog Obedience Club Agility and Jumper Show**
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th April – Prideaux Park
Annual Dog Obedience Competition
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April – Prideaux Park
- **ANZAC Day Dawn Parade**
Friday 25th – Rautahi Marae
- **Weber Bros Circus**
6th – 13th May – Circus Paddock (show days tbc)

Neighbourhood Support Kawerau District (NSK)

Weekly criminal occurrences (reported & recorded by Whakatāne Police Station)											
Month	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Sub Total		TOTAL
	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	
2023/24									149	48	197
2024/25	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	Res.	Comm.	
July	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	7	1	8
August	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	3	8
September	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	8	0	8
October	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	4	4	6	8
November	2	2	0	1	3	2	2	0	7	5	12
December	2	0	1	2	2	1	3	1	7	4	11
January	2	1	2	1	3	0	0	2	7	4	11
February	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	6	0	6
March	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	7	1	8

(Res. = Residential, Comm. = Commercial properties)

Neighbourhood Support Kawerau (NSK) continues to seek funding streams to maintain operations in the community.

The national household database used widely by Neighbourhood Support has recently changed identity and focus from 'Gets Ready' to 'CommBase'.

➤ <https://commbase.nz/>

The purpose and function of CommBase largely remains the same as Gets Ready, but with a larger focus on serving the emergency management sector for organisations and community households. An added function is that organisations, such as CDEM can register (subscription based), previously only individuals as per their households could register.

Those registered previously with Gets Ready are automatically transferred across to CommBase.

There are now around 700 individuals / households registered with the Kawerau CommBase, this a drop off from previous numbers due to individuals leaving the community. A new focus for NSK is a drive to increase registration on the database.

4 **Youth Projects**

Kawerau Youth Council (KYC) 2025

The 2025 Youth Council Swearing in Ceremony occurred on Friday 14 March in the Concert Chambers. In attendance were Council's Cultural Advisor, Te Haukakawa Te Rire, Her Worship the Mayor F. Tunui, Deputy Mayor A. Rangihika, Councillors B. Julian, J. Ross, R. Savage and W. Godfery.

Approximately 40 people attended which included the new youth Councillors, whānau support and staff.

The following is the full list of 2025 Youth Councillors (17 in total):

- Homer Angelo Abante
- Ceder McGarvey
- Broadus Pakuria–Te Pou
- Renee Powell (Secretary - not yet sworn in)
- Ashante Hills
- Azalea Sim
- Koopere Taura (Chairperson)
- Maihi Delamere-Thompson
- Zara Sutherland-Palmer
- Te Waikamihī Natana-kohu
- Armani Makere TeAriki Hale (Deputy Chairperson)
- Bridget Moulden
- Mia Waiari
- Te Ao o Te Rangi Emery (not yet sworn in)
- Pourewa Emery (not yet sworn in)
- Jelasha Ratima (not yet sworn in)
- James Wright

Those not yet sworn in were unable to attend due to other commitments and will be sworn in at a later stage by Her Worship the Mayor. The appointment of Chair, Deputy and Secretary were determined via all members casting a vote.

Meeting dates have been selected based on the majority of members' availability and they will occur on the second Monday of each month in the Council Chambers, with the following dates:

- Monday April 7
- Monday May 12
- Monday June 9
- Monday July 14
- Monday August 11
- Monday September 9
- Monday October 13
- Monday November 10

KYC Training Weekend 28 – 30 March

Fifteen KYC members attended the weekend of activities aimed to foster confidence, form strong relationships and increase skills likely to be required throughout the year. Key themes included:

- KYC ambassador roles
- History of the KYC
- Public speaking skills
- Speech delivery in front of camera
- Event planning and delivery

The weekend was supported by Councillors B. Julian, W. Godfery, former KYC members Courtney Cox and Majeane Rogers and lead by Council's Youth Projects Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of March 2025 be received.



Lee Corbett Barton

Economic and Community Development Manager

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MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

March 2025

1 Communication


1.1 Community Pānui | Update

Two pānui | newsletters completed – 4 and 20 March.

1.2 Significant Communications:

- 1.2.1 Includes: Creative Community Scheme, Creative Community Scheme Funding Hui, Stand for Council, Mayoral portrait unveiling, Essity world first plant opening, Kawerau Neighbourhood Support new Area Coordinator and community hui for the Whakatāne Hospital.
- 1.2.2 Council Operations and Services includes: Council meetings; AA service closures, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre and isite closures, road works, Easter Sunday Trading Policy, Water Shutdown, Gambling Policy, Recycling, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Safety, footpath maintenance, steam pipe replacement, Freedom Camping closure, Town Hall roof repair, Council vacancies.




Council Communication Channels overview

Website  15,996 visits (decrease). Top Page Visits: Homepage, Rates Property Search, District Library, Search Page, Dog Control, and Meetings and Agendas.

Social Media






Facebook

-  4,700 visits
-  32,500 reach
-  5,549 followers



Instagram

-  12 visits
-  86 reach
-  201 followers

Top content: Mayoral portrait unveiling, New Kawerau Neighbourhood Support Area Coordinator, Ron Hardie Rec Centre foundations assessment, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs support of two former Youth Councillors to Outward Bound and Essity world first geo-thermal powered plant opening.

1.4 Website Renewal Project

Project underway. Content clarification and priorities. Online services assessment for the community.

2 Engagement

2.1 Long Term Plan 2025-2034

Consultation material being prepared and a schedule of consultation meetings finalised for the consultation period of 11 April to 12 May 2025. The Hearing for submitters is scheduled for 28 May 2025.

A summary consultation document will be delivered to residents' homes with the Local Water Done Well consultation document. The Long Term Plan Comprehensive Consultation Document is being audited and will be available online with limited printed copies to significantly lower costs.

2.2 Local Water Done Well

Consultation material being prepared and a schedule of consultation meetings finalised in parallel with the Long Term plan. Consultation period will open 11 April and close on 23 May 2025.

On 18 June 2025, an Extra Ordinary Meeting will be held for those submitters who wish to present their views to the Mayor and Elected Members.

2.3 Our Places - Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

Public communications being planned to advise the revised status of the Eastern Bay councils' collaborative plan for future growth of the district by some 5,500 homes and respective industrial growth over the next 30 years.

2.4 Local Government Elections 2025

Triennial Elections and Poll on Māori Wards – 9 September to 11 October 2025. Elections will comprise: The Mayor, two Councillors elected at large (district wide), three Councillors elected from the Māori Ward and three Councillors elected from the General Ward.

Preliminary election report tabled with Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 March 2025. Resolution unanimously passed for Kawerau District candidates' names to be listed in alphabetical order in the Elections' Handbook. Next steps include reports to Council for the pre-election period.

2.5 Upcoming Engagement

Planning is underway for a number of other formal, special consultative or early engagement processes in 2025 including:

- Long Term Plan, and associated policies (4 April to 5 May)
- Local Water Done Well (4 April to 5 May)
- Rates remission, revenue and financing policies and the significance and engagement policy (currently out for consultation with the Long Term Plan)

- Draft Gambling Venues Policy consultation open 14 April to 16 May 2025.

3 Residential Developments – *Current Status*

The table below shows the surplus/deficit to date for each of Council's residential developments (*construction costs):

	Central Cove	Hine Te Ariki / Bell Street	Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village	TOTAL
Total Sections / Units	31	4 / 2	29	64
Sections / Units Sold	22	1	29	52
Remaining Sections / Units	9	3 / 1		12
Units completed		2	29	31
Units under construction				
Surplus/ (Deficit) to Date	291,230	(597,995)	(46,252)**	
<u>Breakeven</u>				
Sales still required to break-even	0	1	0	

***Sales income offsets higher operating costs, due to units being unoccupied.*

3.1 Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village

Road maintenance planned as part of the street operations for April.

3.2 Central Cove

Mike Greer Homes plan to start building three spec homes in Central Cove in April 2025. [Lot 4, Central Cove Kawerau | Mike Greer Homes](#)

3.3 Duplex Build 53A Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki

Marketing campaign being finalised for March and April for the three-bedroom Bell Street unit and two house and land packages available on the sections accessible from Hine Te Ariki Place with Generation Homes.

3.4 Stoneham Park Residential Development

Metis Limited well underway with the Stormwater Modelling project for the development (and the wider district-wide modelling) within the agreed parameters with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council team. A meeting with BOPRC is planned mid-April to present the preliminary results and proposed management of stormwater.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Manager, Communications and Engagement for the month of March 2025 be received.



Tania Humberstone

Manager, Communications and Engagement | Residential Development

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