



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 9 July 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

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC FORUM AT MEETINGS

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

A Leave of Absence from Councillor Ross was received.

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)

Pgs. 1 - 5

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

Recommendation

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

PART B – NON REGULATORY

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

Pgs. 6 - 11

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

Recommendation

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

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

Pgs. 12 - 18

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

Recommendation

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

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

Pgs. 19 - 23

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

Recommendation

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of June 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 June 2025.

Recommendation

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

11 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

M Godfery

Chief Executive Officer

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MONTHLY REPORT REGULATORY & PLANNING SERVICES

June 2025

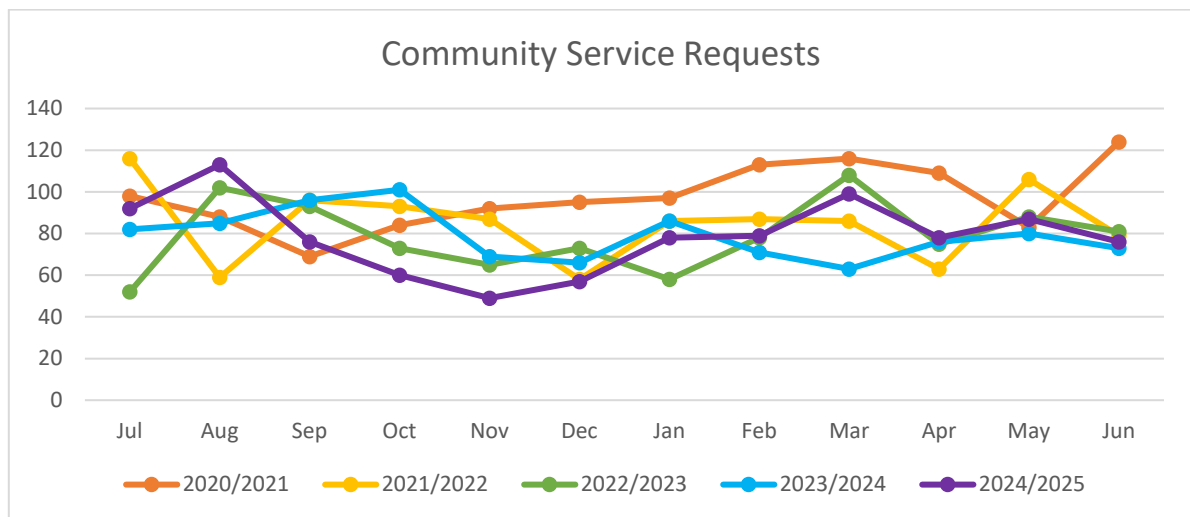
1 Animal Control

1.1 Dog Registration

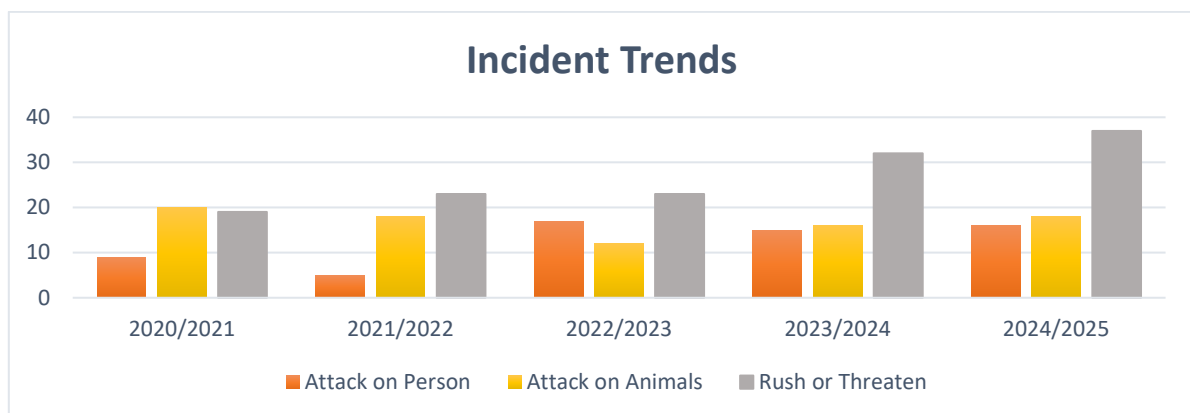
At 30 June 2025, there are 1,336 dogs registered of the 1,340 dogs listed on the dog register for 2024/2025. This represents 99.7% of known dogs.

1.2 Dog Control - Ranging, Complaints and Incidents

A total of seventy six (76) service requests were responded to during June 2025.



This included fifty four (54) statutory occurrences (barking, roaming, attacks) attended by Council. These related largely to complaints of barking (13) and roaming (31).

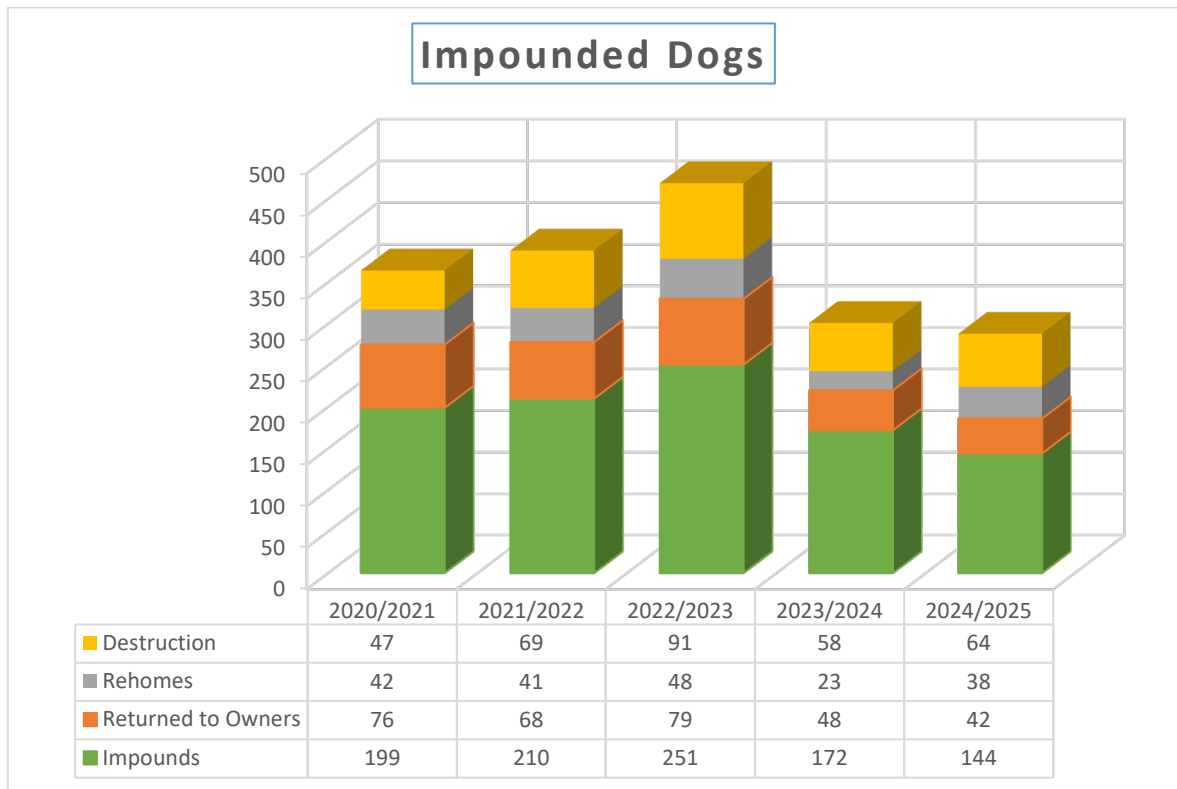


During June, there were three incidents where a dog has rushed an individual. Owners were identified for all three incidents and all owners have worked with Council to ensure fences are improved so dogs cannot escape.

There were four reported attacks on an animal and one reported attack on a person.

Of the four attacks on an animal, one person was not prepared to make a statement due to the fear of reprisal. One owner and dog were unable to be identified after their dog bit another dog and the remaining two incidents which left one cat and three chickens dead, were resolved with four dogs being impounded. One owner is working with Council to secure their property to have their two dogs returned and the remaining dogs were unclaimed.

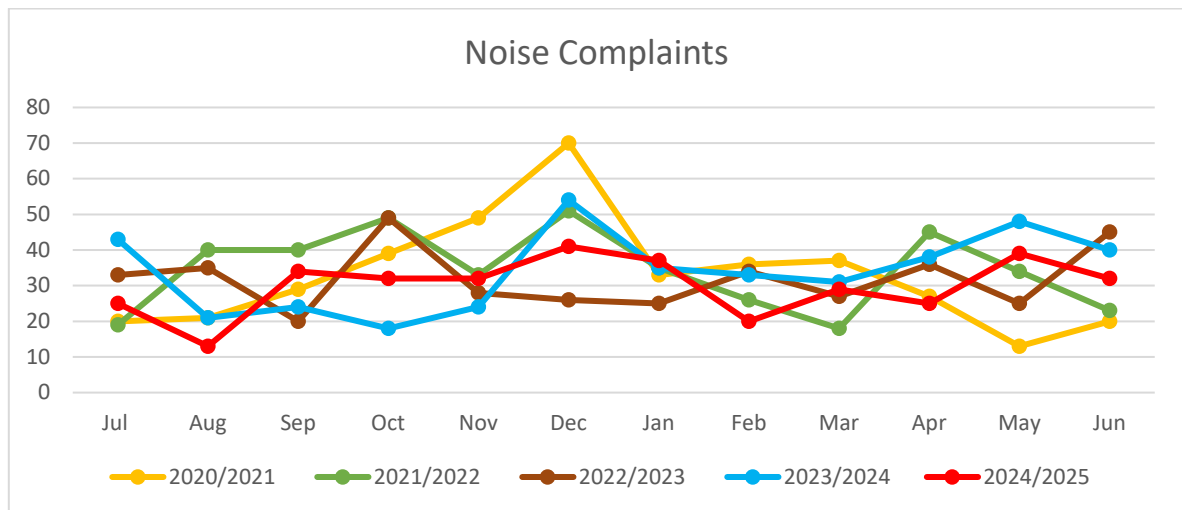
The attack on a person resulted in a nasty injury. One Rottweiler dog was initially impounded, however further enquiries with the victim confirmed this was not the dog involved in the attack. We have been unable to locate the offending dog at this stage.



During the same period, nineteen (19) dogs were impounded, six (6) dogs were returned to their owners and five (5) dogs were destroyed.

2 Monitoring and Compliance

There were 32 noise complaints in June 2025. Six incidents were found to be excessive.



3 Alcohol Regulation

All inspections have been completed for this year. Nothing further to report for this month.

4 Food Safety and Premises

For the month of June, five Hairdresser inspections were completed.

4.1 General

On 28 May 2025, the Government announced that the Health (Hairdressers) Regulations 1980, will be scrapped on 31 July 2025. Regulatory functions would then fall under the general provisions such as Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health Act 1956 and the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.

The Ministry of Regulation and the Ministry of Health will work together to develop updated guidance for the industry regarding health and hygiene best practices. The impacts of the revocation of the Health (Hairdressers) Regulation 1980, and whether the risks are being appropriately managed, will be monitored for two years from the date of revocation.

5 Environmental Health

Nothing to report for June.

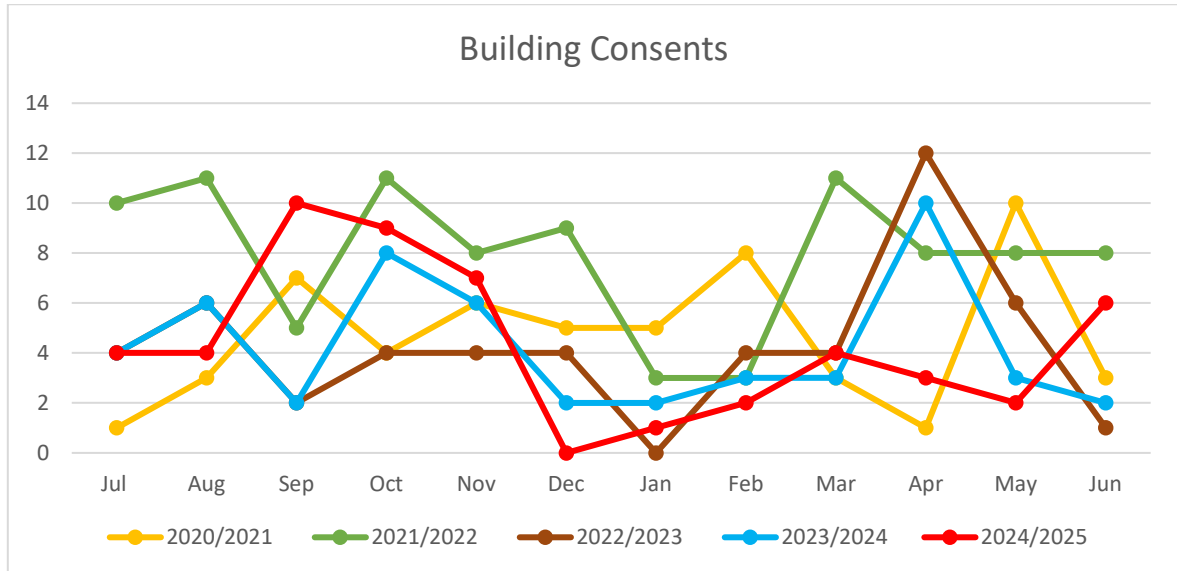
6 Building Control

6.1 Building Consent Authority (BCA)

Six (6) building consents were issued for the period of 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025. The total value of the work was \$44,000.

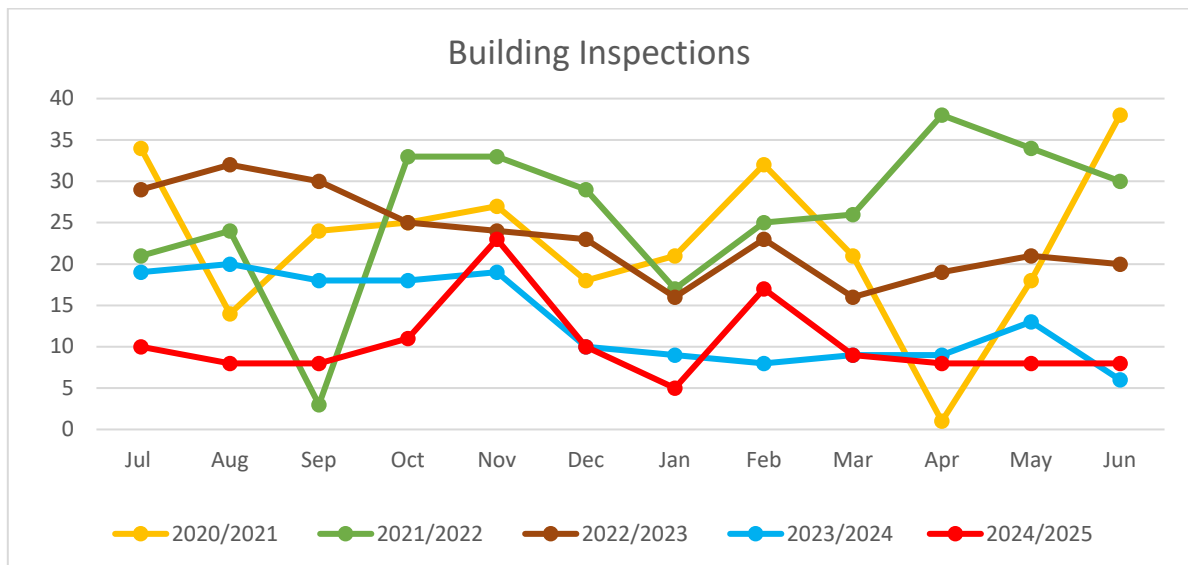
The types of building work for the month included:

- 5 x Solid fuel heaters
- 1 x Bathroom addition



Five (5) code of compliance certificates were issued.

Eight (8) building inspections were completed and seven (7) office meetings.



6.2 Territorial Authority

Eight (8) Land Information Memorandum ('LIM') reports were issued in June.

7 **Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)**

Recruitment process for a new Emergency Management Officer continues with interviews to be completed in July.

8 District Plan

8.1 District Plan Review

Work is currently underway to prepare a workshop on the proposed Resource Management Reform and the impact on the District Plan review. The purpose of the proposed workshop will be to confirm the refined scope and early consultation topics.

8.2 Resource Consents

One resource consent application was processed to a decision during this period.

Consent Number	Property Address	Description	Decision
RC0012	199 River Road	Relocated duplex flats (2), one additional house on site.	Approval granted 25/06/2025

8.3 Spatial Plan

The final draft Spatial Plan has been adopted by all four of the Councils across the Eastern Bay of Plenty (Whakatāne District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Kawerau District Council) and the final edits are being completed to incorporate minor changes.

9 Policies/Bylaws

9.1 Gambling Venues and Board Venues Policy

Council received the submissions and deliberated on the review of the Gambling Venues Policy and documents have been prepared for the recommendations for the adoption of the Policy on 9 July 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Michaela Glaspey

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning

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MONTHLY REPORT

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

June 2025

1 Library and Museum

1.1 Library

Matariki was a focus for June with the Library running a star colouring in competition. A new collection, Teen Readers, was introduced which focuses on simple easy to read titles for older readers with lower literacy abilities. The Library received two significant local book donations from, Poi Atua, from Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, and Some Helpful Models of Grief by Hana Pera Aoake.

Staff were also busy planning for the July School Holiday Programme and the Night Library event to promote winter reading. Displays for June were Out on the Shelves, Matariki and the Night Library.

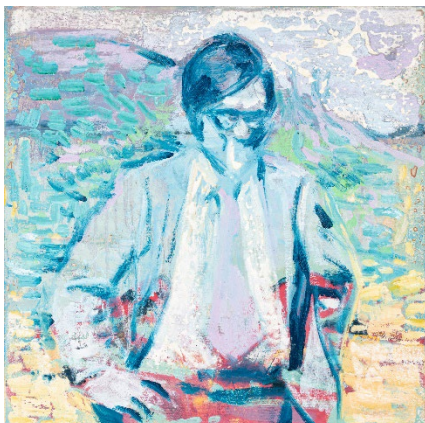
Library Statistics

	June 2025	YTD 2024/25	June 2024	YTD 2023/24
Items issued	3,197	38,769	2,765	38,870
People visiting	4,071	52,296	3,171	51,672
New members	15	191	7	178
Active members*	1,307		1,330	

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

1.2 Museum

Billy McQueen and his whanau visited his exhibition *Billy McQueen: Father Ghost and other paintings* (Kāingaroa series) on 13 June where he gifted the Museum an original painting, *Pipe*. *Pipe* is based on a photograph from Māori Investments Ltd, in which Walter Badhams is taking the lead in a pine planting ceremony watched by Monika Lanham and Brendon Neutze. Billy chose Brendon as his subject to paint because it reminded him of his father and follows the theme of the exhibition. Booklets were presented to Billy in appreciation of his generous gift leaving Council with a long-term record of this exhibition.



Staff continued preparations for the upcoming exhibition *A Day In The Life Of Kawerau* which will launch at the Night Library event on 1 July.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Statistics

	June 2025	YTD 2024/25	June 2024	YTD 2023/24
Exhibitions	0	6	0	6
Vernon Records	June 2025	YTD 2024/25	June 2024	YTD 2023/24
Objects – items added to collection	6	239	15	267
People	71	724	68	851
Documents	43	463	57	993
Photographs	28	815	29	737

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 June was 17.9° and the highest temperature for the month was 22.1° recorded on 5 June 2025.

The accumulated sunshine hours for June was 152 hours, with the sunniest day being 8 hours and 48 minutes of sunshine which was recorded on 17 June. The Appendix to this report shows a combined graph of the temperatures and sunshine data collected for June.

The rainfall for May was 388.5mm with the year to date total of 587.3mm. The total rainfall data for June was not available at the time of preparing this report, as there are delays in rainfall reporting.

3 Payments

There were three payments in June 2025, which exceeded \$50,000.

- Inland Revenue Department (2 invoices) - \$148,846.92 - PAYE for Fortnights ending 18/05/2025 and 1/06/2025.
- Audit New Zealand (2 invoices) – Total \$76,220.63 – One invoice for Audit of Long Term Plan (invoice #4) of \$39,768.75 and Audit of Annual Report 2024/25 (Invoice #3) of \$36,451.88.
- Draintech 2018 Limited – (2 invoices) – Total of \$406,095.43 – One invoice for Progress Claim 1 of \$ 266,056.79 and one of \$140,038.64 for Progress Claim 2. Both invoices coded to 403001.003 Pipework Zone 6.

** 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 June and identifies if they have been completed or are still being progressed by the end of the month.

Service	Total	
	Completed	In Progress
Dogs	71	4
Noise	29	2
Building Enquiries	11	1
Trees* & Parks	30	6
Rubbish (Bins & Collections)	53	2
Water	12	4
Wastewater	6	1
Stormwater	6	1
Roading/ Streetlights	23	10
Enforcement/Health/Food/Stock	5	1
Council Buildings/Facilities – Maint.	12	9
Other (Events/Consents/Rates/Vandalism)	13	10
Official Information Requests	5	2
Total	276	53

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

For June, 37 requests came via the website/emails and 19 via Antenno. The balance of requests came from phone calls or visits.

6 Funds

The following funds were held at 30 June 2025:

Invested in	\$	Interest Rate	% External
ANZ – on call	751	1.40%	0.03%
BNZ – current & on-call	2,962,974	2.55%	99.20%
Rabobank (on-call)	23,082	2.00%	0.77%
Total Funds (Cash)	2,986,807		100.0%
Internal Loans	1,446,219		
Total Investments	4,433,026		

The following table shows Council's reserve and general funds balances as at 30 June 2025:

	June 2025	June 2024
Reserve Balances		
Depreciation Reserve Funds*	\$4,013,794	\$3,394,834
Total Reserve Balances	\$4,013,794	\$3,394,834
General Funds	\$419,232	\$941,708
Total (comprising funds & internal loans)	\$4,433,026	\$4,336,542

* This includes loan funds uplifted.

The figures show that overall Council has increased cash funds of \$96,484 at the end of June when compared to the same time last year. The Depreciation Reserve Funds have increased by \$618,960 compared to June 2024, of which \$600k was to be utilised to fund the Dog Pound facility extensions, however this capital expenditure will be carried forward to the 2025/26 financial year.

7 RECOMMENDATION

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



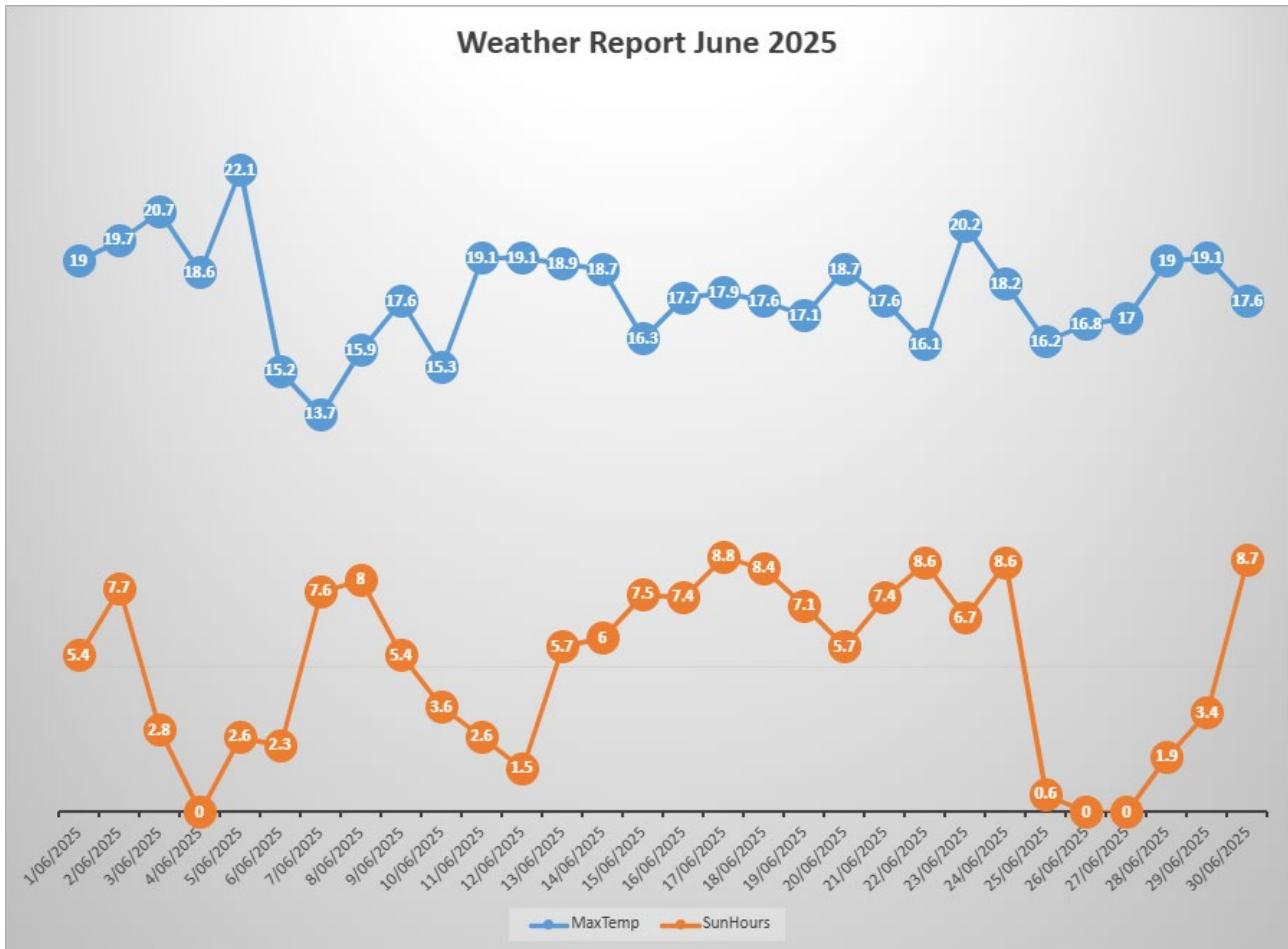
Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS

Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services

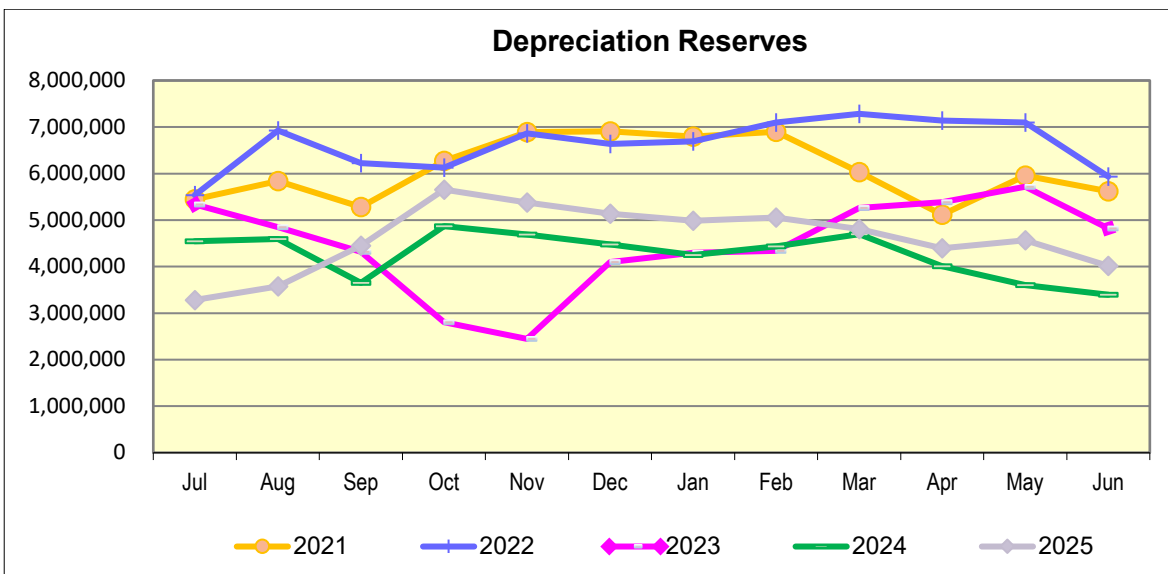
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June 2025 - Weather Data

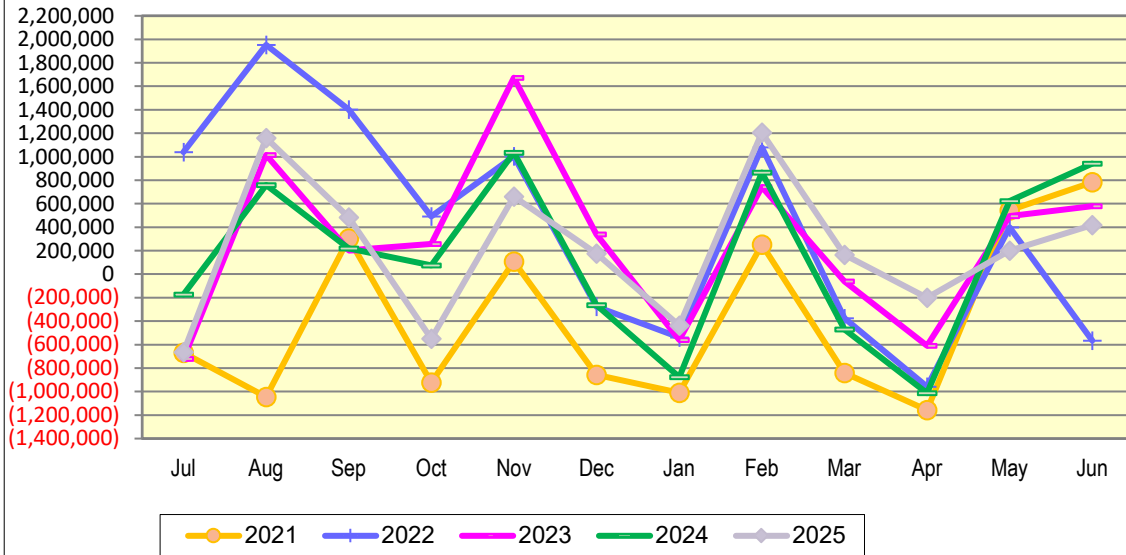


June 2025 – Financial Data

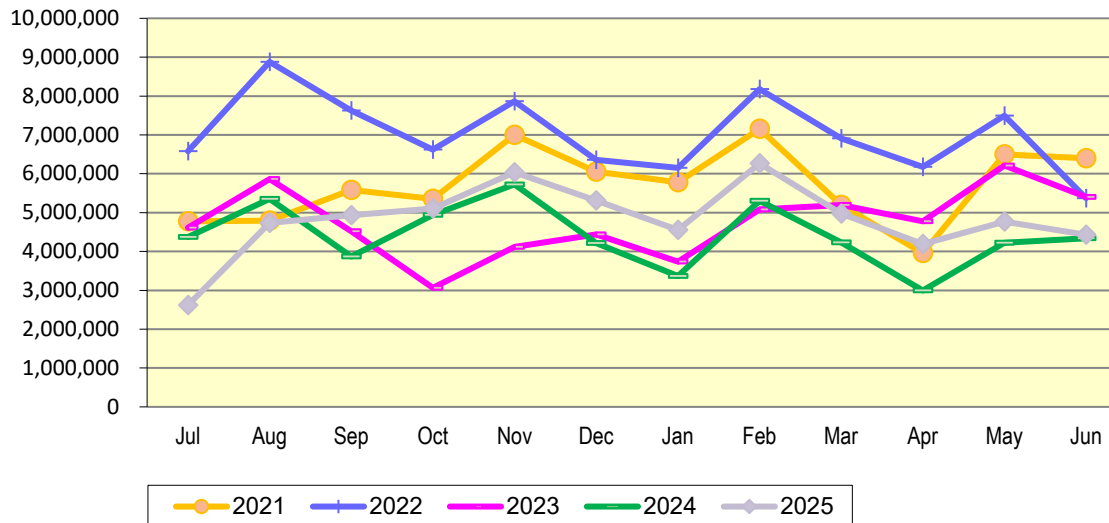


The depreciation reserves funds above includes the loan funding Council has uplifted.

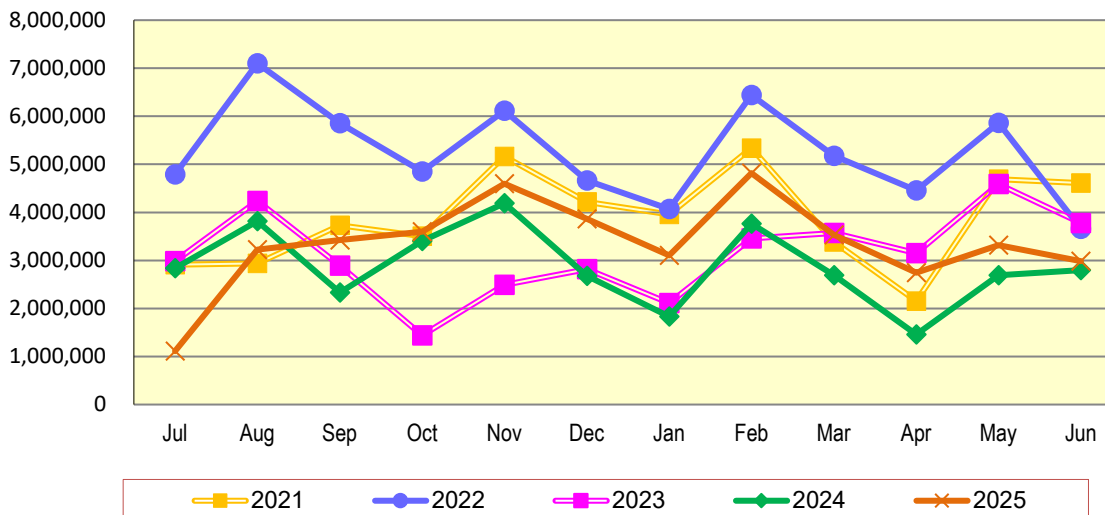
General Funds



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

June 2025

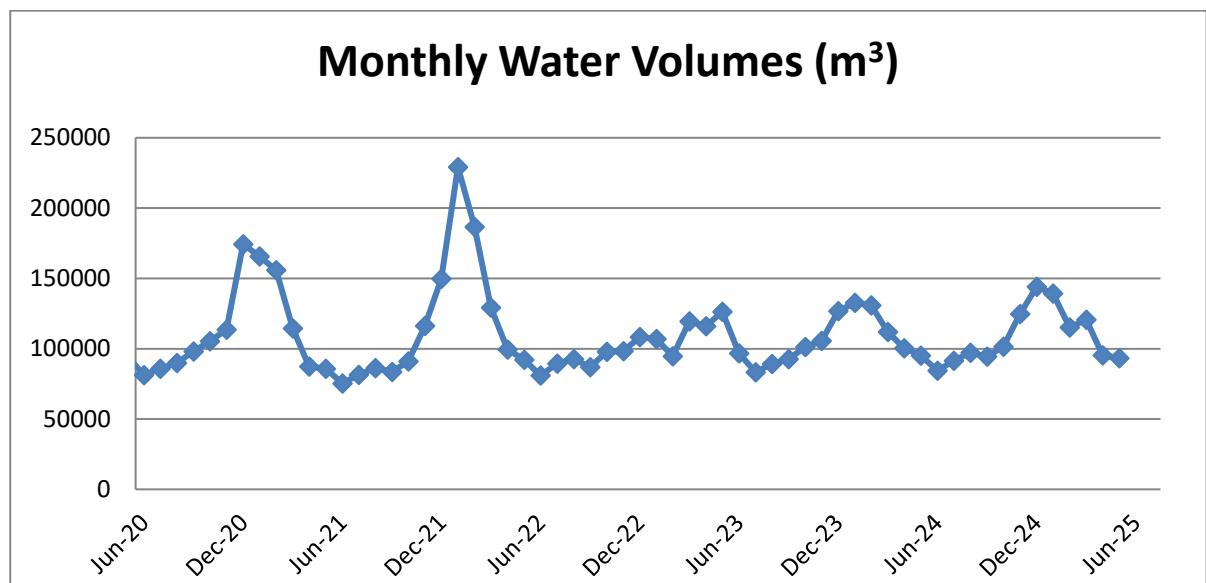
1 Water Supply

Umukaraka Spring has been fully developed, and all necessary telemetry and infrastructure has been established.

Council staff are currently working on renewing the water source consent to ensure long-term approval for the sustainable use of the spring. Ongoing negotiations are taking place with the landowner regarding water usage. Once all feedback is gathered, the consent application will move to the final review stage with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

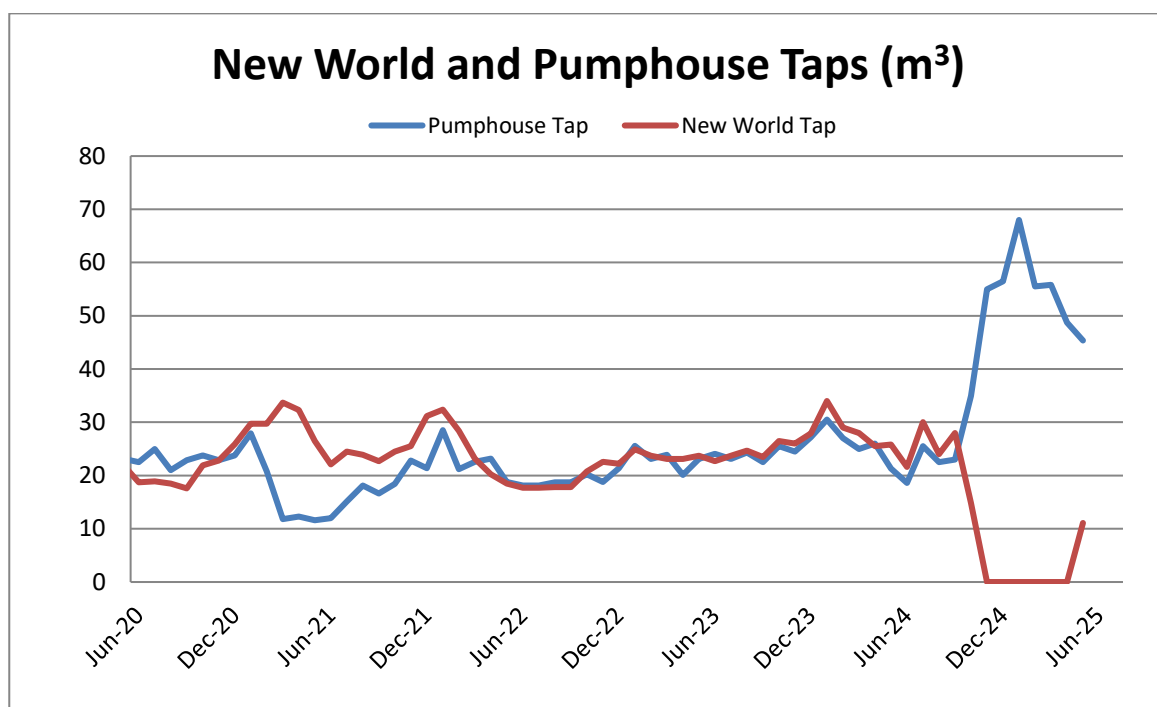
1.1 Use

The district's water consumption for the month was 83,892 m³, compared to 93,265 m³ used in May 2025. The graph below illustrates the monthly volume of water used (in m³) over the past five years for reference.



In June 2025, the water consumption recorded for the New World car park was 17 m³, while the pumphouse located on River Road supplied 39.54m³.

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



1.2 Water Quality

All routine supply samples tested negative for E. coli. There were no reported incidents of low pressure related to the council.

One report of dirty water was received; however, sampling and flushing of hydrants in the area did not reveal any dirty water.

1.3 Reticulation

A contract has been awarded for the next phase of the reticulation replacement project in Zones 5 and 6. This phase involves replacing 12 kilometres of piping.

The necessary materials for the project have been ordered and delivered. Installation of the reticulation along Waterhouse Street, Ward Street, and Porrit Glade has commenced. Since the start of the project, 2.3 kilometres of drilling has been completed, with approximately 1.06 kilometres drilled through rock.

The contract includes provisions for drilling through rock. In certain areas along Waterhouse Street, it was necessary to excavate trenches to accommodate the piping as it navigated around boulders. This excavation will result in additional costs for the project.

2 **Wastewater**

During this reporting period, the Wastewater Treatment Plant complied with all resource consent conditions, with no breaches recorded.

In June, there were no sewer overflows related to the council. However, two blockages were reported, which were traced back to issues with thrusting through the sewer pipes. The contractor on site addressed these issues by making necessary

corrections and repairs to the affected pipes. The contractor does these repairs at their own cost.

Renewal and upgrade works are currently underway, as detailed in the attached project schedule.

3 Roding

Renewals and maintenance have been undertaken throughout the district, including pothole repairs, footpath improvements, and replacement of kerbs and channels. Focus areas:

- Renewal and reconstruction of stormwater cesspits, with a total of 37 cesspits completed. These renewals included the surrounding kerbs and channels.
- Street sweeping and gutter cleaning was completed on 40km of the district roads.
- 240 m² of footpaths replaced along Onslow street
- Stormwater pits were cleaned in the following zones(Appendix 2):
 - Zone 00 (Replaced 2010 and 2021)
 - Zone 01
 - Zone 07
 - Zone 08
 - River Road (50%) and Fletcher Avenue.

The peer review of the Hardie Avenue drainage designs has been completed, and the report was issued on May 8, 2025. The report recommended further investigations in three critical areas:

- Conducting a CCTV inspection of the existing public drainage systems.
- Performing further topographical surveys of Hardie Avenue and the adjacent areas where construction is anticipated.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of the recently installed subsoil drainage systems and evaluating regions of saturation through piezometer readings or similar methods.

These further investigations are expected to inform further decisions regarding the design in Hardie Avenue and the surrounding areas.

4 Stormwater

There were no instances of stormwater flooding or significant failures in June. Tree root clearing and cutting was performed on stormwater cesspits and piping across the district.

5 Parks and Reserves

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

- Annual bedding preparation for the winter season
- Identification and maintenance of hazardous trees
- District-wide mowing operations
- Weed spraying activities across the district
- Maintenance and repairs of boundary fences
- Inspections and maintenance of playgrounds
- Pest control for all Council-owned public facilities
- Manufacturing of new benches for the Cemetery
- Street tree maintenance of the tree canopy that affects vehicular movements
- Leaf blowing and vacuuming across the district

6 Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre

All pools are currently operating within their designated water quality ranges. This includes maintaining the chemical balance of pH, Free Available Chlorine (FAC), water hardness, and alkalinity. The pools have met the monthly monitoring requirements set by the regional council for faecal matter and bacteriological levels.

The pools are heated using a local steam bore. During winter the average temperature of the main pool ranges from 28 °C to 35 °C, while the average temperature of the spa pool ranges from 38 °C to 40 °C. These temperatures can be affected by ambient conditions such as rain and colder overnight temperatures.

7 Solid Waste Services

During this reporting period, there were no disruptions to refuse collection. The pickup and transportation of waste to Tirohia proceeded smoothly, and recycling collections continued uninterrupted throughout the month.

A comprehensive review of the transfer station's signage and pricing system was conducted, alongside planning and preparations for the new financial year.

Preparations for the public drop-off zones were completed, with a focus on arranging bins and installing signage. These efforts aim to support the objectives outlined in the District Waste Management and Minimisation Plans. The drop-off zones will allow residents to drop off sorted recycling items for free, including paper, cardboard, glass, aluminium cans, and mixed plastics.

The Tyrewise programme has been successfully implemented, making our district a participant in the National Tyre Stewardship. This initiative allows for the free acceptance of tyres from the community, with each customer able to drop off up to five tyres at no charge.

Additionally, preparations are underway to separate, transport, and dispose of mixed glass to the VISY recycling facility near Auckland. The success of this initiative will depend significantly on the diligent separation of recyclable materials, and the community will play a crucial role in this project.

8 Vandalism

Vandalism throughout the district included the following incidents:

- Swimming pool tinted window was broken in an attempt to gain access - \$615 to repair
- Two street name blades have been broken, and the new Tarawera Park signs have been vandalised and repaired – Cost \$1000

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.

9 Buildings and Facilities

The detailed design work for the Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility has been received and is being reviewed by staff.

The investigation report for the foundation improvement works at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre was completed. Work is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of FY 2025/2026.

Renovations are ongoing at the recreation centre kitchen, storage areas, and ceiling.

10 Maintenance, Projects & Schedule

The attached report (Appendix 1) includes the project schedule for the financial year 2024/25.

11 RECOMMENDATION

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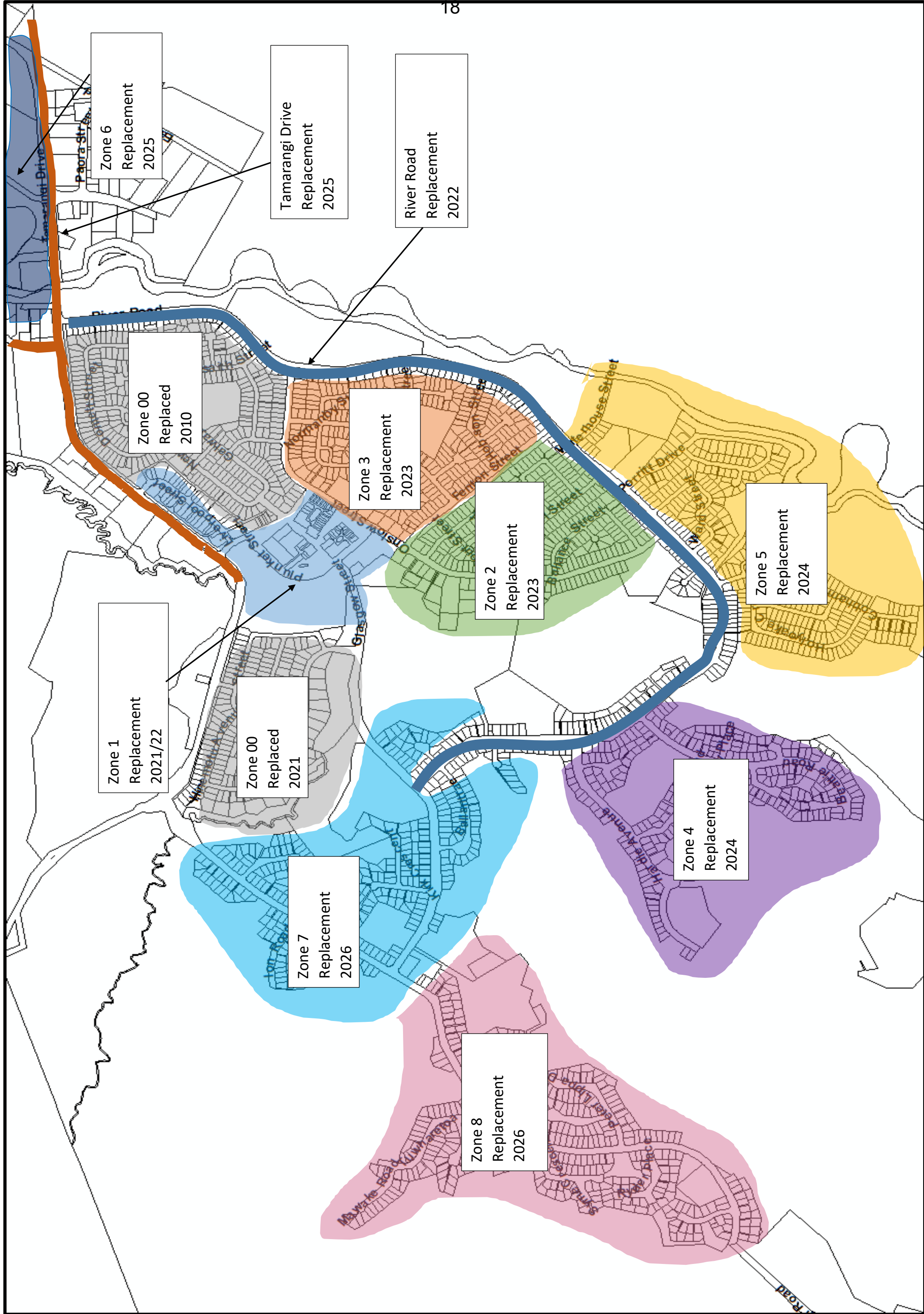


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Group Manager, Operations & Services

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Activity	Period	Type	Jun-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	125,000.00	93%	Completed to be invoiced
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 004	Renewal/Capital	Pavement Treatment	75,000	67,445.00	90%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 013	Renewal/Capital	Footpath Replacement	57,000	51,904.00	91%	
AR Roads Subsidised Programme	402515 019	Renewal/Capital	Storm water catch-pit renewal	60,000	47,000.00	78%	Planned work May June 2025
AR Non Subsidised Programme	402516 001	Renewal/Capital	Reseal Carpark	30,000	30,000.00	100%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 002	Renewal/Capital	Pipework Zone 2	2,513,862	1,527,996.00	61%	Zone 5 & 6 Work commenced
Water Supply Availability	403001 003/05/07/21	Renewal/Capital	Reticulation Replacement Zone 6/Headworks/Valves/Pump Refurbish	797,217	780,000.00	98%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 004	Renewal/Capital	Replace Tables	50,000	20,000.00	40%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 010	Renewal/Capital	UV Tube Replacement	15,000	13,000.00	87%	
Water Supply Availability	403001 030	Renewal/Capital	Lime and Fluoride 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%	Roll over to FY 26.
Wastewater Availability	403520 004	Renewal/Capital	Milli Screen Renewals	58,776	400.00	1%	Long lead item - Roll Over to FY 28
Wastewater Availability	404031 001	Renewal/Capital	Wastewater Treatment Plant	369,670	36,170.00	10%	Project under way to renew the Raw Pft - Roll over to FY 26
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 002	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%	Move FY26 Shutdown
Swimming Pools Availability	404031 061	Renewal/Capital	Filtration system	107,350	106,000.00	99%	
Recreation Centre	404035 005	Renewal/Capital	Building - Various	25,000	26,000.00	104%	Total cost centre balance on the bottom line
Recreation Centre	404035 020	Renewal/Capital	Cladding/Roof	100,000	94,106.00	94%	
Town Hall Availability	404036 009	Renewal/Capital	Roof	50,000	37,693.00	75%	
Passive Reserves	404042 002	Renewal/Capital	Boundary Fence	19,000	17,100.00	90%	
Passive Reserves	404042 019	Renewal/Capital	Seal Carparks	15,800	12,920.00	82%	Completed work - To be Invoiced
Dog Pound	405061 001	Renewal/Capital	Extension of facilities	596,502	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	60,000.00	100%	
Vehicles & Plant	60 80 01 7800	Renewal/Capital	Plant Renewals	249,200	172,519.00	69%	
				7,447,656	4,616,767.00	62%	



MONTHLY REPORT

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

June 2025

1 Economic Development

Regional Deals update

The Government has signed the first Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to negotiate City and Regional deals with Auckland, Otago Central Lakes and Western Bay of Plenty. City and Regional Deals will be strategic 10-year partnerships between Local and Central Government to progress joint priorities including economic growth, enabling abundant housing, better management and utilisation of local assets, and closing the infrastructure deficit.

Earlier this year, Central Government invited local councils to submit 'light-touch proposals' outlining what would be delivered, who they would work with and surety on delivery. These proposals were then assessed to determine who Central Government would enter into an MOU with. The Eastern Bay of Plenty regional deal proposal was developed by Kawerau District Council, Whakatāne District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Parties to the Western Bay of Plenty proposal are Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The parties' representatives will now enter negotiations with Central Government to determine what the final agreement for delivery will look like, and roles and responsibilities within this.

It is expected that by the end of this year one City and Regional Deal will be agreed on, with a further two in 2026.

2 Kawerau isite Visitor Information Centre

The isite team have been active in assisting with the administration and ticket sales for the Kawerau Bluelight event - Elevate Kawerau, on 12 July.

For safety reasons and due to severe weather, Māori Investments Limited closed the Tarawera Forest and access Tarawera Falls on Saturday 28 June.

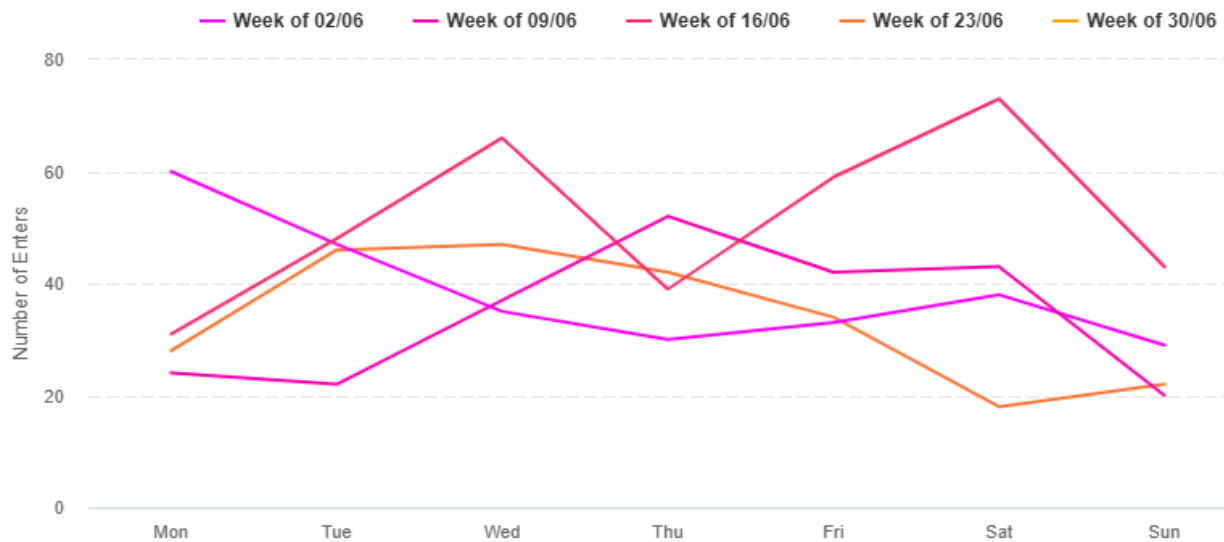
Key Monthly Statistics – June 2025

Activity	May 2025	June 2025	% difference (to May 25)	June 2024	% Difference (to June 25)
Visitor enquiries	1260	1246	1.1%	1631	23.6%
Forest permits	138	134	3%	140	4.3%
Public toilet use	**	2688	**	1390	**
M/home power	12	9	33.3%	14	36%

*** The May data for the public toilets was inconsistent, therefore the comparisons are not available*

52 Week Monthly **Weekly** Daily

Weekly Foot Traffic (Enters)



3 Community Activities

Events completed for June

- **Ngati Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust – Open Home Day**
Saturday 7th - 15 - 15A River Road
- **Canoe Slalom Club race**
Friday 14th and Saturday 15th - Firmin Lodge
- **Celebrating Matariki- Eastbay REAP**
Tuesday 24th – Concert Chambers

Events registered for July

- **Whakatane Bird Show**
Friday 4th – Sunday 6th – Kawerau town hall
- **Elevate Kawerau - Community Concert**
Saturday 12th July – Recreation Centre
- **Kawerau Krusher – Wild Water Canoe Racing**
Sunday 13th July – Waterhouse St. Reserve & Tarawera River

Events registered for August

- **It's in the Ballot – Meet the candidates Evening**
Saturday 13th August – Kawerau Town Hall

4 **Youth Projects**

Kawerau Youth Council (KYC)

The KYC met officially on 6 June. Key discussion points included, a review of the Youth Week activities, date setting for the Kawerau Young Achiever Awards and suitable KYC meeting dates.

Agreement of the regularity of meeting dates has proven challenging in 2025. The KYC have decided to alter their monthly meeting day again to land on the first Wednesday of each month, the exception to this is the July meeting scheduled on Wednesday 16th.

- Wednesday 16 July
- Wednesday 6 August
- Wednesday 3 September
- Wednesday 1 October
- Wednesday 5 November

Meetings commence at 4.30pm in the Council Chambers.

Kawerau Young Achievers (KYA)

A review of the nomination criteria has been taking place between representation from Kawerau schools and the Youth Council over recent months, the criteria is soon to be finalised.

The status of the draft new criteria has the potential to vastly reduce the number of nominations and subsequent awards being presented.

The awards date for this year's award have been pushed out compared to previous years, as follows:

- Kawerau Young Achievers Awards – 17 October

The final nomination criteria will determine the size and scale of the awards.

Youth sector engagement and youth space - 'Project Revamp'

On Wednesday 13 August, Council's Youth Projects Officer and representatives from Sports BOP will provide a presentation to Council on recent and historical feedback and data collected from the youth sector and community. The presentation will cover the activities for the youth and wider community and unlocking the potential for a youth & community space in Kawerau.

5 **Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs**

On Thursday 26 June 2025 Council executed a new agreement with the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) programme. Local Government New Zealand administer the programme with funding from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). Councils, including Kawerau District Council, contract with Local Government New Zealand in order to *deliver* the contract outcomes.

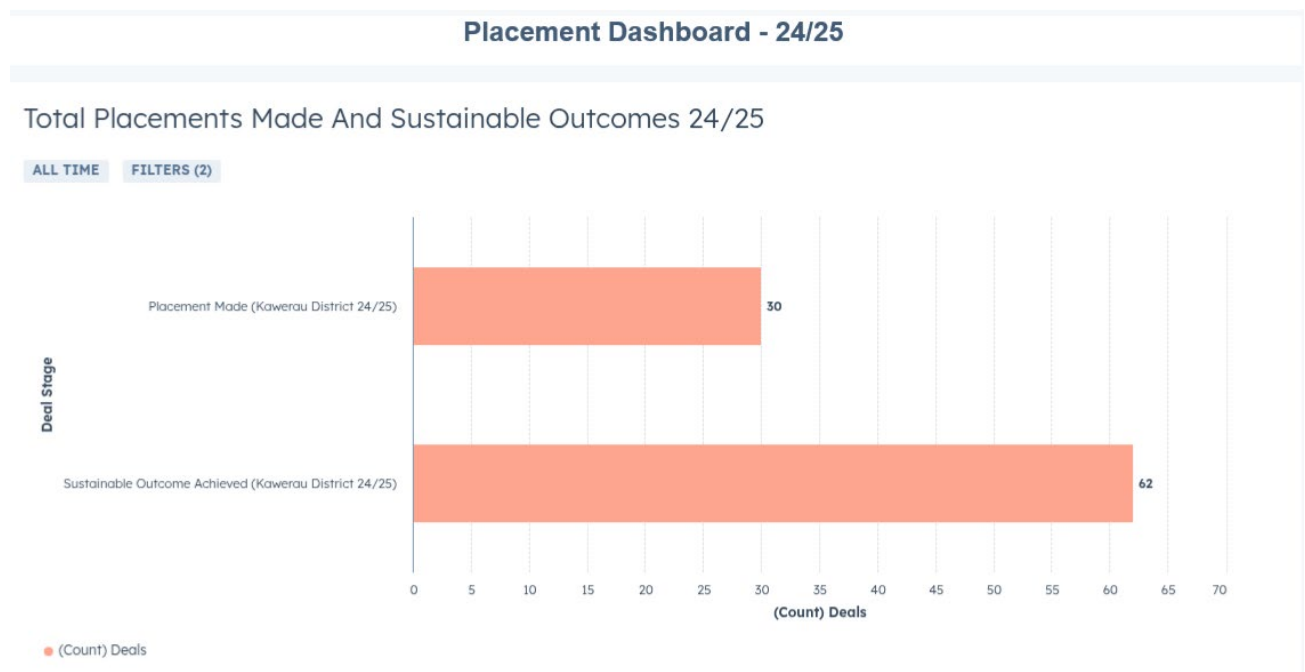
The new contract covering financial year (FY) 2025/26 differs considerably from previous contracts. Under previous contracts Councils maintained discretion to work with young people not in employment, education, or training (NEETs). Councils could identify and then work with these young people before they entered the MSD ecosystem. MSD's own research finds that NEETs who obtain a jobseeker support benefit before age 25 are likely to spend an average of 18.2 future years on a benefit. This reinforces the need to capture NEETs before they enter the MSD ecosystem.

In the new contract for FY 2025/26 the focus is shifting from placing NEETs before they enter the MSD ecosystem to placing NEETs *already* in the MSD ecosystem. The placement breakdown is as follows:

- 85% of MTFJ placements must be MSD referrals; and
- 15% of MTFJ placements can be NEETs who are yet to enter the MSD ecosystem.

This weighting favours MSD referrals, but within the contract as signed is a zone of discretion for Council to negotiate with the local MSD office and MSD's Regional Commissioner to establish a referral protocol that best suits Council, MTFJ, and importantly local employers.

In FY 2024/25 Council, through its MTFJ co-ordinator and local employers, secured 62 sustainable placements with a further 30 placements that will reach the sustainable milestone in FY 2025/26. This achievement is triple what Council was contracted to achieve.



Finally, Council wishes to acknowledge the ongoing and generous support of its local employers. Without the local employers who agree to take MTFJ placements, there would be no programme. Council values the partnership between MTFJ, its co-ordinator, and local employers. The collective work that occurs benefits the young generations who call Kowerau home.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Lee Corbett Barton

Economic & Community Development Manager

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MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

June 2025

1 **Communication**


1.1 **Community Pānui | Update**

Two pānui | newsletters completed – 3 and 19 June

1.2 **Significant Communications:**

- 1.2.1 Includes: Community Award Nominations, Matariki Tribute Video, Weather Warnings, Council Health and Safety Awards, Kawerau community Matariki events and Kawerau District Library Night Library.
- 1.2.2 Council Operations and Services includes: Council Services over public holidays, road closures, unplanned water shutdowns, Council meetings, Consultation (Our Places - Eastern Bay Spatial Plan and Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan), Local Body Elections 2025, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Temperatures, Transfer Station changes for whiteware, Alcohol Licencing Public Notices, New World Tap Update, Dog registration renewals and Tarawera Falls permits and weather closures.

Council Communication Channels overview

Website  14,862 visits (decrease). Top Page Visits: Homepage, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, Meetings and Agendas, Search, Rates Property Search, District Library and vacancies.

Social Media



Facebook

▲ 5,808 visits
▼ 34,926 reach
▲ 5,797 followers



Instagram

▼ 15 visits
▼ 149 reach
▲ 212 followers

Top content: Stay updated with our pool temperatures, Pekatahi bridge repairs closure, Transfer Station process for accepting whiteware, Matariki memorial tribute video and Onslow Street closure.

1.3 **Website Renewal Project**

Project continuing with content renewal work underway. Online services assessment.

2 Elections

2.1 Local Government Elections 2025

Triennial Elections and Poll on Māori Wards – 9 September to 11 October 2025. Electoral Legislation requires Council to encourage participation of the community via candidates standing, enrolments and voter participation.

Basis of Elections (following 2024 Representation Review):

- The Mayor elected 'at large' (by the whole district)
- Two Councillors elected at large (district wide)
- Three Councillors elected from the Kawerau Māori Ward and
- Three Councillors elected from the Kawerau General Ward

Decisions and Completed Processes:

26 March – Council resolved for Candidates names listed alphabetically
 28 May – Council adopted Election Signs' Policy and Communication by Elected Members' Policy in a Pre-Election Period
 24 June - Candidate Information Briefing at Rautahi Marae
 25 June - Pre-Election Report adopted (available on Council website)

Election 2025 - Next Steps:

3 July - Kawerau Markets stand with Electoral Commission enrolment drive (*Library alternate venue if weather wet)
 4 July - Candidate Nominations Open (available Council Office and Online)
 10 July (midnight) - Pause begins for eligible people to change electoral rolls from General to Māori, or Māori to General
 11 July – Three month Pre-Election Period commences
 1 Aug 12 noon - Candidate Nominations Close
 11 Aug – Election Advertising can be displayed (Signs' Policy)
 9 Sept - Voting Papers delivered to people who are enrolled
 9 Sept - Special Voting Period Opens
 10 Oct (midnight) – Signs and Election Hoardings must be removed
 11 Oct 12 noon – Deadline for voting papers to be dropped to voting boxes at Council Office, Library or Kawerau New World
 17 Oct – Official Declaration of 2025 Election Results and Poll Results
 29 Oct – Inauguration of Kawerau District Council 2025-2028

3 Engagement

3.1 Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Council has commenced a special consultative procedure with the community to review and update the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, following the

adoption of the plan, waste assessment and summary at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 18 June 2025.

Consultation opened on Thursday 19 June and will continue until 19 July 2025. A series of drop-in sessions and meetings is planned. The consultation document and submission and survey will be delivered to all residents.

3.2 **Long Term Plan 2025-2034**

Long Term Plan 2025-2034 adopted 25 June 2025 and available online via the Council website, and in hard copy at the Council Office.

Key Dates:

9 April – Council resolves to consult following Audit NZ completion of the Long Term Plan 2025-2034 Comprehensive Consultation Document.

9 April – 12 May – Consultation meetings completed and Significant advertising and marketing completed

28 May – 23 submissions received. Hearing for Submitters and Deliberations by Council

4 June – Extraordinary Meeting Confirmation of Consultation Outcomes

25 June – Council adopted the Long Term Plan 2025-2034 and associated policies and supporting documents

1 July 2025 onwards – Council responds to submitters

3.3 **Local Water Done Well**

Council completed a comprehensive consultation process with the community from 11 April to 23 May 2025. This included delivering a summary document to all residential homes and making a comprehensive consultation document available after being adopted at the Extraordinary Meeting on 14 May 2025.

Council heard and considered submissions to the Local Water Done Well consultation process at an Extraordinary Meeting on 18 June 2025. Council resolved to proceed with the in-house (internal) business unit with the support of 104 of 107 submissions or 92%, while assessing options for a multi-council controlled organisation. The consultation process will dovetail into the Kawerau District Draft Water Services Delivery Plan, to be tabled to Council in due course, and prior to the final plan being submitted to the DIA by 3 September 2025.

3.4 **Draft Gambling Venues Policy**

Consultation process closed on 16 May (open 14 April to 16 May 2025). Submissions were received and heard by Council.

3.5 **Our Places - Eastern Bay Spatial Plan**

Consultation by Kawerau District Council regarding Our Places Eastern Bay Spatial Plan re the collaborative plan for future growth of the district by some 650 homes and respective industrial growth over the next 30 years. Submissions closed on 9 June 2025 and three submissions were received. The Our Places Eastern Bay Spatial Plan was adopted on 18 June 2025.

4 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
	Central Cove	Hine Te Ariki / Bell Street	Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village	TOTAL
Units under construction				
Surplus/ (Deficit) to Date	291,230	(597,995)	37,748	
<u>Breakeven</u>				
Sales still required to break-even	0	1	0	

4.1 Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village

General maintenance ongoing including signage to be erected at entranceway.

Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village received second place at the recent Taituara LGNZ Awards in the community collaboration category.

4.2 Central Cove

Discussions with Generation Homes re potential sales ongoing.

4.3 Duplex Build 53A Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki

Investigating sales options for the three-bedroom Bell Street unit.

4.4 Stoneham Park Residential Development

Preliminary stormwater modelling underway, with changes to the subdivision land surface requiring further modelling and verification. Further meetings with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council planned at a staff and governance level.

RECOMMENDATION

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



Tania Humberstone

Manager, Communications and Engagement | Residential Development