



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 15 April 2026
commencing at 9.00am**

AGENDA

REGULATORY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Her Worship the Mayor - F K N Tunui

Councillor S Kingi - Chairperson

Councillor W Apiata

Councillor M Dowie

Councillor T Hill

Councillor B J Julian

Councillor G T Leokava-Taani

Councillor J Ross

Councillor A R Worsley

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC FORUM AT MEETINGS

1. 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

6 Action Schedule (101120)

Pgs. 1 - 5

Recommendation

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council be received.

PART A – REGULATORY

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

Pgs. 6 - 10

Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Regulatory and Planning Services activities for the month of March 2026.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory & Planning Services for the month of March 2026 be received.

PART B – NON-REGULATORY

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

Pgs. 11 - 18

Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Finance and Corporate Services activities for the month of March 2026.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of March 2026 be received.

9 **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 2026.

Recommendation

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of March 2026 be received.

10 **Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)**

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Attached is the report from Economic and Community Development Manager covering Economic and Community activities for the month of March 2026.

Recommendation

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for month of March 2026 be received.

11 **Monthly Report – Communication and Engagement (Communication and Engagement Manager) (340100)**

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Attached is the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager covering Communication and Engagement activities for the month of March 2026.

Recommendation

That the report from the Communication and Engagement Manager for the month of March 2026 be received.

12 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

M Godfery

Chief Executive Officer

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ACTION SCHEDULE FOR BOTH STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL MEETING ACTIONS

Meeting Date	Strategic Action	Operational Action	Comments	Status	Estimated Date
<p>OC 26.06.24</p> <p>Activity Review for Economic Development</p> <p>ECDM to provide additional information including the return on investment that Council makes to external partners and agencies.</p>		<p>EBOP Economic Development Refresh was adopted by all partner authorities.</p> <p>An internal Economic Development Steering Group was formed, including CE M Godfery, E&CDM L Barton, C&EM T Humberstone, MTFJ A Hayes, MA M Rogers, SNR EA P Maxwell.</p> <p>ED Steering Group meet regularly to develop options and an ED plan for future consideration by Elected Members.</p> <p>Economic Development event Pathway to Prosperity was held on Thursday 13 November 2025 at Firmin Lodge.</p> <p><u>Update 10/3/2026</u></p> <p>ED Steering Group continues to meet monthly and is formulating a plan to develop the Kawerau Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p>	<p>June 2026</p> <p>June 2026</p>	
<p>OC 26.06.24</p> <p>Activity Review for Pensioner Housing</p> <p>C&EM to return the report with additional information including history of the partnership between Council and Kawerau Social Services Trust (that operates Mountain View) and further detail on the implications of any future expansion plans.</p>		<p>Activity Review will be returned back to Council as part of Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with additional information as requested by Elected Members.</p>	<p>In Progress</p>	<p>Quarter 4 of 2026</p>	

Meeting Date	Strategic Action	Operational Action	Comments	Status	Estimated Date
	<p><u>R&S 16.10.24</u></p> <p>C&EM to provide a timeline for all Housing Development.</p>		<p>Timeline will be provided as part of the S17A Activity Review for Pensioner Housing. An additional report will be provided with the history of other Council-led housing developments comprising Central Cove, Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki and Stoneham Park. Updates are ongoing with the latest update provided to Elected Members on 11 February 2026.</p>	Ongoing	
OC 27.11.24	<p>Adoption of Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2024</p> <p>GMF&CS to refresh Elected Members on Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village reporting and accounting principles through a meeting with Audit New Zealand.</p>		<p>Working with Auditors when they are likely to be at KDC on site and when there is an opportunity to present to the new Council.</p> <p>Due to a change in Council's Audit Director and Manager, the timeframe was extended.</p>	In Progress	June 2026
OC 26.03.25		<p>Action Schedule</p> <p>ECDM to provide designs created by the previous Youth Council for the skatepark and basketball area. This will be added to and developed on.</p> <p><u>R&S 12.11.25</u></p> <p>ECDM to send an invitation out to the community for contribution to the Project Revamp.</p>	<p>Internal project team currently focused on methodology around project planning, design and delivery. Community call to action will occur early 2026.</p> <p><u>Update 5/3/26</u></p> <p>Steering Group met on three occasions through February; a community design workshop occurred on 3 March. Steering Group plan to deliver a workshop presentation to Council with a design concept on 8 April.</p>	In Progress	April 2026
R&S 13.08.25	<p>Monthly Report – Economic and Community Development</p> <p>ECDM to advise Elected Members following the debrief session with the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD), the reasons the funding application was declined.</p>		<p>As reported to Council in the R&S September 2025 meeting, MYD awarded funding contracts to 12 organisations to deliver youth services under the 'Expanding Youth Enterprise and Education Funding Stream'. Council still awaits a debrief session appointment from MYD.</p>	In Progress	May 2026

Meeting Date	Strategic Action	Operational Action	Comments	Status	Estimated Date
OC 27.08.25	<p>Adoption and Hearing of Submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-2031</p> <p>C&EM to go out to the community with the next steps and a timeline for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-2031.</p>		<p><u>Update 10/12/2025</u> Council's YPO has undertaken an online debrief with MYD advisor. Feedback and assessment of application received and will be provided to March R&S meeting.</p> <p><u>Update 5/03/2026</u> Due to current workstreams regarding Project Revamp and Youth Council proceedings, this action will be delayed.</p> <p>Development of the outputs and key actions into the second phase communications' plan taken on board the submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.</p>	In Progress	May 2026
R&S 10.09.25		<p>Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development</p> <p>ECDM to engage with the Programme Facilitators of the Young Enterprise Trust to see what support they can provide to the Kawerau Youth Council.</p>	<p><u>Update 10/12/2025</u> Council's YPO currently researching in-depth the services offered by successful MYD funding recipients – Council will be provided with an overview report in early 2026</p> <p><u>Update 5/03/2026</u> Staff met with representatives from the Young Enterprise Trust and are waiting on a report to present to R&S Committee.</p> <p>Due to current workstreams regarding Project Revamp and Youth Council proceedings, this action is delayed.</p>	In Progress	May 2026

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R&S 10.12.25		<p>Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development</p> <p>ECDM to provide a report to Council highlighting all aspects, volunteer groups and individuals, security and services that were involved in the making of Christmas in the Park.</p>	<p><u>Update 5/03/2026</u> Post 2025 event reporting to funders is currently underway and a priority, followed with event planning and budget setting for 2026 in the coming months. An event report will be provided to Council as part of the discussion to seek resolutions for funding applications towards the CITP event 2026.</p>	In progress	May 2026
R&S 11.02.26		<p>Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services</p> <p>GMR&P to lift recommendations for a fenced off dog area to the Community Safety Committee.</p>	A report will go to the Community Safety Committee.	In Progress	April 2026
R&S 11.02.26		<p>Monthly Report - Operations and Services</p> <p>GMO&S to report vandalism to the Community Safety Committee.</p>	A report will go to the Community Safety Committee.	In Progress	April 2026
R&S 11.03.26		<p>Monthly Report - Finance & Corporate Services</p> <p>CEO to find ways to communicate and promote positive behaviours in the Library</p> <p>CEO to add an item to the Community Safety Meeting Agenda to monitor Health & Safety and the Library.</p> <p>GMF&CS to add rainfall graphs back into future reports to monitor weather patterns.</p>	<p>CEO is working with the Manager Communications and Engagement on communications for positive behaviours across all Council facilities and services, including the Library.</p> <p>A report will go to the Community Safety Committee.</p> <p>The Rainfall graph has been added to the Finance and Corporate Services monthly report under section 2 and in the appendices.</p>	In Progress Completed	May 2026 May 2026
R&S 11.03.26		<p>Monthly Report - Communications and Engagement</p>	Enquiries underway.	In Progress	May 2026

		C&EM to enquire with Sport BOP to advocate for the NZ Rural Travel Fund.		
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OC: Ordinary Council EC: Extraordinary Council A&R: Audit & Risk Committee R&S: Regulatory & Services Committee
 GMF&CS: GM, Finance & Corporate Services GMO&S: GM, Operations & Services GMR&P: GM, Regulatory & Planning
 C&EM: Communication & Engagement Manager ECDM: Economic & Community Development Manager

Completed Items

R&S 12.11.25	Monthly Report - Operations and Services GMO&S to contact Horizon and query the timeframe and targets for streetlights in the Kawerau District	Streetlight issues reported through service requests were addressed promptly. However, lights with cable faults may take longer to repair due to the extensive scope of work and the numerous resources required.
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MONTHLY REPORT REGULATORY & PLANNING SERVICES

March 2026

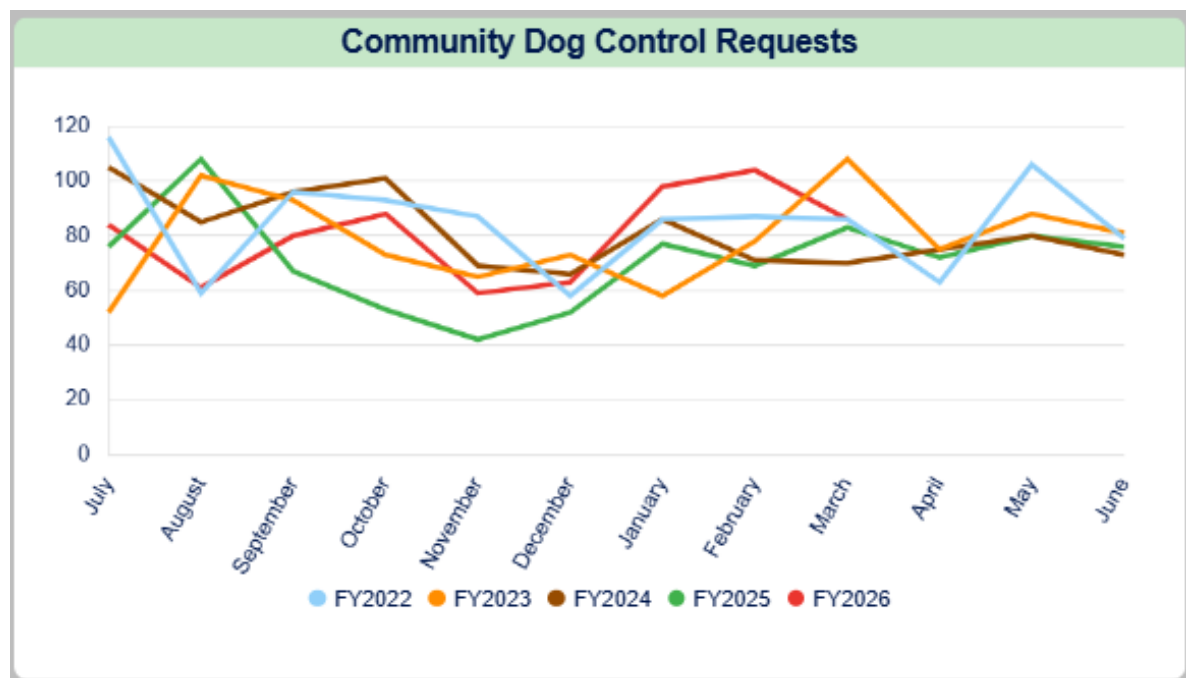
1 Animal Control

1.1 Dog Registration

At 31 March 2026, there are 1,264 dogs registered of the 1,330 dogs listed on the dog register for 2025/2026. This represents 95% of known dogs.

1.2 Dog Control - Ranging, Complaints and Incidents

Eighty six (86) service requests were received in March 2026.



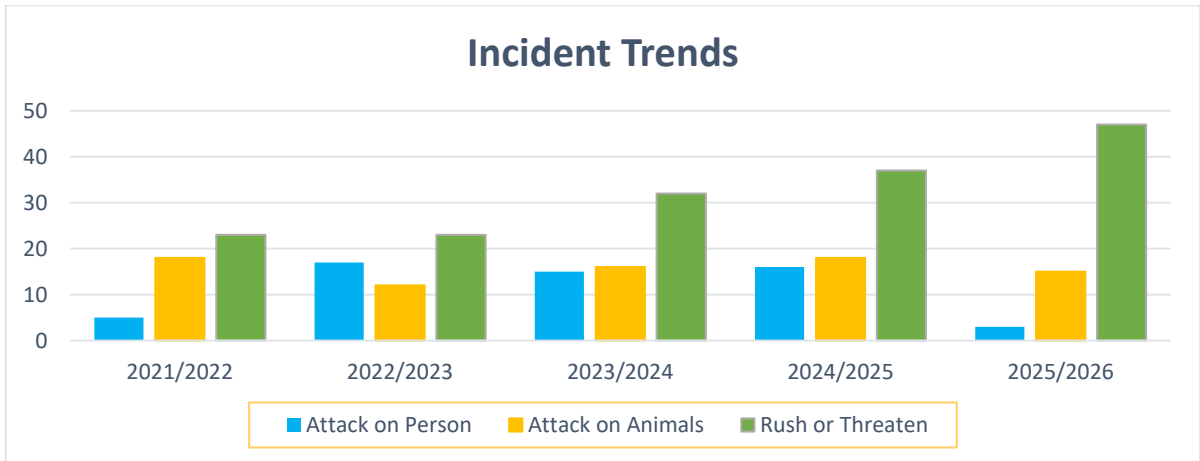
A total of eighty two (82) statutory occurrences (barking, roaming, attacks, general complaints, lost dogs) were attended by Council staff. These related largely to complaints of barking (21), roaming (37), rushes (10), and attacks (4).

Of the reported roaming complaints, seven (7) dogs were located.

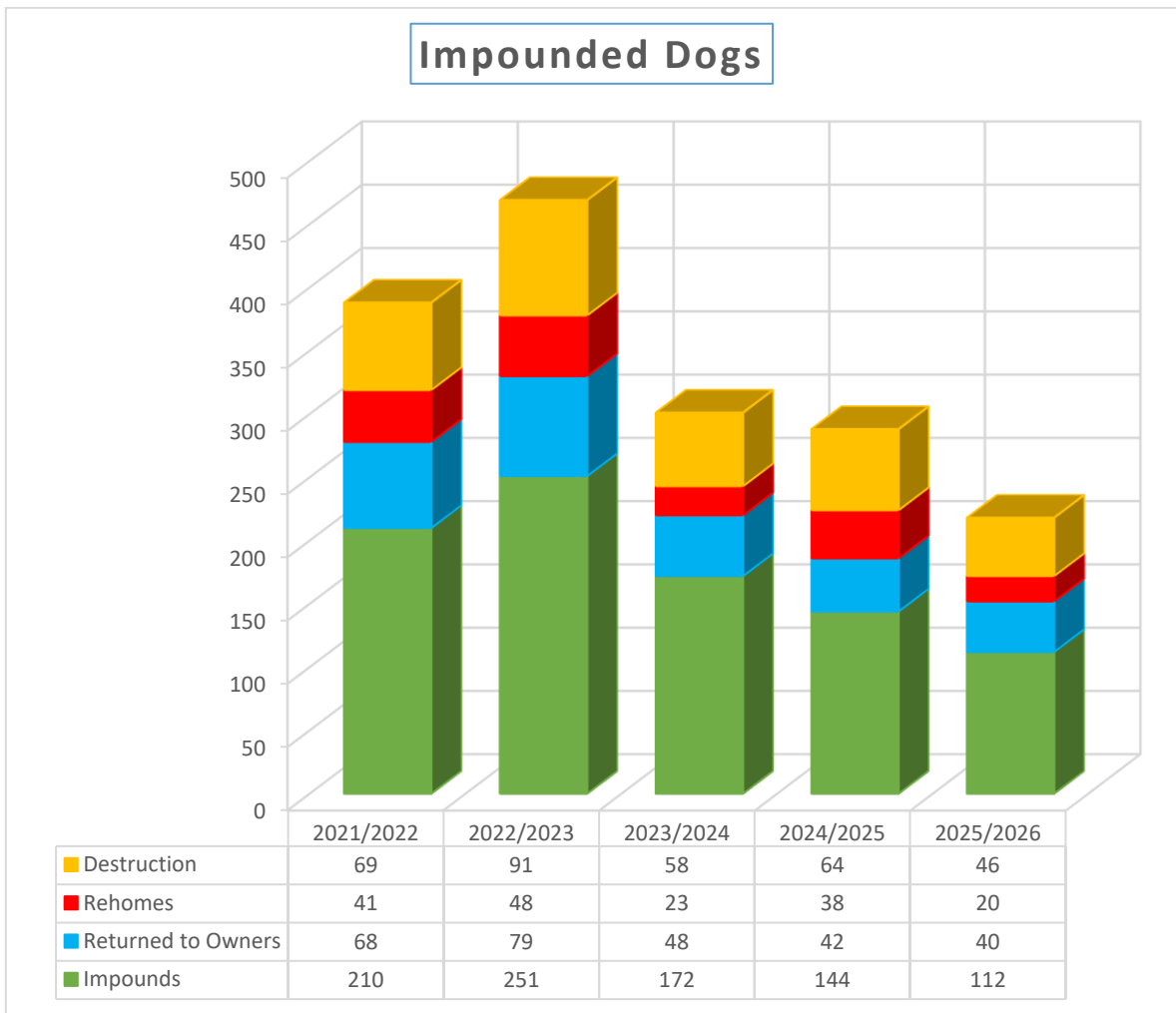
One attack on a person was reported and is still under investigation.

Three attacks on an animal were reported with one still under investigation and the other two, we have not been able to locate the dogs involved.

Of the ten rush incidents, three dogs were not located, two owners were issued warnings, two dogs were impounded and owners required to make amendments to fences, another one resulted in amendments to fence and the last two are still under investigation.



During the same period a total of sixteen (16) dogs were impounded, ten (10) dogs were returned to owners, and one (1) dog was destroyed.



1.3 Legislation

Government ordered a comprehensive review of the Dog Control Act on 21 March 2026 as a result of ongoing concerns with community safety. While the scope and timeframe of the review is yet to be confirmed, they have indicated several key areas of focus:

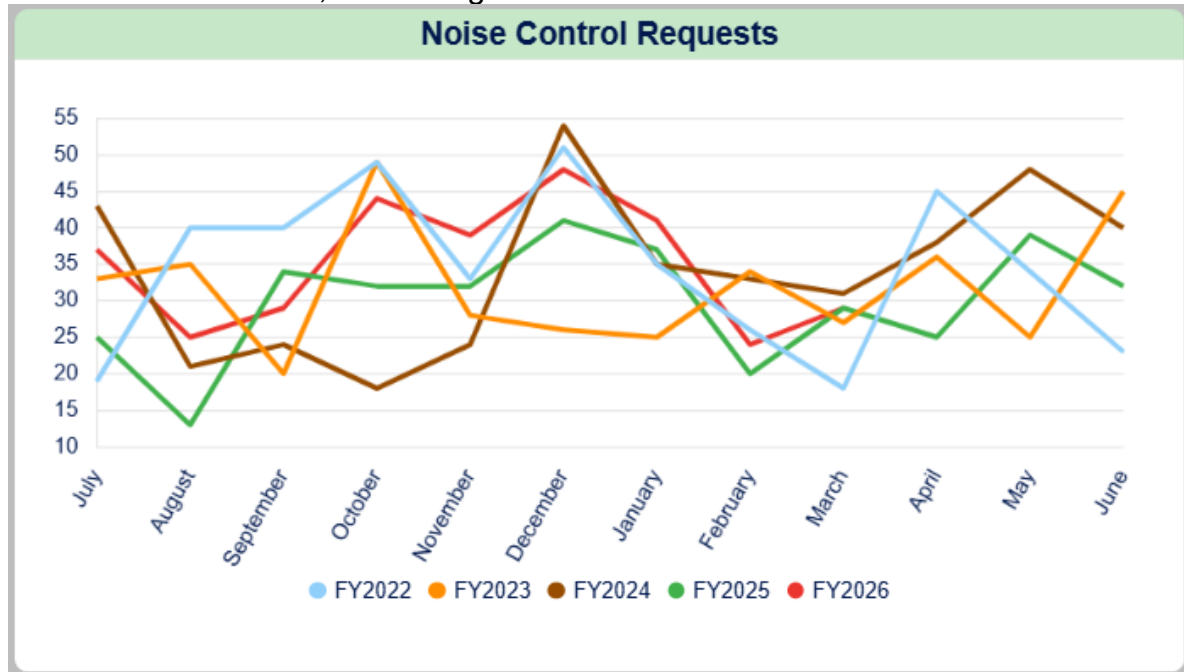
- Removal of provisions that create barriers or place unnecessary resource pressures on Council

- Strengthen penalties and consequences for non-compliance
- Introduce desexing obligations

Council continues to work within the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996 and with the resources available to our small team (3).

2 Monitoring and Compliance

There were a total of twenty nine (29) noise complaints in March 2026, with two (2) found to be excessive, both being served with excessive noise notices.



3 Alcohol Regulation

During March the following applications were approved:

- One (1) renewal for Kawerau Golf and Squash Club
- Two (2) new manager licences

Government passed the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Sales on Anzac Day Morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day) Amendment Act 2026. This enables premises with an on-licence (clubs, pubs, restaurants) to operate every day of the year within the conditions of their licence (e.g. open hours 10am to 10pm) and enables RSAs to serve members of the public on Anzac Day without a special licence. There is no change for premises that hold an off-licence (supermarkets, wholesalers) meaning they cannot sell alcohol on restricted trading days (Anzac day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Christmas day).

4 Food Safety and Premises

During March the following applications were received:

- 1 x New food control plan – Seoul Posha
- 2 x Renewals for food control plans – Golden Horse and Bernie's Lunch Bar
- 1 x Renewal for national programme 3 – Gull Kawerau

Three national programme verifications were completed in March.

5 Environmental Health

One environmental health complaint was received regarding a dead wallaby found in the Central business district. Reported to Regional Council.

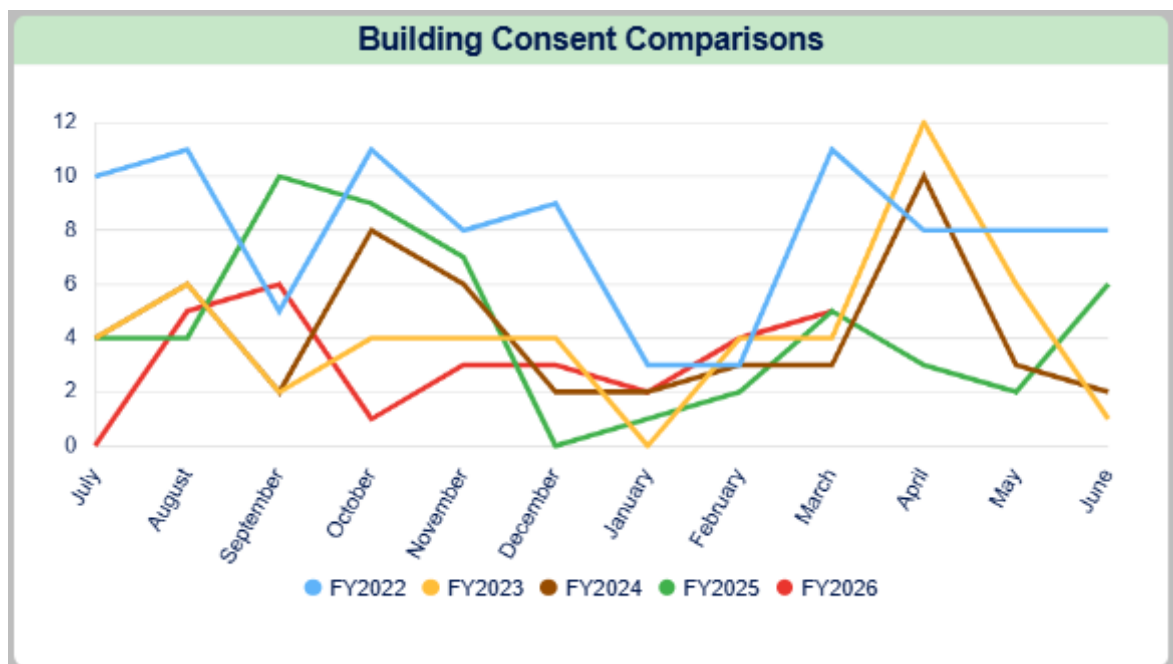
6 Building Control

6.1 Building Consent Authority (BCA)

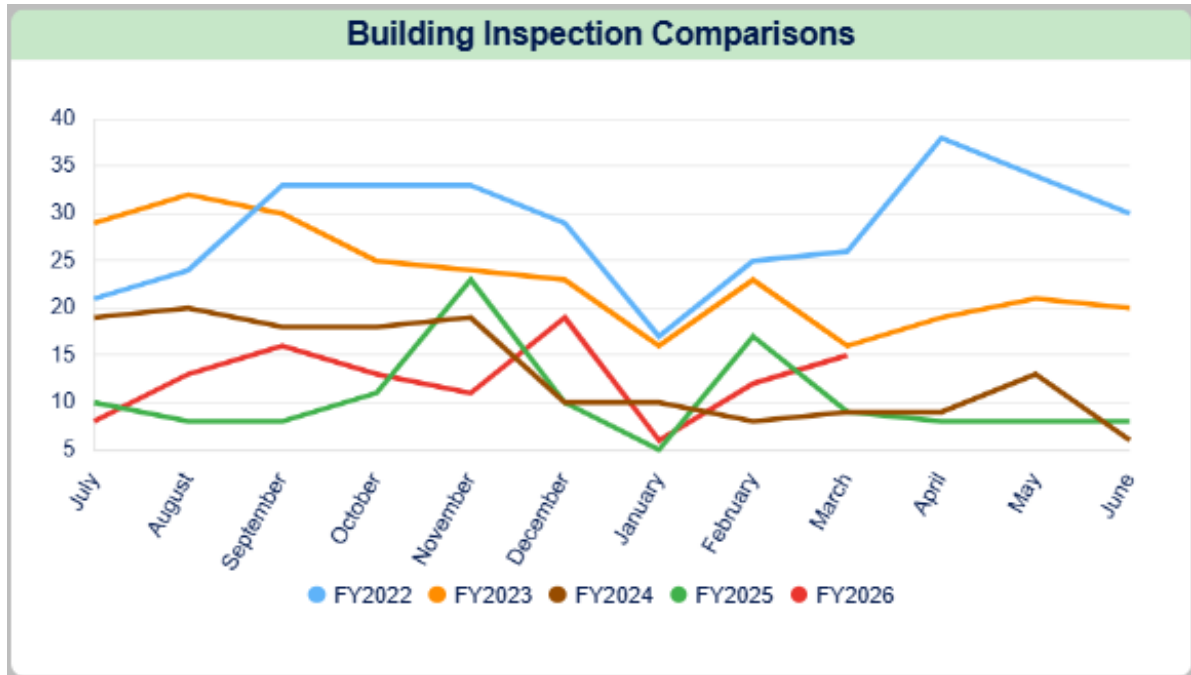
Five (5) building consents were issued in March 2026. The total value of the building consents was \$2,308,000.

The types of building work for the month included:

- 1 x Industrial warehouse with two storey office
- 2 x Solid Fuel Heaters
- 1 x New Dwelling with attached garage
- 1 x Lounge addition



Seven (7) code of compliance certificates were issued and fifteen (15) building inspections were completed.



The Building Consent Authority ('BCA') has successfully maintained accreditation with the IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand), audit has been finalised with all clearances resolved.

6.2 Territorial Authority

Fifteen (15) Land Information Memorandum ('LIM') reports were issued during March 2026.

7 **District Plan**

7.1 District Plan Review

The draft District Plan Change 5 is currently out seeking community feedback on the proposed updates which include the re-zoning of land affected by the boundary re-organisation, an updated list of sites of natural significance and a draft Māori purpose zone. Feedback closes on 30 April 2026.

7.2 Resource Consents

No resource consents were processed to a decision in March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning Services for the month of March 2026 be received.

Michaela Glaspey
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning

MONTHLY REPORT

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

March 2026

1 Library and Museum

1.1 Library

Tina Lloyd has been appointed the Digi-coach and began work in the library in mid-March. She has assisted 53 customers, many with complex digital needs. This is a project with Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa and the Ministry of Social Development to grow digital skills across New Zealand communities. The Digi-coach service is available to the community for the next 12 weeks and the service has been promoted in the Council Newsletter | Pānui, the Echo and Library Facebook page.

Eighty two customers participated in an Easter Scavenger Hunt which encourages participants to explore the different library collections. Staff were also busy preparing programming for the April School Holidays.

The display for March was Easter.

Library Statistics

	March 2026	YTD 2025/26	March 2025	YTD 2024/25
Items issued	3,214	27,228	3,399	29,200
People visiting	4,434	39,902	4,335	37,014
New members	18	147	12	139
Active members*	1,301		1,366	

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

1.2 Museum

A new exhibition, *Poems from the Mill*, was launched in the middle Jellicoe Court window to celebrate Poetry Day and beyond. This exhibition features the literary talents of the Tasman Mill workforce (as well as the late pioneer Māori writer Rowley Habib). Spanning four decades, these found poems range from intellectual parodies of English classics to humorous rhymes about safety and pay. They highlight the witty satire of the Tasman Mill employees.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Statistics

	March 2026	YTD 2025/26	March 2025	YTD 2024/25
Exhibitions	1	6	0	4

Vernon Records	March 2026	YTD 2025/26	March 2025	YTD 2024/25
Objects – items added to collection	31	177	20	198
People	133	720	103	490
Documents	77	508	38	388
Photographs	91	604	68	690

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 26.5° and the highest temperature for the month was 32.1° recorded on 14 March 2026.

The accumulated sunshine hours for March was a total of 210 hours and 6 minutes, with the sunniest day being 11 hours and 12 minutes of sunshine which was recorded on 15 March. The Appendix to this report shows a combined graph of the temperatures and sunshine data collected for March.

The rainfall for February was 82 mm. The total rainfall year to date to the end of February 2026 was 348 mm. The rainfall data is reported a month behind due to the timing of data being available.

An addition to the Appendix to this report is the rainfall data, which includes the historic average, 2025 rainfall and monthly year to date rainfall for 2026. This data and graph are provided by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, via their website.

3 Payments

There were three payments in March 2026, which exceeded \$50,000.

- Inland Revenue Department (2 invoices) - \$169,532.66 - PAYE for Fortnights ending 22/02/2026 and 08/03/2026.
- Drintech 2018 Limited – One invoice of \$225,227.76 Zone 5 & 6 Progress Claim 11 coded to 403001.01 Pipework.
- Waste Management (3 invoices) – Total of \$73,782.94 for general waste and recycling for February 2026.

** 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	77	9
Noise	30	0
Building Enquiries	8	1
Parks & Reserves	25	5
Trees	19	2
Rubbish (Bins & Collections)	50	3
Water	12	0
Wastewater	3	0
Stormwater	1	0
Roading/ Streetlights	23	6
Enforcement/Health/Food/Stock	7	0
Council Buildings/Facilities – Maint.	20	5
Other (Events/Consents/Rates/Vandalism)	15	4
Official Information Requests	1	0
Total	291	35

NB: The Service Request detailed above are those received through the Customer Service Officers and there are likely timing differences with those reported by individual departments.

For March, 41 requests came via the website/emails and 19 via Antenno. The balance of requests came from phone calls or visits.

5 Funds

The following funds were held at 31 March 2026:

Invested in	\$	Interest Rate	% External
ANZ – on call	633	0.55%	0.02%
BNZ – current & on-call	3,289,348	1.55%	99.28%
Rabobank (on-call)	23,310	1.30%	0.70%
Total Funds (Cash)	3,313,291		100.0%
Internal Loans	1,392,320		
Total Investments	4,705,611		

The following table shows Council's reserve and general funds balances as at 31 March 2026:

	March 2026	March 2025
Reserve Balances		
Depreciation Reserve Funds*	\$4,641,411	\$4,808,773
Total Reserve Balances	\$4,641,411	\$4,808,773
General Funds	\$64,200	\$166,020
Total (comprising funds & internal loans)	\$4,705,611	\$4,974,793

* This includes loan funds uplifted.

The figures show that Council has \$4,705,611 funds as at 31 March 2026, which is \$269,182 less than funds for the same period in 2025. The general funds balance is \$102k lower than 31 March 2025 and likewise the Depreciation Reserves are \$167k lower. Overall, the fund balances are fairly consistent with 2025, which is reflected in the appendix graphs.

6 Loans

External Loans

The following table details Council's current external loan balances for the Reticulation Renewal Project, the interest rates and loan maturity dates.

	Loan	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Loans 1 & 2 (Initially raised in 2022 & 2023)	\$4,000,000	April 2029	4.55%
Loan 3 (raised 2024)	\$2,000,000	April 2029	4.91%
Loan 4 (raised 2025)	\$2,000,000	April 2028	3.64%
TOTAL	\$8,000,000		

Internal Loans

As at 31 March 2026 Council has utilised \$1,392,320 of Depreciation Reserves for internal loans to fund other capital projects where there were insufficient reserves set aside. There are currently four internal loans which are:

Loan Description (purpose of loan)	Total borrowed	Year raised	Year repaid	Balance @ 31 March 2026
Pool Upgrade Loan (Main Pool Upgrade)	\$140,000	2003	2028	\$21,962
Museum Building Loan (Storage facility)	\$480,000	2015	2042	\$362,419
Pool Changing Loan (new changing room)	\$450,000	2016	2041	\$322,746
Firmin Lodge Loan (Lodge rebuild)	\$950,000	2016	2041	\$685,193
				\$1,392,320

The current interest rate charged for these internal loans is 3.0%.

7 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services for March 2026, be received.

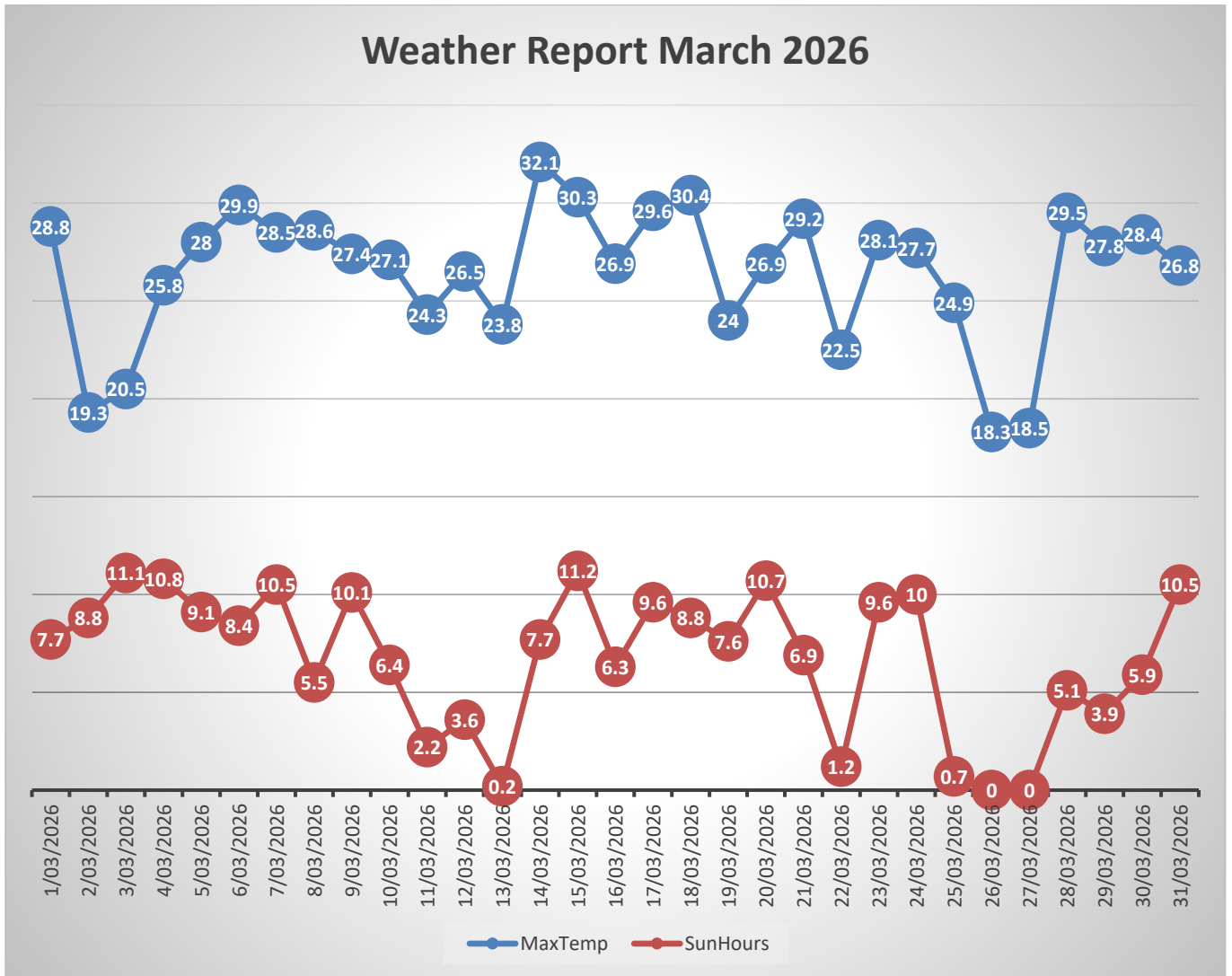


Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS

Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services

Appendix

March 2026 - Weather Data



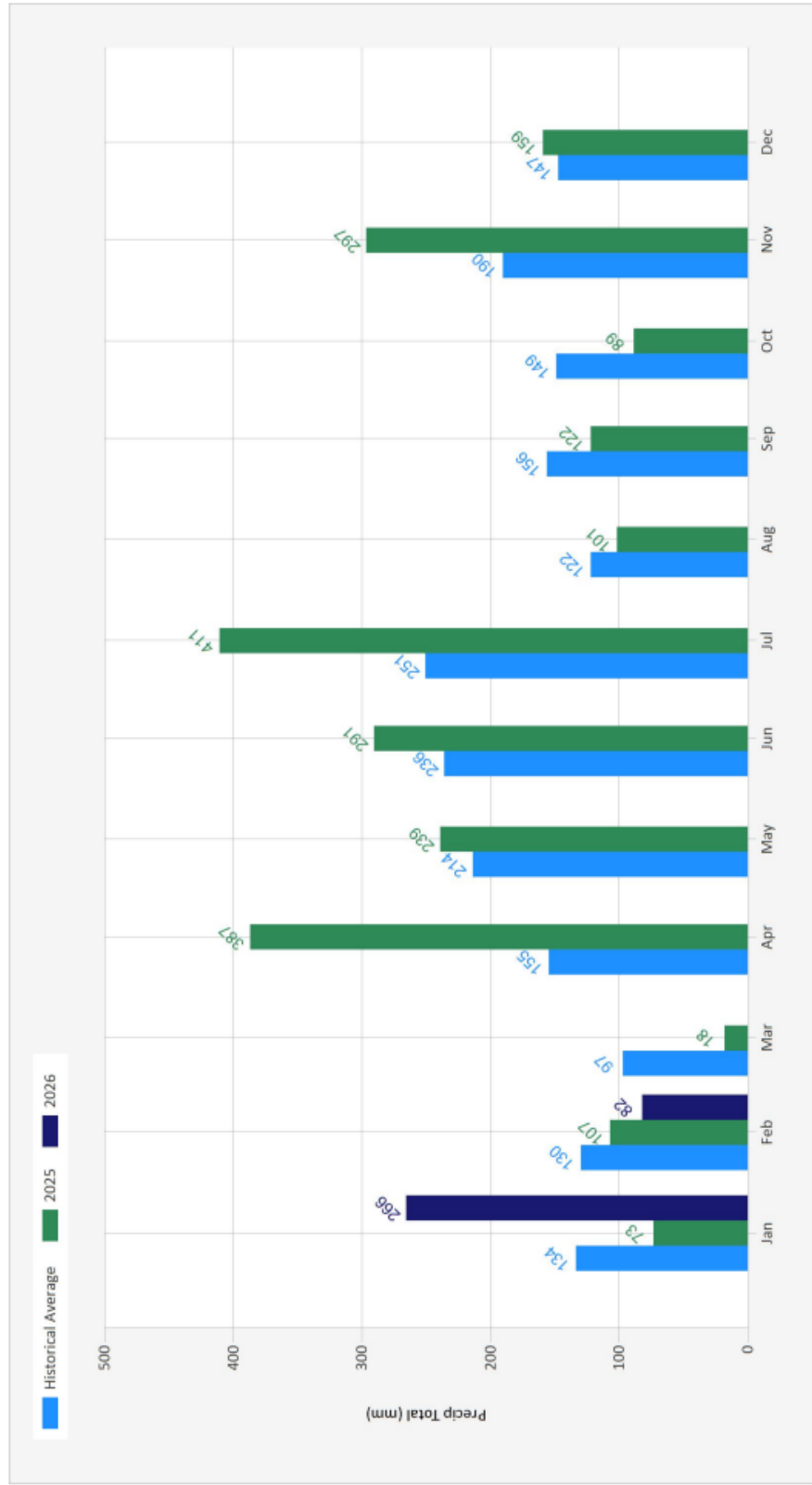
Rainfall Data – Provided by Bay of Plenty Regional Council



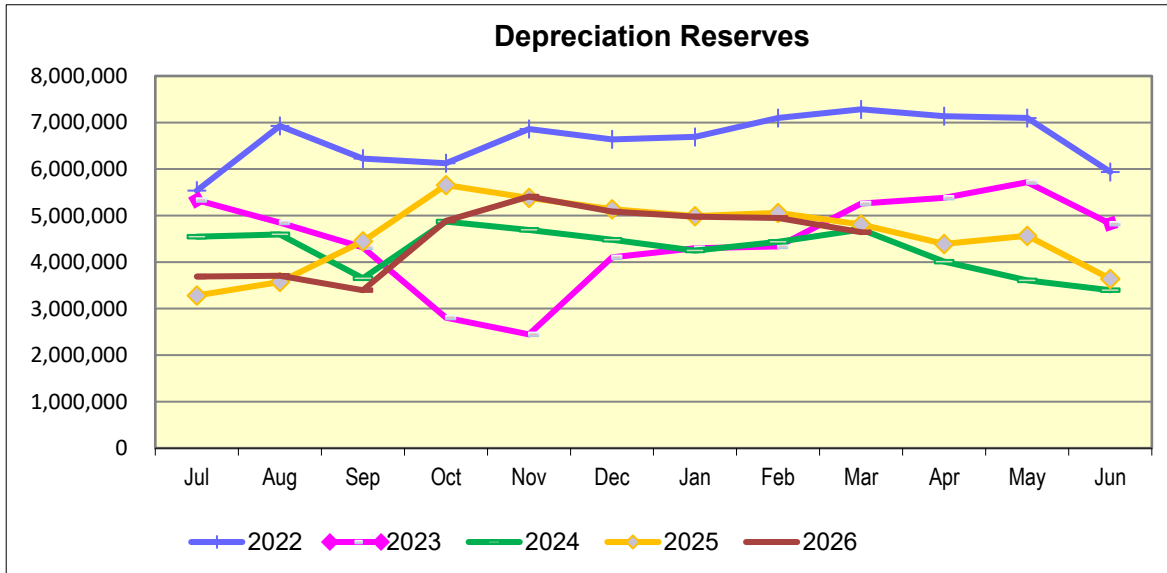
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Rainfall - Monthly Totals
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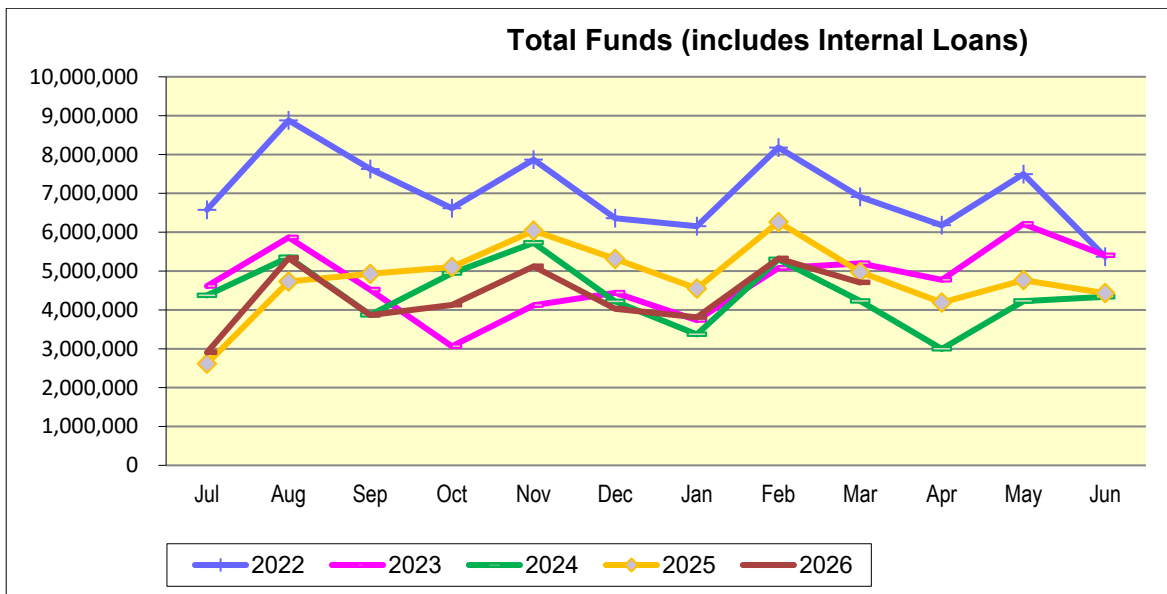
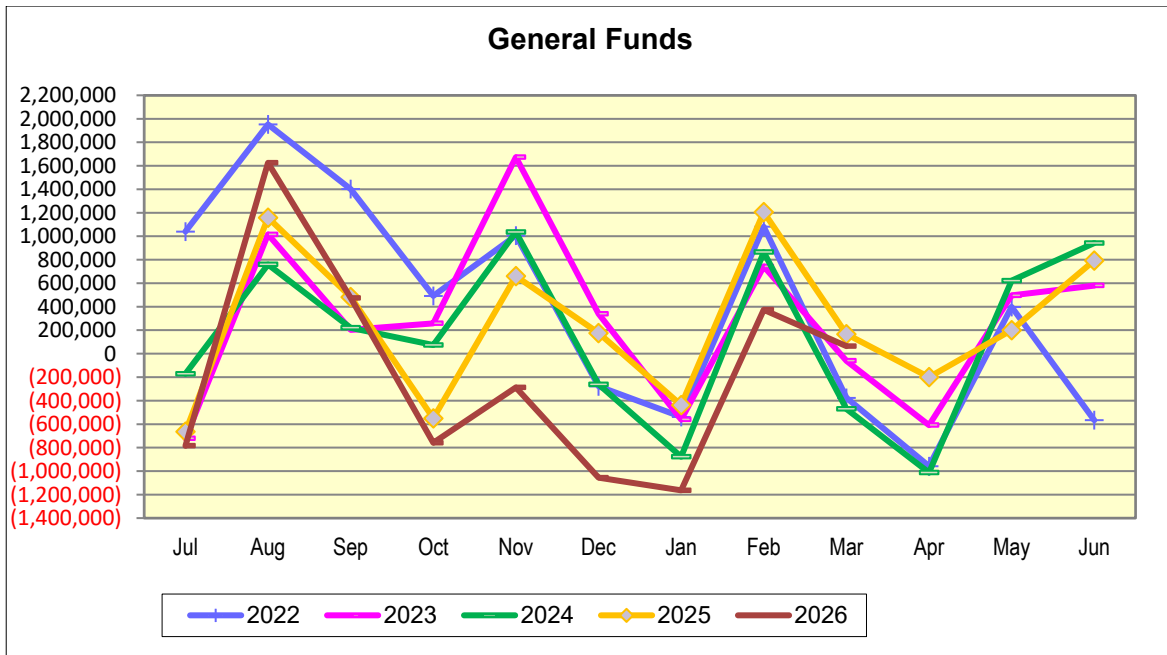
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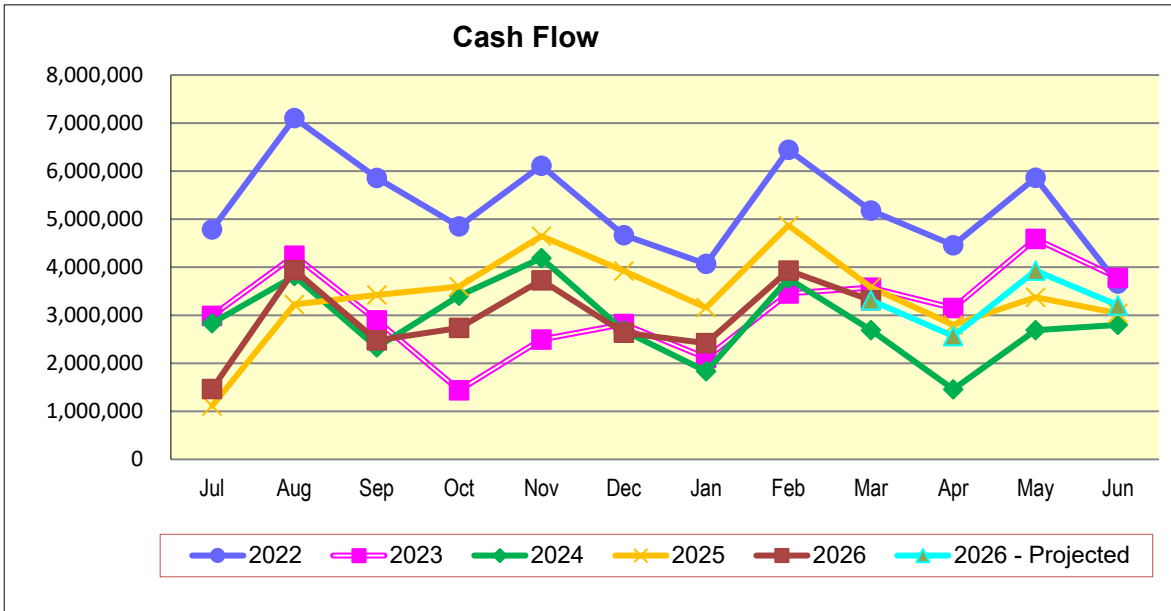


March 2026 – Financial Data



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





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 2026

1 Water Supply

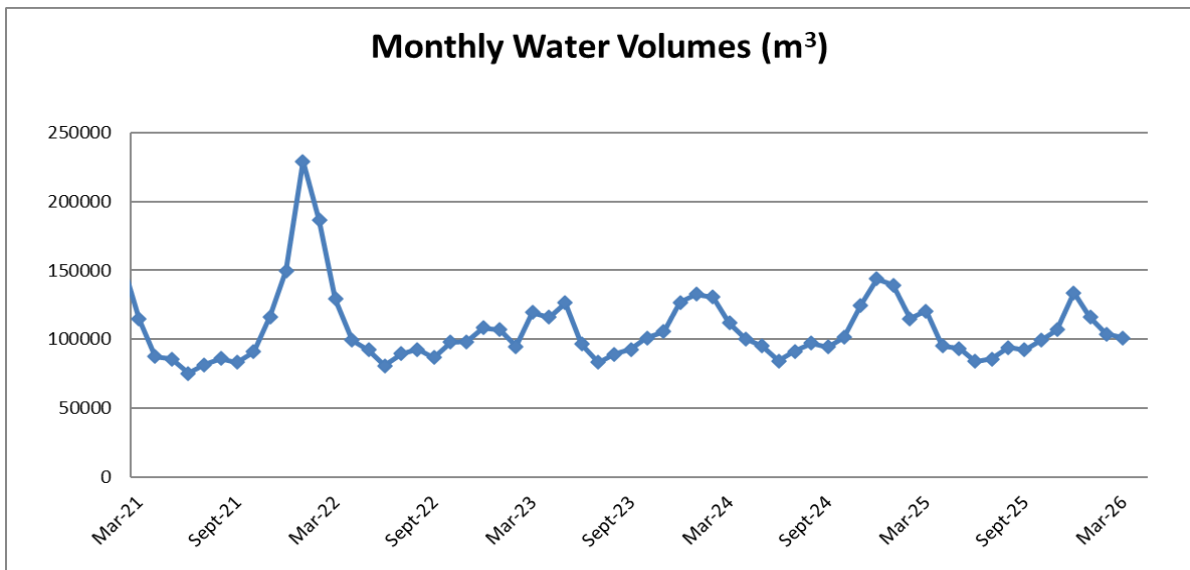
On 24 March 2026, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council granted Resource Consent RM24-0672 for the take and use of water from the Tarawera Bores and Pumphouse Spring for municipal supply to the Kawerau District. This consent replaces the now-expired consents 61344 and 20329.

The new consent provides a secure 35-year term, expiring on 31 March 2061. This long-term approval reflects the Council's strong commitment to sustainable water management and ensures a reliable water supply for the district in the future.

1.1 Use

The town consumed 100,980 m³ of water in March 2026. This is typical for March, with the maximum daily use at 4276 m³ and an average daily use of 3245 m³.

The graph below shows monthly water use (m³) over the past five years.

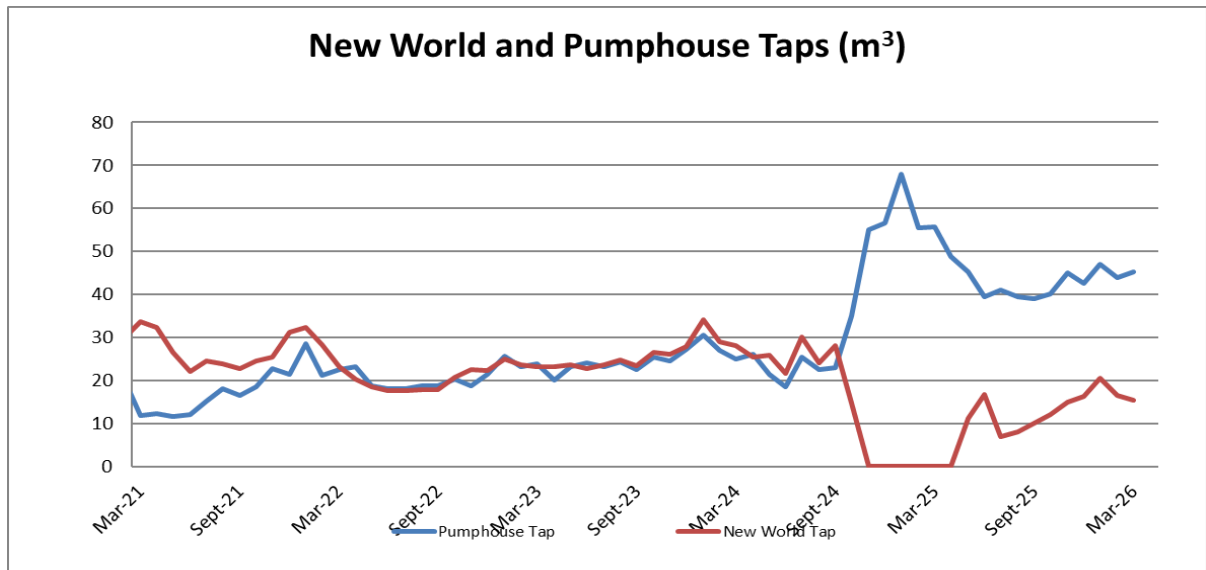


Recorded water use at the New World car park was 15.4 m³, while the River Road pumphouse supplied 45.2 m³.

Pumphouse Taps at the Kawerau District Council water treatment plant provide the community with unchlorinated and non-fluoridated drinking water. Before being discharged, the water is filtered to remove solid contaminants and treated with ultraviolet (UV) light to eliminate harmful microorganisms.

New World Taps, located in the New World car park, provide unchlorinated drinking water integrated into the district's potable water system, with chlorine removed through advanced filtration.

The graph below illustrates monthly water usage (m³) over the past five years.



1.2 Water Quality

All routine supply samples tested negative for E.coli.

No discoloured water or low-pressure complaints were received in March 2026.

1.3 Reticulation

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

- Zone 5 - All properties in Zone 5 are now connected to the new line, and 100% of reinstatement works have been completed.
- Zone 6 - Drilling and installation works along Spencer Avenue and Tamarangi Drive have progressed well. Drilling has been completed along Spencer Avenue and is now substantially advanced along Tamarangi Drive (from Islington Street to Spencer Avenue), as well as sections of Paora Street, Manukorihi, and the Depot area.

In summary, a total of 9,300 metres of drilling out of 12,000 metres has been completed on this project, including approximately 4,200 metres drilled through rock.

2 **Wastewater**

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

There were no sewer overflow issues related to the Council.

Planning for the renewal of wastewater infrastructure is underway, with scoping and tender documentation being prepared for the identified projects.

3 Stormwater

In March 2026, the stormwater network functioned effectively, with no reported issues, overflows, or blockages.

Routine inspections and maintenance of cesspits confirmed the system's integrity throughout the district.

Planning is progressing as scheduled for future drainage mitigation projects, including the Hardie Avenue Subsoil Drainage Installation and the Paora Street Groundwater Mitigation Project.

4 Roading, Street Lights and Facilities

Roading projects and focus areas:

- Service Requests - The road maintenance team handled various tasks, including pothole repairs and streetlight servicing. In March, 34 service requests were reported, with 30 completed and 4 ongoing.
- Speed limits implementation around School Zones – The Roading team implemented 30 km/h variable speed limits in school zones after consulting with local school principals. Design drawings were approved by the Road Safety Operations Group and registered with New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi. The installation of 47 new signs is approximately 60% complete, with an expected finish by 10 April 2026, and new speed limits set to take effect from 21 April 2026.
- Roading Procurement Strategy 2026-2029 – The current Roading Procurement Strategy was set to expire on 28 April 2026. A new strategy for 2026-2029 was prepared, compliant with relevant policies, and submitted for review to NZTA Waka Kotahi.
- Asset Management Data Standard Project – The RAMM data was migrated to the new AMDS system. Post-migration work continued to address identified data gaps in asset conditions and valuations, with plans to complete it before June 2027.
- Renewal projects – All renewal projects for the financial year have been completed. A short summary of the work:
 - Kerb Replacement: 282 metres of new kerb and channel were replaced. In addition, 14 driveways and 53 m² of footpath were reinstated.
 - Streetlight Upgrade: 129 streetlights were connected directly to the main power supply. This has permanently resolved the issue of power outages during heavy rain and strong winds.
 - Reseal: A total of 1,716 metres of road was resealed. This is equivalent to 4.0% of the total sealed road length of 42.9 km.
 - Pavement Treatment: The annual pavement treatment project was completed, covering 950 m². The work included sections of Plunket Street, Islington Street, Onslow Street, and River Road.
 - Footpath Replacement: 405 metres of footpath (covering an area of 564 m²) was renewed.

- Reseal Car Park: The KDC main car park, located between the main building and the ANZ building, was resealed and refurbished.
- Streetlight Maintenance –
 - 16 streetlight service requests were received. 14 requests have been completed, while 2 requests are still in progress.
 - The team conducted night inspections that revealed an additional 17 streetlight faults. Thirteen of these faults have been repaired, while four are currently being addressed. There are no outstanding requests or faults that exceed the established targets. The target is to complete 90% of faults within 14 days and 10% of faults within 28 days
- Facilities - The facilities team has received 18 service requests, all of which have been completed.

5 Parks and Reserves

The gardens teams have concentrated their efforts on the following activities in the district:

- Identification and maintenance of hazardous trees
- District-wide mowing and weed spraying operations
- Inspections and maintenance of playgrounds
- Pest control for all Council-owned public facilities
- Cemetery maintenance and housekeeping
- Leaf blowing and vacuuming
- Annual bed maintenance and Irrigation
- Blackberry spraying at the detention basins
- Leaf Blowing throughout the town centre

6 Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre

Water Quality - All swimming pools are currently operating within their designated water quality parameters. This includes maintaining appropriate chemical balances for pH, free available chlorine (FAC), water hardness, and alkalinity. The pools have met the regional council's monthly monitoring requirements for faecal matter and bacteriological levels.

Heating - Heavy rainfall over the summer blocked Kawerau's geothermal well, so the pools cooled to ambient (normal) temperature from 22 January 2026.

An initial clean-out attempt in early February 2026 removed scale, but could not clear the blockage in the liner.

A second operation on 16 March 2026 successfully cleared the obstruction, tested the flow, and restarted the well.

The pools are now back to full geothermal heating.

7 Solid Waste Services

During this reporting period, no disruptions to refuse collection were observed. Waste collection and transport to the Tirohia facility proceeded without incident, and recycling collections remained uninterrupted throughout the month.

Diverted and recycled materials for the March period:

- 3.62 tonnes of cardboard and paper
- 2.48 tonnes mixed recycling
- 15.87 tonnes of metal (including 1.34 tonnes of empty gas cylinders)
- 32.8 tonnes of timber
- 0.92 tonnes of rubber

8 Vandalism



Rearranging dragged boulders using a loader at Tarawera Park. Approximate cost for rearranging by loader: \$100.00.



Fly tipping removed, approximate cost to clear & dispose: \$150.00.

Bottles, traffic cones, and rubbish have been thrown into the newly constructed sails at the Skate Park. It's challenging for staff to remove these items, but it's essential because they can lead to damage.

9 Maintenance, Projects & Schedule

The Appendix includes the project schedule for the 2025/26 financial year.

10 RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for March 2026, be received.



Riaan Nel, B. Tech (Mech), BSc Hons
Group Manager, Operations & Services

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Project Schedule - Mar 2026

Activity	GL Code	Project	BUDGET	Actual	Remaining	%	Comments
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 001	Kerb Replacement	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$0	100%	Execution from 17 November - Completion 27 February
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 002	Street Light Upgrade	\$40,500	\$40,500	\$0	100%	Completed
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 003	Reseals	\$136,700	\$4,000	\$132,700	3%	Completed - Invoicing stage
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 004	Pavement Treatment	\$76,700	\$76,700	\$0	100%	Execution from 1 December - Completion 21 December
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 013	Footpath Replacement	\$58,100	\$50,000	\$8,100	86%	Execution Phase
'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure	402515 019	Storm water catch-pit renewal	\$60,000	\$3,000	\$57,000	5%	This work will be grouped with targeted project work in the next FY
Non-Subsidised Transport Maneg	402516 001	Reseal Carpark	\$54,698	\$54,698	\$0	100%	Work Completed - Invoice stage
AR Water	403001	Pipework Zone 1	\$2,469,000	\$1,853,000	\$616,000	75%	Execution Phase
AR Water	403001 007	Refurbish Pump	\$30,000	\$2,700	\$27,300	9%	Execution Phase
AR Wastewater	403520 002	Pipework Zone 1	\$1,621,000	\$28,511	\$1,592,489	2%	Contract awarded. Work to commence before The FY end.
AR Wastewater	403520 011	Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$852,000	\$450,000	\$402,000	53%	Scoping Phase
AR Swimming Pool	404031	Asset Renewals	\$158,280	\$134,300	\$23,980	85%	Aquatic Centre shutdown
AR Children's Playground	404046 006	Shade Sails	\$28,000	\$39,000	-\$11,000	139%	Support structure - additional scope - Cover from savings overall budget
AR Plant	60 80 01 7600	Asset Renewals - Plant	\$265,565	\$78,547	\$187,018	30%	Fleet renewals - ongoing
Total			\$5,934,543	\$2,898,956	\$3,035,587	49%	

MONTHLY REPORT

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

March 2026

1 Economic Development (ED)

Green Hydrogen – Hiringa

Councillor Hill accompanied staff from the KDC Economic Development team for a 'Behind the Fence' site tour of the fully operational Hiringa hydrogen production and refuelling facility in Tauriko. The refuelling component of the site is a partnership between Hiringa and Waitomo Group and not dissimilar to any regular truck refuelling site found in New Zealand. The hydrogen production facility has a relatively small footprint (approx. 200m²) which includes two purpose-built shipping containers producing the on-site hydrogen.

Two operational hydrogen powered haulage trucks were present along with the General Manager of the TR Group Limited, on site to provide a description of the trucks. One being a traditional diesel unit with a hydrogen conversion kit installed, providing 50/50 dual fuel use. The second truck was a NZ made (in Christchurch) 100% hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) powered truck, of which New Zealand has ten in operation.

TR Group Limited is the leader in New Zealand and was the first to introduce hydrogen FCEV powered trucks to the market in 2023.

Cool-Safe Opening – 20 March 2026

The high-tech synthetic refrigerant (hydrofluorocarbons – HFC's) destruction facility at Manukorihi Industrial zone was officially opened by Minister of Conservation, Hon. Tama Potaka.

The \$10 million National Refrigerant Destruction Facility is a first in Australasia and will provide positive environmental impacts on New Zealand's most potent greenhouse gases.

The new facility funded by the Trust for the Destruction of Synthetic Refrigerants, through Chemical Destruction Services (CDS) uses Steam Plasma Arc system from Canadian technology leader, PyroGenesis, which destroys synthetic refrigerant gases with a near 100 percent (99.99999%) efficiency – resulting in safe, stable compounds that can be released into the environment.

Eastlands Generation TOPP2 Opening – 20 March 2026

The new 49MW TOPP2 geothermal plant was officially opened with the capacity of generating enough renewable energy to power 55,000 homes.

The plant was officially opened on Friday 20 March at an event attended by around 200 guests.

Located on the Kawerau Geothermal Reservoir, TOPP2 showcases a unique collaborative model. TOPP2 is owned and operated by Eastland Generation. It was

developed together with Tūwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai-owned Ngāti Tūwharetoa Geothermal Assets, who are providing a long-term supply of geothermal fluid to the station and whenua.

Guest Speakers included the Hon. Todd McClay, Minister for Trade and Investment, and Toshimi Sato, Representative Director, President and CEO of Obayashi Corporation.

TOPP2 is the largest of Eastland Generation's four geothermal power plants. Combined with the hydro-electric and solar plants in their portfolio, Eastland Generation's operating capacity is now 118MW – the equivalent of 3.7% of national electricity demand.

2 Kawerau isite Visitor Information Centre

All Intercity services have now resumed their normal timetables, including the Gisborne to Auckland (via Kawerau) routes, which are operating as usual.

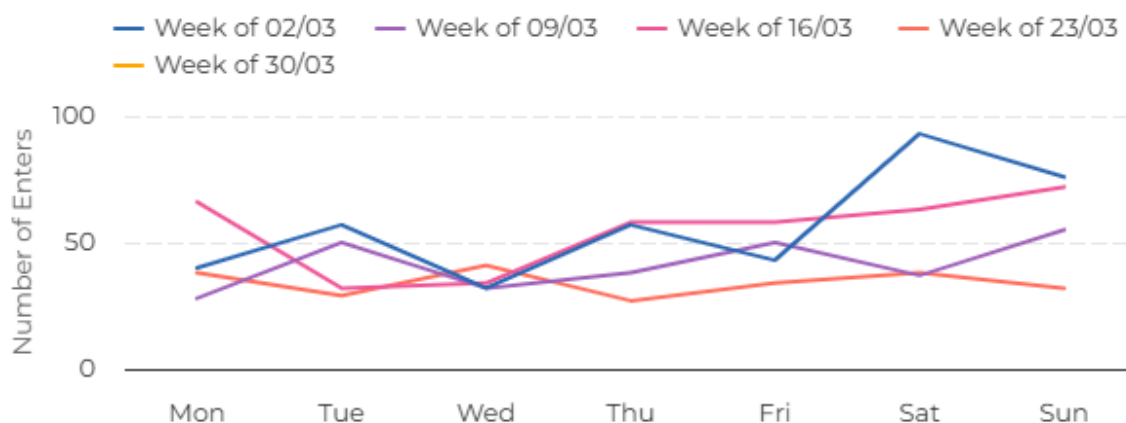
The isite is also offering free 2degrees Visitor SIM cards at the front counter. These SIMs help travellers get connected quickly, with simple prepay and travel-friendly options designed specifically for visitors. They're available at major tourist locations across the country, such as airports and other key tourism spots. Travellers can pick one up here and choose whichever plan suits them best once the SIM is activated. Both physical SIMs and eSIMs are available.

Key Monthly Statistics – March 2026

Activity	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	% difference (to Feb. 26)	Mar. 2025	% Difference (to Mar. 26)
Visitor enquiries	1502	1440	-4%	1518	-5.1%
Forest permits	157	153	-3%	193	-21%
Public toilet use	3100	980*	25%	3505	*
M/home power	6	5	-17%	15	-67%

* Male toilet door sensor fault providing inaccurate data

Weekly Foot Traffic (Enters)



3 **Community Activities**

Events completed in March

- **Central North Island Pipe Band Competition – Vale of Kawerau Pipe band Incorporated**
Saturday 7th – Prideaux Park
- **Canoe Slalom BOP North Island Champs**
Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th - Tarawera River
- **NZ Canoe Slalom Secondary School Champs and Nationals**
Saturday 28th – Monday 6th April - Firmin Field, Waterhouse Street Reserve

Events registered in April & May

- **Dog Agility Show**
Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Sunday 12th – Prideaux Park
- **ANZAC Day Dawn Parade and Ceremony**
Saturday 25th – Rautahi Marae
- **Whakatāne Bird Club Show**
Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th – Town Hall

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

Emergency Management Bill Group Submission

A Bay of Plenty Group submission was coordinated by James Jefferson, (Principal Advisor Emergency Management BOP) with Local Authority members. The submission was signed off by the Chair (Mayor Tunui) of the BOPCDEM Group Joint Committee, Appendix B.

Her Worship the Mayor of Kawerau, Faylene Tunui, delivered a verbal submission on behalf of the BOP Group to the Select Committee on Friday 27 February, covering three key points:

1. The role of Iwi as treaty partners in Emergency Management
2. The role of Local Authorities and Councils
3. Offshore islands and responsibilities

5 **Youth Projects**

Kawerau Youth Council (KYC) – Swearing in Ceremony 13 March

Approximately 25 individuals, including KYC delegates, Kawerau Council members, and their families attended the 2026 ceremony, at the KDC Council Chamber.

Nine Kawerau youth will form the Kawerau Youth Council in 2026, as follows:

- Ondre Mariu-Salmon
- Jayla Ruffell
- Blair Hudson
- Leon Shaw Rolinson
- Kingston Delamere-Thompson
- Zara Sutherland-Palmer
- Bridget Moulden
- Haruki A. Pitman Savage
- Ashante Hills

The last two rangatahi above were unable to attend the ceremony in person and will be sworn in later with Mayor Tunui.

On 27-29 March a KYC training weekend took place delivered and supported by John Rika, Majeau Rogers, Courtney Cox, Warwick Godfery and Councillor Julian. Previous KYC members also attended to support and participate in the activities.

Key objectives for the weekend:

- **Build Effective Relationships and Teamwork:** Through a series of collaborative activities, the youth members were encouraged to connect, communicate, and support each other, laying a strong foundation for future teamwork within the KYC.
- **Enhance Understanding of Community Roles:** The programme aimed to deepen the youths' understanding of their responsibilities as KYC members and their potential impact within the Kawerau community.
- **Inspire and Develop New Skills:** The weekend was designed to inspire the young participants and provide them with practical skills to enhance their capabilities and boost their confidence in decision-making and community engagement.
- **Understanding Roles as KYC Ambassadors:** Participants gained a clearer understanding of their responsibilities and the importance of representing the KYC and the youth of Kawerau effectively.
- **Learning the History of KYC:** Providing context and a sense of legacy, this session aimed to connect the current members with the past achievements and evolution of the Youth Council.
- **Developing Public Speaking Skills:** A significant focus was placed on building confidence in public speaking. Each youth member had the opportunity to stand before the group and deliver speeches, a vital skill for their ambassadorial roles.
- **Learning Event Planning and Organisation:** Equipping the members with foundational knowledge in event management, this session aimed to empower them to contribute effectively to future KYC initiatives and community events.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of March 2026 be received.



Lee Corbett Barton

Economic & Community Development Manager

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MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

March 2026

1 Communication


1.1 Community Pānui | Update

Two pānui | newsletters completed – 5 and 23 March

1.2 Significant Communications:

- 1.2.1 Includes: Weather Warnings, Kawerau Skate and Rec Space Design Workshop, Road closures around the Bay and Influx of users at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre
- 1.2.2 Council Operations and Services includes: Freedom camping at Firmin Lodge, Creative Communities Scheme, Council Meetings and Agenda, Council services available Tuesday 17 March, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre pools have heated up, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre transitions to winter hours, Residential Development Community Open Day and Council Consultation – Draft Kawerau District Plan Change 5

Council Communication Channels overview

Website  16,077 visits (increase). Top Page Visits: Homepage, Rates Property Search, Search Page, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, District Library and Meetings and Agendas

Social Media

 Facebook ▼ 2,475 visits ▼ 18,586 reach ▲ 6,355 followers	 Instagram ▼ 6 visits ▼ 64 reach ▲ 241 followers
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Top content: Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre temperature update, Influx of visitors to the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, District Plan Change 5 Consultation, Freedom Camping at Firmin Lodge, Heavy rain warning and Winter hours at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre.

1.3 Website Renewal Project

Project continuing with content renewal work at 85%. Implementation planning underway for online module for customers by mid-2026 including online forms.

1.4 **Economic Steering Group – Pathways to Prosperity**

Supporting steering group through next steps of development of a Kawerau centric strategy.

2 **Local Government Elections 2025**

Final debrief and key learnings planned at a regional meeting held for electoral and deputy electoral officers.

3 **Engagement**

3.1 **Annual Plan Mahere a Tau 2026-2027**

Consultation and engagement planned to support the Annual Plan 2026-27 with a variety of public meetings, community partner meetings, printed and online materials during the consultation period of 17 April to 18 May 2026.

3.2 **Kawerau Triennial Residents' Survey**

Planning well underway to implement the three-yearly Kawerau Residents' Survey via Hastings based research company SIL. Timeframe April to June 2026.

3.3 **Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) Strategy engagement**

Further work progressing on the Bay of Plenty regional strategy being developed with Sport Bay of Plenty as lead, Sport New Zealand and Territorial Authorities.

3.4 **Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

Communications to the 79 submitters underway.

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	23	1	29	53
Remaining Sections / Units	8	3 / 1		11
Units completed		2	29	31

	Central Cove	Hine Te Ariki / Bell Street	Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village	TOTAL
Units under construction			Completed	
Surplus/ (Deficit) to Date	730,230*	(597,995)		
<u>Breakeven</u>				
Sales still required to break-even	0	1	0	

**Exact surplus to be confirmed following recent settlement.*

4.1 **Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village**

Ongoing management and maintenance of the village and renewals of Right to Occupy. Project to complete the security (via cameras) is being scoped.

4.2 **Central Cove**

Three sections were settled in March 2026. Further house and land package sold with Generation Homes settling in August 2026.

4.3 **Duplex Build 53A Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki**

Listing and marketing of the three-bedroom unit at Bell Street underway. Marketing of potential two x two-bedroom units underway with Generation Homes for Hine Te Ariki sections.

4.4 **Stoneham Park Residential Development**

In March, Bay of Plenty Regional Council formally approved the earthworks consent and conditions, including the upstream bund. Further work is being undertaken on the bund design and consenting requirements which is underway. Also progressing is the detailed design of the engineering and civils required for stage one (29-lots) and the tree removal.

Iwi Liaison Meeting on 18 February supported Council's Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor to progress the proposal to re-name the development (as requested by the late Roy Stoneham's family that his name is not used for the development) and street names. The proposals will now be tabled with Tangata Whenua for feedback.

Successful Neighbours and Community Open Day on 25 March. Thank you to Mayor Tunui, Councillors, Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukaka Te Rire and staff who assisted. The '*Neighbours Update 25 March 2026*' delivered to 150-plus home following the event.

RECOMMENDATION

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



Tania Humberstone

Manager, Communications and Engagement | Residential Development

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