



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 11 March 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 - 6

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. 7 - 11

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

Recommendation

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

PART B – NON-REGULATORY

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

Pgs. 12 - 17

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

Recommendation

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

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

Pgs. 18 - 25

Attached is the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering Operations and Services activities for the month of February 2026.

Recommendation

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

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

Pgs. 26 - 42

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

Recommendation

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for month of February 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 February 2026.

Recommendation

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

12 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

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Chief Executive Officer

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| Meeting Date | Strategic Action | Operational Action | Comments | Status | Estimated Date |
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| | <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> | In Progress | April 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> | | |

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| | | | <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> | In Progress | May 2026 |
| 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>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 | Key timeline being finalised as part of the phase 2 of comms' plan in quarter 2 of 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 on 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 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. The R&S report for September and October 2025 indicated that there were zero overdue streetlight faults. The set target is to complete 90% of faults within 14 days and 10% of faults within 28 days. | In progress | Quarter 1 2026 |
| R&S 10.12.25 | | Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development 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. | <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. | In progress | May 2026 |
| R&S 11.02.26 | | Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services GMR&P to lift recommendations for a fenced off dog area to the Community Safety Committee. | A report will go to the Community Safety Committee. | In Progress | April 2026 |
| R&S 11.02.26 | | Monthly Report - Operations and Services GMO&S to report vandalism to the Community Safety Committee. | A report will go to the Community Safety Committee. | In Progress | April 2026 |

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OC: Ordinary Council
GMF&CS: GM, Finance & Corporate Services
C&EM: Communication & Engagement Manager

EC: Extraordinary Council
A&R: Audit & Risk Committee
GMO&S: GM, Operations & Services
ECMD: Economic & Community Development Manager

R&S: Regulatory & Services Committee
GMR&P: GM, Regulatory & Planning

Completed Items

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| 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>Youth Council Members and Sports BOP presented at a workshop on 13/08/2025, re: engagement in the community highlighting the need to develop the skate park, BMX track, basketball court, playground and Rec Centre site</p> <p>Staff have established a steering group, to further youth sector engagement and develop concept plans, in preparation for a feasibility study and funding plan.</p> <p>Waiata Song lessons have been scheduled into the Elected Member Briefings (Workshops) commencing April 2026 and will be supported by Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire and staff.</p> |
| OC 26.11.25 | <p>Iwi Liaison Committee Minutes</p> <p>CEO to provide a timetable of waiata song lessons to support Council's Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor in waiata.</p> | |
| R&S 10.12.25 | <p>Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services</p> <p>GMR&P to inform community re: legislation and safety measures for residential swimming pools.</p> <p>GMR&P to inform community re: leaving furniture on the kerbside and the cost to ratepayers if the owner cannot be identified and Council staff are required to dispose of the items.</p> | <p>An article has been scheduled to be published in the March Council Newsletter.</p> <p>An article was published in the February Council Newsletter.</p> |
| R&S 10.12.25 | <p>Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services</p> <p>GMF&CS to provide an update and feedback on the Pirate Murder Mystery evening.</p> <p>GMF&CS to find out whether a new RFS can be linked to a previous RFS from the same complainant, for the same issue.</p> <p>GMO&S to include in future reports, a breakdown priority list of tree removals and circulate the Street Tree Policy to Elected Members.</p> | <p>Feedback on the Pirate Murder Mystery evening is included in the R&S Monthly Finance and Corporate Services Report for December 2025 and January 2026.</p> <p>Feedback on the RFS linking of complaints is included in the R&S Monthly Finance and Corporate Services Report for December 2025 and January 2026</p> <p>Street Tree Policy was distributed to Elected Members. All SRs for Parks and Reserves including Trees will be reported to the Regulatory & Services Committee in the Finance and Corporate Services report and Operations and Services report.</p> |
| R&S 10.12.25 | <p>Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development</p> <p>CEO to follow up on who is putting in an application for the Wood Processing Growth Funds that would benefit our community.</p> <p>ECDM to add Rautahi Marae to the Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan.</p> | <p>CEO confirmed it was private information and was not at Council's discretion to share.</p> <p>ECDM added Rautahi Marae to the Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan.</p> |
| R&S 11.02.26 | <p>Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services</p> <p>GMR&P to remind the community about taking care of their dogs and include the relationships that Council has with different groups and organisations that can assist whānau family and specialise in education of dog ownership.</p> <p>GMR&P to inform community of the new legislation for Granny flats.</p> | <p>An article was published in the February Council Newsletter.</p> <p>An article was published in the February Council Newsletter.</p> |

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| R&S 11.02.26 | Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services GMF&CS to include Internal loans to item 6 - Loans. | The internal loans was included in the R&S Monthly Finance and Corporate Services Report for February 2026 |
| R&S 11.02.26 | Monthly Report - Operations and Services GMO&S to provide a list of specialist and qualified companies, Council uses for heating the pools. GMO&S to seek Elected Members support if required when engaging with BOP Regional Council on the water resource consent. GMO&S to provide appropriate operational polices to Elected Members at an upcoming Briefing | An article was published in the February Council Newsletter. The list of companies are: Greens Contracting, Barham United Drilling, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Wallace Heating, WorkSafe New Zealand, and Mercury Support from Elected Members noted. A link to Council's Operational Policies was sent to Elected Members on Wednesday 4 March. |

MONTHLY REPORT REGULATORY & PLANNING SERVICES

February 2026

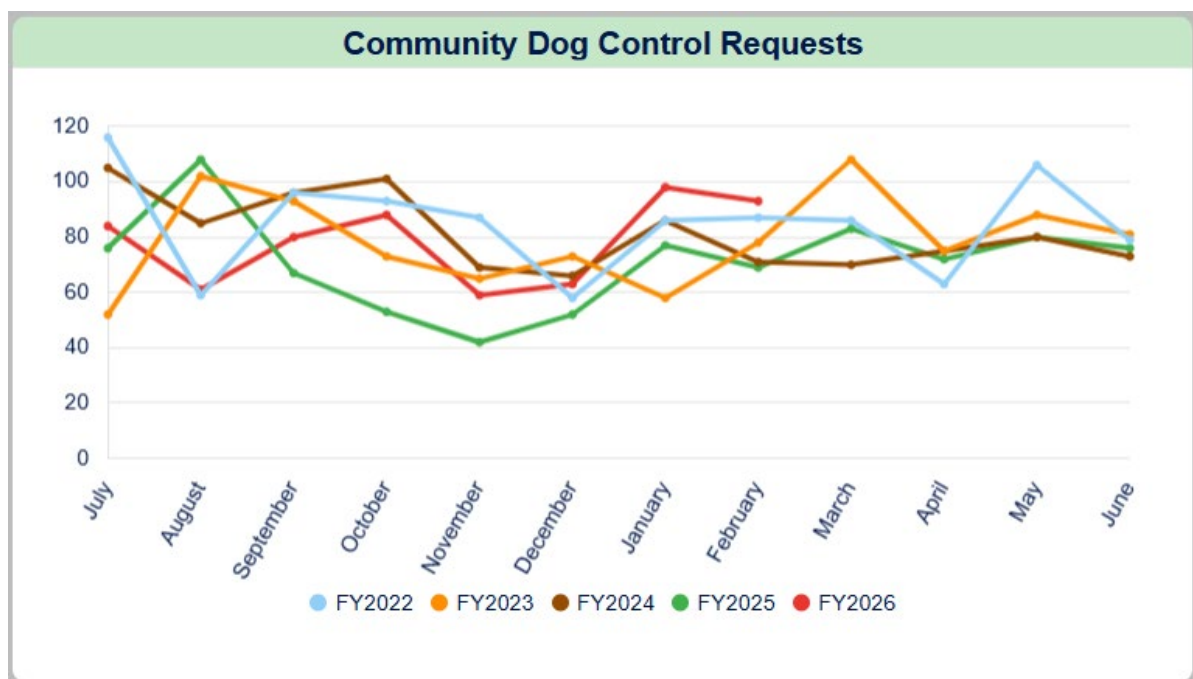
1 Animal Control

1.1 Dog Registration

At 28 February 2026, there are 1,262 dogs registered of the 1,328 dogs listed on the dog register for 2025/2026. This represents 95% of known dogs.

1.2 Dog Control - Ranging, Complaints and Incidents

One hundred and four (104) service requests were received in February 2026.



A total of eighty-seven (87) statutory occurrences (barking, roaming, attacks, general complaints, lost dogs) were attended by Council staff over this period. These related largely to complaints of barking (15), roaming (55), rushes (7) and attacks on an animal (2).

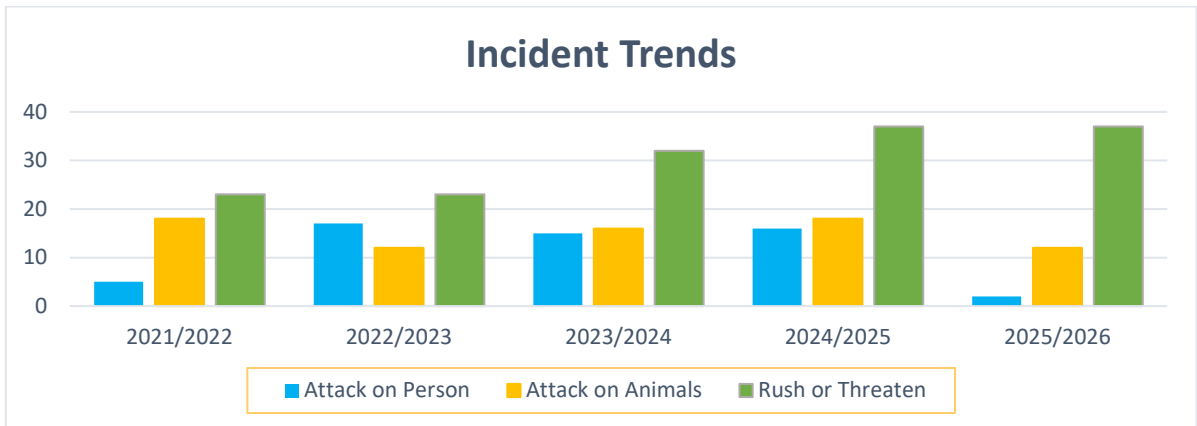
Of the reported roaming complaints, twenty-two (22) dogs were located.

The two attacks on an animal resulted in two of the three offending dogs being located.

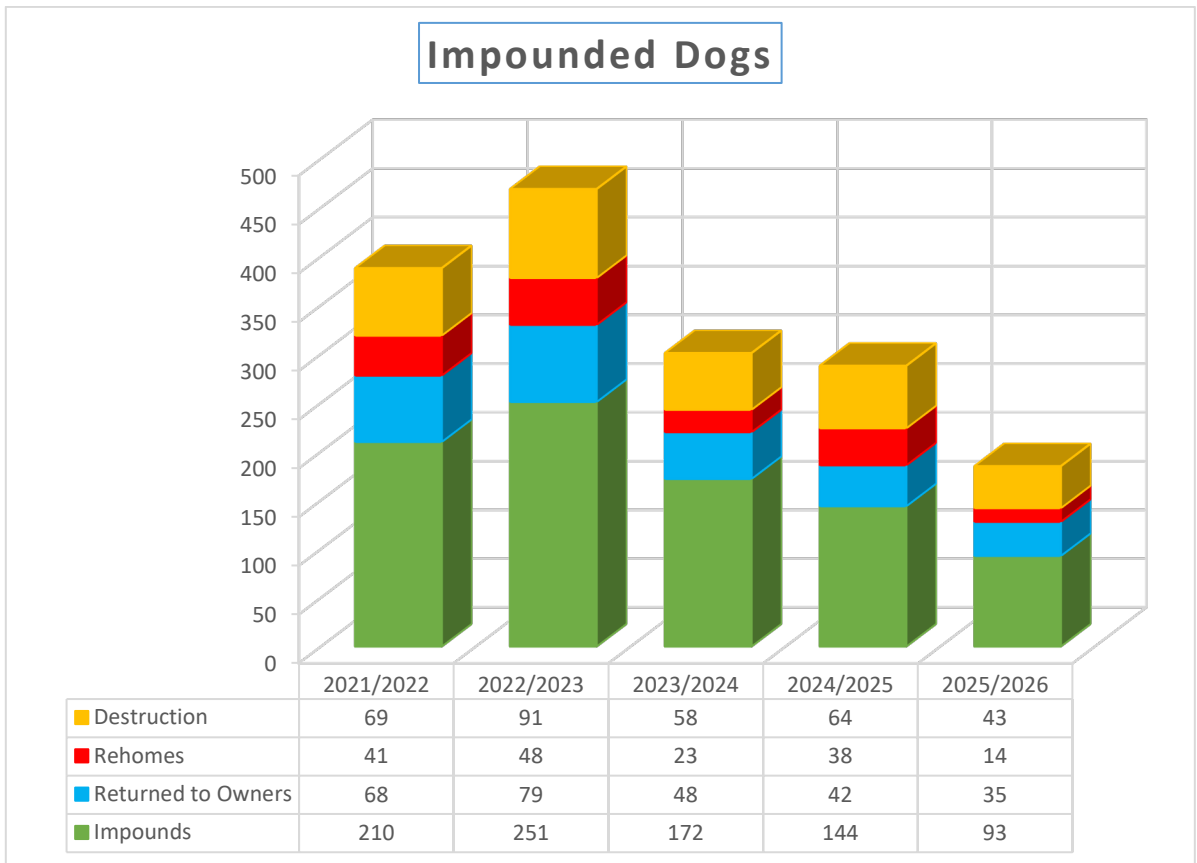
- One attack related to a small dog which was attacked and killed by a larger dog. Breed of dog unknown and has not been located.
- The second attack related to two roaming dogs attacking a small dog. Dog sustained no injuries, but the owner received several large scratches on leg from holding her dog away from the attacking dogs. The two roaming dogs have been impounded.

The seven rush incidents were attended and resulted as follows:

- Anonymous caller advised of dog rush on child – while attended neither the dog or child were located.
- One dog rushed a person on a bike – offending dog located and owner securing their fence to ensure it does not happen again.
- One person’s dog was rushed by a roaming dog, dog scared off after being hit by cane. Owner of dog located, and the matter is still being resolved.
- The same person’s dog (as directly above) was rushed a second time by three dogs. Owner believed to be known but still working through the details.
- Two other small dogs were rushed by roaming dog in separate incidents. One dog was not located and the second incident there was insufficient detail to make further enquiries.

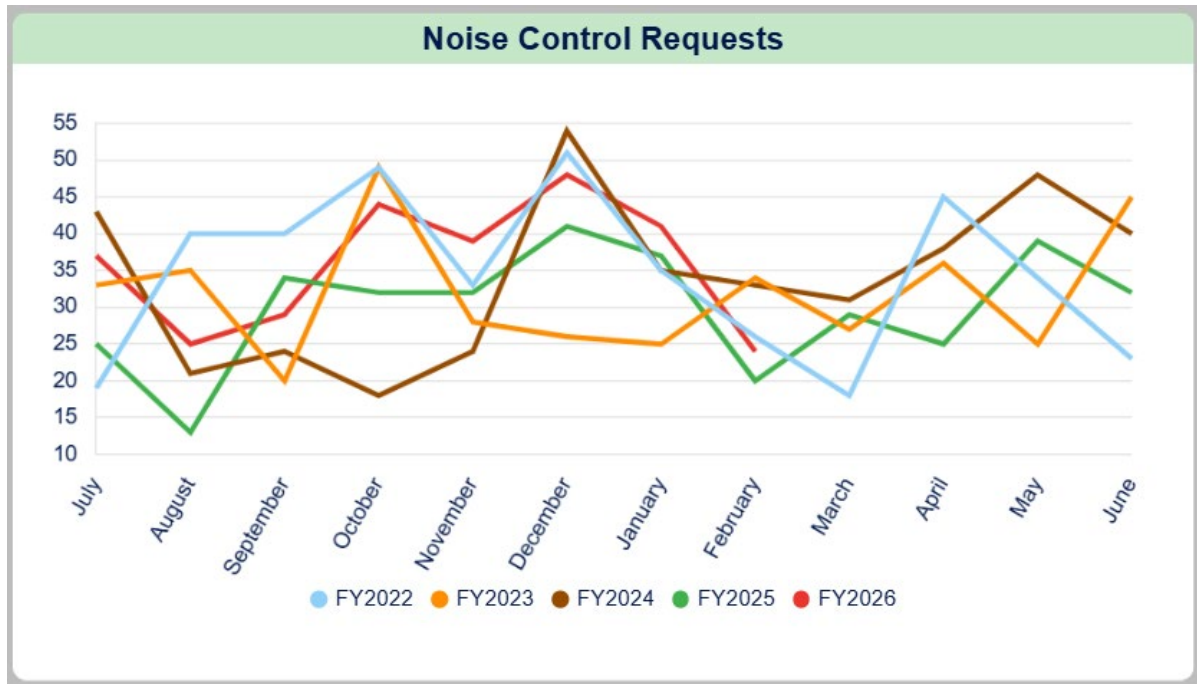


During the same period a total of sixteen (16) dogs were impounded, ten (10) dogs were returned to owners, and one (1) dog was destroyed.



2 Monitoring and Compliance

There were a total of twenty four (24) noise complaints in February 2026, with two (2) found to be excessive with both being served with excessive noise notices.



3 Alcohol Regulation

During the February the following applications were approved:

- One (1) special licence was issued for the Kawerau Bowling Club
- One (1) manager's licence renewal was approved.

One (1) alcohol inspection was completed in February 2026.

One complaint received regarding a licensed premises with enquiries ongoing.

4 Food Safety and Premises

One (1) National Programme renewal received (Caymans Sports Bar).

Two (2) Food Control Plan verifications completed with both found to be acceptable.

5 Environmental Health

Two environmental health complaints were received relating to unkempt properties, which owners dealt with quickly.

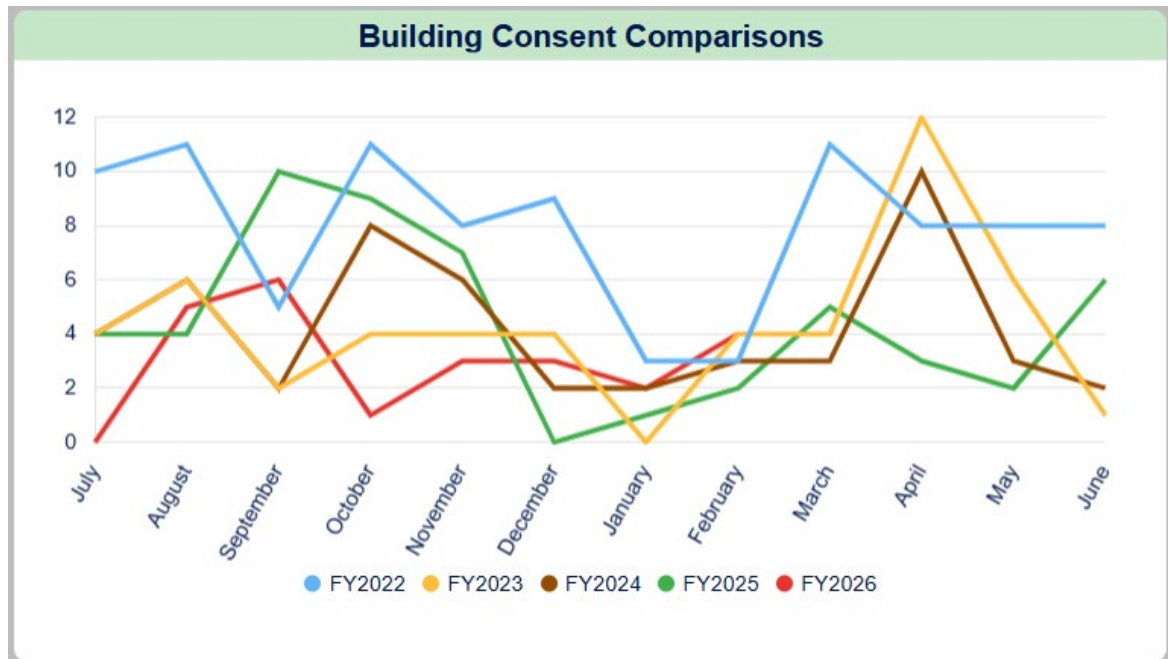
6 Building Control

6.1 Building Consent Authority (BCA)

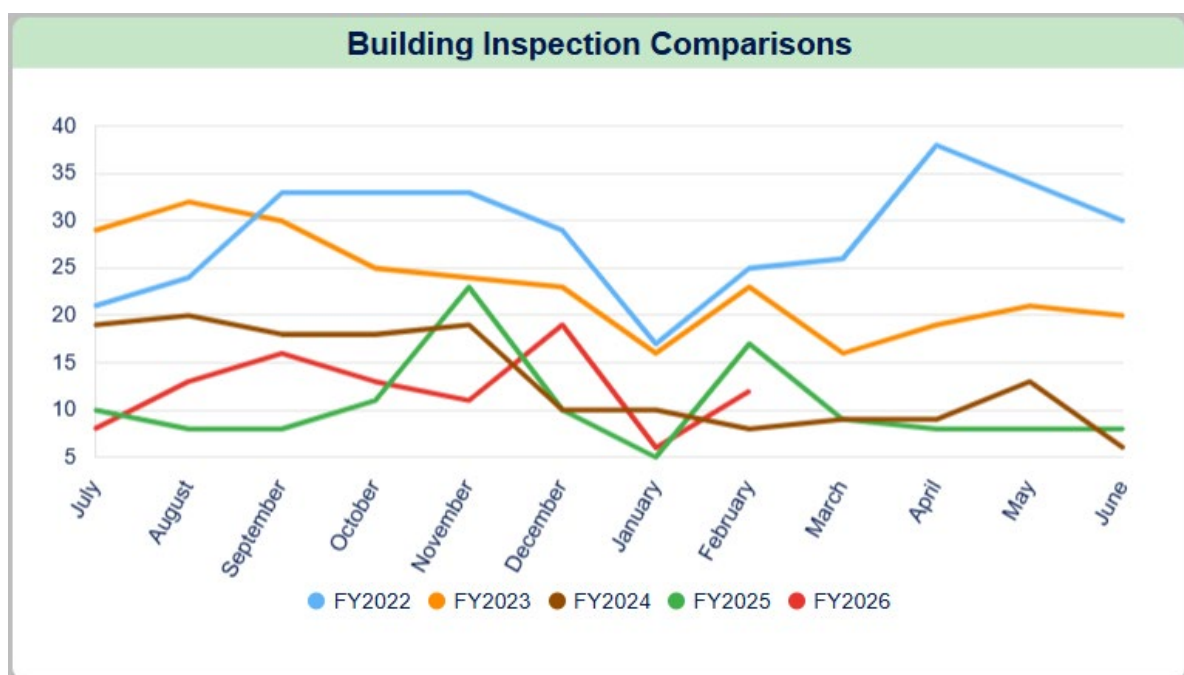
Four (4) building consents were issued in February 2026. The total value of the building consents was \$28,500.

The types of building work for the month included:

- 2 x Solid Fuel Heater
- 1 x Wet Area Shower
- 1 x Insert Fire



One (1) code compliance certificate was issued and twelve (12) building inspections were completed.



The Building Consent Authority ('BCA') is working through the clearances for the IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand) which will be completed by March 2026.

6.2 Territorial Authority

Thirteen (9) Land Information Memorandum ('LIM') reports were issued during February 2026. In the 8 months of this year, we have completed one less LIM than completed in the full previous financial year.

No Building Warrant of Fitness checks were completed in February 2026.

Council's Senior Building Officer is assisting Rotorua Lakes Council with processing building applications while they are short staffed. KDC functions are still being prioritised, but this offers an opportunity to bring in some additional income for Council while supporting its Senior Building Officer in maintaining their competency.

7 **District Plan**

7.1 District Plan Review

The draft District Plan Change 5 is being prepared for Council consideration in March 2026. The plan change relates to 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.

7.2 Resource Consents

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

RECOMMENDATION

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



Michaela Glaspey

Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning

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| MONTHLY REPORT FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES |
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February 2026

1 Library and Museum

1.1 Library

February was steady with a craft session for Valentines Day and a visit to the Mountain View Rest Home. Book Club also resumed for the year. Health and Safety has been a focus with an increase in disturbing customer behaviour.

An agreement to host a Digi-coach for 13 weeks along with other Bay of Plenty Libraries will begin in March. This is a project with Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa and the Ministry of Social Development to grow digital skills across New Zealand communities. A local person will be selected as the Digi-coach with interviews held in February, which is to be followed by project training with the goal to begin in mid-March at the Library. The Digi-coach will work 20 hours a week at the Library to assist customers with digital queries. This is funded by the two project partners.

The displays for February were Waitangi Day, Love Your Library and Purple Poppy Day.

Library Statistics

| | February 2026 | YTD 2025/26 | February 2025 | YTD 2024/25 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Items issued | 2,836 | 24,014 | 3,251 | 25,801 |
| People visiting | 3,817 | 35,468 | 3,504 | 32,679 |
| New members | 12 | 129 | 16 | 127 |
| Active members* | 1,297 | | 1,304 | |

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

1.2 Museum

The Museum team have been mainly working on Vernon loading and upcoming exhibitions. The target for the number of exhibitions each year is six, which is on target to be achieved. The key target for Vernon loading is for 200 Objects to be processed and this is anticipated to be achieved by 30 June 2026.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Statistics

| | February 2026 | YTD 2025/26 | February 2025 | YTD 2024/25 |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Exhibitions | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 |

| Vernon Records | February 2026 | YTD 2025/26 | February 2025 | YTD 2024/25 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Objects – items added to collection | 23 | 146 | 8 | 178 |
| People | 37 | 587 | 64 | 387 |
| Documents | 72 | 431 | 66 | 350 |
| Photographs | 74 | 513 | 39 | 622 |

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 February was 28.9° and the highest temperature for the month was 33.5° recorded on 1 February 2026.

The accumulated sunshine hours for February was a total of 209 hours and 30 minutes, with the sunniest day being 12 hours and 48 minutes of sunshine which was recorded on 5 February. The Appendix to this report shows a combined graph of the temperatures and sunshine data collected for February.

The rainfall for January was 266 mm. The total rainfall for the 2025 calendar year was 2,294 mm. The rainfall data is reported a month behind due to the timing to data being available.

3 Payments

There were five payments in February 2026, which exceeded \$50,000.

- Inland Revenue Department (2 invoices) - \$173,259.63 - PAYE for Fortnights ending 25/01/2026 and 08/02/2026.
- Draintech 2018 Limited (3 invoices) – Total of \$684,524.68 – Two invoices were for Zone 5 & 6 Progress Claims 9 and 10 for \$406,420.43 and \$195,993.34 respectively, both coded to 403001.01 Pipework. One invoice was for final contract work Zone 2 (Claim 14) for \$82,110.91 coded to 403001.02 Pipework Zone 2.
- HEB Construction Limited – One invoice for \$68,101.65 for Roding Pavement Treatment (hotmix) coded to 402515.04 Pavement Treatment
- Toyota New Zealand – One invoice of \$57,227.60 for scheduled Motor Vehicle replacement.
- Waste Management (2 invoices) – Total of \$86,455.22 for general waste and recycling for January 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 February and identifies if they have been completed or are still being progressed by the end of the month.

| Service | Total | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| | Completed | In Progress |
| Dogs | 75 | 18 |
| Noise | 17 | 7 |
| Building Enquiries | 8 | 2 |
| Parks & Reserves | 21 | 14 |
| Trees | 15 | 2 |
| Rubbish (Bins & Collections) | 47 | 4 |
| Water | 8 | 1 |
| Wastewater | 1 | 1 |
| Stormwater | 0 | 0 |
| Roading/ Streetlights | 22 | 4 |
| Enforcement/Health/Food/Stock | 5 | 4 |
| Council Buildings/Facilities – Maint. | 18 | 0 |
| Other (Events/Consents/Rates/Vandalism) | 10 | 5 |
| Official Information Requests | 5 | 2 |
| Total | 252 | 64 |

* Of the 4 Roothing requests in progress – 2 have been referred to the External Contractor for the maintenance of Street Lighting.

For February, 42 requests came via the website/emails and 29 via Antenno. The balance of requests came from phone calls or visits.

5 Funds

The following funds were held at 28 February 2026:

| Invested in | \$ | Interest Rate | % External |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ANZ – on call | 632 | 0.55% | 0.02% |
| BNZ – current & on-call | 3,900,601 | 1.55% | 99.39% |
| Rabobank (on-call) | 23,287 | 1.30% | 0.59% |
| Total Funds (Cash) | 3,924,520 | | 100.0% |
| Internal Loans | 1,398,313 | | |
| Total Investments | 5,322,833 | | |

The following table shows Council's reserve and general funds balances as at 28 February 2026:

| | February 2026 | February 2025 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Reserve Balances | | |
| Depreciation Reserve Funds* | \$4,948,927 | \$5,057,077 |
| Total Reserve Balances | \$4,948,927 | \$5,057,077 |
| General Funds | \$373,906 | \$1,205,545 |
| Total (comprising funds & internal loans) | \$5,322,833 | \$6,262,621 |

* This includes loan funds uplifted.

Overall, the figures show that Council has \$5,322,833 funds as at 28 February 2026, which is consistent with the total fund levels in 2023 and 2024, as illustrated in the appendix graphs. The opening cash funds for the 2025/26 year were \$540k lower than the prior year, which has been reflected in lower general funds throughout the 2025/26 financial year. The variable timings and amounts of revenue and expenditure, as well as total rates debtors impact the general funds cashflows throughout the year. The timing of capital and renewal expenditure is reflected in movements in the Depreciation Reserve Funds.

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 28 February 2026 Council has utilised \$1,398,313 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 @ 28 Feb 2026 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Pool Upgrade Loan (Main Pool Upgrade) | \$140,000 | 2003 | 2028 | \$22,665 |
| Museum Building Loan (Storage facility) | \$480,000 | 2015 | 2042 | \$363,730 |
| Pool Changing Loan (new changing room) | \$450,000 | 2016 | 2041 | \$324,025 |
| Firmin Lodge Loan (Lodge rebuild) | \$950,000 | 2016 | 2041 | \$687,893 |
| | | | | \$1,398,313 |

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 February 2026, be received.

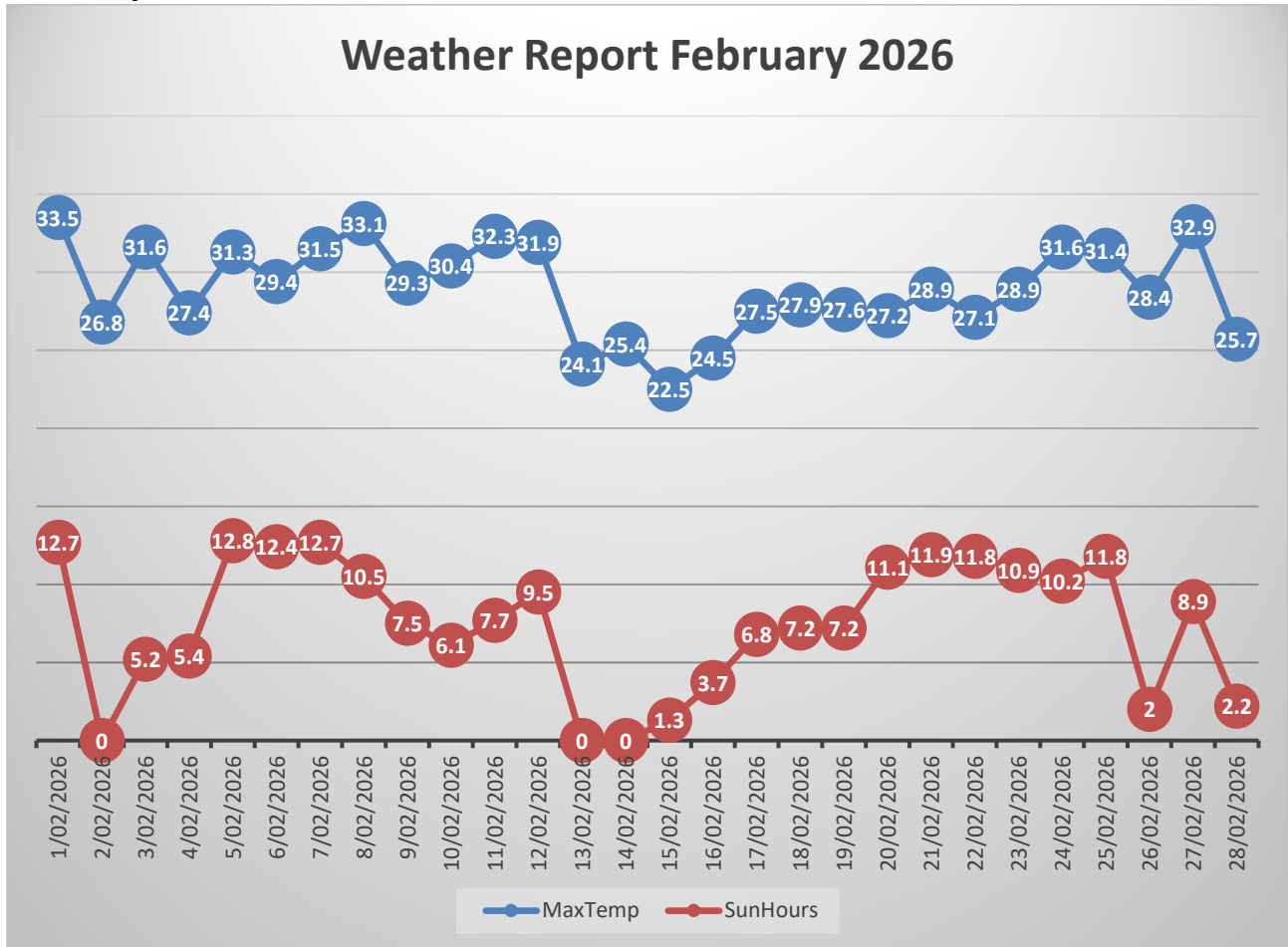


Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS

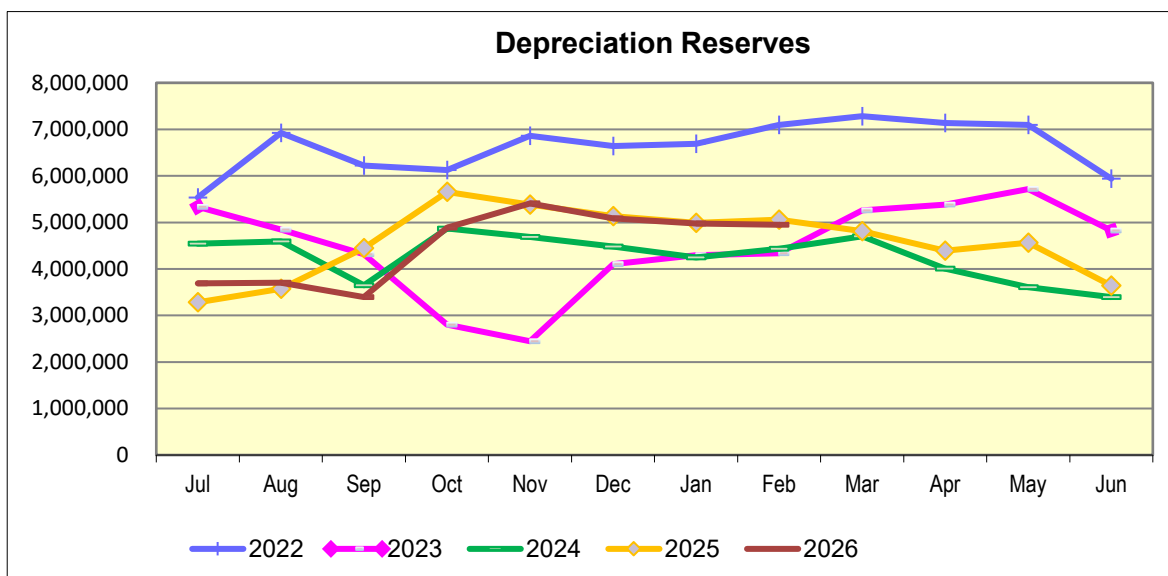
Group Manager, Finance & Corporate Services

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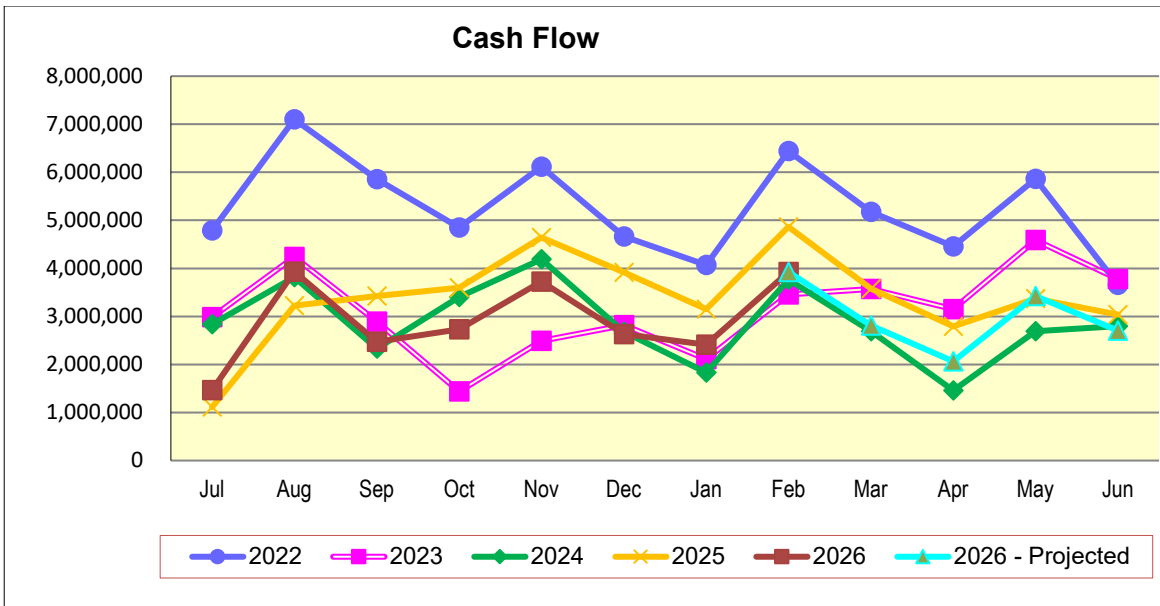
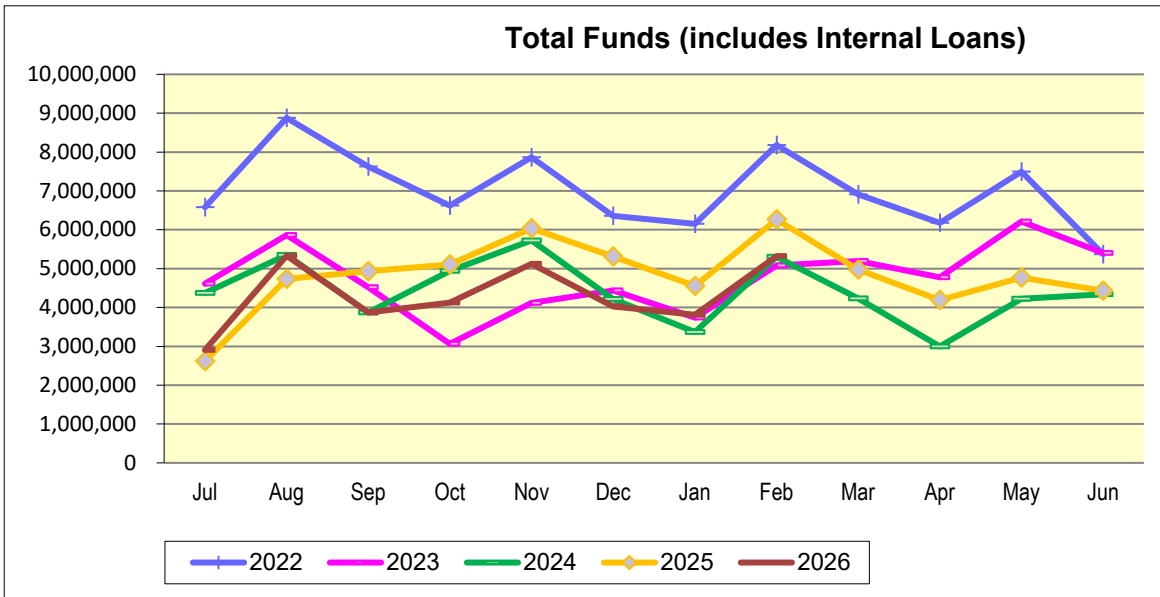
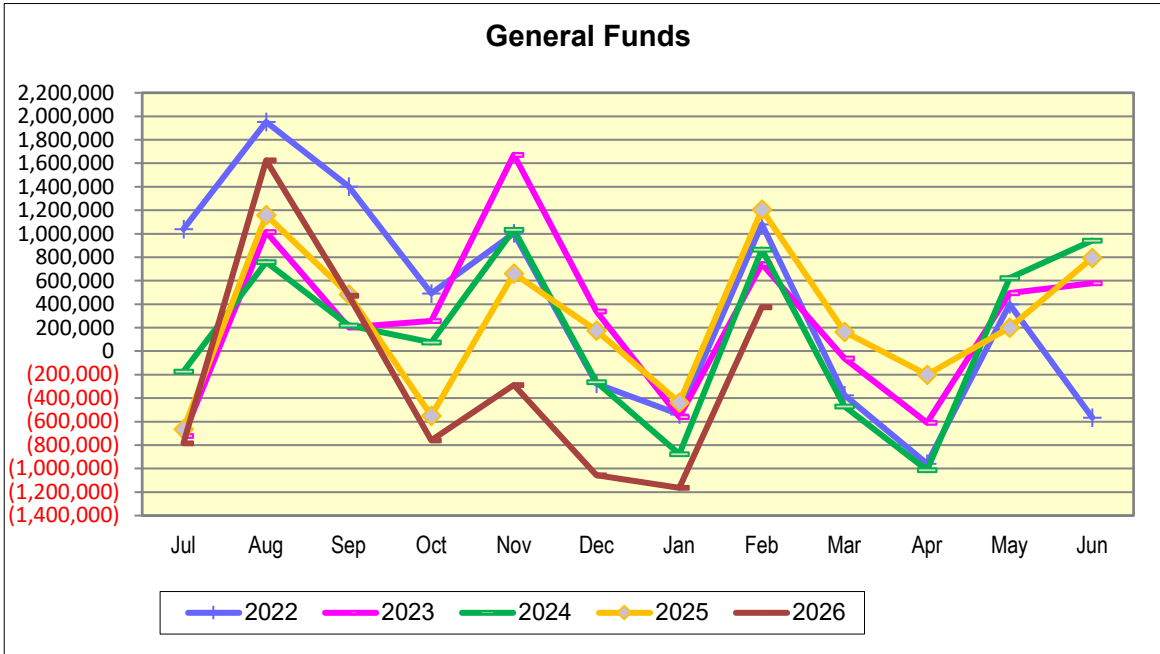
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February 2026 – Financial Data



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

February 2026

1 Water Supply

Umukaraka Spring has been fully developed, and all the necessary telemetry and infrastructure is in place.

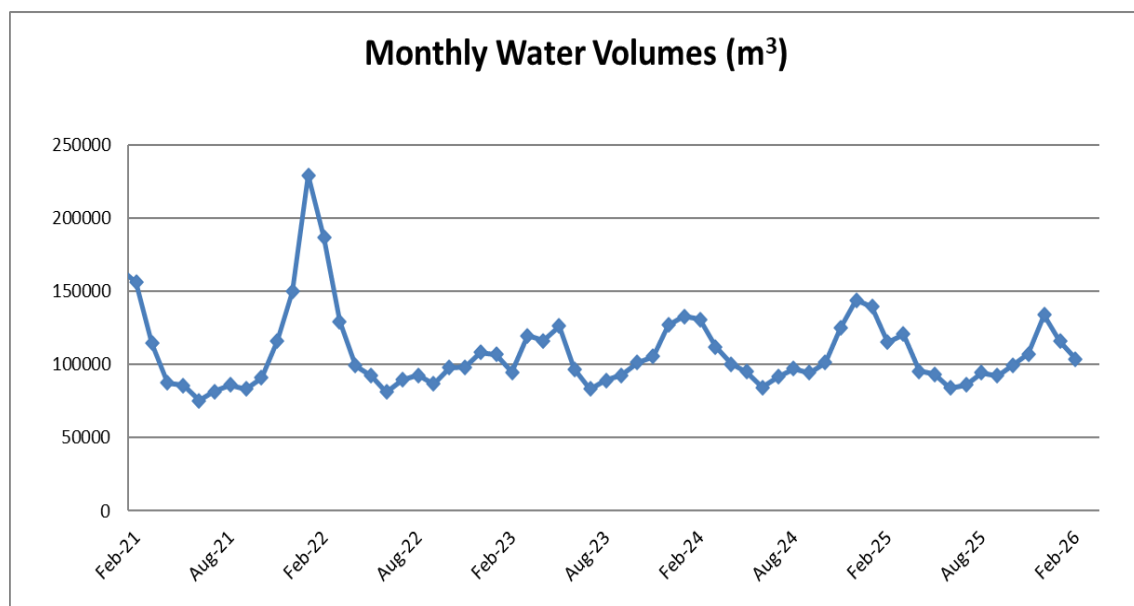
The council staff have updated and prepared the water source consent application to secure long-term approval for the sustainable use of these water sources. Umukaraka Spring has been removed from the current water take consent application and will be applied for once contractual approval is received from the landowners.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council has issued draft conditions for Pumphouse Spring and Tarawera Bores, which remain under review.

The existing water consent for extraction from the Tarawera bores will expire in October 2026. Since the application was submitted in 2025, KDC can continue using the bores legally after October 2026 while BOPRC undertake their actions to process the replacement consent. This ensures no gap in the potable water supply. The draft conditions currently under review (for Pumphouse Spring and Tarawera bores) align with this ongoing process.

1.1 Use

The district consumed 103,748 m³ in February 2026. The graph below shows the monthly water volume used (in m³) over the past five years for reference.

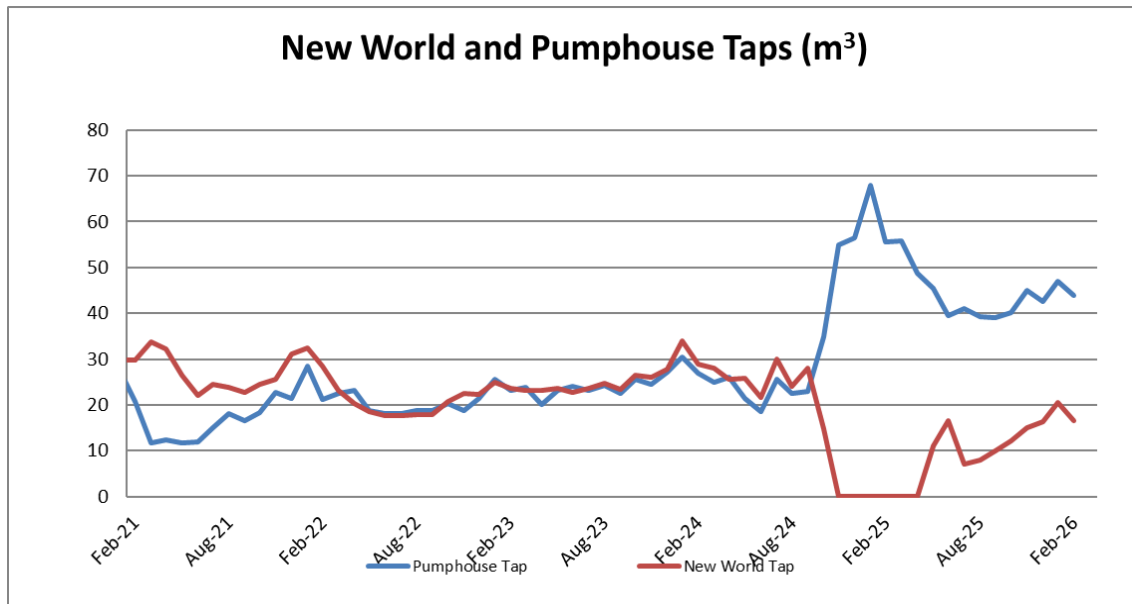


The recorded water consumption for the New World car park was 16.5 m³ in December 2025 and 44 m³ in February 2026.

Pumphouse Taps at the Kawerau District Council water treatment plant provide the community with access to unchlorinated, 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 shopping centre car park, provide unchlorinated drinking water integrated into the district's potable water system, ensuring effective chlorine removal through advanced filtration.

The graph below 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.

One dirty water complaint was received. Investigation confirmed the issue was isolated to the resident's internal plumbing, as the garden tap, other indoor taps, and the nearest hydrant were all clear.

One odour complaint was received. Investigation confirmed the issue was isolated to the resident's plumbing in the laundry area. Water quality at their taps and the nearest hydrant met all standards.

No low-pressure complaints were received in February 2026.

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.

- Zone 5
All properties in Zone 5 are now connected to the new line, and 100% of reinstatement works has been completed.

- Zone 6

Drilling along Spencer Avenue and Tamarangi Drive (from Islington Street up until Spencer Avenue, from the Depot until Manukorihi, Manukorihi and Paora) has now been completed. As at the end of February, a total of 8,700 metres of drilling has been completed, with approximately 4,000 metres drilled through rock.

In January 2026, a drill shot walkover was carried out along Manukorihi Drive and Paora Street, including the section crossing the State Highway intersection, to verify ground conditions ahead of the next stage of works. A Traffic Management Plan variation may be required at the State Highway intersection, and Draintech will engage with NZTA as needed.

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. Scoping and tenders are being prepared for the identified renewals.

The tender for the replacement of two wastewater lines along Onslow Street closed on 19 December 2025. There were two submissions received. These tender submissions are currently being evaluated.

3 Stormwater

No stormwater complaints were received in February 2026.

One cesspit on Glasgow Street was cleared following heavy rainfall.

4 Roading and Facilities

Renewals and maintenance have been undertaken throughout the district.

- Service Requests - The road maintenance team is actively engaged in various maintenance activities, including pothole repairs, footpath upkeep, and servicing streetlights and street signs. In February, a total of 26 service requests (SRs) were reported across all categories. Of these, 22 requests have been completed, while 4 are still in progress.
- Additionally, there were 30 requests pending when the last monthly report was prepared. Of these, 28 requests have been completed, and 2 requests remain in progress.
- Road Marking – In January, road marking work was performed on several roads and car parks: Glasgow Street, Fletcher Avenue, River Road (from Cobham Drive to Beattie Road), Firmin Lodge car park, and Tarawera Sports Club car park.

- Hardie Avenue Ground Water Project – The investigation was conducted over the past year, and the final report has been submitted by EDC (Engineering Design Consultants). The main finding of the investigation is that new subsoil drainage is needed for Hardie Ave. Engineers have prepared the estimates and plan to issue a tender in March for the project's implementation.

5 Facilities

The facilities team has received 18 service requests, all of which have been completed.

6 Street Light Maintenance and Renewals

Maintenance: In February, 6 streetlight service requests were reported. Of these, 4 requests have been completed, while 2 are still in progress.

Additionally, during the last monthly report, there were 23 pending streetlight requests. Of these, 21 requests have been completed, and 2 requests regarding network faults are still being addressed. The following table summarises the streetlight requests from the past three months.

| Streetlight Service Requests in December, January and February | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| No | SR ID# | Date Reported | Date Completed | Days Taken | Current Status |
| 1 | SR.5691 | 5/12/2025 | 10/12/2025 | 4 | Completed |
| 2 | SR.5803 | 15/12/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 3 | Completed |
| 3 | SR.5804 | 15/12/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 3 | Completed |
| 4 | SR.5806 | 15/12/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 3 | Completed |
| 5 | SR.5811 | 15/12/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 3 | Completed |
| 6 | SR.5829 | 16/12/2025 | 17/12/2025 | 2 | Completed |
| 7 | SR.5833 | 16/12/2025 | 9/01/2026 | 11 | Completed |
| 8 | SR.5840 | 16/12/2025 | 9/01/2026 | 11 | Completed |
| 9 | SR.5843 | 16/12/2025 | 9/01/2026 | 11 | Completed |
| 10 | SR.5903 | 22/12/2025 | 9/01/2026 | 7 | Completed |
| 11 | SR.6010 | 9/01/2026 | 9/01/2026 | 1 | Completed |
| 12 | SR.6097 | 15/01/2026 | 22/01/2026 | 6 | Completed |
| 14 | SR.6100 | 15/01/2026 | 22/01/2026 | 6 | Completed |
| 15 | SR.6101 | 15/01/2026 | 28/01/2026 | 10 | In Progress |
| 16 | SR.6105 | 15/01/2026 | 22/01/2026 | 6 | Completed |
| 17 | SR.6107 | 15/01/2026 | 28/01/2026 | 10 | In Progress |
| 19 | SR.6109 | 15/01/2026 | 28/01/2026 | 10 | In Progress |
| 20 | SR.6110 | 15/01/2026 | 28/01/2026 | 10 | In Progress |
| 21 | SR.6111 | 15/01/2026 | 21/01/2026 | 6 | Completed |
| 22 | SR.6258 | 29/01/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 6 | In Progress |
| 23 | SR.6259 | 29/01/2026 | | | In Progress – Network fault |
| 24 | SR.6260 | 29/01/2026 | 16/02/2026 | 12 | In Progress |

| Streetlight Service Requests in December, January and February | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| No | SR ID# | Date Reported | Date Completed | Days Taken | Current Status |
| 25 | SR.6261 | 29/01/2026 | 16/02/2026 | 12 | In Progress |
| 26 | SR.6262 | 29/01/2026 | 16/02/2026 | 12 | In Progress |
| 27 | SR.6263 | 29/01/2026 | 16/02/2026 | 12 | In Progress |
| 28 | SR.6264 | 29/01/2026 | 16/02/2026 | 12 | In Progress |
| 29 | SR.6265 | 29/01/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 6 | In Progress |
| 30 | SR.6266 | 29/01/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 6 | In Progress |
| 31 | SR.6267 | 29/01/2026 | 23/02/2026 | 17 | In Progress |
| 32 | SR.6268 | 29/01/2026 | | | In Progress Network fault |
| 33 | SR.6269 | 29/01/2026 | 19/02/2026 | 15 | In Progress |
| 34 | SR.6270 | 29/01/2026 | 5/02/2025 | 6 | In Progress |
| 35 | SR.6271 | 29/01/2026 | 19/02/2026 | 15 | In Progress |
| 36 | SR.6272 | 29/01/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 6 | In Progress |
| 37 | SR.6273 | 29/01/2026 | 19/02/2026 | 15 | In Progress |
| 38 | SR.6274 | 29/01/2026 | 23/02/2026 | 17 | In Progress |
| 39 | SR.6347 | 5/02/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 1 | Completed |
| 40 | SR.6351 | 5/02/2026 | 5/02/2026 | 1 | Completed |
| 41 | SR.6491 | 17/02/2026 | | | In Progress |
| 42 | SR.6505 | 17/02/2026 | 19/02/2026 | 3 | Completed |
| 43 | SR.6564 | 23/02/2026 | 26/02/2026 | 4 | Completed |
| 44 | SR.6568 | 23/02/2026 | | | In Progress |

7 Parks and Reserves

The garden 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
- Street tree maintenance of trees that affect overhead lines
- Leaf blowing and vacuuming across the district
- Annual bed maintenance and Irrigation
- Blackberry spraying at the detention basins
- Leaf Blowing throughout the town centre

8 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: After heavy rainfall in December and January, the geothermal well began experiencing issues. Efforts are currently underway to clear any blockages and restore the borehole. Staff are collaborating closely with experts including experienced contractors, the regulators at BOPRC, and operations staff local geothermal power stations, to determine the root cause of the well failure and to develop appropriate solutions. Since January 22, 2026, the pools have cooled and are now operating at ambient temperature.

It is suspected that the bore is currently blocked in the sleeved zone, and it is planned to be cleared, with work expected to start on Monday, 9th March 2026.

9 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 February period:

- 3.82 tonnes of cardboard and paper
- 2.66 tonnes mixed recycling
- 6.18 tonnes of metal
- 40.3 tonnes of timber
- 1 tonne of rubber

10 Vandalism

Repair work was necessary at the Firmin Field toilet block due to vandalism, resulting in a cost of \$696 to replace broken toilet seats.

Graffiti removal was required at several locations, including the Skatepark, Kirk Crescent, Robinson Street, Valley Road, and near the Presbyterian Church, for a total of \$12,310.

Bollards were vandalised at Waterhouse Street Reserve and Boyce Park, with repair costs amounting to approximately \$400.

In summary, the total cost attributed to vandalism during this reporting period was approximately \$13,400.

11 Maintenance, Projects & Schedule

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

12 RECOMMENDATION

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



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

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Project Schedule - Feb 2026

| Activity | GL Code | Project | BUDGET | Actual | Remaining | % | Comments |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| 'Subsidised Rooding Expenditure | 402515 001 | Kerb Replacement | \$84,000 | \$69,500 | \$14,500 | 83% | 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 | \$61,500 | \$15,200 | 80% | 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% | Target 4th Quarter of FY26 |
| Non-Subsidised Transport Maneg | 402516 001 | Reseal Carpark | \$54,698 | \$10,000 | \$44,698 | 18% | Work Completed - Invoice stage |
| AR Water | 403001 | Pipework Zone 1 | \$2,000,000 | \$1,492,000 | \$508,000 | 75% | Execution Phase |
| AR Water | 403001 002 | Pipework Zone 2 | \$240,417 | \$50,000 | \$190,417 | 21% | Execution Phase |
| AR Water | 403001 007 | Refurbish Pump | \$30,000 | \$2,361 | \$27,639 | 8% | Execution Phase |
| AR Wastewater | 403520 002 | Pipework Zone 1 | \$1,621,000 | \$28,511 | \$1,592,489 | 2% | Tender Phase |
| 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 | | | \$5,705,960 | \$2,513,219 | \$3,192,741 | 44% | |

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| MONTHLY REPORT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT |
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February 2026

1 Economic Development (ED)

Green Hydrogen – Hiringa

A business proposal is in progress to explore the introduction of a green hydrogen refuelling facility to the Kawerau District. Staff have facilitated discussions within the business sector of Kawerau to explore the feasibility of a transition of forestry haulage vehicles to a 50/50 (diesel/hydrogen) engine system.

The Hiringa mission is to unlock the power of green hydrogen for customers and partners to decarbonise. They do this by building an accessible, reliable, safe, and commercially sustainable green hydrogen supply chain.

Hiringa has opened a Bay of Plenty facility recently in Tauriko and on 17 March are providing a ‘*Behind the Fence*’ site tour of the facility. Any elected members interested in attending are invited to express their interest with KDC governance support staff, who will coordinate a site visit.

Additional information regarding Hiringa can be provided to elected members on request.

Mayors TaskForce for Jobs (MTFJ)

A report is included as Appendix A from the MTFJ Coordinator, covering the months of July 2025 – February 2026.

2 Kawerau isite Visitor Information Centre

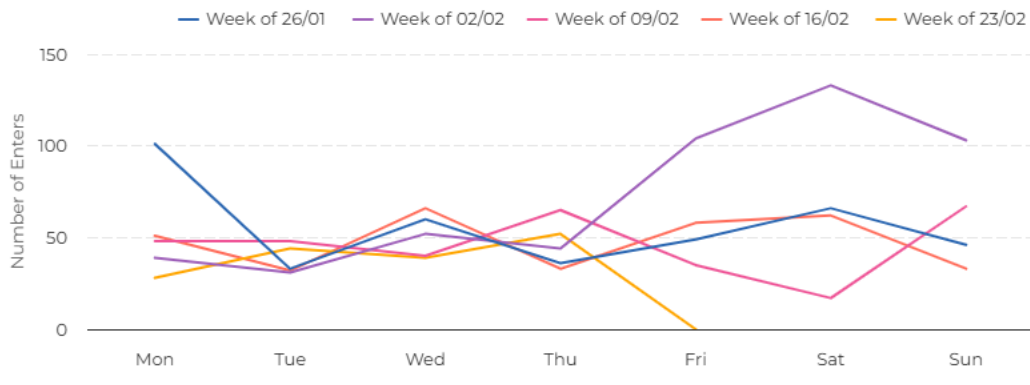
The Intercity bus services between Gisborne and Auckland are currently operating on a temporary timetable every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday until 31 March. As part of this change, the Rotorua Airport and Edgecumbe stops have been removed.

This adjusted schedule has been implemented following last month’s closure of the Waioweka Gorge due to multiple slips. The Kawerau isite will be updated with any changes regularly as work progresses.

Key Monthly Statistics – February 2026

| Activity | Jan. 2026 | Feb. 2026 | % difference (to Jan. 26) | Feb. 2025 | % Difference (to Jan. 26) |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Visitor enquiries | 1974 | 1502 | -27% | 1451 | 4% |
| Forest permits | 245 | 157 | -36% | 142 | 11% |
| Public toilet use | 2480 | 3100 | 25% | 3505 | -11% |
| M/home power | 6 | 6 | 0% | 9 | -33% |

Weekly Foot Traffic (Enters)



3 Community Activities

Regular events

- **Club Cricket – Whakatāne Rangatahi Sports heritage club**
Saturdays: 7th & 21st February 14th March - Prideaux Park
- **Kawerau Athletics and Harrier Club**
Thursdays: 4:30pm – 7pm 5th Feb 2026 – 26 March 2026 – Prideaux Park

Events completed in February

- **Waitangi Day – Rautahi Marae Committee**
Friday 6th – Rautahi Marae
- **Tarawera Ultra Marathon**
Saturday 14th - Start at Firmin Field

Events registered in March

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

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

Emergency Management Projects

Council's Emergency Management Officer (EMO) and Local Controller were invited to attend a site visit of the former Te Teko racecourse (Event Centre), alongside other community members and emergency management staff from Whakatāne District Council. The purpose of the site tour was to understand how the facility and grounds could be utilised for a major response in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

The Te Teko Event Centre Trust has undertaken numerous upgrades to the outbuildings with further upgrades planned. The site lends well to serve large numbers of human and animal welfare needs.

Council's EMO is currently working closely with the partner agency, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, regarding future training for their employees in Operation Centre Staff functions.

Training will roll out over coming months, with the aim to have a Kawerau based exercise in late October with partner agency inclusion.

5 Youth Projects

Kawerau Youth Council (KYC)

The Kawerau Youth Council applications process for 2026 opened 19 January and closed 20 February. A total of eight applications were received; any late applications will be considered and sworn-in as part of a rolling in-take.

The Swearing-in Ceremony will take place on Friday 13 February, Concert Chambers. Guests arriving from 4.15pm with the ceremony commencing at 5.00pm. Her Worship the Mayor Tunui and Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire will attend and speak at the event. All elected members have been cordially invited to attend – refreshments will be provided after the ceremony.

A KYC training weekend is intended to occur 27-29 March 2026. Venue and content to be confirmed.

Project Revamp

A Steering Group hui (5 February) was well attended and joined by Council's Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor, who provided a detailed kōrero on the cultural significance of the existing site around the skate park, BMX track and basketball court.

Further Steering Group hui occurred on 10 and 19 February with accelerated planning towards a community design workshop to occur on March 3.

The Steering Group continue to plan towards a workshop presentation to Council, rescheduled for Wednesday 8 April.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Lee Corbett Barton

Economic & Community Development Manager

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MTFJ Kawerau – Year-to-Date Summary (Jul 2025–Feb 2026)

A story of progress, persistence, partnership, and pathways

The 2025/26 year to date has been defined by steady relationship-building, strong employer engagement, and a growing pipeline of referrals and self-motivated clients seeking support into employment. Despite early delays in the national MSD referral system and increased pressure from the wider labour market, MTFJ Kawerau has continued to deliver meaningful outcomes for young people and adults seeking work or training in our district.

Across the first nine months, **64 clients** have actively engaged with the programme, supported by a further **91 individuals** carried over in pastoral care from the previous financial year. Between direct MSD referrals, MTFJ-requested referrals, and a significant number of selves-referrals, the service has maintained a consistently high caseload. This effort has translated into **strong employment momentum**, with **52 individuals placed into work**, and many others supported through work experience, mentoring, skills development, and driver licensing.

Employer engagement remains one of MTFJ Kawerau’s greatest strengths. **81 employers** across forestry, horticulture, dairy farming, trades, manufacturing, retail, iwi organisations, and professional services have partnered with us over the years. A standout initiative has been the **LWYE Horticulture programme with Trinity Lands**, placing 13 clients into structured seasonal 3 phase employment programmes across the year, following their completion of the **St Johns Poipoia te Pitomata (Harnessing Potential) course**—a proven success in boosting readiness, confidence, and teamwork. Phase 1 (Budding) of the LWYE Trinity Lands Programme saw 3 participants offered fixed term contracts, with a view to permanent employment, the placements included Machine Operators, Team Leads and Orchard Specialist roles. Phase 2 (Picking) will see the remaining members of the phase 1 team, with the additional new members of the crew completing the St John’s course before the 16 March Start date for phase 2. A similar theme will follow for Phase 3 (Pruning) in July.



MTFJ – TRINITY LANDS – MSD



MTFJ TRINITY LANDS KAWERAU CREW PHASE 1

The year also saw deeper engagement with regional partners. The *Pathways to Prosperity* Economic & Community Development Event brought industry, iwi, council, and government together, highlighted by guest speaker **Peter Crisp, CEO of Trade & Enterprise NZ**. This gathering strengthened future pipelines and supported long-term planning for Kawerau’s workforce development.

While the local MSD office continues to be a strong and collaborative partner, some challenges have emerged with shifting expectations from regional and national MSD teams. Despite this, the programme has stayed grounded in what works for Kawerau: consistent local communication and collaboration, practical mentoring, and employer-driven opportunities. Some clients have required redirection back to MSD due to disengagement or relocation, but the programme remains focused on supporting those who are committed and ready.

December and January brought a natural quiet period for hiring yet created space for intensive one-on-one mentoring, relationship building, and planning for upcoming opportunities in agriculture, industry, and emerging local businesses. Collaboration continues to grow with iwi, dairy industry partners, and employers seeking work-ready candidates.

Overall, the year to date reflects a programme that is **responsive, resilient, and deeply connected to community**. MTFJ Kawerau has continued to create genuine pathways while navigating economic challenges, system barriers, and competing demands. As we move into the next phase of 2026, the foundation is strong, the employer network is wide, and the commitment to supporting our young people and jobseekers remains steadfast.

Personal Statement & Reflection

Running the MTFJ programme over the last five years has been an honour and a challenge—one I have taken on with my whole heart and an abundance of energy. I am incredibly proud of the businesses, clients, and whānau I have worked with. They have embraced challenges alongside me and trusted me not only with their professional journeys but with their personal stories.

My commitment is absolute for any client or employer prepared to do the work. I will move mountains for them, provided there is a shared commitment to the outcome.

However, I must be transparent regarding the transition under the new MSD contract this year. The consistently moving goalposts nationally, combined with the lack of foresight regarding these changes, has created significant friction. This systemic uncertainty puts a strain on the capacity to perform at the high level of enthusiasm our community deserves.

My role is to mentor, encourage, and ensure our clients have sustainable employment and our employers feel supported. The fact that this successful programme lacks longevity—teetering year-to-year—means we risk losing dedicated, hardworking coordinators across the country due to the uncertainty of our livelihoods. The recent departure of Nicoll Young, who saw the enormity of this "uphill battle" under the current climate, highlights this risk.

To truly realise our vision of a resilient and sustainable Kawerau, I strongly urge this Council to advocate for a **minimum three-year contract**. We need a foundation that allows us to focus on lives, not just levers.

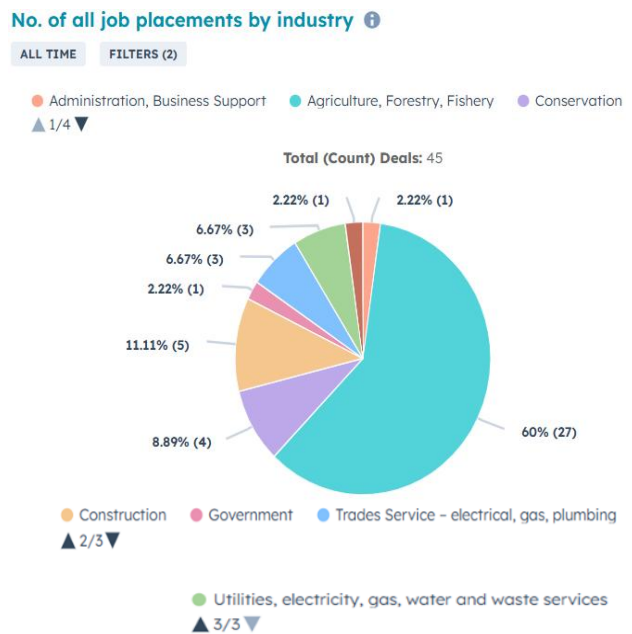
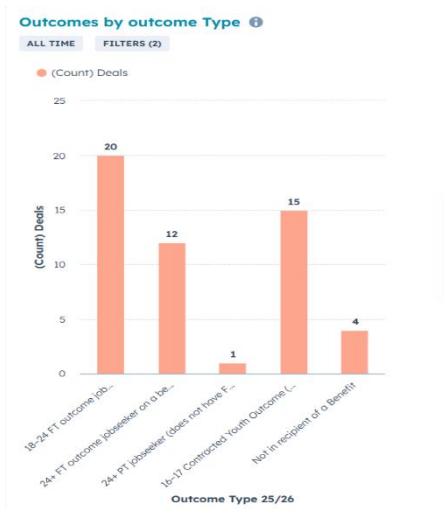
In closing, my commitment to this community remains steadfast: **I will never agree to put policy over people**. My focus remains on people-centric outcomes that actually work for Kawerau, rather than rigid national metrics that don't account for our local reality. Let's work together to change the policies so they finally work for our people.

Recommendation

- Advocacy for Funding Longevity:** That the Kawerau District Council formally advocates to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for a transition from annual funding cycles to a **minimum three-year contract model**. This stability is essential to maintain high-performing staff, provide certainty to local employers, and ensure the long-term resilience of Kawerau’s workforce development.

The following pages provide the data-driven evidence of this commitment; the attached HubSpot dashboard and Driver Licensing report detail the tangible results achieved for Kawerau despite these systemic hurdles.

HubSpot Dashboard



Apprenticeships

Plumbing x 1 | Electrical x 2 | Engineering x 2 | Scaffolding x 2 | IMC x 1



Garry Cole & Te Mai – Electrical Apprentice graduates to Tradesman!

Kawerau MTFJ Community Driver Mentor Programme Report



Kawerau Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs: January 2026 report

| Reporting Parameter | Jul 25 | Aug 25 | Sep 25 | Oct 25 | Nov 25 | Dec 25 | Jan 26 | Feb 26 | Mar 26 | April 26 | May 26 | June 26 | Total | Target |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of Referrals This Month | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | 28 | |
| Number of Enrolments This Month | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 20 | |
| Number of Withdrawals This Month | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | 5 | |
| Number Passed This Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Learners Licence | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 6 | |
| - Restricted | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | 4 | |
| - Full Licence | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | 2 | |
| Total This Month | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | 12 | 30 |

Note: Eastbay REAP resumed at the end of January. Since reopening, the Licensing Coordinator has connected with Nicoll Young and received five new referrals for both learner and restricted licences. These clients have driving lessons scheduled throughout February and are enrolled in the upcoming learner licence course. Based on current progress, we are on track to exceed over half of our deliverables by the February reporting period.



December 2025 Success stories



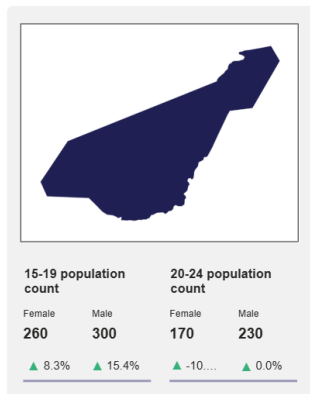
Shawnee was referred by Council, this client's biggest barrier to gaining their full licence was a lack of confidence, saying they "didn't have the confidence to go in and actually



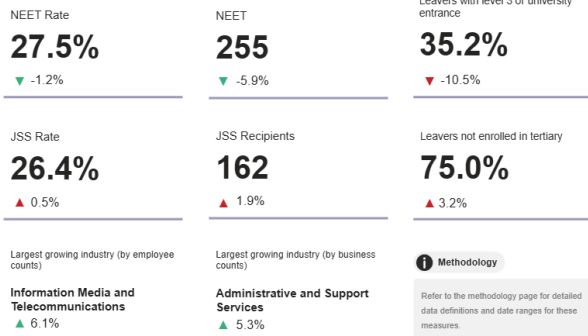
Taryn, Head Girl at Tarawera High School, was referred to the program to gain her restricted licence. With support from her grandmother, she completed her driving sessions. Before starting, Taryn struggled with confidence and nerves around driving. Through the program's step-by-step support, encouragement, and financial assistance, she was able to succeed. "Getting my restricted licence has made a big difference in my life. It has made me more confident and independent." Now licensed, Taryn can get to school and community events, help her whānau, and take on new opportunities. "It feels good knowing the program brought out my confidence, independence, and more freedom."

Kawerau Employment Statistics (as of September 2025) taken from: <https://mtfj.co.nz/youth-employment-dashboard>

Overview



Latest stats in Kawerau District



▲ Trending Up ▼ Trending Down ● No Change
 ● Improving ● Worsening ● Neutral



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Submission to Emergency Management Bill from Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Emergency Management Bill (No2). Please find attached, the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group's submission regarding the Bill. The submission includes input from across the Group, both operationally and from a governance perspective.

Bay of Plenty CDEM Group wish to speak in support of this submission to the Governance and Administration Committee.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this submission, please contact James Jefferson, Principal Advisor directly on 027 367 3913 or by email james.jefferson@embop.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faylene Tunui', on a light-colored background.

Mayor Faylene Tunui
Joint Committee Chair
Bay of Plenty CDEM Group



*A safe, strong Bay of Plenty, together
Te Moana a Toi, kia haumarū, kia kaha mā tātau katoa*

Regarding the Emergency Management Bill (No 2)

Submissions to the:

Governance and Administration Committee
Parliament
Wellington

February 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to present our thoughts and reflections on the Emergency Management Bill (2). We make this submission on behalf of the Bay of Plenty Emergency Management Group, whose constituent members are:

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- Kawerau District Council
- Opotiki District Council
- Rotorua Lakes Council (legally Rotorua District Council)
- Tauranga City Council
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council
- Whakatane District Council

This is a governance level submission from the Joint Committee and does not preclude individual councils making their own submission.

We wish to be heard in respect of this submission.

While we were somewhat surprised that this Bill was not more 'transformational' in nature, given all of the reviews, commentary and recommendations that have occurred over the last ten years, we are, however, comfortable with the general direction of travel that this Bill represents. In particular, we are supportive of the principles which underpin the Bill, specifically an 'end to end risk and hazard management' philosophy, a whole of society approach, where Emergency Management (EM) services are delivered as closely to community as possible and where roles and responsibilities up and down the EM system are more clearly defined, articulated and understood.

We do look forward with anticipation to the delivery of the Emergency Management System Improvement Programme (EMSIP) of work, which we understand will focus on empowering communities to better prepare for emergencies, will deliver significant improvements to EM workforce capability and capacity and provide much needed tools to ensure a common operating picture is available to all agencies involved in EM activities. We believe this is where sector transformation can be delivered.

For simplicity, we will present our feedback as the Bill is constructed, that is, Part by Part and will address any other issues and opportunities under the heading 'Other matters'.

Part One: Preliminary Provisions cl.3-13

We are comfortable with the provisions contained in this first part of the Bill, noting that the purpose of the Bill and definitions used throughout the Bill, appear in general to be lifted directly from the current Civil Defence Emergency Management 2002 Act (CDEM 2002 Act).

We are somewhat concerned about the timing on commencement at cl.2 (2), where the Director General can issue compliance orders six months after Royal Assent (RA), while the sector generally will have and need 12 months after RA, to give effect to the changes the new Bill requires. We believe this disparity to be at odds with good administrative law practice and the principles of natural justice.

Recommendation: Extend the commencement date at cl.2 (2), to at least twelve months after Royal Assent, to align with other commencement of other provisions.

Part Two: Emergency Management system role-holders cl. 14-76

At cl.23 Regional Role Holders, we note the change in language from Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups to Emergency Management Committees. The functions and powers of these multi-member Committees, appears to align largely with the current practice of EM Groups and Joint Committees, noting the subtle change at cl.27, in requiring these Committees to take a leadership role across their rohe, in hazard and risk identification and provide assistance to each Local Authority (LA) in identifying and addressing hazards and risks relevant to that member. When viewed alongside cl.42, which articulates the role of LA's, we believe these changes help clarify the various roles and responsibilities at a regional and local level. We will talk more about the impact of cl.42 shortly.

cl.39 Appointment of EMCEG: We are supportive in principle of the additional statutory inclusion on CEG's of one or more persons with matauranga knowledge and perspective on local Maori communities. We do note that our current CEG Terms of Reference has this provision already.

We note that there is no Treaty clause, nor any mention of Te Tiriti of Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

We highlight a significant risk arising from assumptions linked to previous initiatives such as NISWE and Strengthening Emergency Management in New Zealand. These efforts may have created an expectation of substantially increased iwi Māori involvement in EM across the motu. If this expectation is not met, there is a high likelihood of disappointment and frustration among stakeholders, which could escalate into reputational damage and strained relationships. To mitigate this risk, we believe that iwi/hapū/Māori should be recognised as key partners in New Zealand's EM system, with a formal role in governance, planning, response, and recovery efforts. Their leadership, knowledge, and deep connection to the land and communities make them integral to building resilience and ensuring culturally appropriate disaster responses.

At cl.86, the Director-General must engage with and seek advice on Māori interests and knowledge, to inform the development of a proposal to review the national EM plan. This is the sole reference to Māori involvement at the national level – and only in a consultative capacity. As the Bill is currently drafted, there is no requirement for Māori participation in actual decision-making at the national level, or even to provide advice and guidance with regard to matters affecting or involving Māori.

One option for iwi Māori experiences and mātauranga in EM to be provided to the Director-General, would be through the establishment of a Māori Advisory Board or similar structure. Such a board would serve as a dedicated platform for iwi Māori to provide strategic guidance on emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

We do acknowledge that cl.94 specifies that the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) must engage with and involve representatives of iwi and Māori in the Committee's area in developing a proposal for the regional emergency plan.

Recommendation: That the Minister for Emergency Management and the Director General, consider how iwi Maori can be better integrated into EM structures and networks, up and down the entire system.

cl.42 Role of Local Authority Members of multi-member Emergency Management Committees

We are fully supportive of this new clause, which clarifies expectation on the role and responsibilities of Local Authorities (LA). For some time, there has been confusion on the role of local Councils in Emergency Management, with some Councils viewing EM as an 'add-on to BAU' at best. Many have never considered EM as core Council business. We would suggest that that mindset has contributed in part to the conclusion reached by the various reviews, that the EM system as it currently stands is not 'fit for purpose', so we warmly welcome the clarification provided by this clause and that of cl.44, as well as the Local Government (System Improvements) Bill which clearly stipulates EM as core Council business.

So too with **cl.44**; we are fully supportive of this addition. We think the wording could be improved somewhat, starting with the affirmative statement that the **Chief Executive of the LA** is responsible and accountable for the delivery of EM services in that district.

Noting and recommendation: We are supportive of these additions and recommend slight rewording to strengthen the intent, particularly of cl.44.

We have not discussed the inclusion of the Chief Executive of Regional Councils at this juncture, given the proposal and timeline contained within the Simplifying Local Government proposal, November 2025, which considers regional reorganisation and the more effective and efficient delivery of Council services.

Turning to **cl.47 Joint Responsibility for Offshore Islands**, it is with real disappointment that we note that our earlier submission on this matter appears to have been ignored. In the Cabinet Paper which preceded this Bill, the analysis of submissions on this matter appears, in our view, very incomplete and somewhat dismissive of the learned experiences on the ground here in the Bay of Plenty. Our submission was, and still is, that co-management or joint responsibility, will often mean no management and when issues arise, finger-pointing and blame can emerge in times of crisis. Without being insensitive to ongoing processes, this matter of clarity on who is responsible for EM on our Offshore Islands has been and will continue to be, a focus for the Coronial Inquest into the Whakaari White Island tragedy.

Our earlier submission was supportive of (Option 3), which required the Minister of Local Government (as represented by DIA) to become a member of the CDEM Group. It is worth noting that the Minister is already represented on the CEG by DIA, so the argument put forward by the NEMA policy analyst against this option appears redundant.

We suggested a transition over time to (Option 5), making the Regional Council responsible for provision of EM functions and services on the Offshore Islands. Either of these options, in our opinion, would make it very clear who was responsible for EM on the Offshore Islands. That was the stated policy objective when Strengthening Emergency Management was consulted on last year, yet the recommendation to Cabinet, joint management, was the very option that we did not support and one that we believe does not deliver of the policy objective of clearer roles and responsibilities.

Given the other reforms facing Local Government, we respectfully suggest that the time is right for a move directly to Option 5. To be clear, we are asking for **cl.46 and 47** to be changed, to reflect a shift in sole responsibility for the Offshore Islands to the Regional Council.

Recommendation: We recommend transferring responsibility for EM services for the Offshore Islands to the Regional Council.

At **cl.52 Appointment of District Controllers**, we note the two-stage process, whereby the EMC may consider whether the Chief Executive (CE) of a local authority is suitably qualified and experienced to be a District Controller and only after that consideration is made and if the CE is not appointed, may the CE then appoint their own District Controller.

We applaud the policy intent here, coupled with other changes, making clearer the responsibilities of local authorities in the EM space. We also anticipate that the DG will issue strong guidance on how a 'suitably qualified and experienced' District Controller is assessed. Are we looking towards genuine leadership and relationship qualities, which we would argue a CE by definition should have; or are we considering more EM technical qualities, which many or most CE's might not possess. DG guidance is eagerly anticipated.

Noting: We are supportive of the intent of this clause, as it will strengthen the shift to greater local accountability for EM service delivery.

We note what appears to be a drafting error at **cl.56(4)** which referencing (2)(c), we believe should reference (3)(c).

We welcome the addition of **Role of Lead Agency at cl.69**. This adds to the policy objective of clearer roles and responsibilities up and down the system.

Duties of essential infrastructure providers at cl. 74 and cl.104. These clauses provide limited guidance to lifeline utilities on the nature, scope, consultation requirements or standard of planning expected, to ensure they can function to the fullest possible extent, during and following an emergency. The lack of clear statutory direction or minimum planning standards creates a significant risk of preparedness across utilities.

Without nationally consistent standards, assurance mechanisms, or monitoring, utilities will inevitably adopt differing approaches to emergency planning, based on organisational capacity, risk appetite, resourcing and cost implications. This variability undermines system-wide resilience and creates uncertainty for CDEM Groups when developing coordinated response and recovery arrangements.

To address these gaps, the Bill or secondary legislation should provide clearer expectations for utility emergency planning, including minimum planning requirements, levels of service, alignment with national EM frameworks, and mechanisms for monitoring and assurance.

Recommendations:

Mandate Sector-Led Development: Require sector coordinating entities to lead the development of response plans, with the Director-General providing oversight and support.

Formal Collaboration Framework

Establish clear processes for consultation, planning and shared accountability between EM and sector coordinating entities.

Capacity Building

Provide resources and guidance to sectors to enable effective planning and coordination.

Part 3: Emergency Management System Planning cl. 77-106

It is our submission that this is where some transformation can occur. Looking systemically, a National EM Strategy, will inform the National Emergency Management Plan, which in turn will shape and inform Regional Emergency Management Plans. There is currently no requirement for LA's to reference their EM activities in any of their statutory plans, Long Term Plan and Annual Plans, although some Councils do briefly reference EM activities under other Group of Activities e.g. Regulatory Services. This may reflect that some Councils do not necessarily view EM as core Council business. The intent of the Bill changes this, as does the reforms to the Local Government Act.

With the welcome emphasis and clarity on the crucial role of local authorities in EM, we respectfully submit that each local authority must include, in their Long Term Plan and Annual Plans, a description on how they are planning on fulfilling their responsibilities under cl. 42.

A simple addition of one clause in this part of the Bill headed '**Local Authority Emergency Management Plans**' (LAEMP) with future guidance on content of these plans derived from the requirements of cl.42, ensure that planning is articulated and clarified up and down the EM system, with particular focus on activities that will be delivered locally in community. This, after all, is one of the critical policy shifts that this Bill is looking to deliver, that is, a 'whole of society approach', where local authorities are mandated, empowered and supported, to deliver EM services to their communities. Clarification of what those services are, when and how they will be delivered, clearly articulated in existing Council planning documents (LTP and AP) is, in our opinion, a critical mechanism to ensure transparency and accountability up and down the EM system.

Recommendation: That the Committee direct the addition of a local planning layer, Local Authority Emergency Management Plans, which articulate how Local Authorities will give effect to their statutory responsibilities as outlined in cl.42.

These LAEMP's or Activity Management Plans which sit within Council Long Term Plans, should include reference to disproportionately affected peoples (DAP's) response (**cl.91(1)(k)**), given each community may have differing make up and needs and local networks and relationship often exist already in those Council areas. So too with offers of assistance from community etc (**cl.91(1)(l)**). The local relationships and networks that currently exist with local authorities position LA's best to leverage these offers.

Recommendation: Move the requirement in Regional EM plans regarding arrangements for disproportionately affected communities and managing offers of assistance, from regional EM plans to Local Authority EM plans.

At **cl.91 (1)(m) Arrangement for Managing Animals**, we submit that local authorities are well placed to manage companion and domestic animals, however, not production stock and the like. We submit that management of production stock is well beyond the capability and capacity of Council staff and should rightly fall to the current lead agency in this space, the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Recommendation: That the management of production stock during an emergency remain with MPI as lead agency.

To summarise the above two paragraphs, we are asking that the three subclauses referred to above are removed from the proposed regional plans and inserted into the newly suggested LAEMPs.

We look forward to talking more about this simple addition when we appear before the Committee.

Part 4: Emergency Response and Recovery: cl. 107-169

We suggest that the interpretations at cl.108 and cl.121 should be moved to the front of the Bill, at cl.5, where all of the other interpretations and definitions are found, for ease of location and reference.

Recommendation: That the interpretations at cl's 108 and 121 be consolidated under definitions at cl. 5.

We are comfortable with the powers of the various office holders outlined in this Part of the Bill, largely a carry-over from the current Act.

We recommend the insertion at cl.112 of a similar provision as is contained in cl.109(1)(b), which articulates the threshold for Declaration of State of Emergency (SOE). cl. 112 states who may exercise the power to declare locally, but does not offer the same guidance on threshold as the Minister has in cl.109.

Recommendation: Insert a 'threshold' clause at cl. 112, similar to that at cl. 109.

Part 5: Information, enforcement, compensation etc cl. 170-218

We are largely comfortable with the provisions of this Part of the Bill with the exception of **cl.202**, which offers **protection from civil liability** of the named parties only when a state of emergency or transition period is in effect.

Eighty percent of emergencies are dealt with by Councils and EM Groups outside of Declaration of SOE. During these types of events, EM officers can undertake a full range of EM services outside the provisions of a SOE.

As the Bill stands currently, EM staff and those acting under direction of those officers are not protected from civil liability 80% of the time they are in response and recovery. This is an unacceptable gap which could lead to reduced recruitment and retention of professional EM staff or lead to the practice of Declaration of SOE at the 'drop of a hat', a perverse application of the provisions of the Bill and the thresholds required before an SOE can be declared.

Recommendation: That civil liability be extended to EM staff and those acting under the direction of said staff, when an Emergency Operations Centre is fully and formally activated in response to an emergency happening.

Other matters

Integration with other Local Government Reforms: We note the significant amount of reform facing Local Government currently and are concerned that the suite of changes, if not carefully integrated, will lead to significant gaps and unintended consequences which will be hard to draw back from. Of particular concern, is how the Resource Management reforms impact EMC's and LA's ability to manage natural hazards and associated risks, when the levers for doing so sit outside of the EM Bill. To that end, we would find it useful to understand how the various Government departments are approaching this integration, together with good communication to the sector.

We have viewed Taituara's draft submission on the Bill and believe that the recommendations they make in this regard are robust and fulsome, so we will not replicate these here.

Recommendations: That the commentary and recommendations made by Taituara under the heading of Issue 1: Alignment with legislation regarding natural hazards are adopted by the Committee.

Cost to implement and imbed: The Regulatory Impact Statement estimates the Bill implementation cost to councils to be somewhere in the vicinity of \$83m. Given the current Government's intent to place a cap on rate increases, we are concerned about how this burden will be funded, given the clear statement in the RIS that costs will fall to local councils.

Recommendation: We ask the Committee to revisit the RIS stance and consider the adoption of an affordability principle and explore co-funding to support implementation of these changes.

Finding NEMA

Lastly, we are somewhat puzzled that the National Emergency Management Agency are not mentioned once in the Bill. When we consider how NEMA describes itself currently as *"the Government lead for emergency management"* and the agency that *"works with central and local government, communities and iwi. NEMA state that they have the "key functions of steward, operator and assurer of the emergency management system" and "provider of strategic leadership for risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery activities, and build emergency management capability and capacity"*.

We accept those assertions, yet remain confused as to why NEMA are not mentioned. Both the TAG Ministerial review (2017) and the NISWE report (2023) talked about the importance of the need for better national leadership and coordination; and the need for a national agency to do this. We cannot read all of the functions and responsibilities cited above into the DG functions at cl.14, so for clarity around roles and responsibilities of the DG viz NEMA, we recommend the following:

Recommendation: That a review be undertaken of cl's. 14 and 15 to ensure alignment and clarity of the DG role and those activities that NEMA as an organisation will undertake in their leadership role of the EM sector.

Exemplars of how the roles and responsibilities of NEMA might be clarified can be found in the Policing Act 2008 under Part 2 and The Fire and Emergency Act 2017- Part 1. Both pieces of legislation provide clarification on organisational functions and responsibilities viz those of the executive leadership.



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MONTHLY REPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

February 2026

1 Communication


1.1 Community Pānui | Update

Two pānui | newsletters completed – 9 and 19 February

1.2 Significant Communications:

- 1.2.1 Includes: Weather Warnings, Tarawera Falls closed for Tarawera Ultra Marathon, Play and Active Recreation Strategy Workshop, Kawerau Skate and Rec Space Design Workshop, Increase in Vandalism, Increase in Roaming and Attacking Dogs
- 1.2.2 Council Operations and Services includes: Waitangi Day hours, Road and bridge closures, Creative Communities Grant Scheme, Kawerau Youth Council applications, Council vacancies, Council and Committee Meetings, Phone Outage, Conserve Water, Report Broken Streetlights, Steam Bore Update, Influx of Visitors at Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre over summer

Council Communication Channels overview

Website  16,061 visits (decrease). Top Page Visits: Homepage, Rates Property Search, Search Page, Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, District Library and Vacancies

Social Media


Facebook
 4,024 visits
 40,987 reach
 6,317 followers


Instagram
 6 visits
 98 reach
 240 followers

Top content: Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre steam bore update, Lifeguard vacancy, Putauaki Trust sign lease agreement with Foresta, Tarawera Falls closed due to Ultra Marathon. Kawerau Youth Council applications now open, Upcoming Road Works on Whakatāne Bridge

1.3 Website Renewal Project

Project continuing with content renewal work at 82%. Implementation planning underway for online module for customers by mid-2026.

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 in first quarter of 2026 for electoral and deputy electoral officers.

3 **Engagement**

3.1 **Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

Communications to the 79 submitters is underway following the Ministry for Environment approval of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan until 2031. In addition, the communication and engagement team and the solid waste manager are working together on education and communication initiatives for the community to reduce waste volumes to the landfill, divert more recycling and reduce contamination of greenwaste and recycling streams.

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

A Bay of Plenty regional strategy is being developed with Sport BOP as lead, Sport NZ and Territorial Authorities. This strategy is one of the actions out of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Sport Bay of Plenty and Territorial Authorities in the Bay. Following a workshop in Kawerau on 2 December 2025, a second community workshop is planned for Monday, 9 March 2026, from 4pm to 6pm at the Concert Chamber to gain community feedback and input.

3.3 **Kawerau Triennial Residents' Survey**

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

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 |
| Units under construction | | | Completed | |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) to Date | 331,230 | (597,995) | | |
| <u>Breakeven</u> | | | | |
| Sales still required to break-even | 0 | 1 | 0 | |

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**

Sales and Purchase Agreement signed in December for one section, sold as a house and land package with Generation Homes to settle 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.

4.4 **Stoneham Park Residential Development**

Briefing to Council on 11 February 2026 to update Council on the progress of Stoneham Park, specifically the stormwater modelling in a 1% AED (1:100 year storm event, climate change adjusted), revised timeline and key actions.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council formally advised that the earthworks consent is non-notified. Final agreement of conditions, including the upstream bund required, underway. Detailed design of the engineering and civils required for stage one underway.

Hui with the Council Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa te Rire regarding the re-naming of the development (as requested by the family of Roy Stoneham) and street names, and guidance for the community open day in late March.

Meetings underway with neighbours and consultation partners to update on the timeline and progression. Briefing to the Iwi Liaison Committee completed on 18 February 2026. Council's naming policy provides a process for the adoption of the new name for the development and the street names.

RECOMMENDATION

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



Tania Humberstone

Manager, Communications and Engagement | Residential Development

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