

# HE WHAKARĀPOPOTO RĪPOATA Ā-TAU 2023/24



## ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2023/24





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# MAI TE KAI WHAKAHAERE WAHINE A TE MEIA | MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND MAYOR

## Welcome to our 2023/2024 Annual Report

Our year was dominated by recovery activity following the damage left by a number of weather events, including Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle. Our focus was split between rebuild and recovery activities while endeavouring to deliver business as usual.

Roads became a key theme for our Council and the distinction between local roads (Council) and State Highways (NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi) became less important as we tried to reconnect our communities. Road repair was prioritised, which meant some other projects were delayed or cut.

The opening of SH25A before Christmas was a relief to all of us, and an opportunity to celebrate partnership with Waka Kotahi and to recognise the considerable efforts made by many to get the road reopened. As our connections with each other were re-established, the real start of recovery began for businesses, and those that travel for work, health, social or education reasons.

Not wanting to return to the isolated state many communities were in through 2023, our efforts in partnership with Waka Kotahi to build back better, and to seek investment into lifting our resilience in roading were in part successful as we managed to see significant investment proposed in the Regional Land Transport Plan. Because of changed government priorities this was not borne out in the final funding decisions, but we will continue to seek to "build back better" after any subsequent events and in future transport funding processes.

Recovery presented opportunities to work in partnership with other agencies for the benefit of our communities and we have recovered stronger than we were. With future weather events potentially only the next forecast away, we endeavour to retain and enhance our response capability.

Our Council's work programme was heavily dominated by recovery work, while endeavouring to deliver all our usual services. Like the wider community we were challenged with access and travel, meaning some of our activities have been more logistically difficult and expensive to deliver. Cost increases across our major contracts featured in our financials, because of closed roads, and other supply chain, and cost escalation factors. We thank our communities for bearing with us in the wake of the weather events, with reduced service levels in some cases.

Our new solid waste service roll-out proceeded with expected teething issues, exacerbated by closed roads. Again, we thank our communities for your understanding as we worked through these matters, while managing to reduce the amount of residual waste (non-recyclables and non-compostables) sent to landfill. A contributing factor was the 427 tonnes of food scraps collected from September 2023 to June 2024 – food waste which is composted.

A very significant project over the last year has been the development and delivery of the Long Term Plan. The plan has absorbed many hours of staff and elected member time, updating and revising the plan for infrastructure for the next 30 years and for council for the next 10. Changes in legislation around water delivery were anticipated early and incorporated in the plan. We were very pleased to be able to return to meeting our statutory deadlines, having been previously delayed in the auditing process, and challenged with uncertainty arising from storm damage.

Despite the workload and the challenges, we still achieved a great deal:

- We advocated hard to access central government funding for our recovery programme. Grants funded \$1.975 million in recovery expenditure, not counting roading assistance, in the 2023/24 financial year. This was used to start repairing damaged infrastructure, kick-start business development and help our communities become more resilient.
- Since the severe storms of early 2023, we've received approximately \$14 million of external recovery funding, including \$8.5 million from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to fund business recovery grants.
- We worked with our Civil Defence Community Response Groups to set up resilience kits containing communications and other gear and supplies for 36 of our communities to help them get by in the event of isolation in an emergency. This programme was a finalist in the Local Government New Zealand SuperCollab Award for a collaboration that's had a significant impact on the community.
- We repaired 26 road sites that were damaged by the severe weather. Some, like Tapu-Coroglen Road, required extensive earthworks and retaining walls.
- We continued with our award-winning Shoreline Management Pathways Project and began investigations into options to protect the Te Kauaeranga | Thames township coastline.

- We officially opened the Kōpū Marine Facilities Precinct in June 2024, capping nearly 10 years of planning and development.
- We're continuing with our drinking water supply improvements with a new plant now providing more supply in Whangamatā. Preparations have started for the new Pūriri water treatment plant and water system improvements.



**Len Salt**  
**Mayor**



**Aileen Lawrie**  
**Chief Executive**

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# MIRAMIRA O TE TAU | HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Rebuilding and recovery

1,500 students attending our **careers roadshows**



Over **300 fruit trees** started being delivered for community gardens

**66,630 plants** planted in our dunes

over 26 community planting events



**36 resilience kits**

delivered to communities to build resilience and response capabilities for future emergency events

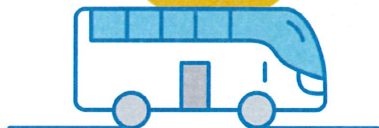


Our lifeline **Tapu-Coroglen Road** reopened after major works



We received **\$1.975 million** in grants to help pay for our storm recovery in 2023/24

1,090 users of our trial **Coromandel-Thames connector bus**



Initial repairs to **Black Jack Road** completed



**11 First Aid and Psychosocial First Aid** courses delivered for community response groups



Tupu Kai (grow the food) **Community Gardens** started in six isolated communities



**Business forum hui** held in Whangamata

**Te Aorerekura 'She is not your rehab' day**

course for 126 frontline workers in family violence



Four **Funding HQ workshops** held



**'I am Hope' Tour** with Mike King and Ritchie Barnett

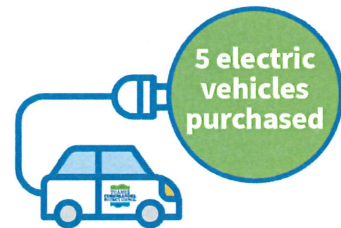


## Our other achievements

Kōpū Marine Servicing and Business Precinct opened



39 young people placed into local jobs



5 electric vehicles purchased

50 people joined our **free ChatGPT sessions**



Tairua skatepark opened



Waste to landfill declined by 7% from the last three years

20 businesses received **free business mentorships**



Photo credit: Tairua Business Association



We won two awards

for our Shoreline Management Pathways project which addresses sea level rise

Preparatory work started on the

**new water supply at Pūriri, Thames**



Travel app launched by Destination Coromandel – our region's parent tourism organisation



Water treatment plant opened in Moana Point, Whangamatā



Tekoteko (carved figures) opened at Harataunga



230 volunteers attended our **Volunteer Week celebrations**

178,431 books issued at our libraries



Coastal protection completed

at Brophy's Beach, Whitianga

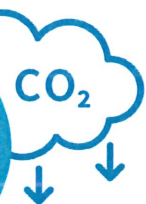


90 new Aotearoa New Zealand **citizens welcomed**



All our **refuse and recycling transfer stations now open 7 days**

20% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from electricity we consumed





## A helping hand goes a long way



**We made many financial contributions to local community organisations to help them make things happen:**

- Thames Community Patrol for its patrol vehicle's new safety light (\$2,245)
- Ōpoutere Hall for essential equipment to enable venue hire (\$2,947)
- Pārāwai School for advertising of youth programmes, initiatives and events (\$6,000)
- Thames Business Association for social media promotion of the Explore Thames brand (\$9,107)
- Tairua Heritage Society Inc. towards lights for theatre productions and events (\$3,500)
- Spirit of Coromandel Trust for bike park weed spraying (\$5,000)
- Colville School for playground refurbishment (\$4,900)
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Harataunga for playground refurbishment (\$4,900)
- Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird for plant and pest eradication on local Council reserves (\$6,000 was approved)
- Mercury Bay Museum for a virtual reality education application (\$2,900)
- Enterprise Whangamatā for accounting costs (\$725)
- Whangamatā Theatre Society for hall hire costs (\$3,000)
- Whangamatā Arts Collective for accounting costs (\$725)
- Whangamatā Information Centre (\$28,000)
- Thames Community Centre for a drivers' licence course for 15 youth participants (\$3,155)
- Thames Youth Sea Scouts for lightweight camping gear (\$1,573)
- 24 Christmas banners for Pollen Street (\$3,330)
- Traffic management for Thames Santa Parade (\$2,590)
- Tairua Heritage Society Inc. for the designing and construction of two history panels and the production of heritage plays (\$5,240)
- Whangamatā Harbour Care (\$2,160)
- Celebration of the 150th Commemoration of the Coromandel Town Council building (up to \$2,000)
- Whangamatā Real Estate for a Christmas Fair at Williamson Park (\$2,000)
- Whangamatā Lions Club for the Santa Parade (\$1,500)
- Whangamatā RSA for ANZAC Day 2024 (\$3,400) and Remembrance Wall project (\$2,000)
- Whangamatā Patch & Quilt bi-annual exhibition (\$1,500)
- Whangamatā Rugby & Sports Club for Thames Valley provincial rugby games (\$2,500)
- Whangamatā Community Church for bi-annual exhibition (\$1,500)
- Onemana Residents and Community Association for defibrillator battery and pad replacements (\$600)
- Whangamatā Resource Recovery Trust for e-waste collection, storage and transport (\$2,990)
- Thames Seagull Centre Charitable Trust for community waste educator role (\$10,000)
- Distribution of Creative Communities funding including a one-off festival fund to support local events



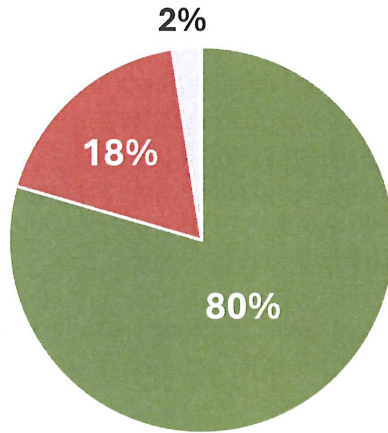
**The following organisations/groups received the Mayoral Relief Christmas funds and/or Mayoral Relief Community Summer funds to go towards a Christmas Community meal and/or Christmas kai packs.**

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| • Living Well Trust, Thames                                | • Tairua Elim Church                   | • Colville Social Services Collective |
| • Ngāti Maru Rūnanga                                       | • Mercury Bay Community Support Trust. | • Tairua Care and Friendship Club Inc |
| • Coromandel Community Lunch                               | • Thames – a place at the table        | • Hauraki Māori Trust Board           |
| • Coromandel Independent Living Trust                      | • Matai Whētu Marae                    |                                       |
| • Piki Te Ora Te Korowai HoH                               | • Whitianga Community Services Trust   |                                       |
| • Te Whaariki Manawahine o Hauraki                         |  |                                       |
| • Eastern Coromandel Community Services Trust - Whangamata |  |                                       |



# TIROHANGA WHĀNUI O NGĀ WHAKAHAERE RATONGA | SUMMARY OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

## Summary of service performance



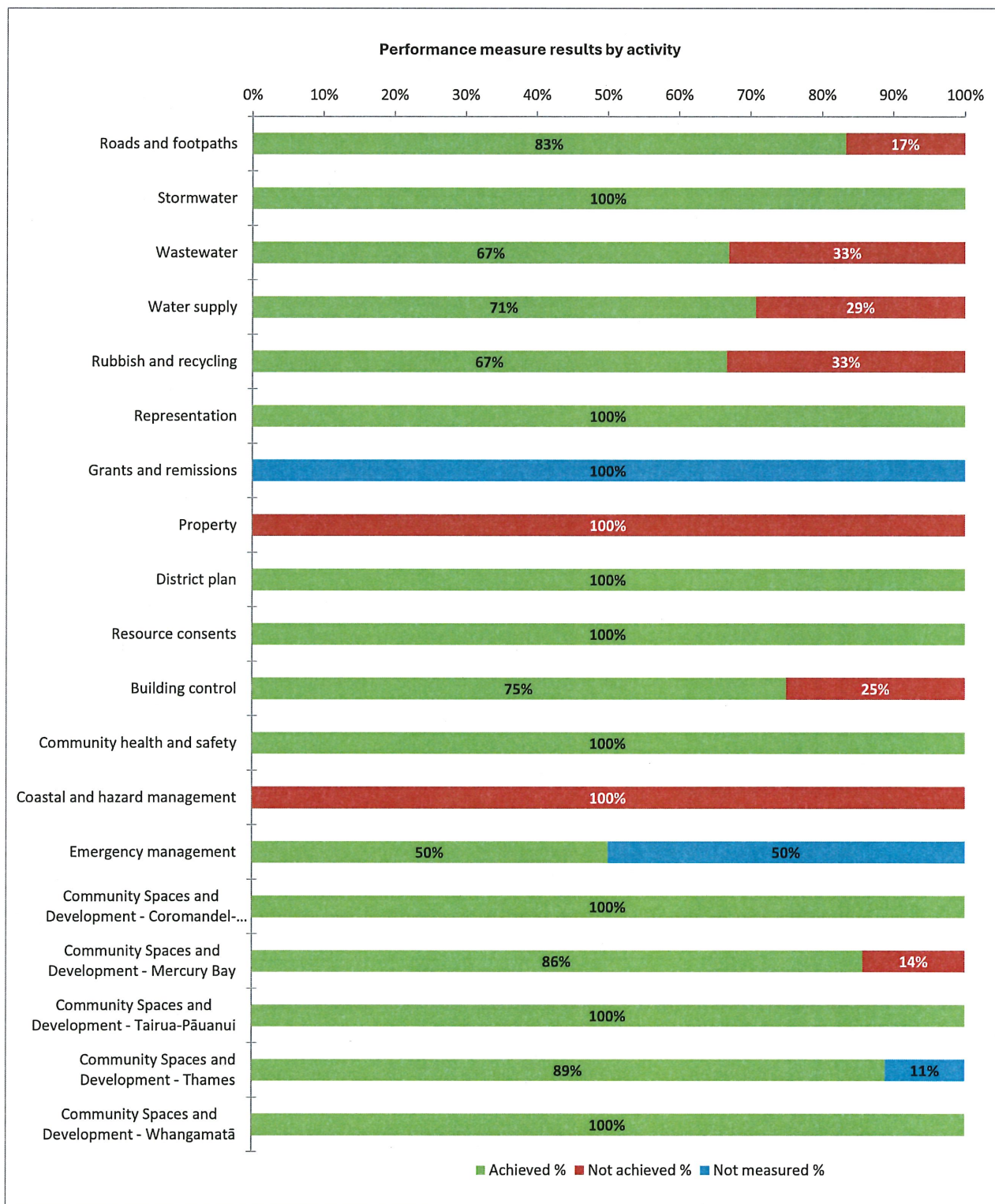
■ Achieved ■ Not Achieved ■ Not Measured

Our projects and work programmes are contained within 13 groups of Council activities. This table summarises how we did, where we met expectations and where we need to improve. Our performance measures provide us with targets to meet, such as responsiveness, safety, timeliness, meeting statutory requirements and compliance. This year we achieved 80% of our service performance targets. This is an improvement from 69% in the previous financial year (a year significantly affected by storm damage).

Group of Activity	No. of measures	Achieved	Not Achieved	Not Measured
Roads and footpaths	6	83%	17%	0%
Stormwater	9	100%	0%	0%
Wastewater	12	67%	33%	0%
Water supply	41	71%	29%	0%
Solid waste	3	67%	33%	0%
Council	5	60%	20%	20%
Planning and regulation	6	83%	17%	0%
Protection of people and the environment	6	67%	17%	17%
Coromandel-Colville community spaces and development	5	100%	0%	0%
Mercury Bay community spaces and development	7	86%	14%	0%
Tairua-Pāuanui community spaces and development	7	100%	0%	0%
Thames community spaces and development	9	89%	0%	11%
Whangamatā community spaces and development	6	100%	0%	0%



## Breakdown of activity groups





## Non-achievement of our targets

There are several reasons why some performance measures are not achieved each year. Below is a brief explanation of the reasons why some of our performance measures have not been achieved this year. For more details, please refer to the 'Delivering on our priorities' section in our full annual report.

Activity	Summarised commentary on "not achieved" and "not measured" performance measures
<b>Property</b>	We didn't meet our target of 90% of Council administration and leased property buildings having a current Building Warrant of Fitness. Of our 23 buildings, 20 – or 87% - have a current Building Warrant of Fitness. We've identified work needed to address building compliance issues.
<b>Coastal hazard and management</b>	We initially had two coastal hazard management capital expenditure projects in our 2023/24 Annual Plan, but we deferred the Moanataiari seawall to 2030/31 (through our 2024-34 Long Term Planning process). That meant we only delivered one of two natural hazard works projects. Our Brophy's Beach coastal protection renewal project was completed in September 2023 at a cost of \$58,323, under budget and to timeframe. The project involved replacing the geotextile bag protections due to wear and tear.
<b>Building control</b>	Our building control activity involves issuing Land Information Memoranda. We couldn't meet our target of ≥90% due to unforeseen staff capacity limitations combined with an influx in the number of LIM requests in the first part of the year. Our actual result was 88%. We have trained more staff to help manage future workloads.
<b>Community spaces and development</b>	Of our 34 targets, only one wasn't achieved. The number of Mercury Bay Library members that used their library card in the last 12 months was slightly under this year's target of 45%, at 42% (or 4,701 members). One target wasn't measured as it wasn't applicable. In Thames we have a target that all wharf facilities will meet desired condition standards. As our new Kōpū wharf facility was in the process of being completed there were no facilities operational in the Thames community board area.
<b>Roading</b>	We strive to provide a responsive roading and footpath maintenance service to address identified faults and repairs. This includes aiming to respond to at least 85% of customer service requests within reasonable timeframes (these vary depending on the type of defect we're responding to). This year we achieved a result of 78% (28 out of the total 36 requests for service). There is no common factor contributing to the eight RFS that were not responded to within time. Generally, reasons can relate to resourcing at the time and the nature of road construction (including remediation of defects) being subject to weather and ground conditions. The string of storm and cyclone events in 2022/23 have led to increases in ground water tables over a prolonged period which can lead to increased levels of pavement failure in those roads where sub-soil drainage is not installed. High water tables or moisture content make reinstatement of defects difficult until we have extended periods of dry weather.
<b>Solid waste</b>	In September 2023 we implemented new kerbside pick-up arrangements by a new kerbside contractor. During that first month we received an excessive amount of missed collection complaints and as a result did not meet our target of no more than three justified complaints per 1,000 rating units that kerbside collection was not completed on the usual collection day. Our actual result was 7.9. However since then, complaints have reduced over time, with the most recent month of 2023/24 being significantly less at only 15 complaints in total.
<b>Wastewater</b>	Of our 12 targets for wastewater services, we didn't achieve four.  First, we saw an increase in the number of complaints about dry weather sewerage overflows from our sewerage system to 1.16 per 1,000 connections compared to our target of no more than one complaint per 1,000 connections. This equates to 27 overflows. We reviewed where and when the overflows occurred but found no specific trends or locations. We'll use our CCTV programme to help us identify key areas in future.  We also didn't meet our targets for complaints about wastewater odour and system faults. We aimed for a maximum of one complaint per 1,000 connected properties about odour but received 1.2. Of the 28 complaints we received, 40% of these concerned the Pāuanui wastewater treatment plant. We decided to install a new odour control system which is due to be completed in 2024. We aimed for a maximum of three complaints per 1,000 connected properties about system faults but received 4.21. We reviewed other complaints about odour, system faults (98 complaints) and blockages (52 complaints) and found no specific trends or locations. We'll use our CCTV programme to help us identify key areas in future. Most blockages in our network are due to tree root incursions in aged pipes and fat build up (both of which are common occurrences in wastewater pipe networks). A programme to identify and replace aged pipes is ongoing.  Third, we did not meet our target of zero operational resource consent conditions not complied with throughout the year. The 2023-24 Coromandel Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Compliance Report highlighted three non-compliant operational conditions leading to the retention of the abatement notice received in 2022-23. Work is underway to address the non-compliances.



Activity	Summarised commentary on "not achieved" and "not measured" performance measures
<b>Water supply</b>	<p>We've continued to experience some issues with providing safe and reliable potable water. Four of our nine supplies did not meet our Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR) bacterial targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At Matarangi and one (of three) plants at Whangamatā, the chlorine did not meet contact time requirements. We are in the process of putting a new water treatment plant at Matarangi (operational by June 2025) which will improve the configuration for the treated water FAC analyser and ensure compliance. Our Moana Point plant in Whangamatā supplies a small portion of the Whangamatā community. A new plant started operating in August 2023 and issues have been worked on to meet chlorine and UV requirements. For the first part of the financial year (July 2023 to September 2023 inclusive) the new plant wasn't operational and was therefore not compliant.</li> <li>At Hāhei and Onemana, insufficient additional bacterial sampling was undertaken for the peak population and therefore results are unknown. Also, for Onemana an insufficient number of pH tests were completed at times in 2023 due to operator error. We are working with our contractors to ensure their procedures are aligned to testing requirements over the peak period and to conduct the required number of pH tests in future.</li> </ul> <p>Four of our nine supplies did not meet our Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR) protozoal targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At Matarangi, turbidity requirements weren't met. The new water treatment plant will improve our ability to operate during weather events that cause high raw water turbidity.</li> <li>At Tairua and Pāuanui, the plants had issues with UV programming and membrane filters that have since been resolved.</li> <li>At Whangamatā, all three plants did not meet UV requirements, and one did not meet turbidity requirements. The filters struggle to process water from two of the three bores due to relatively higher turbidity and hardness. A recent trial shows that by using a mix of two bores we can be compliant. We are further progressing trials with chemical dosing to allow all three bores to be used. Again, the new Moana Point plant was not operational for a period during 2023.</li> </ul> <p>We promote the efficient and sustainable use of water but couldn't meet all our targets of limiting real water loss from our networked reticulation system for three of our 10 supplies (Coromandel, Pāuanui and Thames South). We'll be implementing a leak detection programme to identify areas of water loss. The further installation of water meters will also help. We are seeing reductions in leakage over time in some areas.</p> <p>We aim to provide a responsive call out service to attend to customers issues with their water supply. While we met all of our response time targets, we received more complaints about the continuity of supply than we targeted. We received 203 complaints relating to no water – or 9.98 per 1,000 connections. A high number of these relate to Pūriri water supply disruptions. The new water treatment plant for Pūriri is in progress and will address the supply issues.</p>



# NGĀ TAUMATA A KAUNIHĒRA ME TE TOHA TOHA PŪTEA | COUNCIL BENCHMARKS AND WHERE YOUR MONEY WAS ALLOCATED

Part 2 of The Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations require us to disclose our financial performance in relation to various benchmarks. A complete picture of the results can be obtained from the full Annual Report. The following is a snap shot of the results that were obtained in the 2023/24 financial year.

## Rates affordability benchmarks



- 69% of total revenue received by Council was rates income. Rates received is capped at 80% of total revenue received.
- Rates rose by 11.8% for existing ratepayers. Council's limit was that rates must not rise by more than 6.5% in the 2023/24 financial year. Council's rates are outside the quantified limit in 2023/24 to cover escalating contract costs, increased interest rates and storm damage recovery works.

## Debt affordability benchmarks



- Total net external debt was \$60.8 million as at 30 June 2024 and was equivalent to 43% of total revenue. This is \$154 million under our total external debt cap of \$214.3 million (150% of total revenue).
- Net external interest on external debt was 3.2% of rates revenue. This was well within the limit set of 15%.
- Net interest on external debt was 5.0% of operating revenue. This was well within the limit set of 15%.

## Balanced budget benchmark



- Council's revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant and equipment) was 101% of total operating expenditure (excluding vested expenditure).

## Essential services benchmark



- Council did not meet this benchmark for the 2023/24 financial year as capital expenditure on network services was 93% of depreciation expenditure on network services.
- Council is continuing to fund depreciation in order to build depreciation reserves so that costs towards major renewals can be met without additional borrowings.

## Debt servicing benchmark



- Council's borrowing costs are 2.9% of its operating revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant and equipment). Council meets this benchmark if its borrowing costs equal or are less than 10% of its revenue.



## Debt control benchmark



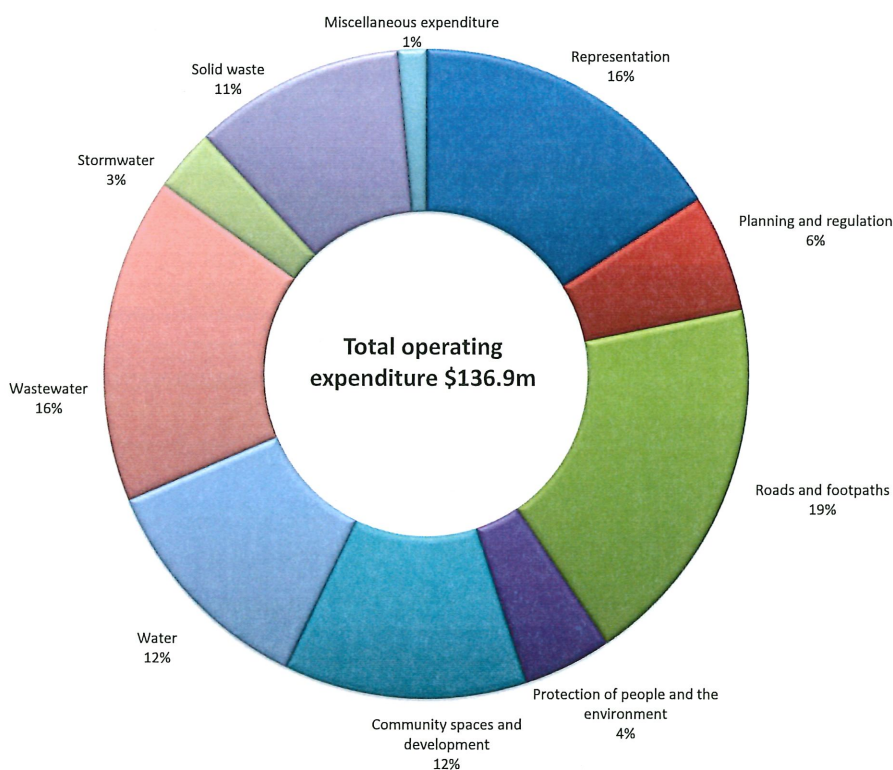
- Council's actual net debt of \$82.7 million was 77% of its planned net debt as at 30 June 2024. Net debt means financial liabilities less final assets (excluding trade and other receivables). Council met this benchmark as actual net debt was less than 100%.

## Operations control benchmark



- Council's net cash flow from operations was \$36.3 million which was \$7.6 million less than budgeted. Council did not meet the operations control benchmark as its actual net cash flow from operations was less than its planned net cash flow from operations (83%). This was due to less than forecasted fees and charges, subsidies and development contributions revenue received.

## Where your money was allocated



# TIROHANGA WHĀNUI KI TE WHAKAHAERE PŪTEA | OVERVIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

## Summary financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2024

	2024	2024	2023
Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense	Budget	Actual	Actual
For the year ended 30 June 2024	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Rates revenue	94,426	94,354	83,443
Fees and charges	17,125	14,769	14,814
Other revenue	36,862	33,755	60,735
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>148,413</b>	<b>142,878</b>	<b>158,992</b>
Personnel costs	24,420	24,460	22,693
Depreciation and amortisation	32,853	35,646	33,211
Finance costs	3,643	3,978	3,596
Other expenses	73,304	72,801	79,993
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>134,221</b>	<b>136,885</b>	<b>139,494</b>
Income tax credit / (expense)	0	(26)	147
<b>Surplus/(deficit) after tax</b>	<b>14,192</b>	<b>5,967</b>	<b>19,645</b>
Gains on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	65,632	2,926	65,667
Gain/loss on financial asset revaluation	0	0	0
Deferred tax credit on revaluation	0	26	(147)
<b>Total other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>65,632</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>65,520</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>79,824</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>85,165</b>

	2024	2024	2023
Statement of financial position	Budget	Actual	Actual
As at 30 June 2024	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Total current assets	7,558	34,462	22,702
Total non-current assets	2,242,165	2,216,950	2,205,332
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,249,723</b>	<b>2,251,411</b>	<b>2,228,035</b>
Total current liabilities	32,253	34,942	36,768
Total non-current liabilities	84,918	79,421	63,140
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>117,171</b>	<b>114,362</b>	<b>99,909</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AND TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>2,132,552</b>	<b>2,137,049</b>	<b>2,128,126</b>



	2024	2024	2023
Statement of changes in equity	Budget	Actual	Actual
For the year ended 30 June 2024	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Balance at 1 July	2,052,727	2,128,126	2,042,469
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	79,824	8,919	85,165
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE</b>	<b>2,132,552</b>	<b>2,137,049</b>	<b>2,128,126</b>
<b>Equity represented by:</b>			
Accumulated funds	405,238	435,293	439,867
Reserves	1,727,313	1,701,756	1,688,260

	2024	2024	2023
Statement of cash flows	Budget	Actual	Actual
For the year ended 30 June 2024	\$000's	\$000's	\$000's
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	43,837	36,280	33,484
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(54,505)	(51,285)	(32,945)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	10,744	16,000	(6,000)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>(5,462)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	0	11,153	16,615
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>12,149</b>	<b>11,153</b>

## Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements were extracted from the full audited financial report of Thames-Coromandel District Council for 30 June 2024.

The summary financial statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements.

The full annual report was authorised for issue by Council on 31 October 2024.

The full annual report is available from the Council offices or can be downloaded at [www.tcdc.govt.nz](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz).

An unmodified audit report was issued on the full financial statements.

## Explanations for key variances from the budget

### Revenue

#### Fees and charges

Fees and charges were \$2.4 million less than budgeted due to lower than estimated Solid Waste Collection fees.

#### Subsidies and grants

Subsidies and grants revenue was \$2.2 million less than was budgeted due to a number of roading storm event capital projects being deferred to next financial year.

#### Development contributions

Development contributions revenue was \$2.5 million less than budget mainly due to fewer developments progressing in the financial year.

#### Other revenue

Other revenue was \$0.8 million more than budget mainly due to the value of assets vested to council.

#### Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation was \$2.8 million more than budgeted, mainly as a result of increased revaluation movements in 3 Waters and Roading.

#### Other expenses

Other expenses were \$0.5 million less than budget due to a number of small underspends across activities.

### Other comprehensive revenue and expense

#### Gain on property, plant and equipment revaluations

Gain on revaluation was \$62.7 million less than budgeted. This is mainly due to a drop in land value revaluations, while a number of other asset classes have not increased at budgeted levels.

### Assets

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The closing cash position is \$12 million higher than budgeted mainly as a result of unbudgeted cash reserves held at year end for upcoming cashflow requirements.

#### Receivables

Receivables were \$4.4 million more than budget due to a few large sundry receivables being due at year end including roading subsidies.

#### Forestry assets

Forestry assets are \$0.7 million less than budgeted, due to a significant fall in log prices.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment assets are \$25.8 million less than budgeted. This is mainly due to the drop in land revaluations as at 30 June 2024.

### Liabilities

#### Payables

The closing payables position is \$4.7 million more than budget. This is reflective of escalating costs and additional works required for storm recovery not reflected in the budget.



## Borrowings

The total external debt is \$6.4 million lower than budgeted due to the under delivery of the capex programme as a result of resourcing and storm recovery works.

## Disclosure

### Reporting entity

Thames-Coromandel District Council (Council) is a territorial local authority established under the Local Government Act 2002.

## Basis of preparation

### Statement of compliance

The Summary Annual Report is for the year ended 30 June 2024 and was authorised for issue by the Chief Executive on 26 November 2024. The full Annual Report was adopted by Council and approved for issue on 31 October 2024. The full financial statements of Council have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, which include the requirement to comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They also comply with Tier 1 PBE accounting standards. All statutory requirements relating to the Annual Report have been complied with. This Summary Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the PBE Financial Reporting Standard 43 (PBE FRS 43) Summary Financial Statements.

### Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis, modified by the revaluation of land and buildings, certain infrastructural assets, investments, forestry assets and certain financial instruments (including derivative instruments).

### Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000's).

## Events After Balance Date

### Local Water Done Well

The reform of water service delivery has continued during the year with The Government signalling in late 2023 that Three Waters legislation would be repealed and replaced by a new system, Local Water Done Well.

In early 2024 The Government introduced the first of a series of bills aimed to repeal previous water services legislation, and establish the framework for a new water services system.

The legislation that has been enacted to date does not have an impact on the 2024 financial statements or performance information. The legislation in place and that which is expected to be introduced in December 2024 will require Council to prepare, consult on, and adopt a water service delivery plan.

## Storm Recovery

### Impact of Significant Weather Events

At the beginning of January 2023 the Coromandel was hit by a number of weather events, the most significant of those weather events were Cyclone Hale and Gabrielle. This caused extensive damage to properties and infrastructure across the region and lead to a state of emergency being declared.

On 20 February 2023 Cabinet approved a business support recovery package to fund cyclone recovery efforts. Around the same time, Council approved and set up a Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial support to individuals, families, businesses and groups adversely affected by the cyclone.

Storm Recovery grants of \$1,975,077 were paid out in the financial year 2023/24. In addition to this, Council was the agent for \$300,000 of grants that were paid out for Business Support.

The weather events that occurred from early January 2023 and Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023 had the following negative impact of \$2,140,939 on the financial results:

- \$6,222,321 of costs included within Roading capital expenditure and \$717,091 of Roading operating expenditure. This includes investigation/design costs for permanent reinstatement sites.
- \$5,416,942 of funding from Waka Kotahi for 23/24 FY based on an enhanced funding assistance rates.
- Water activity had \$38,201 expenditure related to the response to the weather events.
- Community Facilities activity had \$580,266 expenditure related to the response to the weather events.

As at 30 June not all of the recovery works had been completed. Completion of the remaining work is expected to continue into the 2024/25 financial year.



**Mayor**

26 November 2024

**Chief Executive**

26 November 2024



# Independent Auditor's Report

AUDIT NEW ZEALAND  
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## Independent Auditor's Report

### To the readers of Thames-Coromandel District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Thames-Coromandel District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following information on pages 7 to 16:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary the summary statement of service performance, referred to as the summary service performance overview.

### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

### Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

## **The full annual report and our audit report thereon**

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 in our auditor's report dated 31 October 2024.

## **Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report**

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

## **Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

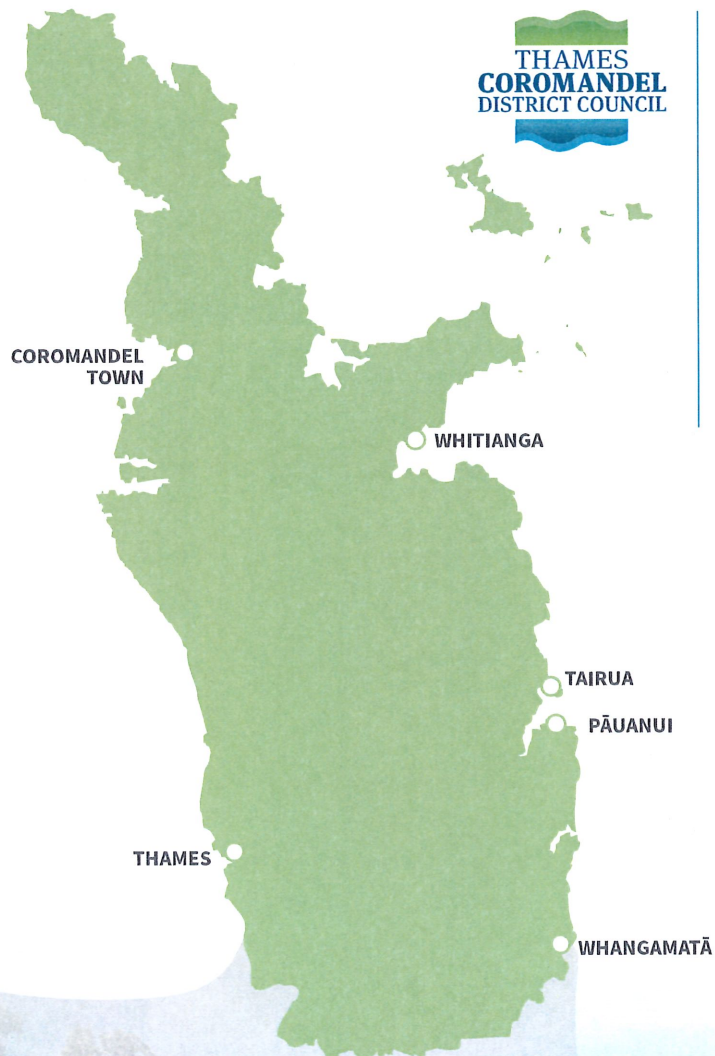
In addition to our audit and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have performed an audit of the District Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan, an assurance engagement over the procurement of a professional services contract and a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed which are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than this engagement we have no relationship with, or interests in the District Council.



Carl Wessels,  
Audit New Zealand  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Auckland, New Zealand  
26 November 2024



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