

# Pūrongo ā-Tau Annual Report Summary 2024/25



*making this place home*

# Mihi

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rau  
rangatira mā o te rohe o Rangitīkei,  
tēnā koutou katoa.

Mihi mahana tēnei o te Kaunihera  
o Rangitīkei kia tātou katoa e noho  
ana ki roto i te rohe nei, nau mai,  
whakatau mai ra.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga,  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai,  
E hī ake ana te atakura,  
He tio, he huka, he hau hū,  
Tihei Mauriora!

The Rangitīkei District Council  
acknowledges all those  
who live within our District.

We send a warm welcome to  
you all.

Cease the winds from the west  
Cease the winds from the south  
Let the breeze blow over the land  
Let the breeze blow over the ocean  
Let the red-tipped dawn come with  
a sharpened air  
A touch of frost, a promise of a  
glorious day!





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# Introduction

The Annual Report Summary summarises the Council's performance in year one of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, and against the various legislative and accounting requirements under which the Council is required to operate.

## The year's major achievements are:

- **Annual Plan 2025/2026** – Council adopted the annual plan at the end of June 2025. The Annual Plan sets out the activities and funding for the 2025/26 year.
- **Strategy Development** – Council commenced development of a new Economic Strategy for the Rangitikei District.
- **Policy and bylaw reviews** – Council completed the development of its Smokefree and Vapefree Policy.
- **Road Maintenance Contract** - Procurement for our Road Maintenance and Services Contract was undertaken and a 5-year contract was awarded to Downer NZ Ltd.
- **Bulls Reservoir Pump Station** – Construction of the new Bulls reservoir pump station is complete. The pump is currently being commissioned and when complete will make the existing reservoirs redundant and able to be decommissioned.
- **Papakai Pump Station** – Construction of the pump station is complete, and the station is fully operational. This improves the level of service to protect the Hautapu River from unwanted overflows during heavy rain events.
- **Community Hubs** – continued to build programmes and continue to run over 40 programmes per month across the three hub sites, plus over 100 school holiday programmes throughout the year.
- Council approves its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-2031 (WMMP) in July 2025 - in compliance with the Ministry of Environmental Waste Minimisation Levy Council, which requires the plan to be reviewed every six years.
- **Youth development programmes** – a wide range of youth development programmes were delivered which included YHQ in Marton and The Lobby in Taihape, skills and confidence development programmes (e.g. golf, hunting) and participation in the Youth Council.


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- the Council Offices, 46 High Street, Marton
- the Community Hubs/District Libraries or
- our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)



**Andy Watson** Mayor

25 November 2025



**Carol Gordon** Chief Executive

25 November 2025



| Swing bridge - Hautapu River Parks, Taihape

## Council's Role

The Rangitikei District Council undertakes services for the residents and ratepayers of the Rangitikei.

**The Local Government Act 2002 defines the purpose of Local Government as to:**

“... enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities and;

... promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

## Council Operations

The Council appoints a Chief Executive to be in charge of the Council operations and delegates certain powers of Management to him as required under Section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Chief Executive appoints staff to carry out all of the Council's significant activities.

# Highlights for 2024/2025



## Community Leadership

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Annual Plan 2025/2026** – Council adopted the annual plan at the end of June 2025. The Annual Plan sets out the activities and funding for the 2025/26 year.
- **Sectional District Plan Review** – Work commenced on the sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan. The initial focus of the review is on the Urban Growth Plan Change which aims to provide for future residential growth across the district. The Commercial Zone efficiency and effectiveness report was also completed.
- **Advocacy** – Council submitted to 16 external consultations during the year. These included topics such as local water reform, electoral reform, wastewater standards, emergency management legislation, treaty principles and regulatory standards.
- **Policy and bylaw reviews** – Council completed the development of its Smokefree and Vapefree Policy. It also completed the review of the Signs and Public Places Bylaw. Council's Community Housing Policy was reviewed. Council reviewed, consulted on, and adopted its TAB and Class 4 Gambling Policies. The Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy was reviewed, consulted on, and adopted. A review of the Water Related Services Bylaw 2020 was completed and this Bylaw is to be amended and got out for consultation in 2025/26.
- **Preparation of Order Papers** – Order Papers for Council, Committees, Boards, Community Committees, and other meetings have continued to be delivered to ensure that decision-making was compliant and useful.
- **Strategy Development** – Council commenced development of a new Economic Strategy for the Rangitikei District.
- **Plan Development** – A plan for the streetscape upgrade for Marton was commenced.
- **Elections** – Officers commenced work on the local body elections scheduled for October 2025.
- **Mayors Taskforce for Jobs** – Council continued to participate in the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs programme and delivered over 120 employment outcomes in the district. The most successful programme in the country.
- **Climate Change** – Council continued to work regionally as part of the climate action joint committee.
- **Communications** –
  - 95 media releases produced and distributed.
  - 92 council updates delivered across community newsletters, local newspapers and electronic direct mail.
  - Rangitikei District Council social media following (across all channels) grew 32% in 2024/25. The industry standard is 9.21%. Rangitikei District Council is ranked second in the country for Local Government follower growth in the year 2024.
  - We joined TikTok in August 2024 to try capture a more diverse audience. In the last year we've reached 85,000 people.





## Roading and Footpaths

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Road Maintenance Contract** - Procurement for our Road Maintenance and Services Contract was undertaken and a 5-year contract was awarded to Downer NZ Ltd. This is a completely new type of collaborative contract which integrates Downer systems, skills, expertise and knowledge with Rangitikei District Council. The contract is under-pinned by a set of performance measures which will drive higher efficiency and improved value for money. A key requirement of the new contract will allow Rangitikei District Council to build on our own internal Asset Management and contract management capability.
- **Council Owned Roading Depots** - Establishment of council owned roading depots – the flexibility of the new Road Maintenance and Services Contract has allowed us to establish our own depot facilities in Marton and Taihape. This will secure Council's position into the future giving greater control on how road maintenance services are delivered.
- **2024-27 National Land Transport Plan (NLTP)** - Budgets for Maintenance, Operations and Renewal (MOR) were approved as submitted apart from the footpath activity budgets which were subject to a 75% reduction. MOR budgets cover our core business as usual activities.
- **2024-27 Improvement Projects** - Council submitted a request for funding to cover a three-year programme of network improvement projects. Apart from funds required to complete work in progress from the previous NLTP, this entire funding application was declined due to changing central government priorities. Within the three months following this NZTA released three separate funding streams which we applied to for projects that met the new government priorities of Network Resilience, Increasing Productivity, Reducing Whole of Life costs and also costs to complete variable speed signage upgrades around schools. We had limited success with a low number of submitted projects receiving approval for subsidised funding.
- **Ruapehu Mill Closures** - During late 2024, the Ruapehu timber and pulp mill closures had a brief but severe impact on the condition of the Taihape Napier Road, as after the closures the logs that would have been processed in those mills were sent by road to the Port of Napier. A short-term contract was put in place to transport the logs by rail, however, we are at the mercy of commercially driven decisions that could see the return of this traffic on the route. We applied to NZTA for specific funding to address issues on the Taihape Napier Road but this was declined.

### Completed Work

- A right turn bay was constructed at Makirikiri Rd / Goldings Line intersection.
- Mangatipona Road and Turakina Valley Road 2 intersection was widened to improve sight distances.
- Bridge abutment protection was undertaken at Brandon Hall Rd Bridge.
- New footpaths and associated drainage assets were constructed on Wellington Road, Marton and SH1 Turakina.
- Area wide pavement rehabilitation was carried out on a section of Pukepapa Road between Makirikiri Road and Whales Line.
- A seal extension was undertaken on Turakina Valley Road 4.
- 9000 cubic metres of aggregate was spread on unsealed roads.
- 60.7 lane kilometres of road was resealed. 648m of culvert pipes were renewed/installed.
- 148m of kerb and channel was renewed. 416 signs renewed/installed.
- Six retaining walls constructed on Taihape Napier Road 1, Turakina Valley Road 2 and 3, Swan Street and Waimutu Road (total length 105m).



## Water Supply

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Calico Line Watermain Replacement** – 1.5km of replacement is being installed in conjunction with the new walkway, driving efficiencies and cost savings.
- **Marton Water Strategy** – The consent for water abstraction was approved by Horizons Regional Council. The pilot Nanofiltration test plant has been operating at the Reservoir site since late July and is in the midst of collecting information for a 12-week period. This will determine the design of the new Treatment Plant.
- **Bulls Reservoir Pump Station** – Construction of the new Bulls reservoir pump station is complete. The pump is currently being commissioned and when complete will make the existing reservoirs redundant and able to be decommissioned.



## Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Taihapa inflow and infiltration programme** – This is in progress and involves smoke testing and manhole inspections to determine any stormwater inflows and infiltration into the wastewater system.
- **Papakai Pump Station** – Construction of the pump station is complete, and the station is fully operational. This improves the level of service to protect the Hautapu River from unwanted overflows during heavy rain events.
- **Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation** – Discharge to land is currently being investigated as part of five other options due to the new proposed Taumata Arowai Discharge Standards. The options being investigated are:
  - **100% Discharge to land:** treatment plant at the RDC owned site.
  - **100% Discharge to land:** With inflow and infiltration reduction in the networks.
  - **Combined discharge to land and river.**
  - **100% Discharge to river:** standards as per the draft Wastewater Discharge standards (moderate dilution environment).
  - **100% Discharge to river:** discharge requirements as per the Horizon One Plan.
  - **100% Discharge to river:** With an inflow and infiltration reduction programme.
 A preferred option will be finalised when the Taumata Arowai Discharge Standards are finalised.



## Stormwater Drainage

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Skerman Street Stormwater Pipe** – This is in the detailed design phase and will help reduce flooding issues over private properties along Skerman and Grey Streets.
- **Huntermville Stormwater Upgrade** – The detailed design has been completed, and the project is in the tender process. This will involve new pipe being installed to divert flow from Milne Street.
- **Annual Stormwater maintenance** – Several open drains across the district received maintenance cleaning and clearing.
- **Bredins Line Stormwater outfall** – The design for the new pipe and outfall structure has been completed and the project is in the tender process. Construction will be completed in the next financial year.
- **Bulls Stormwater upgrade** – Construction for this project has been completed.





## Parks and Reserves

### Highlights for 2024/25

#### Parks and Reserves

- The Taihape Gumboot sculpture gardens have been upgraded.
- Marton Park rose garden pathway resurfacing (stage 2) was completed.
- Bulls cream-can litter bins have also been refurbished.

#### Playgrounds

- A flying fox was installed within the playground at Sir James Wilson Park.

#### Walkways

- Two pedestrian bridges were constructed across the Hautapu River in Taihape.

#### Cemeteries

- A number of additional burial berms were installed within the Mt View and Rātana Pā cemeteries.
- Refurbishment of the Mt View Cemetery entranceway fence was undertaken.

Council is also supporting a number of community-led projects throughout the district - Tūtaenui Restoration Society; restoration of the Tūtaenui Reservoir, Koitiata Wetland Restoration project and the Friends of Taihape – Hautapu River Parks reserve walkway development.



## Community

### Highlights for 2024/25

- **Marton Market Day and the Marton Harvest Festival** – continued to grow in attendance.
- **Do-a-Duathlon** – growth of the event to 85 registered participants.
- **Bikes in schools programme** – Council received external funding to deliver the Bikes in Schools programme. In partnership with Sport Whanganui a fleet of bikes were purchased and bike education was delivered to over 600 tamariki.
- **Funding** – We received \$10,000 of funding in the Events Promotion Fund through MBIE.
- **District Promotion** – successful installation of the new 'Welcome To The Rangitikei' billboards throughout the district.
- **Community Hubs** – continued to build programmes and continue to run over 40 programmes per month across the three hub sites, plus over 100 school holiday programmes throughout the year.
- **Youth development programmes** – a wide range of youth development programmes were delivered which included YHQ in Marton and The Lobby in Taihape, skills and confidence development programmes (e.g. golf, hunting) and participation in the Youth Council.
- **Partnerships** – Council continued a range of partnership activities including with Bulls Community District Trust and Taihape Community Development Trust, Marton ICT Hub, Business Rangitikei, Sport Whanganui.
- **Shop Local campaign** – Council led a Shop Local campaign across the district to encourage shoppers to think locally before going out of town for their shopping. Retailers took advantage of the promotion around this campaign and eight lucky shoppers were rewarded with a prize at the end of each week for spending locally.



## Rubbish and Recycling

### Highlights for 2024/25

- Waste transfer stations in Taihape and Bulls adopted a new weighbridge system.
- New operation system – Bulls, Marton and Taihape waste transfer stations have been updated with upgraded software and are consistent with the revised fees and charges.
- Council approves its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-2031 (WMMP) in July 2025 - in compliance with the Ministry of Environmental Waste Minimisation Levy Council, which requires the plan to be reviewed every six years.



## Environmental and Regulatory Services

### Highlights for 2024/25

#### Animal Control

- Animal Control has continued its dedicated service to both the Rangitikei and Manawātū Districts by providing 24/7 coverage, ensuring prompt responses to animal-related complaints and emergencies.  
A significant achievement has been the successful launch of a rehoming program for both districts, giving unclaimed dogs a second chance at a forever home. The team has also been actively engaged with the community, participating in local events to promote responsible dog ownership and interact with residents. This includes a notable presence at the "Dogs in Togs" event at the Makino Aquatic Centre in Feilding, a popular event where dogs get to enjoy the pool after the public season ends. Through these efforts, Animal Control is fostering a stronger connection to the community, offering opportunities to demonstrate what they do.

#### Building Control

- The building team continued to deliver both Territorial and Building Consent Authority functions across the District, and has maintained building accreditation with the next audit scheduled for February 2027.
  - Total number of building consents issued: **211**
  - Total inspections undertaken: **1697**
  - Timeliness of processing building consents: **99.53%**  
*Of the 211 building consents processed, 210 were processed on time, 1 was not processed on time due to staff workload*
  - Swimming pool inspections **60**
  - Building warrant of fitness audits **32**
  - Building warrant of fitness renewals/ re-issued **160**

## Planning

- The Planning Team has experienced another busy year with consent volumes increasing from the 2023/24 year. A total of 100 resource consents were granted during the 2024/25 year, which is an increase from 71 granted during the 2023/24. Alongside processing resource consents, the team continued to focus on process improvements with the aim of improving customer experience.
  - The government has continued to implement changes to the country's resource management system during the 2024/25 year, including targeted amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the package of changes to national planning documents and the proposed replacement of the RMA. The team have continued to stay on top of these changes and undertaken training as necessary.
  - Public enquiries on land development opportunities and in relation to planning regulatory matters remain high, with the team responding to 730 enquiries during and 87 Land information memorandum issued for the 2024/25 year.
- Key consents in process and processed during the financial year included:
  - Another two land-based solar farms in Marton (one processed by the Council and the other processed by the EPA under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020)
  - A new motel on Criterion Street, Bulls
  - A commemorative centre to be used as a dedicated World War 1 memorial site at a property on High Street, Bulls
  - A redevelopment of Taihape Area School
  - A Notice of Requirement for a new substation on Pukepapa Road, Marton
  - Various multi-unit residential developments in Marton & Bulls
  - Titles have been issued for 58 new residential lots in Marton (Hendersons Line).





This image and front Cover: View from Mount Stewart Reserve, Taihape

# Financial Statements

## Explanation of major variations against budget

Explanations for major variances from the Council's budget figures for 2024/25 in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan are noted below. More detailed analysis of variances may be found in note 27 of the financial statements and in the commentary of the various groups of activities in the full Annual Report.

## Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

The statement of comprehensive revenue and expense shows operating expenditure was \$2.9 million more than budget and operating revenue was below budget by \$4.8 million, resulting in an operating deficit before gains and losses on plant, properties and equipment and investments of \$9.2 million against a budget loss of \$1.5 million.

More detailed analysis of variances is presented in note 27 of the financial statements and in the commentary on the various groups of activities in the full Annual Report

## Statement of financial position

Council had net assets of \$815 million, largely represented by property, plant and equipment.

Council has a strong cash position of \$11.8 million as at 30 June 2025. This is mainly as a result of an underspend in capital works this year.

# Summary Financial Results

## Summary Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

For the year ending 30 June 2025

	2025 Actual (\$000)	2025 Budget (\$000)	2024 Actual (\$000)
<b>Revenue Rates</b>	<b>32,392</b>	<b>32,363</b>	<b>28,890</b>
Subsidies and Grants	11,810	16,282	15,733
Other revenue	4,448	5,051	3,712
Finance revenue	536	459	607
Vested and discovered assets	-	-	1,564
Gains	273	156	122
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>49,459</b>	<b>54,311</b>	<b>50,627</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Depreciation and amortisation expense	18,867	18,474	17,384
Personnel costs	11,538	9,270	8,830
Finance costs	2,161	2,864	1,495
Losses	2,528	-	13
Other expenses	23,661	25,228	27,639
<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	<b>58,755</b>	<b>55,836</b>	<b>55,361</b>
<b>Operating surplus (deficit) before tax</b>	<b>(9,295)</b>	<b>(1,525)</b>	<b>(4,733)</b>
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Operating surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>(9,295)</b>	<b>(1,525)</b>	<b>(4,733)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>			
Items that could be reclassified to surplus(deficit)			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense	-	-	-
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus(deficit)			
Gain / (Loss) on revaluation of infrastructure assets	68,668	84,953	-
Gain / (Loss) on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(7,016)
<b>Total other comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>68,668</b>	<b>84,953</b>	<b>(7,016)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive revenue and expense</b>	<b>59,373</b>	<b>83,428</b>	<b>(11,750)</b>

## Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

For the year ending 30 June 2025

	2025 Actual (\$000)	2025 Budget (\$000)	2024 Actual (\$000)
<b>Balance as at 1 July</b>	<b>755,541</b>	<b>758,098</b>	<b>767,287</b>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	59,445	83,428	(11,750)
Transfer to/from Special Reserves Other Adjustments	(85)		
<b>Balance as at 30 June</b>	<b>814,901</b>	<b>841,526</b>	<b>755,541</b>



## Summary Statement of Financial Position

For the year ending 30 June 2025

	2025 Actual (\$000)	2025 Budget (\$000)	2024 Actual (\$000)
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	11,854	11,000	11,087
Debtors and Other Receivables	4,571	3,193	4,545
Prepayments	424	252	429
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>16,849</b>	<b>14,445</b>	<b>16,061</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Plant, property and equipment	854,272	904,516	788,133
Intangible assets	2,187	666	717
Forestry assets	56	61	61
Other financial assets Corporate bonds	1,179	1,378	1,131
Investment in CCOs and other similar entities	51	51	51
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>857,744</b>	<b>906,672</b>	<b>790,093</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>874,593</b>	<b>921,117</b>	<b>806,154</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and other payables	3,178	4,220	4,150
Employee entitlements	1,377	856	1,050
Income in advance	1,009	1,286	1,217
Borrowings			
Other Financial Liabilities	10,016	16	16
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>15,580</b>	<b>6,378</b>	<b>6,432</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Employee entitlements		9	
Provisions	95	153	149
Borrowings	44,016	73,052	44,032
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>44,111</b>	<b>73,214</b>	<b>44,181</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>59,691</b>	<b>79,592</b>	<b>50,613</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>814,901</b>	<b>841,526</b>	<b>755,541</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated funds	450,096	459,545	460,477
Special and restricted reserves	5,672	4,588	4,640
Other reserves	359,133	377,393	290,424
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>814,901</b>	<b>841,526</b>	<b>755,541</b>

## Summary Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ending 30 June 2025

	2025 Actual (\$000)	2025 Budget (\$000)	2024 Actual (\$000)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from rates revenue	32,158	33,755	28,280
Receipts from other revenue	16,318	21,333	19,445
Interest received	489	459	574
Payments to suppliers and employees	(35,892)	(35,890)	(37,031)
Interest paid	(2,161)	(2,864)	(1,495)
Goods and services tax (net)			(222)
<b>Net cash inflows (outflows) from operating activities</b>	<b>10,912</b>	<b>16,792</b>	<b>9,551</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	144	356	133
Receipts from sale of investments Acquisition of investments		(500)	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(18,733)	(36,700)	(23,018)
Purchases of intangible assets	(1,539)	-	(172)
Purchase of Biological Assets	-	-	-
<b>Net cash inflows (outflows) from investing activities</b>	<b>(20,128)</b>	<b>(36,844)</b>	<b>(23,057)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings	9,984	23,052	12,654
Repayment of borrowings			-
<b>Net cash inflows (outflows) from financing activities</b>	<b>9,984</b>	<b>23,052</b>	<b>12,654</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash, and cash equivalents	767	3,000	(852)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	11,087	8,000	11,939
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>11,854</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,087</b>

## Post balance date events

The most significant change post balance date is the Council's decision to move from the three-Council formed CCO made up of Rangitikei, Whanganui and Ruapehu District Council to Rangitikei District Council, Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) and Horowhenua District Council for a three-council CCO. Full details below of the time line and decisions made post balance date.

The Government enacted the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 on 2 September 2024. This legislation requires Council to deliver a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) to the Secretary for Local Government by 3 September 2025. This plan must include the anticipated or proposed model or arrangements and implementation plan for delivering water services to the district. PNCC has been working with neighbouring Councils throughout the year to determine an appropriate model for water services delivery. Public consultation took place in 5 March to 2 April 2025 with the preferred option of a three council Joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WS-CCO) model with Whanganui, Ruapehu, and Rangitikei District Council. Following consultation, both Whanganui and Ruapehu have made decisions to exclude themselves from this proposed model.

Additional recommendations were passed to agree to partner with Horowhenua and Rangitikei District Councils for this Joint WS-CCO, with Ruapehu and Whanganui District Councils also able to join, should their respective Council's resolve to do so. On 9 July 2025, Ruapehu District Council resolved to partner with Whanganui District Council for their future Water Services Delivery model. On 15 July 2025, Whanganui District Council resolved to partner with Ruapehu District Council for their future Water Services Delivery model. These two resolutions confirmed that the Joint WS-CCO model for Palmerston North included partnering with both Horowhenua and Rangitikei District Council's. The Water Service Delivery Plan has subsequently been prepared on the basis of the three council Joint WS-CCO.

On 31 July 2025, Council resolved that primary stormwater assets and responsibility would also transfer to the WSCCO. On 14 August 2025, Council adopted the Water Services Delivery Plan and Implementation plan detailing that the WS-CCO would be created from 1 July 2026, with operations for water service delivery occurring from 1 July 2027. On 21 August 2025, the Chief Executives of Palmerston North City, Horowhenua & Rangitikei District Council's certified and signed the Joint Water Services Delivery Plan and submitted it to the Department of Internal Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary for Local Government. The Water Services Delivery Plan must still be approved by the Secretary. It is not currently known what date this will occur. Until the Secretary for Local Government approves the Water Services Delivery Plan and Implementation plan the decision to form the Joint WS-CCO with Palmerston North and Horowhenua District Councils remains uncertain.

The financial impact of this decision remains uncertain as arrangements are still to be finalised. On 1 July 2027 it is anticipated that asset transfer will occur, which will impact Council's Statement of Financial Position, particularly in relation to the Infrastructure Assets. The impact to Council's debt transfer at this point is unknown, but it is likely to have a net debt implication for Council. The values associated with the Financial Position impacts are unknown at this point.



## Additional information

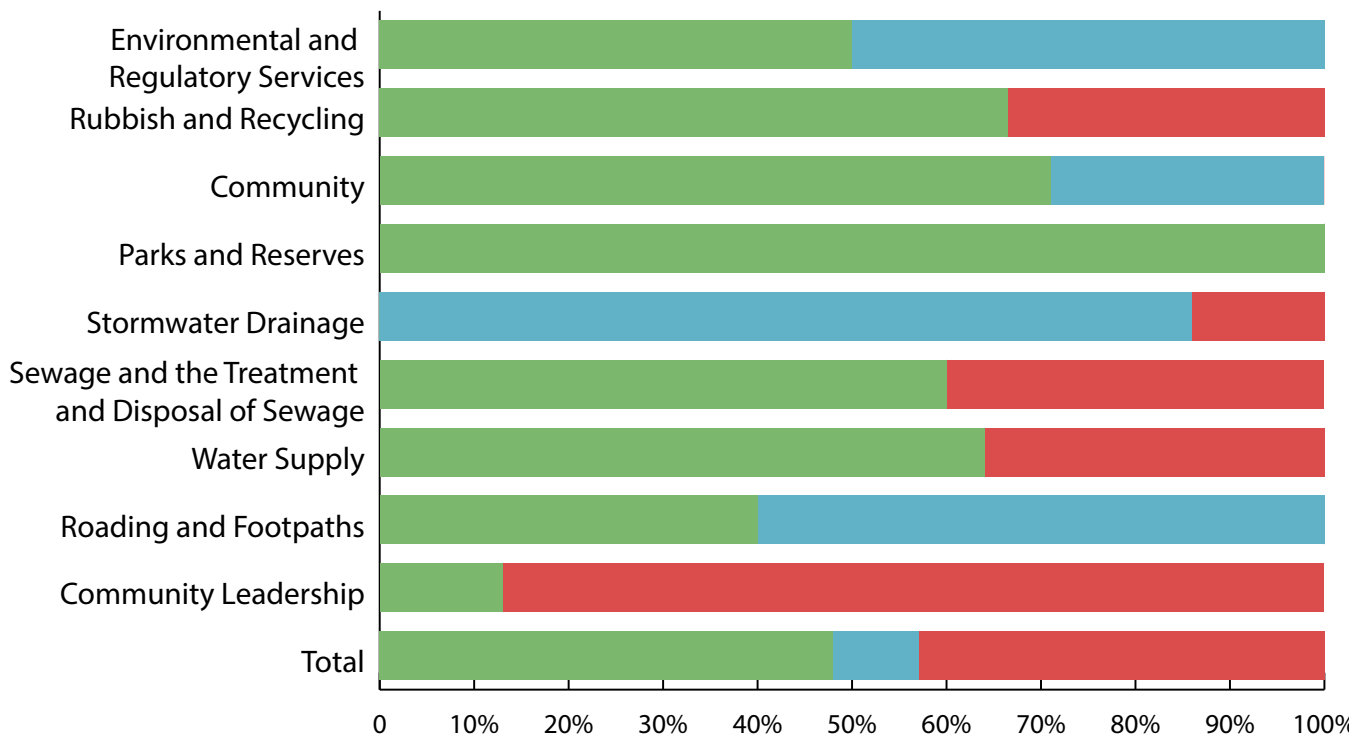
- 1 The reporting entity is the Rangitikei District Council which is a territorial local authority governed by the Local Government Act 2002 and is domiciled in New Zealand.
- 2 The specific disclosures in the summary financial report have been extracted from the full financial report which was adopted and authorised for issue by Council on 30 October 2025.
- 3 The Financial Statements are for the year ended 30 June 2025 and all figures are in New Zealand dollars and rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.
- 4 The Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 specifies a benchmark disclosure statement in the Council's annual report covering the current year and the four preceding years. These cover rates affordability, debt affordability, balanced budget, essential services, debt servicing, debt control and operations control. Council met 9 of the 11 benchmarks in 2024/25.
- 5 The summary financial report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial report. The full financial report on 30 October 2025 received an unmodified Audit Opinion. This report is available from the Council Office, our Community Hubs and on our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz).
- 6 The Council has designated itself a Public Benefit Entity (PBE) for financial reporting purposes.
- 7 The full financial statements were prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (NZ GAAP), and with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) accounting standards. The full financial statements include a statement of compliance to this effect.
- 8 These Summary Financial Results are in compliance with the PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements.

## Levels of Service

The full report documents results for 68 intended levels of services across the nine activity groups.

An overall assessment of the actual levels of service compared with what was intended has a less certain basis than measuring financial performance because qualitative as well as quantitative information is used. The detailed analysis is provided under each group of activities.

The following chart shows the overall achievement for the year. Of the 68 measures, 47% were achieved (51% last year).



### Achieved

Required actions have been completed

Or where a long-term level of service is targeted, the results for the year are in keeping with the required trend to achieve the intended level of service

### Not measured

A measure which Council is required to report upon, but did not undertake relevant activities, so cannot report results





### Not achieved

None of the required actions have been undertaken

Or the result for the year is less than half of the intended level of service

Or where a long-term level of service is targeted, the results for the year are contrary to the required trend to achieve the intended level of service

## Summary Commentary on each group of activities

Activity	What we did
 <b>Community Leadership</b>	<p>62% of annual plan actions were completed by 30 June 2025, with 38.9% of the planned capital programme completed.</p> <p>Satisfaction ratings from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) about the effectiveness of the Māori responsiveness framework remained on par with the previous year.</p> <p>Customer ratings at Council offices and libraries remained consistent with an overall Happy Index of 90% with a decrease of 1443 responses.</p>
 <b>Roothing</b>	<p>The average quality of ride on the sealed rooothing network continued to exceed the target and was at 93%.</p> <p>The percent of the sealed road network resurfaced was below the target of 6%, reaching only 4% due to the temperature not being suitable to complete the planned work.</p> <p>Council applied 9,113m3 of gravel to unsealed roads, below the target of 12,000m3, due to increased maintenance costs.</p> <p>There were no fatal crashes on the Council rooothing network, and the number of serious injury crashes decreased from 13 the previous year, to 8 in 2024/25.</p> <p>Timeframes for response and resolution of requests for rooothing and footpaths were all below target.</p>
 <b>Water supply</b>	<p>Zero of the six water supplies were compliant with Part 4 of the Drinking Water Standards (bacteria compliance). In most cases the non-compliance was due to continuous monitoring data not being available for a short time. While data was lost, treatment remained in place and there was no evidence of contamination events.</p> <p>Zero of the six water supplies were compliant with Part 5 of the Drinking Water Standards (protozoa compliance). In most cases the non-compliance was due to turbidity issues and issues with continuous monitoring. There is no evidence of unsafe water being supplied.</p> <p>The loss of water from urban reticulation was 49%, down from 56% the previous year. Work on the Bulls Water Treatment Plant contributed to water loss.</p> <p>Consumption of drinking water was an average of 469 litres per resident per day, which is less than the target of 600 litres per resident per day.</p> <p>Council met all targets for response and resolution of call outs.</p> <p>There were 71.64 complaints about the water network per 1000 connections which did not meet the target of less than 20</p>
 <b>Stormwater Drainage</b>	<p>There were no flooding events that met the threshold for reporting requirements (stormwater overflows that enter a habitable floor).</p> <p>Council received 6.48 requests for service per 1000 connected properties, which did not meet the target of fewer than 5. Following a dry summer light rainfall increased the likelihood of surface water accumulating on properties, contributing to a rise of inquiries.</p>

Activity	What we did
 Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage	<p>Council received two abatement notices and 10 infringement notices related to consent compliance for wastewater treatment plants.</p> <p>Council met all targets for the resolution of call outs, and met the target for responding to non-urgent call outs. The median response time for urgent call outs was not met with a median response time of 0.66 hours, while the target is 0,5 hours. There were only 0.46 overflows per 1000 connections, meeting the target of 3 per 1000 connections.</p> <p>There was a reduction in complaints about the wastewater network per 1000 connections from 18.22 the previous year to 8.67 for the 2024/2025 year, however the "target" of less than 6 was not met.</p>
 Parks and Reserves	<p>All playgrounds 100% comply with the NZ Standards.</p> <p>100% of customer responses of parks and sports fields were happy.</p>
 Community	<p>Council maintained the Poolsafe accreditation for Taihape Swim Centre, and the Marton Swim Centre accreditation is on hold while it is closed.</p> <p>All units measured against the rental warrant of fitness programme for community housing achieved 98.8% compliance. Two units were not measured due to being renovated.</p> <p>Customer ratings of library facilities was 90% overall and a significant number of programmes were delivered from these facilities throughout the year.</p> <p>Council undertook three civil defence exercises, passing the target of one per year.</p>
 Rubbish and recycling	<p>Waste to landfill continued to decrease from the previous year, with 5,624 tonnes to landfill, but did not meet the target of 5,500.</p> <p>The percentage of waste diverted from landfill slightly increased from 20.1% in 2023/2024 to 20.7% meeting the target.</p> <p>Recycling continued to be available at waste transfer stations in Bulls, Marton, Taihape, Hunterville, and Rātana</p>
 Environmental and Regulatory	<p>99.57% of building consents, 100% of land use consents and 100% of subdivision consents were processed within statutory timeframes.</p> <p>Three of the four targets for response and Completion of Animal Control call outs met targets. The response target for Priority 1 Animal Control call outs was met, however the response target for Priority 2 Animal Control call outs was not met due to prioritising call outs.</p> <p>Noise control and food premises call outs were not met.</p>

# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the readers of Rangitikei District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Rangitikei District Council (the Council) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following information on pages 14 to 21:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025;
- 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 2025;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary levels of service.

### 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 2025 in our auditor's report dated 30 October 2025.

Our auditor's report on the full annual report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to Note 24 on page 104 of the financial statements in the full annual report, which outlines that in response to the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms, the Council has decided to establish a multi-owned water organisation with Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council to deliver

water, wastewater and stormwater services from 1 July 2027.

The financial impact of this decision is unknown because details of the exact arrangements are still being considered. In addition, there is some uncertainty as the proposal is yet to be accepted by the Secretary for Local Government.

Information about this matter is also disclosed on page 16 of the summary of the annual report.

### 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.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Council.



Fiona Elkington,  
Audit New Zealand  
On behalf of the Auditor-General  
Wellington, New Zealand

27/11/2025







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