

Pūrongo ā-Tau Annual Report Summary 2023/24



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 2023/24 against year three of the Long Term Plan for 2021-31, and against the various legislative and accounting requirements under which the Council is required to operate.

The year's major achievements are:

- **Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan** – Council developed and adopted its first Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.
- **Long Term Plan 2024-34** – Council adopted the 10-year plan following a record number of 453 submissions.
- **By-elections** – Two by-elections were successfully run for the Southern Ward and Rātana Community Board.
- **Emergency Work** – \$4.2M was spent on permanent repairs across the roading network following damage sustained during the recent strong adverse weather events in 2022 and 2023.
- **Road Improvements** – Completed project to widen and realign Turakina Valley Road 3 at Otiwhiti Station.
- **Marton Water Strategy** – Construction of the new production bore has been completed and the consent application for water abstraction submitted.
- **Rātana Wastewater project** – Work continued to remove treated wastewater from Lake Waipu at Rātana.
- **Pump Stations** – Construction of the Papakai Pump Station in Taihape and Bulls Reservoir Pump Station started.
- **Domains and Reserves** – A permanent orienteering course established at the Tūtaenui Reserve.
- **Ngā Awa Block** was opened in Taihape. This project was awarded the Resene Colour, and the Public Architecture awards at the Western Architecture Award event.
- **Updated Waste Management and Minimisation Plan** was approved by the Department of Health.
- **Funding** – Council successfully gained funding from Pub Charity (for Marton Market Day) and Lotteries (for the 'Do a Duathlon' bike project).
- **Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs** programme continues to be a leader throughout the country for number of placements of rangatahi into work.
- **Youth** – Waka Tākaro Rangitikei - Play Trailer was launched, funded by Tu Manawa and supported by Taihape Community Development Trust. Marton Youth Head Quarters (#YHQ) opened at the Marton Library.

For those interested in the full Annual Report, copies are available at:

- the Council Offices, 46 High Street, Marton
- the Community Hubs/District Libraries or
- our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz



Andy Watson Mayor

25 November 2024



Kevin Ross Chief Executive

25 November 2024



Dudding Lake

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 2023/2024



Community Leadership

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Community Spatial Plan** – Council adopted Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond in late 2023 and implementation is now underway.
- **Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan** – Council developed and adopted its first Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. This work builds on continued collaboration with the Climate Action Joint Committee and Regional Working Group.
- **Long Term Plan 2024-34** – Council adopted the 10-year plan at the end of June 2024 following a record number of 453 submissions. The Long Term Plan sets out Council's Infrastructure and Financial strategy, the activities to be delivered and funding.
- **Policy and bylaw reviews** – Council reviewed and adopted the Rates Remission Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy, Significance and Engagement Policy, Development Contributions Policy. A draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy and Signs and draft Public Places Bylaw were developed and open for consultation.
- **By-elections** – Two by-elections were successfully run for the Southern Ward and Rātana Community Board.
- **Knowledgebase (Ruru)** – Knowledgebase system empowering our front-facing staff to efficiently process requests for services ensuring a consistent and reliable first-point resolution to residents, enhancing both service quality and operational efficiency.
- **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. During the year Terms of Reference were updated for the Policy/Planning Committee, Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, the community boards and committees, Santoft Domain Management Committee.



Roading and Footpaths

Highlights for 2023/24

- **The 2024-27 Activity Management Plan** and associated work programmes were submitted to NZTA in December. These documents underpin our application for subsidised funding for the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- The **Road Maintenance Contract** with Higgins was extended for a further 12 months. • Our **Roading Network Procurement Strategy** was endorsed by NZTA. This document sets out our strategic approach to the procurement of transport related activities and includes our long term goals of developing capability and capacity within RDC and the district through collaboration and partnerships, while also maintaining a competitive and sufficient supply market. It is based on growing the local economy while maximising sustainable value for money opportunities over the life of the assets and services being procured by RDC.
- **Road Re-Surfacing** – 31km of road was resurfaced (chip seal), a new asphalt surface was laid at the corner of Calico Line and Ngā Tawa Rd.
- **Pavement Rehabilitation** – 1.6km of Pavement Rehabilitation work was completed on Ruatangata Rd and Kensington Rd. Preparation work was undertaken on Pukepapa Rd ahead of the 24-25 rehabilitation project. Road strengthening following logging traffic damage was undertaken at Watershed Rd and Pohonui Rd. Cober Kain Avenue was upgraded with new pavement, kerb and channel, footpath and new asphalt surfacing, this urban street was formerly unsealed.
- **Bridges and Structures** – Urgent safety related repairs were undertaken on the Otara Rd Suspension Bridge following damage caused by an errant heavy vehicle.
- **Safety Improvements** – A right turn bay was constructed at the intersection of Williamson Line and Wanganui Road. School signage improvements continued as part of our ongoing commitment to reduce vehicle speeds around schools. Rural Intersection Advanced Warning Signs were installed at Makirikiri Rd/Pukepapa Rd intersection. These signs are motion activated and warn motorists of approaching side road traffic.

- **Emergency Work** – \$4.2M was spent during 2023/24 undertaking permanent repairs across the roading network following damage sustained during the recent strong adverse weather events in 2022 and 2023.
- **Road Improvements** – After several years of planning the project to widen and realign Turakina Valley Road 3 at Otiwhiti Station was completed. Construction involved realignment and widening of 1.8km of the carriageway, the installation of approximately 1km of concrete debris channels, retaining walls and guardrail. Seal extensions were completed at Mt Curl Rd and Turakina Valley Rd 2. Approaches to multiple bridges on unsealed roads were upgraded in order to lessen damage from road grading operations. Other completed projects were guardrail installation at Hautawa bridge, Mortons bridge abutment stabilisation work, Potaka Rd and Moawhango Valley Rd culvert installation to protect slip areas, Koeke Rd retreat, Toe Toe Rd corner removal and seal widening, Pohonui Rd & Taheke Rd sealing of bridge approaches, Hawkestone Rd Bridge guardrail extension. Turakina Valley Rd 3 guardrail installation at Otiwhiti bridge.
- **Resilience Improvements** – Earthworks were undertaken to retreat Ruahine Rd at the intersection of Cage Rd to move the road away from an unstable underslip. Stream channel rock protection projects were completed at Brandon Hall Rd, Wairepu West Rd, Silverhope Bush Rd and Mangakukeke Rd. Large culvert upgrades where rusted steel culverts were replaced with concrete pipes were completed at Paengaroa Rd, Kawhatau Valley Rd and O’Taihape Valley Rd.



Water Supply

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Marton Water Strategy** – Construction of the new production bore has been completed and the consent application for water abstraction has been submitted. A supplier for a new treatment process has been selected. The supplier installed a trial plant to confirm treatment performance and to gather more detail regarding water and waste stream quality. Construction of the new plant will start in the next financial year.
- **Bulls Reservoir Pump Station** – Construction of the new Bulls Reservoir pump station started and is expected to be completed early in the next financial year. The new pump station will make the existing reservoirs redundant, and they will be decommissioned once the new pump station has been commissioned and in use.



Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation** – RDC engaged the services of specialist planners to create a consenting plan to be used as a roadmap for the construction and consenting of a new combined wastewater scheme for Marton and Bulls. The consenting plan was completed and endorsed by Horizons Regional Council. Work on the milestones identified for year one of the three-year plan has been completed on time as described in the plan. RDC purchased land close to Bulls that could be used for the discharge of treated wastewater to land. The land will be investigated and tested during the next financial year to determine how it could be used as part of the final centralised wastewater scheme.
- **Consenting Renewals** – RDC successfully submitted consent renewals for Mangaweka, Koitiata and Rātana during the year. Work on consent renewals for Marton to Bulls, Hunterville and Taihape continues.
- **Papakai Pump station** – Construction of the Papakai Pump Station in Taihape started and will be completed early in the next financial year. The completion of the construction was delayed due to making use of alternative construction material and solutions to save costs. Once the new pump station is in use it will deliver a much improved level of service to protect the Hautapu River from unwanted overflows during heavy rain events.
- **Rātana Wastewater project** – Work continues to remove treated wastewater from Lake Waipu at Rātana. This is a project that was shared between Horizons Regional Council, the Ministry for the Environment and RDC. RDC is responsible for a new wastewater scheme where the treated wastewater will be removed from Lake Waipu and disposed to land. The land to use for this purpose has been purchased, the new discharge to land consent has been submitted and in the process of being finalised. Construction of the scheme will be completed in the next financial year once the consent process has been finalised.



Stormwater Drainage

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Bredins Line Stormwater outfall** – The position of the Bredins Line outfall had to be moved due to complexities with the original alignment. The pipe in the new position is in design and will be constructed in the next financial year.
- **Bulls Stormwater upgrade** – The design for the final solution for the Bulls stormwater upgrade has been completed. Local contractors have supplied RDC with costs and proposals and construction will start in the next financial year.
- **Annual Stormwater maintenance** – Several open drains across the district received maintenance cleaning and clearing.



Community and Leisure Assets

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Campgrounds** – New toilet bowls and cisterns installed and bathroom interiors repainted at Scotts Ferry Campground. A new electric BBQ installed at Dudding Lake Campground.
- **Domains and Reserves** – A permanent orienteering course has been established at the Tūtaenui Reserve.
- **Community Housing** – Ventilation systems installed to all units.
- **Swim Centres** – The first 'Dog Day Out' event took place at Marton Swim Centre. SwimMagic swim lessons made available at our swim centres.
- **Projects** – Ngā Awa Block opened in August 2023 and was awarded the Resene Colour, and the Public Architecture awards at the Western Architecture Award event. The new Marton Office building and renovation of Taihape Town Hall were confirmed.
- **Halls** – Marton RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall received new tables and chairs for the upstairs meeting room. New blinds were installed to the Town Hall and Santoft room at Te Matapihi - Bulls Community Centre.
- **Libraries** – Marton Library interior was repainted.



Rubbish and Recycling

Highlights for 2023/24

- **New Waste Transfer Station operating Contract** – A new long-term contract has been awarded to Smart Environmental to operate all the waste transfer stations across the district. RDC will be working closely with the contractor to increase diversion of waste to landfill and to improve services to the community.
- **Updated Waste Management and Minimisation Plan** – RDC complied with regulatory requirements by producing an updated Waste Assessment that was approved by the Department of Health and endorsed by Council before the end of June 2024. The next step in this process is to produce the updated Waste Management and Minimisation Plan based on the updated Waste Assessment. The new WMMP will be completed in the first half of the new financial year..



Environmental and Regulatory Services

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Planning** – The Planning Team has experienced another busy year. Despite the changing market conditions, consent volumes remain steady. A total of 71 resource consents were granted during the 2023/24 year, which is an increase from 2022/23 (57 granted). Alongside processing resource consents, the team continued to focus on process improvements with the aim of improving customer experience.
- The introduction of the **National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land** in October 2023 has created challenging planning discussions for the team and community with the Rangitikei District possessing extensive areas of highly productive land throughout.
- **Public enquiries** on land development opportunities remain high, with the team responding to 340 enquiries during the 2023/24 year.
- **Key consents** in process and processed during the financial year included:
 - A land-based solar farm in Marton
 - Refurbishment of the kitchen and ablution facilities at the Bulls Rugby Club • A community cabin at Santoft Domain, Bulls
 - Pedestrian footbridges over the Hautapu River
 - A new vet clinic in Marton
 - Various multi-unit residential developments in Marton & Bulls
 - A large commercial building on Taihape main street.
 - The Ngā Awa block in Taihape
 - Also, of note, are two resource consents which have been accepted for processing by the Environmental Protection Authority for two land based Solar Farms in Marton.
- **Animal control** – Continued to provide 24/7 services throughout the Rangitikei and Manawatū districts. A key highlight for 2023/24 was attendance at public events - Dog Day Out 2024 event at the Marton Swim Centre, and the Dogs in Togs event held at the Makino Aquatic Centre, Feilding.
- **Building control** – The building team continued to deliver processing and inspection services for building consents, exemptions, and certificates of exemption. A total of 235 building consents were issued and 2102 inspections undertaken in 2023/24. Council experienced a decrease in building consents which is consistent with the sector slowing down due to wider market pressures.
- **Building accreditation** – The Council Building Consent Authority (BCA) remains accredited. The next audit is scheduled for February 2025.
- **Food Act and Health Act** – Council continues to provide these services under contract from Manawatū District Council.



Community Well-being

Highlights for 2023/24

- **Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs** – this programme continues to be a leader throughout the country for number of placements into work.
- **Business support** – set up a relationship with Business Rangitikei to support set up a relationship with Business Rangitikei to support strengthening the connections within the business community in the district through regular Business After 5's.
- **Emergency Management** – Staff and volunteers continue to develop skills and expertise through participation in training and exercises. Marton Community Response Plan was completed.
- **Youth** – Waka Tākaro Rangitikei - Play Trailer launched in November 2023, funded by Tu Manawa, supported by Taihape Community Development Trust. Marton Youth Head Quarters (#YHQ) opened at the Marton Library with local support from Marton New World providing weekly kai (food).
- **Community Partnerships** – Ongoing partnerships and collaborations with our community organisations and partners providing events and programs contributing to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-beings.
- **Creating recreational opportunities and attractions** – A permanent orienteering course has been established at the Tūtaenui Reservoir. The course is getting a lot of use by the local community and people travelling from Palmerston North and Whanganui to give this a go. The newly created 'Do a Duathlon' Series ran in February/ March 2024 which offers a recreational and social engagement opportunity available for 4 years old to adults. Funding was secured of \$48,000 for mountain bikes, bike trailer and storage container that makes event accessible to more people.
- **Funding** – Council successfully gained funding of \$99,694 from Pub Charity (for Marton Market Day) and Lotteries (for the 'Do a Duathlon' bike project).
- **District Promotion and Heritage** – An events calendar has been added to Visit Rangitikei website, which includes those events on Eventfinda. Reestablished the Rangitikei Heritage Weekend (District-wide event for local museums). Commenced the Poppy Place Trust programme where poppy signage will be placed on appropriate street signs.
- **District Events** – Supported a number of events throughout the district both by providing funding grants, and with support in various forms. Funded traffic management for the District's Christmas, and ANZAC Parades. Do-a-Duathlon series was created offering recreational and social engagement opportunity for all from 4 year olds to adults. Marton Market Day and Marton Harvest Festival were both a great success, attracting an estimated 18,000 people in total.

Financial Statements

Explanation of major variations against budget

Explanations for major variances from the Council's budget figures for 2023/24 in the 2021-31 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 \$5.1 million more than budget and operating revenue was above budget by \$3.5 million, resulting in an operating deficit before gains and losses on plant, properties and equipment and investments of \$4.7 million against a budget loss of \$3.1 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 \$755 million, largely represented by property, plant and equipment.

Council has a strong cash position of \$11.0 million as at 30 June 2024. 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 2024

	2024 Actual (\$000)	2024 Budget (\$000)	2023 Actual (\$000)
Net surplus/Deficit	(4,733)	(3,101)	(7,922)
Income Tax Expense	-	-	-
Total Net surplus/deficit	(4,733)	(3,101)	(7,922)
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense	-		
Gain/Loss on revaluation of infrastructure assets	-		
Loss/gain on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	(7,016)		30,459
Comprehensive revenue and expense	(11,750)	(3,101)	22,537

Summary Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

For the year ending 30 June 2024

	2024 Actual (\$000)	2024 Budget (\$000)	2023 Actual (\$000)
Balance as at 1 July	767,287	741,928	744,806
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	(11,750)	(3,101)	22,537
Transfers to/(from) special reserves	-	-	85
Other adjustments	-	-	(139)
Balance as at 30 June	755,541	738,827	767,288

Summary Statement of Financial Position

For the year ending 30 June 2024

	2024 Actual (\$000)	2024 Budget (\$000)	2023 Actual (\$000)
Current assets	16,061	13,958	16,053
Non-current assets	790,093	781,418	789,416
Total assets	806,154	795,376	805,469
Current liabilities	6,432	3,566	6,976
Non-current liabilities	44,181	52,983	31,205
Total assets	50,613	56,549	38,181
Net assets	755,541	738,827	767,288
Represented by equity			
Accumulated funds	460,477	467,353	465,260
Special and restricted reserves	4,640	4,496	4,588
Other reserves	290,424	266,978	297,440
Total equity	755,541	738,827	767,288

Summary Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ending 30 June 2024

	2024 Actual (\$000)	2024 Budget (\$000)	2023 Actual (\$000)
Net cash inflows (outflows) from operating activities	9,551	14,023	8,395
Net cash inflows (outflows) from investing activities	(23,057)	(35,561)	(21,311)
Net cash inflows (outflows) from financing activities	12,654	21,719	11,684
Net cash inflows (outflows) for the year	(852)	181	(1,232)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	11,939	10,587	13,171
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11,087	10,768	11,939

Summary Capital Expenditure

For the year ending 30 June 2024

	2024 Actual (\$000)	2024 LTP Y2 (\$000)	2023 Actual (\$000)
Community Leadership	-	-	-
Roading and Footpaths	9,482	7,107	9,648
Water Supply	2,205	5,839	2,317
Sewage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage	8,163	8,843	4,346
Stormwater Drainage	537	530	268
Community and Leisure Assets	1,316	5,597	4,577
Rubbish and Recycling	-	-	-
Environmental and Regulatory Services	-	-	-
Community Well-being	17	-	-
Total Capital Expenditure	21,720	27,916	21,206

Post balance date events

Since 2008, RDC worked with Manawātū District Council (MDC) in a shared services arrangement for services such as Roothing, Water Services and Environmental Health. Consequent to review of the service delivery it was agreed that the shared Roothing and Water Services functions would cease, effective 30 June 2024. Going forward, RDC will deliver more of its Roothing and Water Services in house, with some aspects still contracted out. This will result in a reduction in RDC external costs offset by higher personnel costs for staff now internal to RDC.

The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 as enacted on 2 September 2024 establishes the Local Water Done Well framework and the preliminary arrangements for the new water services system. Key areas in the Act include requirements that RDC must prepare, consult on aspects of, and adopt a water services delivery plans (WSDP) by 3 September 2025. The reforms to date have no effect on RDC's 2024 financial statements or performance information.

Additional information

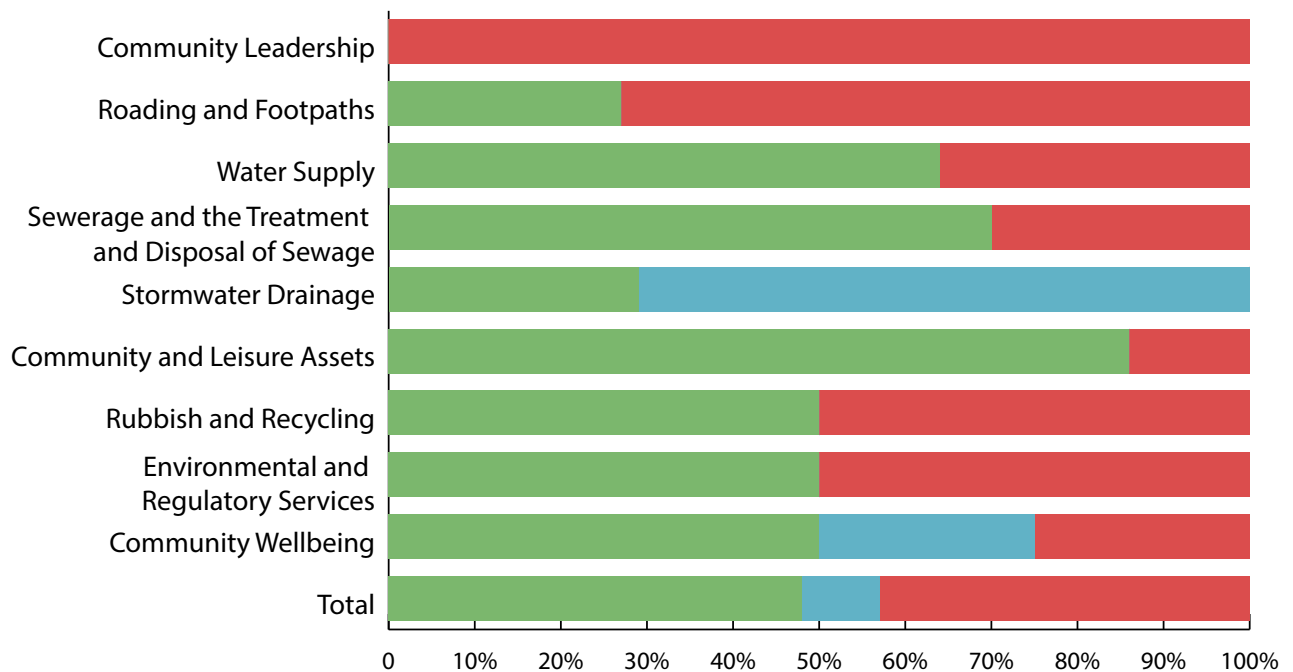
- 1 The reporting entity is the Rangitikei District Council which is a territorial local authority governed by the Local Government Act 2002 and is domiciled in New Zealand.
- 2 The specific disclosures in the summary financial report have been extracted from the full financial report which was adopted and authorised for issue by Council on 31 October 2024.
- 3 The Financial Statements are for the year ended 30 June 2024 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 7 of the 11 benchmarks in 2023/24.
- 5 The summary financial report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial report. The full financial report on 31 October 2024 received an unmodified Audit Opinion. This report is available from the Council Office, our Community Hubs and on our website 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 69 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 69 measures, 48% 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
 Community Leadership	<p>66.68% of annual plan actions were completed by 30 June 2024, with 59.5% of the planned capital programme completed.</p> <p>Satisfaction ratings from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) about the effectiveness of the Māori responsiveness framework declined.</p> <p>Customer ratings at Council offices and libraries remained consistent with an overall Happy Index of 91% and an increase of 446 responses.</p>
 Roading	<p>The average quality of ride on the sealed roading network continued to exceed the target and was at 94%.</p> <p>The percent of the sealed road network resurfaced was below the target of 6%, reaching only 3.4% due to cost increases and budget reallocation by NZTA.</p> <p>Council applied 11,463m³ of gravel to unsealed roads, 95.5% of the target of 12,000m³.</p> <p>There were no fatal crashes on the Council roading network, however, the number of serious injury crashes increased from 6 the previous year, to 13 in 2023/24 (three above the target).</p> <p>Timeframes for response and resolution of requests for roading and footpaths were all below target.</p>
 Water supply	<p>Five out of the six water supplies were compliant with Part 4 of the Drinking Water Standards (bacteria compliance). Bulls was non-compliant due to the chlorination performance at the WTP not meeting requirements for two days in the year.</p> <p>Two out of the six water supplies were compliant with Part 5 of the Drinking Water Standards (protozoa compliance). At the Bulls, Hunterville, Taihape and Marton plants the continuous monitoring of ultraviolet transmittance was not demonstrated.</p> <p>The loss of water from urban reticulation was 56%, with a leakage issue at Mangaweka fixed during the year.</p> <p>Consumption of drinking water was an average of 543 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 58.48 complaints about the water network per 1000 connections which did not meet the target of less than 20.</p>
 Stormwater Drainage	<p>There were no flooding events that met the threshold for reporting requirements (stormwater overflows that enter a habitable floor).</p> <p>Council received 4.97 requests for service per 1000 connected properties, which met the target of fewer than 5.</p>

Activity	What we did
 Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage	<p>Council received three abatement notices and 10 infringement notices related to consent compliance for wastewater treatment plants.</p> <p>Council met all targets for response and resolution of call outs, and there were only 0.92 overflows per 1000 connections.</p> <p>There were 18.22 complaints about the wastewater network per 1000 connections which did not meet the target of less than 6.</p>
 Community and Leisure Assets	<p>Council maintained the Poolsafe accreditation.</p> <p>New toilets at the Ngā Awa block in Taihape comply with specified standards.</p> <p>98.6% of units complied with the rental warrant of fitness programme for community housing. Only 1 out of 71 units inspected failed.</p> <p>Playground compliance with NZ Standards was at 95%.</p> <p>Customer ratings of library facilities was 90.66% overall a significant number of programmes were delivered from these facilities throughout the year.</p>
 Rubbish and recycling	<p>Waste to landfill continued to increase on the previous year, with 5,862.8 tonnes to landfill, compared with the target of 5,500.</p> <p>Recycling continued to be available at waste transfer stations in Bulls, Marton, Taihape, Hunterville, Rātana and Mangaweka.</p>
 Environmental and Regulatory	<p>99.15% of building consents, 96.67% of land use consents and 97.56% 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.</p> <p>Noise control call outs were completed within target timeframes; however, food premises call outs were not.</p>
 Community Well-being	<p>An emergency management exercise was undertaken during the year meeting the target.</p> <p>The district met targeted GDP growth, with a growth of 0.6% higher than national. The target for actions related to the Economic Development Strategy was 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 2024

The summary of the Annual Report was derived from the Annual Report of Rangitikei District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The summary of the Annual Report comprises the following information on pages 12 to 17:

- 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 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 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 Long-term plan 2024-34 and a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed. These engagements are compatible with those independence requirements.

Other than these engagements, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the District Council.



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