

PŪRONGORONGO Ā TAU 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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MAKING SOUTH TARANAKI

THE MOST
liveable

DISTRICT IN NZ

Mihi

Ko Taranaki kei runga.
Ko Aotea, ko Kurahaupo e urunga mai ki uta.
Ko Turi, ko Ruatea ngā tūpuna,
Tihei mauri tū ki runga!

Mai i Okurukuru ki Rāwa o Turi,
Rāwa o Turi ki Waingongoro,
Waingōngoro ki Whenuakura,
Whenuakura ki Waitōtara.

Ko wai tērā, ko Taranaki ki te Tonga.

E ngā tini wairua, kua whetūrangihia, koutou e korowaitia ana te tauheke rā, ko Pukehaupapa, ko Pukeonaki, e moe. Haere I raro I te kahu kōrako ki tua whakarere. Kī te kāinga o tāua te tangata.

Hoki atu rā koutou ki Hawaiki nui, Hawaiki roa, Hawaiki pāmamao.

Ki a tātou ngā uri o Tiki, ki ngā kanohi kitea. Tātou mā e kawea nei ngā kete matauranga o te ao tūroa, o te ao hurihuri. Tihei mouri ora.

Ko te kaupapa e anga atu nei, ko te Hōtaka o te wā, hei tirohanga ki mua mā tātou ki te Tonga. Kia whai nei I ngā wawata kia pākari ai te rohe.

Kāti rā, ki a koutou, ki a tātou, rire, rire Hau Pai marire!

*So stands Taranaki above
Aotea and Kurahaupo are anchored ashore,
Turi and Ruatea are our ancestors.
So, we share the breath of life!*

*From Okurukuru to Rāwa o Turi,
From Rāwa o Turi to the Waingongoro River,
From the Waingōngoro to the Whenuakura River,
From the Whenuakura to the Waitōtara River.*

Who are we, South Taranaki.

To those spirits, who have passed beyond, you who cloak our mountain, Pukehaupapa, Pukeonaki, rest in peace. Go beyond the veil with the protection of peace. To the ancestral home of us, the people.

Return to Hawaiki nui, Hawaiki roa and Hawaiki pāmamao.

To those of us who remain, the descendants of Tiki, the living. We, the bearers of the baskets of knowledge from the past and present. So, the breath of life.

So, the focus for this is the Long Term Plan, to look forward for us the people of South Taranaki. To achieve the hopes and dreams to enhance our region.

In conclusion, to you and us all, Peace flow across us!





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Items subsequent to Balance Date – Three Waters Reform

On 27 October 2021 Central Government announced that the proposed reform for the delivery of three waters services will become mandatory for all local authorities. Four publicly-owned water services entities will take over responsibilities for service delivery and infrastructure from the South Taranaki District Council from 1 July 2024. This new model will be reflected in the Water Services Entities Bill. This decision does not impact the performance of the results within the 2020/21 Annual Report, however the Council is required to report on any subsequent events that will impact the Council's financial position. The new three waters delivery model will have an impact on the Council's operational expenditure, capital expenditure and debt levels in future Annual Reports, however at this stage there is uncertainty over how the reform will proceed in detail and therefore what the financial impacts will be for the Council in the future.



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the South Taranaki District Council's 2020/21 Annual Report Summary. The purpose of this Summary is to provide an overview of the Council's activities over the last financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) and to identify any major differences to what the Council set out to do in its 2020/21 Annual Plan (the third year of our 2018–2028 Long Term Plan).

The Annual Report Summary shows how well the District's assets are being looked after and how well the Council is performing as an organisation. The information included in this Summary has been taken from the audited Annual Report which was adopted by the Council on 1 November 2021. The Annual Report Summary does not provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report. For more detailed information covering all of the Council's activities please refer to the full Annual Report. Copies of the full Annual Report are available on request (phone 0800 111 323) for a copy to be sent out to you or you can view it on the Council website www.southtaranaki.com.

WHERE DOES THE ANNUAL REPORT FIT IN?

Every council in New Zealand is required to prepare a Long Term Plan (with a ten year timeframe), as well as an Annual Plan and an Annual Report. These three documents form the essential guide to what Council does in any given year. The Long Term Plan and the Annual Plan set out what the Council plans to do, while the Annual Report states what the Council has actually done. The 2020/21 Annual Report reflects progress made in Year 3 of our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

TE REO MAIOHA Ā TE KOROMATUA ME TE TUMU WHAKAHAERE

MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the South Taranaki District Council's Annual Report Summary 2020/21 where we look back on the last financial year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) and report on how we performed against the objectives and priorities we set in our 2020/21 Annual Plan (Year 3 of our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan).

The year was extra ordinary in that as part of a relief package to help residents and businesses cope with the financial impact of COVID-19, Council implemented a zero rates increase, froze increases on fees and charges and provided payment plans and remission of rates penalties.

The Council's vision is to make South Taranaki the most liveable District in New Zealand with an attractive and affordable lifestyle, connected people in sustainable and vibrant communities. The 12 months to the end of June 2021 have seen positive progress made on a number of projects we undertook in order to achieve our vision.

Key features/highlights of 2020/21:

Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga the District's new Library, Culture and Arts Centre took a step closer with its resource consent being granted and demolition contract signed.

In September 2020 Council budgeted \$3 million to begin stage one of our District business park, which is to be in the Waihi Road mixed-use area, opposite the Hāwera Racecourse on the western side of SH3. \$110,893 was spent on water, stormwater and roading infrastructure in the months up until 30 June 2021.

In November 2020, Council unanimously decided to establish Māori wards in South Taranaki for the 2022 and 2025 Local Body Elections. The decision initiated a full representation review which will be completed in the next financial year.

Notable three waters infrastructure projects undertaken during the year included the replacement of the water clarifier at the Rāhotu treatment plant, installation of the Kāpuni duplication main, treatment plant enhancements at Waimate West, along with several water pipe replacements which included Skeet Road, Auroa Road, Manaia Road, Kōkiri Road and Taikatu Road. The partial desludging of the anaerobic lagoon at the Hāwera Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed.

We have also replaced a significant amount of electrical equipment for wastewater pump stations and replaced degraded pipes in Hāwera, undertaken CCTV inspections on our wastewater network pipes in Ōpunakē, Waverley and parts of Hāwera and replaced various stormwater culverts in Ōpunakē.

While land acquisition negotiations continued for the Nukumarū Station Road extension project, the contract was awarded, and construction started, on the southern section of the new road.

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Work to develop a pathway along the Normanby to Hāwera rail corridor proved too difficult and costly due to KiwiRail requirements so an alternative pathway along Ketemarae and Glover Roads was decided on and construction started. The Soldiers Park pathway in Eltham was completed, while work got underway on Waka Kotahi's Innovating Streets project in Eltham and Waverley.

Three weather events during November and December 2020 resulted in substantial damage to our roads in the Waitōtara and Tāngāhoe Valley areas. The cost to repair the damage was around \$700,000.

The residential construction sector continued to perform strongly during the year, as evidenced by increases in the volume of resource and building consent applications. Notably a significant portion of these consents were for rural subdivisions and included subdivisions in our smaller townships such as Normanby, Ōpunakē, Ōkaiawa and Eltham.

A major milestone completed in June 2021 was the development and adoption of our Council's Long-Term Plan for the next 10 years (2021-2031). The Plan focusses on upgrading our water and wastewater infrastructure, implementing our environment and sustainability strategy, and creating the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth in the right places, with projects such as the South Taranaki Business Park and town centre upgrades in Eltham, Manaia, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Waverley.

In June 2021, S&P Global upgraded Council's credit rating to 'AA/A-1+' with a Stable Outlook. This is due to Council's very strong internal liquidity, budgetary flexibility and large holdings of financial assets in the Long Term Investment Fund which offset Council's high debt levels.

The Council is in a healthy financial position and finished the year with a surplus of \$26,495,000 against a budgeted surplus of \$2,159,000. The surplus was mainly the result of total income being over budget by \$27,297,000 due to the strong performance of the Long Term Investment Fund, which returned \$19,960,000 (excluding Internal borrowing interest) against a budgeted return of \$8,491,000. After allowing for withdrawal of the annual rates subsidy and interest repayments for specific community projects the value of the Fund at 30 June 2021 was \$159 million (\$144.65 million in 2020).

It is also pleasing to report, according to our annual independent survey, satisfaction with Council services remains high with 93% of residents happy with the overall service the Council provides and 83% believing the Council is moving in the right direction.

Over and above delivering on items such as those outlined above the Government signalled a major change to the way our water, wastewater and stormwater services are delivered, with the launch of its Three Waters Reform programme. During the year, we have worked closely with our fellow councils, Local Government NZ and the Department of Internal Affairs to help us understand the proposed reforms and the implications for our District and communities. We have signalled very clearly to the Government that we expect our community to be able to have its say on these significant changes.

The Government is also reviewing the Resource Management Act and undertaking a review of Local Government. It is fair to say that the year ahead will continue to be challenging.

We are fiscally very sound, have upgraded much of our key infrastructure, have high levels of community satisfaction, and have a clear direction for the future. It is our privilege to present the Council's 2020/21 Annual Report Summary.



PHIL NIXON
Mayor



WAIDE CROCKETT
Chief Executive

Ō KOUTOU KAİKAUNIHERA YOUR COUNCILLORS

MISSION

COUNCIL WILL LEAD WITH FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY, AND WORK TO INSPIRE A VIBRANT AND CARING SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY, WHILE REMAINING AN EFFICIENT AND SENSITIVE PROVIDER OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

VISION

SOUTH TARANAKI IS THE MOST LIVEABLE DISTRICT IN NZ; WITH AN ATTRACTIVE AND AFFORDABLE LIFESTYLE, CONNECTED PEOPLE, IN SUSTAINABLE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



MAYOR PHIL NIXON
South Taranaki District



ANDY BECCARD



MARK BELLRINGER



GARY BROWN



CELINE FILBEE



AARUN LANGTON



STEFFY MACKAY



ROBERT NORTHCOTT



JACK RANGIWAHIA



DIANA REID



BRYAN ROACH



BRIAN ROOK



CHRIS YOUNG



The South Taranaki District Council is made up of the District Mayor and 12 Councillors. The Mayor is elected at large over the District with the Councillors elected from Wards. There are four Community Boards; Te Hāwera, Taranaki Coastal, Eltham-Kaponga and Pātea and 16 Community Board members. These positions are all subject to election every three years.

The Council's purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by and on behalf of our communities; and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our communities both now and for the future.

The Council groups its activities and services within the Annual Report under the following headings:

- Democracy and Leadership
- Water Supply
- Stormwater
- Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- Roding and Footpaths (includes road safety and pathways)
- Community Facilities (parks and reserves, public spaces, halls, swimming pools, public toilets, holiday parks, cemeteries, pensioner housing, TSB Hub, Hāwera Cinema and corporate property)
- Arts and Culture (arts, heritage, libraries)
- District Economy (economic development, tourism and events)
- Community Development
- Environmental Sustainability (planning and environmental policy)
- Regulatory Services (building control, environmental health, licensing – alcohol and gambling, noise control, animal management, regulation monitoring and civil defence and emergency)
- Coastal Structures

The performance measures in the Annual Report were adopted by the Council as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. We get performance information from a wide variety of sources: Council systems such as the customer requests management system, the finance system, databases for quality tests; satisfaction surveys; and reports from external organisations (for example the Taranaki Regional Council and the District Health Board).

The Council also commissions an independent resident satisfaction survey every year to find out what South Taranaki residents think of our District and the Council's services and facilities. The survey was conducted by Research First using a sample of 400 residents 18 years + and representative of the population in terms of ward. A number of the performance measure results summarised in this Summary are based on the results of this satisfaction survey. For a detailed list of all the Council's performance measures please refer to the full Annual Report.



WHILE THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC CONTINUED TO AFFECT OUR COUNCIL, THE FINANCIAL IMPACT WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT. THE MAIN IMPACTS RELATED TO A REDUCTION IN THE ABILITY TO USE FACILITIES, COMPLETE INSPECTIONS (SUCH AS BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTIONS) AND SOME PROJECTS BEING DELAYED AND CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE COUNCIL'S VISION IS TO MAKE SOUTH TARANAKI THE MOST LIVEABLE DISTRICT IN NEW ZEALAND WITH AN ATTRACTIVE AND AFFORDABLE LIFESTYLE, CONNECTED PEOPLE IN SUSTAINABLE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES. IN OUR 2018 – 2028 LONG TERM PLAN COUNCIL IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF KEY PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES THAT WE WANTED TO IMPLEMENT TO SUPPORT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR VISION. IN THIS SECTION WE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THOSE KEY PRIORITIES.



Project/Priority	Progress
Continue the Hāwera Town Centre Revitalisation Strategy with construction of the new Library, Culture and Arts Centre (Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga).	A resource consent has been granted and a contract for demolition of the existing buildings has been let. Demolition work has started.
Continue planning the town centre upgrades for Eltham, Manaia, Ōpunakē, Pātea and Waverley.	The five town centre masterplans, which provide a basis for future development and enhancement of these towns, were consulted on as part of the 2021-2031 LTP. Nearly 80% of submitters favoured the first of three options, which was to undertake all five upgrades at a total cost of \$10.6 million. Further consultation with these communities will be undertaken.
Continue the District Pathways Programme (\$250,000).	<p>Work to develop a pathway along the Normanby to Hāwera rail corridor proved difficult due to KiwiRail requirements. An alternative proposal that follows Ketemarae and Glover Roads is under construction.</p> <p>The Pātea Golf Club has agreed to a marked trail being identified through the golf course and signage and markers are being designed.</p> <p>Earlier this year a site meeting was held with landowners in regards to the Manawapou/Puriri Street Cycleway to discuss the suggested new entrance to the loop from Manawapou Road. After discussion with the neighbouring landowners, including Fonterra, a carpark proposal was drawn up and this is currently being considered by Fonterra's Property Manager. Once this is approved, other neighbouring landowners will be approached to sign individual Licences to Occupy and next steps can be agreed to.</p> <p>The Soldiers Park pathway has been completed and the Eltham Restore group has begun planting.</p>

HE AROTAKENGA O TE TAU



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Project/Priority	Progress
Start work on the new Manaia Community Facility.	Initial designs were completed, however the scope changed when the Manaia Sports Complex was identified as earthquake prone and closed. Community consultation was undertaken on a proposal to replace the two facilities with one, but the consensus was that the local community wished to either retain both facilities or have replacements for both. Detailed earthquake strengthening designs and refurbishing costings are being prepared before further community engagement. This could take until early 2022 to complete.
Complete upgrades to the Manaia Swimming Pool (year 3 of a 3 year \$623,000 programme).	Contractors started work on the Manaia Pool upgrade at the end of the 2020/2021 summer season to avoid disruption to users. The work is on track to be completed in time for opening the summer season in December 2021.
Hāwera Aquatic Centre (\$68,359 was budgeted to repaint the indoor pools).	The indoor pools at Hāwera Aquatic Centre were closed between 5 January to 30 January for repainting. This work was undertaken during the summer months to allow the Aquatic Centre to remain open with access to the outdoor pools.
Reclad the Eltham Town Hall (\$222,600).	This project was deferred to be considered in conjunction with the project required for stage two of the earthquake strengthening recommendations. Design work for this is scheduled to be undertaken in the 2021/2022 financial year.
Support the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust with a (\$60,000) grant.	As part of our Long-Term Plan the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust was granted funds to help with further developing a sustainable asset with indigenous ecosystems.
Replace toilets at Ōpunakē Recreation Ground (\$212,000).	Detailed design plans were completed prior to the end of the financial year and the toilet facility is programmed to be built in 2021/2022.



Project/Priority	Progress
Implement Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and investigate further options for reducing waste going to landfill.	The total waste diverted from landfill, including recycling and green waste increased from 25.14% in the previous year to 27.16% for the past year. Although there was an increase we still did not meet our target of 30%. This is largely due to additional waste being delivered to the Hāwera Transfer Station by commercial contractors that previously disposed of waste directly to Colson Road landfill, reducing the diversion figure (these commercial waste volumes were not previously captured in our figures). This waste is now being accepted at the Hāwera Transfer Station for cartage to Bonny Glen near Marton.
Develop an Environment and Sustainability Strategy for the Long Term Plan.	The draft Strategy was completed and consulted on as part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Of the 144 submissions on the Strategy, almost 85% supported it as presented while 15% supported it with changes. The majority of submitters that supported the Strategy with changes believed that more resources should be allocated to environment and sustainability practices.



Project/Priority	Progress
Develop a Digital Transformation Strategy to improve Council's effectiveness and provide better digital access for the community to Council services.	\$100,000 was budgeted in the 2020/21 Annual Plan for developing a digital transformation strategy (DTS). Phase one of the project is complete and the draft strategy is being prepared. The DTS has a customer first focus and the principles include staff being more connected, collaborative and mobile. We have spent \$14,000 on the Strategy to date.
Start work on the South Taranaki Business Park (\$110,893).	<p>As part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan consultation, feedback was sought on Council's proposed three-staged approach to delivering the infrastructure for the South Taranaki Business Park. There was strong support, with 79% of submitters supporting the Council's preferred option to complete all three stages.</p> <p>In addition to the anchor tenant on Kerry Lane, a large development at the Fitzgerald Lane end of the Business Park emerged, creating significant demand with at least five businesses set to establish themselves there in the next few years. The initial Business Park plans are being modified to design infrastructure that meets the needs of current and future development in the area.</p> <p>A contract for laying a new trunk main from Glover Road along the state highway to Kerry Lane is in the final design stages with contract documents close to tendering. It is expected this work will be completed by the end of 2021. In response to the strong demand, the rest of the infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater and roading) for stages one and two will be installed together and the expected delivery date is 2023.</p>
Spend approximately \$25 million (operational and capital expenditure) on our District's Road Network, including \$700,000 on footpaths.	The total roading expenditure for the year was \$17.84 million. Highlights included 362,336m ² of reseal (\$2.2 million), 55,000m ² of road upgrades (\$2.27 million), installation of 1km of drainage pipe (\$420,000), 3km of footpath (\$650,000) and five bridges re-painted (\$305,000).
Build the new Nukumarū Station Road extension.	Negotiations for land acquisition for the Nukumarū Station Road extension have continued. Construction has started on the southern end of the new road. To date \$2,531,440.31 has been spent on the project.

HE AROTAKENGA O TE TAU



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Project/Priority	Progress
Economic relief and recovery measures as a result of COVID-19.	Council did not raise rates in the 2020/21 Annual Plan, as we knew many of our residents and businesses were facing a loss of income due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. The Council also chose to have a nil increase on all fees and charges. We spread the increased costs (\$722,000 in total) faced during this time over the first five years of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, to lessen the burden on ratepayers.
Capital works spending of around \$9.85 million on District Water Infrastructure improvements, including a reservoir for the Waimate West water supply (\$3.75 million) and renewal of water pipes.	<p>Water treatment: The Eltham water abstraction consent was approved by the Taranaki Regional Council in late 2020. We have replaced the clarifier at the Rāhotu treatment plant. The Kāpuni consent is still being renewed and the borehole project is deferred until the results of the consent are known.</p> <p>Water storage: We have appointed Beca to design our new reservoir at the Waimate West treatment plant and we are currently in the detailed design phase for this.</p> <p>Water reticulation: We installed the Kāpuni duplication main a year earlier due to the risk profile and this has now been completed. In our demand management programme, we have continued to install backflow preventers and meters to connections where there is perceived risk to the network. The pipe store in Hāwera has been completed. We have replaced a number of pipes including Skeet, Auroa, Manaia, Kōkiri and Taikatu Roads. Treatment plant enhancements at Waimate West have been completed.</p>
Budget \$475,000 on District stormwater improvements and \$1.5 million on wastewater infrastructure upgrades and renewals.	<p>Wastewater reticulation We have replaced a significant amount of electrical equipment for wastewater pump stations and replaced degraded pipes in Hāwera. We conducted a lot of CCTV inspections for our wastewater network pipes in Ōpunakē, Waverley and areas of Hāwera. Relining pipes was delayed due to contractor availability and the Hāwera septic load-out replacement was delayed due to design issues. The partial desludging of the anaerobic lagoon at the Hāwera Wastewater Treatment Plant has been successfully completed. A total estimated volume of about 1200 tonnes of dried solids was removed and no odour issues were experienced during this process.</p> <p>Stormwater We replaced various culverts in Ōpunakē, however upgrades along Glover and Tai Roads have been delayed due to design issues.</p>
Subsidise rates by \$5.5 million using earnings from the Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF).	During the year the Council withdrew \$5.95 million from the LTIF to subsidise rates. In addition, Council took a one-off subsidy of \$722,500 from the LTIF to reduce the average rate increase from 3.36% to zero.
Use debt to fund key infrastructural projects.	Council's total borrowings decreased from \$133.99 million (2020) to \$129.1 million. This included \$16.91 million of internal borrowings (\$15.99 million in 2020).
Maintain or improve our credit rating.	S&P Global upgraded Council's credit rating to "AA/A-1+ with a stable outlook."



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

DEMOCRACY AND LEADERSHIP

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of residents who agree decisions made by Council represent the best interests of the District.	≥70%		The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 65% of residents thought that decisions made by the Council represent the best interests of the District.
% of residents who are satisfied/neutral with their opportunity to participate in Council decision-making processes.	≥80%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 86% of residents were satisfied with their opportunities to participate in Council decision-making processes.	
% of residents who feel that the Council is moving in the right direction.	≥80%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 83% of residents feel that the Council is moving in the right direction.	

After months of planning, workshops and public consultation, the Council adopted its Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 on 28 June 2021. The three main consultation topics were the Environment and Sustainability Strategy; South Taranaki Business Park; and Town Centre Master Plans for Ōpunakē, Manaia, Waverley, Pātea and Eltham.

In August 2020 the Council resolved to keep the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system as the one to be used at the 2022 local body elections, and in November 2020 resolved to introduce Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections. This decision initiated a representation review process whereby several options for the general wards and Māori wards were presented to the Council, the Iwi Liaison Committee and Community Boards. Informal consultation was carried out during June followed by formal community consultation in July/August 2021.



WATER SUPPLY SERVICES

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
Total number of complaints received (per 1,000 connections) for DIA performance measures 4a – 4e (clarity/taste, odour, pressure/flow, supply and response).	≤24		In total 25.80 complaints per 1,000 connections were received relating to Measures 4a-4e*.
Compliance with current Drinking Water Standards (for bacteria and protozoa).	10/10 supplies	All plants and reticulated networks complied with Drinking Water Standards for bacteria and protozoa.	
% of consumers satisfied with the water supply overall.	≥80%		78% of those surveyed were satisfied.

* The number of complaints may not include all complaints received through Council after –hours service. For events that result in multiple complaints, parent and child service requests are raised and relevant information is recorded against these. Officers are working with the after-hours call centre and DIA to resolve the current issue.

STORMWATER

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
Number of reported flooding incidents of habitable properties.	<10	Four flooding events of habitable properties were reported.	
Number of abatement notices received by Council for stormwater discharges.	0	No abatement notices were received.	
% of consumers satisfied with the stormwater system.	≥80%		76% of those surveyed were satisfied

WASTE WATER

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
Number of customer complaints per year relating to odours from wastewater pump stations or treatment facilities (per 1,000 connections).	≤1	0.38 complaints per 1,000 connections were received	
Number of customer complaints per year about sewerage system faults (per 1,000 connections).	≤24	12.42 complaints per 1,000 connections were received	
Total number of complaints received (per 1,000 connections). <i>DIA Performance Measures 4a-4d.</i>	≤39	20.79 complaints per 1,000 connections were received	
Number of sewage overflows into occupied buildings due to faults in the public wastewater system.	0	Achieved	
% of customers satisfied with the wastewater services overall.	≥80%	The Annual Resident Survey showed that 83% of consumers surveyed were satisfied	

SOLID WASTE

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
Number of customers satisfied with the solid waste collection service.	≥90%	The Annual Resident Survey showed that 92% of those surveyed were satisfied.	
Number of complaints received for missed street collection that are not resolved (average per month).	2	An average of 1.67 complaints per month were received for a missed collection that was not resolved.	
% of council controlled waste diverted from the landfill each year.	30%		The total waste diverted from landfill, inclusive of recycling and green waste was 27.16% for the year.**

**This includes some estimated residual waste figures from recycling. Since the closure of the Colson Road landfill in New Plymouth, additional volumes of general waste have been taken by contractors to the Hāwera transfer Station for transport to Bonny Glen, reducing the diversion figure.



From September 2021 only plastic types 1, 2 and 5 were accepted in our Council kerbside and transfer station recycling schemes.

ROADING AND FOOTPATHS

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of the quality of the Council's sealed local roads to provide smooth and comfortable ride for motorists measured by Smooth Travel Exposure.	92%	93% achieved over all roads. The average roughness for urban roads is 84% and rural roads is 97%.	
% of road users satisfied with the condition of Council roads.	≥75%		The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 59% of road users are satisfied with the condition of Council roads. Some dissatisfaction was noted by residents regarding issues on State Highways (these are not in our control) therefore, this may lead to higher dissatisfaction for this measure.
% of sealed local road network resurfaced annually.	6%		5.3% of the planned reseal programme for the year was completed due to increased costs.
% of footpath with condition rating 1-4.	92%	99% of footpaths made the 1-4 Condition Rating .	
% of urgent customer service requests relating to roads and footpaths responded to within 2 working days.	≥95%	100% of urgent customer service requests were responded to within 2 working days.	
% of non-urgent customer service requests relating to roads and footpaths responded to within 5 working days.	≥90%	92% (1,218 out of 1,325) non-urgent customer requests were responded to within 5 working days.	



Three weather events during the latter half of 2020 resulted in significant damage to our roads in the Waitōtara Valley and Tāngāhoe Valley areas. The first event, between 24 and 27 November, affected 11 roads. The second event, between 1 and 3 December, affecting nine roads and the third event, between 8 and 10 December and affected four roads. The estimated total cost to repair and reinstate roads for the year was \$700,000.



Innovating Streets projects were undertaken in Eltham and Waverley, with the aims of providing a safer option for pedestrians crossing the road and to slow traffic using streetscaping and road markings. The project was jointly funded by Waka Kotahi the NZ Transport Agency (90%), and the Council (10%).



Roadsafe Taranaki delivered cycle skills courses around South Taranaki and Stratford, with schools visited including Manaia, Kākaramea, Matapū and Kaponga. The Roadsafe Taranaki team promoted training for motorcyclists at the local 2020 A & P shows with Colton's Hāwera agreeing to supply bikes and safety gear and Ride Forever trainer Lance Munroe being on-site to talk motorbikes, training and staying safe.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of customers satisfied with the level of maintenance in Council parks and reserves.	≥90%	The Annual Resident Satisfaction Survey results showed that 97% of residents were satisfied with parks and reserves.	
% of residents satisfied with cleanliness and maintenance of public toilets.	≥80%		The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 79% of residents were satisfied with the cleanliness and maintenance of public toilets.
% of customers satisfied with the maintenance and cleanliness of halls.	≥90%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 94% of residents were satisfied with the maintenance and cleanliness of halls.	
(C) % of visitors satisfied with the tidiness and level of maintenance at cemeteries.	≥95%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 98% of residents were satisfied with the level of maintenance at cemeteries.	
Number of TSB Hub users is 150,000+ per annum.	≥150,000	Total recorded visitors for the year was 161,848.	
Number of users of Powerco Aquatic Centre is 93,500+ per annum.	≥90,000		The number of users of the Aquatic Centre was 85,392 for the year. Numbers were affected by COVID-19 alert level changes and scheduled painting of the indoor complex in January.
Total number of users of rural pools is greater than 30,000.	≥30,000	Total attendance was 35,347	

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of customers satisfied with rural pools being well maintained.	≥90%	On average, 91.8% of customers agree that the pools and facilities were well maintained.	
% of pensioner housing tenants satisfied with the standard of their accommodation.	≥ 95%		The annual tenant's survey was completed in May 2021 and 35 of the 63 tenants responded to this question. 33 of those tenants (94%) were satisfied with the condition of their units.



The District community facility painting programme (including several public toilets, Taumata Park grandstand, Hāwera Holiday Park amenities and the Manaia Band Rotunda) was completed at a cost of approximately \$160,000.



King Edward Park in Hāwera was again awarded the prestigious international Green Flag Award. The Award is the international benchmark standard for recreational outdoor spaces.



McCallum Park playground (Hāwera) was fully replaced in September 2020.



A programme to connect all Council buildings (including our libraries and the museum) to fibre was completed. This increased the network speed and enabled the libraries to deliver faster electronic services. It also created the foundation for the libraries to effectively use video conferencing.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of customers satisfied with LibraryPlus facilities and customer service.	≥95%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 99% of residents were satisfied with the facilities and customer service of LibraryPlus Centres.	
% of customers satisfied with their visit to Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki.	≥95%	The overall satisfaction rate of customer visits was 96%	



Summer Blast workshops were held across the District with over 300 children attending sessions. The Unbelieve-a-Bubble Science Show toured all seven of our LibraryPlus centres. The show brought in large crowds at each library, with 47 children at the Kaponga LibraryPlus.



Our LibraryPlus centres celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with a wide range of events. In Eltham, a highlight was a Mau Rakau - Traditional Māori Martial Arts demonstration led by Matua Bodene Masters Te Whare of Te Whare Tu Taua o Taranaki and one of his students, Alex Peihopa. This was followed by an energetic Puanga Roadshow led by Council staff in June.



Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki launched its long-awaited book, Tales and Taonga in October. The stories capture the people of our District and captivating photographs bring Aotea Utanganui's heritage collections to life. The book documents the achievements of early pioneers, Tangata Whenua, and today's generation.

DISTRICT ECONOMY

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
Number of client interactions with the Business Advisory Service.	≥475	A total of 2,084 client interactions were made for the year. A 54% increase on the previous year.	
Dollar value of Capability Development Vouchers distributed in South Taranaki.	≥ \$75,000		The dollar value of the Capability Development Vouchers distributed for the year was \$68,732 although this does not include COVID-19 business support funding.
Number of South Taranaki promotions per year.	≥10	11 promotions were undertaken.	
Number of events provided or supported by Council per year.	≥10	Twenty events were provided or supported during the year.	



Hāwera achieved the honour of being the smallest town to ever host a Startup Weekend in New Zealand. Held from 13 to 15 November 2020 the event saw 35 entrepreneurs from seven teams to create startup businesses in 54 hours. Participants learned how to turn an idea into a viable business with the help of an experienced group of mentors recruited from around New Zealand. The winning team was PayEzy who created software to help charities accept cashless donations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of the cost of community led projects (supported by Council) funded from external sources.	≥50%	100% A successful funding application was made to the Tū Manawa Aotearoa Fund managed by Sport Taranaki for a basketball hoop and sports equipment for St Joseph's School, Pātea which was 100% funded by the Fund.	
% of the total cost of Council led projects (completed in partnership with the community) funded from external sources.	≥33.3%	98% of the total cost of Council-led projects have been funded from external sources.	



The Mayor hosted a celebratory barbecue for South Taranaki graduates of qualifications received through Industry Training Organisations. With support from the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), the event recognised the work and dedication ITO students made to qualify, often while working full time and managing family life.



In May 2021 the Mayor also hosted "On the Clock", an initiative of the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Steering Group, held at the TSB Hub. The event was loosely based on a speed dating format where Year 11 students from Hāwera High School, Pātea Area School and Ngāti Ruanui had an opportunity to interview 20 employer representatives. Another session was hosted in June, in Ōpunakē with 70 year 11 students and 9 employers.



Volunteers contribute a huge amount to the community and this year the Mayor and Council hosted over 100 local volunteers from across the District at Pihama Lavender, for a Devonshire morning tea, to thank them for their work. The event was held during National Volunteers Week, which ran from 18 to 24 June.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of resource consent applications are processed within statutory timeframes.	100%		99% (206 out of 208) applications received for the year all were processed within the statutory timeframes.

REGULATORY SERVICES

Performance Measures

Measure	Target	Achieved	Not Achieved
% of (liquor) licensed premises that the Council has contact with or are inspected.	95%	100% For the year, all 89 licensed premises were inspected.	
% of new and renewed (food) premises applications processed within 10 working days.	≥95%	100% For the year, all 75 premises applications were processed within 10 working days.	
% of noise complaints are responded to within one hour.	≥90%	For the year 741 (92%) of the 804 noise complaints received were responded to within 1 hour.	
% of building consent applications processed within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days.	100%		637 consents were processed with 398 processed within the 20 working days statutory timeframe (62.5%). High consent volumes post-COVID lockdown and staff turnover, are the two main reasons the target was not achieved. While the consent volumes are not dramatically higher than previous years, the volumes of complex consents (for example new houses) certainly are.
% of building inspections carried out within 2 working days of request.	95%	100% - For the year, all 2,219 inspections were inspected within the timeframes.	
% of reported serious dog* or wandering stock incidents responded to within 4 hours.	≥95%	For the year 386 (95%) of 408 were responded to within 4 hours.	
% of reported general dog** incidents responded to within 1 working day.	≥95%	For the year, 1650 (95%) of the 1739 incidents were responded to within 1 working day.	
% of residents satisfied with the Animal Control service.	≥75%	The Annual Resident's Survey showed that 76% of residents were satisfied with the Animal Control service.	

* serious dog incidents – dog attacks, threatening or rushing dogs or continual barking.

** general dog incidents – barking and roaming.



The Council's Environment and Sustainability Strategy was adopted on 28 June 2021 following consultation as part of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.



Council continued to promote waste minimisation stations at District events as a way to reduce the amount of waste that events send to landfill. These stations have separate bins for organics, recycling, rubbish, and glass. Three waste minimisation stations were used at Concerts in the Park and over 70% of the waste generated onsite was diverted.



The South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth District councils partnered with Agrecovery to deliver a series of agricultural waste reduction events (Agrecovery One Stop Shop events) across the Region in May. These events enabled farmers to safely recycle their farm waste. The Hāwera Agrecovery event was supported by 32 farmers.



The Council digitised its building application process in December 2020 using the 'Simpli' portal. This means customers can apply for a building consent online and has provided a significant efficiency gain. The uptake by customers has been rapid, with no hard copy consents lodged since January 2021.



In late June 2021 our building team successfully retained accreditation as a Building Consents Authority (BCA) following assessment from International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ).



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The following pages provide an overview of the Council’s financial performance for the year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

	Council
Net surplus/(deficit)	\$26,495,000
Total assets	\$1,083 million
Total liabilities	\$137 million
Total equity	\$946 million

Statement of Financial Performance

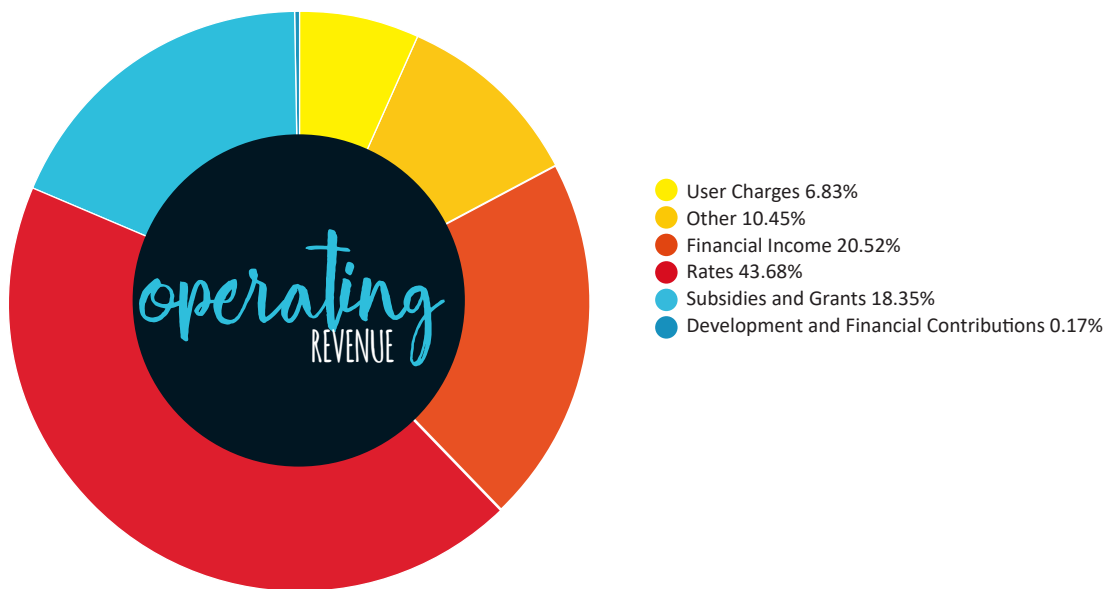
The Council finished the year with a \$26,495,000 surplus after unbudgeted adjustments (gains on derivative contracts \$7,364,000 and disposal of assets \$1,186,000) against a budgeted surplus of \$2,159,000. The main contributors to the variance (\$24.3 million) are as follows:

Revenue

Total revenue was \$27.3 million more than budgeted. This included additional income of \$11.5 million from the Council’s Long-Term Investment Fund (LTIF) due to strong market conditions mainly because of the COVID-19 recovery. The additional income of \$15.8 million in other revenue came from gains on derivative contracts, Three Waters tranche 1 funding, funding from the Government for our ‘shovel ready’ projects and a TSB Community Trust grant of \$2.8 million for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga.

Expenditure

- An accounting adjustment for the \$1.19 million book loss on infrastructure asset disposals (no impact on rates).
- \$700,000 for the weather damage during November and December 2020.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Net assets as at 30 June 2021

\$ Million	Actual 2020/21	Budget 2020/21	Actual 2019/20
Total assets	\$1,083 million	\$1,064 million	\$992 million
Less total liabilities	\$137 million	\$153 million	\$146 million
Net assets	\$946 million	\$911 million	\$846 million

Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF)

The value of the LTIF at 30 June 2021 increased to \$159 million (\$144.65 million in 2020) which included internal borrowing of \$16.91 million (\$15.99 million in 2019) and after allowing for the withdrawal of the annual rates subsidy. The balance increased mainly as a result of strong market conditions due to COVID-19 recovery.

Term Debt

The Council's total borrowing decreased to \$129.11 million (\$133.99 million in 2020) which included \$16.91 million of internal borrowing (\$15.99 million in 2020). The borrowing reduced mainly due to repayment of \$6 million of maturities in May 2021.

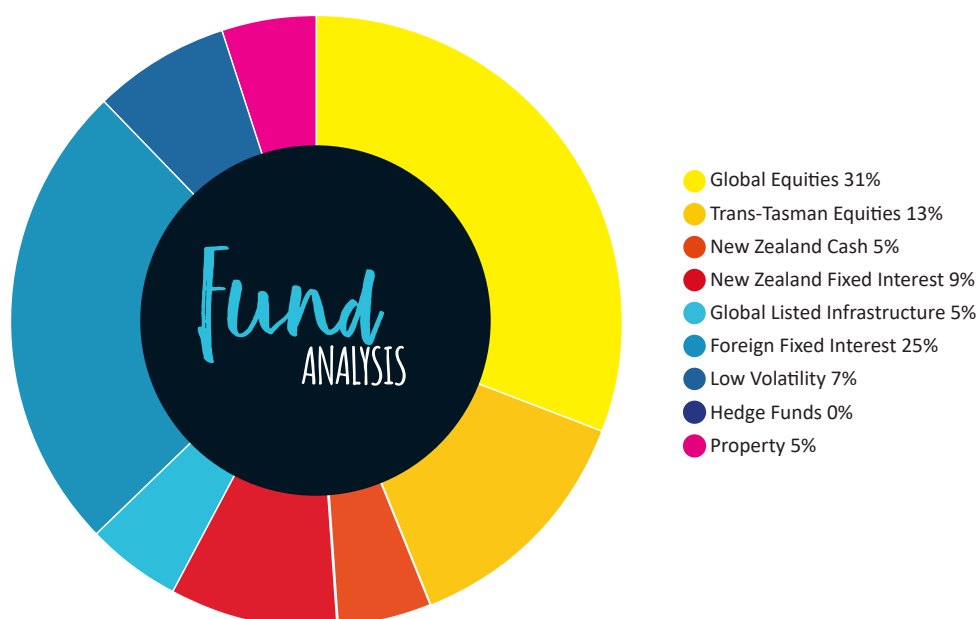
External Funds

The budgeted return was \$9.04 million (\$0.91 million of interest revenue from internal borrowings) but the LTIF returned \$20.74 million (\$0.86 million of interest revenue from internal borrowings) in the 2020/21 year as a result of strong market conditions. During the year the Council withdrew \$5.95 million for the annual rates subsidy and received \$1.34 million for internal loan repayments and \$0.86 million for the interest on internal loans.

Local Government (Financial and Prudence) Regulations 2014

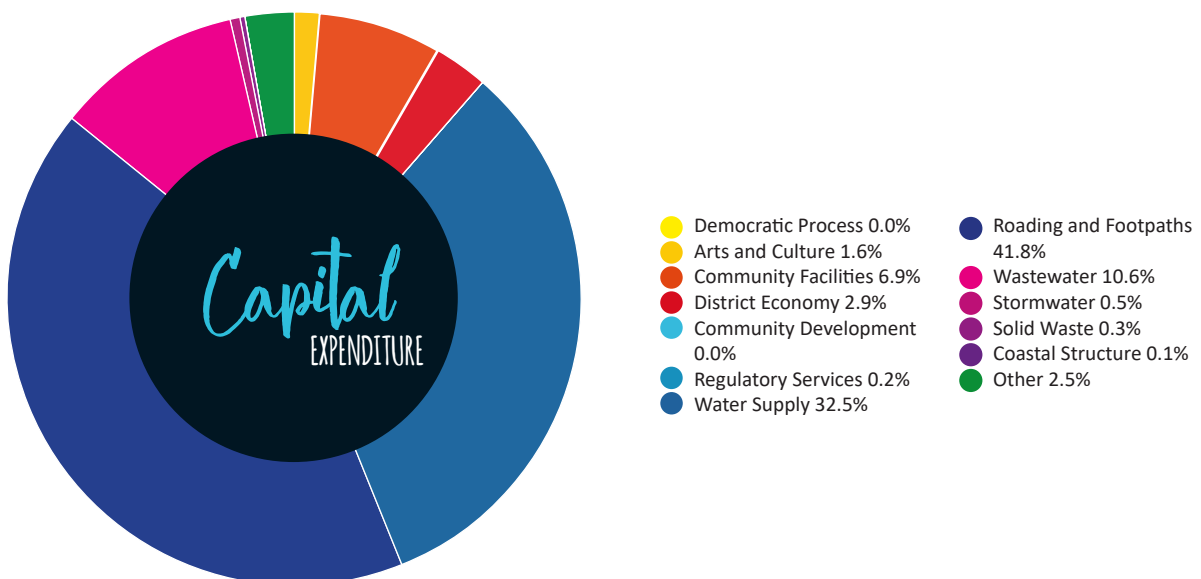
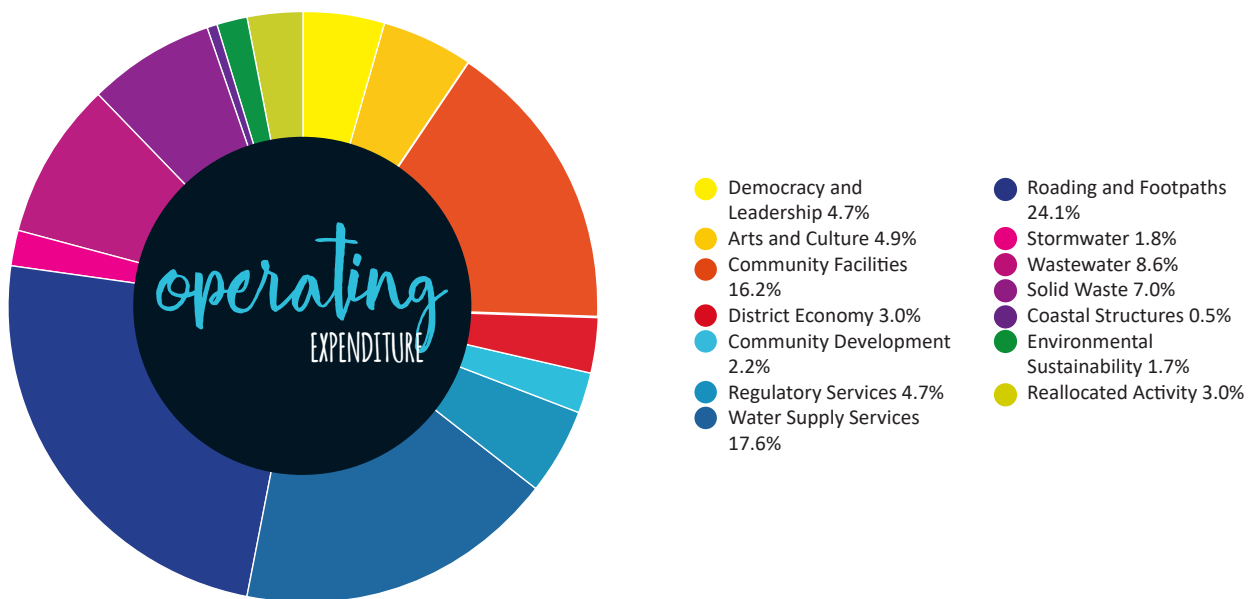
The Council is required to include Financial Prudence Benchmarks in its Annual Report in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014. The key benchmarks for 2020/21 are summarised below:

Key 2020/21 Benchmarks	Benchmark	Achieved
Rates (Increase) Affordability	<3.65%	Yes 0.08%
Debt Affordability	Net interest expense as a percentage of total annual income (<15%)	Yes -16%
Debt Affordability	Net debt per capita is less than \$2,000 per person	Yes -\$1,756.04
Balanced Budget	Revenue equals or is greater than its operating expenses (=>100%)	Yes 127.53%
Debt Servicing	Borrowing costs equal or are less than 10% of its revenue (=<10%)	Yes 5.34%



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

(\$ millions)	Actual 2020/21	Budget 2020/21	Actual 2019/20
Operating revenue	\$96.76 million	\$69.46 million	\$63.42 million
Operating expenditure	\$70.26 million	\$67.30 million	\$67.37 million
Net operating surplus/(deficit)	\$26.50 million	\$2.16 million	\$(3.94) million
Net Increase/(Decrease) in value of assets	\$17.93 million	\$4 million	\$77 million
Total Movements in Equity	\$26.50 million	\$(5.90) million	\$70 million



SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Council Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Budget 2020/21 \$000	Group Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Actual 2019/20 \$000	Group Actual 2019/20 \$000
Current assets	134,998	124,494	134,997	127,445	127,445
Non-current assets	948,745	939,459	948,745	938,366	938,366
Total Assets	1,083,742	1,063,953	1,083,742	1,065,811	1,065,811
Current liabilities	31,021	36,138	31,021	21,046	21,046
Non-current liabilities	106,282	117,109	106,282	124,825	124,825
Total Liabilities	137,303	153,247	137,303	145,871	145,871
Total Equity/Net Assets	946,441	910,706	946,441	919,940	919,940

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	Council Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Budget 2020/21 \$000	Group Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Actual 2019/20 \$000	Group Actual 2019/20 \$000
Total Revenue	96,758	69,461	96,758	63,422	63,422
Total expenses (excluding finance cost)	65,474	61,976	65,474	62,148	62,148
Finance cost	4,789	5,326	4,789	5,217	5,217
Total operating surplus/(deficit) before tax	26,495	2,159	26,495	(3,943)	(3,943)

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Increase/(decrease) in revaluation reserves	6	0	6	(92)	(92)
Gain on asset revaluation	0	0	0	73,591	73,591
Total other comprehensive revenue and expenditure	0	0	0	73,499	73,499
Total comprehensive revenue and expenditure for the year	26,501	2,159	26,501	69,556	69,556



SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Council Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Budget 2020/21 \$000	Group Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Actual 2019/20 \$000	Group Actual 2019/20 \$000
Equity at the beginning of the year	919,940	908,547	919,940	850,384	850,384
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	26,495	2,159	26,495	(3,943)	(3,943)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	6	0	6	73,499	73,499
Total comprehensive income for the year	26,501	2,159	26,501	69,556	69,556
Equity at the end of the year	946,441	910,706	946,441	919,940	919,940
COMPRISING:					
Accumulated balances	469,233	403,684	469,233	458,545	458,545
Restricted and statutory reserves	2,601	1,973	2,601	2,276	2,276
Investment revaluation reserves	6	36	6	0	0
Separate Operating Reserves	11,800	3,387	11,800	10,357	10,357
Council Created Reserves	159,976	150,764	159,976	145,728	145,728
Capital Replacement Reserves	434	160	434	642	642
Asset revaluation reserves	302,391	350,702	302,391	302,391	302,391
Equity at the end of the year	946,441	910,706	946,441	919,940	919,940

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

	Council Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Budget 2020/21 \$000	Group Actual 2020/21 \$000	Council Actual 2019/20 \$000	Group Actual 2019/20 \$000
Net cashflows from operating activities	25,805	14,378	25,805	19,226	19,226
Net cash flows from investing activities	(13,844)	(25,727)	(13,844)	(23,325)	(23,325)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(5,886)	(8,564)	(5,886)	4,235	4,235
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,075	(2,785)	6,075	136	136

HOW WE PREPARED THESE STATEMENTS

This summary report has been taken from the South Taranaki District Council 2020/21 Annual Report. The Annual Report, adopted on 1 November 2021, was prepared in accordance with Tier 1 PBE Standards and contains detailed information about our finances and service provision. Audit New Zealand audited the full Annual Report and issued a modified opinion.

This Summary has been prepared in compliance with PBE FRS-43 and examined by Audit NZ for consistency with the full Annual Report.

South Taranaki District Council is a public benefit entity for financial reporting purposes. The financial statements in the Annual Report were prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (NZ GAAP) and comply with PBE Standards. The financial statements include a Statement of Compliance to this effect. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

This summary Annual Report was authorised by the Chief Executive Officer of the South Taranaki District Council on 26 November 2021.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the readers of South Taranaki District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the South Taranaki District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 3, 12 to 19, and 24 to 25:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021;
- 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 2021;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include other explanatory information; and
- the summary of non-financial performance.

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*.

However, the summary non-financial performance information includes a limitation in scope to the equivalent extent as the full audited non-financial performance information. This limitation is explained below in *The full annual report and our audit report thereon section*.

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 a qualified opinion on the activity statements and an unmodified opinion on the other audited information in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 in our auditor's report dated 1 November 2021. The basis for our qualified opinion on the activity statements is explained below.

The District Council is required to report in its full annual report against the performance measures set out in the Non-Financial Performance Measure Rules 2013 (the Rules) made by the Secretary for Local Government. We identified significant issues with some of these performance measures as described below. As a result of these issues, our work was limited and there were no practicable audit procedures we could apply to obtain assurance over the reported results for these performance measures for the current year and the 2019/20 baseline performance.

Total number of complaints received – Water supply and Wastewater

The District Council was unable to accurately report the number of complaints for the water supply and wastewater services. Complete records of all complaints were not available.

Information about these matters is also disclosed on page 13 of the District Council's summary annual report.

Our auditor's report on the full annual report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to the disclosures about the Government's three waters reform programme announcement as set out in the full annual report in note 30 to the financial statements. The Government announced it will introduce legislation to establish four publicly owned water services entities to take over responsibilities for service delivery and infrastructure from local authorities from 1 July 2024. The impact of these reforms, once legislated, will mean that the District Council will no longer deliver three waters services. This matter is addressed on page 3 of the summary financial statements.

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 reporting on the summary and full annual reports, we have audited the District Council's 2021-2031 long-term plan and carried out 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 or its subsidiary.



Chris Webby
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Palmerston North, New Zealand
26 November 2021



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