



Charlotte Littlewood, Chair
Taranaki Regional Council

Progress in taking our region forward

Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2023/2024

The 2023/2024 Annual Report is a chance to take stock of what we have achieved over the last year. It's an opportunity to reflect on the positive outcomes from our work across the region while pausing to consider what else we could be doing to continue taking Taranaki forward.

This report compares what we have achieved against what was set out in the third year of the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan (LTP). This is the final year of making that comparison as we have adopted a new LTP which will guide our work for the 2024/2034 period.

This year we again focused on meeting the challenges we are facing while planning ahead to ensure we continued on our mission of working with our communities to make the region the best place in New Zealand to live, work, play and do business.

Change continues to gather pace

Our work is always dependant on external factors and we need to pivot and adjust to the changing global, national and regional environment. We don't live and work in a bubble: every facet of our mahi is influenced by what's happening in our economy, the environment, changing climate, central government reforms and our evolving relationship with tangata whenua.

Changes to our climate and the region's environment can have a major effect on the services we're able to deliver to our communities. Rising temperatures are impacting our natural environment and we have had to adapt to those many changes and threats to our place.

There was a change in Government in October when the coalition of National, NZ First and Act came to power after six years of a Labour-led administration. This has led to a proposed shift in policies around freshwater, one of our key work programmes, at a time when we were developing a new Land and Freshwater Plan.

While full details of the proposed policy shifts are still to be released we have continued working with our

communities and tangata whenua to develop a proposed new freshwater management regime. We may need to 'fine tune' the regime once the new Government policy environment has been confirmed but we believe it is important that we continue to develop local solutions for the challenges we face.

Collaborating with local communities and tangata whenua remains critical to ensuring we retain local understanding and support for our mission and the direction in which we're heading. We can't improve our environment without that support and without the partnerships we've been developing with iwi and hapū.

What we've achieved this year

To ensure we're all in the same waka and paddling in the same direction, the last year has seen a step change in our approach to community engagement. This has included a number of consultations on transport and freshwater and an extensive community conversation on the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan.

We've given you the chance to have a say at drop-in events or online and we've had hundreds of responses to our surveys, which had a direct impact on key decisions made over the last year.

It was a busy year in the freshwater space with two major consultations as we sought views to shape rules in next year's Land and Freshwater Plan. This included holding 16 drop-in sessions around the maunga which were attended by around 550 people.

A new Regional Coastal Plan came into force on 4 September 2023, marking the end of an eight-year review process. As mentioned earlier, the last year has seen the successful adoption of a new Long-Term Plan. We were delighted to receive hundreds of responses to our community conversation about the LTP, which was approved in May and become operative on 1 July.

The project to redevelop Yarrow Stadium remains on budget and on time and last year saw a number of

milestones reached in the construction of the East Stand including the completion of groundworks. A highlight was the Taranaki Bulls winning the Bunnings NPC championship in September in front of a sell-out crowd at the stadium.

Our three regional gardens – Pukeiti, Hollard Gardens and Tūpare – were visited by more than 128,000 people. The 2023/2024 financial year saw a number of major achievements in transport and our bus network. As well as adopting the Regional Land Transport Plan, there was an 11.2% rise in passenger numbers on buses to more than 772,000 and a number of new initiatives.

Our work to protect homes and businesses from rare flooding events included the completion of a major project to boost defences near the Valley Shopping Centre. The \$430,000 Waiwhakaiho River upgrades raised two sections including along the stopbank and a flood wall to provide further protection against climate change uncertainties.

The Council recorded a deficit of \$0.74m (total comprehensive income net of tax), significantly better than the budgeted deficit of \$2.9m. This positive variance arose from revaluation gains on its flood control schemes. The rest of its income and expenditure was within \$683,000 of budget.

Working together

As you can see from this summary, the last year has very much been about talking and working with you, our community. That's why we're here: to work and collaborate with you to improve our environment.

It's been a hectic year with a huge amount of change. But we've adapted and we're proud of our achievements that we think are making a tangible difference to our communities and the Taranaki environment.



Charlotte Littlewood, Chair

Deloitte INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The summary of the consolidated annual report was derived from the annual report of the Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and its subsidiaries (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 2 to 4:

- 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 net assets/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 performance information.

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 Council and Group information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 in our auditor's report dated 24 September 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 carried out engagements in the areas of long-term plan, trustee reporting, greenhouse gas emissions inventory report assurance readiness review and qualitative climate risk assessment & scenario analysis, which are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than these engagements we have no relationship with or interests in the Regional Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.



Bruno Dente, Partner
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
24 September 2024



128,250 visits

to Tūpare, Hollard and Pukeiti regional gardens

[2022/23: 123,554]

23

Submissions made
on key policy initiatives

[2022/23: 12]



Sustainable land management

36 comprehensive farm plans developed

[2022/23: 32]

5,385KM

riparian margins planted since 1996

[2022/23: 4,874km]

Resource consent Processing



361 consent applications

[2022/23: 307]

100% met RMA requirements

[2022/23: 100%]

Taranaki at a glance

Predator-free Programme



3 years possum-free for farmland surrounding Kaitake Range

3,000 possums removed from this area



12,996HA

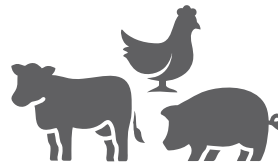
rural predator control programme extended in the Kapuni area

550 responses to Public

requests for advice around biosecurity, biodiversity and predator-free

[2022/23: 425]

1,632 inspections



for effluent compliance monitoring - dairy, poultry and pig farms

[2022/23: 1,618]



498 compliance inspections

of small industrial operations

[2022/23: 406]

Habitat Protection

93 potential KNEs assessed

[2022/23: 79]



21 new biodiversity plans for KNEs completed

[2022/23: 19]

59 regionally significant wetlands protected

[2022/23: 59]



Ensuring clean air

99%



air-discharge

consent-holders with 'good' or 'high' consent compliance

[2022/23: 99%]

Environmental heroes

19



recognised at annual Environmental Awards

[2022/23: 19]

State of the environment monitoring

Comprehensive programme review completed



Environmental education

17,333



tamariki and rangatahi participated in education programmes

[2022/23: 16,000]



194,000

visits to TRC website

[2022/23: 203,000]

Pollution response

461

responses to pollution and other complaints

[2022/23: 448]

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Susan Hughes: susan.hughes@trc.govt.nz - David Lean: david.lean@trc.govt.nz **North Taranaki Constituency** Mike Davey: mike.davey@trc.govt.nz - Donald McIntyre: donald.mcintyre@trc.govt.nz

Sustainable land management

79%



of privately-owned hill country land now has comprehensive farm and agroforestry plans
[2022/23: 76%]

242,582HA

covered by land management plans
[2022/23: 232,225]

Regional Coastal Plan



New plan effective Sept 2023 after eight-year review process



Yarrow Stadium

✓ East Stand groundworks at Yarrow Stadium completed

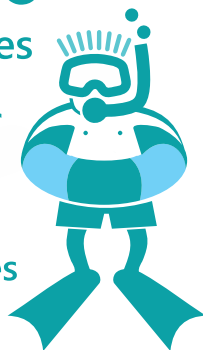
Water Quality monitoring

at swimming sites

23 freshwater sites
[2022/23: 22]

18 marine sites
[2022/23: 18]

481 freshwater samples taken
[2022/23: 484]



2 marine oil spill exercise
[2022/23: 2]

Public engagement

21,000

likes, shares or reactions on social media
[2022/23: 31,000]

549



attendees at freshwater drop-in sessions

340 responses

to Your Place, Your Say engagement as 2023-24 Long-term Plan adopted

Self-help Possum Programme



417 Self-Help Possum Control Programme inspections
[2022/23: 278]

Public transport



11.2% increase on previous year
[2022/23: 27.6%]

772,768 passengers on buses
[2022/23: 694,895]



64,798 Total Mobility Scheme services provided
[2022/23: 57,894]



Regional Land Transport Plan
New plan adopted

Planting and fencing streambanks



181,296 plants purchased by landowners
[2022/23: 300,524]

Pest Plants

570



pest plant infestations identified and controlled
[2022/23: 417]

2,946

property inspections for pest plants
[2022/23: 2,780]



Port Taranaki

\$8M

dividend received
[2022/23: \$8M]

Enforcing environmental standards



87

infringement notices issued
[2022/23: 99]

3

prosecutions initiated
[2022/23: 2]



Flood Protection

\$430,000

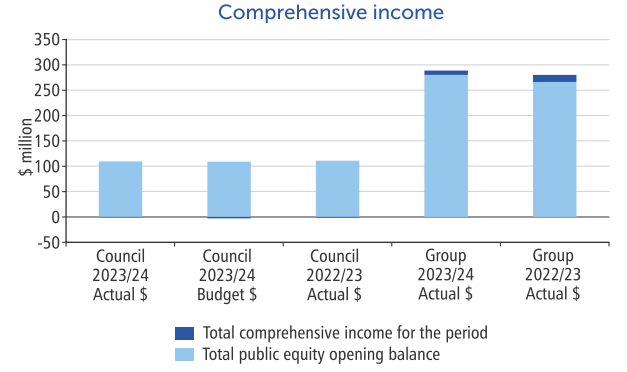
upgrade to Waiwhakaiho flood protection scheme completed

100%

of schemes maintained
[2022/23: 100%]

Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council 2023/24 Actual \$	Council 2023/24 Budget \$	Council 2022/23 Actual \$	Group 2023/24 Actual \$	Group 2022/23 Actual \$
Total expenses	51,141,787	52,105,047	45,518,407	91,288,821	81,493,271
Total income	46,135,207	48,522,647	42,232,241	103,231,808	100,106,769
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance income and expenses and taxation	(5,006,580)	(3,582,400)	(3,286,166)	11,942,987	18,613,498
Finance income	2,580,259	1,960,000	1,770,404	1,651,410	1,091,072
Finance expense	(1,152,554)	(1,272,000)	(774,759)	(2,734,232)	(1,815,611)
Operating surplus before taxation	(3,578,875)	(2,894,400)	(2,290,521)	10,860,165	17,888,959
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	-	1,365,646
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties	-	-	(195,000)	-	(195,000)
Impairment of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Income tax expense	(8,989)	(10,000)	(10,266)	(4,376,640)	(5,367,017)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	(3,587,864)	(2,904,400)	(2,495,787)	6,483,525	13,692,588
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss when specific conditions met.					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	2,847,018	-	1,141,333	2,847,018	100,855
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	(799,207)	103,984
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	(740,846)	(2,904,400)	(1,354,454)	8,541,336	13,897,427



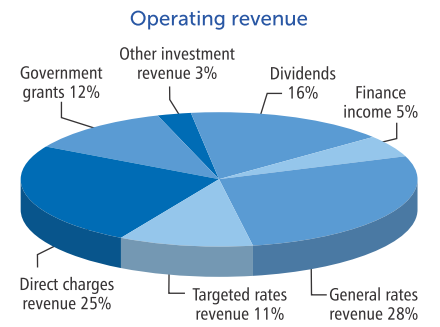
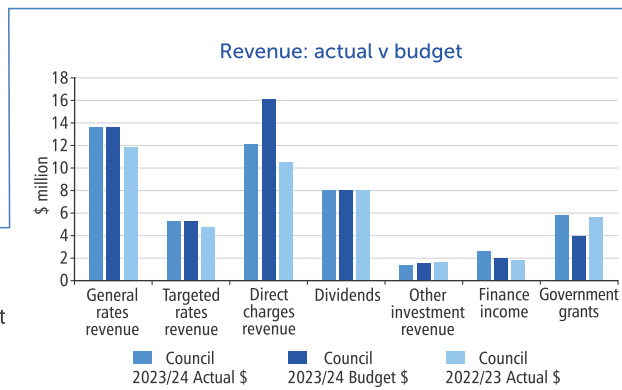
Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity fell by \$0.74m in 2023/2024 to \$108.5m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$8.5m to \$288.1m.

The Council's total equity of \$108.5m (Group – \$288.1m) is made up of retained earnings \$66.4m (Group – \$175.4m), special purpose reserves \$32.1m (Group – \$32.1m), asset revaluation reserves \$10.0m (Group – \$79.8m) and a cashflow hedge reserve of nil (Group – \$0.8m).

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating deficit (inclusive of other comprehensive income net of tax) of \$0.74m (2022/2023 deficit of \$1.4m) compared to a budgeted deficit, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$2.9m. The entire deficit is from continuing activities.

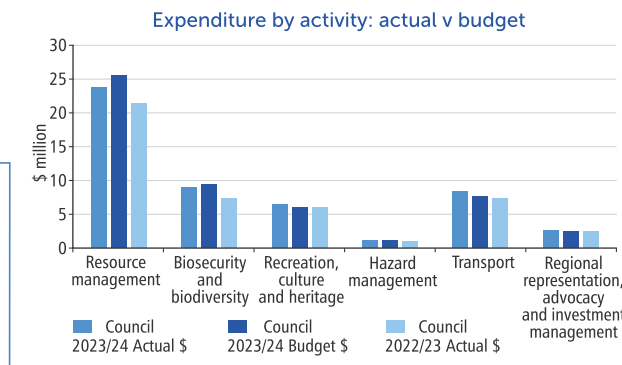


Revenue

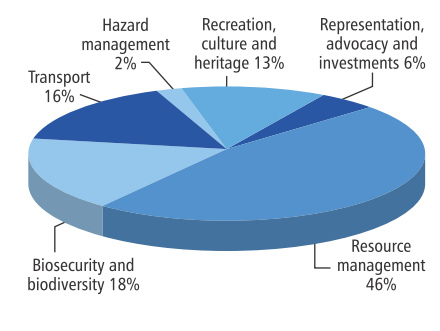
Total Council only revenue (including finance income) was under budget for the year by \$1.77m.

Expenditure

Total Council only operating expenditure (including finance expense) was under budget for the year by \$1.1m.

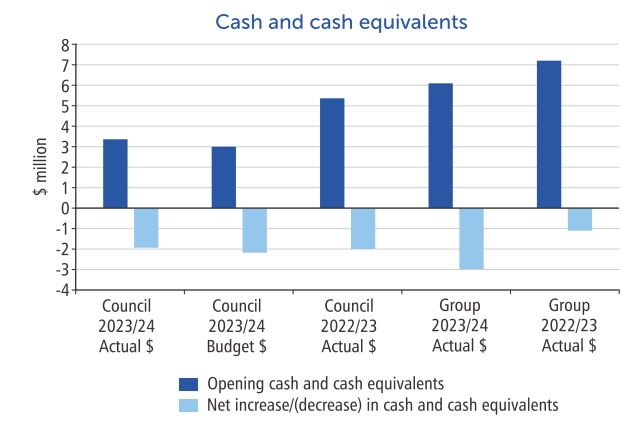
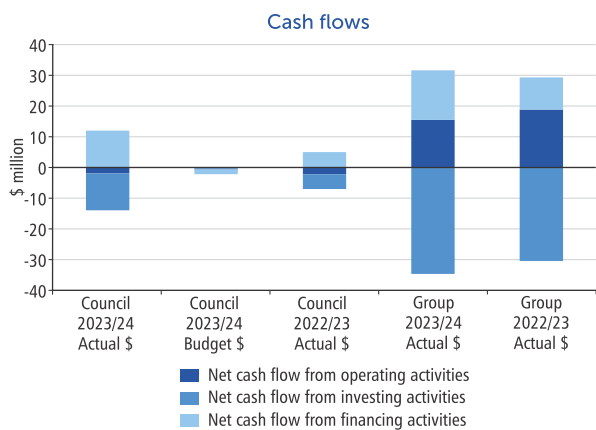


Expenditure by groups of activities



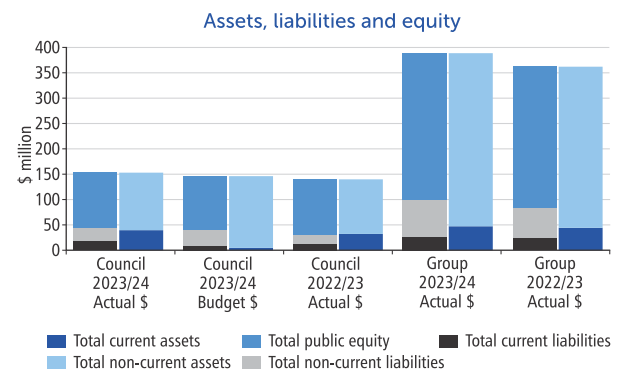
Cash flows

The Council's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$1.9m during the year. Net cash outflows from operating activities was \$1.9m, net cash outflows from investing activities was \$12.0m and net cash inflows from financing activities was \$12.0m. At a Group level cash balances decreased by \$2.98m to \$3.1m in total.



Financial position as at 30 June 2024

Assets grew by \$13.4m for the Council and by \$26.4m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$14.1m for the Council and increased by \$17.9m for the Group. The Council has \$31.5m of public debt.



Notes

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with "Financial Reporting Standard No.43 (PBE)" issued by the External Reporting Board. The summary report cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report, which is available free of charge from the Council offices (ph 06 765 7127) or email publications@trc.govt.nz or visit the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2023/2024 Annual Report dated 24 September 2024. The Council and Group received an unmodified audit opinion. The opinion was dated 24 September 2024. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 24 September 2024.

Taranaki Regional Council is the ultimate parent of the Group and controls two entities being Port Taranaki Ltd Group (including PTL TugCo LLC) and Taranaki Stadium Trust. There have been a number of transactions between Port Taranaki Ltd Group, the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council during the year in the normal course of business.

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities. These

summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

Events subsequent to balance date: For the Council, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date. For the Port, on 17 August 2024, the Board resolved to pay a final dividend of \$3 million at 5.77 cents per share on 8 October 2024. On 27 July 2024, the Port Taranaki Ltd Group executed a sale and purchase agreement for the sale of land held as a non-current asset for sale. For the Trust, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date.