

12th Triennium in Review

A brief look back at the last 3 years

Paeroa Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade

Issue: Paeroa is experiencing increased development, and the wastewater discharge standards have increased. The existing plant was no longer fit for purpose as cannot handle the greater flows and loads on the WWTP or meet the increased discharge standards.

Solution: A modernised, future-proofed upgrade that not only addresses increased demand, but also meets the high national environmental water discharge standards set by government, and provides capacity during natural disasters.

Status: 50% completed as at August 2025.

Expected Spend: \$42M



Kerepēhi Raw Water Upgrades

Issue: The resilience of the Kerepēhi Water Treatment Plant raw water supply was significantly increased. Additional raw water storage tanks have been built and the raw water main and associated infrastructure has been replaced and upgraded to futureproof against future demand and mitigate some affects of climate change.

Solution: The new (tank) reservoirs will add around four million litres of additional storage, which will significantly reduce the risk of a raw water shortage. Now the network can be continuously supplied.

Status: Raw water tanks completed. Replacement supply main to be connected to the new tanks (cutover planning in progress).

Budget: \$8.75M (total)



Ngātea North Subdivision

Set across 5.3 hectares, this development comprises 52 north-facing residential lots and playground facilities.

All sections have uninterrupted views towards the Hauraki Gulf, the Coromandel Peninsula and the Kaimai Ranges.

Completed: July 2025

Budget: \$9M



Hauraki Road (Tūrua): Road & Pavement Upgrade

Issue: A pavement upgrade of a section of the road was undertaken previously and the uneven road and pavements in Tūrua on the rest of this section required a complete remediation.

Solution: This section of Hauraki Road was excavated, filled, resealed and line marked, with appropriate signage installed. New concrete driveways and footpaths were constructed. Grass verges were filled with topsoil and seeded. A new crossing and tactile paving were installed for Tūrua School. This project was tied-in with work on the water pipes for minimal disruption and cost savings.

Status: Almost complete. The contractor is working through the remaining issues.

Budget: \$1M (road) + \$1.336M (water main)



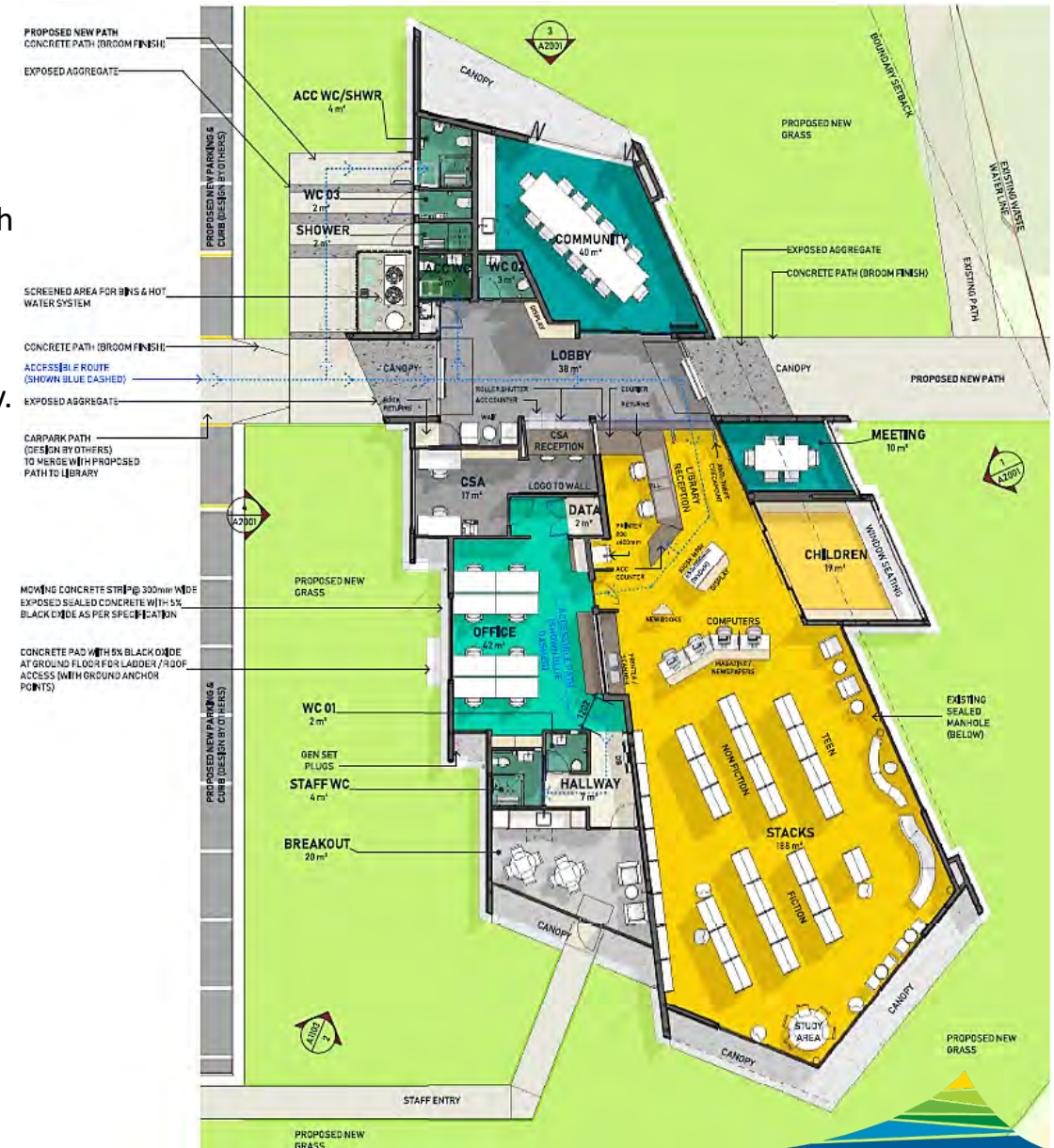
Ngātea Library & Service Centre

Issue: The old Council building (constructed in 1973) was no longer fit for purpose.

Solution: A new, modern replacement located close to its predecessor, which provides the Council services and library facilities that residents and visitors need now and in the future. At the same time, the surrounding car park will undergo a refurbishment.

Status: Old building demolished. Construction of the new building underway.

Budget: \$4.8M



Kerepēhi Playground Upgrade

Issue: The existing playground is a well-used community space, but the equipment is old, limited and doesn't cater to a range of ages and abilities.

Solution: A modern, safe upgrade that provides a wide range of options for different ages and abilities, based around the ideas and needs of the community.

Status: In planning.

Budget: \$321,000 (includes \$200,000 contribution from the Better Off Fund).



Mahuta Road North: Bridge Replacement

Issue: The existing narrow, single lane bridge was identified for replacement during a routine bridge inspection. At around 100 years old, key components of the structure had deteriorated to such an extent that the bridge could collapse/fail at any time. The wooden barriers also provided little safety. On top of this, the bridge was set at a low level where – if it rained heavily – it was impassable due to flooding from the Waitakaruru River.

Solution: Replacement with a new, longer, single-lane bridge, constructed with strengthened metal barriers, modern reflectors and positioned at a higher level, so less likely to be closed due to flooding.

Status: Completed in 2023.

Budget: \$1.36M (Overall cost came in around \$30K under budget)



Golden Valley Road Rehabilitation

Issue: Severe weather in May 2023 caused a significant undermining of a section of the road, causing it to collapse.

Solution: Road rehabilitation with reworked drainage systems and additional retaining piles.

Status: Completed in May 2025

Budget: \$850,000 (61% NZTA funded)



Upgrade of Ngātea & Paeroa Depots

Issues: A number of issues were identified with the Ngātea and Paeroa depots. Some were structural while others were health and safety related. Capacity, as well as appropriate storage of equipment and supplies also needed to be addressed.

Solution: To provide an improved and safer working environment for staff and visitors that is fit for purpose and scalable to future requirements. Specific items include:-

- A new roof for the Paeroa Depot (completed).
- Improved storage facilities (including containers) and safer demarcation of stored items.
- Improved office and kitchen facilities (including installation of a portacabin).
- Improved on-site staff parking.

Status: In progress.

Budget: \$1.6M (including \$400K from Property budget)



Paeroa Dog Pound Upgrade

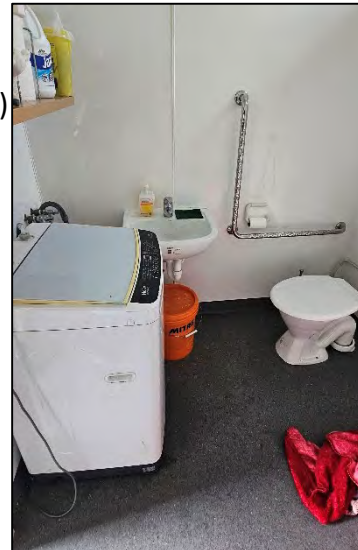
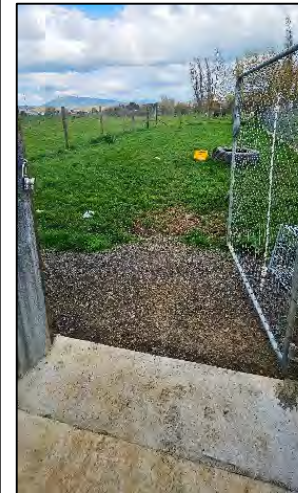
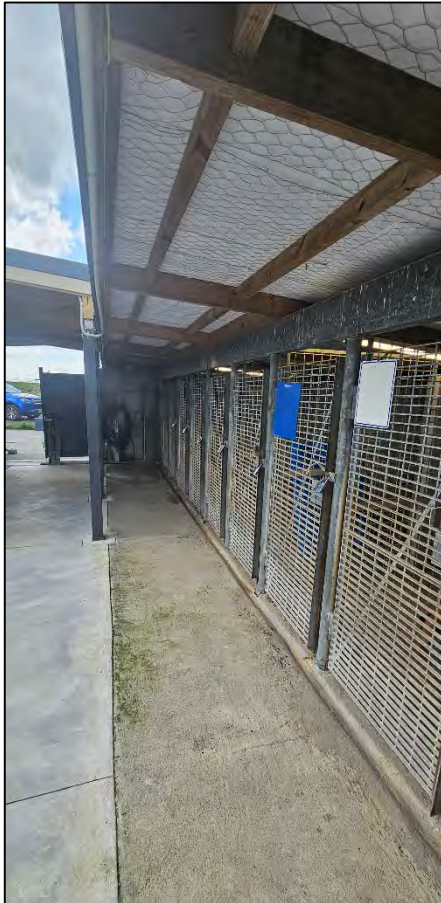
Issue: The facilities were basic and had presented a laundry list of health, safety and wellbeing issues for both the staff and the dogs.

Solution: An overhaul of the facilities...

- A water tank and high pressure hose were installed for more effective cleaning of the facility.
- A new drainage system was installed along the back of the kennels to ensure wastewater from kennel cleaning drains adequately.
- The leaky kennel roofing was replaced.
- A middle roof was installed enclosing the area between the two kennel rows.
- Locks were installed to the front of the kennel doors, so staff no longer have to reach inside the kennels to open them.
- A fenced, grass-covered run area was set-up at the back of the pound, connected via a new entrance gate. This provides a safer, enclosed space for dogs to exercise, socialize and receive training away from the main entrance.
- A second, larger washbasin was installed outside with hot and cold water supply. Previously, there was only one, small indoor sink available for washing hands *and* dog bowls.
- A permanent 20ft storage container was provided to store dog food, supplies and equipment.

Status: Completed in 2025.

Budget: \$130K (Outcome: \$51K under budget)



Paeroa Railway Reserve Carpark

Issue: Not enough parking during peak times in Paeroa.

Solution: A previously fenced-off area was opened up to provide overflow parking. A concrete pad was installed for vehicular access, spaces were line-marked and new footpaths were created for car park users and visitors to the reserve.

Drainage was improved, while new gardens were created and existing ones were given a tidy-up.

Status: Completed and opened in May 2022.

Budget: \$60K



Waihi Pump Track

Motivation: To provide a low cost and accessible activity that appeals to all ages and abilities. This is a purpose-built pump track, built to world class standards and suitable for all non-motorized wheels – from bikes of all sizes to scooters, skateboards and even rollerboots.

This is the first pump track of its kind in the district. A fun – and now very popular – focal point for the community, built over an old landfill that would have otherwise remained unused.

Status: Completed and opened in June 2025.

Budget: \$250K (Council) + \$450K (External)



Ridgeview Place Upgrade (Waihī)

Issue: Inadequate drainage was causing stormwater from the road to flood properties at the lower end of Ridgeview Place, Waihī.

Solution: A rework of the road surface, driveways, footpath and surrounding drainage to ensure stormwater is diverted away from the previously affected properties.

Status: Completed in August 2025.

Budget: \$350K



Hauraki Rail Trail: Waihī Extension

Bringing the much-loved Hauraki Rail Trail to – and through – the heart of Waihī, this project plans to connect the Trail at Goldfields Train Station to Waihī town centre via Victoria Street, Silverton Road, the Ohinemuri River and Gilmour Reserve, before continuing along Union Hill, using many of the existing footpaths.

Future stages will link Wellington Street through to Goldfields Railway Station and extend the trail from the closed Clarke Street carpark through to Seddon Street.

Status: See map - *Green = completed, red = planned.*

Budget: \$350K



Waihi Museum: Earthquake Strengthening

Issue: The existing building is currently not compliant to current earthquake standards. It also requires other renovations.

Solution: Given the cost of a full overhaul, the current, reduced scope involves replacing the roof, strengthening the chimney and replacing the windows.

Status: In progress.

Budget: \$1.36M over the expected lifetime of the project.



Karangahake Reserve Overflow Carpark (Cornes Paddock)

Issue: Not enough parking during peak times at the main Karangahake gorge car park.

Solution: An overflow parking area was created about 800 meters from the Hauraki Rail Trail and nearby gorge attractions.

Status: Completed and opened in December 2022.

Budget: \$325K (Actual: \$233K)



Waitāwheta Road Bridge Junction: Upgrade & Safety Re-design

Issue: This is a busy junction with multiple hazards, including access onto/from a single lane bridge to a State Highway, two nearby parking areas (one not officially designated as a car park) and the Hauraki Rail Trail crossing the road near to the bridge.

Solution: For Rail Trail users, a link track has been created to shift the crossing away from the bridge and the junction with the car park. A full road rehabilitation from the bridge to the junction with Pukekauri Road is planned during the 2026 construction season. Further improvements are also planned to make the junction safer for all users, subject to the approval of a speed limit reduction.

Status: Hauraki Rail Trail crossing completed. Road rehab and redesign in progress.

Budget: \$100K *90K (part MBIE-funded)*



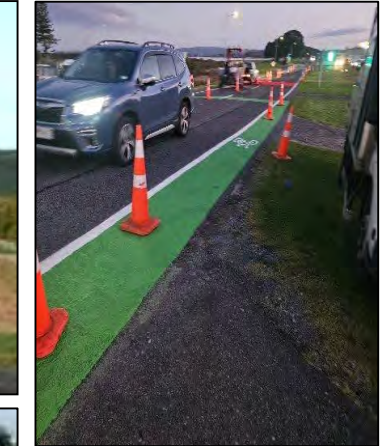
Hauraki Rail Trail: Pūkoro to Kaiaua

Various improvements to the Hauraki Rail Trail experience between Pūkoro and Kaiaua. These include:-

- The construction of 10km of cycleway between Pūkoro and Kaiaua
- The construction of three bridges and a boardwalk
- The construction of concrete sections at the northern and southern ends of Kaiaua
- Repairing and chipsealing the driveway and the Terminus car park opposite the Pink Shop
- Installing the water supply, then a new toilet block to the north of Kaiaua
- Cycle lane road marking to define the shared use of the County Bridge and its approaches
- Installing gabions on the coast at the northern end of Kaiaua
- Installing a dry toilet, then later a ramp and rail for improved convenience and accessibility at the Robert Findlay Reserve
- Installing various other features for the Rail Trail, including picnic tables, a bike rack and signage.

Status: All completed in 2024.

Budget: \$1.718M



Front Miranda Road: Pavement Rehabilitation

Issue: The footpaths along both sides of Front Miranda Road in Waitakaruru were worn and uneven, with broken kerbing and faded line markings. Also, the location of the designated crossing for users of the Hauraki Rail Trail was too close to the main junction of State Highway 25, and there was very little directional signage.

Solution: Footpath renewal and – at the same time – relocation of the road crossing to a safer place, as well as improvements to directional signage for Hauraki Rail Trail users. Green shared path signs were painted onto the concrete and directional signage was installed on the bridge approach.

This project was carried out in conjunction with HDC's footpath improvement programme, with MBIE contribution.

Status: Completed in 2025

Budget: \$135,900



Waihi Cemetery: Toilets & Storage Shed

Issue: The toilets at the Waihi cemetery were vandalized and the storage shed was irreparably damaged by fire.

Solution: Both were removed and replaced with an upgraded shed and toilet in one building. During construction, a temporary toilet was installed for visitors.

Status: Completed in August 2024.

Budget: \$64K



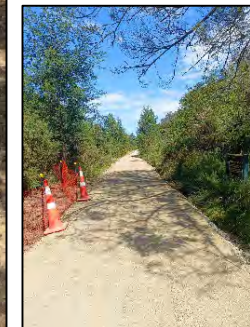
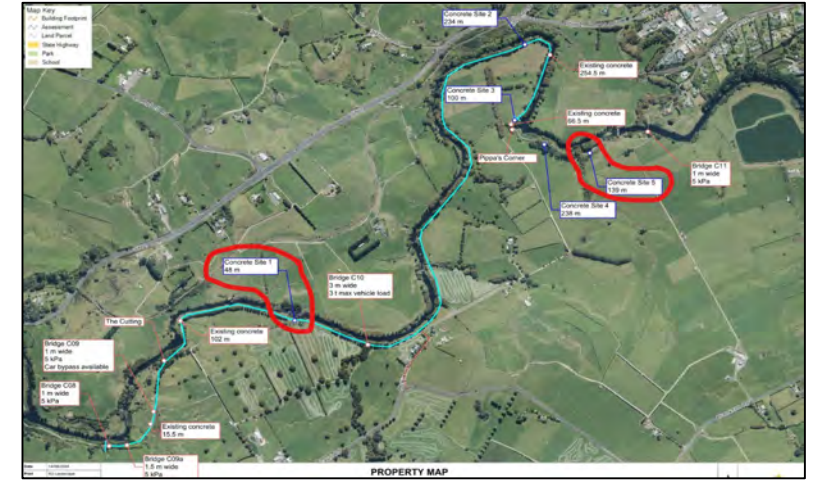
Hauraki Rail Trail: Resurfacing and bridge approaches (various locations)

Issue: In various places across the trail network, the surface was uneven and wearing. There is also the need to build more long-term resilience into the trail. Many of the bridge approaches didn't conform to the national standard for a Grade 1 cycle trail, as their approaches were too steep.

Solution: A resurfacing programme that addressed these issues. A number of places on the trail require concreting for improved resilience. Bridge approaches were reworked to reduce the gradient. Barriers were also extended and strengthened.

Status: Ongoing.

Budget: \$1.5M, with MBIE contributing \$687K (Kopu to Waitakaruru)



New toilet block at Karangahake

The Hauraki Rail Trail has benefitted from the installation of a new toilet block, located next to the Karangahake Hall. Accessibility ramps were included in the design to ensure the facilities were accessible to all users.

Status: Completed in **tbc**

Budget: \$**tbc**



Annual Resurfacing to District Roads & Car Parks

Addressing the need for regular road and car park rehabilitation across the District.

Status: Ongoing.

Budget: (See table)

Year	Length	Expenditure
2022/23	34km	\$1.88M
2023/24	26km	\$1.32M
2024/25	34km	\$2.80M
2025/26	44km	Budget \$3.32M



Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) Upgrades (Paeroa & Waihi)

Issue: Both RTSs required upgrades to their weighbridges in order to meet current standards.

Solution: Two weighbridges were installed at each RTS, so vehicles are now weighed as they go in and as they go out. This means customers pay – at a new paystation – for the difference in weight, based on what type of rubbish is selected at the first weighbridge.

These weighbridges use contactless technology that utilises number plate recognition. As users can select the type of waste prior to weighing, this also improves data collection on the types of waste being disposed of at the RTSs, enabling staff to better plan and manage future waste infrastructure and environmental initiatives.

Status: Paeroa upgrade completed in 2023. Waihi upgrade completed in 2025.

Budget: Paeroa RTS = \$438,521 and Waihi RTS = \$773,917



Waste Management

\$30M 10-Year Waste collection contract

RTS's brought back in-house

Recycling Collection site in Ngātea

Funding Secured from MfE \$1.4M

\$206K organics collections

\$100K Paeroa weigh bridge

\$658K recycling collection point in Waihi



Other Changes in past 3 years:

- Compliant Hazardous Goods sites
- Soft Plastics collections in partnership with Packaging Forum
- Degassing of whiteware
- E-waste
- Hazardous Goods
- Batteries
- Income from Steel recycling



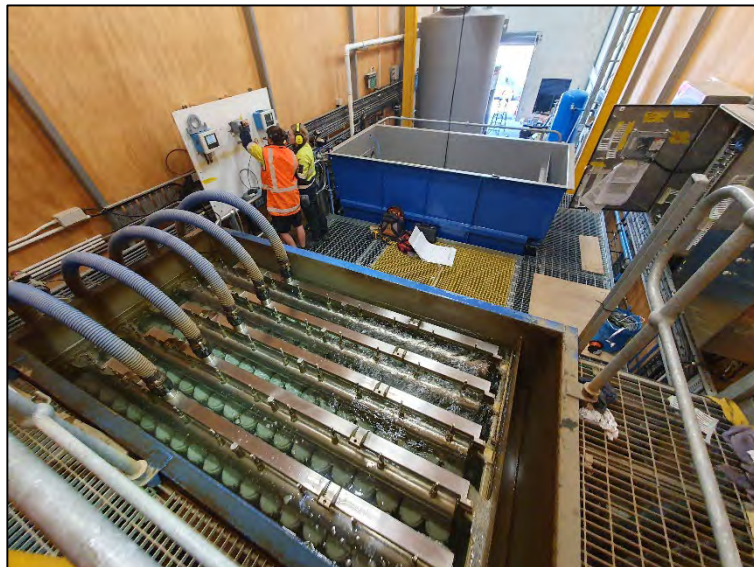
Waihi Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Issue: The need for improved resilience of supply in the Waihi area.

Solution: Delivered on time with no disruption to the main water supply to residents, the upgrade provides a backup filtration membrane for water supply resilience in Waihi and the ability to respond seamlessly in the event of a failure of one of the membranes. This upgrade has reduced the ongoing operating costs, reducing costs for ratepayers.

Status: Completed in October 2024

Budget: \$4.4M with final cost of \$3.7M.



Resurfacing of Ngātea Netball Courts

Issue: The court surface had subsided and when it rained the courts became flooded and unusable.

Solution: Redesign, shape, resurface and line paint the courts.

Status: Completed and re-opened in April 2025.

Budget: Council contribution = \$180K, Netball Club contribution = \$400K.
Completed under budget by \$90K.



Hugh Hayward Domain Training Lights

Issue: The existing lights were old and ineffective.

Solution: Installation of three poles with LED heads. The replacement lights are low maintenance and cost-efficient to run and allow for approx. 200 x 40m of illuminated area.

Status: Completed in March 2025.

Budget: \$240K.



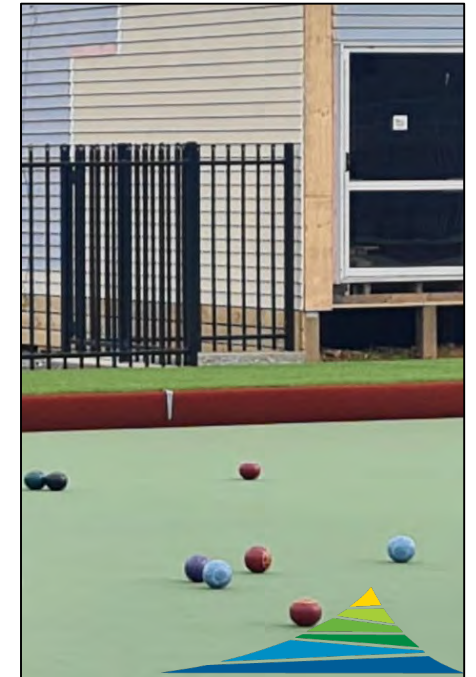
Morgan Park: Relocation of the Waihi Bowling Clubhouse

As part of a wider plan for Morgan Park, the bowling club building was relocated from its original site since 1905 to be near the all-weather bowling green on the Baker Street side of the Park. The building also requires refurbishment, initially to connect it to the netball building via an annex.

For the move, the building was split into two halves, with the first part moved on 8th July. The second part followed on 10th July.

Status: Move completed in July 2025.

Budget: \$420K.



Paeroa Domain: Grandstand Seating and Refurbishment

Issue: A much-needed upgrade to the Domain's grandstand.

Solution: The grandstand was repainted and the seating was replaced.

Status: Completed in March 2025.

Budget: \$20K



Paeroa Railway Reserve: Upgrade to Recreational Facilities

Issue: The old playground facilities aren't meeting the needs of the community.

Solution: To engage the community to come-up with modern, accessible recreational facilities. The plan is to include a D basketball court, disability accessible playground equipment and a scooter/stop-go track, as well as placemaking and storytelling enhancements.

Status: A community sausage sizzle and face painting engagement event was held in June 2025. Now in the planning/design phase.

Budget: \$1.77M over the lifetime of the project.



Kaiaua Road Slip, Culvert Repair and Rock Armouring

Issue: .

Solution: Slip cost \$350K (80% funded by NZTA);

Culvert and Rock armouring

\$97K (61% funded by NZTA)

A slip on Kaiaua Road was repaired following storm damage.

A twin culvert headwall on East Road was fixed and rock armouring of the footpath.



Water & Wastewater Main Renewals

Water

16km of water mains were replaced

69km of water pigging (cleaning the inside of pipes)

Wastewater

Relined 2km over 36 different sites

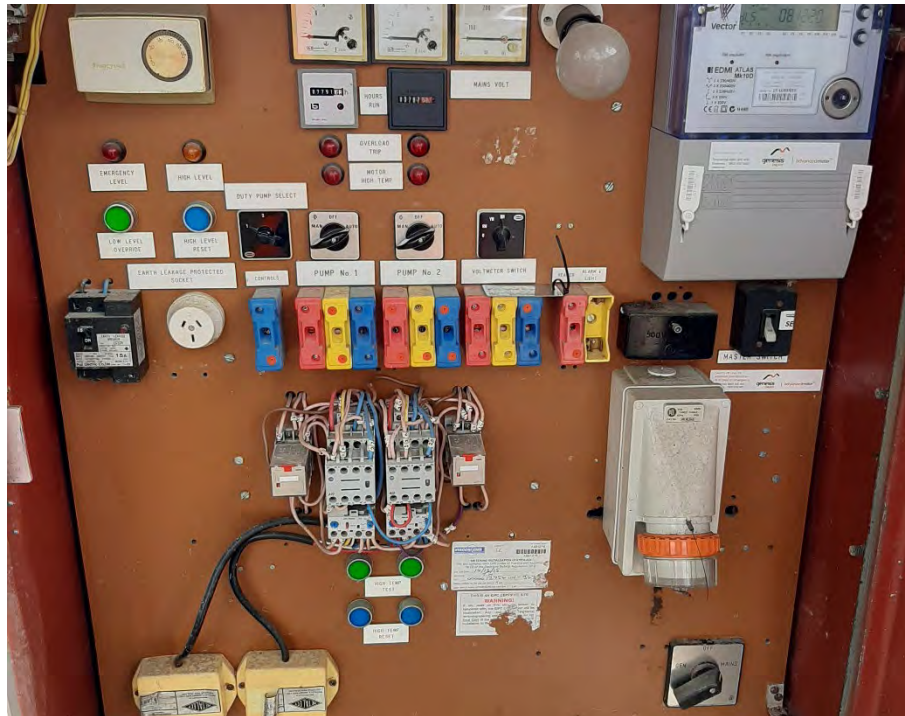
Relaying of the trunk mains down Grey St
500m



WW Pumpstation Upgrades

Around 30 pumpstations were upgraded –
electrics and SCADA

58 Pumps were replaced



Water Treatment

We produced 22,099 ML of safe drinking water in the last 3 years

22,099 ML

22,099,000 m³

22,099,000,000 litres

Or

About:

8,840 Olympic Swimming pools

736,600 tankers

2.21 billion 10ℓ buckets

3,157 rugby fields 1m deep



Pinguu

Visit to Pinguu District, Beijing to establish
Sister City relationship

