

Summary Annual Report He Whakarāpopototanga - Te Pūrongo ā-Tau 2021/22

This is a summary of our results against objectives set for year one of the Long-Term Plan 2021-31.



Introduction | He whakatakinga

This summary is an overview of the financial and service results for year one of the Environment Canterbury Long-Term Plan 2021-31. The full Annual Report for 2021/22 is available on our website.

This summary document does not include the disclosures and detailed financial information that are in the full Annual Report.



Peter Scott
Chair



Stefanie Rixecker
Chief Executive



Activities and results | Ngā Mahi me Ngā Hua i Puta

The Canterbury region is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest region covering 45,239 km² of diverse landscapes, including New Zealand's highest mountain, major lakes and river systems, and some of the most productive farmland.

The region is the most populated in the South Island with most of the population concentrated around Greater Christchurch. There are ten territorial local authorities in the Canterbury region: the Ashburton, Hurunui, Kaikōura, Mackenzie, Selwyn, Timaru, Waimakariri, Waimate and Waitaki District Councils, and the Christchurch City Council.

Activities, services and levels of service that we measure and report against are included in the Environment Canterbury Long-Term Plan 2021–2031. Each Level of Service includes measures and targets relating to quantity, quality, reliability, responsiveness, environmental acceptability and cost, with performance assessed against these.

How we performed

Across our work programmes to update, 25 of our 40 Levels of Service were achieved during the 2021/22 year – a success rate of 63%. The full Annual Report for 2021/22 is available on our website.

2021/22 Summary and highlights | Whakarāpopototanga me nga mea nui

Well, what a year. It is only when you get the chance to read things like the Annual Report and take a minute to stop and reflect that you realise what has been achieved and the kind of year we have all been operating in. Of course, not everything has gone smoothly, but we would like to take the opportunity to pause and celebrate all who have contributed to our work in the last financial year. Not just elected members and staff, but you as a community. It is the actions of the community that determines the outcomes for our environment and region.

Promoting the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill was a priority for the Council in 2021/22. The Bill allows for two Ngāi Tahu representatives to join the Canterbury Regional Council with full decision-making rights. We were thrilled to see the Bill pass its third reading (just outside the year this report covers, on 3 August 2022) and receive royal assent on 8 August. Being in the House to see the Bill pass, and bearing witness to the speeches, waiata and mana in the room was a real privilege. This will be a true watershed moment in Environment Canterbury's storybook.

We have continued to progress the development of an integrated regulatory framework in partnership with Ngāi Tahu, taking a ki uta ki tai (mountains to sea) approach and involving the review of Canterbury's Regional Policy Statement, Regional Coastal Environment Plan and Land and Water Regional Plan.

Our commitment to working in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga and developing an authentic partnership means taking the time to ensure we get it right. While a lot of progress has been made, and high-quality work has been undertaken, three Level of Service targets relating to the timeframes have not been achieved this year as we are not as far advanced as originally expected and aspects of the work have been delayed.

The financial year kicked off with Council and staff having to pivot to respond after the May 2021 flooding. Temporary works are now largely complete and all stopbank repair works have been completed. The impacts of this flood recovery work, and extreme weather events more generally, will continue for some time.

In the second half of the financial year, we came to you for feedback on the Annual Plan for 2022/23. Informed by great feedback from a large number of residents and groups, that plan was adopted in June 2022, providing for flood recovery and balancing community expectations on affordability with the need to act on climate change. From early 2023, we are also proud to say that we will trial flat fares for public transport in a bid to make it cost effective for people to travel in a way that reduces overall transport emissions. As part of the Annual Plan 2022/23, Council also agreed to investigate how to implement a climate change levy.

Speaking of engagement, we also invested a lot of time in giving feedback on Central Government change, including making submissions on proposed legislation and responding to requests for feedback on the reform of the Resource Management Act and the Future for Local Government. .

The Waitaha Action to Impact Fund, a contestable fund for community organisations in Canterbury, was established and opened for its first round during the year. The fund aims to build community engagement and action for a better environment in the region and received 46 applications in its first year, totalling over \$810,000 and far exceeding the funding available. All applications were assessed against the criteria and 20 applicants were selected to receive funding for 2021/22. In total, \$215,190 was allocated.

Another celebration this year was the launch of Te Kōrari, our People's Panel. Te Kōrari is an opportunity for the community to share views with us on a range of current topics and issues in Canterbury. By signing up, participants will receive short online surveys from us throughout the year.

And of course, we can't speak about the year without acknowledging the impacts of COVID-19. Not only did we experience restrictions due to the protection framework, but staff were also impacted by the illness like many in our community. We thank you for your patience as we battled through these impacts.

Overall, it was another challenging year with significant achievements in spite of that. The Canterbury community's contribution to our work was, as always, essential and greatly appreciated.



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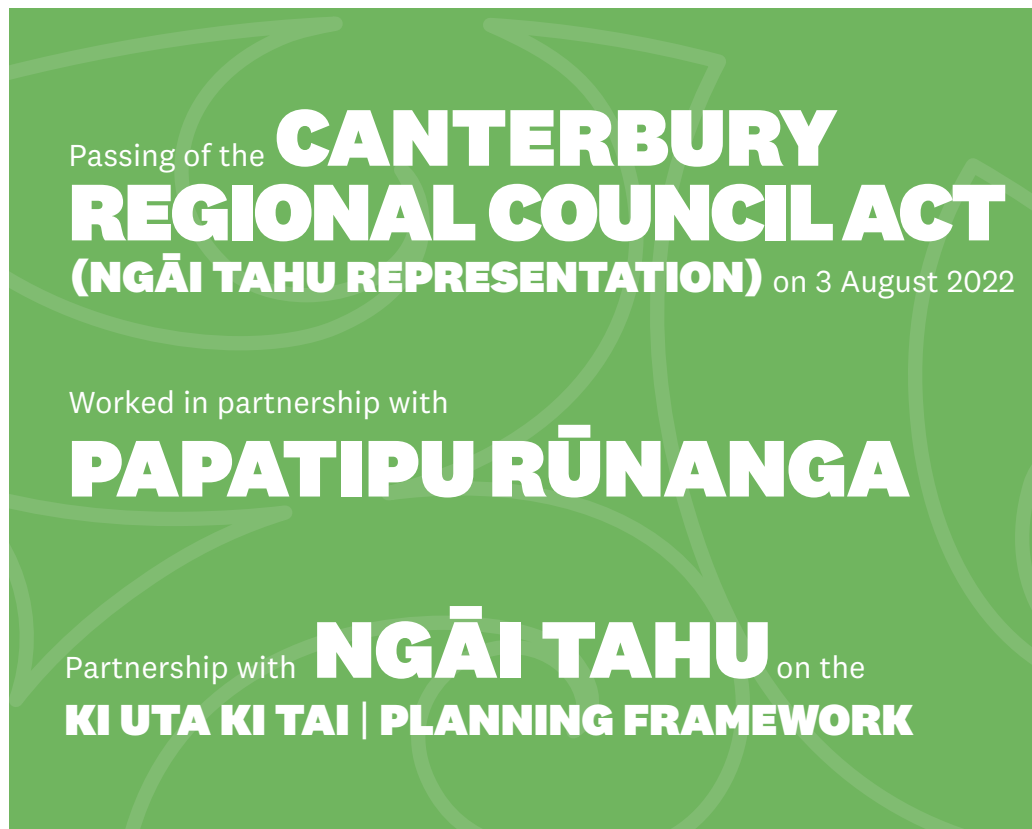


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A year in review | He tau ki te arotake

The following are a few of the statistics for the 2021/22 year. More information is contained in the full Annual Report and other reports available at ecan.govt.nz. The majority of the reports cover the financial year, like this Annual Report Summary, but other seasonal reports are released throughout the year.



Passing of the **CANTERBURY
REGIONAL COUNCIL ACT**
(NGĀI TAHU REPRESENTATION) on 3 August 2022

Worked in partnership with
PAPATIPU RŪNANGA

Partnership with **NGĀI TAHU** on the
KI UTA KI TAI | PLANNING FRAMEWORK

LAUNCHED *Te Kōrari* OUR PEOPLE'S PANEL

**ENGAGEMENT ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
REFORMS,** INCLUDING, THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT AND FUTURE FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2,800

SUBMISSIONS TO THE ANNUAL PLAN

ADOPTED AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2022/23

that balances affordability with flood recovery costs and the need for climate change action



COMPLETED TWO KEY FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECTS

to increase the resilience of Canterbury's rivers



46,600

PHONE, EMAIL AND FACE-TO-FACE
contacts responded to by our Customer Services Team

OVER
\$200,000

AWARDED TO COMMUNITY GROUPS
from the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund

Developed a better understanding of
CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES



ADOPTED A NEW POLICY TO TRIAL FLAT FARES FOR BUS TRAVEL

across Greater Christchurch to stimulate usage



22

SUBMISSIONS

on Central Government policy and changes to legislation



MANAGED ONGOING IMPACTS of COVID-19, extreme weather events and other work plan disruptions.



63%

OF 40 LEVELS OF SERVICE ACHIEVED

COUNCIL AGREED TO INVESTIGATE **IMPLEMENTATION OF A CLIMATE CHANGE LEVY**



Our relationship with Ngāi Tahu | To mātau pātahitanga ki Ngāi Tahu

Our Ngāi Tahu partnership is central to all of our work and is woven throughout our portfolios and work programmes. We have the Tuia Agreement with Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga and a Tuia programme of work, part of the Regional and Strategic Leadership portfolio, which is about working together, shoulder to shoulder, across all of our activity to achieve better outcomes for everyone.

We also work with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the statutory authority representing iwi members, and with the Tangata Whenua Advisory Services, entities that work on behalf of Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga on environmental management work.

It is about relationships, mutual respect, shared understanding and shared values. Working in partnership in this way means that we can create a sustainable environment for current and future generations – together.

Our shared vision is based on recognising the relationship between Ngāi Tahu, their ancestral land, and the fact it is inextricably affected by the work we do at Environment Canterbury.

Developing a ki uta ki tai (mountains to the sea) regulatory framework in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga

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Ngāi Tahu representation

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Climate change initiatives | Mahi huringa āhuarangi

In May 2019, we were the first council in New Zealand to declare a climate emergency. Combating the effects of climate change forms a large part of our work and so it is no surprise that activities that address agreed climate change outcomes are integrated across our five portfolios.

Some key activities to highlight in 2021/22 were:

- The creation of the Climate Resilience Programme of Flood Risk Management, partly funded by Central Government
- We have removed higher-emissions petrol and diesel vehicles from the fleet. A new emissions inventory and decarbonisation roadmap for the business will be used to inform future actions in this area
- Our Tuam St building was awarded a 4 Green Star Performance rating. This is in addition to our 5-star NABERSNZ building rating issued in 2020, and our Carbonzero rating awarded in 2021. This 4 Green Star Performance rating represents best practice and reflects our commitment towards our goal of reducing our carbon footprint
- We are the first New Zealand organisation to successfully achieve ratings across three sustainability tools. We are now working alongside the New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC) to create a case study for others to learn from
- Submissions to the Ministry for the Environment on the Emissions Reduction Plan (December 2021) and National Adaptation Plan (June 2022)
- Completion and public release of the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment (January 2022)
- Project scoping and initiation for the Climate Change Action Plan (Level of Service 23.3)
- Continuation of the communication campaign 'It's time, Canterbury'
- Four meetings of the Climate Change Action Committee, with three expert independent members appointed early in 2022, including a youth representative to add an intergenerational voice
- Through the Annual Plan 2022/23, Council decided on a trial for much cheaper public transport in Greater Christchurch to make it cheaper for people to travel in a way that reduces overall transport emissions
- Much of our work, while not specifically addressing climate change, realises climate co-benefits, including:
 - » carbon sequestration through ecosystem restoration and pest control
 - » enhanced natural adaptations through slowing down or re-directing water or erosion
 - » providing community education on climate change.



Image: Tutaepatu Lagoon



Water and Land | Te Wai me Te Whenua

We are building community engagement and action as a partner within the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS), accelerating regeneration of the natural environment through zone and regional delivery projects and campaigns, taking decisive action in freshwater management, innovative approaches and fostering relationships.

All Canterbury Water Management Committees have completed their Action Plans and have recommended the allocation of up to \$50,000 per committee to projects that will implement these plans.

We continue to use the Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) platform to share monitoring data for Canterbury, and our website provides quick access to the frequently requested monitoring data for rainfall, river flows, air quality, and coastal wave data.

12	Levels of Service	8	4	0
		ACHIEVED	NOT ACHIEVED	NOT MEASURED
27	Targets	22	5	0

We have a rolling programme for assessing our monitoring networks. In 2021/22, four monitoring networks were reviewed: aquatic ecosystem health, hydrometric (rainfall and surface water flows), groundwater quality and groundwater quantity.

We also published technical reports on a variety of topics, including land use change on the margins of Canterbury braided rivers, arsenic and manganese in Canterbury groundwater, and a history and stocktake of our aquatic ecosystem health monitoring.



Good progress has been made on consent reviews within the Ashburton catchment to implement the rules that come into effect in 2023 requiring a reduction in water take at times of low flows. The changes should improve conditions for fish migration and water quality, especially at the hāpua and river mouth.

A programme of work in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga has seen 17 Rūnanga-led projects making good progress.

We are working in partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga and key agencies to understand and address the health of the Ōtūwharekai/ Ashburton Lakes.

We have been supporting the implementation of the Government's new direction, including providing information and advice on our website on the synthetic nitrogen fertiliser cap, wetland management and intensive winter grazing.

We continue to participate in a number of catchment-based work programmes, including Whakaora Te Waihora, a restoration programme under the Te Waihora Co-Governance Group, Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour working to restore Whakaraupō/ Lyttelton harbour, and the Te Mokihi programme in the Mackenzie Basin.

A business case was developed and ongoing responsibility for the catchment scale Managed Aquifer Recharge trial in Hinds Hekeao has been transferred to the Hekeao Hinds Water Enhancement Trust.





Biodiversity and Biosecurity | Te Rerenga Rauropi me Te Whakahaumaru Rauropi

We will accelerate regeneration of the natural environment through implementing the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy; take decisive action for healthy freshwater, land and coastal ecosystems; build community engagement and action; and foster relationships through forging partnerships and alliances.

We provided support to the ongoing relationships with territorial authorities through the Canterbury Biodiversity Champions.

The Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy revitalisation work commenced, in partnership with stakeholders.

The delivery of the national pest management programmes has progressed well. The winter baiting operations for the control of wallaby covered 30,000 hectares which is the largest area of bait operations in New Zealand for wallaby control. All operations for the 2021/2022 financial year have been completed for the Wilding Conifer Control programme with hundreds of hectares of dense infestations being cleared in the Mackenzie Basin using mechanical harvest methods.

Several nationally recognised pests and invasive organisms were found in our local waterways. Our work to remove those pests and organisms will help to prevent further spread and inform future management options.

A wetlands awareness and compliance campaign was developed to ensure landowners understand the importance of wetlands, to willingly protect and restore them.



We continue to support the managing wetlands as farm assets programme at fourteen demonstration sites across the region, alongside our partner industry stakeholders.

We have agreed with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga a draft of the Ashley River/Rakahuri Revival Strategy which is now ready for community engagement and further work.

We have contributed to drafting the Ko te Whakahaumanu o te Rakitata Awa/ Rakitata River Revival Strategy and a communications plan for programme and this work continues to progress well.

Me Uru Rākau part funded eleven projects in the Waiau Uwha catchment. Six are riparian planting sites, four focus on protection and regeneration of remnant native forest and another project of exceptional value resulted in the retirement of 138ha of land, including wetlands and steep hill country with native remnant vegetation.





Climate Change & Community Resilience | Te Whakamahanatanga o Te Ao me Te Aumangea o te Hapori

We will build community engagement and action, lead climate change resilience, take decisive action for healthy freshwater, land and coastal ecosystems, and help communities be well prepared for changes in the natural environment.

We responded to 593 requests for natural hazards advice which included 320 flood hazard assessments, 111 land information requests and 162 general enquiries.

We received multi-scenario tsunami inundation modelling for the Canterbury coast between the Rakaia and Waitaki Rivers. We will use the modelling to work with the relevant territorial authority to update tsunami evacuation zones in Ashburton, Timaru and Waimate districts.

The Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group assisted the region's health boards and government agencies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The review of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan commenced with community consultation on the amended Plan undertaken between 23 June - 24 July 2022.

We began work on the development of a strategy to protect and enhance the wellbeing of the Waitarakao/Washdyke Lagoon and associated catchment.

We continued to build an accurate picture of existing boat/marine activities within the coastal area and their level of compliance.

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Levels of **Service**

6

ACHIEVED

4

NOT ACHIEVED

0

NOT MEASURED

21

Targets

16

4

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Following a large fire in Kaiapoi, we responded to a subsequent spill where 2840 litres of oil was recovered from the Cam/Ruataniwha River, the Kaiapoi River and the Waimakariri River.

We partnered with Toitū Whenua Land Information New Zealand and Department of Conservation on a high-tech seabed survey around Banks Peninsula.

We undertook more frequent monitoring of region-wide coastal water quality sites to enable improved data collection and analysis. We also continued to collect coastal erosion information across our network of 250 coastal profile monitoring sites as well as monitoring long and short-term sea level changes and wave information in collaboration with NIWA.

The Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment commissioned in 2020 was approved by The Canterbury Mayoral Forum. Work began on the next steps with Papatipu Rūnanga, local authorities and our wider communities to consider the urgency of the risks identified in the report.

Phase 2 of the *It's time, Canterbury* campaign ran from September 2021 - June 2022 helping create awareness of climate change in our region.

We completed the identification of hazardous activities and industries (HAIL) sites for Ashburton and good progress was made on the rollout for the Waimate district.

Our Listed Land Use Register website update was completed and won Australasian Land and Groundwater Association's "Innovation that has Advanced the Practice of Contaminated Site Assessment" award category.

We accepted an invitation to re-join the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee promoting collaborative work with territorial authorities across the region.

Good progress was made with our May 2021 flood recovery work. Temporary works are now largely complete and all stopbank repair works have been completed.

We led the release of a report from Te Uru Kahika – Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa seeking a central government co-investment contribution of \$150 million per annum to enhance the integrity of flood protection schemes.

Two of our six river resilience projects to support the COVID-19 recovery have been completed – the Waimakariri River flood protection at McIntoshs Bend and the Waiau Township Stopbank repair and upgrade. Good progress has been made in the remaining four projects which will run until December 2023.

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Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development | Te Pai o Te Hau Takiwā, Ngā Momo Waka, me Te Whanaketanga o Ngā Tāone

We are prioritising sustainable and healthy living and working environments; connecting communities with a safe multi-modal transport network; and ensuring this enhances social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing now and in the future.

We consulted with the community on three potential new fare options to stimulate usage of the Greater Christchurch public transport system. This resulted in Council adopting a new fare policy to be implemented in 2022/23.

The public transport child fare age was raised to under-19 – meaning 18-year-olds are now eligible for child fares.

We worked closely with various tertiary institutions to develop and implement a new student concession fare from July 2022.

Preparations were completed to extend the free travel period for SuperGold card holders to anytime after 9am from July 2022.

25 new electric buses went into service on our network, joining the three electric buses already in service.

Confirmation was received from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency of funding for an extension of the Timaru MyWay service trial, with a total of \$1.8 million to be provided over three years from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

We consulted with the community and completed a service review of bus routes 17 and 28. We also prepared a business case to secure funding from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency for the recommended service improvements.



The first phases of our Real Time Information System project were completed in partnership with Greater Christchurch Territorial authorities. This operationalised 97 on-street devices across Christchurch, implemented a new customer journey app and upgraded real time information at the interchange.

All public transport drivers received a base driver wage equivalent to the Living Wage of \$22.75 per hour that came into effect in New Zealand on 1 September 2021.

We worked closely with our operators to temporarily adjust public transport timetables and provide a more reliable service for customers to mitigate a bus driver shortage which is a nationwide problem.

We advocated for changes in the Public Transport Operating Model, resulting in recent announcements from government to enable more flexible procurement and delivery of Public Transport via the Sustainable Public Transport Framework.

As a member of the Greater Christchurch Partnership we:

- helped establish the Whakawhanake Kāinga Committee to strengthen the partnership with central government
- contributed to the development of the Greater Christchurch 2050 draft strategic framework and plan
- commenced work on a new spatial plan for Greater Christchurch
- helped scope the development of a single transport plan and associated transport investment programme for Greater Christchurch.

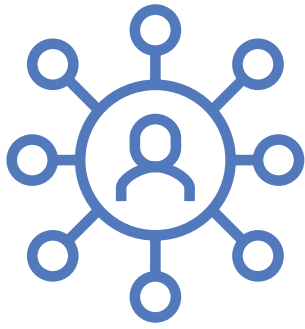
We supported the Regional Transport Committee to approve its forward work programme and ensure regional alignment with the strategic direction of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31.

We supported the South Island Regional Transport Committee and hosted a freight summit on behalf of the Committee to hear from key freight sector stakeholders on the issues and opportunities facing the sector.

We monitored air quality across eight designated airsheds in accordance with the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality (NESAQ).

We worked with our communities on a range of initiatives to implement the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and improve air quality by promoting good burners, good fuel use and good burning technique.





Regional and Strategic Leadership | Te Hautūtanga ā-Rohe, ā-Rautaki hoki

We will foster relationships and engage with communities to build a better understanding of our work and increase participation in decision making for the region.

We supported the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill as it progressed through parliament, and we meet regularly with Papatipu Rūnanga.

To ensure that Canterbury's voice is heard when decisions are made by Central Government that will affect our region, we made 22 submissions on Central Government policy and changes to legislation.

We established a new contestable fund for community organisations, the Waitaha Action to Impact Fund, and allocated over \$200,000 to 20 community groups.

Te Kōrari, the People's Panel, was established and will be used to get a 'temperature check' from our community on a range of topics and issues.

We continue to support Enviroschools across the region. At 30 June 2022, 102 Enviroschools (nearly 22,000 tamariki and students in Canterbury) are working with ten partners and eight collaborators.

Impacts of COVID-19 and challenges in recruiting and retaining staff meant delays in the processing of some consents, and less compliance monitoring than anticipated.

10	Levels of Service	5	5	0
		ACHIEVED	NOT ACHIEVED	NOT MEASURED
25	Targets	19	6	0

We continue to prioritise incidents of environmental pollution, with over 3,700 pollution events reported and 922 classified as high priority. 82% of these high priority events were attended to within two days.

Our Annual Report Te Pūrongo ā-Tau 2020/21 was adopted on 16 December 2021. This was later than usual due to delays in auditor availability. Our Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 was adopted on 16 June 2022.

We maintained our Fitch AA+ credit rating.

In late 2021, Council agreed to establish a green philanthropy fund in partnership with the Christchurch Foundation to create a new funding mechanism that, in future years, will reduce the requirements for some projects to be funded by rates.

We continued to make environmental monitoring data available through the Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) website and to add to the information available from Canterbury Maps, including digitising copies of the 'Black Maps' and integrating Ngāi Tahu's Ka Huru Manu Atlas data.

In 2021/22, our Customer Services Team responded to 46,600 phone, email and face-to-face contacts. This was down from 61,000 in 2020/21, reflecting the periods of lockdown and reduced opening hours of our buildings. The most common queries were in relation to consents, air quality, invoices, plans/rules and property information requests.

From 1 July 2021, a new committee structure was adopted, increasing the number of standing committees, providing more opportunities for people to participate in decision-making processes.

Work began to prepare for the local body elections in October 2022.

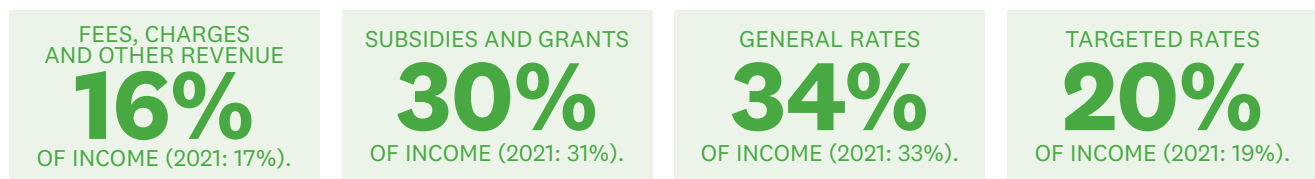


Our income | Ngā Whiwhinga Pūtea

Where possible, expenditure is fully or partially funded by those who directly benefit from that expenditure through user pays (such as bus fares for those using the Metro bus service) or if a project has national benefits through central government grants.

Expenditure not funded by grants and user pays income is funded through general rates, targeted rates or use of reserves.

In 2021/22 we received \$240.8M from the following sources:



Rates

The quarterly rates invoice from Environment Canterbury – included in the rates bill from each local territorial authority – contains two different types of rates: a general rate and a targeted rate.

General rates

General rates for an individual property are calculated using the property's capital value (the combined value of the land and buildings). The total rates for Canterbury are spread across all properties: residential, commercial and industrial. Because rates are calculated on the capital value, higher-value properties have higher rates than properties with a lower capital value.

\$82.2M
GENERAL COLLECTED RATES

Targeted rates

Targeted rates are levied for a particular purpose or to a group who may benefit from a service that the Council provides.

For example, people near a bus route might pay a targeted rate because they could benefit from that bus route, or rural landowners might pay a targeted rate to pay for pest control on their land, a new stop-bank to protect their land from flooding, or an ecosystem restoration programme.

\$48.9M
TARGETED RATES COLLECTED

Other sources of income

Some of our activities are funded by user-pays charges. These are paid on activities such as consents and passenger fares paid on public transport. Environment Canterbury also receives grants to carry out work, particularly for public transport. Much of this funding comes from central government agencies.

Grants make up about 31.5% of Council revenue. Sometimes, Environment Canterbury draws on its reserves to pay for work that is additional to budget, including some of our water management programmes.

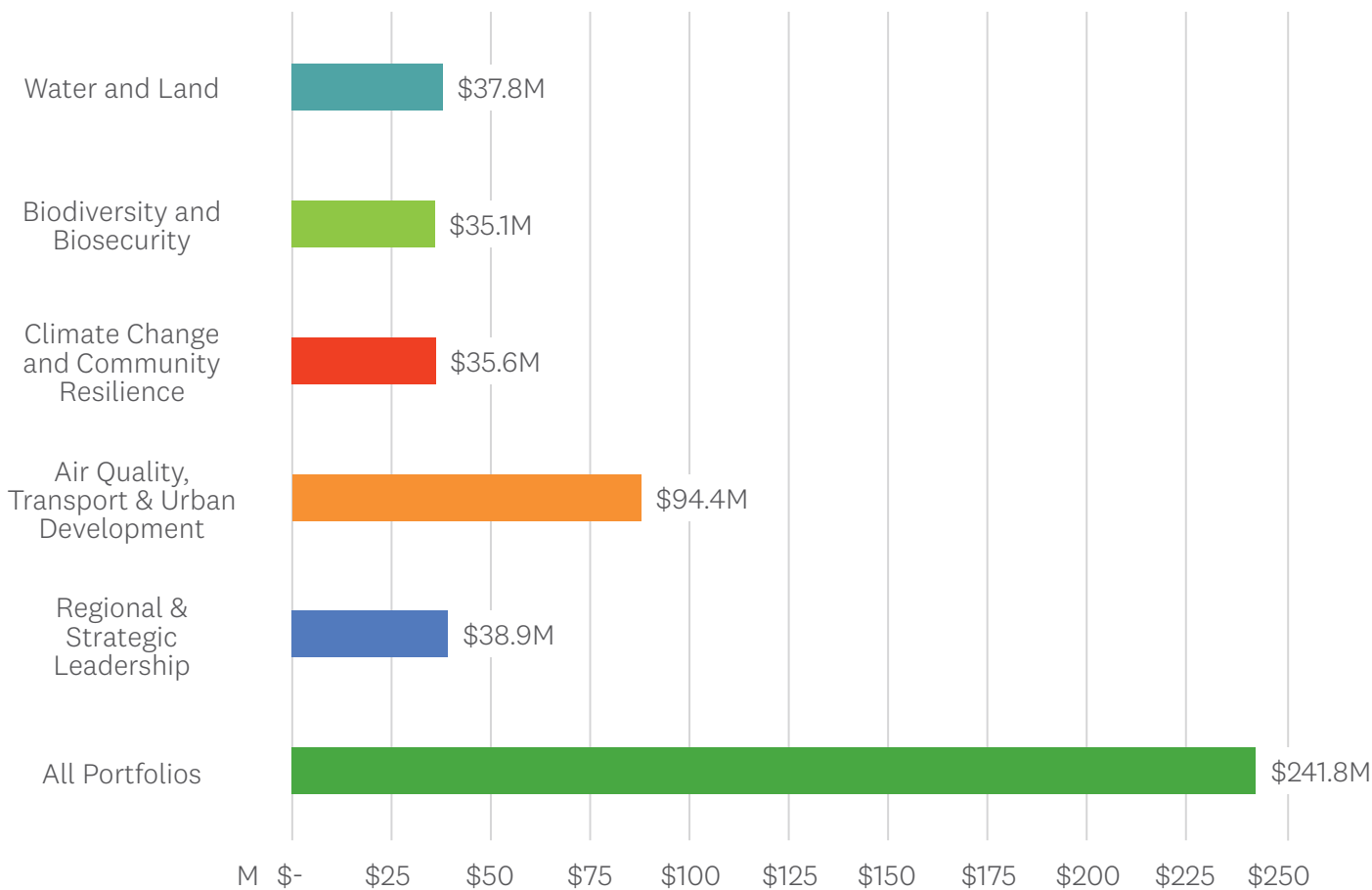
\$109.4M
OTHER INCOME

Our expenditure | Ngā Whakapaunga Utu

In 2021/22 Environment Canterbury divided activities and related budgets into five service groups or portfolios.

Each is funded by a combination of general rates, targeted rates, user charges, loans and subsidies. The graph below shows the proportion of expenditure on each portfolio (all figures are in millions of dollars). More information on the activities and projects that make up these programmes can be found in the full Annual Report at ecan.govt.nz.

Portfolio expenditure 2021/22



Summary of Financial Statements | Ngā Pūrongo Pūtea

We are pleased to report that Environment Canterbury's total comprehensive revenue and expense for the 2021/22 period was \$283.9M. This was \$272.4M more than budgeted due to the revaluation of certain fixed asset classes in the current year.

Operating revenue was \$2.3M lower than budget, with the most significant contributor being the COVID 19 impact on both the public transport fare revenue and consenting and compliance userpays income. Operating expenditure was \$0.3M lower than budget as a result of reduced spending in personnel costs due to the challenges presented by a difficult labour market, which were largely offset by \$5.2M of other unbudgeted asset write offs .

In 2021-22, Environment Canterbury received \$240.8M operating revenue and spent \$243.5M of operating expenditure, for a deficit after taxation of \$2.6M





Summary of Financial Statements | Ngā Pūrongo Pūtea

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense	Actual 2021-22 \$000	Long-Term Plan 2021-22 \$000	Actual (Restated) 2020-21
Revenue			
General rates	82,244	81,247	73,027
Targeted rates	48,976	47,986	43,260
Subsidies and grants	71,449	70,828	70,468
Fees and charges	31,496	35,352	33,717
Other revenue/gains	6,664	7,667	3,204
Total operating revenue	240,828	243,079	223,676
Expenditure			
Personnel costs	62,143	67,675	58,248
Finance costs	1,464	1,457	1,217
Other expenses	179,850	174,674	168,187
Total operating expenditure	243,457	243,806	227,652
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	(2,629)	(726)	(3,976)
Tax (expense)/benefit net of loss offset	-	-	1
Surplus/(deficit) after tax	(2,629)	(726)	(3,975)
Other comprehensive revenue and expense	286,514	12,180	(3,143)
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	283,884	11,454	(7,118)

Statement of financial position	Actual 2021-22 \$000	Long-Term Plan 2021-22 \$000	Actual (Restated) 2020-21
Current Assets	70,880	44,537	70,765
Total non current assets	1,428,500	1,185,075	1,129,665
Total assets	1,499,380	1,229,612	1,200,430
Total current liabilities	50,349	23,612	54,148
Non-current liabilities	65,659	85,189	46,794
Total liabilities	116,008	108,801	100,942
Net assets	1,383,372	1,120,810	1,099,488
Equity	1,383,372	1,210,810	1,099,488

Statement of changes in net assets/equity	Actual 2021-22 \$000	Long-Term Plan 2021-22 \$000	Actual (Restated) 2020-21
Balance as at 1 July	1,099,488	1,109,356	1,106,600
Total comprehensive revenue & expense	283,884	11,454	(7,118)
Reserves transfer to Capital Work in Progress	-	-	6
Balance at 30 June	1,383,372	1,210,810	1,099,488

Cash flow statement	Actual 2021-22 \$000	Long-Term Plan 2021-22 \$000	Actual (Restated) 2020-21
Net cash flow from operating activities	3,004	1,302	13,606
Net cash flow from investing activities	(193)	(29,446)	(13,324)
Net cash flow from financing activities	15,980	21,417	8,996
Movement in cash - Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	18,791	(6,726)	9,227
Add cash bought forward	25,894	27,742	16,617
Cash carried forward	44,685	21,015	25,894

Explanation of Major Variances Against Budget

The net effect of revenue variances is that total operating revenue is \$2.3M, or 0.9%, lower than originally expected.

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An impairment assessment has been completed for tangible and intangible assets.

The result of this assessment was that there has been no material movement in asset values resulting from COVID-19.

There were no significant uncertainties highlighted in respect of COVID-19 in the forestry asset valuation performed as at 30 June 2022.

The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full audited Annual Report dated 19 December 2022.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial report. A copy of the full Annual Report of Council can be obtained from the Council's website (www.ecan.govt.nz).

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP and the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and comply with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (PBE IPSAS) and have been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity accounting standards.

The summary financial statements comply with PBE FRS-43.

All amounts are expressed in New Zealand Dollars and have been rounded to \$000s. The full Annual Report financial statements have been audited and an unmodified audit opinion was issued on the full financial statements on [date of audit opinion].

The summary financial statements were authorised for issue on 19 December 2022 by the Council.

(Restated) 2020 -21 Figures

The SaaS retrospective adjustment processed in prior year software is discussed in the Statement of Accounting Policies section of the full audited Annual Report.

Independent Auditor's Report
To the readers of Canterbury Regional 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 Canterbury Regional Council (the Regional Council) for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 6 to 20 and 22:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2021;
- other explanatory information; and
- the statement of service 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.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 in our auditor's report dated 16 December 2021.

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 of the audited information and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have audited the Regional Council's 2021-31 long-term plan and reported on its annual reporting certificate to the debenture trustee. These engagements are compatible with those independence requirements.

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



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On behalf of the Auditor-General
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16 December 2021

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