
Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Information Session/Workshop

AGENDA

Notice of Information Session/Workshop Te Pānui o te Hui:

A Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Information Session/Workshop will be held on:

Date: Thursday 26 February 2026
Time: 4 pm
Venue: Linwood Boardroom, Gate B,
180 Smith Street, Woolston

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Karakia Tīmatanga

Kia tau te mauri o runga	<i>May the essence of above settle here</i>
Kia tau te mauri o raro	<i>May the essence of below settle here</i>
Paiheretia te ture wairua	<i>Bind together that we can't see and bind that we can see</i>
Paiheretia te ture tangata	<i>And have them guide us at this time</i>
Hei pou arahi i a tātou i tēnei wā	<i>May the thought be true</i>
Kia tika te whakaaro	<i>May the words be true</i>
Kia tika te kupu	
Tīhei Mauri Ora!	

Waiata

Nei rā te tai ō mihi	<i>Heartfelt greetings and best wishes</i>
Ki a tatou e ngā iwi	<i>To all of us who have gathered here</i>
Kua tae mai mātou	<i>We have arrived here today</i>
Hei tautoko	<i>To show our collective support</i>
Ki te kaupapa o te rā	<i>For the purpose of the occasion</i>
He waka eke noa	<i>We are all in this together</i>
Nā te Kaunihera o Ōtautahi e	<i>On behalf of the Christchurch City Council</i>

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Apologies will be recorded at the meeting.

2. Open Forum Te Wā Kōrerorero

2.1 Coastal Pathway Group update

Hanno Sander, Chair and Glenn Ellis, Committee Member will speak on behalf of the Coastal Pathway Group regarding future developments on the pathway.

To present to the Community Board, refer to the [Participating in decision-making](#) webpage or contact the meeting advisor listed on the front of this agenda.

3. Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network Update

Reference Te Tohutoro: 26/313304

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Chrissie Williams, Chair and Malcolm Long, Secretary of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network

1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 20 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	Representatives of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network (OHRN) will update the Board on the Network's projects, priorities and challenges for 2026, with a focus on how ŌHRN and the Community Board can work together to achieve respective goals.
Background	<p>The OHRN is a community group committed to working collaboratively to restore the ecological health of the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and its catchment.</p> <p>The OHRN's collaborative approach means it works with the 'planners' (from Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury) on river issues, and the 'doers' – the community groups, schools and others that work along the river.</p> <p>The OHRN is also involved in catchment-wide river activities such as the annual Mother of all Clean-ups in May, World Rivers Day, Estuary Fest and other events.</p>
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the development of the Board's Plan – share the OHRN's priorities with a priority on the Port Hills Plan/Vision.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement and feedback on the Board's draft plan.
Useful Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://ohrn.nz

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this coversheet.

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

Author	Jonathon Jones - Community Board Advisor
Approved By	Josh Wharton - Manager Community Governance, Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote

4. Proposed Sumner Beach Access Ramp

Reference Te Tohutoro: 26/327116

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Rachel Mullins, Inclusive Communities Coordinator and Abraham Larsen, Community Development Advisor

1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 20 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	The purpose of this session is to inform the Waihoru – Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board about the proposed ramp improvements on to Sumner/Scarborough Beach to improve access to the foreshore and backshore for people of all abilities.
Background	<p>In 2002 the Sumner Community Residents’ Association and the Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group wrote to the then, Waikura – Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board to request to speak to the Board about Esplanade access and inclusivity issues.</p> <p>Their concerns included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The surface of the Esplanade is in poor repair and needs a reseal. • The points of wheeled access. Currently these are situated only at Cave Rock, Marriner street and Scarborough Park. • The poor conditions of the seating along the Esplanade and the removal of the backs of some of the benches – making them difficult to sit and arise from. • The limited access to the beach from the Esplanade – currently only at Cave Rock for Scarborough and Sumner Beaches. <p>Not long after, the Board became the Waihoru – Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote and the Esplanade project went ahead where the above concerns were addressed. However, improved access to Sumner/Scarborough Beach was not included within the Coastal Pathway project.</p> <p>Local community group, the Scarborough Dippers, approached the Council in 2024 to revisit accessible access to those of different abilities on to the foreshore and backshore.</p> <p>Wheelchair, pram, and cycle access on to Scarborough Beach is currently unsafe. This project is the improvement of an existing access ramp at the Marriner Street backshore to meet Accessibility Standards and provide access for all.</p>
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Voice – This issue was raised with Council in September 2022, with ongoing advocacy for improved access by Community Groups up until present time. • Geographical Location – <i>Improved</i> access means <i>increased</i> access to a beach environment. Consideration has been given to the safety of this location with Surf Lifesaving New Zealand being consulted. • Timing and Natural Environment – The existing ramp is near a Blue Penguin nesting site and will require a narrow window for construction.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability and Accessibility Considerations – The proposed site allows for the ramp to have an incline that meets Accessibility Standards. The location also compliments the recent increase of mobility parking and the existing accessible toilets at the Marriner Street site. Funding – This improvement project is fully funded and already budgeted for by the Parks Unit. Mana Whenua – The Christchurch City Council Treaty Relationships Team have spoken with Whitiōra in regard to the ramp improvement and have stated that no further consultation is required. Community Engagement – We have engaged with the Scarborough Dippers, The Sumner Community Residents Association, Disabled Peoples Assembly, The Christchurch City Council Accessibility Advisory Group, and the Coastal Pathway Group.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodge consent applications Procurement Construction slated for May 2026
Useful Links	

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C  	Sumner Esplanade Accessible Ramp proposal birdseye view	2026/0334018	11
D  	Sumner Esplanade Ramp Improvement Technical Drawings	2026/0334019	12

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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Approved By	John Filsell - Head of Community Support and Partnerships



Attention: Liz Beaven
Community Board Advisor
Waikura Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

1st September 2022

Esplanade access and inclusivity issues
Request to speak to Waikura Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

Sumner Community Residents' Association and the Christchurch Coastal Pathway have been discussing the accessibility and inclusivity of the final stage of the Te Ara Ihutai Coastal Pathway from Cave Rock to Scarborough Park. We are aware that in its current condition and configuration there are barriers to those who are less able and rely on wheelchairs and to those who rely on prams, scooters, and skateboards.

Our areas of concern are:

- The surface of the Esplanade is in poor repair and needs a reseal.
- The points of wheeled access. Currently these are situated only at Cave Rock, Marriner street and Scarborough Park.
- The poor conditions of the seating along the Esplanade and the removal of the backs of some of the benches – making them difficult to sit and arise from.
- The limited access to the beach from the Esplanade – currently only at Cave Rock for Scarborough and Sumner Beaches.

Our proposal:

We would like to be able to address the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board for the following:

- Ask for advice about where these issues can be raised.
- Request any information on where the current scope of works sits in the Annual or Long-Term Plan.
- If the project does not have any funds attached, we would like some advice on the best way to connect with the relevant agencies.
- Access any information that might be a barrier to us proceeding with this project.
- Have our concerns on record.

We understand that Heathcote will soon be changing ward, but we would like to be able to chat to this current ward in the short term to access your existing knowledge of the project. This will give us information to make a start in 2022 whilst the build works elsewhere on the pathway are still underway and hopefully enable us to answer questions from the community.

Nāku noa, nā

Charlie Hudson
Hub Coordinator
Sumner Community Residents' Association
0272371128

Georgie Lang
Secretary Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group
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3rd of November 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express strong support for the installation of a wheelchair access ramp at Scarborough Beach in Christchurch. This initiative represents a commendable step by the Christchurch City Council toward making coastal spaces more inclusive and accessible for all members of the community.

Improving beach access for people with mobility challenges is a vital move toward equity and participation in outdoor recreation. Scarborough Beach is a popular destination, and the addition of a wheelchair ramp will allow more individuals to enjoy the natural beauty and recreational opportunities it offers.

Recommendations to support the installation of the infrastructure should include:

- Key safety messaging that highlights the importance of swimming between the red and yellow flags during patrol dates and times
- Seek assistance from lifeguards if unsure about conditions; they can help assess whether it is safe for wheelchair users to enter the water.
- Be aware of tide and surf conditions, which can change rapidly and pose risks.
- Appropriate supervision, capable of safely managing themselves and others (including those in wheelchairs) in the water.
- Connect with Sumner Surf Life Saving Club to champion the inclusion of diversity within their junior surf programmes.

Additional information regarding the hazards and surf conditions can be provided if required. Beach and water conditions can be unpredictable, and it is important to advocate for safe engagement with the water to ensure positive experiences.

It is also important to acknowledge that Sumner Surf Life Saving Club actively patrols Scarborough Beach during the summer months. Their inclusion in the design brief and the official opening of the ramp would be both appropriate and beneficial. Lifeguards play a critical role in ensuring beach safety, and their support can further assist project to enable safe access to the beach.

Additionally, we recommend a review of the existing signage at the ramp to ensure it clearly communicates these safety messages and supports users in making safe choices.

Thank you again for your commitment to improving accessibility at our beaches. We look forward to seeing this project come to life and to continuing collaboration that prioritizes both inclusion and safety.

Yours sincerely,

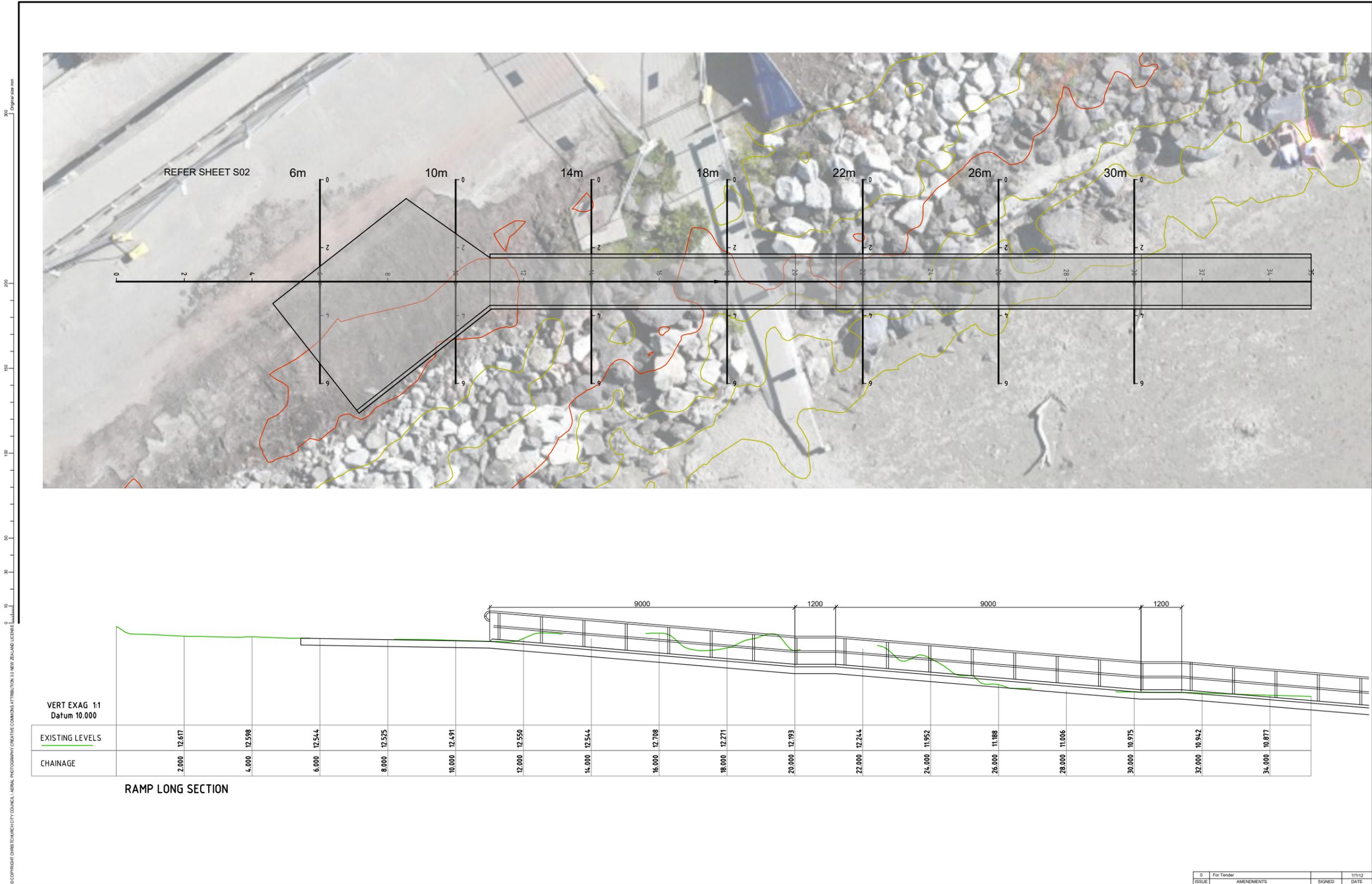
Tom Kearney

National Coastal Safety Manager

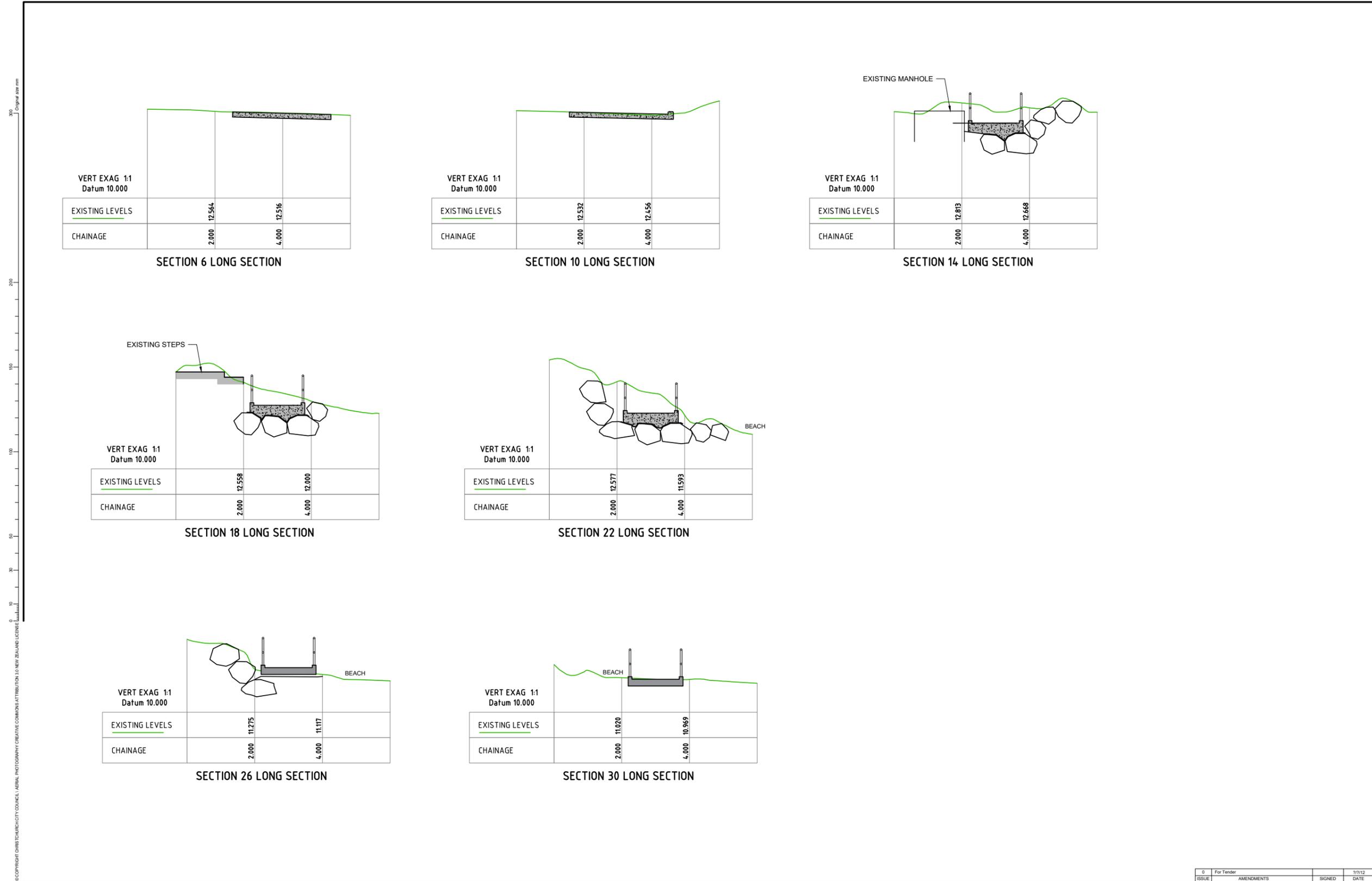
Surf Life Saving New Zealand







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5. Three Waters Programme

Reference Te Tohutoro: 26/80900

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Gavin Hutchison, Head of Three Waters

1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 20 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	The session has been set up by staff with the purpose to outline the Three Waters programme with Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote for 2026/27.
Background	Three Waters staff have drafted proposed changes to the FY27 Capital Programme and OPEX budgets.
Key Issues	Not applicable.
Next Steps	Not applicable.
Useful Links	Not applicable.

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

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A  	Three Waters Annual Plan 2026-27 Community Boards briefing	26/261468	16

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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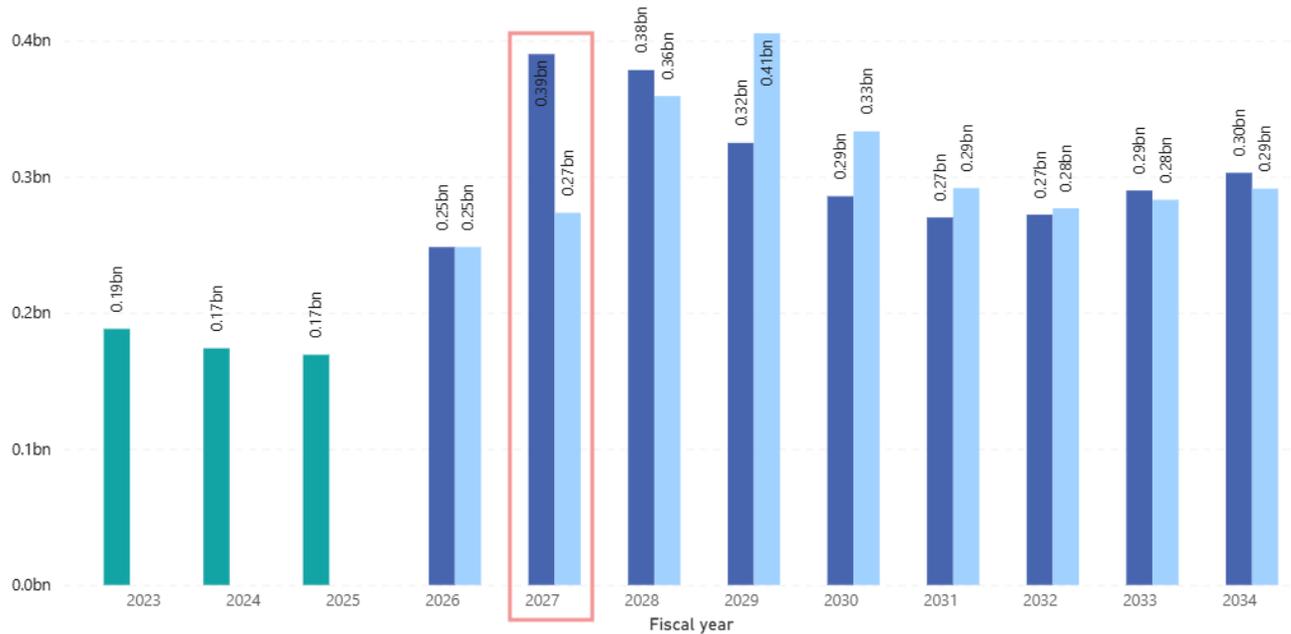
Three Waters

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Capital Programme Review – Three Waters

Current vs. Proposed Budget

● Actual ● Current ● Proposed



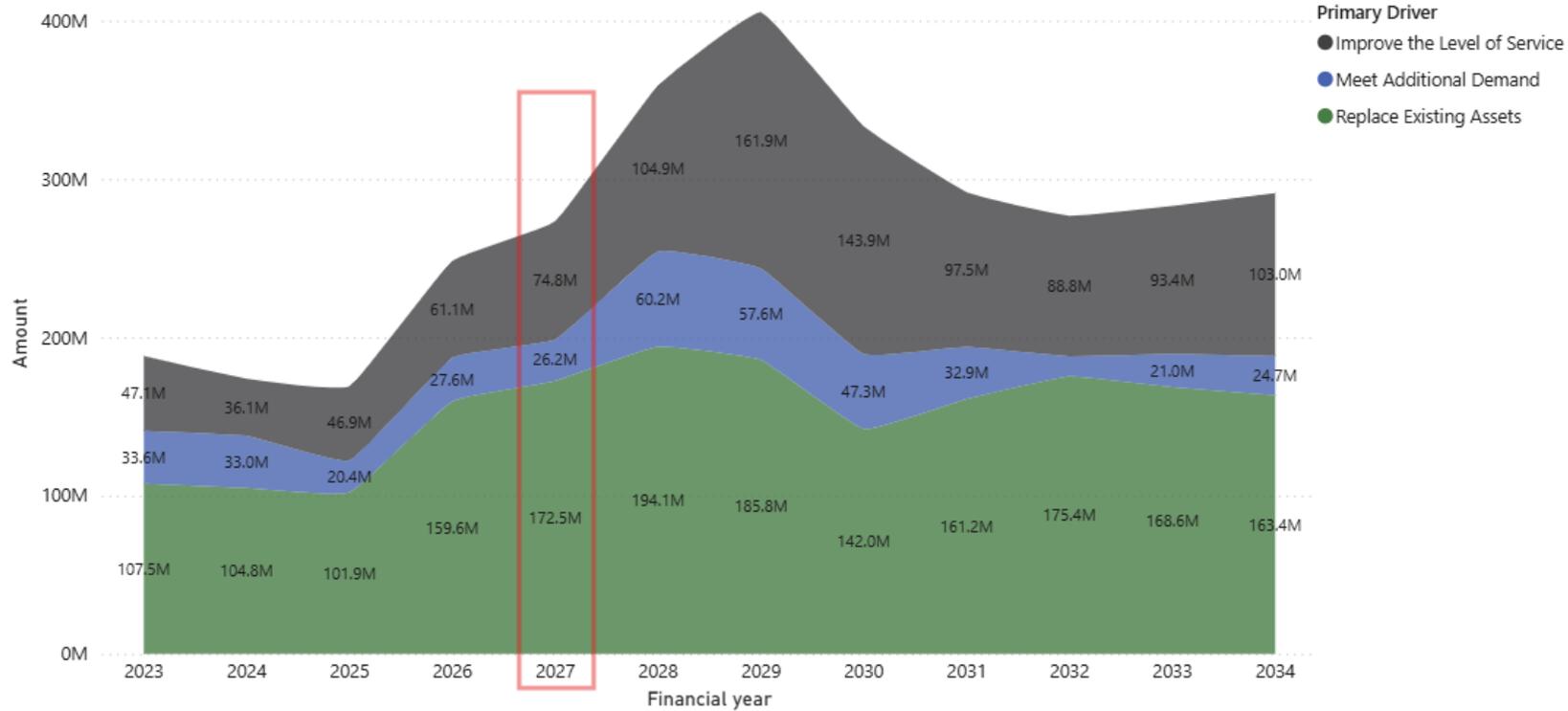
2023 – 2025 shows the actual capital expenditure. 2026 onwards shows the capital budgets.

2027 Current Budget: \$390.1m
 2027 Proposed Budget: \$273.5m*

*includes \$42m for Activated Sludge

Three Waters – Primary Driver

Primary Driver



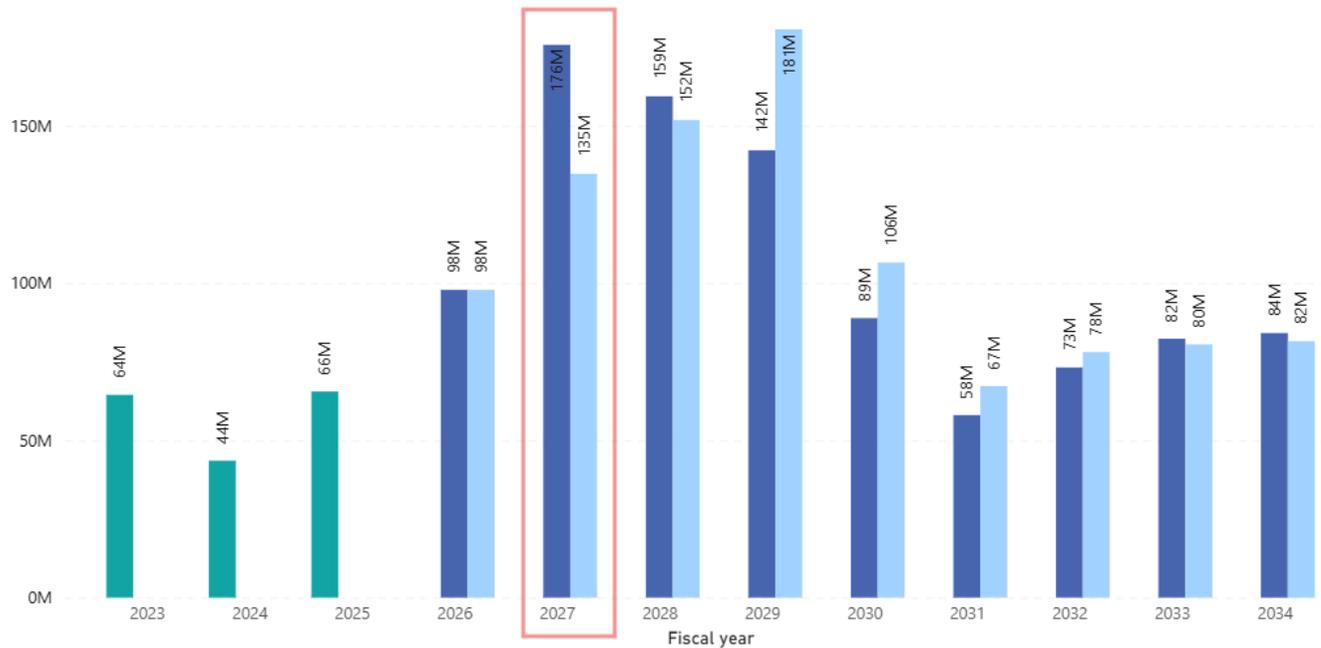
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Wastewater

Capital Programme Review – Wastewater

Current vs. Proposed Budget

● Actual ● Current ● Proposed

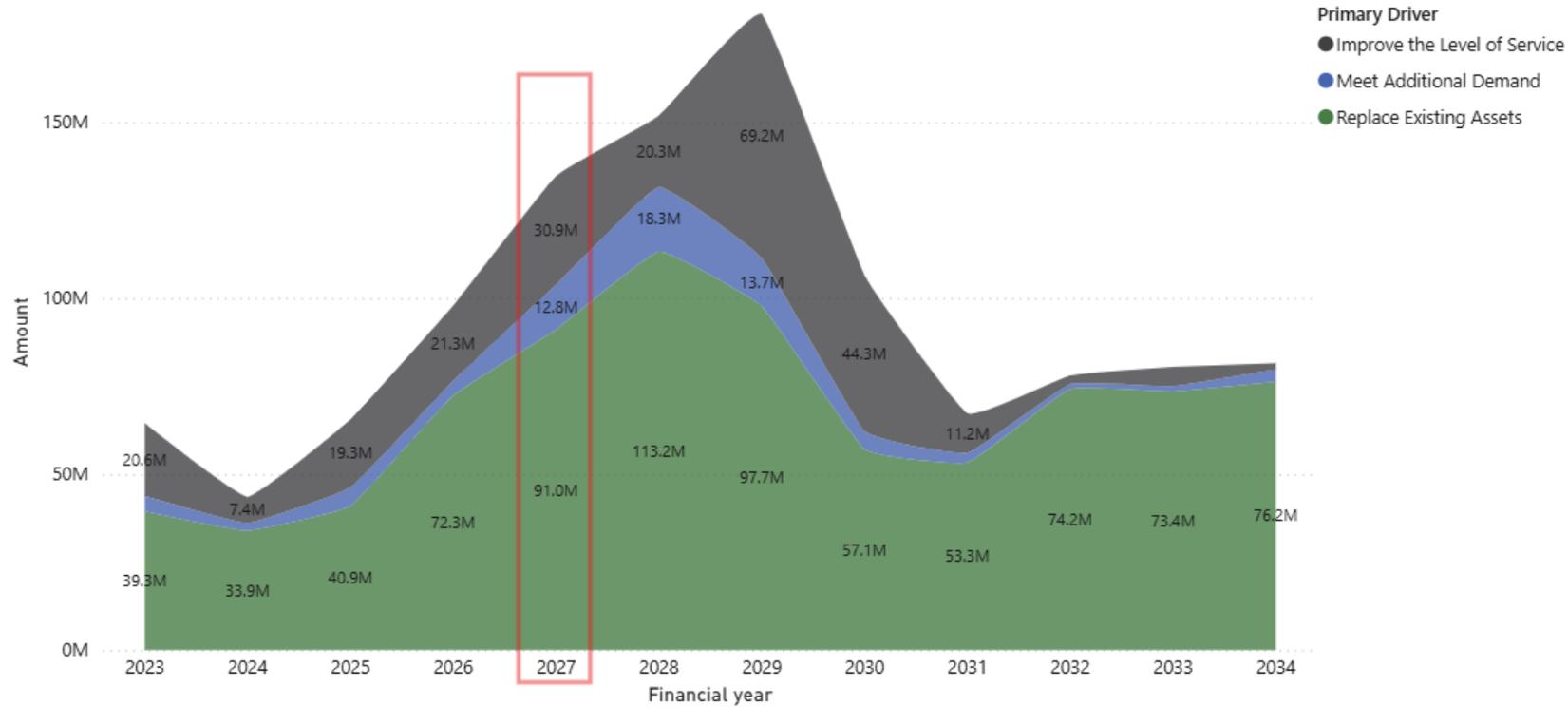


2027 Current Budget: \$175.7m
 2027 Proposed Budget: \$134.7m*

2023 – 2025 shows the actual capital expenditure. 2026 onwards shows the capital budgets.

Wastewater – Primary Driver

Primary Driver



2023 – 2025 shows the actual capital expenditure. 2026 onwards shows the capital budgets.

Wastewater – Key Projects

- CWTP Activated Sludge Plant \$42.0m
- WW Selwyn Street Pump Station (PS0152), Pressure Main and Sewer Upgrades \$23.0m
- WW Grassmere Wet Weather Storage Facility \$11.0m
- Wastewater Reticulation Renewals \$31.4m

Wastewater – Top 10 Proposed Changes

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Top 10 Proposed Budget Changes in 2026/27

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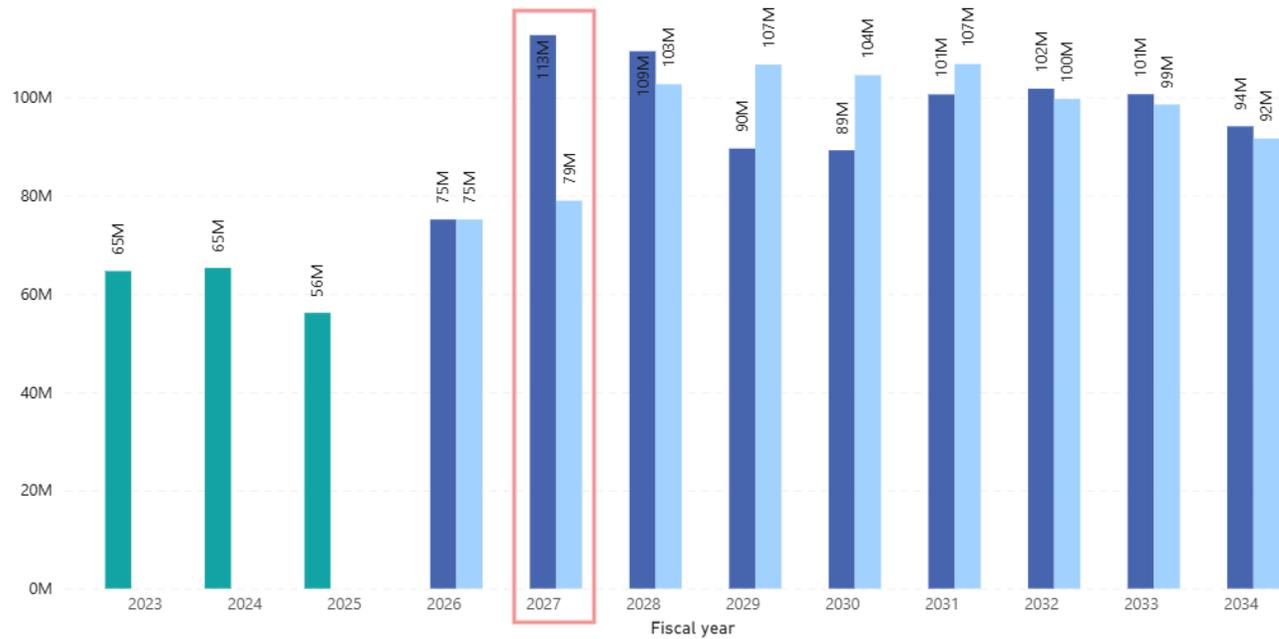
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	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 - 34	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 - 34	Total	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 - 34	Total
81691 - WW Northeast Relief ANZAC Renewal	10,000	12,000		22,000	1,000	2,000	19,000	22,000	-9,000	-10,000	19,000	
67806 - CWTP Activated Sludge Plant	50,000	41,942	29,058	121,000	42,000	41,942	37,058	121,000	-8,000		8,000	
42154 - WW Selwyn Street Pump Station (PS0152), Pressu	16,000	16,000	14,393	46,393	23,000	10,000	13,393	46,393	7,000	-6,000	-1,000	
47124 - CWTP Biogas Engine Upgrade (Generator 4)	6,059	365		6,425	100	500	5,825	6,425	-5,959	135	5,825	
596 - WW Akaroa Reclaimed Water Treatment & Reuse Sc	5,809	4,462	91,434	101,705	800	2,821	98,158	101,779	-5,009	-1,641	6,724	74
70853 - WW Buchanans Road Mains Renewal	4,763			4,763			4,763	4,763	-4,763		4,763	
70633 - WW Fitzgerald Ave Brick Barrel Mains Renewal	7,000	6,953	4,413	18,366	3,000	7,953	7,413	18,366	-4,000	1,000	3,000	
71996 - WW Grassmere Wet Weather Storage Facility	8,785	11,152	7,474	27,411	11,000	11,945	7,474	30,419	2,215	793		3,008
30172 - WW Riccarton Interceptor (Upper Riccarton)	2,200			2,200	200			200	-2,000			-2,000
47123 - CWTP Biogas Storage Upgrade	3,678	11,008		14,686	1,678	11,008	12,514	25,200	-2,000		12,514	10,514
Grand Total	114,295	103,883	146,772	364,950	82,778	88,170	205,597	376,545	-31,516	-15,713	58,825	11,595

Water Supply

Capital Programme Review – Water Supply

Current vs. Proposed Budget

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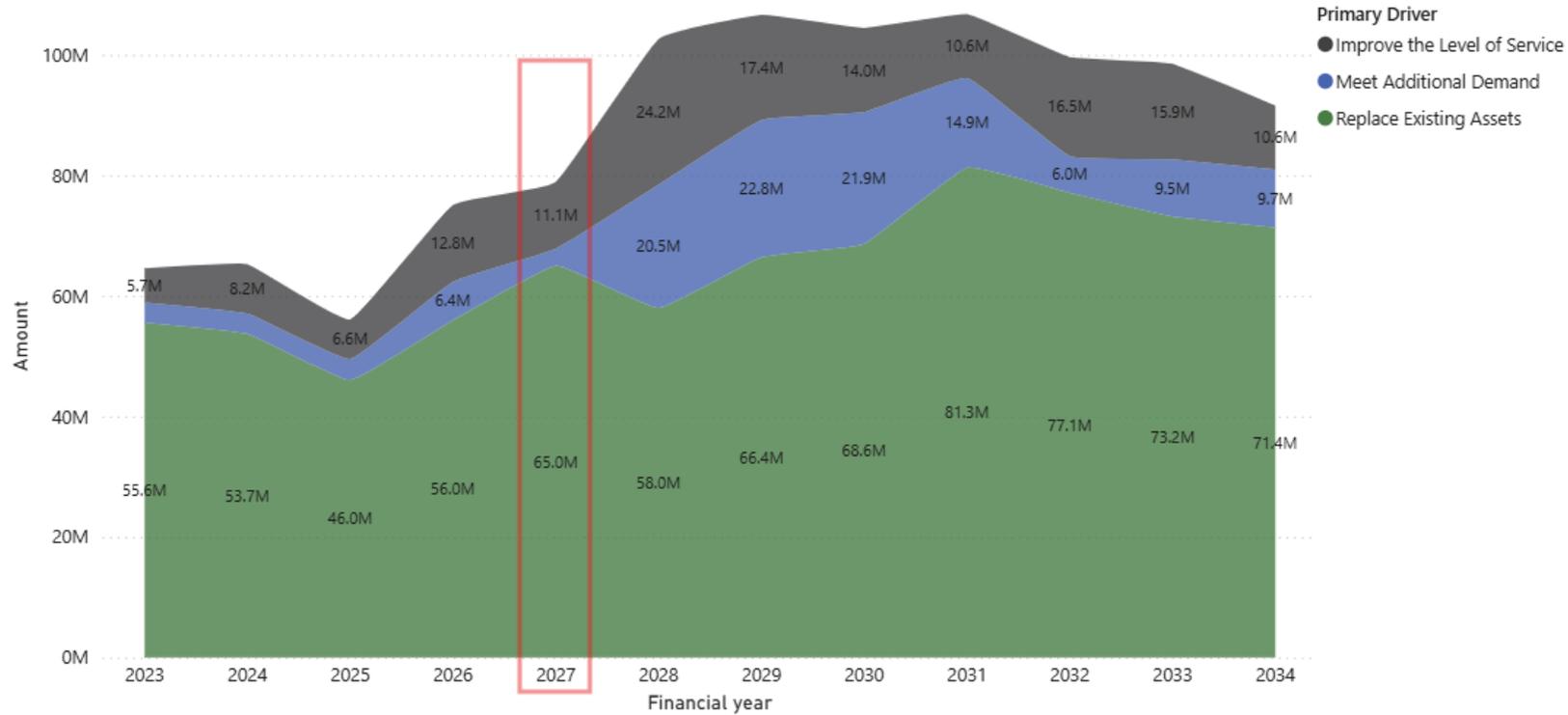


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2027 Current Budget: \$112.6m
 2027 Proposed Budget: \$78.9m

Water Supply – Primary Driver

Primary Driver



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Water Supply – Key Projects

- Water Mains Renewals \$48.3m
- Smart Customer Water Meter Rollout \$3.7m
- Continuous Water Quality Monitoring \$2.2m

Water Supply – Top 10 Proposed Changes

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Top 10 Proposed Budget Changes in 2026/27

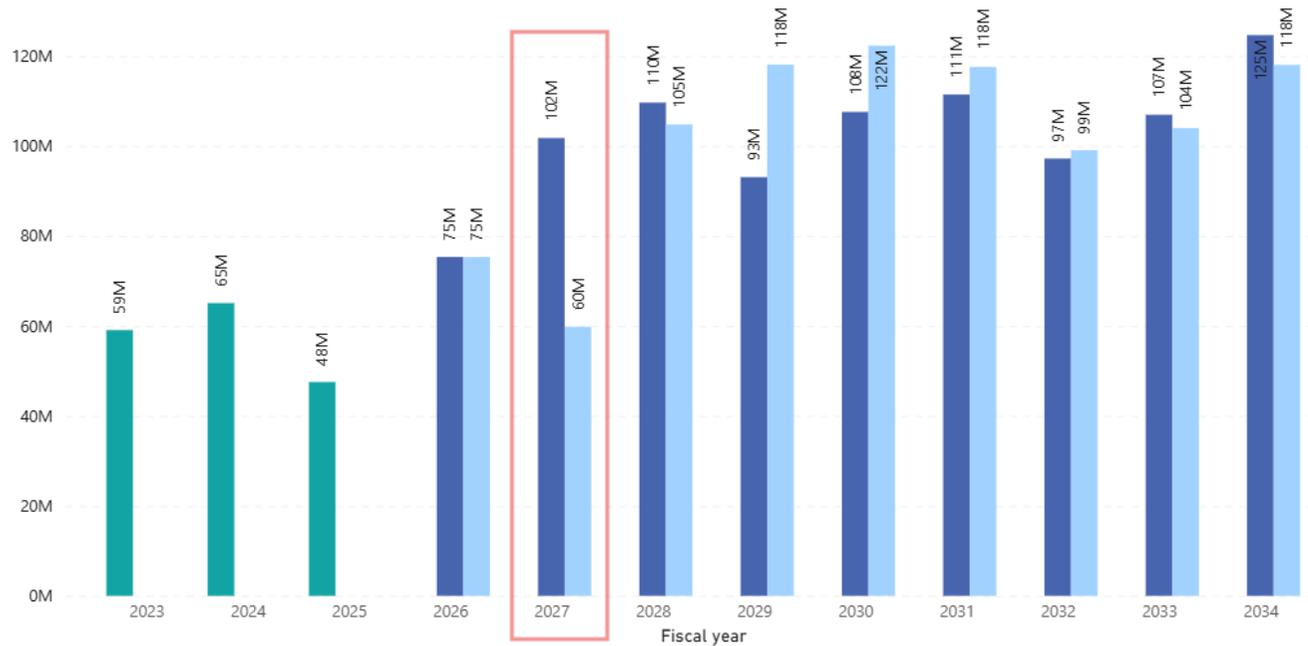
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17924 - WS Averill Street Pump Station Renewal (PS1005)	5,289	8,077	4,583	17,949	400	2,100	15,449	17,949	-4,889	-5,977	10,866	
888 - WS Lyttelton Rail Tunnel Pipeline Renewals	4,231	5,416	3,327	12,974	200	1,000	12,974	14,174	-4,031	-4,416	9,647	1,200
52902 - WS Okains Bay New Water Supply	3,870	3,034		6,904	80	2,000	4,824	6,904	-3,790	-1,034	4,824	
45202 - WS Wrights Road Suction Tank & Pump Station Bu	3,942	2,769	2,178	8,889	300	3,254	5,335	8,889	-3,642	485	3,157	
57800 - WS Moorhouse Avenue Pump Station	2,649	3,791	5,169	11,609	250	3,791	7,568	11,609	-2,399		2,399	
60152 - WS Kerrs Road Pump Station Renewal (PS1022)	3,826	6,166	4,661	14,653	1,826	3,166	9,661	14,653	-2,000	-3,000	5,000	
60154 - WS Grampian Street Suction Tank Renewal (PS107)	4,614	4,157	769	9,540	2,614	4,157	2,769	9,540	-2,000		2,000	
45281 - WS Highfield Water Supply Mains - Stage 2	2,230			2,230	850	1,380		2,230	-1,380	1,380		
74437 - WS Ashgrove and others MEICA renewals	1,359			1,359	100	1,000	259	1,359	-1,259	1,000	259	
74863 - WS Reactive Water Supply Reticulation Renewal (57	66	684	807	1,000	1,030	667	2,697	943	964	-18	1,889
Grand Total	32,066	33,476	21,372	86,914	7,620	22,879	59,505	90,003	-24,446	-10,598	38,133	3,089

Stormwater and Flood Protection

Capital Programme Review – Stormwater and Flood Protection

Current vs. Proposed Budget

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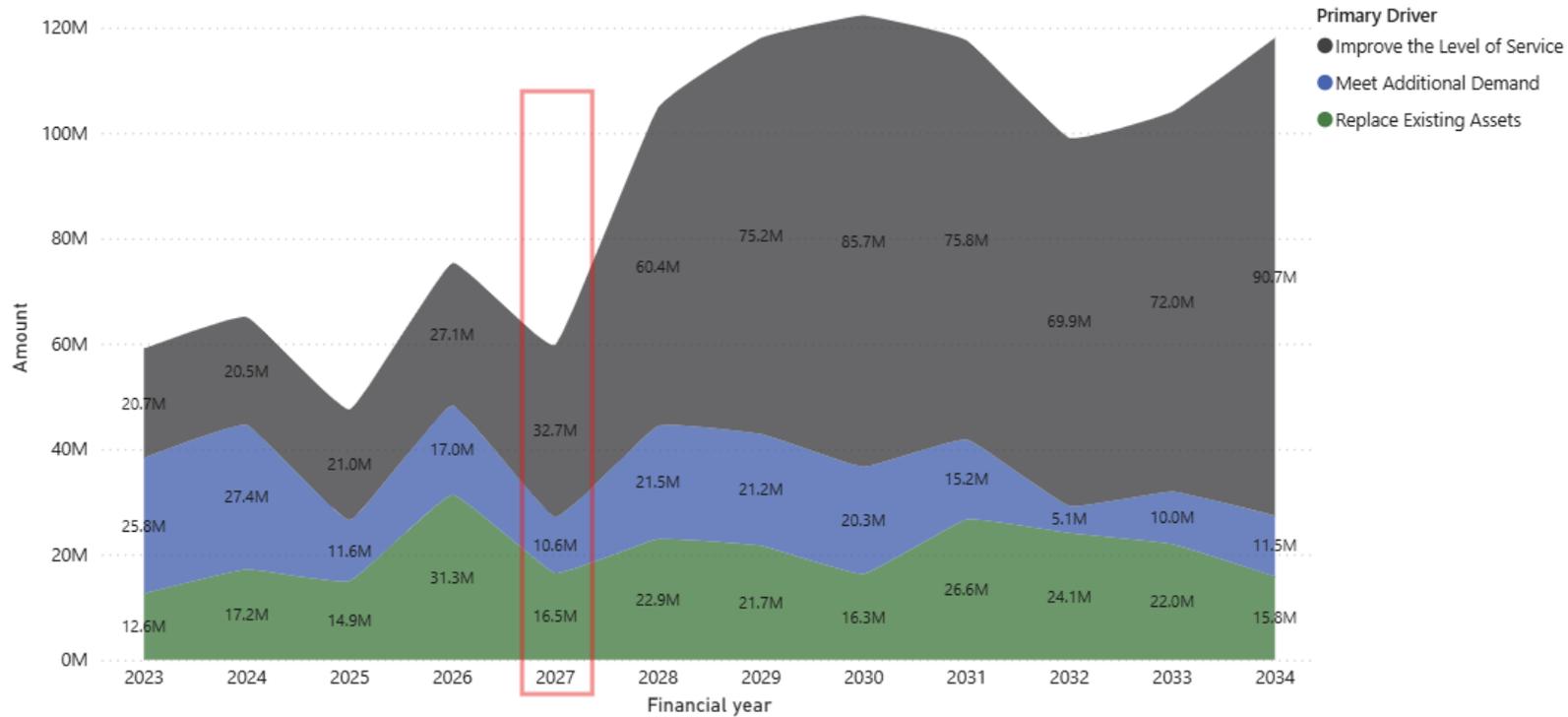


2027 Current Budget: \$101.8m
 2027 Proposed Budget: \$59.8m

2023 – 2025 shows the actual capital expenditure. 2026 onwards shows the capital budgets.

Stormwater and Flood Protection – Primary Driver

Primary Driver



2023 – 2025 shows the actual capital expenditure. 2026 onwards shows the capital budgets.

Stormwater and Flood Protection – Key Projects

- Addington Brook & Riccarton Drain Filtration Devices \$5.7m
- Surface Flooding Reduction \$4.3m
- Waikākāriki – Cranford Stormwater Treatment (Stage 1) \$3.2m
- Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Anzac Drive to Waitaki Street Stopbank (OARC) \$3.0m
- Highsted Styx Mill Reserve Wetland \$2.8m

Stormwater and Flood Protection – Top 10 Proposed Changes

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Top 10 Proposed Budget Changes in 2026/27

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77201 - Programme - Surface Flooding Reduction	14,937	15,823	147,084	177,844	4,283	11,563	158,247	174,093	-10,654	-4,259	11,163	-3,750
44585 - SW Highsted Wetland, Highams Basin & Pūharake	3,613	5,601	2,100	11,314	1,100	6,450	3,764	11,314	-2,513	849	1,664	
66183 - SW Dudley Creek Waterway Lining Renewal (Papa	2,272			2,272			2,356	2,356	-2,272		2,356	84
56166 - SW Waikākāriki – Cranford Stormwater Treatment	5,416	6,890	8,272	20,578	3,200	6,890	10,487	20,578	-2,216		2,216	
72588 - SW Truscotts Drain Renewal (Ferrymead)	2,646	3,143		5,789	546	3,243	2,000	5,789	-2,100	100	2,000	
61615 - SW South New Brighton & Southshore Estuary Edg	2,500	4,341		6,841	400	4,341	2,100	6,841	-2,100		2,100	
44577 - SW Highsted Styx Mill Reserve Wetland	4,538	2,521		7,059	2,850	2,521	1,688	7,059	-1,688		1,688	
38091 - SW Otukaikino Stormwater Facility	2,518	2,618	8,749	13,886	1,018	3,618	9,249	13,886	-1,500	1,000	500	
80831 - SW Horners Drain Timber Lining Renewal (Hawkir	1,451	1,578	5,010	8,039	251	1,778	6,010	8,039	-1,200	200	1,000	
44581 - SW Highfield Prestons Road Basins	1,393	3,167		4,559	193	1,700	2,667	4,559	-1,200	-1,467	2,667	
Grand Total	41,283	45,682	171,216	258,181	13,840	42,106	198,570	254,515	-27,443	-3,577	27,354	-3,666

Three Waters OPEX

Three Waters FY27 OPEX

- Reduction of \$2.5M in FY27

6. Cave Rock Signal Mast Lights

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/2653927

Presenter(s) Te Kaipāhō: Maria Adamski, Senior Parks Asset Planner

1. Detail Te Whakamahuki

Timing	This information session is expected to last for 30 minutes.
Purpose / Origin of the Information Session	<p>The purpose of this information session is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brief the new Community Board members on the Cave Rock Signal Mast lighting. • provide an opportunity for staff to report on the progress of negotiations, to set out next steps, and to explore options with the Community Board.
Background	<p>Due to the large number of deputations presented to the Waikura Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board about the configuration and frequency of the lights installed on the Cave Rock Signal Mast in 2020, consultation was carried out in 2025 to gather community feedback on the lighting.</p> <p>Staff reported the findings of the consultation to the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board at its 28 August 2025 meeting. The Community Board resolved that staff enter further negotiations with the Deed Holder to vary the ‘Deed of Accessibility in Respect of LED Lighting Installation at Tuawera – Cave Rock, Sumner,’ (the Deed) to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Turn the lights off during the week prior to and including the date of the Matariki public holiday each year. b. Explore ecologically friendly types of lights. c. Extend or reduce the lights to emphasise the form of the maritime mast. <p>Staff to report back to the Community Board with the outcome of negotiations with the Deed Holder for a final decision on the hours of operation and configuration of the lights in six months from 28 August 2025.</p>
Key Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Turn the lights off during the week prior to and including the date of the Matariki public holiday each year.</i> <p>Agreement has been reached with the Deed Holder to turn the lights off during the week prior to and including the date of the Matariki public holiday each year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. <i>Explore ecologically friendly types of lights.</i> <p>The Cave Rock mast lighting has been reviewed against Dark Sky International’s Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting, which promote lighting that is used only where, when, and as much as needed, and that minimises environmental and ecological impacts.</p> <p>The installation currently demonstrates several areas of alignment. The lights are warm coloured, reducing blue rich emissions associated with increased skyglow and ecological disruption. They operate at low intensity and are aimed inland, helping to limit unnecessary spill light and reducing impacts on the coastal environment. An automatic 11pm curfew ensures the lighting is used only during defined evening</p>

	<p>periods, consistent with Dark Sky’s principle that outdoor lighting should operate only when required.</p> <p>To further meet international best practice two items would need to be addressed. Firstly, upgrading the lighting to be fully shielded however this would mean the lights are directed downwards and would limit visibility. Secondly, refine the light level specifications to the minimum necessary for commemorative purposes. The lights are currently not dimmable. To achieve these two aspects the lighting would require full replacement.</p> <p>c. <i>Extend or reduce the lights to emphasise the form of the maritime mast.</i></p> <p>Lights are available to extend the lights along the horizontal mainyard. The Deed Holder is willing to supply these for installation.</p> <p>There is no funding to carry out this work. Funding is the responsibility of the Deed Holder if changes to the lights are required.</p>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on any outcome from the Information Session. • Complete decision report. • Present decision report to the Community Board for a decision.
Useful Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 August 2025 Decision Report - 25/1258052, see meeting agenda: https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/08/SCBCC_20250828_AGN_10636_AT.PDF • Recording of Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board meeting 28th August 2025 provides background to this information session. Part 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E4vY5WyRVU Community Deputations Part 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPSRtRrLgt8 Report presentation

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

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Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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Signal Mast Recap



1864



The Signal Station was built 34 years later in 1898 and pilots ceased to operate from the station in the 1920s



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Mast lit in the 1990s and Post Earthquake



1997



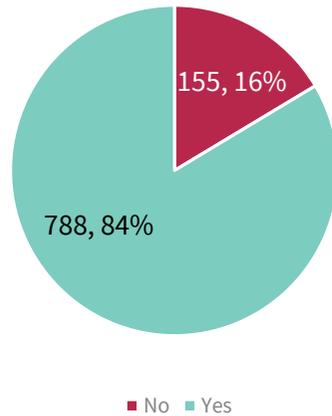
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Consultation Recap

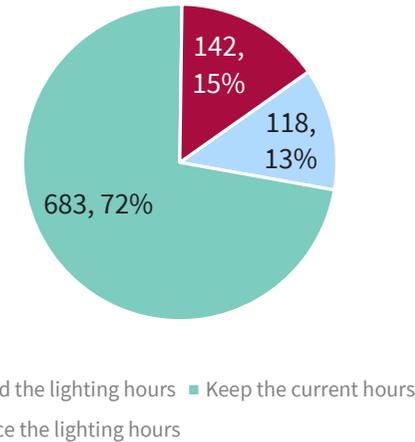
- We consulted on light frequency and operating hours
- We had 943 submissions, 622 from Sumner area

Support of the current frequency (N=943)



Light frequency – daily expect for week of Matariki

Preference for operating hours (N=943)



Operating hours (daily from dusk until 11pm)

Community comment's

716 submitters provided comments:

Liked

- Configuration not being religious (50)
- Configuration being religious (36)
- Illuminating the area to create a sense of safety (26)
- Brightness due to the presence of other lights (24)
- Enjoyment/attraction for visitors to the area (23)
- Help with navigation and orientation on water and land (18)
- Significance as a memorial, remembering lives lost (8)

Disliked

- Configuration being religious and inappropriate on a public landmark (163)
- Potential to cause issues for wildlife and/or human health (42)
- Distraction from the natural environment, impeding views and enjoyment of the landscape and night sky (38)
- Configuration not being aligned with the 1937/initial installation (23)
- Deed Holder being a religious/Christian organisation (21)
- Cultural significance of Tuawera Cave Rock for mana whenua, who's views should be considered (13)
- Lack of functional reason (7)

There were request for:

- Change the lighting configuration to highlight the mast and remove perceived religious symbolism (161)
- Limit when the lights are turned on, such as public holidays only (81)
- Remove them entirely (43)
- Reduce the brightness of the lights (30)

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Board requested staff to negotiate:

1. Turn the lights off during the week prior to and including the date of the Matariki public holiday each year.
2. Explore ecologically friendly types of lights.
3. Extend or reduce the lights to emphasise the form of the maritime mast.

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2. Ecologically Friendly Lighting

DarkSky principle	Alignment	Action
Useful <i>Use light only if it is needed.</i>	Aligned. A defined civic/commemorative purpose is legitimate under “useful,” provided impacts are considered	Lights are commemorative. No Action required
Targeted <i>Direct light only where needed; shield and aim.</i>	Mostly aligned. Avoiding panoramic/skyward spill is positive; full shielding and downward aim would strengthen compliance.	Consider shielding the lights, these lights can be supplied with a light shield
Low level <i>No brighter than necessary (use the lowest light level required).</i>	Directionally aligned. Dark Sky emphasises minimum necessary illumination. Total Lumen output aim for <1,000. Each bulb is 30 lumens, 41 bulbs, that is 1,200 lumens	Consider reducing the number of bulbs (33)
Controlled <i>Use light only when it is needed; timers/motion; turn off when not needed.</i>	Aligned. A curfew is in place; opportunities exist to dim earlier and/or use event-based scheduling. The lights are turned off at 11pm.	The lights turnoff at 11pm. No action required
Warm-coloured <i>Prefer warmer colour lights; limit blue-rich content.</i>	Aligned in principle. Dark Sky encourages ≤ 3000 K CCT (often ≤ 2700 K where feasible), especially in sensitive environments. The lights are 2700 K.	The lights are 2700 K. No action required

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3. Alter the configuration



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Questions

7. Elected Members' Information Exchange Te Whakawhiti Whakaaro o Te Kāhui Amorangi

This item provides an opportunity for Board Members to update each other on recent events and/or issues of relevance and interest to the Board.

Karakia Whakakapi

Tukuna te wairua kia rere ki te taumata Ko te matatika te mātāpono hei arahi i ngā mahi Ka arotahi te tira kia eke panuku, kia eke Tangaroa Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e	<i>May the spirit be released to soar to its zenith Ethics is the principle that guides our work As we focus on the success for our community Bring together! Gather together and bind together!</i>
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