



Rangitaiki Catchment Programme

Six Month Report 2017/2018





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Purpose

The purpose of the Rangitāiki River Catchment programme is to coordinate Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) work, including work required for Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki, to deliver on community expectations. The work programme covers all significant activities in the river catchment, including work across policy and planning, science, pollution prevention and maritime service functions. It also includes all operational activities such as biosecurity, biodiversity protection, coast care, rivers and drainage and sustainable land management.

The programme covers all significant activities (both projects and ongoing work) in the river catchment area carried out by Whakatāne District Council (WDC), Taupō District Council (TDC) and Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

The programme is broken into five areas of focus and presented in the following sections:

- Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki
- Governance and programme management
- Integrated planning
- Science
- Operations

Background

Council does not have a specific vision or outcomes for the catchment but the Rangitāiki River Forum of which we are a partner does in Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki (Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki) – Pathways of the Rangitāiki and they are entirely suitable.

Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki, the document, is required under the Ngāti Whare Claims Settlement Act 2012 and Ngāti Manawa Claims Settlement Act 2012. The document provides direction for work to improve the river's health and guide its future management, and the legislation describes how these affect the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) planning documents and conservation planning documents.

These Settlement Acts require that all persons exercising functions and powers under the Resource Management Act 1991 that affect the Rangitāiki River, must have particular regard to the habitat of tuna (*Anguilla dieffenbachia* and *Anguilla australis*) in that river. In the legislation, the Rangitāiki River means the Rangitāiki River and its catchment, including the Rangitāiki, Whirinaki, Wheao and Horomanga rivers.

Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki establishes a vision for the catchment:

“A healthy Rangitāiki River, valued by the community, protected for future generations. Tihei Mauri Ora.”



The outcomes sought for the river catchment are:

- **Mauri:** Mauri of the water is protected.
- **He Taiao:** we want bountiful rivers that people cherish, where native habitats and customary harvesting practices sustain people, and where native species, including whitebait and tuna (eels) abound.
- **He Tangata:** we want a balanced connected and respectful relationship with the rivers and resources which will be the foundation for resilient, sustainable and thriving communities in the Rangitāiki.
- **He Awa:** we want a clean and healthy environment, characterised by clean water, healthy ecosystems and the return of some threatened species. We want to see people use and enjoy this environment for their spiritual, cultural and recreational needs and to celebrate its heritage with pride.

This vision and outcomes were developed by the Rangitāiki River Forum on behalf of the community and following consultation in 2013 and 2014.

This catchment programme includes work approved in the BOPRC Annual Plan 2017/2018 and aims to integrate work within the catchment. Links with objectives and actions in Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki are noted in the report against work that contributes directly or indirectly to the achievement of those actions.

Key issues that the catchment plan aims to address include sustainable land use, erosion control and soil conservation, biodiversity protection, water quality and quantity, and enhancement of those through landowner agreements, tangata whenua and industry partnerships, community care groups and volunteer activity.

Implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater is in its third year in this catchment.

Assumptions

The key assumptions for the programme are:

- No substantive changes to the Annual Work Plan will be made by partners.
- Te Ara Whānui O Rangitāiki – Pathways to the Rangitāiki will proceed through the RMA process into the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).
- Responsibility for delivery of work identified for the Council will remain the responsibility of the Council.
- Partners and stakeholders are able and willing to engage with the programme.
- New partners to the Rangitāiki River Forum will not impact on the annual plan.



Ngā Pou

Our approach to delivering the Programme

As we work on and in the Programme we'll use the following approaches for success:



Kotahitanga Relationships

Iwi and hapū have a special relationship with the Rangitaiki River. We will work with iwi and hapū in planning and delivery of the programme in a mutually constructive way.



Mana whenua, Mana Moana Mountains to the sea

We recognise the interconnected relationships between the land, sea and our communities. Catchments feeding the river need to be sustainably managed, hence the maunga to moana approach.



Whanaungatanga Community participation

We encourage local communities to participate and lead in doing the right thing.



Whakaaro tahi Communication

We regularly share our understanding of the river and its catchment. This is a collaborative programme and requires good communication with all involved.



Pūtaiao Scientific integrity

We rely on scientific research and accurate data to help us make wise decisions. Scientific research complements the decision-making of Council management and kaitiakitanga.



Mātauranga Māori Knowledge

We will work with iwi and hapū to include mātauranga Māori alongside our scientific research and data collection to maintain the mauri of the river.



Six month project highlights

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Groundwater flow model for the Tarawera-Rangitāiki-Whakatāne is progressing.➤ Rangitāiki Water Management Area – Gap filling is providing useful new information.
Tangata whenua	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Kani Rangi Park Development Plan.➤ Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna (Tuna Plan).
Rangitāiki Catchment Land Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The new owners of Lochinver Station have signed an agreement to assist with x metres of fencing.➤ The bulk of Lamberts Wetland has now been secured, with two further landowners signed to agreements for restoration work and to exclude stock.➤ Rangitāiki Catchment was approved to the second stage for the Freshwater Improvement Fund application to restore 6 wetland sites between Murupara and the Aniwhenua dam.➤ Te Hekenga A Nui O Tuna - a second group has formed and early discussions have focused on developing a fisheries management strategy for tuna in the catchment.
Kotahitanga Strategic Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Community Incentive Fund (CIF) is open for submission in conjunction with the Long Term Plan and closes on 19 March 2018.➤ Whakatōhea are working through their Treaty Settlement.➤ He Korowai Mataaraunga' Framework, finalised and with Komiti Māori for approval.
Regulatory Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Of the 121 site inspections undertaken during the last 6 months, 81 were rated as Complying, 25 were rated Low Risk Non-Compliance, 12 were rated as Moderate Non-Compliance and 3 inspections were rated as Significant Non-Compliance (2 dairy farm discharges and 1 industrial discharge).
Rivers and Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Flood Recovery Repair works are underway across all River Schemes.
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ All properties purchased and contract let for the stopbank realignment at College Road, Edgecumbe➤ Construction underway on the floodway widening and new pump station and drains on Van den Top farm on left bank of floodway below Thornton Road Bridge.➤ Consultation planning underway on spillway options and alternative spill containment areas.



Biosecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ First round of surveillance completed for Alligator weed, a number of sites controlled.➤ Planning has commenced with Forestry Company to undertake wallaby control operation at Nursery Road in the Matahina Forest.
Taupō District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Taharua Road off Napier-Taupō Road was sealed in December 2017 as part of TDC's regular annual road resealing programme.







Annual Work Plan

The following sections provide details on all of the programme work planned in the Rangitaiki Catchment by BOPRC, WDC and TDC. The programme is broken into five areas of focus:

- 1 Governance, programme management and Communications
- 2 Freshwater Futures
- 3 Science
- 4 Tangata whenua engagement and involvement
- 5 Operations (includes Rangitaiki Catchment Land Management, Maritime, Kotahitanga Strategic Engagement, Regulatory Compliance, Consents, Rivers and Drainage, Engineering, Biosecurity, WDC and TDC).





Each section shows work planned and underway by individual agencies, but also identifies those collaborative activities where two or more agencies are working together. Information on projects as well as deliverables and budgets are provided.

The project status column shows progress status indicators as follows:

-  Achieved.
-  Taking place/on-track for completion within approved timeframes.
-  Not applicable/no data available.
-  Not achieved.



Governance and programme management

	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
SHARED	Rangitāiki Catchments Programme 2016/2017 Annual Report and Highlights Summary. BOPRC, Taupō District Council (TDC), Whakatāne District Council (WDC).	The Rangitāiki Catchments Programme 2017/2018 Annual Report was received very well by the Rangitāiki River Forum who commented on the extensive amount of work Council is committed to within the catchment.	
SHARED	Rangitāiki Catchments Programme Annual Work Plan 2017/2018. BOPRC, TDC, WDC.	The Rangitāiki Catchments Programme Annual Work Plan 2017/2018 was approved successfully and progress on the annual plan deliverables is occurring accordingly.	
BOPRC	Support to Rangitāiki River Forum.	The Rangitāiki River Forum has held two successful hui and a workshop so far this year with a large membership attendance. Each member now has an alternate which is resulting in more people understanding the business of the Forum and each other.	
BOPRC	Communications Communications provide a support function to enable the various work-streams and projects to achieve their outcomes.	The communication deliverable is behind schedule and is proving difficult to progress. Albeit focus is on the council website to improve the Rangitāiki Catchment web page.	



Freshwater Futures

	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
BOPRC	<p>Water Policy Plan Change 12 (NPSFM Implementation (Rangitāiki)) For 2017/2018 (Phase 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop objectives, set attributes and start developing management options for managing water quality and quantity in the Rangitāiki WMA. ➤ Ensure that any change is consistent with regional and co-governance frameworks. <p>The Rangitāiki River Forum (the Forum) is a co-governance forum for the Rangitāiki River. Its document Te Ara Whānui o Rangitāiki – Pathways of the Rangitāiki sets the vision, desired outcomes and objectives for the catchment. These play an important part in managing freshwater in the Rangitāiki Catchment.</p> <p>In carrying out its work, the Community Group will report to and seek direction from both the Forum and the Regional Council</p>	<p>This project is now in the management options phase, having determined values and objectives through Community and tangata whenua engagement. Management options determination includes developing a full picture of current and potential futures states, against the agreed values and objectives. This work includes surface water and groundwater modelling for both quality and quantity; investigating good management practice (for landuse); understanding the effects of settling limits on the economic and social aspects of communities.</p>	



Science

	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
BOPRC	<p>NERM SOE monitoring</p> <p>Monitoring of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Surface water quality and quantity ➤ Groundwater water quality and level ➤ Rainfall and groundwater recharge ➤ Weather and soil conditions ➤ Freshwater ecology ➤ Soil health and trace elements ➤ Wetlands ➤ Dunelands 	Operational activity and budget for the NERMN are on track	●
BOPRC	<p>Groundwater flow model for the Tarawera-Rangitaiki Whakatāne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Computer model to assist with decisions on water allocation and water quality. ➤ A completed and stable model available by June 2018. 	Project began in the period, some delay possible due to expansion of the area modelled to include the upper Rangitāiki.	●



	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
BOPRC	<p>Rangitāiki Water Management Area – Current State and Gap Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spatial classification. ➤ Geology, land use and soils. ➤ Hydrology. ➤ Groundwater. ➤ Freshwater quality – rivers and streams. ➤ Lakes. ➤ Periphyton. ➤ Cyanobacteria. ➤ Stream invertebrates. ➤ Fish communities. ➤ Wetlands. ➤ Other considerations. 	<p>Gap filling continued including water quality survey of Lake Matahina, salt wedge (inanga spawning site), surveys of the lower Rangitāiki River and lowland drain surveys of water quality and ecology.</p>	



Tangata whenua

	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
SHARED	<p>Kani Rangi Park Development Plan and Project Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa (TRONM), BOPRC, WDC.</p> <p>WDC - monthly meetings with TRONM to coordinate the development of Kani Rangi and Rangitaiki River Park. Support and work with the Murupara Community Board.</p> <p>BOPRC - Provide technical support and advice as requested. Specifically provide support to the kahikatea grove restoration.</p>	BOPRC - Technical support and advice continues to be provided to this project as and when required.	●
SHARED	<p>Te Hekenga A Nui O Te Tuna (Tuna Plan) BOPRC, Ngāti Manawa, Ngāti Whare, Ngāti Awa.</p> <p>Te Hekenga Nui o Te Tuna Phase 1, beginning Phase 2. Community awareness/engagement strategy (Action F).</p>	Currently the first phase actions are underway, although Action F hasn't started yet.	●



Operations

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
SHARED	<p>Coast Care BOPRC, WDC</p> <p>Deliver Coast Care programme within the catchment. Coast Care groups are supported to deliver on their outcomes.</p>	<p>End of season reports delivered in November showed another successful year and planting season for Coast Care.</p> <p>There has been no negative feedback from the Coast Care groups, although small issues do arise around the use of access ways and vehicles on dunes and beaches. Coast Care does respond to these, however, it is not always possible to achieve a solution.</p>	
BOPRC	<p>Rangitāiki Catchment land use and biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ten kilometres of waterways to be achieved through the SLU programme. ➤ One new HVE site (High Value Ecological). ➤ One new non-HVE site. ➤ Maintain 23 existing management plans. ➤ Support compliance work, external Territorial Authority (TA) requests. 	<p>Signed agreements include more than ten kilometres of waterway. As at December 2017 work programmes are on track to achieve this KPI. There is a projected budget overspend for the SLU programme.</p> <p>Although we have not signed a new HVES, the LTP target has been achieved. There is a projected budget overspend for the biodiversity programme. The non-HVES LTP target has been met.</p> <p>Activities for existing management plans are underway and on track at this stage.</p> <p>We respond to support for compliance work and external TA requests as they arise.</p>	
BOPRC	<p>Lake Aniwanīwa Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ten year management plan for Lake Aniwanīwa. ➤ Sign off of management plan by all stakeholders. ➤ Begin implementation of actions within the plan. 	<p>The third and final hui for this project was cancelled – this was to set the priorities and scheduled management over the life of the plan. The management plan currently sits in draft form and priorities and scheduling need to be completed, more work is needed to include issues from other key stakeholders.</p>	



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BOPRC	<p>Freshwater Improvement Fund – Wetland Restoration Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Site assessments completed to input into project planning. ➤ Detailed project planning – completed by December 2017, and to MfE requirements. ➤ Baseline data gathering for monitoring success of project completed by end June 2018. ➤ Landowner discussions with regard to permissions to be completed by December 2017. ➤ Working with landowners will continue through life of project. ➤ Funding deed signed by 30 December 2017 ➤ Project management structure in place by December 2017. ➤ Project manager, Operations coordinator and Communications/Engagement roles filled by end February 2018. 	<p>Rangitāiki Wetland Restoration project (Freshwater Improvement Fund) continues to progress with procurement processes underway for Project Management/Operations Coordination; Ecological evaluations and development of restoration plans; development of a communications and engagement strategy. Annual work plans for 17/18 and 18/19 have been submitted and are being assessed by MfE. Landowner permissions to continue with their sites in the project have been coming through, although not yet for all sites. There has been some schedule slip (Deed signing and the procurement of a Project Manager), but critical milestones are not under threat at this point.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Maritime Cameras at the Rangitāiki River mouth</p> <p>Showing condition of the bar that boaties can check from the BOPRC website</p>	<p>Currently waiting on equipment to arrive, anticipate that the camera will be operational by end of April.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Maritime Lake Aniwanuiwa</p> <p>Signs at Lake Aniwanuiwa are for the swimming and ski areas. This is to show public on arrival to the boat ramp what the areas are and to remind them of some of the rules. To be installed August/September 2017.</p>	<p>Signs have been delayed; anticipate that the signs will be in place by the end of March.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>24/7 Oil spill response and Navigation Safety</p> <p>Provide 24/7 response to incidents. Identify spiller to recover costs. Carry out oil spill response responsibilities, respond appropriately to marine oil spills, manage mooring areas and carry out navigation safety functions across the region.</p>	<p>Met in all respects.</p>	●




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BOPRC	<p>Kotahitanga Strategic Engagement</p> <p>Māori Policy Matauranga Māori Project</p> <p>The Mātauranga Māori Project Team has completed the information gathering and engagement phases of the project. Currently, the team is in the midst of transitioning from the analysis phase to the recommendation phase. In early April, workshops will be held to highlight key themes and values from the analysis and start the conversation on how this project will be implemented and used.</p>	<p>Māori Policy has completed the draft 'He Korowai Matauranga' framework to be endorsed by Komiti Māori on 27 February 2018 at Pukehina Marae, Pukehina. The framework will then go into the implementation stages and a guide will be developed by Māori Policy this year.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Community Fund Environmental Enhancement Fund, Community Initiatives Fund and the Te Hapai Ora – Regional Community Outcomes Fund. Support existing projects. Increase the number of projects approved and supported.</p> <p>Awanuiarangi Black Commemoration Fund (Bay of Plenty region wide) The proposed criteria and assessment process for the Fund is being outlined and presented to the August Komiti Māori meeting.</p>	<p>EEF – EDIT - eradicate and control weeds from Reids Canal to the Rangitāiki Bridge, \$3,850</p> <p>EEF – Te Roopu Manaaki - revegetate 6 ha of Kani Rangī Park with native planting \$25,000</p> <p>Community Initiatives – No projects within the Rangitāiki Catchment</p> <p>Te Hapai Ora – Ngāti Awa Te Toki Festival - \$2,000 - Rangitāiki Mataatua Kapahaka Regional Competition - \$2,000</p> <p>Awanuiarangi Black Commemoration Fund - \$10,000 - applications close on 1 April 2018.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Enviro Schools</p> <p>Grow the number of projects from the schools to encourage more involvement.</p>	<p>There are no projects within the Rangitāiki Catchment</p>	●



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BOPRC	<p>Regulatory Compliance work (BAU): compliance monitoring, complaint response and enforcement. Compliance and impact monitoring of sites/consents to be in accordance with the inspection frequency detailed in the RMA Charges Policy 2017/2018.</p> <p>Long Term Plan KPI: All urgent complaints to the Pollution Hotline are responded to within 12 hours.</p>	<p>121 consent related compliance inspections were undertaken within the Rangitāiki catchment during the last six months.</p> <p>Of the 121 site inspections undertaken during the period, 81 were rated as Complying, 25 were rated Low Risk Non-Compliance, 12 were rated as Moderate Non-Compliance, and 3 inspections were rated as Significant Non-Compliance (the 3 sites related to two dairy farm discharges and one industrial discharge).</p> <p>No urgent complaints were received from within the Rangitāiki catchment during the last 6 months.</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Consents</p> <p>Current and renewal applications in the Rangitāiki Water Management Area. Long Term Plan KPI: 99% of applications processed within statutory timeframes.</p>	<p>122 of 214 applications have been processed within timeframes. 76 of the 113 applications received within the reporting period were processed within timeframes. Applications are prioritised to minimise impacts on consent applications. For example applicants who can continue to operate under their previous consents will be a lower priority. Additional staff have been recruited and the application backlog is being addressed. However, the annual target for this KPI is no longer able to be achieved. For the 2017 year 24 resource consent were granted that are located within the Rangitāiki Management Area. These comprise of: 6 Take and use of surface water, 2 Discharge to water, 5 Water take from ground water, 4 Dairy discharge to land, 6 Installation of a bore, 1 Discharge to air. Of these applications 16 were processed within the 20 working day time frame. 8 were over. Overall 66% were processed with time frame.</p>	●



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BOPRC	<p>Rivers and Drainage Schemes Activity – BAU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake maintenance, renewals and capital projects. • Provide river and stream management advisory services to landowners (region-wide). • Undertake gravel management operations, including resource consent renewals and allocating extractions to commercial operators. • Undertake Asset Management Plan updates including annual revaluations. • Manage activities associated with Floodway and Drainage Bylaws. • Provide flood warning and flood response activities to scheme stakeholders. <p>Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme Maintenance \$3,413,000. Rangitāiki Drainage Scheme Maintenance \$717,603 Rangitāiki Drainage Capital \$300,000</p>	<p>Maintenance of works and budgets are all on target, a quarterly detailed maintenance report is available as required. To 30 Dec 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme Maintenance expenditure \$1,550,817 • Gravel extractions in streams of the Galatea plans continue, particularly in addressing buildups following floods. • The annual re valuation of the scheme has been completed to 1 July 2018. The current valuation of scheme assets is \$86,718,980. • The Asset Management Plan has been reviewed and released in draft for consultation through the long term plan process. • Response and repairs to April 2017 flood event. This is further reported in capital expenditure below. • Bylaws are processed as required. • Rangitāiki Drainage Scheme Maintenance expenditure \$504,862. • Rangitāiki Drainage Capital expenditure \$6,279 <p>The Section 109 culvert renewal (\$180,000) has been stalled due to unforeseen high tender costs. A review of the design and construction methodology will now be required. Other culvert replacements will be completed as condition assessments take place.</p>	



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BOPRC	<p>Rivers and Drainage Schemes Activity – Capital Projects</p> <p>April 2017 Flood Recovery Project Delivery of the planned capital works programmes and report to the Rangitāiki River Forum in 2017/2018</p> <p>Scheduled work for 2017/2018: Rangitāiki Floodway Project – 2017/2018 Construct floodway widening and bifurcation on left bank of floodway below Thornton Road Bridge.</p>	<p>Flood Recovery Repair works are underway across all River Schemes. A total of 520 sites have now been identified in the repair programme across the region, and 223 are associated with the Rangitaiki-Tarawera River scheme. At this point across the programme approximately 100 very high and high priority projects have either been completed or initiated. For the Rangitāiki-Tarawera 47 sites are either completed or are in progress.</p> <p>The total work programme for the Rangitaiki-Tarawera Rivers scheme has an estimated value of \$28.7m (including the Edgecumbe stopbank realignment).</p> <p>The recovery team is working with central government and our insurers to maximise funding to offset project costs. Additional resources have been engaged to complete the 3 year project alongside business as usual staff.</p> <p>Contract let to Tracks concrete. Works commenced in January 2018, construction works are on schedule for completion in May.</p> <p>\$260,000 (total spent to date).</p>	●
BOPRC	<p>Edgecumbe Township – College Road Stopbank Replacement Procurement of land \$1,640,000 Stopbank replacement \$3,271,811</p>	<p>The procurement of land has been completed and work has begun on the demolishing of those sites in preparation for the stop bank realignment work to begin.</p> <p>The college Road Stop bank realignment is currently out for tender.</p> <p>\$1,995,000 (total spent to date)</p>	●



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BOPRC	<p>Engineering</p> <p>Internal – Engineering designs meet professional engineering standards and are peer reviewed.</p> <p>External – Flood warnings at pre-determined levels are given in accordance with the flood warning manual.</p> <p>\$3,880,000.</p>	<p>All being undertaken as required.</p>	
	<p>Raise stopbank level on left bank of the floodway from Fonterra to Fraser's farm (boundary of recently completed Stage 1a works).</p>	<p>Work deferred until 2018/2019</p>	





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BOPRC	<p>Biosecurity Work Programme for Rangitāiki 2017/2018 Rangitāiki Catchment for 2017/2018 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Working with MPI, Waikato Regional Council, DOC to contain the spread of dama wallabies. ➤ Review of the RPMP. ➤ Pest Plant management (includes surveillance, control, monitoring and compliance) – contorta pine, alligator weed, climbing spindleberry, old man’s beard, yellow flag iris, African feather grass, ginger, woolly nightshade, wild kiwifruit. <p>\$54,500 Contorta \$15,000 Alligator weed \$35,000 Pest plants \$17,000 Wallaby \$10,000 Pest animals \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pest animal management (includes surveillance, control, monitoring and compliance) – wallaby, rooks, pest fish (currently not known to be present). ➤ Didymo surveillance. ➤ Biosecurity advisory. 	<p>Wallaby surveillance and control planned for a number of sites near the Rangitāiki River. Planning underway with Hancock Forestry for a control operation at Nursery Road in the Matahina Forest on what is believed to be a satellite population. Sightings provided in the area will be dealt with as a priority as they arise. (\$574 total budget spent to date).</p> <p>Significant time and effort has been put into the RPMP review during the period. Cost-benefit analysis was conducted on a number of species to determine if investment in them makes sense. The decisions from this analysis will help shape what we propose in the next plan. Draft rules are in the process of being developed as well as MOUs with Crown Agencies to support the management of pest species on Crown land in the absence of Good Neighbour rules.</p> <p>Surveillance began in Spring/early Summer for a number of species. Biggest programme in the reporting period was Alligator weed. First inspection in December identified 64 sites along the river which were controlled. Second surveillance round scheduled for early 2018. Planning for other RPMP pest work underway but most will be completed in between January and April.</p> <p>Operational Plan report was presented and received by Council on 14 September 2017 as required under the Biosecurity Act 1993.</p>	





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WDC	<p>Whakatāne District Recovery Plan – Rangitāiki</p> <p>Achievement of projects and other activities as per the natural and rural environment workstream programme – including achieving measures/milestones as approved in the recovery plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 169 families from moderately affected (yellow) houses have had repairs completed and are able to move back home. • 135 Welcome Home Packs have been distributed to residents who have returned home. • Navigators continue to make contact with flood affected families to provide support. The main issues are health & wellbeing. Additional building advisory support is available to those families who are undertaking or managing their own home rebuilds. • MBIE temporary housing update: There is 1 household waiting for a porta cabin; and 5 families awaiting rental properties. • The residential advisory service (RAS) saw clients at Te Tari Awhina over a 2-day period in December; with a further visit scheduled in early February. RAS anticipate completion by mid-February. • The 45th Recovery Newsletter will be the final published in the Whakatāne Beacon. Fortnightly newsletters will continue to be produced and distributed via the mail chimp database, Recovery webpage and Facebook. Residents who do not have email access have been offered a postal delivery and hard copies will continue to be available from Te Tari Awhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library. <p>River repair, college road project in Edgecumbe and river scheme management overall is commented on in BOPRC section of report.</p>	
WDC	<p>Lake Aniwhaniwa (Aniwhenua)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review Reserves Management Plan ➤ Manage campground and facilities ➤ Manage playground ➤ Manage recreational access to the lake ➤ Manage reserves within allocated operational budgets ➤ Support and work with the Murupara Community Board 		



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WDC	Edgecumbe Township <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manage Reserves within allocated operational budgets ➤ Support and work with the Rangitāiki Community Board 		
WDC	Thornton Domain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manage reserves within allocated operational budgets ➤ Support and work with the Rangitāiki Community Board 		
WDC	Coastal Arterial Route Study 2011 The small scale safety improvements are included in the LTP and are being progressively implemented. Larger scale projects are proposed for the 2018-28 LTP.		
WDC	Integrated Wastewater Scheme This scheme is currently in initial stages of development. Should the funding be available work in 2017/2018 financial year would involve consenting, development of more detail designs, community consultation etc. Current estimates for the scheme are \$32M for the Matatā/Edgecumbe/Whakatāne scheme		
TDC	TD2050 refresh Draft document out for consultation late 2017	Consultation in March/April 2018. Some issues have arisen for this project as a result of the return of some land to Tuharetoa and the receipt of a plan change for land at Whareroa.	
TDC	District plan review Section 78 of the RMA requires the Council to commence a review of the district plan in 2017. The District Plan Team are currently formulating a project plan for the review. It has not been decided whether this will be a full review or not. N/A until project plan finalised and approved. Existing budget being reviewed as part of project plan formulation. Budgets expected to be included in 2018-2028 LTP.	Project plan will be completed in April 2018; staff shortage has resulted in a delay in this work.	



	What we said we would do	What we achieved	Project Status
TDC	<p>Maintenance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the northern part of Taharua Road, Matea Road, Matea Bridge and Rangitaiki School Road 	Taharua Road off Napier-Taupō Road was sealed in December 2017 as part of our regular annual road resealing programme.	
TDC	<p>Washed out gully on Matea Road</p> <p>This \$60,000 project is dependent on budget allocations (may need to occur in 2018/2019).</p>	Council has employed a consultant to apply for resource consent from BOPRC to undertake to work in a watercourse and earthworks. The pumice is to be sourced from Landcorp farm at Matea Station. Work is expected to be undertaken in the 2018/2019 financial year. Temporary measures are in place to control further erosion of the roadside fill embankment. TDC are planning a seal extension as part of the project to ensure that drainage in future is better managed (part of the problem is the gravel on the currently unsealed road washing into culverts blocking them and leading to greater water run off further down the road).	

2017/2018 Proposed Budgets

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Budget	2017/18 Budget
Freshwater Futures	Existing budgets
Science	\$605,000
Tangata Whenua engagement and involvement	Existing budgets
Land Management Rangitāiki Catchments	\$360,729
Maritime	\$5,500
Kotahitanga Strategic Engagement	\$32,850
Regulatory Compliance	\$
Consents	\$
Rivers & Drainage	\$3,578,611
Engineering	\$8,791,811
Biosecurity	\$132,500
Total	\$4,631,098

Whakatāne District Council Budget	2017/18 Budget
Places and Open Spaces	\$10,000
Three Waters	\$32,000,000
Planning	Existing budgets
Roading	Existing budgets
Total	\$32,010,000

Taupō District Council Budget	2017/18 Budget
TD2050 refresh	Existing Budgets
District plan review	Existing Budgets
Maintenance of the northern part of Taharua Road, Matea Road, Matea Bridge and Rangitāiki School Road	Existing Budgets
Washed out gully on Matea Road	Existing Budgets
Total	\$