



# Te pūrongo ā-tau Annual Report

For year ending  
30 June 2022

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# Tīmatanga kōrero Introduction



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# From Mayor James Denyer

Tēnā koutou,

**It has been another challenging year for many people in the Western Bay.**

Uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain issues, and the volatile economic environment (increasing inflation and interest rates).

As a Council we face these same challenges, navigating the pressure on our operations and finances to keep our District thriving for future generations.

This means ensuring infrastructure continues to meet the needs of our communities, provides for economic, cultural, social and environmental aspects of wellbeing and provides infrastructure to enable further growth to occur.

The Western Bay economy has shown great resilience in the face of such challenges, and I am proud of the way that our people have adapted and are moving forward in the new environment.

A big win for us was securing \$38 million from the Kāinga Ora-led Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

to upgrade the State Highway 2 / Ōmokoroa Road intersection.

It's been a long journey to get here, but with funding secured we can now address the existing safety and capacity issues at the intersection, unlocking critical new housing potential in Ōmokoroa.

We expect more than 900 new homes will be constructed across Ōmokoroa by 2029 – including a mix of standalone homes, affordable homes and medium density housing – and so this interim roundabout is a critical piece of infrastructure to accommodate this growth.

Speaking of planning for growth, we kicked off our long-awaited District Plan review. A one in 10-year project, our Your Place Tō wāhi campaign is where we can work together to care for the places we love, and make the best decisions for our communities now and into the future.

## ***We're in a good place financially***

For the fourth straight year we maintained our AA credit rating with global credit ratings agency, Standard and Poor's.

Maintaining this strong credit rating is important as we face future challenges from global economic uncertainty, and closer to home, increasing interest rates and the cost of supplies, or general living.

### **Key highlights include:**

- A \$7.2 million increase in subsidies and grants as a result of Waka Kotahi and Crown Infrastructure Partners funding.
- \$40.9 million investment in capital expenditure on our infrastructure assets which is a \$7.9 million increase from the previous year.
- A \$122.2 million non-cash gain resulting from an appreciation



in value of our assets through the revaluation process which happens every year for roading assets and every three years for all other asset classes.

Looking ahead, 2023 will see us having some big decisions to make financially as we all grapple with the national, and international, economic climate.

But I can assure you we will work hard to take a prudent and balanced approach to financial management while delivering the important infrastructure, services and facilities that the Western Bay relies on.

### ***Celebrating our successes***

In the last 12 months Council has celebrated many achievements. Some highlights include:

- **We formalised our commitment in writing to return the 172 hectares of land, commonly known as Panepane Pūrākau on Matakana Island, to the local hapū.** The signing of the deed by Council and the five hapū of Matakana and Rangiwaia Islands - Ngai Tuwhiwhia, Ngati Tauaiti, Te Ngare, Te Whānau a Tauwhao and Ngai Tamawhariua - follows Council's unanimous decision in October 2020 to return the whenua.
- **We introduced livestreaming to all Council and committee meetings,** via our YouTube channel, to enable a greater public participation.
- **We resealed 57km of road through our summer reseal programme.** Seal extensions completed have included Williams Road, Mountain Road and Valley View Road.
- **We completed the \$1.06 million revamp to Ōmokoroa Domain** with a destination playground featuring swings, trampolines, tunnels, climbing structures and a mouse wheel.
- **We allocated \$3.42 million of Crown Infrastructure Partners funding to improving and upgrading** wastewater and water infrastructure to and for marae and papakāinga housing. This enabled 15 Marae to either upgrade their Onsite Effluent Wastewater Treatment (OSET)

system or to connect to Council's wastewater network - minimising environmental effects, ensuring sanitary conditions and allowing the marae to be fully functional.

- **Our Kerbside Collective service had a phenomenal first year** with Western Bay residents stopping 3300 tonnes of material from going to landfill - 1376 tonnes of glass, 575 tonnes of food waste and 1349 tonnes of mixed recycling.
- **TECT Park clinching the Active Park/Sportsground category at the Green Pavlova Awards.** The park was also a top 10 winner in the Green Flag International People's Choice Award. All the Green Flag Award winning parks from around the world are entered in a people's choice contest with the top park from each nation claiming a coveted spot in the top 10. TECT Park was the highest voted park from Aotearoa New Zealand.

### ***Keeping an eye on the reforms***

One thing we cannot ignore is that local government is facing reviews and reforms from central government that will have a major impact on the role councils have in the community.

These reforms include: Three Waters, Resource Management Act and the Future for Local Government.

The reforms aim to achieve better outcomes for communities and the environment, deliver efficiency improvements, and give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The reviews and reforms provide considerable opportunity to further the purpose of local government and will fundamentally change the system that local government operates within, including how decisions are made and by whom, what local government does and how it does it, and who local government needs to work with to enable community wellbeing.

As a Council we are committed to being future ready and will be keeping across the reform process as it begins to take shape.

Our community is important to us and we will continue to advocate for them at all levels and at every opportunity.

### ***Looking ahead***

2022/23 is shaping up to be a big year of mahi for us as we continue our Your Place Tō wāhi (District Plan Review) kōrero and start the journey that is our Long Term Plan 2024-34. Plus, a few other key planning projects.

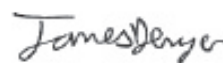
I cannot stress how important these kōrero will be as we work together to outline what the community want to achieve in the long term and establish a pathway for Council to make this a reality.

At certain times along the way we will be keen to get your thoughts, and so I encourage you to take part, as the feedback you share with us throughout the process will help set our priorities as we embark on a new journey to plan for change and growth.

Work will also continue with neighbouring councils, central government and key agencies to progress the development of the sub-region. The Joint Spatial Plan and Transport System Plan are key initiatives within this - outlining the plans to integrate growth and transport planning in the sub-region in the long term (50+ years).

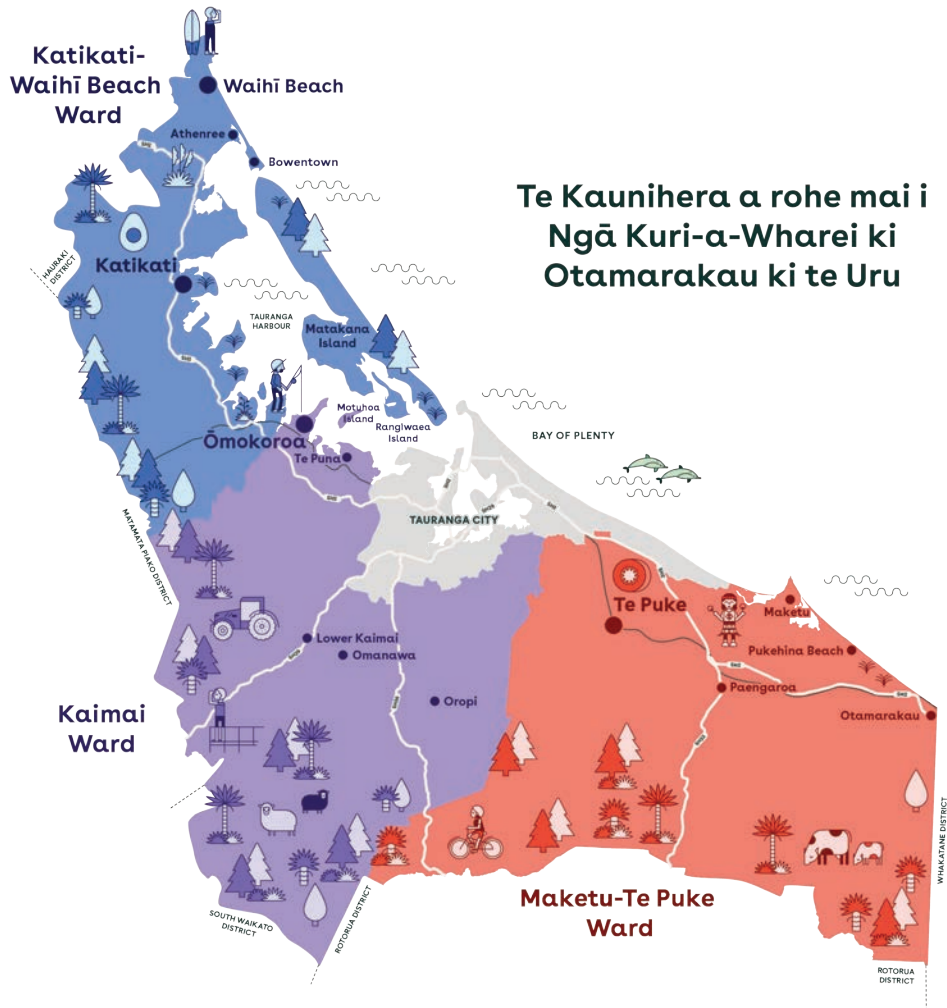
We will be paying close attention to the 2023 general election and potential impact on the local government operating environment. We will be ready to adapt quickly while being pragmatic, prudent and inclusive in taking the Western Bay forward.

Ngā mihi nui



James Denyer  
**Mayor**  
**Western Bay of Plenty**  
**District Council**

# Our District - key facts



Te Kaunihera a rohe mai i  
Ngā Kuri-a-Whareī ki  
Otamarakau ki te Uru

## Katikati/ Waihi Beach Ward

- Estimated population of **14,370** (2018 census), which is an increase of 2370 people from 2013.
- The projected population in 2063 is **17,200**.
- **35%** increase of Asian ethnicity between 2013 and 2018, while Pacifica ethnicity increased **26%**.
- **40%** of households were 'couples' according to the 2018 Census.

## Kaimai Ward

- Estimated population of **19,014** (2018 census), which is an increase of 3753 people from 2013.
- The projected population in 2063 is **28,500**.
- **Over 90%** of people indicated they were of European ethnicity (2018 Census).
- **15%** of people indicated they were of Māori ethnicity (2018 Census).

## Te Puke/ Maketu Ward

- Estimated population of **18,940** (2018 census), which is an increase of 3082 people from 2013.
- The projected population in 2063 is **21,690**.
- **28%** of the people indicated they were of Māori ethnicity in 2018. **12%** indicated they were Asian.
- **50%** increase to the Asian and Pacifica ethnicities between 2013 and 2018 (2018 Census).

## Key statistics

Please note: At the time of publication, financial information for the 2022/23 year was based on forecast and unaudited.



### The District's size

covers 195,000 hectares of land, 202 kilometers of harbour, and 55 kilometers of ocean coastline.



### Geographic communities

- 58 percent rural
- 42 percent urban



### 21 percent

of residents in the District are over 65-years-old, higher than the national average of 15 percent.



### 19 percent

of the population in the District are less than 15-years-old, very close to the national average of 20 percent.



### 19 percent

of the District's population identify themselves as Māori which is higher than the national average of 17 percent.



### Ethnicity

- 71 percent Pākehā
- 19 percent Māori
- 3 percent Pacifica
- 7 percent Asian



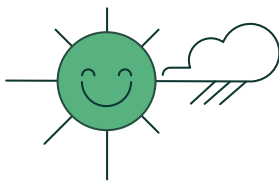
### Tangata Whenua

- 11 Iwi groups
- 74 Hapū
- 23 Marae



### The future

In 2018, the estimated population of the Western Bay of Plenty District was 58,329. This is predicted to grow to 71,387 by 2052.



## District climate

The District has a warm, sunny climate with an average of 2346 sunshine hours per year.



## District rainfall

The District has a moderate rainfall of 1200-2400mm per year.



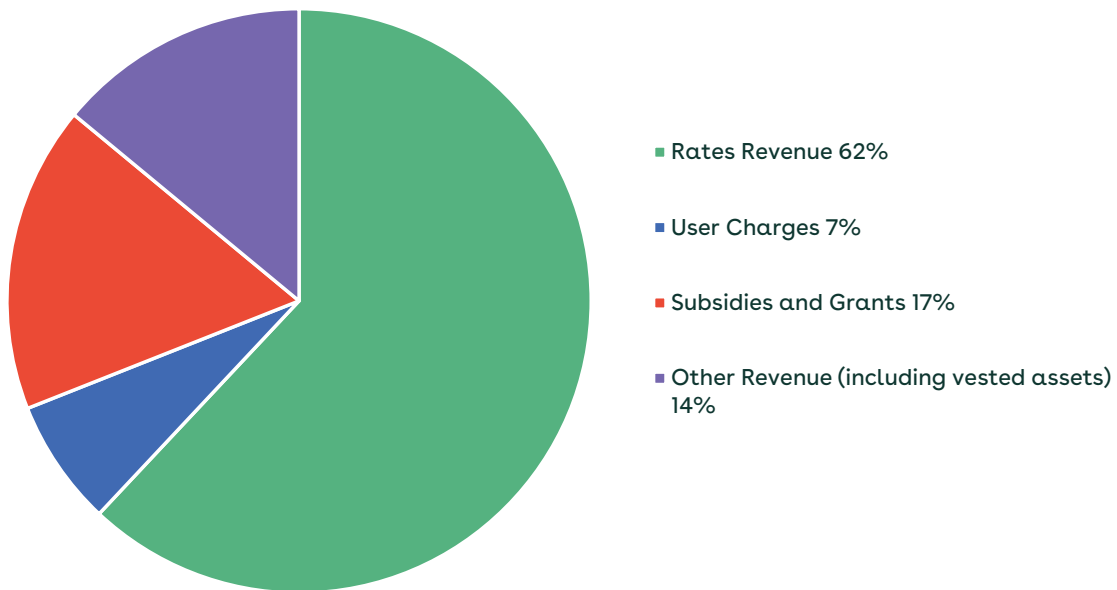
## Agriculture and horticulture

These are the main economic drivers of the Western Bay of Plenty District and the greater Tauranga and Western Bay sub-region.

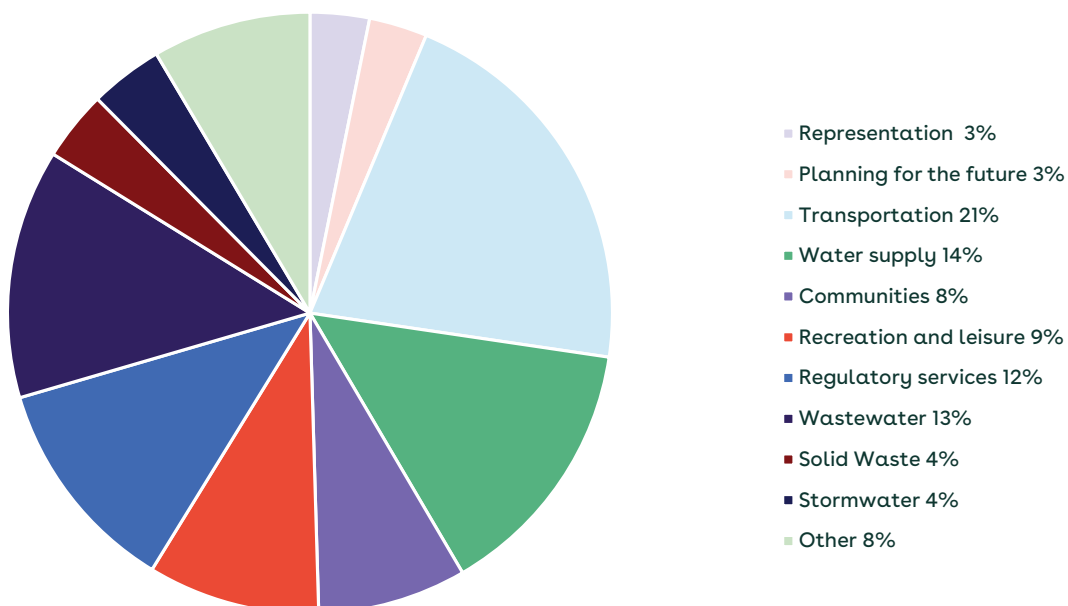
# Finance summary overview

Western Bay of Plenty District Council has reported a net surplus of \$24.6 million compared with a budgeted operating surplus of \$18.5 million. The major contributor to this increased surplus was subsidies and grants and vested assets.

**Graph 1**  
Council Revenue 2021/22 \$143 million



**Graph 2**  
Council operating expenditure 2021/22 \$110.4 million



## The Council



Currently owns

**\$1.66 billion**

worth of physical assets as at 30 June 2022, compared to \$1.51 billion as at 30 June 2021.



Net debt is:

**\$59.5 million**

as at 30 June 2022, compared to \$64.2 million as at 30 June 2021.



Overall the District has equity of

**\$1.61 billion**

as at 30 June 2022, compared to \$1.46 billion as at 30 June 2021.



**\$40.9 million**

of capital expenditure was spent on infrastructure and assets

in 2021/22, compared to \$33 million in 2020/21.

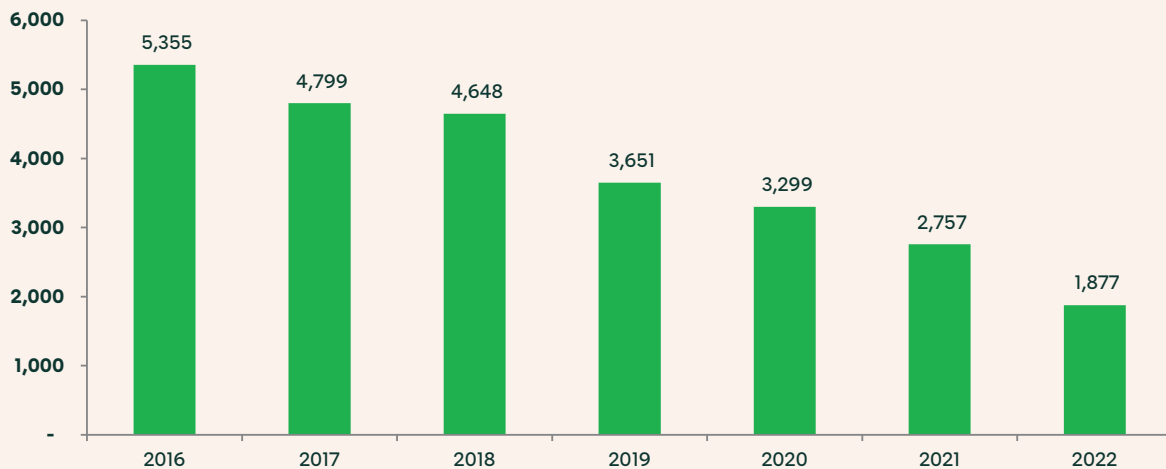


**\$135 million**

of total income generated in 2021/22

compared to \$124.1 million in 2020/21.

Net debt per rateable property



# Role of this Annual Report

This Annual Report is provided to compare Western Bay of Plenty District Council's actual performance for the year against what was forecast in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.

## Planning and reporting framework

Under the Local Government Act 2002, a Local Authority must prepare and adopt the following documents:

### Long Term Plan (LTP)

(Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002) identifies Western Bay of Plenty District Council's plans for the Western Bay over a 10 year period. It is reviewed every three years. Council's latest LTP was agreed in 2021 and came into effect on 1 July 2021.

### Annual Plan

(Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002) is produced in the two intervening years between each LTP. It outlines any significant changes Council has made to the LTP and contains the annual budget.

## Annual Report

(Section 98 of the Local Government Act) provides details of Council's actual performance for all activities against the plans for a specific year of the LTP or Annual Plan.

## Summary Annual Report

(Section 98 (4)(b)) of the Local Government Act provides a summary of information contained in Council's Annual Report.

## Bringing the planning process together

### Community Outcomes

How the Community wants the District to be.

### Long Term Plan

How the council will go about achieving the Community Outcomes.

### Annual Report

What was achieved.

### Annual Plan

Annual Budget.

# Statement of compliance

**Western Bay of Plenty District Council hereby confirms all statutory requirements in relation to the Annual Report, as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002, have been complied with.**



**John Holyoake**  
Chief Executive Officer



**James Denyer**  
Mayor

