

TRC ready to meet challenges ahead



Protecting rivers, lakes and wetlands from pollution.

Protecting and restoring biodiversity



Biosecurity, including controlling animal and plant pests.

Taranaki Regional Council has adopted its Annual Plan for the year ahead.

The 2023/24 Annual Plan builds on our work caring for the region's environment, controlling pest animals and plants, managing three regional gardens, protecting people and property from natural hazards, providing public transport and working with communities and iwi.

The Plan prepares the Council to face the challenges ahead including changing regulations around freshwater, Resource Management Act (RMA) reform, mitigating against climate change and dealing with high inflationary pressures.

To meet these challenges, the Plan includes additional investment and spending will rise to \$53.8m (compared to \$45m for 2023/2024 in the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan (LTP)). General rates will increase by \$1.77m (15%) for 2023/2024 – an extra \$30 per year for most residential ratepayers. The LTP had forecast a \$0.58m (5%) rise for 2023/2024. The Dividend Equalisation Reserve, grown through the Council's long-standing ownership of Port Taranaki Ltd, contributed \$1m to offset the rise in general rates.

While there are no new work programmes to those set out in the LTP, specific additions in the Plan include more staff in the science and land management areas and extra resources to develop the Natural Resources Plan.

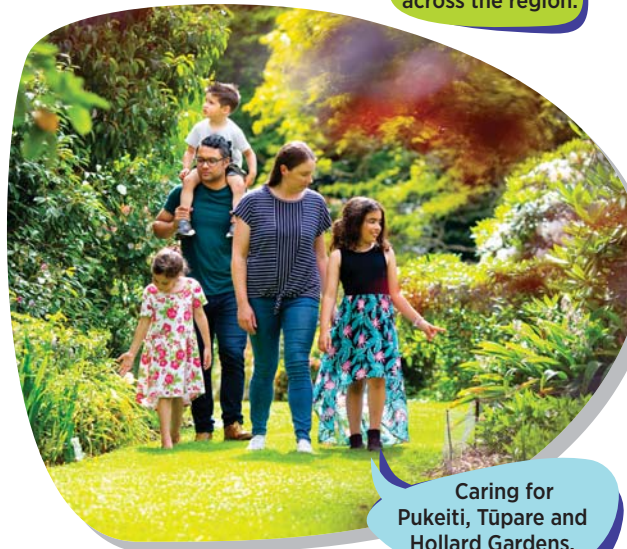
The Council will also invest further in public transport to meet the rising demand from the community. The Annual Plan takes effect from 1 July 2023.



Providing public transport across the region.



Owning and ensuring good governance of Port Taranaki Ltd.



Caring for Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens.



Providing flood protection.



Ensuring the ongoing development of Yarrow Stadium.

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