WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT
ON
Thursday, 5 November 2026
11.30am
At the Little Wanganui Hall

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Please let WCRC know if there is anything you would like discussed at this meeting that is not on the agenda by Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Please contact Cloe Nieper (cloe.griffin-nieper@wcrc.govt.nz) or Michael Beagle (michael.beagle@wcrc.govt.nz) with your queries.

Item 3	**Kongahu Rating District Meeting Minutes – 4th February 2026**
Author	Cloe Griffin-Nieper Catchment Management Coordinator
Authoriser	
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes of the Kongahu Rating District Meeting of 4th February 2026

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council/the Committee resolve to:

1. *Confirm that the minutes of the Kongahu Rating District Meeting held on 4th February 2026 are a true and correct record.*

Attachments

Attachment 1: Minutes of the Kongahu Rating District Meeting held on 4th February 2026

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT
HELD AT THE LITTLE WANGANUI HALL ON 4 FEBRUARY 2026, COMMENCING AT 11:00 AM.

PRESENT (Rating District Members)
F. Bjerring
G. Volckman
L. Kees
B. Jones
R. Anderson

IN ATTENDANCE (Staff)
Cr Smith (Councillor - West Coast Regional Council)
Cr Coll (Councillor - West Coast Regional Council)
W. Spencer (Team Lead, Catchment Management - West Coast Regional Council)
P. Birchfield (Area Engineer - West Coast Regional Council)
B. Murphy (Engineering Officer - West Coast Regional Council)
L. Crozier (Business Support Officer, Catchment Management - West Coast Regional Council)
E. Rutherford-Jones (Manager Biosecurity - West Coast Regional Council)

Apologies
Apologies were received from R. Hedgeman, Cr McIntyre, B. Kees, F. Volckman.

Moved (Anderson / Kees) *apology from F. Deans is accepted.*

Carried

Welcome and Minutes of Last Meeting
Cr Smith opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the West Coast Regional Council (WCRC) staff.

Moved (Kees / Jones) *That the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 11 December 2024, be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

Carried

Matters Arising
It was noted that the Terms of Reference document had already been signed, with only the Chairman's signature required to complete the process.

No formal resolution was required. The Chair would sign the document after the meeting.

Election of Officers
The Committee agreed that the current members remain in place for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year.

The Committee also agreed to re-elect Brian Jones as Spokesperson for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year.

Moved:

R. Anderson,
B Jones,
K. Kees,
F Volckman,
G. Volckman,
L Kees,
G. Kees,
K. Gavigan,
B. Bjerring.

Moved (Kees / Anderson) *That;*
1. *The present liaison committee, consisting of the above remains.*
2. *B. Jones is re-elected as Spokesperson, for the 2025-2026 financial year.*

Carried

Movers *–B. Jones/L. Kees - Carried.*

Catastrophe Fund Paper
W. Spencer provided an update on the catastrophe fund:
- WCRC holds a fund for emergencies in an account. The funds are readily available for immediate repairs following damage events.
- The fund serves as a loan until other funding sources (such as insurance) become available. Rating Districts that use the fund are expected to repay it.
- The fund was cited as useful during the July 2021 Westport event, allowing immediate action to repair damaged infrastructure.
- The fund operates as an interest-free loan that enables quick response to emergencies.
- The fund maintains a balance of one million dollars, with any interest earned going toward reducing rates.
- The Committee queried whether the fund operates like an insurance excess.
- The Chair confirmed that the fund is similar to an insurance excess, with the first call for funding coming from scheme reserves.
- It was clarified that while the money is held in the fund, it provides a return that helps keep rates as low as possible.

Financial Report

P. Birchfield presented the finance report, noting several items missing from the statement:

- Additional updated work support.
- Insurance will be removed as a credit from last year of $3,187.00.
- Insurance assessment is conducted by an external assessor.
- Items that are uncertain are normally paid by the scheme.
- Rates haven't been taken out but will be reassessed. The reassessment is approximately $37.56.
- The Committee queried the aerodrome item, which was clarified as being the drone used for spraying operations.

P. Birchfield spoke on the financial report for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. She advised that the Kongahu Rating District had an opening balance of $25,062.07 with a total revenue of $27,156.29 less expenses of $8,437.00 for a closing balance of $43,781.36.

Moved *(Anderson / Kees) to receive the Finance Report with the noted amendments.*

Carried

Annual Works Report

The balance in the Rating District maintenance account at the beginning of the 2026/ 2027 financial year is likely to be approximately $32,000 The target balance for the 'prudent reserve' for this rating district is $50,000.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of drone spraying compared to helicopter spraying:

- The Committee queried whether the drone provides value for money compared to helicopter spraying and whether the drone provides sufficient penetration of spray into plants, particularly for taller vegetation.
- WCRC Biosecurity manager E. Rutherford-Jones reported that:
    - She has observed the drone in operation, and it provides a good downdraft.
    - The team is satisfied with the control being achieved.
    - The drone can get closer to targeted areas than helicopters.
- E. Rutherford-Jones explained that plant growth rates impact herbicide effectiveness, particularly with systemic herbicides like glyphosate and metsulfuron, which require active plant growth for translocation.
- It was noted that glyphosate had been used on gorse and broom this year with varying results.

Moved (*Volckman / Jones) that the Annual Works Report be received.*

Carried

Rates 2026/ 2027

P. Birchfield advised that the balance of the Rating District account at the beginning of the 2026-2027 financial year was likely to be $32,000.

She proposed rates strike of $28,399.48 which included $26,978.00 of rates, and $1,600.80 of Engineering Cost Recovery.

Moved (Kees/ Jones) *That rate strike for Kongahu Rating District is $28,399.48 Excl GST for the 2026-2027 financial year.*

Carried

Asset Management Report

The report purpose is to socialise the new Asset Management System developed to be used by WCRC staff, which is to enable good practice asset management across the region.

WCRC has invested in an IT system, (GIS Enterprise Online), to manage flood, drainage, and erosion protection assets through a process that captures a defined set of engineering inspections.

Moved-*To receive the report R. Anderson/L. Kees.*

RATING DISTRICT REVIEW

Council is reviewing all 19 flood and drainage rating districts (excluding Joint Committee areas) as part of the 2024–27 Long Term Plan, with completion by 30 June 2026. The review addresses governance, funding, and service delivery, as the current approach is complex, inconsistent, and often reactive. No changes will occur until Council decisions are made, and any future changes would include consultation.

Moved-*To receive the report R. Anderson/G. Volckman.*

STOPBANK CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Stopbanks are built to help protect communities from flooding. For them to work well, they need to slow down the movement of water through the structure. If they are built from material that allows water to flow through too easily, water can seep through the stopbank during a flood. This can weaken the structure, cause internal erosion, and increase the chance that the stopbank may not perform when it is needed most. Using suitable material is therefore a key safety requirement.

This memo is not applicable to the Kongahu Scheme.

Moved-*To receive the report R. Anderson/L. Kees.*

WCRC QUICK GUIDE TO CAPEX

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a copy of the WCRC Quick Guide to Capital Expenditure (Capex) Classification for information purposes.

The WCRC Quick Guide to Capital Expenditure (Capex) Classification has been developed to assist ratepayers, rating district committee members and Council staff determine when expenditure should be treated as either Capital (Capex) or Operating Expenditure (Opex).

Moved-*To receive the report R. Anderson/L. Kees.*

UPDATE ON 10-YEAR RIVER AND COASTAL SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Council is progressing implementation of the 10-Year River and Coastal Survey Strategy. A specialist is being engaged to translate the strategy into a prioritised, practical programme that aligns survey priorities with extraction pressures, regulatory requirements, and infrastructure management needs.

Moved-*To receive the report R. Anderson/L. Kees.*

ACTIONS KONGAHU RATING DISTRICT

<u>Weed Control & Spraying</u>

- Revisit feasibility research comparing drone vs helicopter spraying and report findings.
- Assess spray products, schedules, EPA compliance, and residue levels.
- Present spraying options and a recommended approach.
- Inspect centre drain weed issue and advise on treatment.
- Follow up with spray contractor on specific properties.
- Develop a 5-year spraying programme.

<u>Drain Maintenance & Engineering</u>

- Assess and coordinate mechanical drain clean-out options.
- Confirm priority drain sections once advised by the Rating District.
- Evaluate funding options (reserve vs existing budgets) for maintenance works.

<u>Asset Management & Compliance</u>

- Investigate and improve drainage asset records, mapping, inspections, and maintenance history.
- Ensure compliance with Local Government Act asset management requirements.

<u>Land, Easements & Consents</u>

- Investigate Kings Chain/drainage easement / historic agreement issues.
- Progress or amend Blackwater Creek consent applications and affected-party assessment.

Committee Input (Advisory / Direction Only)

- Indicating priority areas for drain clean-outs.
- Expressing preference on spraying methods (drone, helicopter, combined approach).
- Providing feedback on budget tolerance (rates stability vs increased activity).
- Confirming whether to maintain current rates strike or review in future years.

Item	**Actions List**
Author	Cloe Griffin-Nieper Catchment Management Coordinator
Authoriser	
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

This report is a summary of items that require actions. The responsible Area Engineer have updated the list and will address their respective action items.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council/the Committee resolve to:

1. Receive the actions list and the information noted.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Actions List Public – Update.

Kongahu

Item No.	Reference	Date of Meeting	Item	Assigned Person/s	Update
1.		4th February 2026	Weed Control & Spraying - Revisit feasibility research comparing drone vs helicopter spraying and report findings. - Assess spray products, schedules, EPA compliance, and residue levels. - Present spraying options and a recommended approach. - Inspect centre drain weed issue and advise on treatment. - Follow up with spray contractor on specific properties. - Develop a 5-year spraying programme.	Wayne Spencer	Complete - all physical works have been completed by the spray contractor for last FY/summer. The next set of spray operations are being planned for September onwards?

2.			<u>Drain Maintenance & Engineering</u> - Assess and coordinate mechanical drain clean-out options. - Confirm priority drain sections once advised by the Rating District. - Evaluate funding options (reserve vs existing budgets) for maintenance works.	Wayne Spencer Paulette Birchfield	Mechanical clean out completed April 2026
3.			<u>Asset Management & Compliance</u> - Investigate and improve drainage asset records, mapping, inspections, and maintenance history. - Ensure compliance with Local Government Act asset management requirements.	Lillian Croizer	- Complete drainage asset inventory (complete) - Verify and update GIS mapping (complete). - Capture condition data and photographs (complete). - Link historic maintenance records to assets (medium term). - Develop inspection programme (medium term). - Develop planned maintenance schedule (medium term). - Identify renewal priorities (long term). - Annual review to ensure compliance with Council Asset Management Policy and Local Government Act | (Ongoing)

5	**Kongahu Rating District Election of Committee**
Author	Cloe Nieper, Catchment Coordinator
Authoriser	Michael Beagle, Group Manager, Catchment Management
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

As per clause 1 of the Kongahu Rating District Agreement, the Rating District Committee shall be formed immediately after each triennial election. The purpose of this report is to receive verbal nominations for, and elect, the Spokesperson, Deputy Spokesperson and committee members.

The Chairperson will call for the above nominations and seek a mover and seconder. West Coast Regional Council Standing Orders shall apply.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Appoint the following to the Kongahu Rating District Committee:*
   a. *_____ as Spokesperson;*
   b. *_____as Deputy Spokesperson; and*
   c. *_____ as Committee Members.*

Attachments

Attachment 1: Kongahu Rating District Current Committee Membership (extract).
Attachment 2: Kongahu Rating District Current Terms of Reference.

Attachment 1: Kongahu Rating District Committee Extraction.

Election of Officers

The Committee agreed that the current members remain in place for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year.

The Committee also agreed to re-elect Brian Jones as Spokesperson for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year.

Moved:

R. Anderson,
B Jones,
K. Kees,
F Volckman,
G. Volckman,
L Kees,
G. Kees,
K. Gavigan,
B. Bjerring.

Moved (Kees / Anderson) *That;*

1. *The present liaison committee, consisting of the above remains.*
2. *B. Jones is re-elected as Spokesperson, for the 2025-2026 financial year.*

Carried

Movers *–B. Jones/L. Kees - Carried.*

CONFIRMED

THE WEST COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Kongahu Rating District Agreement

Proposed– April 2024

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Reason for Submission	Revision Number	Revision Date	Approval
New Document		02 April 2024	
Version 2	2	11 July 2024	D.L (revision of use of funds outside of scheduled maintenance works)
Version 3	3	9 October 2024	

Rating District Committee Agreement

Background

A. The WCRC is empowered by Section 126 of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 to take such steps as are necessary for the prevention of damage by floods; and

B. Is empowered by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to raise the funds necessary to carry out their respective function.

C. Any flood protection structure built because of this agreement is owned by the WCRC. The land the flood defense assets are on is under various ownership.

Structure and Operation of the Rating District (RD) Committee

1. Once each triennium immediately following the election of the West Coast Regional Council councilors the RD Committee shall be formed including the appointment of a spokesperson/chairperson, by the ratepayers within the district. The number of committee members representing the rating district shall be decided by the ratepayers within the district.

2. The quorum of the Committee members required for decision making and meetings shall be decided by the RD committee and confirmed during its formation triennially.

3. Meetings shall be held annually or as otherwise agreed by the Rating District Committee.

4. Notification of meetings and the publication of agendas and reports shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Part 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and will be undertaken by the secretariat who is employed by the WCRC.

5. Minutes of all RD Committee meetings shall be provided to the next meeting of the RD.

Terms of Reference & Delegations

6. Each year the RD committee shall consider any staff and/or expert reports and ascertain what work and budget requirements will be for the coming financial year to inform the WCRCs Annual Plan and Long-Term Plans.

7. The RD Committee shall not have any funding or rate-setting authority. But advises the wcrc on this matter at annual meetings.

8. WCRC as the Rating Body for the Rating District is the final decision maker on the annual work plan and setting the appropriate rate to fund the agreed works.

9. The RD committee must formally decide on whether they are a maintenance scheme, a capital scheme or both. This can be changed at any time with written consent of both parties.

10. The RD committee shall have a quorum of 4 committee members endorse the use of RD funds when moving from annually agreed work plan.

11. For significant decisions such as major scheme capital upgrades or maintenance and associated expenditure, dissolving the scheme, rating classification reviews etc., the spokesperson, committee or WCRC can call for a full voting procedure of all scheme ratepayers. A majority vote is set at a minimum of 75% of scheme ratepayers that have voted.

12. <Note 75% can be altered to a different majority percentage by each scheme but must be documented in the terms of reference>.

13. The WCRC shall administer an asset management system for all assets in the scheme and take this to the committee annually starting the 2025/2026 FY.

14. Any resource consents required for the scheme will be applied for, held and maintained by the WCRC, including adhering to conditions.

15. The RD committee's role is to review the annual work plan provided to it by the WCRC, receive and consider any independent expert advice, and make informed recommendations to WCRC for the final decision. The Committee may also make recommendations to the WCRC regarding:

    - Commissioning independent expert reports; and
    - Undertaking public consultation on rating classification classes, major capital works and other areas of significant public interest.

    WCRC will consider any recommendations of the RD committee in making any decisions on the above.

16. The WCRC has constituted a "Rating District" for the scheme and reserves the right to raise such funds as it may need to carry out its functions.

Variation of this Agreement

17. This agreement may be amended at any time, at the request of either the WCRC or the rating district committee, but such amendment will only take effect once both have formally received and adopted those changes sought.

SIGNATURES

SIGNED by

RATING DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON

by its authorised signatory

In the presence of:

Witness signature

BEVAN JOHN LANGFORD

Witness name

FARMER.

Witness Occupation

KARAMEA.

Witness Town of Residence

SIGNED by

WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

by its authorised signatory

In the presence of:

Witness signature

Witness name

Witness Occupation

Witness Town of Residence

REPORTS

7.1 (Report No. as per Index)	**Rating District Annual Asset Condition Report**
Author	Lillian Crozier, Asset Management Coordinator, Catchment Management
Authoriser	Michael Beagle, Group Manager, Catchment Management
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

To present the Kongahu Rating District Annual Asset Condition Report summary pamphlet for the 2025-2026 financial year and provide members with an opportunity to discuss the condition of scheme assets and matters requiring follow-up.

Report Summary

The Annual Asset Condition Report Summary Pamphlet brings together recorded asset information, inspection findings, condition ratings and identified defects for the scheme.

The summary pamphlet explains the key findings in plain language to support discussion. The information helps identify matters for engineering assessment, further inspection, maintenance planning and improvements to asset records. Proposed works, costs and funding are considered through the separate Annual Works Report and financial reporting process.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council/the Committee resolve to:

1. Receive the report.
2. Note the attached Annual Asset Condition Report summary pamphlet, including the findings and follow-up matters identified for the rating district.

Issues and Discussion

Background

West Coast Regional Council manages flood protection, drainage and erosion-control assets associated with its rating districts. Regular inspections and condition reporting help staff understand how these assets are performing and identify where further assessment or work may be required.

Current situation

Note: This report pamphlet is for information purposes only.

Considerations

Implications/risks

Condition and defect information supports prioritisation but must be considered alongside engineering judgement, the consequences of failure, scheme performance and available resources. A condition rating alone does not establish the level of protection provided. Follow-up may include further assessment, inspection, maintenance planning or correction of asset records. Any immediate safety or operational concerns should be addressed promptly through the appropriate Council processes.

Significance and Engagement Policy assessment

This paper presents information and does not seek approval for a change to levels of service, new expenditure or targeted rates. Any subsequent proposal arising from the findings will be assessed separately under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, as appropriate.

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this Policy.

Mana whenua views

No specific mana whenua views are recorded in this cover paper. Any matters relevant to mana whenua identified through the attached report or subsequent proposals should be considered through the appropriate Council engagement processes.

Staff are not aware of any issues within this report which would impact mana whenua.

Views of affected parties

Rating district members are invited to provide local knowledge, raise concerns and discuss the findings and follow-up priorities. Relevant feedback will be recorded for staff consideration. Further engagement may be needed for any subsequent proposal affecting the scheme or its community.

Staff are not aware of any views of affected parties which impact on matters discussed in this Annual Asset Condition Report pamphlet.

Financial implications

Current budget

Receiving this report does not approve expenditure or alter the rating district's budget. Works, costs, rates and account balances are addressed through the separate Annual Works Report and financial reporting process.

Future implications

The findings may inform future maintenance, renewal or investigation requirements. Any proposed work will require engineering assessment, costing and consideration through the applicable planning, budget and approval processes.

Not applicable

Legal implications

No specific legal decision is sought through this information paper. Any subsequent works or changes to the scheme will be considered under the applicable Council processes and statutory requirements.

Not applicable

Attachments

Attachment: Kongahu Rating District Summary Pamphlet – 2025-2026 FY

Thank you

Thank you to Kongahu Rating District members and landowners for supporting inspections, maintenance and local knowledge of this drainage scheme.

The key message

Kongahu is a drainage scheme covering 783 hectares. The Council's asset system lists 21 assets. Two have a latest condition result: one drain is Good and one groyne could not be inspected. The other assets have no condition recorded yet. No defects were in the information supplied. The focus is to check the remaining assets, keep on top of weed and drain maintenance, and review the plan.

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Kongahu
Rating District

Our Drainage Scheme Assets
Annual Report 2025/26

A simple summary for our community – a talking point for our meeting

Welcome

This is a short summary of how the Kongahu drainage scheme is looking. It shows what we have, what condition it is in, what has been checked and what might happen next. It is here to help us talk together.

What is the Kongahu scheme?

The Kongahu Swamp once covered about 1,000 hectares between the Little Wanganui River and the Otumahana Lagoon. Draining it was first proposed in 1938. At the request of Karamea Federated Farmers a scheme was designed, approved in 1974 and built between 1976 and 1981: a contour drain on the eastern side to catch water from the hills, a re-graded Blackwater Creek, and an outfall drain on the western side. Today the scheme covers 783 hectares, mostly dairy farms. Part of the swamp is a Wildlife Reserve and whitebait breeding area.

Our assets in numbers

This is a drainage scheme – its assets are mainly drains and creek channels, not stopbanks.

21	783 ha	24.6 km
assets listed in the Council's asset system	of land inside the scheme	of earthworks in the original construction

Important – the AMP is being reviewed

The Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP) for Kongahu (2023–2026) is the guidebook for looking after the scheme. It is reviewed every three years and is now being reviewed and updated, so some things in this pamphlet may change. It is here to help start the conversation.

What happens next?

1. Check the assets with no condition recorded proposed

20 of the 21 assets on the list have no condition recorded. Check them, or enter the checks that have been done.

2. Decide what to do about the groyne

Groyne KHU-00000D-SPU01 could not be inspected and is noted as "serving no purpose any more". Decide whether it stays on the asset list.

3. Confirm the defect record

Confirm that no defects are recorded for Kongahu.

4. Keep on top of the weed

Keep working on parrot's feather and the regular drain cleaning and spraying set out in the plan.

5. Finish updating the Asset Management Plan

Review the Kongahu Asset Management Plan (AMP) (2023–2026): the asset list, how the service is measured and what work is coming. The plans and costs will be set out in the annual works report.

Questions we'd love to talk about

- ? Is there anything you would like more detail on?
- ? Are there local issues we should know about alongside this information?
- ? Do the maintenance priorities make sense?
- ? What should we keep a close eye on?
- ? What would be useful to see in next year's report?

Checks and follow-up

How often each asset is checked is being confirmed across all of the Council's schemes, so this may change. After each check, the results are recorded in the asset system and talked through with the Rating District. If checks find defects, a programme of works will be put together, discussed and agreed with the Rating District.

Where to find the rest

This booklet is about the **condition** of the assets and what has been **checked**.

The annual works report

Planned and proposed works, costs, rates and other money matters will be covered in the **annual works report**, which is written by the Area Engineers. It is a separate document, so none of those details are included here.

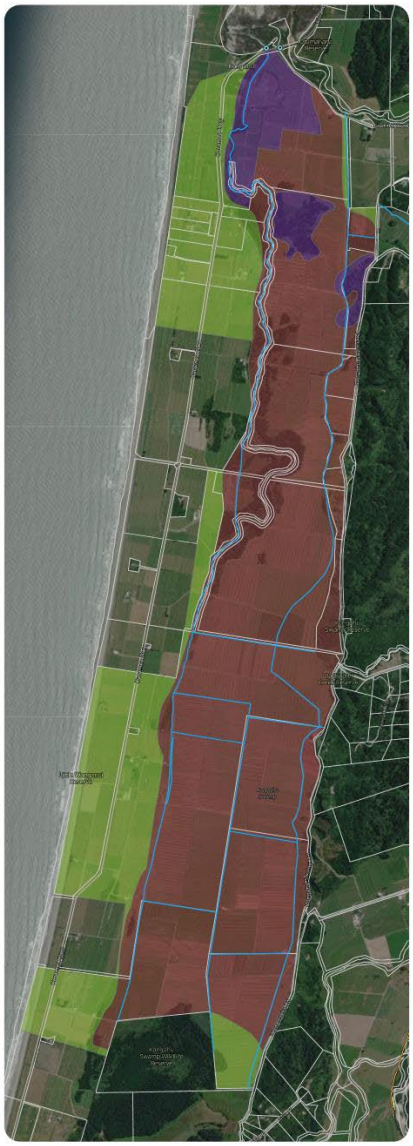
How the two fit together

This booklet: what we have, what condition it is in, what has been checked and what we might look at next.

Annual works report: what work is planned and what it involves.

Your notes from the meeting

Where are our assets?



Map of the Kongahu scheme (part), as supplied. Blue lines are the drains. Coloured areas are the rating classes (A, B and G).

How we keep an eye on them

Area Engineers carry out regular checks of the assets and give each one a condition score. Extra checks can be done after significant weather events.

What are these things?

Drain – a dug channel that carries water off the farmland.

Contour drain – a drain along the foot of the hills that catches water before it reaches the flats.

Culvert and floodgate – a pipe under a bank or road, and a gate that lets water drain out but stops it coming back.

Groyne – a rock spur built to steer or slow the water.

Not everything is on the map

The plan notes that some assets have no map data yet, so they do not show here.

How to read the results

Condition (0 to 5)

How worn or damaged an asset is. **1 = Very Good**, 2 = Good, 3 = Fair, 4 = Poor, **5 = Very Poor** (failed, or about to fail). A **0 means "unable to inspect"** – we could not do a proper check. That is not the same as poor.

Defect and severity

A **defect** is a problem an Area Engineer has spotted, like a slumped drain bank. **Severity** says how serious it looks, from 0 to 5 (1 = Low, 2 = Minor, 3 = Moderate, 4 = High, 5 = Severe; 0 = could not be determined). A defect is a flag to look closer – it does not mean the asset has failed.

Criticality (1 to 5)

How much it would matter if this asset failed. A higher number means bigger consequences.

Risk score = severity × criticality

To decide what to look at first, we multiply how serious the defect is (1–5) by how critical the asset is (1–5). That gives a score from 1 to 25, which sits in one of five groups: **Very Low, Low, Medium, High, Very High.**

Together, condition, severity and criticality help us decide what to look at first. Engineering judgement is used alongside the numbers.

The same approach across New Zealand

The asset management system and condition assessment approach used here is **prescribed nationally** across New Zealand for all flood schemes administered by regional councils. The Council's auditor, on behalf of the Auditor-General, also requires this system to be in place, with evidence that it is being applied.

What do they look like?

Example 1 – Drain KHU-00000D-DRN03 Good (2) · checked 8 Jul 2026



Drain KHU-00000D-DRN03 – photo from the Council's asset system, check recorded 8 Jul 2026 (cropped to fit)

In plain English: the Area Engineer graded this drain **Good**. No reason or notes were written on the record.

Example 2 – Groyne KHU-00000D-SPU01 Unable to inspect (0) · checked 14 Aug 2025



Location, from the asset system map

In plain English: this groyne is in the swamp and could not be reached, so there is no photo – only its location (the blue marker). The record says it is "serving no purpose any more".

Why show these?

A photo next to the record helps everyone see what the Area Engineer saw.

What should we watch?

The plan names the main things that can affect the scheme.

Parrot's feather – a water weed

The plan describes this aquatic weed as a major issue since 2014. It is present throughout the area and can clog drains and slow the water. It has spread beyond the drains during major floods. The plan notes Roundup will not kill it and Garlon does a better job, and that Council staff, with NIWA advice, are working on the best way to keep on top of it.

Stock on drain banks

Well-grassed banks resist erosion. Grazing stock can cause slumping and damage to the banks of drains and creeks.

Floods and earthquakes

The plan says damage is likely from time to time, whatever the standard of maintenance. An earthquake could shift banks and creek beds, and drains could slump and fill through liquefaction of the surrounding land.

The four maintenance jobs in the plan

1. Keep the bed levels of drains and creeks.
2. Repair erosion, structural problems and water damage.
3. Keep access ways open for future maintenance.
4. Spray regularly to manage weeds and keep water flowing.

How are the assets doing?

The Council's asset system shows a latest condition result for **2 assets** at Kongahu. Here is what our Area Engineers found:

0 – UNABLE TO INSPECT	1 – VERY GOOD	2 – GOOD	3 – FAIR	4 – POOR	5 – VERY POOR
1	0	1	0	0	0
50%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%

What this means

One drain was checked and graded **Good** – sound, with only minor wear. One groyne could **not be inspected** because it is in the swamp. No asset was graded Fair, Poor or Very Poor.

The two results

Drain KHU-00000D-DRN03 – Good (2). Checked 8 July 2026.

Groyne KHU-00000D-SPU01 – Unable to inspect (0). Checked 14 August 2025. The Area Engineer wrote: "In the swamp. Can not inspect. Serving no purpose any more."

Good to know

Two results are a small sample. The asset system lists 21 assets for Kongahu, so most do not have a condition result yet. The next page explains.

When were the assets checked?

When were checks done? (number of check records)



The financial year ending 2026 runs from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. The July 2026 check was done just after the year ended.

What this tells us

The asset register lists **21 assets** for Kongahu. At 30 September 2026, 1 had a condition recorded (Good) and **20 had no condition recorded**.

That does not mean those assets are in poor condition. It means a check has not been recorded for them in the asset system.

Next step proposed

Check the assets that have no condition recorded, or confirm where checks have been done but not entered. Decide whether the groyne that is "serving no purpose any more" should stay on the asset list.

To be checked before this is final

- ☐ Engineer to confirm the list of 21 assets by type (drains, culverts, floodgates and so on) – the breakdown was not in the information supplied.
- ☐ Engineer to confirm how often each asset is meant to be checked.

Looking after the drains

The plan's aim is to keep the scheme's creeks and drains to their original design – the size and shape they were built to.

The two kinds of maintenance

Creek maintenance – digging out build-up from creek beds and clearing vegetation in and around waterways, so flood flows pass quickly and do not overtop the banks.

Drain maintenance – cleaning out drains regularly to keep their design capacity, and repairing damage to drain banks.

How is the service measured?

There is no flood or flow information held for the Kongahu area. The plan records that the rating district does not wish to have drain flow analysis done, so the scheme is maintained to the dimensions it was originally built to, without a target such as a "1 in 50 year" standard.

Problems spotted (defects)

0 No defects for Kongahu were in the information supplied for this report. to confirm

To be checked before this is final

- ☐ Engineer to confirm that no defects are recorded for Kongahu in the asset system.

7.2	**Flood, Coastal and Drainage Schemes Review – Update Report to Rating Districts**
Author	Darryl Lew, Chief Executive
Authorizer	Darryl Lew, Chief Executive
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

To seek Committee approval for a report to be provided to all rating districts at their respective annual meetings, updating them on Council's review of the flood and coastal protection and land drainage schemes and preparation of the draft 2027-37 Long Term Plan.

Report Summary

Council will shortly commence the next round of annual meetings with rating districts to discuss scheme activity. It is proposed that the meetings are provided with an update on the scheme review and the preparation of the draft 2027-37 Long Term Plan. A paper has been prepared for that purpose, for approval by the Committee.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Operations Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Approve the attached report being provided to all of the rating districts at their respective annual meetings and to landholders seeking an update on the scheme review.*
3. *Authorise the Chief Executive making changes to the attached report of a minor or editorial nature.*

Background

Council will shortly commence the next round of annual meetings with rating districts to discuss scheme activity. It is proposed that the meetings are provided with an update on the scheme review and the preparation of the draft 2027-37 Long Term Plan.

Discussion

A paper has been prepared for the purposes of updating the rating districts on progress with the scheme review and preparation of the draft 2027-37 Long Term

Plan. It is proposed that the paper is part of a formal agenda item on these matters. The proposed paper is attached, for approval by the Committee.

Considerations

Implications/Risks

The proposed paper helps reduce communications risks by providing a formal report to all rating district meetings.

Significance and Engagement Policy Assessment

This matter does not trigger Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Mana whenua views

Mana whenua views have not been sought.

Views of affected parties

Views have not been sought but an update paper is likely to be supported by rating district landholders.

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications.

Legal implications

The proposed paper helps Council fulfil its consultation and engagement obligations.

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7.2	**Flood, Coastal and Drainage Schemes Review – Engagement and Public Consultation Update**
Author	Darryl Lew, Chief executive
Authorizer	Darryl Lew, Chief Executive
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

To update the rating district on Council's review of the region's flood and coastal protection and land drainage schemes and to describe how rating district members will have input to that review.

Report Summary

The West Coast has a relatively large number of schemes and rating districts. Many of the schemes have a small number of rateable properties. The way the schemes are presently arranged may not be the most effective or efficient way of doing things.

Council requested and approved a review of flood and coastal protection and drainage schemes during preparation of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. All 23 schemes are within the scope of the review. The review is being undertaken in conjunction with preparation of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan. Some of the review matters are to be incorporated into formal consultation topics, referred to as "significant change proposals". The topics and the exact wording of the topics is yet to be decided by Council but the draft topics and their wording are presently:

1. How Council will manage its coastal, flood and drainage schemes.
2. How Council will fund the schemes (rating model).

Rating district input to this process is important. In October/November 2026 Council will engage with rating districts via rating district spokespeople to seek input on the two topics. Council will use that feedback to develop options to be publicly consulted on in March/April 2027. All landholders will be able to make submissions on those options and to speak to their submission at a Council hearing if they wish to do so.

Decisions on which options to implement, including the option of leaving things the way they currently are (i.e. the status quo), would be made as part of decision-making by the full Council on the 2027-37 Long Term Plan and after the Councillors

have received and considered public submissions. Any changes to schemes and how they are funded would be gradually implemented over the next three years.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Rating District Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Note the Terms of Reference for the review of flood and coastal protection and drainage schemes, approved by the Operations Committee on 16 September 2025.*
3. *Note that the review of flood and coastal protection and drainage schemes is underway, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference.*
4. *Note the two draft significant change proposals (consultation topics) that Council is developing as part of preparing the Draft 2027-37 Long Term Plan.*
5. *Note that engagement with rating district spokespeople seeking their input to development of options for the two draft significant change proposals will occur in October/November 2026.*
6. *Note that public consultation on the options for the two significant change proposals will occur in March/April 2027.*

Background

The West Coast has a relatively large number of schemes and rating districts (Figure 1). Many of the schemes have a small number of rateable properties (Figure 2).

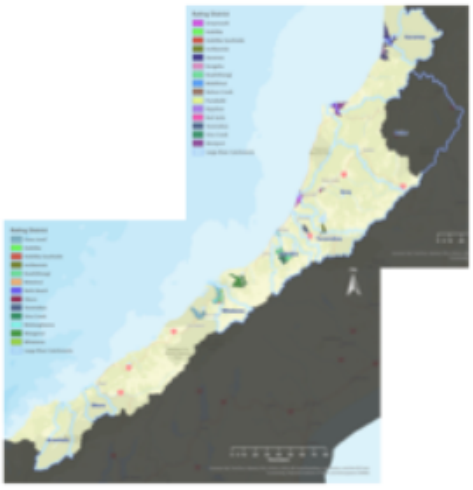


Figure 1 – Flood and coastal protection schemes and land drainage schemes (2024-34 Long Term Plan, West Coast Regional Council)



Figure 2 – Number of rateable properties within each flood and coastal protection and land drainage scheme

This arrangement of schemes enables Council to target flood, erosion and drainage works and services to specific parts of the region but is administratively complex and time consuming for councillors and staff. The lack of overarching principles has led to a variety of approaches to funding which no longer reflect the benefits or beneficiaries of the districts. Although each rating district has terms of reference, there is lack of clarity about the respective roles and responsibilities of landholders (the "rating district") and Council, especially for setting levels of service, and directing works programmes which are typically reactive and do not take a long-term view. For some rating districts it may be more efficient and effective for the community to take ownership and control, as has occurred at Raft Creek, or for Council to disband a scheme.

In response to these issues, Council requested and approved a review of flood and coastal protection and drainage schemes during preparation of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. A key objective is to ensure Council is maximising expenditure of the rateable income from each scheme on actual physical works to maintain the schemes whilst minimising the costs of administering the schemes.

Terms of Reference for the review were approved by the Operations Committee on 16 September 2025. The review is underway with the matters being reviewed listed in Appendix 1. All 23 schemes are within the scope of the review (Figure 1).

The current government is reorganising local government with the intention of abolishing regional councils by October 2028. Councillors consider it important to review the schemes and leave things well-placed for the entity or entities that will assume responsibility for the schemes. That new entity or entities may not have the same degree of governance or staff knowledge about flood hazards and flood schemes on the West Coast hence the desire to undertake the review now and enable a seamless transition to the new local government arrangements.

Discussion

Engagement

The review is being undertaken in conjunction with preparation of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan. Government proposals to reorganise local government across New Zealand have not changed the legal requirement for WCRC to prepare and adopt a Long-term Plan for 2027-37 by 30 June 2027. Council is using this requirement to formally progress some of the matters listed in Appendix 1 as part of formal consultation topics on the Draft 2027-37 Long Term Plan. These topics are referred to as "significant change proposals". The topics and exact wording of the topics is yet to be decided by Council but the topics and their draft wording are presently:

1. How Council will manage its coastal, flood and drainage schemes.
2. How Council will fund the schemes (rating model).

Some of the matters listed in Appendix 1 are operational and are being progressed as part of routine work programmes or through direct engagement with some individual rating districts on matters specific to their rating district. Some of the matters are the subject of separate papers to rating district meetings.

In October/November 2026 Council will engage with rating districts via rating district spokespeople to seek their input on the two topics. During that engagement information on the potential scheme amalgamation scenarios will be shared to support rating district discussion, and opinion sought on whether any schemes could potentially be transferred or disbanded. Council will also seek rating district input on possible approaches to how schemes could be funded.

Council will use feedback on the two topics to develop options that will be publicly consulted on in March/April 2027. All landholders will be able to make submissions on those options and to speak to their submission at a Council hearing should they wish. Councillors will consider submissions received and the full Council will make decisions in May/June 2027 as part of their decision-making on the 2027-37 Long Term Plan.

Implementation of any changes to schemes and how they are funded would be gradually implemented over the next three years. In the meantime, Council may make changes of an operational nature that do not require formal consultation through the 2027-37 Long Term Plan. Some of those proposed changes are described in other papers on this meeting agenda.

The two proposed consultation topics are discussed in more detail below, noting that the topics are yet to be finalised and approved by Council.

Managing schemes

The terms of reference for the review include the following:

1. The geographic boundaries of the rating districts and the opportunity to rationalise and amalgamate some districts.
2. The identification of which schemes or rating districts have sizable assets and need to be managed as systems, and those too small to be regarded as a system.

These matters arise because, as noted above, WCRC has a relatively large number of schemes, and many with few rateable properties (Figures 1 & 2). The issue is whether the arrangement is effective and efficient enough to justify continuing with the current arrangement. If the current situation with any scheme is not effective or efficient then the options are to transfer the scheme to the community, amalgamate it with one or more other schemes or disband it.

Currently, only West Coast rivers within scheme areas are managed through WCRC assets and works. Those works include maintaining and upgrading scheme assets as well as managing river channels through gravel management and vegetation control. The boundaries of scheme areas have been determined by the Westland Catchment Board and WCRC. Although there is a legislative process to follow to change the boundaries the boundaries themselves are not specified in legislation. WCRC may change the boundaries if it wishes to do so, provided it follows the correct process.

The terms of reference for the rating district are presented in Appendix 2. The terms of reference for all rating districts state:
"*For significant decisions such as major scheme capital upgrades or maintenance and associated expenditure, dissolving the scheme, rating classification reviews etc., the spokesperson, committee or WCRC can call for a full voting procedure of all scheme ratepayers. A majority vote is set at a minimum of 75% of scheme ratepayers that have voted.*"

The requirement referred to above for a minimum of 75% of scheme ratepayers relates to a recommendation to Council, and is not a referendum nor is it binding on Council. The decision on whether to leave things as-is or to make changes is a decision for Council to make.

To enable potential scheme rearrangement scenarios to be developed it is necessary to have some criteria on the characteristics of schemes that would make the scheme a potential candidate for transfer or amalgamation or being disbanded. The following criteria have been approved by Council for that purpose :

1. Whether there is community appetite or interest in a scheme being transferred, amalgamated or disbanded.
2. Whether schemes are within the same catchment.
3. Whether there is a transfer of effects and/or benefits between schemes.
4. Whether a scheme provides benefit to an area larger than the rating district area.
5. Whether there are fewer than 10 rateable properties or fewer than 10 people or entities owing rateable properties.
6. Whether WCRC has formally planned and rated for future enhancement works within a scheme.
7. The scale and complexity of the scheme assets.
8. The condition and criticality of the scheme assets.
9. The size of the scheme reserve balance.

It is important to note these are simply criteria for helping identify potential scenarios that will be part of engagement with rating district spokespeople. The engagement will then inform the development of options. Decisions about which options to implement, including the option of leaving things the way they currently are (i.e. the status quo), would be made as part of decision-making on the 2027-37 Long-term Plan, in June 2027, and after the full Council has received and considered public submissions.

Funding schemes

The terms of reference for the review include reviewing the targeted rating system for schemes based on benefit classes (Matter #18 listed in Appendix 1). All rating districts are targeted rate-funded, with the rating boundary matching the rating district boundary. The variety of approaches used to determine the targeted rate creates administrative complexity and the possibility of error in rates collection, such as undercharging or overcharging. This is exacerbated by the relatively large number of rating districts.

It is noted that approximately only 50% of the schemes are being fully funded through the targeted rate and there is a substantial amount of scheme activity funded by the general rate. This is inconsistent with the 100% targeted rate funding statement in the Revenue and Funding Policy formally consulted on by Council during preparation of the current Long Term Plan and adopted in 2024. This matter is discussed in more detail in a companion paper.

Some of the pros and cons of three of the many potential approaches available for rating schemes, are presented in Table 1, for information. These are not recommendations or framed as options for public consultation but are simply intended to show the approaches have trade-offs. They will be used to support engagement with rating district spokespeople in October/November 2026 and the subsequent development of options for public consultation.

Decisions on which options to implement, including the option of leaving things the way they currently are (i.e. the status quo), would be made by the full Council as part of decision-making on the 2027-37 Long-term Plan after they have received and considered public submissions. As noted above, implementation of any changes to schemes and how they are funded would be gradually implemented over the next three years.

Current Approach		Alternative 1 (of many)		Alternative 2 (of many)	
Differential rating for targeted rate within schemes - Multiple benefit classes within each scheme area, based on relative flood and coastal protection, erosion control and land drainage benefits. - no region-wide (i.e. regional) component.		**Nil or limited differential rating for targeted rate within schemes** - Rating for each scheme continues to be confined to each scheme area i.e. boundaries of rated areas do not change. - no region-wide (i.e. regional) component. - Current multiple classes are reduced to one or two within each scheme area i.e. elimination or simplification of differentials within each scheme.		**District-wide and region-wide rating split** - All rateable properties within region are rated regardless of whether they are within a scheme area. -Rating for each scheme covers the whole District the scheme lies within (e.g. 50%) along with a region-wide (i.e. regional) component (e.g. 50%). - Elimination of differentials (classes) within each scheme.	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
Equity : those receiving higher protection pay more	Complexity: rates process and calculation more involved	Simplicity: relatively easy to administer	Equity: benefit relative to cost can vary significantly between ratepayers	Equity: accounts for indirect benefits and non-rateable properties	Accountability: more difficult to match rates paid and benefits received between schemes, and allocation between schemes
Transparency: clearer connection between rates paid and benefit received	Information: requires robust technical information and detailed technical analysis	Consistency: less sensitive to changes in flood hazard over time and to new technical information	Communication: more difficult to explain connection between rates paid and benefit received	Simplicity: easier to account for indirect benefits of multiple schemes across a wider area	Value: indirect benefit and the value of services provided are less clear and less tangible for some properties
Incentives: promotes risk reduction by individuals	Relevance: sensitive to changes in flood hazard over time and to new information	Standardisation: better enables the same approach between schemes	Risks: potentially encourages higher-value activity within flood hazard areas	Services: enables provision of District-wide river management	Demand: Potentially increases demand for protection works outside current scheme areas

Table 1 – Examples of pros and cons of some alternative approaches to rating for flood and coastal protection, erosion control and land drainage

Appendix 1

The matters within the scope of the review are as follows.

1. How to take a long-term view of flood risk and erosion management, including planning for adaptation to future climate change.
2. Systematic monitoring and reporting of the levels of service being provided and residual risk.
3. Decision-making processes and the apportionment of liability for decisions made.

4. The Terms of Reference for each rating district including the respective roles and responsibilities of WCRC, ratepayers, territorial authorities and network utility operators (New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, KiwiRail, West Power).
5. The geographic boundaries of the rating districts and the opportunity to rationalise and amalgamate some districts.
6. Whether any rating districts should be extended to enable a whole-of-catchment approach and to incorporate broader catchment management activities.
7. The identification of which schemes or rating districts have sizable assets and need to be managed as systems, and those too small to be regarded as a system.
8. Whether the Wanganui scheme should continue to be defined as a maintenance scheme rather than a capital and maintenance scheme.
9. The interface between urban stormwater systems managed by the territorial authorities and the flood protection and land drainage schemes managed by WCRC.
10. Establishing a coherent asset and infrastructure plan framework (i.e. Infrastructure Strategy, Strategic Asset Management Plan, Asset Management Plans for individual schemes).
11. Resourcing requirements for servicing the current and future number of rating districts, especially the annual rating district meetings.
12. Improving responsiveness of WCRC and network utility operators NZTA Waka Kotahi, KiwiRail, West Power) to urgent maintenance and preventative actions such as riverbank erosion.
13. Confirmation of the operational activities required for effective management of a scheme (additional to maintenance activity).
14. Insurance arrangements.
15. The methodology for calculating the prudent reserve for each scheme.
16. Options for methods of engaging with landholders and ratepayers within rating district areas including alternatives to the annual rating district meetings.
17. How to best administer joint committee schemes on an operational basis.
18. Reviewing the targeted rating system for schemes based on benefit classes.
19. Mapping all WCRC assets and verifying ownership.
20. Potential approaches to managing the risk of a catastrophic event destroying scheme assets beyond local capacity to fund repairs.

Appendix 2

Rating District Terms of Reference

7.4	**Kongahu Rating District Annual Works Report**
Author	Paulette Birchfield, Area Engineer
Authoriser	Michael Beagle, Group Manager, Catchment Management
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

This report outlines a summary of work undertaken as part of the Kongahu Rating Districts annual works program for the 2025/2026 financial year (FY) including any maintenance, capital works and surveys undertaken. Additionally, this report details scheduled work for the 2026/2027 FY and proposes work required for the 2027/2028 FY which includes consultation of the 2027/2028 maintenance rate, insurance premiums and engineer cost recovery.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Endorse the proposed maintenance rates strike of $xxx for the 2027-2028 FY.*

Attachments

Attachment 1: Kongahu Rating District Annual Works Report

West Coast Regional Council – Kongahu Rating District

Annual Works Report on Maintaining Existing Rating District Assets 2025/2026

Executive Summary

This report outlines a summary of work undertaken as part of the Kongahu Rating District annual works program for the 2025/2026 financial year including any maintenance, capital works and surveys undertaken. Additionally, this report details scheduled work for the 2026/2027 Financial Year and proposes work required for the 2027/2028 Financial year which includes consultation of the 2027/2028 maintenance rate, insurance premiums and engineer cost recovery.

December 2025 Aerodrone Ltd	
Parrots Feather spraying	$3,537.46
March 2026 Karamea Excavating 2015 Ltd	
Drain clearance x2	$4,920.00
March 2026 Aerodrone Ltd	
Parrots Feather spraying	$3,006.43
April 2026 Aerodrone Ltd	
Parrots Feather spraying	$4,658.25
June 2026 Karamea Excavating Ltd	
Clearing Contour Channel	$3,015.00
Total Maintenance Works for the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year:	**$19,137.15**

Administration carried out from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Resource Consenting costs	$1463.76
Advertising	$58.80
Total Administration for the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year:	**$1522.56**

Maintenance works Summary 2025/2026 FY

Luke Ross undertook three spray operations for parrots feather during the season, using metsulfuron applied from a kayak and glyphosate from a drone. Metsulfuron was not applied aerially because our EPA conditions require an extremely sensitive water test in which we have exceeded the Environmental Exposure Limit in the past.

WCRC covered the cost of a report from Aerodrone on parrots feather control over the last three years. This report includes drone imagery which shows that the main drain has been kept clear of parrots feather, and patches have generally reduced in size.

During the 2025/26 year, mechanical maintenance works within the Kongahu Rating District drains focused on restoring and maintaining the network. In February 2026, several kilometres of Kongahu Swamp drains were cleared, including the removal of general vegetation build-up and infestations of parrot's feather. Further drainage maintenance was completed in June, with approximately 1,000 metres of the lower Contour Channel cleaned between the Granite Creek bridge and Deans Creek, including the removal of accumulated weed and silt.



Photo 1. Kongahu Swamp drain before clearance, showing Parrots Feather infestation.



Photo 2. Kongahu Swamp drain after clearance.



Photo 3: Looking north along the Contour Channel following clearance.

Scheduled maintenance works for the 2026/2027 FY

a.	Annual programmed spraying of parrot's feather	$20,000.00
b.	Drain cleaning and general maintenance	$5,000.00

Current drains scheduled to be cleared for this financial year:

- *Boundary drain between Anderson's and Bjerrings.*

Total maintenance works for 2026/2027	**$25,000.00**

Kongahu Rating District financial balance

The balance in the rating district account at the beginning of the 2026 / 2027 financial year is likely to be approximately $60,000.

The target balance for the 'prudent reserve' for this rating district is $50,000.

This prudent reserve is immediately available for urgent emergency works that may be required following a major event.

It is likely the current reserve will only cover a portion of the actual cost of the potential damage that could occur.

Proposed maintenance rates for the 2027 / 2028 financial year

Rates Maintenance	$ 25,000
Engineers Cost Recovery	$ 3,400
Prudent Reserve Contribution	$0
Total:	**$ 28,400**

The Council recommend a maintenance rate strike of $ ***28,400*** *excluding GST.*

General Business

Engineering staff are undertaking regular inspection and condition gradings of flood protection assets in the district. Information collected from this survey is now being analyzed and collated against criticality criteria to develop future work programming requirements. Funding for much of this work will be in addition to the normal annual maintenance activities. Area Engineers will develop some funding options for future community discussions.

REPORTS

7.4 (Report No. as per Index) Author	**Kongahu Rating District**
Authoriser	Tracy Fitzgerald, Senior Management Accountant Colin Weeks, Group Manager Corporate Services, CFO
Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Kongahu Rating District with the Financial Accounts for 12 months to 30 June 2026.

Report Summary

Kongahu Financials shows total revenue of $34,296.55 less expenses of $17,340.44. This resulted in increasing the prudent reserve from $43,781.36 to $60,737.47. The targeted prudent reserve is $50,000. There is a surplus between targeted and actual reserves of $10,737.47.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee resolve to:

1. *Receive the report.*
2. *Accept the Financial Accounts for the 2025/26 financial year*

Attachments

Attachment 1: Kongahu Rating District Financial Accounts for 12 months to 30 June 2026.

West Coast Regional Council
Kongahu Swamp Maintenance Rating District Financial Accounts
For the 12 Months to 30 June 2026

	2025/26 YTD	2025/26 BUDGET	2024/25 YTD
OPENING RESERVES BALANCE 1 JULY 2025	**43,781.36**	**-**	**25,062.07**
REVENUE			
Internal Interest Earned	2,099.59	-	849.92
Rates	32,196.96	32,199.80	26,306.37
TOTAL REVENUE	**34,296.55**	**32,199.80**	**27,156.29**
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising	58.80	-	-
Contractors	19,137.15	26,771.00	-
Corrections to prior year Accounts (Contractors)	(3,987.00)	-	-
Consultants	-	-	5,000.00
Corrections to prior year Accounts (Insurance)	(1,937.63)	-	1,937.63
Administration Fees	-	-	139.11
Depreciation	-	3,828.00	-
Resource Consents	1,463.76		-
Staff Time	2,605.36	1,600.80	1,308.00
Venue Hire	-	-	52.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**17,340.44**	**32,199.80**	**8,437.00**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**16,956.11**	**-**	**18,719.29**
CLOSING RESERVES AS AT 30 JUNE 2026	**60,737.47**	**-**	**43,781.36**

TB Fitzgerald.

Senior Management Accountant
14 September 2026