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MEETING OF THE MOKIHINUI RATING DISTRICT
ON
Wednesday, 4 November 2026
4.00 PM
At the Mokihinui Campground 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	**Mokihinui 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 Mokihinui Rating District Meeting of 4th February 2026

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council/the Committee resolve to:

1. *Confirm that the minutes of the Mokihinui Rating District Meeting held on 14h February 2026 are a true and correct record.*

Attachments

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

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOKIHINUI RATING DISTRICT HELD AT THE MOKIHINUI CAMPGROUND HALL ON 4TH February 2026, COMMENCING AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT (Rating District Members)

J. Woodward, C. Woodward, T. McNabb (representing the ratepayers association), M. Coleman (Secretary, ratepayers association), B. Morgan, B. Lynch.

IN ATTENDANCE (Staff)

Cr C. Smith (Councillor), Cr C. Coll (Councillor), W. Spencer (Staff), P. Birchfield (Staff), B. Murphy (Staff), L. Crozier (Staff)

APOLOGIES.

Cr M. McIntyre (WCRC)
M, Spillane, F, Spillane, M. Adams.

WELCOME AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cr C. Smith opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced himself and the council staff.

Moved: *Motion proposed by B. Morgan, seconded by J. Woodward: "That the apologies be accepted and that the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 11th December 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record of that meeting."*

Voting Outcome: Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Bamboo Growth on Flood Protection Structure

RD members do not wish to fund bamboo removal. P. Birchfield advised inclusion in AMP if funded.

Consultation with LINZ regarding unknown parcels of land; members encouraged to contact LINZ.

Health and safety concerns regarding vermin *(in the bamboo)* were discussed.

Cr C. Coll offered to investigate land ownership at no charge.

Action Point: West Coast Regional Council (Councillors and community representatives) to advocate for bamboo inclusion in the Regional Pest Management Plan.
Action Point: P. Birchfield to resend quotes for bamboo removal work.

Catastrophe Fund
Reference was made to major flood events in other regions as examples of the scale of potential loss.

Discussion around immediate access to machinery post-flood before insurance claims are processed.

Resolution: Motion proposed by J. Woodward, seconded by T. McNabb: "That the Catastrophe Fund paper be received."
Voting Outcome: Carried

ANNUAL WORKS REPORT
Area Engineer P. Birchfield presented the AWR, the key points were:

Maintenance Completed 2024/25, August 2024: Sacrificial seawall repair – $2,122.50, May 2025: Construction of two rock spurs – $20,798.00.

Total works: $22,920.50

The administration expenditure of $212.07 relates to the 2024/2025 financial year; the earlier date range shown in the Annual Works Report was a typographical error and has been corrected.

Future Works 2025/26: Sacrificial seawall repair – $2,030, unforeseen maintenance – $5,000. Periodic repair of sacrificial seawall – $5,000.

Total estimated expenditure: $10,000

Vegetation management discussed; the committee agreed to incorporate the spraying programme into the maintenance plan.

Action Point: P. Birchfield to provide a specific quote for vegetation management; separate committee meeting will be held to discuss inclusion in the maintenance programme.

Resolution: Motion proposed by B. Morgan, seconded by T. McNabb: "That a spraying programme be incorporated into the maintenance plan to address vegetation on the flood protection wall, commencing where vegetation is encroaching onto the structure." Voting Outcome: 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 $70,000 she proposed a rate strike of $17,010.20 which included $10,000.00 of rates maintenance $2,570.00 of infrastructure insurance and $4,440.00 of engineering cost recovery.

Moved: *"That rate strike for Mokihinui Rating District is $17,010.20 Excl GST for the 2026-2027 financial year."*

***Movers** –B. Morgan/T. McNabb all in favour- Carried.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved: *"That B. Morgan, J. Woodward, F. Spillane, M. Spillane, T. McNabb, M. Adams, B&E Lynch be retained as the committee for the 2026/20267 financial year".*

Moved: *"That M. Adams & M. Spillane elected as Co-Spokespersons, for the 2026-2027 financial year."*

***Movers**- C. Woodward/T. McNabb - Carried.*

INSURANCE UPDATE *(VERBAL)*

W. Spencer advised that the Insurance renewed at similar premium to previous year; favourable outcome given market conditions.

ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

An overview was provided, of a new asset management system being introduced by council staff to manage flood, drainage, and erosion protection assets across the region. Key points include:

- The system brings all asset information into one place, including location, condition, performance, and criticality.
- It supports planning for and maintenance works.
- Regular inspections and consistent scoring will provide a clearer picture of asset condition and risk.

- The system aligns with nationally recognised guidance and aims to provide council and stakeholders with more transparent information for decision-making.

Resolution: Motion proposed by B. Morgan, seconded by T. McNabb: "That the Asset Management System update be received."

Voting Outcome: Carried

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Discussion took place regarding flood bund construction standards and the importance of building to appropriate levels of service. Further discussion took place around the nature of the rating district's assets, noting these are not engineered structures.

Resolution: Motion proposed by J. Woodward, seconded by T. McNabb: "That the construction material standards memo be received."

Voting Outcome: Carried

CAPEX AND OPEX GUIDE

A guide has been developed to assist ratepayers, committee members, and council staff in distinguishing between capital expenditure and operating expenditure.

Resolution: Motion proposed by J. Woodward, seconded by T. McNabb: "That the Capex and Opex Guide be received."

Voting Outcome: Carried

SURVEY AND COASTAL PLAN UPDATE

P. Birchfield provided a brief update noting that a ten-year survey implementation plan is being developed to assess assets and prioritise the most critical areas. Further detail to be provided as the plan develops.

Flood modelling validation ongoing; part of 10-Year River and Coastal Survey Strategy.

The Richard Measure report was referenced; strategic planning for coastal hazard management continues.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Brief comments regarding the Rating District Review Paper only. "Local government reform will primarily affect governance, not operational core functions."

LINZ land ownership issues reiterated; parcels "To be Determined."

Wastewater concerns forwarded to Buller District Council.

Catastrophe Fund, Insurance Update, Asset Management System, Capex/Opex Guide, and Survey/Coastal Plan updates presented and received.

ACTION POINTS MOKIHINUI RATING DISTRICT

1. Advocate for bamboo inclusion in Regional Pest Management Plan – Cr C. Smith, Cr C. Coll, community reps.
2. P. Birchfield to resend quotes for bamboo removal.
3. Cr C. Coll to investigate land ownership of adjacent parcels at no charge.
4. P. Birchfield to provide vegetation management quote.
5. Separate committee meeting to discuss vegetation management inclusion. *(This is an action for the RD).*
6. Forward wastewater concerns to Buller District Council.

Meeting Closed 6:45

Item	**Actions List**
Author	Cloe 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.

Mokihinui

Item No.	Reference	Date of Meeting	Item	Assigned Person/s	Update
1.		4th February 2026	Advocate for bamboo inclusion in Regional Pest Management Plan – Cr C. Smith, Cr C. Coll, community reps.	Wayne Spencer to discuss with Lil.	Verbal update to be provided at meeting
2.			P. Birchfield to resend quotes for bamboo removal.	Paulette Birchfield	Completed
3.			Cr C. Coll to investigate land ownership of adjacent parcels at no charge.	Wayne Spencer to discuss with Lil.	Verbal update to be provided at meeting
4.			P. Birchfield to provide vegetation management quote.	Paulette Birchfield	Completed
5.			Separate committee meeting to discuss vegetation management inclusion. *(This is an action for the RD).*	Oliver Rose	Verbal update to be provided at meeting
6.			Forward wastewater concerns to Buller District Council.	Oliver Rose	Verbal update to be provided at meeting

5	**Mokihinui 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 Mokihinui 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 Mokihinui Rating District Committee:*
   a. *_____ as Spokesperson;*
   b. *_____as Deputy Spokesperson; and*
   c. *_____ as Committee Members.*

Attachments

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

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Moved: *"That M. Adams & M. Spillane elected as Co-Spokespersons, for the 2026-2027 financial year."*

***Movers**- C. Woodward/T. McNabb - Carried.*

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Mokihinui 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	16 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.

SIGNATURES

SIGNED by

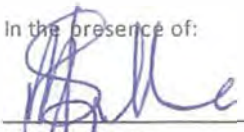
RATING DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON



by its authorised signatory

Tony McCabb

In the presence of:



Witness signature

Michael Spillane

Witness name

Witness Occupation

Mohohinau

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 Mokihinui 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: Mokihinui Rating District Summary Pamphlet – 2025-2026 FY

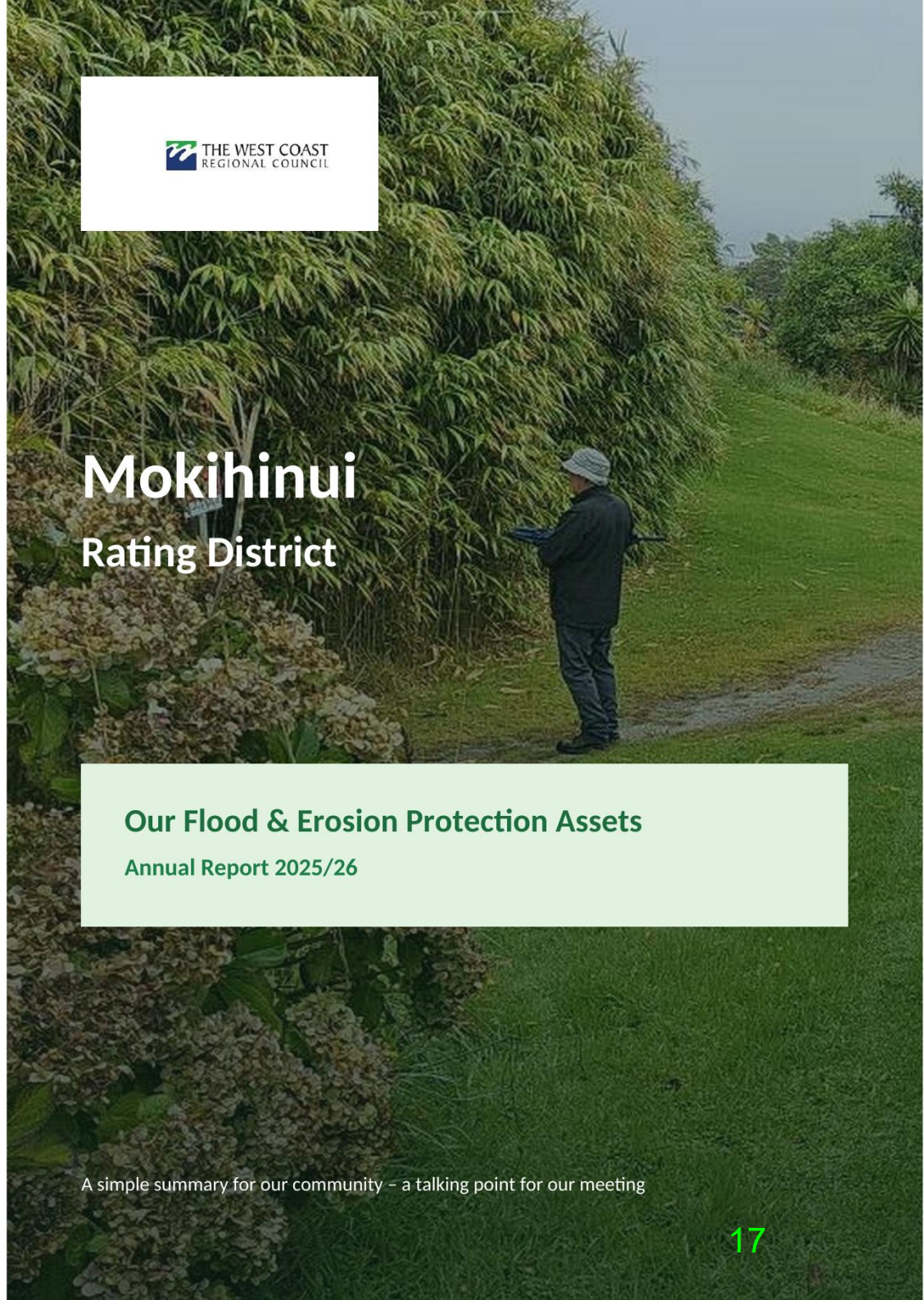
Thank you

Thank you to Mokihinui Rating District members and landowners for supporting inspections, maintenance and local knowledge of these flood and erosion protection assets.

The key message

Mokihinui has 25 assets – stopbanks, bunds, groynes and riprap. Of the 22 results that could be graded, 15 are Good and 5 are Fair. The other two come from post-event checks on 17 September 2026, which found one bund Very Poor and one Poor; a floodgate checked that day was graded Good but noted as blocked. The system records 3 defects: 1 logged so it can be planned into the works programme, 1 resolved and 1 cancelled; none scores High or Very High. Only 2 checks fall inside the 2025/26 year. Next: assess the September damage, complete the remaining checks and agree a practical maintenance programme with the Rating District.

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Mokihinui
Rating District

Our Flood & Erosion Protection 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 flood and erosion protection at Mokihinui is looking. It shows what we have, what condition it is in, what problems have been spotted and what might happen next. It is here to help us talk together.

What protects Mokihinui?

The Mokihinui Rating District was set up in 1974, after ratepayers asked for help following many riverbank works to protect the township from flooding and erosion. Rock protection around the rivermouth and bay began as early as 1952. The aim is to reduce erosion of the township on the south bank of the river mouth, from both the sea and river floods.

Our assets in numbers

The Council's asset system lists these assets for Mokihinui. All of them are owned by the Council.

25	9	8	4	4
assets in total	groynes (rock spurs)	stopbanks	bunds	riprap sections

Important – the AMP is being reviewed

The Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP) for Mokihinui (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. This pamphlet is here to help start the conversation.

What happens next?

1. Look closely at the September 2026 results

Assess the Very Poor and Poor bunds and the blocked floodgate, log any defects and decide what repairs are needed.

2. Look at the 5 Fair results

Decide if any need work or a closer look by an engineer.

3. Work through the open defect

Plan the stopbank job (about 600 m^3) and confirm the cancelled groyne entry should stay cancelled.

4. Complete the remaining checks and tidy the records

Check the 3 assets with no check recorded. Confirm who owns the culvert, floodgate and one groyne, and which assets belong in the register.

5. Plan the work proposed

Put together a programme of works for defects, which will be discussed and agreed with the Rating District.

6. Finish updating the Asset Management Plan

Review the Mokihinui Asset Management Plan (AMP): how well the scheme should protect the township, how it is measured and what work is coming.

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 and repair priorities make sense?
- ? What should we keep a close eye on?
- ? What would be useful to see in next year's report?

Where to find the rest

This booklet is about the **condition** of the assets and the **problems** that have been spotted.

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 problems have been spotted 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 Mokihinui scheme, as supplied. The orange band is the stopbank; the teal area is the rating district.

How we keep an eye on them

Area Engineers carry out regular checks of the Mokihinui assets, and extra checks can be done after significant weather events. At each check the Area Engineer gives the asset a **condition score** and records any **defects** (problems). The results are recorded in the asset system and followed up with the Rating District. How often each asset should be checked – including whether more critical assets are checked more often – is being confirmed across all of the Council's schemes.

What are these things?

Stopbank – an engineered earth embankment that holds floodwater back.

Bund – a bank of gravel and sand built along the shore.

Groyne – a rock structure built out from the bank to turn the flow away from it.

Riprap – large rock placed along the bank to protect it from erosion.

How to read the results

Condition (0 to 5)

How worn or damaged an asset looks. **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 crack in a path. **Severity** says how serious it looks, from 0 to 5 (2 = Minor, 3 = Moderate, 4 = High, 5 = Severe). 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 – Bund MOK-00200L-BND01 Very Poor (5) · reason "Cut" · checked 17 Sept 2026



Type: Post Event | 5 - Very Poor

Inspection Details

Asset Code	MOK-00200L-BND01
Asset Type	Bund
Asset Rating District	Mokihinui
Inspection Type	Post Event
Inspection Asset Condition	5 - Very Poor
Inspection Condition Reason	Cut
Inspection Notes	

In plain English: after an event, the Area Engineer graded this bund **Very Poor** and wrote the reason as "Cut". How much is damaged has not been recorded yet.

Example 2 – Bund MKS-00500S-BND01 Poor (4) · reason "Eroded" · checked 17 Sept 2026



Type: Post Event | 4 - Poor

Inspection Details

Asset Code	MKS-00500S-BND01
Asset Type	Bund
Asset Rating District	Mokihinui
Inspection Type	Post Event
Inspection Asset Condition	4 - Poor
Inspection Condition Reason	Eroded
Inspection Notes	

In plain English: this bund was graded **Poor** and the reason recorded is "Eroded" – some of the bank has been worn away.

Why show these? A photo next to the record helps everyone see what the Area Engineer saw. The full report also has the stopbank defect photo and the blocked floodgate.

Which problems come first?

We multiply **how serious the defect is** by **how critical the asset is**. Here is where Mokihinui's defects land (numbers = how many defects):



What this means

Every Mokihinui asset is recorded as criticality 4. All 3 defects can be scored: **1 is Low** risk (score 8, already fixed) and **2 are Medium** risk (score 12). **None is High or Very High.** One of the Medium ones is logged for planned work; the other is cancelled.

Not in these scores

The bund and floodgate results from **17 September 2026** have no defects logged yet, so they are not in this picture. Once logged, they will be scored too.

Something to check

Because all the assets share the same criticality, severity alone decides the order. We will check the criticality scores as part of the AMP review.

How are the assets doing?

The Council's asset system shows the **latest condition** for **25 records** at Mokihinui. Here is what our Area Engineers found:

0 – UNABLE TO INSPECT	1 – VERY GOOD	2 – GOOD	3 – FAIR	4 – POOR	5 – VERY POOR
3	0	15	5	1	1
12%	0%	60%	20%	4%	4%

What this means

Of the 22 results that could be graded, about **two-thirds (68%) are Good** and **23% are Fair**. Good means sound with only minor wear. Fair means working but showing some wear. **1 is Poor and 1 is Very Poor.**

The two that need attention

Bund MOK-00200L-BND01 – Very Poor. Reason recorded: "Cut".

Bund MKS-00500S-BND01 – Poor. Reason recorded: "Eroded".

Both were checked on 17 September 2026, after an event. A floodgate checked the same day was graded Good but noted as "Blocked". How big the damage is has not been recorded yet.

Good to know

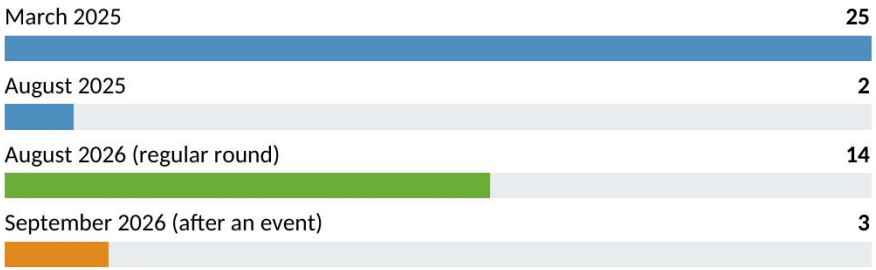
The picture is **mixed in age**: 11 results are from March 2025, 11 from August 2026 and 3 from September 2026 after the event. The 3 "unable to inspect" results are explained on the next page.

When were the assets checked?

The three we couldn't grade

All three are **riprap sections**. The Area Engineer wrote **"overgrown vegetation"** in March 2025, and noted they were first checked together with the stopbank. This does not mean poor condition.

When were checks done? (number of records)



Dates are in New Zealand time. The financial year ending 2026 runs from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

What this tells us

Only **2 checks** are recorded inside 2025/26, so most of the checks fall just before and just after the year. At 30 September 2026, **13 of the 25 assets** were last checked more than 12 months earlier (10 in March 2025) or have no check recorded yet (3).

Proposed next step

Agree the inspection approach once the inspection frequency is confirmed, check the three riprap sections on their own, and confirm whether any other check records exist that are not in these figures.

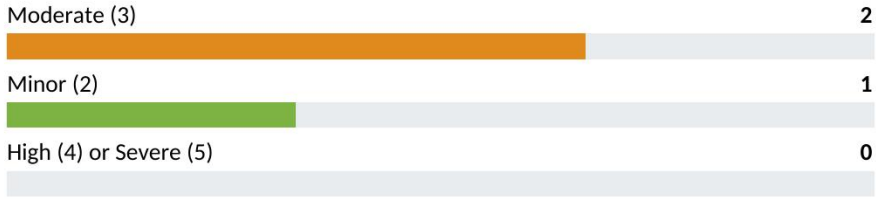
Problems spotted

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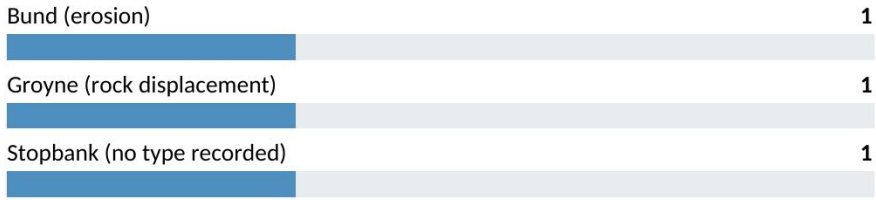
defects recorded

1 is "Logged" – recorded so it can be planned into the works programme. **1 is "Resolved"** – fixed. **1 is "Cancelled"**.

How serious?



Which assets?



What has happened

Fixed: minor sea erosion between groynes was topped up on **22 April 2026**. **Still to do:** a stopbank problem, noted as having been there a long time, with about **600 m³** to fix. **Cancelled:** a groyne rock-displacement entry made in hindsight.

Good to know: all three were logged in March 2025. The bund and floodgate results from 17 September 2026 have **no defects logged yet**.

X.X	**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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X.X	**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

10. The RD committee agrees to a quorum of 4 scheme residents endorse the annual 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.

	Mokihinui 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 Mokihinui 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: Mokihinui Rating District Annual Works Report

West Coast Regional Council – Mokihinui Rating District

Annual Works Report on Maintaining Existing Rating District Assets

This report outlines a summary of work undertaken as part of the Mokihinui Rating District's 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

1. Maintenance works carried out from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

September 2025 - SM Lowe – Repair of sacrificial seawall $2,030.00

May 2026 – Westreef - weedspraying $1,285.44

April 2026 - SM Lowe – Repair of sacrificial seawall $2,148.00

April 2026 - SM Lowe – Removal of bamboo $1,632.00



Photo 1: Bamboo growth on Mokihinui stopbank May 2024.



Photo 2: Bamboo scraped back and cleared, May 2026.



Photo 3: Bamboo scraped back and cleared, May 2026.

Total Works for the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year:	**$7,095.44**

2. Administration carried out from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Advertising	$58.80
Total administration for the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year:	**$58.80**

3. Future Works to be carried out from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

Following the annual inspection, it was identified that some maintenance works will be required during the coming year. This will include the progressive removal of vegetation where growth is affecting access to, or the condition of, scheme infrastructure, together with further spraying of bamboo and other unwanted vegetation. These works will be programmed as required and undertaken as part of the Rating District's ongoing maintenance activities.

A.	Allowance for ongoing maintenance (including weedspraying)	$5,000.00
B.	Periodic repair of sacrificial seawall	$5,000.00
	Total estimated expenditure for the 2026/ 2027 financial year	**$ 10,000.00**

4. Mokihinui 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 $ 80,000.

This target balance for the 'prudent reserve' for this rating district is suggested to be $35,000

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.

5. Proposed maintenance rates for the 2027 / 2028 financial year

Rates Maintenance	$ 10,000.00
Engineers Cost Recovery	$ $4,440.00
Infrastructure Insurance	$ 2,570.20
Contributions to Prudent Reserve	$0
Total:	**$ 17,010.20**

The Council recommend a maintenance rate strike of $ 17,010.20 excluding GST.

6. General Business

Construction of additional two coastal spurs.

As part of the ongoing management of the Mokihinui Rating District coastal protection scheme, Council is seeking feedback from ratepayers on whether further coastal rock spurs should be constructed. Seven spurs are currently in place, with the two most recent completed in 2025, and the existing structures are considered to be performing their intended role of providing additional protection to the sacrificial seawall. The current resource consent allows for up to 12 spurs, with any further construction proposed to be funded from reserve funds held above the prudent reserve target. An opinion survey is attached to this report and Rating District members are encouraged to complete and return it to Council by **20 November 2026**.

Weedspraying, including bamboo regrowth

Further weed control will be required to prevent regrowth of the bamboo, and the continued establishment of woody vegetation, with spraying to be programmed as part of the ongoing maintenance of the scheme.

Bamboo regrowth will be sprayed preferably before it reaches 60cm. Typically, four to five follow-up applications may be required before regrowth is fully suppressed. The estimated cost per treatment is $1600.

River and Coastal Survey Strategy update

WCRC is developing a river and coastal survey strategy to guide future monitoring and make better use of existing survey information. The project is being undertaken in two stages. The Stage 1 report reviews historical survey coverage and sets out priorities for collecting consistent, reliable information to support flood protection, river management and maintenance planning. The Mokihinui Rating District is not included in the current strategy's detailed programme, but is likely to be considered in Stage 2.

Stage 2 is expected to focus on the practical monitoring requirements for individual rivers and rating districts. This would include identifying appropriate survey methods, reviewing cross-section locations and spacing, linking gravel extraction returns with survey results, and identifying any additional surveys needed to fill information gaps. For Mokihinui, this would help establish a monitoring programme suited to the river and its flood protection assets, supporting assessment of changes in riverbed levels, channel position and asset performance.

Asset Inspections

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.

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Opinion Survey: Mokihinui Rating District – construction of additional coastal spurs, 2026.

It is proposed that the Mokihinui Rating District continue the staged construction of additional coastal spurs fronting the Mokihinui Domain. There are now seven existing coastal spurs fronting the sacrificial seawall. Four were constructed in 2018, one in 2022, and a further two were completed in 2025. There is general agreement that the existing spurs are fulfilling their intended role of providing additional protection to the sacrificial seawall. A current resource consent permits the construction of a total of twelve spurs. Historically, Mokihinui Rating District members have agreed to complete the construction of the remaining coastal spurs only by utilising any reserve fund balance over their prudent reserve balance.

The cost of constructing an additional spur is likely to be in the range of $25,000 - $30,000. The current reserve account balance held by the Mokihinui Rating District is approximately $80,000. The target prudent reserve balance for the rating district is $35,000, which means approximately $45,000 is currently available above the prudent reserve balance.

As construction of additional spurs is capital work rather than maintenance of existing structures, approval by rating district members is required. The purpose of this survey is to confirm whether the community supports using funds held above the prudent reserve balance to continue construction of the coastal spurs.

You can email your response to pauletteb@wcrc.govt.nz or return a hard copy at the 2026 Mokihinui Rating District annual meeting. Please return the responses by 30 November 2026.

Options	Please tick one box only
1. Proceed with construction of additional coastal spurs using funds available above the prudent reserve balance.	
2. Do not proceed with additional spur construction at this time.	

Signature _____ **Name** _____

Address _____

REPORTS

7.4 (Report No. as per Index)	**Mokihinui Rating District**
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Public Excluded	No

Report Purpose

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

Report Summary

Mokihinui Financials shows total revenue of $23,277.20 less expenses of $11,981.82. This resulted in increasing the prudent reserve from $68,783.66 to $80,079.04. The targeted prudent reserve is $35,000. There is a surplus between targeted and actual reserves of $45,079.04.

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: Mokihinui Rating District Financial Accounts for 12 months to 30 June 2026.

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

	2025/26 YTD	2025/26 BUDGET	2024/25 Actual
OPENING RESERVES BALANCE 1 JULY 2025	**68,783.66**		**77,573.96**
REVENUE			
Internal Interest Earned	2,990.38	-	1,806.88
Rates	20,286.82	20,361.49	16,593.25
TOTAL REVENUE	**23,277.20**	**20,361.49**	**18,400.13**
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising	58.80		-
Contractors	7,095.44	15,580.00	2,122.50
Insurance	2,405.16	2,967.69	2,749.86
Infrastructure Depreciation	-	213.00	-
Administration Fees	-	-	212.07
Staff Time	2,422.42	1,600.80	1,308.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**11,981.82**	**20,361.49**	**6,392.43**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**11,295.38**	**-**	**12,007.70**
Capital Expenditure	-	-	20,798.00
CLOSING RESERVES AS AT 30 JUNE 2026	**80,079.04**	**-**	**68,783.66**

TB Fitzgerald.

Senior Management Accountant
14 September 2026