

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting 26 August 2025

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ ON THURSDAY, 31 JULY 2025 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr

Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (via MS Teams), Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman

(via MS Teams from 1.11pm to 2.41pm), Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Community Infrastructure and

Services (T Hale), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L McMichael), Legal land Governance Manager (N McAdie), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Three Waters Manager (S Lealand), Co-Governance Management Partner (S Mavor), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Programme Manager (J Walton), Co-Governance Management Partner (H Oneroa), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Infrastructure Project Manager (J Dayne), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Environmental Advisor (E Naylor), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Senior

Committee Advisor (K Watts)

Via MS Teams:

Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Property and Development Manager (C Haskell), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Digital Communications Specialist (D Petry), Policy Advisor (T Wood), Compliance and Regulatory Manager (C Tait), Business Excellence Coordinator (N Donaldson), Communications Advisor (R

Watts),

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Te Aukaha News

Taupō and Tūrangi News

Waikato Times

75 members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Yvonne Westerman entered the meeting at 1.11pm and left at 2.41pm via MS Teams. She

was not present for resolutions TDC202507/01-04 and TDC202507/06-12.

(ii) Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 2.41pm and returned via MS Teams at 2.59pm.

1 KARAKIA

All present recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202507/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apology received from Cr Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/01 above.

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3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 5.1 Consideration of Joint Committee Recommendation – Joint Management Agreement with Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board

Cr Karam Fletcher advised that concerns had been raised about the perceived conflict because his wife was an employee of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. He explained that she had not inputted anything into the work and was in a different department. He did not consider this to be a conflict and would not remove himself from discussion or decision making on the item.

Cr Danny Loughlin advised that he was a trustee of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and had managed this conflict of roles by not participating in any of the work or hui at the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, and only at Council's public workshop. He was comfortable that he had managed this interest and would be voting on the item.

Mayor David Trewavas confirmed that it was the members' call regarding conflicts and that the members' had made their intentions clear.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 JUNE 2025

TDC202507/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/02 above.

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 JUNE 2025

TDC202507/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/03 above.

4.3 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 30 JUNE 2025

TDC202507/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 30 June 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/04 above.

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5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TÜWHARETOA MĀORI TRUST BOARD

The Co-Governance Mangement Partner introduced herself and summarised the report, highlighting the following points:

The draft Joint Management Agreement (JMA) was not an extension or update of the 2009 JMA. They were entirely separate legal agreements covering completely different matters, sought different outcomes, and were under different legislation.

Cr Yvonne Westerman joined the meeting via MS Teams at this point (1.11pm)

- Consultation on the mandatory matters of the draft JMA was not appropriate because these matters
 were required by law. Council's Significance and Engagement Policy showed that consultation with
 the community regarding the additional matters was not required prior to making a decision.
- Regardless of legislative reform from central government, the intent of the Settlement Agreement to
 protect and restore the Waikato River was required to be upheld. Clauses had been added to the
 draft JMA to enable its amendment when legislative reform, such as to the Resource Management
 Act 1991 (RMA) occurred.
- The legislation required Council and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (TMTB) to work together to finalise the JMA, as well as to resolve issues. Resolving issues meant working with the Minister for the Environment. If the issue could not be resolved, the Minister determined the issue and Council and TMTB would have to finalise the JMA according to the Minister's determination.

The following was clarified:

- Mandatory matters only in the JMA was essentially option three of the report, as members could direct the Joint Committee to change the JMA.
- The JMA would impact land if development of the land affected waterways. The current process would almost certainly include engagement with the TMTB.
- The area covered by the draft JMA to include all of the tributaries of Lake Taupō, as well as the Upper Waikato River was recommended by the Joint Committee and was shared with elected members at the closed workshops.
- If there was a judicial review, or appeal to the Environment Court, once this JMA was in place, this was Council's process and would be Council's decision to defend.
- The draft JMA set out the matters that were of most interest or concern to the TMTB for more certainty. It offered a way of filtering through the resource consent applications to see expectations, and also assisted applicants. It was Council officers' expectation that as the knowledge of both officers and TMTB staff grew, through education and understanding, they could change and improve together.
- Council's Significance and Engagement Policy set out criteria which did not include the number of people who had expressed their concerns, but rather the number of people who would be affected.

A motion was moved by Mayor David Trewavas in line with option 4 of the report and seconded by Cr Sandra Greenslade. However some members were concerned that the community should be consulted appropriately to understand the contents of the JMA, and which matters could be influenced by community members

Cr Duncan Campbell moved an amendment to include an independent legal review of the JMA, and community consultation on the additional matters of the draft JMA which was not seconded.

Cr Christine Rankin moved an amendment to include community consultation on the additional matters of the draft JMA which was seconded by Cr Sandra Greenslade.

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MOTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council recommends to the new Council to undertake community consultation on the additional matters in the draft JMA.

In Favour: Crs Duncan Campbell, Sandra Greenslade, Kylie Leonard, Christine Rankin and Rachel

Shepherd

Against: Mayor David Trewavas, Karam Fletcher, Danny Loughlin, Kevin Taylor, Yvonne Westerman

and John Williamson

LOST

Some members preferred the recommendation provided in the report to approve the JMA.

The debate moved back to the substantive motion in line with option four of the report – to defer consideration of the draft JMA to the incoming council following local government elections in October 2025.

TDC202507/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council defers consideration of the draft Joint Management Agreement and directs the Chief Executive to refer the matter to the incoming Council as soon as reasonably practicable following the local government elections in October 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/05 above except for Crs Karam Fletcher, Danny Loughlin, Kevin Taylor, Yvonne Westerman and John Williamson who voted against resolution TDC202507/05.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.41pm and reconvened at 2.56pm. Crs Kylie Leonard and Yvonne Westerman left the meeting at 2.41pm.

5.2 ADOPTION OF WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN

The Programme Manager summarised the report and explained the feedback given from the Department of Internal Affairs on the Water Services Delivery Plan.

Cr Kylie Leonard returned to the meeting via MS Teams at this point (2.59pm).

The General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services advised that following adoption, there would be workstreams to implement it, along with governance arrangements and information disclosure.

Members congratulated staff on the work that had gone into the entire project to get it to this point.

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TDC202507/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Water Services Delivery Plan (attached to this report).
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to make editorial amendments to the Water Services Delivery Plan prior to submission.
- 3. Notes that following this meeting, the Chief Executive will certify this Water Services Delivery Plan and submit it to the Secretary for Local Government by 3 September 2025.

CARRIED

<u>Note:</u> All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/06 above except for Cr Duncan Campbell who voted against resolution TDC202507/06.

5.3 CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION OF PART RECREATION RESERVE IN KINLOCH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 24 RESERVES ACT 1977

The Parks Advisor Planning and Operations introduced herself and her colleagues, the Asset Manager Water and Infrastructure Project Manager. She explained the purpose of the report and why the reserve needed the change in classification to progress work on the reservoir. She advised that the design of the reservoir would be consulted on at a future date.

TDC202507/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

For Council as the territorial authority of reserves in Taupō to agree to reclassify part of Lot 101 DP 509968, a recreation reserve to local purpose (utility) reserve for the purpose of constructing a water reservoir in Kinloch, subject to the outcome of public consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/07 above.

5.4 SELECTION OF A DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS COMMISSIONER - 173 LAKE TERRACE TAUPŌ

The Team Leader Corporate Planning explained that this was an administrative matter where a person had the right to object to a Development Contribution charge. He clarified that using one commissioner was all that was required for a simple matter and was reasonable.

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TDC202507/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council selects Ms. Tania Te Whenua to hear, consider and decide on an objection to the assessed amount of development contributions at 173 Lake Terrace, Taupō. If Ms. Te Whenua is unavailable, that Council delegates authority to Policy Manager to select a Commissioner from the Register of Development Contribution Commissioners.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/08 above.

5.5 RECEIPT OF FINAL STATEMENTS OF INTENT – COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

The Chief Executive confirmed that letters of expectation had been provided to the Council Controlled Organisations ahead of the statements of intent being received.

TDC202507/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council receives the final Statements of Intent from the following Council Controlled Organisations:

- i. Taupō Airport Authority (TAA);
- ii. Destination (Great) Lake Taupō (DGLT);
- iii. Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services (BOPLASS); and
- iv. New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (LGFA).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/09 above.

5.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JUNE 2025

The Chief Executive summarised the big milestones of June and advised that some staff members had been deployed to the Nelson Tasman region to help with the Civil Defence response to recent flooding events.

The Project Management Office Manager thanked all that had contributed to the mahi to deliver projects which had resulted in a 113% delivery on the target for the 2025-26 financial year. She explained that the projects were transitioning from the last financial year to the current one and some projects would be phased out from the report. She highlighted changes to risks and costs on the portfolio update report.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment confirmed that the resource consent had been lodged for the erosion control project on the Kuratau foreshore. He would update members on how this was progressing at the next meeting.

The Finance Manager advised that the carry forward on projects should be able to be provided at the next Council meeting.

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TDC202507/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of June 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/10 above.

5.7 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS AUGUST 2025, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that no further changes had been made to the engagements for August 2025.

TDC202507/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council

- 1. Receives the information relating to engagements for August 2025; and
- 2. Appoints Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor to the Waikato Waters Shareholders' Representative Forum for the remainder of the 2022-25 triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/11 above.

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6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202507/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
Agenda Item No: 6.1 Appointment of Destination Great Lake Taupō trustees	Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7	To enable the privacy of candidates in the process of application for the vacant positions

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/12 above.

Note: The following resolution was made with the public excluded but was released after the meeting so can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes:

TDC202507/C13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

- That Council appoints Michele Teague, Victoria Carter and Nathan Farmer as trustees of the Destination Lake Taupō Trust for a three-year term 01/09/2025 to 01/09/2028.
- That the above resolution is released from confidence once the appointments have been confirmed and candidates advised.

 CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202507/C13 above.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 August 2025.

CHAIRPERSON

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Government to stop Council plan changes



HON CHRIS BISHOP

RMA Reform

The Government will stop councils wasting their officers' time and their ratepayers' money on plan changes in advance of the new planning system coming into force, RMA Reform Minister Chris Bishop says.

"The Resource Management Act (RMA) has crippled New Zealand for decades, and the Government's planning system reforms are well underway to make it easier to get things done in New Zealand," Mr Bishop says.

"We've already made a series of quick and targeted amendments to provide relief to our primary sector and passed the Fast-track Approvals Act to speed up the consenting process for projects with regional or nationally significant benefits. We've also opened consultation on sweeping changes to the regulations that sit under the RMA, and next month our second RMA Amendment Bill is expected to pass into law which will make important changes in the short-term to make it quicker and simpler to consent renewable energy, boost housing supply, and reduce red tape for the primary sector.

"Later this year the Government will introduce two new Acts to completely replace the RMA – one Act to focus on land-use planning and the second to focus on the natural environment. The new system will provide a framework that makes it easier to plan and deliver infrastructure as well as protect the environment.

"The existing RMA mandates that councils review their plans and policy statements every ten years. This has led to a situation where, even though councils know the RMA's days are numbered, many are required to continue with time consuming, expensive plan-making processes under the RMA.

"Much of this planning work won't be completed or implemented by the time the new system takes effect in 2027. Even if it were, it would need significant changes in the next couple of years to comply with the new planning laws.

"So rather than let these pricey, pointless planning and policy processes play out, the Government will be giving councils clarity on where to focus their efforts while they await the new planning system.

"The Government will suspend councils' mandatory RMA requirements to undertake plan and regional policy statement reviews every ten years, and the requirement to implement national planning standards. We will also extend the restriction on notifying freshwater planning instruments which we put in place last year.

"Councils will be required to withdraw plan reviews and changes that have not started hearings as soon as possible and within 90 days of the law coming into effect. Any rules that have immediate legal effect will continue to apply until the plan review or plan change is withdrawn by councils and then those rules will no longer apply. We will also stop new plan changes and reviews from being notified, except where there is good reason for them to continue.

"This decision has been made after careful consideration, and a recommendation from an Expert Advisory Group (EAG) that the Government relieve some of the workload of councils in the lead up to the new resource management system.

"The Government's intention is that stopping plan requirements for councils will enable them to focus on critical work to prepare to transition to the new system."

Exemption pathways and notification

"Plan reviews and changes will be stopped through an Amendment Paper to the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill, which is expected to become law next month.

There are a limited number of plan changes that will be automatically exempt from the stopping of a plan change. Examples of automatic exemptions include Streamlined Planning Processes and private plan changes (which are initiated by landowners and developers).

"The Government believes it's also important that councils can continue work on proposed plans, or parts of proposed plans, that relate to natural hazard management as well as for plan changes required by Treaty settlement agreements. Proposed plans that address these matters will be subject to an exemption.

"The proposed amendment also allows councils to apply to the Minister for the Environment for an exemption to continue or notify a new plan change.

"I want to be clear that stopping plan changes does not mean stopping progress on work that supports the Government's priorities in areas like housing, intensification and urban development, and councils will have pathways to continue with work that unlocks housing growth," Minister Bishop says.

The Government is currently consulting on national direction proposals that councils will not have to change plans to implement. Information is available here: Consultation on updating RMA national direction | Ministry for the Environment



CHIEF EXECUTIVE - Julie Gardyne

Overview

Government policy update

Stakeholder relationships

July marked the beginning of the 2025/26 financial year, and the council teams have been actively finalising business plans and aligning operational priorities for the year ahead.

A strong emphasis on responsiveness was evident with 1,278 service requests received across key areas including water, solid waste, roading, and rates. These figures reflect our ongoing commitment to maintaining essential services and delivering a high standard of customer care.

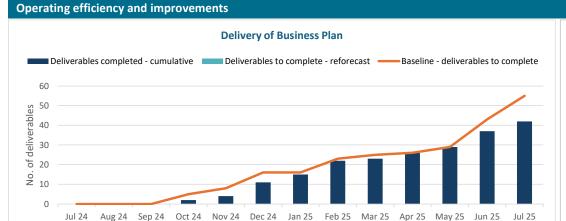
The central government's Back-to-Basics Local Government Programme continues to shape our strategic direction. While further details on performance benchmarks and funding mechanisms are awaited, council remains focused on delivering core infrastructure.

Recent policy developments, including the introduction of the Systems Improvement Bill and the announcement halting Resource Management Act (RMA) plan changes unless exempted. A paper related to the implications of this announcement on our District Plan changes is included within the August Council agenda.

Stakeholder engagement remained a priority throughout July. The executive team has been refining KPIs and business plans to ensure alignment across departments and clarity of purpose heading into 2026.

July also highlighted the promotion and closure of community grants, with decisions made in early August, together with the release of the pre-election report alongside the nomination period for upcoming elections.

Updated principles for capital budget carry-forwards into FY2025/26 have also been introduced, aimed at reducing inefficiencies and aligning delivery with best practices.





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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS - Hadley Tattle

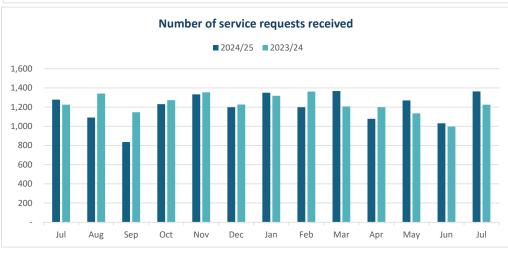


4076 calls received by customer services

82% of calls answered within 40 secs

As the 31 July deadline approached, we received a high volume of calls from customers seeking to complete their dog registrations. This remained one of the top enquiry topics throughout the month across all service centres also. Rates-related calls also increased, with many customers focused on understanding what their 2025/26 rates would be. Building-related enquiries also saw high numbers, with the contact centre booking 556 inspections during the month.

The organisation's focus on customer experience continues to show results, with overdue service requests steadily decreasing. This positive trend reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering timely and responsive service to our customers.





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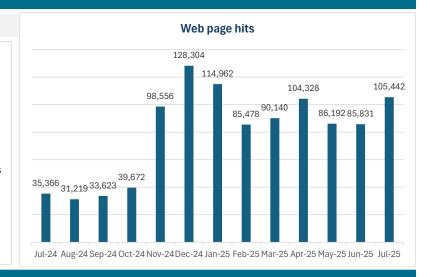
Community engagement and communications

3 campaigns

57,853 people engaged in campaigns in July

Last quarter Council launched or continued the following campaigns / awareness:

- **Providing information** Continued a series of "Mythbuster Monday" Facebook posts to provide factual information. July's topics included debt and local elections.
- Local Government Elections July was a mixture of messaging split between encouraging people to stand for local government and making sure they are enrolled to vote. This is phase one of our local government elections campaign. August and September will focus on phase two, encouraging people to vote in both the council elections and the Māori ward poll.
- Draft Joint Management Agreement (JMA) The draft agreement was finalised early in July and put onto the council website along with all supporting information. We have done a series of social media posts endeavouring to answer people's questions. All information related to the draft JMA including workshop presentations, the draft JMA and a comprehensive list of FAQs are on the council website at www.taupo.govt.nz/draft-jma.

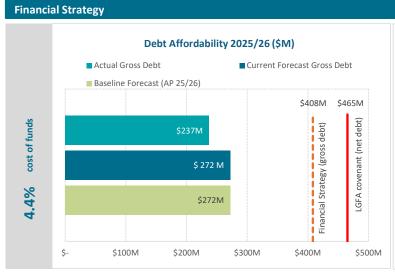


Iwi partnerships and initiatives

The mahi continued across workshops, meetings and hui for July. We are continuing to support the contractors leading the iwi engagement for the district stormwater discharge consent mahi. We have also confirmed a number of engagement activities for the upcoming month across various projects including the Broadlands Road Landfill consent with Hikuwai hapū and lakeside erosion.

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ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE - Sarah Matthews

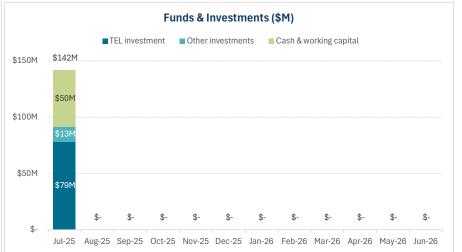




Council's cost of funds continues to decrease due to sound treasury management practices, including working closely with Council's treasury advisor. Favourable margins and decreasing OCR have also supported this effort.

The TEL Fund that is managed by Council's investment advisor Forsyth Barr has continued to climb steadily and receive annual returns above Council's forecasts. The fund is currently sitting at \$79M.

There are no balances for current year rates for July as rates instalment one is not invoiced until August. Outstanding rates balances are \$2.8M higher than the same time last year which is attributed to the current economic environment. The team will be focusing on rates debt post instalment one rates invoices.



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Health & Safety Improvements

Council's new H&S Manager commenced mid-July 2025 and is currently familarising himself with Council's H&S systems. He is working on a review of the health and safety workplan and resetting goals and targets for the 2025/26 year. The reset workplan will be taken to the September's Risk and Assurance Committee meeting for approval and reported in the performance report from next month.

Council has made meaningful progress in engaging with Council staff who are at risk from Aggressive & Threatening Behaviour (one of Council's critical risks). Through this engagement new risk controls and reporting processes have been put in place, and the H&S team is working to monitor progress of implementation of these.

Organisational Wide Audit Improvements





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Council Property

The Property team has been busy with several development projects, which are discussed in the Significant Projects Report (attached).

A major milestone was achieved last month with the signing of the Development Agreement for Stage 1 of Council's East Urban Lands housing development with Council's development partner. Council is continuing to progress the development of the sections and Council's development partner is now progressing to the next stages of bringing the homes to market

The centralisation of leases and licences project is progressing well, with the first stage of the project (CiA leases & licences implementation) being on track.

Digital Solutions

Over the past month, substantial progress has been made in remediating issues related to Council's new revenue and rating system. This has supported the setting of rates for 2025/26 and progress on Council's year end tasks. Implementation of CiAnywhere request management and leases and licences modules remain on track, with all milestones met and the first round of user acceptance testing (UAT) currently underway.

Cybersecurity continues to be a key focus, with enhancements embedded in ongoing system upgrades. A managed detection framework has been introduced, enabling 24/7 monitoring and strengthening the organisation's response capabilities. These developments reflect a steady continuation of strategic priorities, with tangible progress toward improved system stability, enhanced user engagement, and broader digital transformation efforts.

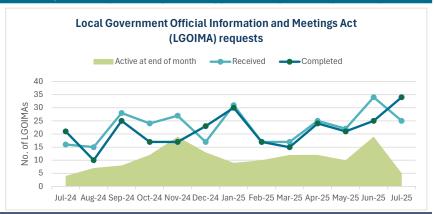
Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) requests

99% of LGOIMAs processed within 20 days - YTD Target is 99%

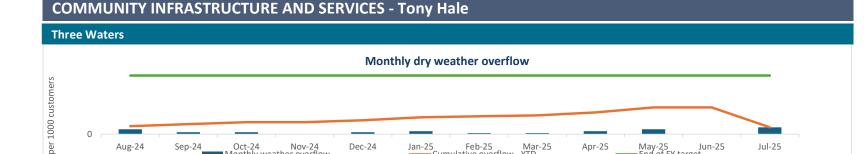
July's LGOIMA topics include infrastructure, environmental impact, and governance, with a particular focus on Māori/Council relationships and the Joint Management Agreement.

Requests sought information regarding voting to establish Maori wards, budget and training in Te Ao Māori for Council staff, construction of dwellings near Waitahanui, Council interactions with iwi/hapū regarding land and infrastructure, and the potential impact of the JMA on the building industry.

In the infrastructure space, requests involved Council construction projects over \$10M, safety reports for two new roundabout designs, reporting and costs for a watermain break on Lake Terrace, and charges for wastewater and water supply.



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- moderate or significant resource consent non-compliances (take & discharge) with an actual or potential adverse health or environmental effect. Target is Nil. 1. A notification to the Waikato Regional Council relating to a minor resource consent non-compliance at the Omori wastewater treatment plant, where the weekly discharge limit of 40 mm/week was exceeded by 0.5 mm due to an irrigation pump set point issue. 2. The Waikato Regional Council was notified following the separation of the wastewater main from a manhole chamber near the Control Gates Bridge, that caused wastewater to overflow to surrounding land and likely the Waikato River. 3. A notification was made following an overflow at the Mangakino wastewater treatment plant to land adjacent to the plant, following a short period of intensive rain.
- During July, council shared communications advising of the current lack of protozoa barriers for some Taupō Water Schemes. Communications included mailed letters, emails and community posts, which were targeted to the users of the affected water schemes including Kinloch, Omori/Pukawa/Kuratau, Motuoapa, Hatepe and Centennial Drive. The communications highlighted that there isn't a change in water quality risk or the treatment process, with the council water treatment plants having operated without protozoa barriers for many years. Target dates for achieving full protozoa treatment were provided and additional information including frequently asked questions were added to the council website. The communications were very well received by the community, with no notable concerns raised.
- Kinloch will have a full protozoa treatment in place shortly, with the Kinloch Membrane Plant upgrade project very close to completion. The project is currently in the commissioning phase and is anticipated to be supplying the Kinloch community by end of August or early September. Later this year the Omori plant upgrade will also be completed, which will provide protozoa treated water to the Omori, Pukawa, and Kuratau communities. The remaining plant upgrades will be completed in 2026.
- A wastewater infrastructure failure occurred where an underground section of pipe had come away from the adjoining chamber resulting in wastewater discharging in vicinity of the control gates bridge, to the adjoining area on the margins of the Waikato River. Staff and contractors responded quickly and undertook a temporary pipe fix to address the breakage and have placed temporary fencing around the site. Staff are exploring a permanent engineered solution, which will provide greater stability of the short section of affected pipe. It is anticipated that the permanent fix will be completed in the next few weeks.
- Council received an abetment notice from Waikato Regional Council to investigate and implement actions to avoid unauthorised discharges of wastewater from the transfer pumpstation and overflow chamber. The notice relates to the 7 February 2025 incident of treated wastewater overflow into Waikato River.

Waste Management

2,180 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill - YTD

46% of waste stream diverted from landfill - YTD

50% target diverted from landfill - by 2034

- Choose to Reuse Challenge was launched in 37 cafes across the district and within the council.
- The kerbside collection day for a section of Nukuhau was changed.
- New contractor has taken over operation of the southern transfer stations.
- Recycling battery stations were installed at Omori and Whareroa transfers stations.
- The waste education booth at a local Matariki event was successful with over 500 students in attendance.

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Jul-25

Transport

km of road resealed YTD -target TBC

0.0 km of road renewed YTD -target TBC

207 pothole repairs/month

\$34,304 emergency dispatches

- July was busy with weather-related maintenance. Wind-felled trees temporarily blocked Mapara and Forest Road at different times. There were some slips on road batters. We recorded a large increase in pothole repairs with the road pavements being repeatedly saturated by the regular and heavy rainfalls. Council's maintenance contractor HEB Construction were busy and laid on extra resources, often working all weekend.
- July was quiet in terms of scheduled construction works as it was mid-winter, but the transport team were busy completing end of financial year reports for both NZTA and REG by 31 July and planning for the construction season to resume in about September. The programmes for the new financial year are being finalised.
- A notable milestone was the successful transition of the RAMM database to the new national Asset Management Data System (AMDS). It is anticipated that this system will offer significant efficiencies and consistency of data.
- The NZTA truck weighbridges on Napier and Crown Roads had their pavement works completed and most of the temporary traffic management controls removed. (**assisting emergency call outs, including emergency services, with traffic management and after hours calls)

Events and Venues

- No funding was paid out from donations, grants, or sponsorships during July. YTD financials will be updated as funding is paid.
- The only sponsored event delivered this month was the Taupō Winter Festival. The post-event report is due in September 2025.
- This event also marked the first use of the One Picture survey tool, with 254 responses received – exceeding expectations. The event team has committed to using the tool for a further two years, which will help provide a more accurate, district-wide view of the events industry.
- Across the district, a total of 26 events were delivered in July (25 in Taupō/Kinloch, 1 in Tūrangi, and no events reported in Mangakino). Note: There may have been additional events delivered across the district this month; however, we can only report on confirmed information.

Monthly events hosted by council venues (not including regular sports users, meetings or internal bookings) ■ No. of events hosted Estimated number of total participants 30 35,000 30,000 25 25,000 20 20,000 15,000 10 10,000 5,000

Donations, grants and sponsorship fund

\$0

\$488,000

donations, grants & sponsorship fund invested to date

\$0 estimated economic return - YTD

SO return on investment - YTD



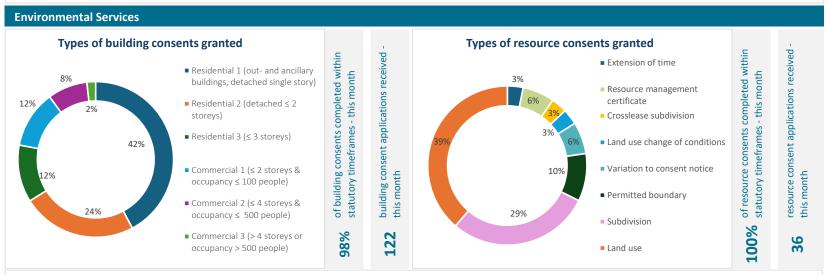
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STRATEGY AND ENVIRONMENT - Warrick Zander

Policy

- Policy team supported the Council consideration of the joint committee recommendation on the draft Joint Management Agreement with Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board.
- Work continued with Ngāti Tūrangitukua on the reserve management plan for Tūrangi.
- Continued work on pre-disaster planning for recovery.
- Project planning for the next Long-term Plan continued.



- Navigating the recent government announcements and anticipating the impact of upcoming policy changes on workflows has been complex, yet progress continues across all key areas.
- The Tūrangi pound has had new flooring installed, improving the brightness and presentation of the facility.
- 81% of known dogs were registered as at 31 July 2025. 49 dogs were impounded during July.
- Updated statistics have been submitted to MBIE for Compliance Schedules, Building Warrants of Fitness (BWoFs), and Pool Barriers, which will inform their assessment of our risk profile and the timing of the next audit.
- Annual reporting for Earthquake-Prone Buildings was completed with no issues identified. In line with recent MBIE changes, previously issued notices are being reissued and appended to extend remediation timeframes for affected buildings by four years.
- Industry engagement highlights included visits to couple of food and beverage businesses to better understand small-scale brewery operations and food verification processes.

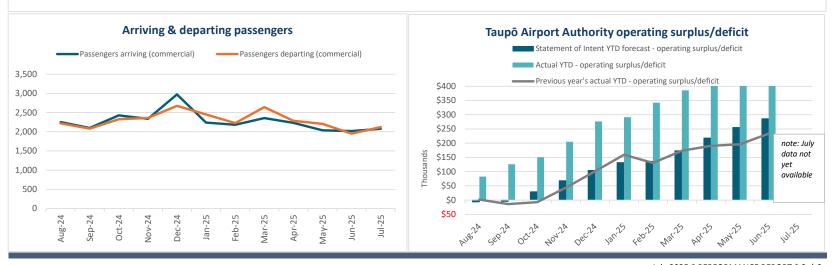
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Parks and Reserves

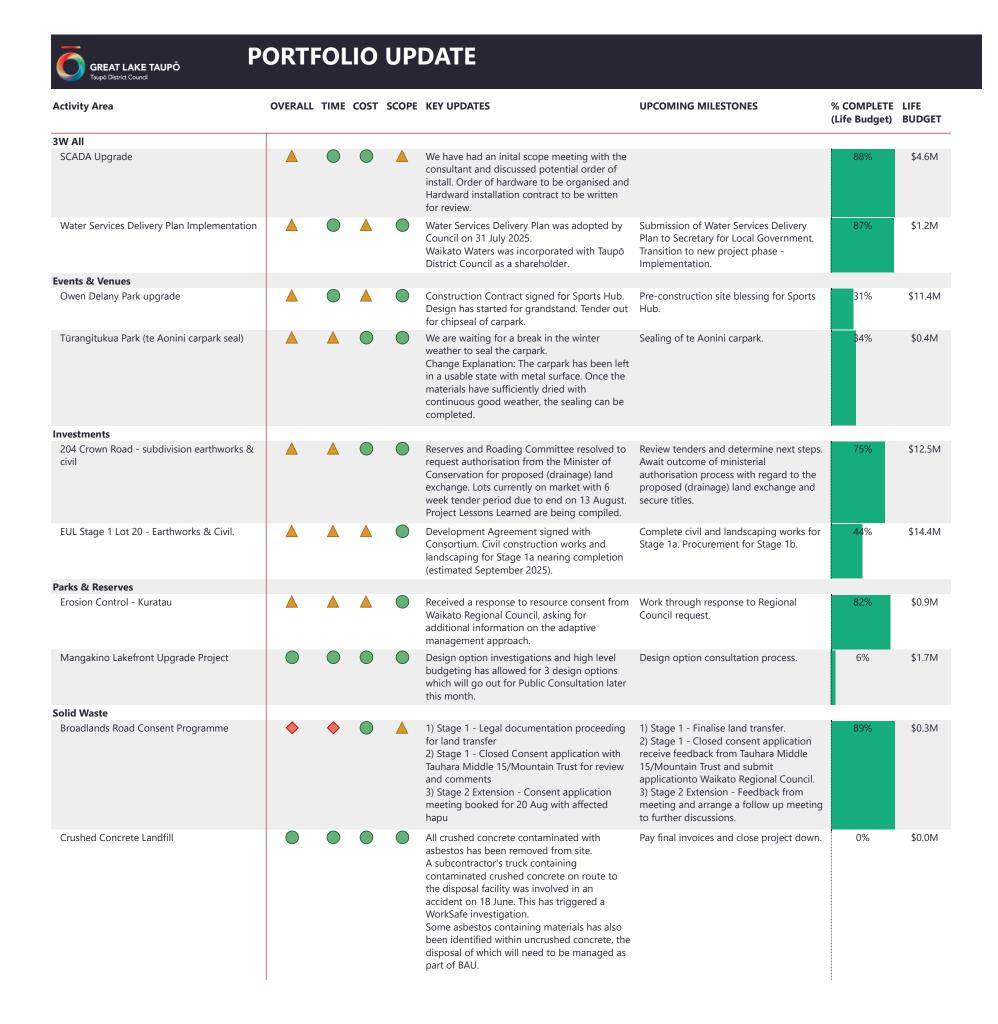
- The reserves team have been implementing the winter work programme. This has included tree work; removing low hanging branches to allow for mower clearance, mulching under trees to protect root systems and deter vehicles, formative pruning of young trees in Nga Roto estate, and having arborists remove some weed tree species and dead/dangerous trees from Harvey Street Gully and Brentwood Gully, as well as three silver birches from the cliff top adjacent to the #LOVETAUPŌ sign.
- Additionally, maintenance to footpaths and reserves has been done, including edging in Tūrangi, hedge maintenance, Nga Roto vegetation clearance, and general path maintenance. Reserve maintenance was also completed at Whareroa, removing nuisance vegetation in preparation for planting. Infilling of revegetation sites and Taupō CBD gardens, and mulching of these areas has been significantly progressed. At Kinloch and Richmond Heights, cut and pasting of broom, a pest plant, was done.
- Contractors completed fencing projects in Secombe Park, to prevent vehicles accessing the reserve, and Taupō Cemetery to protect areas of the lawn cemetery.
- Predator trapping continued in Taupō and Mangakino. It was a bit quiet on the lines this month with a total of 25 rats, six possums, five mice, and one hedgehog captured throughout July.

Taupō Airport

- Good end of year financial results for FY2025 with operating surplus well ahead of budget by over 50% and more than 20% above FY2024 results.
- Airport safety manager position has been changed from a contractor role to a permanent part-time.
- Airport has taken on management of two new tenants following the land transfer agreement with the council property team.
- Meeting was organised with local airport operators to explain and discuss airport finances over the past few years to answer previously raised questions.
- With regards to the compliance with the airport's CAA Part 139 certification, completed a full review of the airport's exposition which consists of three manuals: Airport Operations, Safety Management System, and Emergency Response Plan.
- Passenger numbers were lower than expected with no service to Wellington and cancellations on the Auckland sector on several days due to poor weather conditions in Auckland.
- Apron redevelopment project has been submitted to the NZ Airports 2025 awards infrastructure project of the year (small airports).
- The team is preparing for the five-yearly obstacle limitation survey, and for the 2025 airport emergency exercise.



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PORTFOLIO UPDATE

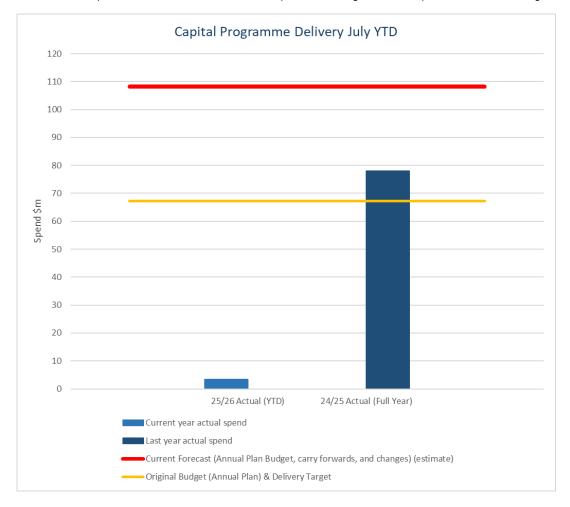
Activity Area	OVERALL	TIME	COST	SCOPE	KEY UPDATES	UPCOMING MILESTONES	% COMPLETE (Life Budget)	
Stormwater								
Stormwater Discharge Consents Renewal					Stakeholder engagement continued. Te Miro has met TDC team recently to visit the critical areas.	N/A	0%	\$0.0M
Support services								
Tūrangi Master Plan					Currently working with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to finalise a project brief, which includes scope.	Once project brief approved by Working Group, it will be signed off by sponsor.	0%	\$0.2M
Fransport							:	
Omori / Kuratau Slip					Ground investigation has been completed.		0%	\$0.7M
Roundabouts - Taharepa/Crown & Tauhara/AC Baths					The tender closed on 4 August and is currently under evaluation.		3%	\$2.5M
Vastewater								
Taupō WW Control gates bridge buffer storage tanks					Expected that geotech investigations can proceed in August. WSP to plan a date. A new PM is to be appointed.	Initiation of Geotech investigation in August. Followed by preliminary design in September.	3%	\$2.8M
Turangi WW Consent					We have received initial feedback from Tūrangitukua and provided feedback to them. The aim is to work with Tūrangitukua (and others) to reach an agreement on consent conditions and avoid an adversarial hearing process. This will likely take some months to work through before the updated application can be provided to Waikato Regional Council.		32%	\$0.2M
Wastewater Taupō WWTP Programme	♦		♦	♦	Overall the projects are under preliminary and/or detailed design and the long awaited NZ WW standards are being released soon.	Awaiting NZ wastewater standards being released by government for the direction of some projects.	24%	\$2.2M
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Centennial - Treatment Compliance Upgrade					Planning for power relocation at reservoir is underway. Date confirmed for September. Pipework in Water Treatment Plant reconfigured to accommodate easier access to new UV unit. New control cabinet at testing stage (off site). New pipeline from town to Centennial scheme is still in the design stage. Location of new water pumpstation is still being confirmed/worked through.	Power pole relocation at reservoir. Finalising design of new pipeline.	10%	\$5.7M
District - Universal Smart Water Metering					Procurement plan and RFT document nearing completion. Engagement work in planning.	Tender out to market.	13%	\$1.5M
DWSNZ Drinking Water Membrane Plant Upgrades					The overall program of works is going well. Currently the budget for Kinloch and Omori is very tight. Kinloch – Commissioning underway. Omori – works are progressing well, with the process and electrical fitout underway. Motuoapa – Building pad is currently being constructed to prepare for the concrete foundation. Hatepe – The project team are working with hapū to complete a CIA for the project.	Kinloch – likely produce compliant drinking water by the end of August 2025. Omori – Commissioning planned for November. Motuoapa – Commencement of building foundations in September. Hatepe – Completion of site clearance in late August.	72%	\$41.9M
Kinloch Low Zone Reservoir					Council has engaged with surrounding property owners and Kinloch Rep Group to discuss the reclassification. Presented proposal to reclassify to Council 31 Aug and Council approved going out for notification Change Explanation: Awaiting the reclassification process results. Enables certainty of the reservoir location and allowing for design to proceed.	Results of reclassification notice.	10%	\$2.0M
Tauhara Ridge Reservoir & Airport Connection					All sealent done between panels and floor. Roof panels delivered to site. Traffic management plan approved for work adjacent to SH1.	Roof panels are 99% completed with final installation by 9th August. Infrastructure contractor getting ready and site establishing for pipeline works to kick off.	65%	\$4.0M

KEY

	Low Ris	sk	Φ	Risk Decreased (Amber/Red to	Green)
	Mediur	n Risk	7	Risk Decreased (Red to Amber)	
\limits	High Ri	isk	7	Risk Increased (Green to Amber)
\ominus	On Hol	d (waiting LTP)	1	Risk Increased (Amber/Green to	Red)
	89%	Almost Complete	\$1.0	M Smaller Value Project	
	12%	Low Spend to Date	\$8.5	M High Value Project	
		% Complete = \$ Spend to Date / Life Budget		\$ Life Budget	

TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL - FINANCIAL REPORT TO JULY 2025

Council does not provide July financials at the August meeting, as the financial year end closing extends longer than other month end processes. 2025/26 Financials will be provided for August, at the September Council meeting.



We have achieved 5.2% of our capital delivery target and 3.2% of the current forecast budget (Annual Plan plus estimated carry forward)

TREASURY REPORT

TEL Fund update

Customised Investment Solutions 31 July 2025

Account Number: 6000004 Adviser Names: Andrew Bateman & Roger FitzGerald

Portfolio Summary

Taupo District Council

Customised Investment Solutions

As a Wholesale Advice Client and a Wholesale DIMS Investor you have authorised Forsyth Barr Limited to manage this portfolio in accordance with the Service Agreement for our Wholesale Portfolio Advisory & Management Service, a discretionary portfolio advisory and management service.

Your portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis in accordance with our Service Agreement and with reference to your Statement of Investment Policy & Objectives (SIPO), noting in particular any investment limitations or exclusions in your SIPO.

Asset Allocation	Underlying sectors in which the port	Underlying sectors in which the portfolio is invested			
Sector	NZ Dollar Value	Portfolio %			
Cash	6,522,385.78	8.3			
Fixed Interest	25,057,514.71	31.8			
Property	4,089,750.85	5.2			
NZ Equities	7,653,162.46	9.			
Australian Equities	8,695,669.61	11.0			
International Equities	26,855,421.05	34.0			
Total	\$ 78,873,904.45	100.0			

