

Friday, 29 May 2026

He hui e whakahaeretia nei e Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Administered by Hastings District Council

Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Friday, 29 May 2026**

Te Wā:
Time: **10:30 AM**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Ōmarunui Landfill**

Te Hoapā:
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Te Āpiha Matua:
Responsible
Officer: **Waste Planning Manager - Angela Atkins**

Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee – Terms of Reference

Background

Section 43 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 states that a territorial authority must adopt a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) which provides:

- Objectives, policies and methods for effective and efficient waste management and minimisation.
- Collection, recovery, recycling, treatment and disposal services.
- Facilities for waste management.
- Waste minimisation activities including education and public awareness; and
- A framework for funding implementation, grants and advances of money.

In 2014 the Joint Council Waste Futures Project Steering Committee was established to oversee and manage a range of programmes and interventions to achieve effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the Ōmarunui Landfill catchment.

The WMMP must be reviewed every 5 years. Council adopted the WMMP in 2019.

Purpose

1. To be responsible for overseeing, supporting, monitoring and reporting progress toward achieving the intent of WMMP.
2. To represent the interests of Council in the WMMP.
3. To review the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan at least every six years to meet the requirements of the Waste Management Act 2008.

Members (6 Councillors)

- Chair – Councillor from one Council elected by the Committee.
- Deputy Chair – Councillor from the other Council elected by the Committee.
- 2 other HDC Councillors.
- 2 other NCC Councillors.

Status

By agreement of the local authority member, the Joint Waste Futures Joint Project Steering Committee has been established as a Joint Committee under clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Joint Committee will have responsibility and authority to:

- 1) Report back to the individual Council on an as required basis.
- 2) Accept and hear submissions on the draft Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan under the Special Consultative Procedure and adopt the final WMMP after completion of the Special Consultative Procedure.
- 3) To monitor performance and progress to give effect to the purpose of the WMMP and to make recommendations to the constituent Councils accordingly.

Administering Authority and Servicing

Hastings District Council shall administer the Joint Committee meetings.

Meetings

The Hastings District Council's Standing Orders will be used to conduct the Joint Committee meetings.

The Joint Committee shall meet as and when required as agreed for the achievement of the purpose of the Joint Committee.

Quorum

The quorum at any meeting shall be not less than four (4) including not less than two representatives of each of the member bodies.

Voting

- The members shall strive at all times to reach a consensus.
- Each representative shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting.
- There shall be no casting vote.

Variations

Any member may propose an amendment (including additions or deletions) to the Terms of Reference which may be agreed to by the Joint Committee.

Variations to the Terms of Reference must be referred to the constituent Councils for ratification.

Term of Office

The primary purpose of this Joint Committee is the approval and adoption, by both Councils, of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-2031. However, the Joint Committee will continue to meet as and when required to oversee performance of the WMMP in operation.

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Hastings District Council

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Heamana

Group Members:

Chair: Councillor Hana Montaperto-Hendry (HDC)

Deputy Chair: Councillor Whare Isaac-Sharland (NCC)

Councillors Nicholas Ratcliffe and Siam Daniel (HDC)

Councillors Greg Mawson and Te Kira Lawrence (NCC)

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

4 members - at least 2 Councillors from each Council

Apiha Matua

Officer

Waste Planning Manager – Angela Atkins

Responsible:

Te Rōpū Manapori me

te Kāwanatanga

Democracy &

Governance

Services

Lynne Cox (Extn 5632)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

Apologies & Leave of Absence – Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui

- 1.0** At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.
At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2.0 Conflict of Interest– Mahi Kai Huanga

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have.

Confirmation of Minutes - Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī

- 3.0** Minutes of the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee held Friday 27 February 2026.
(Previously circulated)

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Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

Nā: Angela Atkins, Waste Planning Manager
From: Toni Bye, Waste Minimisation Specialist

Te Take: Hastings Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
Subject: Implementation Update

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The Hastings and Napier Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2025–2031 was adopted on 13 June 2025 and is published on the council’s website. This report outlines the activities taken by the Hastings District Council (HDC) waste team, during the three-month period, 1 January to 31 March 2026, to implement the WMMP.
- 1.2 The WMMP sets a shared regional direction to reduce waste generation, increase diversion from landfill, support a circular economy, and reduce emissions associated with waste.
- 1.3 Overall, implementation is progressing as planned, with year one efforts focused on establishing foundations, strengthening partnerships, and delivering priority actions scheduled for years 1–3 of the plan. Key achievements include the delivery of a range of waste diversion trials and good progress has been made in community, school, commercial sector and mana whenua engagement, with more than 40 engagement activities delivered and strong digital engagement.
- 1.4 Expenditure continues to be lower than forecasted due to initial programme planning, with spend expected to increase as implementation of the programme accelerates. All disbursements have been applied to appropriate funding. All statutory compliance and reporting obligations have been met.
- 1.5 This is an information report and is not seeking a decision on any options.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee receive the report titled Hastings Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Implementation Update dated 29 May 2026.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

3.1 The WMMP was adopted following the completion of the waste assessment (November 2024) and public consultation (April–May 2025). The plan aligns with the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and the New Zealand Waste and Resource Efficiency Strategy.

3.2 All councils are required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to have a WMMP and review it at least once every six years.

3.3 The Waste Disposal Levy, established under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, applies to all waste sent to landfill. Fifty percent of the revenue generated from this levy is allocated to councils to support activities that reduce waste and promote resource recovery as detailed in the WMMP. The levy is currently \$65 per tonne for Class 1 landfills, rising \$5 each year to \$75 per tonne. On 1 July 2026 the waste disposal levy will increase to \$70 per tonne for waste disposed at a Class 1 landfill. For more information visit - <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/waste/waste-disposal-levy/overview/>

3.4 WMMP Vision

It is normal for our communities to waste less, work in partnership, and value our resources in order to protect te taiao.

3.5 WMMP Goals

- Improve resource recovery and diversion of waste from landfill by working in partnership.
- Support the development of a circular economy in which the building blocks are in place to enable change.
- Prioritise circular activity in line with the waste hierarchy so our community produces less waste.
- Support our community to minimise emissions from waste and regenerate nature.

3.6 WMMP Targets

- Waste generation: reduce the amount of material entering the waste management system by 10 per cent per person.
- Waste disposal: reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal by 30 per cent per person.
- Waste emissions: reduce the biogenic methane emissions from waste by at least 30 per cent (a national target).

3.7 Action Plan


3.8 The WMMP identifies 10 focus areas to guide implementation and achieve the vision of a circular economy. These areas collectively address the four strategic priorities consulted on during the plan's development.

1. Education and Community Engagement - Build awareness and empower residents to adopt waste minimisation practices.
2. Infrastructure Development - Upgrade transfer stations and resource recovery facilities to improve diversion.
3. Organic Waste Management - Expand composting and food waste reduction initiatives.
4. Construction and Demolition Waste - Promote deconstruction and material recovery from building projects.
5. Commercial and Industrial Waste - Support businesses to audit and reduce waste through tailored programmes.
6. Product Stewardship and Recycling Systems - Enhance recycling schemes and advocate for national product stewardship initiatives.
7. Innovation and Trials - Fund and support pilot projects for new waste diversion technologies.
8. Policy and Regulation - Strengthen bylaws and compliance measures to encourage waste minimisation.
9. Partnerships and Collaboration - Work closely with mana whenua, community groups, and industry to share knowledge and resources.
10. Monitoring and Data Collection - Improve data systems to track progress and inform future reviews.

4.0 Progress against the WMMP Action Plan

4.1 The timeframes for execution of the WMMP actions are included in the plan. In this report officers are providing an update on the actions that were indicated to be completed during years 1–3.

4.2

Action #	Action Description	Status	Comments
1.4	Review rates remission policy to reward low-waste producers using kerbside collection for effectiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	Will be completed in the 26/27 financial year.
1.5	Review provision and delivery of annual hazardous waste collection for households.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	Awaiting the release of the Rural Recycling product stewardship scheme, as it is proposed that this scheme will also manage household chemicals.
1.6	Complete review of solid waste bylaws and implement changes to ensure alignment with the WMMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 	The HDC Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw was adopted on 4 September 2025
1.7	Provide kerbside, transfer station and rural recycling services in line with standardisation requirements and viable end markets; may include CAPEX/plant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met, will continue to monitor. 	All services are compliant with the standardisation requirements of the gazette notice: Standard Materials for Kerbside Collections Notice 2023 (Notice No. 1)
2.1	Review local waste minimisation fund framework to maximise returns via grants/service agreements for trials and initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	The HDC waste minimisation fund framework was reviewed in 2024. It is likely that a review will be completed in year 3, 27/28.
3.4	Explore/establish formal policy/governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  Commenced/ongoing 	Regular meetings are being established with PSGE partners -

	arrangements with mana whenua (Te Tiriti partners).		this is subject to their availability, capacity and staff changes.
6.2	Establish/review emergency waste management & business continuity processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	Will be commenced in the 26/27 financial year.
7.2	Pilot innovative data management solutions to reduce resourcing pressure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced/ongoing	A recording matrix has been set up for the team to record all activities and monitor progress on the implementation of the WMMP.
7.4	Establish platform for council waste data with automation/streamlined reporting.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced/ongoing	Work has commenced, the HDC IT are setting up API systems to obtain the data automatically. From this a dashboard will be set up for the team to use for all reporting.
8.7	Feasibility study for best recovery options for organics (regional processing & value extraction).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	Likely to be started in the 2027 calendar year.
9.2	Monitor regional/national infrastructure status (landfill closures/capacity, bans, gate rates) to assess risks/opportunities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commenced/ongoing	Monitoring media stories and keeping in touch with colleagues across the sector.
9.3	Complete construction of additional regional landfill capacity (Area B at Ōmarunui).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed	Construction works were completed in 2025 and Area B opened on 15 January 2026.
10.2	Engage with commercial sector to understand Class 2–5 activity/data and encourage diversion from landfills (1–5).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet to be started 	Waiting for guidance to be released from the Waste MINZ contaminated land sector group.

4.3 Work has also commenced on several other actions. Many of these are to be actioned over the term of the plan. Progress on other actions includes:

4.4 Actions 2.7 & 2.8 – regular activities occurring, see table 6.7. Total of 36 activities over the reporting period.

5.0 Performance metrics

5.1 Officers formally measure progress through three-yearly waste composition surveys, called Solid Waste Analysis Protocol (SWAP) surveys. The next SWAP survey will be completed around April/May 2027. Officers also get regular data on the weights and types of waste going to the transfer stations and Ōmarunui Landfill.

5.2 Landfill tonnage – not formally reported and assessed as this target will be measured at the end of each financial year. Currently tonnes are decreasing due to the economic downturn.

5.3 Waste diversion – not formally reported and assessed as this target will be measured at the end of each financial year. Currently tonnes are decreasing due to the economic downturn and changes in consumer behaviour.

5.4 Community engagement – as this is the first half of year one, officers are unable to make any comparisons. This will be reported upon in future reports.

6.0 Mana whenua, community, sector and stakeholder engagement

6.1 Communication activities

6.2 Regular activities have continued such as the monthly newsletter and Facebook posts about waste minimisation, events and kerbside related information.

6.3 We also had more content posted across other platforms like Instagram and LinkedIn, especially in March.

6.4 Landfill comes last newsletter was published in February and March.

6.5 Members of the team were at the Meatball Festival working alongside Sustainable HB who were managing the waste management and Rinsery reusable system. The team engaged with members of the public around correct waste minimisation practices in putting items in the right bins and educated them on the Rinsery System and the benefits of reusables over single use bowls and cups.

6.6 Online engagement:

6.7 The social media statistics below are for the period July to December 2025 and are for waste minimisation-related posts only:

Date	Post	Reach	Engagements
5-Jan	Rural recycling	1714	24
7-Jan	Summer waste hacks	8965	505
14-Jan	Summer BBQ leftovers	2231	52
3-Feb	Public holiday collections	3085	49
4-Feb	Repair café	3304	188
11-Feb	Group visits to landfill	6089	165
18-Feb	Waste Minimisation Fund	1666	42
25-Feb	Household chemical cleanout	2552	68
27-Feb	Great Food Rescue introduction	9794	510
1-Mar	Great Food Rescue Leftover Legends reel	2385	222
2-Mar	Great Food Rescue Cath's Kitchen reel	2988	157
3-Mar	The Rinsery - Meatball Festival reel	3444	181
5-Mar	Re-Source Leftover Legend reel	955	23
10-Mar	Food Waste workshop Cath's Kitchen	2605	76
11-Mar	Household Chemical cleanout	2130	61
12-Mar	St Georges/Rescued Kitchen	2851	123
18-Mar	TUMU food composting	8859	621
18-Mar	Great Food Rescue – log your plate reel	3230	206
25-Mar	Waste Minimisation Fund	1964	35
31-Mar	Public holiday collections	2580	52
Total	20 posts	77,391	3,360

6.8 A highlight of online engagement was the social media engagement gained from planned and consistent posting during the Month of March dedicated to The Great Food Rescue and the Love Food Hate Waste Leftover Legends Campaign.

6.9 Across March, there were seven Facebook posts and three Instagram posts promoting council-run community events and the Leftover Legends Campaign. The most popular post was the introduction to the Great Food Rescue with the press release on 27 February with 9794 reach and 510 engagements.

6.10 Waste minimisation engagement activities

6.11 The table below provides an overview of the community and business engagement activities undertaken by the team between January and March 2026.

Date	Group/Organisation	Topic	WMMP Action	Outcome	Attendees
13/01/2026	Mr Apple	Ōmarunui landfill visit and presentation	6.7	Ongoing behaviour change education	25
14/01/2026	HB Hospital ICU	Supporting waste audit	5.2	Supporting data driven waste reduction in healthcare	5
14/01/2026	University of Canterbury	Bioeconomy research project / meeting	4.3	Collaborate on information sharing and learning	2
20/01/2026	3R Group	Ōmarunui landfill visit and presentation	6.7	Behaviour change education	12
20/01/2026	HDC Growth and Development, Elected members and Flaxmere Community representatives	Te Aranga Design workshop	3.1	Support mana whenua, kaupapa Māori organisations and marae in circular/infrastructure initiatives	18
29/01/2026	Love Food Hate Waste, Local Government, WasteMINZ	Leftover Legends campaign launch – HDC presentation to local government waste minimisation teams	6.7	Behaviour change education	65
02/02/2026	Whanganui District Council	Meeting to share HDC approach on establishing waste minimisation funding	4.3	Collaborate on information sharing and learning	3
05/02/2026	Agrecovery	Rural recycling product stewardship scheme update	8.1	Keeping abreast of national developments	2
09/02/2026	Mangateretere School	School waste minimisation fund kōrero and visit to their school māra	6.7	Behaviour change education	3
10/02/2026	Sustainable Hawke's Bay	Regular bi-monthly meeting	2.8	Collaborate on circular activities	6
11/02/2026	Parkvale School, Mayfair Primary, Waimārama School, Te Mata School and	Visit and presentation of composting systems/worm farms for their involvement in the "Caps and Lids" project	6.7	Behaviour change education	12

	Heretaunga Intermediate				
19/02/2026	EECA/Beca	Organic mapping project meeting	8.7	Understanding regional organics	5
19/02/2026	Cranford Hospice	Identify opportunities for waste reduction in health care meeting	5.2	Sharing best practice and Identifying opportunities	1
24/02/2026	Smart Environmental team from Fielding RTS	Tour of Henderson Road Transfer Station (RTS)	4.3	Collaborate on information sharing and learning	3
24/02/2026	Sustainable Hawke's Bay	Waste minimisation funding meeting	2.8	Regularly meet with interested parties to discuss opportunities	4
25/02/2026	VPlas	Investigating diversion opportunity for rotationally moulded plastics	1.3	Seek diversion opportunities	1
26/02/2026	Re-Source	Impact value discussion	2.8	Collaborate on circular activities	3
26/02/2026	Guardians of Tūtira and Landcare Trust	Farm waste workshop discussion with catchment coordinator	5.2	Building relationships and Identifying opportunities	2
26/02/2026	Te Mata School	Composting demonstration	6.7	Behaviour change education	23
03/03/2026	Irongate School	Ōmarunui landfill visit and presentation	6.7	Behaviour change education	15
06/03/2026	Age Concern – Heretaunga	Waste minimisation and kerbside recycling presentation	6.7	Behaviour change education	48
06-19/03/2026	Local Hastings/HN businesses	Drop ins – invitation to Great Food Rescue events and introduction to business support	5.2	Building relationships and Identifying opportunities	90
12/03/2026	MPI	Regional meeting regarding Foot & Mouth disease	6.2	Emergency waste planning	40
12/03/2026	Cath's Kitchen	Session 1 – Food waste workshop in Flaxmere Part of the HDC "Great Food Rescue" month	6.7	Behaviour change education	17
13/03/2026	HDC staff tour	Ōmarunui landfill visit and presentation	6.7	Behaviour change education	25
15/03/2026	HDC / NCC	Household Chemical Cleanout	1.5	Annual hazardous waste collection for households.	84
16/03/2026	Future Post	Meeting	7.5	Understanding existing technologies	6
17/03/2026	Sustainable is Attainable / Foodeast Haumako	Food Rescue Event with businesses:	6.7	Behaviour change education	16

		Part of the HDC "Great Food Rescue" month			
18/03/2026	Nourished for Nil	Meeting	2.8	Collaborate on circular activities	3
18/03/2026	Kate Fenwick	Session 1 – Community Food Waste Event "Food lovers masterclass" Part of the HDC "Great Food Rescue" month	6.7	Behaviour change education	64
18/03/2026	SPCA Op Shop	Meeting to provide support around illegal dumping	5.2	Building relationships	1
19/03/2026	Sustainable is Attainable	Regular meeting	2.8	Collaborate on circular activities	1
19/03/2026	Kate Fenwick	Session 2 – HDC Staff Food Waste Event "Mini Food Lovers Master Class" Part of the HDC "Great Food Rescue" month	6.7	Behaviour change education	25
26/03/2026	Cath's Kitchen	Session 2 – Food waste workshop in Havelock North Part of the HDC "Great Food Rescue" month	6.7	Behaviour change education	34
30/03/2026	Circularity / Rescued Kitchen	Waste minimisation fund discussions	2.8	Collaborate on circular activities	2
30/03/2026	CBEC (Community Business & Employment Centre, Kaitaia)	Textile diversion meeting	1.3	Seek diversion opportunities	1
Total	36 activities				667

7.0 Overview of team activities for the period 1 January to 31 March 2026

7.1 Community

7.2 A presentation on waste minimisation and kerbside recycling was delivered to members of the Heretaunga Age Concern group, with 48 attendees. The session prompted constructive discussion about the operation and accessibility of the kerbside recycling system for older residents. It was identified during the presentation that several attendees were unaware of Hastings District Council's assisted kerbside collection service, which supports residents who struggle or are unable to place rubbish and recycling at the kerbside.

7.3 Names and contact details of residents interested in accessing the assisted service were collected and provided to the Waste Contract Manager to enable direct follow-up and coordination of service provision.

7.4 The Great Food Rescue initiative supported community-wide engagement to encourage a shift in how food is valued and managed. Throughout March, households, businesses and community groups across Hastings took part in activities aimed at reducing food waste, developing practical skills, and promoting the redistribution and reuse of edible food. Food waste continues to make up

a significant proportion of material sent to landfill, much of which is still suitable for consumption. The initiative demonstrated that small behavioural changes, both at home and in workplaces, can deliver meaningful waste reduction outcomes.

- 7.5 Hastings achieved strong national results through participation in the Love Food Hate Waste Leftover Legends Challenge. A total of 263 community members participated and Hastings placed fifth on the national leaderboard and seventh on a per capita basis.
- 7.6 Three community events were delivered in March as part of the Great Food Rescue programme. The first two sessions were facilitated by local food waste educator Cath from Cath's Kitchen. Both free community sessions were well attended, with the Havelock North event reaching full capacity.
- 7.7 The third community event formed part of the Great Food Rescue programme and was delivered in March by waste educator Kate Fenwick through her Food Lovers Masterclass. The session focused on practical food waste reduction behaviours, including improved food storage, understanding use-by dates, and creative use of leftovers. The workshop aligned well with Love Food Hate Waste's Leftover Legends campaign, which ran throughout March and encouraged households to make better use of leftovers as a key action to reduce food waste.



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7.9 *Photo caption: Kate Fenwick Food Lovers Master Class in Hastings*

7.10 **Mana Whenua**

- 7.11 Regular hui had been initiated with Tamatea Pōkai Whenua. These were placed on hold in late 2025 due to staffing changes. A meeting has been scheduled for May with the interim Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Chief Executive to provide an update on the WMMP and future opportunities for engagement and partnership.
- 7.12 Mōteo Marae applied to the HDC Large Waste Minimisation Fund in late 2025 and received funding in early February 2026. This funding, alongside additional support from NCC, will be used to deliver a pilot project to develop marae-led waste wānanga. HDC waste minimisation officers have offered support throughout the wānanga development process, as needed.
- 7.13 The project involves collaboration between five marae:
- Mōteo
 - Timi Kara
 - Ōmāhu
 - Waiohiki
 - Wharerangi

7.14 **Commercial**

- 7.15 Two businesses (36 staff) visited the landfill on two separate visits in January 2026 with excellent feedback provided. The landfill provides a unique opportunity to see closed, current and new landfill areas. Officers will continue to promote tours with businesses, as a way to help people connect with where rubbish ends up at the landfill, ‘the place called away’.
- 7.16 A business waste minimisation guide “Reduce your waste: a guide for businesses | He aratohu mō te whakaiti para i ngā pakihi” has been created and is available on the Council website. The guide is promoted through a series of related articles in the Council “Landfill Comes Last” newsletter and by ‘cold calling’ businesses around Hastings and Havelock North.
- 7.17 Two business events were planned for March as part of The Great Food Rescue. The first was a collaboration with Foodeast-Haumako through the Council supported Sustainable is Attainable initiative. This event invited participants to hear firsthand from businesses and chefs innovating in food rescue. Sixteen attendees, including hospitality students from EIT, listened to speakers Francky Godinho of St Georges Restaurant, Tracey Wogan and Zoltan Tolchard of Nourished for Nil, and Diane Stanbra of Rescued Kitchen.
- 7.18 The second event “From Scraps to Soil” was planned as a collaboration with HB Chamber of Commerce through their Businesses for a Greener HB event series. However, this was cancelled due to low numbers. It was intended to focus on encouraging businesses of all types to divert their food scraps from landfill covering options from composting and bokashi on site to options for scraps to go to other sites, such as BioRich and Tumu Timbers.
- 7.19 The health sector waste minimisation focus group paused its quarterly meetings in February. The group is being encouraged to carry out waste audits to support an evidence-based approach to initiatives supported through the group.
- 7.20 A waste audit was held on 14th January at Hawke’s Bay Hospital’s ICU department with several group members attending to better understand the process.
- 7.21 A meeting was held with a representative of the HB Hospital dental team to discuss the objectives of the focus group and how they can be involved in future initiatives.
- 7.22 **Rural**
- 7.23 A meeting was held with the coordinator of Guardians of Tūtira and Districts catchment group and Landcare Trust to investigate the opportunity to hold a farmer-led farm waste workshop with members. Catchment group activity is typically scheduled in response to farmer need or requests. The Guardians of Tūtira catchment group coordinator is seeking interest from members on the concept to hold a workshop. This offer has also been made to all Hastings catchment groups with interest from the Between the Two Rivers catchment coordinator.
- 7.24 **Internal activities at HDC**
- 7.25 As part of the HDC Great Food Rescue project during March, both community members and Hastings District Council staff were invited to participate in the national Love Food Hate Waste “Leftover Legends” campaign. This initiative challenged New Zealanders to actively reduce food waste by collectively logging over 25,000 plates of leftovers, delivering positive outcomes for both household finances and the environment.
- 7.26 Hastings recorded a total of 263 logged plates, with an exceptional 211 plates contributed by Hastings District Council staff. This strong level of staff engagement and commitment resulted in Hastings District Council placing second nationally on the workplace leaderboard and third on the Council leaderboard (based on population size). These results highlight the enthusiasm, leadership, and dedication of HDC staff in supporting waste minimisation initiatives and championing positive behaviour change.

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7.28 Image Caption: Leftover Legends Leaderboards

7.29 Refuse Transfer station improvements

7.30 A user-pays polystyrene recycling trial was introduced in September and in this reporting period (Jan to Mar) three 20-foot shipping containers of polystyrene were collected and recycled via E-Cycle in Palmerston North.

7.31 In November 2024 the new construction and demolition waste diversion area was opened. The establishment was funded from both National Waste Minimisation Fund (\$680,000) and \$291,000 from HDCs portion of waste disposal levy funds.

7.32 The figures below cover the period November 2024 to 31 March 2026 (16 months).

7.33 The aim was to double diversion of timber from 300 tonnes per annum (Tpa) to 600 Tpa. Actual diversion achieved is 842 tonnes and includes 245 tonnes recovered from general waste.

7.34 Prior to the new service, there was no flat glass recycling available in Hastings. To date 17 tonnes has been recovered. Additional to this site, a regional flat glass bunker has been set up in Napier and through promotion by the regional C&D waste minimisation officer, this facility has captured 155 tonnes.

7.35 To make the most of the site, we also collect commercial cardboard and scrap metal.

7.36 The table below provides an overview of the diversion statistics

Material	In coming tonnes	Outgoing tonnes	Diverted tonnes tonnes
Timber	596.26	842.08	245.82
Cardboard	22.64	49.74	27.10
Glass	11.40	17.38	5.98
Scrap Metal	2.020	160.06	158.04

7.37 Local waste contestable funding

7.38 Waste Minimisation Fund - Large Grants

7.39 Applications for round two of large grants opened on Monday 23 February and closed on Monday 30 March 2026. Assessments of these applications are being completed and will be taken to the Community and Civic Futures Subcommittee in June 2026.

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Applicant name	Project Description	Amount
Taiao Combat Academy	Kicking Waste Community Programme	\$15,000.00
Te Ora Whanau Trust	Omahu Circular Waste to Mara Kai Programme	\$15,000.00
Circularity Limited	The Redesign of Everything – Circularity Podcast Series	\$49,500.00
Sustainable Hawke's Bay	Compost for Change	\$50,000.00
Para Kore	Pukeaute PakaKainga – He Para Kai, He Oranga Nuku	\$25,737.50

7.41 Waste officers are currently working with applicants where more detail needs to be provided in order to complete the assessment process.

7.42 Waste Minimisation Fund – Small Grants

7.43 Since the last meeting, the team has approved funding applications for small grants for the following projects:

Applicant	Amount	Project Activity	Month awarded
Te Mata School	\$1,003.84	Large Event Waste Management	April
Re-Source	\$4,390.00	Establishment of an In-House Electrical Testing Station	May
Whenua Wai Ora Limited	\$10,000.00	Te Onepū Parakore	Still being assessed
Circularity Limited	\$10,000.00	Circular Economy Sector Scan: Mapping Opportunities for Heretaunga Hastings	May
Rescued Limited	\$10,000.00	Hawke's Bay Food Waste Valorisation Opportunity Assessment	Still being assessed

7.44 Waste Minimisation Fund – Schools

7.45 Applications for the school's grants opened on Monday 23 February and closed on Monday 30 March 2026. Seven applications were received in total, four to the School Waste Systems Fund (Mangateretere School, Irongate School, Hastings Intermediate, Hastings Boys High School) and three to the School Recycling Servicing Fund (Parkvale School, Irongate School, Hastings Boys High School). These have been assessed and funding has been granted to all applying schools.

8.0 Financial Overview

8.1 HDC received a waste levy payment from the government of \$484,826 in January.

8.2 Officers have a work plan for the year to implement the WMMP utilising the Council's waste levy revenue. The intention is to spend most of the revenue as it is received this year on the implementation. Any remaining funds will be transferred to the waste levy reserve at the end of the financial year.

8.3 The team spent time planning activities for each of the listed WMMP actions, and this has resulted in a lower spend than expected at this stage. Expenditure will increase over time and as the activities come to fruition.

8.4 The following activities have been funded this financial year using HDC's waste levy revenue.

	Trials	Infrastructure	Local waste fund	Staff
Previous reporting period	\$12,500	\$3,750	\$30,400	\$110,000
Current reporting period	\$17,685	\$2,700	\$13,300	\$50,000
Total to date	\$30,185	\$6,450	\$43,700	\$160,000

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 This section highlights any emerging risks identified since adoption of the WMMP. There have been no changes since the February 2026 report.
- 9.1.1 This current period of economic downturn has put fiscal pressures on the community and businesses that has resulted in less waste being produced by all. This also in turn reduces businesses and individuals' ability/appetite to explore waste minimisation opportunities and attend events. At this time there aren't any mitigation measures that can be implemented.

10.0 Compliance and Reporting

- 10.1 This section details the compliance and reporting obligations that have been completed during the reporting period.
- 10.2 All services are compliant with the standardisation requirements of the gazette notice: Standard Materials for Kerbside Collections Notice 2023 (Notice No. 1)
- 10.3 Officers have completed the required quarterly waste data reporting for transfer stations and the annual Council waste data reporting obligations.

11.0 Future Outlook

- 11.1 This section highlights some of the planned activities that the team are working on for the next reporting period.
- 11.2 **Community**
- 11.3 Composting wānanga / workshops are scheduled in Pāharakeke Flaxmere over a three-week period in April. The first workshop will focus on composting, the second will focus on Bokashi, and the third workshop will be solely focused on worm farming.
- 11.4 International Composting Awareness Week (held from 3 to 9 May 2026) follows the composting wānanga. Officers will share composting information through HDC social media channels and the newsletter and encourage residents to use the composting guides available on the HDC website.
- 11.5 **Mana Whenua**
- 11.6 Officers will continue to engage with mana whenua partners to progress actions under the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). A meeting has been scheduled with the interim CE of Tamatea Pōkai Whenua in May to provide a WMMP update and seek guidance on future engagement and partnership opportunities.
- 11.7 Direct support for marae and kaupapa Māori organisations will continue, enabling further waste minimisation opportunities and supporting the ongoing development of māra kai, where composting can be integrated into a circular system.

- 11.8 Pukeaute Papakāinga in collaboration with Para Kore have applied to the HDC large waste minimisation fund for wānanga (workshop) to support their newly introduced Carbon Cycle composting system. Their application is still subject to approval via the Community & Civic Futures Subcommittee at the time of writing this report.
- 11.9 Te Onepū Parakore have applied for the HDC small waste minimisation fund to enable the use of reusables rather than single use bowls and cups when hosting events at Pukeaute Papakāinga. Ongoing support will continue to be offered where needed to help the papakāinga adopt a circular approach to waste minimisation.

11.10 Commercial

- 11.11 A waste audit is planned for 5th May at Royston Day Surgery with support from members of the health care focus group.
- 11.12 Trials for PET (plastic) pallet strapping and compostable label backing with Sustainable is Attainable are progressing with testing of materials set to occur in quarter four this year.
- 11.13 A review of the Sustainable is Attainable programme approach is anticipated to be held during quarter four. The review will cover level of engagement with food and beverage businesses, progress on objectives and future funding.
- 11.14 A mini “From Scraps to Soil” event is being held at Cranford Hospice to cover options for their organisation to divert food waste from landfill in May.
- 11.15 A member of the waste minimisation team was nominated by WasteMINZ to represent local government on the review committee of the NZS 4304-2002 Management of healthcare waste. The review is expected to take 18-24 months to complete with the first meeting is scheduled for 29th April.
- 11.16 An op shop summit is planned for August recognising the critical role op shops play in the circular economy. The summit is designed to support op shops to sell more and waste less, with sessions included on diversion opportunities, visual merchandising, shopper behaviour, collaboration across the sector and other organisations, illegal dumping, volunteers. This is a collaboration with Mainstream Green and Hamilton City Council, with support from Napier City Council and Central Hawke’s Bay District Council.

11.17 Rural

- 11.18 A farm waste minimisation guide is in the final stages of development and should be published in the next quarter.

11.19 Funding

- 11.20 The second large Waste Minimisation Fund application round closed on 30 March 2026. These applications are in the process of being assessed and approved by the Community and Civic Futures Subcommittee.
- 11.21 During this funding round, we received request for \$11,568 in applications to the School Waste Minimisation Fund and have applications to the value of \$34,390 for the Small Waste Minimisation fund. The amount reserved for the school fund is confirmed and the small fund applications are being assessed.
- 11.22 Due to the value of the waste minimisation fund applications, officers have temporarily closed the small Waste Minimisation Fund until 1 July 2026.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

[Link to the Council's Community Outcomes](#) – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This proposal promotes all the wellbeings of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

The vision captures the aspiration of the committee for a partnered future and further alignment with the broader and more holistic values of te ao Māori. Working with mana whenua to embed te ao Māori into our way of working, to operationalise waste management and minimisation, not only responds to council's legislative requirements including recognition of te Tiriti o Waitangi, but it also strengthens environmental, social and cultural outcomes that benefit the whole community.

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

The Waste Assessment and Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan align with many sustainability objectives across the Councils and communities; including the Emission Reduction Plan, associated budgets and the HDC Eco District Strategy.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

Funding for Council's waste services comes from a mixture of:

- commercial revenue (i.e. transfer station and landfill charges)
 - targeted and general rates
 - revenue from the waste levy (this is a \$65 per tonne waste levy, rising \$5 each year to \$75 per tonne from 1 July 2027, administered by the Ministry for the Environment, 50 per cent of which is distributed to territorial authorities, amounting to \$1,226,757 for Hastings District Council in the 2024/2025 financial year).
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Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of minor significance.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Public consultation was completed during April and May 2025 on the draft WMMP. No further public consultation is planned at this stage.

Risks

REWARD – <i>Te Utu</i>	RISK – <i>Te Tūraru</i>
The expected benefits from the implementation of the WMMP include; mana whenua partnership, waste levy funding, greater waste diversion.	The unknown impacts of the waste legislation reviews and the implementation of product stewardship schemes.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

No direct impact at this stage.

Friday, 29 May 2026

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga***Hastings District Council: Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee***Te Rārangi Take*

Report to Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

Nā:
From: **Stefni Wilson, Waste Minimisation Lead**

Te Take:
Subject: **Napier Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Implementation Update**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The Napier and Hastings Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2025–2031 was adopted on 13 June 2025 and published on both councils' websites. This report outlines the work that has been undertaken by the Napier City Council (NCC) waste team, during the Q3 period, 1 January to 31 March 2026, to implement the plan, and focus on funding, and priority actions.
- 1.2 Implementation of the plan is progressing at a slow pace due the lack of resources in the NCC waste team. However, the waste team has a detailed implementation plan to keep the team on track, especially to deliver the priority actions scheduled for years 1-2.
- 1.3 Napier City Council is currently recruiting for two roles in the waste team, and once these roles have been filled, the plan's implementation progression should accelerate.
- 1.4 A strong level of engagement has been maintained with external stakeholders, especially with our mana whenua partners. NCC and HDC have recently approved joint funding for the Mōteo Marae waste minimisation pilot project, where a project coordinator role has been established to drive waste minimisation initiatives across five marae.
- 1.5 Our joint Waste Education Officer role was established during Q2, and the role was filled in January 2026. Emma Wellum-Smith has been doing great work to expand and formalise school waste education by introducing the Zero Waste Programme and connecting with schools across both districts.
- 1.6 With the establishment of the contestable funding framework, expenditure of the waste levy funds has increased, remaining within budgets. All statutory compliance and reporting obligations have been met.
- 1.7 This is an information report and is not seeking a decision on any options.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee receive the report titled Napier Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Implementation Update dated 29 May 2026.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 The joint WMMP was developed following the completion of the waste assessment (November 2024) and public consultation (April–May 2025). The plan aligns with the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and the New Zealand Waste and Resource Efficiency Strategy.
- 3.2 All councils are required under the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) 2008 to review their WMMP once every six years. Before undertaking the review of the WMMP, a council must prepare a waste assessment, in accordance with sections 50 and 51 of the WMA 2008. The waste assessment was completed by Tonkin + Taylor Ltd in 2024.
- 3.3 The Waste Disposal Levy, established under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, applies to all waste sent to landfill. Fifty percent of the revenue generated from this levy is allocated to councils to support activities that reduce waste and promote resource recovery as detailed in the WMMP. The current levy is \$65 per tonne, increasing by \$5 each year, to \$75 per tonne.

3.4 WMMP Vision

It is normal for our communities to waste less, work in partnership, and value our resources in order to protect te taiao.

3.5 WMMP Goals

- Improve resource recovery and diversion of waste from landfill by working in partnership.
- Support the development of a circular economy in which the building blocks are in place to enable change.
- Prioritise circular activity in line with the waste hierarchy so our community produces less waste.
- Support our community to minimise emissions from waste and regenerate nature.

3.6 WMMP Targets

- Waste generation: reduce the amount of material entering the waste management system by 10 per cent per person.
- Waste disposal: reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal by 30 per cent per person.
- Waste emissions: reduce the biogenic methane emissions from waste by at least 30 per cent (a national target).

3.7 Action Plan

- 3.8 The WMMP identifies 10 focus areas to guide implementation and achieve its vision of a circular economy. These areas collectively address the four strategic priorities consulted on during the plan's development.
1. Education and Community Engagement - Build awareness and empower residents to adopt waste minimisation practices.
 2. Infrastructure Development - Upgrade transfer stations and resource recovery facilities to improve diversion.
 3. Organic Waste Management - Expand composting and food waste reduction initiatives.
 4. Construction and Demolition Waste - Promote deconstruction and material recovery from building projects.
 5. Commercial and Industrial Waste - Support businesses to audit and reduce waste through tailored programmes.
 6. Product Stewardship and Recycling Systems - Enhance recycling schemes and advocate for national product stewardship initiatives.
 7. Innovation and Trials - Fund and support pilot projects for new waste diversion technologies.
 8. Policy and Regulation - Strengthen bylaws and compliance measures to encourage waste minimisation.
 9. Partnerships and Collaboration - Work closely with mana whenua, community groups, and industry to share knowledge and resources.
 10. Monitoring and Data Collection - Improve data systems to track progress and inform future reviews.

4.0 Progress Against Action Plan

- 4.1 This part of the report provides an update on the actions that were indicated to be completed during years 1-3.
- 4.2 There are ongoing actions in the WMMP Action Plan that will be reported throughout the report if not included in the table or not detailed in table.
- 4.3

Action #	Action Description	Status	Comments
1.3	Seek opportunities to divert recyclable materials, and safe disposal options for difficult to dispose of items e.g., e-waste, polystyrene, and bulky items via Council services	Actioned – Batteries	Installed four Phoenix battery disposal units at Napier’s Customer Services, iSite, Napier and Taradale Libraries. These units allow for free, and safe disposal of household batteries
1.4	Review rates remission policy to reward low-waste producers using kerbside collection for effectiveness.	Continuous improvement and monitoring	Established an improved monitoring model where residents no longer need to follow a fortnightly calendar, they only need to apply to have their bin lifts monitored to qualify for the 25% rates remission.
1.5	Review provision and delivery of annual hazardous waste collection for household.	Not yet commenced	Once details of the Rural Recycling product stewardship scheme have been released, we can start on this action, as household chemicals are proposed to be included in the scheme.
1.6	Complete review of solid waste bylaws and implement changes to ensure alignments with the WMMP	Actioned – Completed review of solid waste bylaws	Napier City Council adopted the new Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw on 26 June 2025.
1.7	Provide kerbside, transfer station and rural recycling services in line with standardisation requirements and viable end markets; may exclude CAPEX/plant.	Completed and will continue to monitor	All services are compliant with the standardisation requirements of the gazette notice: Standard Materials for Kerbside Collections Notice 2023 (Notice No. 1)
1.7	Review transfer station infrastructure for improved resource recovery.	Actioned, with further improvements to continue	Improvements have been made, but a full review of the Redclyffe RTS will commence FY 26/27 – start of 2027 calendar year
2.1	Establish NCC’s Waste Minimisation Contestable Fund	Actioned	Napier City Council adopted framework – 6 November 2025. Established the application system on Smarty Grants January 2026.
2.2	Support waste minimisation at events through bylaws and recycling infrastructure.	Not yet commenced	Likely to commence FY 26/27
2.4	Provide clear and accessible information for the community on minimising and managing waste using a wide variety of communications channel and opportunities, e.g. A-Z guide on website, events, workshops, guides,	Actioned, however this requires continuous monitoring and improvement	Completed a review and update on all items on the A-Z guide

	and videos. Utilise Council websites and social media platforms to ensure information is accessible.		
2.7	Raise awareness and increase accessibility of waste minimisation and circular activity through promotion at local expos and events, utilising a variety of communication channels.	Actioned – Raised awareness at local events	Greendale Seniors Club Whanau Fest Household Chemical Clean Out Day
2.8	Regularly meet with interested parties to discuss opportunities for collaboration to support circular activity within the region e.g., mana whenua, Taiwhenua, Hawke’s Bay Chamber of Commerce, construction, health and food producing sectors, not-for profit and community run organisations.	Actioned	Met with BioRich, AgRecovery, Enviro Schools Rep, Zero Waste Rep, Napier Central Teacher, and Sustainable HB during February.
3.1	Support mana whenua, local kaupapa Māori organisations and marae to establish waste minimisation and circular initiatives, including support to design and/or implement systems and/or infrastructure	Commenced	Approved waste minimisation funding for a project coordinator role to implement waste minimisation and circular initiatives across five marae.
3.4	Engage with mana whenua in their role as Te Tiriti partners to explore and establish formal policy and/or governance arrangements.	Commenced	Regular monthly meetings have been established with Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Oroto and Mana Ahuriri Trust, and we continue to maintain these relationships and take guidance from our partners to continue delivering our joint WMMP
4.4	Launch education campaigns in line with the waste hierarchy.	Not yet commenced	Likely to commence FY 26/27
8.6	Review staff resourcing levels	Commenced	Emma Wellum-Smith was appointed as the joint Waste Education Officer and started in January 2026 NCC is recruiting for a Resource Recovery & Commercial Services Manager and a Waste Minimisation Officer
8.7	Complete a feasibility study to determine the best recovery options for organic waste.	Not yet commenced	Likely to commence the start of 2027 calendar year

9.3	Complete construction of additional landfill capacity (Area A at Ōmarunui Landfill)	Actioned	Construction works were completed in 2025 and Area B opened on 15 January 2026.
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5.0 Performance Metrics

- 5.1 Officers measure progress through three-yearly waste composition surveys, called Solid Waste Analysis Protocol (SWAP) surveys. The next SWAP survey will be completed in April/May 2027. We also get regular data on the weights and types of waste going to the transfer stations and Ōmarunui Landfill. The targets in the plan mentioned above will also measure progress locally.
- 5.2 Landfill tonnage – not formally reported and assessed as this target will be measured at the end of each financial year. Currently tonnes are decreasing due to the economic downturn.
- 5.3 Waste diversion – not formally reported and assessed as this target will be measured at the end of each financial year. Currently tonnes are decreasing due to the economic downturn, and changes in consumer behaviour.
- 5.4 Community engagement – as we are currently in Year 1 of the plan and have no annual comparison. This will be measured in the future but will be noted and detailed in the stakeholder engagement section of this report.
- 5.5 A comparison and reference to the previous joint WMMP’s performance was reported in the HDC report on 27 February 2026.

6.0 Mana whenua, community, sector, and stakeholder engagement

6.1 Communication activities

- 6.2 Napier City Council’s Waste Team and Comms and Engagement Team are working together on waste campaigns and content that can regularly be promoted via the council’s communication platforms.

6.3 Online Engagement

- 6.4 The below statistics are for the social media engagement posts during Q3:

Date	Post	Reach / Views	Engagements
25/03/2025	Ride Along with Stefni	9.2K	120
11/03/2025	Household Chem Clean Out Promo	6.2K	27
04/03/2025	Household Chem Clean Out event info	2K	27

- 6.5 This year’s Household Chemical Clean Out Day proved to be popular and generated strong engagement on NCC’s Facebook page. The ‘Ride Along with Stefni’ video sparked a lot of positive feedback and engagement.

6.6 Waste minimisation engagement activities

- 6.7 The table below is an indication of community and sector engagement the NCC Waste Team undertook for Q3:

#	Date	Group / Organisation	Topic	Attendees
1	27/01/2026	Greendale Seniors Club	Landfill Operations	69

2	30/01/2026	NCC Staff	Worm Farm Setup	2
3	05/02/2026	Smart Environmental	Yard visit to see recycling operations in action	3
4	10/02/2026	Sustainable HB	Bi-Monthly Meeting with HDC	6
5	20/02/2026	Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu	Waste Minimisation Monthly hui	4
6	24/02/2026	NZF Minister – Jamie Arbuckle	Ōmarunui Landfill visit	5
7	28/02/2026	Whanau Fest	Waste Minimisation	39
8	15/03/2026	Household Chemical Clean Out Day	Household & Garden Chemical Collection	84
	TOTAL	8 Engagements		212

6.8 The waste team attended two WasteMINZ webinars this quarter – LG Waste Management Manifesto - TAO Forum Workshop #2 and National Waste Minimisation Huitima.

6.9 **Waste Minimisation Activities**

6.10 Stefni Wilson, NCC Waste Minimisation Lead, was invited to present to the Greendale Seniors Club at the Taradale RSA on 27 January 2026. The club requested a landfill presentation to learn more about how a modern landfill operates and is keen to organise a landfill visit for their club members. It was a very interactive presentation with lots of interesting questions and feedback from their members.



6.11

Photo Caption: Landfill Operations Presentation at the Taradale RSA

6.12 Regular internal interests from staff are becoming increasingly popular with one staff member taking Stef up on her offer to get her new worm farm started. The whole whanau got in on this new waste minimisation activity at home, even the dogs.



6.13

Photo caption: Setting up a new worm farm with some helpers.

- 6.14 We had a visit from New Zealand First MP, Jamie Arbuckle, who had a number of organisations on his list to visit in Hawke's Bay during February. It's great to see the interest in waste and what it means for all of us from a variety of people.



6.15

Photo caption: Landfill Team, NZF MP – Jamie Arbuckle and Stefni Wilson during the landfill visit

6.16 **Waste Minimisation Funding Awarded**

- 6.17 NCC's waste minimisation contestable fund went live in January 2026, giving anyone with a waste minimisation initiative in mind the ability to either apply for a large grant (\$10k-\$50k), or a small fund (up to \$10k).
- 6.18 Small grant rounds are open February until November and are assessed, monthly, by the Waste Team.
- 6.19 Application rounds for large grant funds are available twice per year – Feb-Mar and Sept-Oct. These applications are assessed by NCC's 3-Year Fund Subcommittee, who then provide recommendations to the selected standing committee for final approval.
- 6.20 The below table are applications that were being assessed for approval before the contestable funding framework was adopted.

Organisation	Project	Amount Awarded (Excl. GST)
Napier Triathlon Festival 2026	Waste Minimisation - Closed Loop Recycling	\$ 2,173.92
Mōteō Marae	Para-Kore Marae Coordinator	\$ 20,000
TOTAL – Q3		\$22,173.92

6.21 Redclyffe Transfer Station Improvements

6.22 We have had a few technical issues with the weighbridge and some of the loading cells have had to be replaced. The IN and OUT weighbridge were serviced and recalibrated on 30 March 2026.

7.0 Financial Overview

7.1 NCC received a total of \$364,867 for January in waste levy payments.

7.2 The restructure of the waste team will see the Senior Waste Minimisation Officer and Waste Minimisation Officer's roles be funded using waste disposal levy funds. Current roles being funded, using waste levy money, include the shared roles with HDC (Waste Education Officer and Construction & Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead).

7.3 The recent review of the contestable waste minimisation fund has increased the funding pool to \$300,000 per year.

7.4 The following activities have been recorded for FY:25/26 – YTD:

Services / Trials	Events & Comms	Local Waste Fund	Staff
\$37,741	\$8,316.85	\$26,002.61	\$89,985.90

8.0 Risk Management

8.1 The lack of resources in the waste team has continued to be an issue. Recruitment is underway for two new roles, which will start taking the pressure of the only current team member once these roles have been filled.

8.2 The current economic downturn and fuel crisis have put fiscal pressures on communities and businesses, resulting in less waste being generated, but also not having the capacity to explore waste minimisation initiatives.

9.0 Compliance and Reporting

9.1 This section details the compliance and reporting obligations that have been completed during the reporting period.

9.2 All services are compliant with the standardisation requirements of the gazette notice: Standard Materials for Kerbside Collections Notice 2023 (Notice No. 1)

9.3 The required quarterly waste data reporting for transfer stations and the annual Council waste data reporting obligations have completed.

- 9.4 At the end of each financial year, officers are required to complete a detailed submission on the use of the Council's waste disposal levy funds and how this is permitted under Council's WMMP. This reporting is also regularly audited by the Ministry for the Environment, often using external professional auditors. This will be reported on in the final report for FY25/26.
- 9.5 Failure to meet these obligations could jeopardise Council's receipt of their proportion of the waste disposal levy to fund activities and initiatives in the plan. The waste disposal levy payments are estimated to be approximately \$1.3 million for this financial year.

10.0 Future Outlook

- 10.1 This section highlights some of the planned activities that the team are working on for the next reporting period.
- 10.2 We are continuing with our campaigns to drive organic food waste awareness and link that in with our Less Waste Incentive campaign. A series of events will follow during June, with Cath's Kitchen doing a local food demonstration event, July will have Kate Fenwick in the Bay for her new masterclass – Kerbing Consumption, and August will be the Op Shop Symposium – hosted by HDC and supported by NCC.
- 10.3 Ongoing mana whenua engagement will continue, particularly the Mōteoro Marae Para Kore Coordinator. She will be working with five marae to develop tailored wānanga. This is expected to include officer support with waste audits and participation in hui to provide feedback and technical advice to inform workshop development.
- 10.4 The waste team will aim to assess the current backlog of funding applications received and provide outcomes to eagerly awaiting applicants. This pressure should start easing once the team is better resourced.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Friday, 29 May 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee

Nā: Geoff Gibson, Regional Construction & Demolition Waste
From: Minimisation Lead
Emma Wellum-Smith, Waste Education Officer

Te Take: Regional Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
Subject: Implementation Update

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The Hastings and Napier Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2025–2031 was adopted on 13 June 2025 and is published on the councils’ website.
- 1.2 This report covers the activities are undertaken by the two roles jointly reemployed by Hastings District Council (HDC) and Napier City Council (NCC) to works across the Ōmarunui Landfill catchment area, during the 3-month period 1 January to 31 March 2026.
 - Regional Construction and Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead
 - Waste Education Officer
- 1.3 As noted in the Hastings Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Implementation Update Report, the WMMP sets a shared regional direction to reduce waste generation, increase diversion from landfill, support a circular economy, and reduce emissions associated with waste.
- 1.4 Implementation is progressing well, with early actions establishing strong regional foundations through targeted waste diversion initiatives, sector partnerships, and expanded education delivery. Notable progress has been made in construction and demolition waste minimisation, material recovery trials, and regional engagement, alongside the successful establishment of a joint Waste Education Officer role supporting growing demand from schools and communities across both districts. Collectively, these activities demonstrate steady momentum in implementing the WMMP and support longer-term outcomes for waste reduction, emissions mitigation, and a more circular regional economy.
- 1.5 This is an information report and is not seeking a decision on any options.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee receive the report titled Regional Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Implementation Update dated 29 May 2026.

3.0 Background

3.1 Both roles are employed by HDC with formalised agreements in place to share management responsibilities and costs. The roles are funded by both councils using each Council's waste disposal levy income, in line with action 8.6 of the WMMP.

3.2 The Waste Disposal Levy, established under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, applies to all waste sent to landfill. Fifty percent of the revenue generated from this levy is allocated to councils to support activities that reduce waste and promote resource recovery as detailed in the WMMP. The levy is currently \$65 per tonne, rising \$5 each year to \$75 per tonne.

3.3 WMMP Targets

- Waste generation: reduce the amount of material entering the waste management system by 10 per cent per person.
- Waste disposal: reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal by 30 per cent per person.
- Waste emissions: reduce the biogenic methane emissions from waste by at least 30 per cent (a national target).

4.0 Progress against the WMMP Action Plan

4.1 These two roles are working towards the implementation of the following WMMP actions.

4.2 Regional Construction and Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead (RCDWML)

4.3

Action #	Action Description	Status	Comments
1.1	Build relationships with external stakeholders that are working to recover materials at their highest value to identify opportunities to increase recovery	Commenced	Relationship management is a key aspect of the RCDWML role. Strong relationships have been established with 5R Glass, Winstone Wallboards and Marley.
1.3	Seek opportunities to divert recyclable materials, and safe disposal options for difficult to dispose of items e.g. e-waste, polystyrene and bulky items via Council services.	Commenced	Polystyrene (HDC only), PVC and Plasterboard trials have been established this year.
2.4	Provide clear and accessible information for the community on minimising and managing waste using a wide variety of communications channels and opportunities.	Commenced	All material developed has been to a high standard meeting internal requirements.

2.5	Support the creation and sharing of examples of best practice waste minimisation and management practices and support peer-to-peer learning.	Commenced	A case study to be produced based on the waste minimisation outcomes achieved from a Hastings residential renovation project completed April 2026.
2.6	Support trials for diversion and recovery of materials prior to disposal.	Commenced	A number of trials have been explored this year; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan Pac treated timber trial • Winstone Wallboards Plasterboard • Marley PVC Piping • Mutu App trial with Certified Builders.
2.7	Raise awareness and increase accessibility of waste minimisation and circular activity through promotion at local expos and events, utilising a variety of communication channels.	Commenced	The RCDWML has attended a number of business toolbox meetings to share information as well as having a stand at the Conztruct event, Nov. 2025. Information is also shared regularly via LinkedIn pages.
2.8	Regularly meet with interested parties to discuss opportunities for collaboration to support circular activity within the region.	Commenced	The RCDWML continues to meet regularly with many organisations including the BRRC construction sector group. See table 6.8 for more detail.
5.2	Build relationships with the commercial and rural sectors to inform submissions, share best practice, and identify and support opportunities to reduce waste.	Commenced	Ongoing with the construction sector
6.7	Deliver waste education programs using behaviour change approaches to support partners, businesses and community with initiatives that minimise waste and reduce emissions.	Commenced	Forms the basis of the work undertaken by the RCDWML.
7.5	Stay abreast (including research) of emerging opportunities and innovation for the redesign, reduction, recovery, treatment and disposal of products and materials in line with national policy direction and the waste hierarchy to support the development of a circular economy.	Commenced	Evidenced through the Pan Pac treated timber and the Winstone Wallboards plasterboard trials.
8.1	Regularly attend and support regional and national hui to ensure staff and sector partners are kept informed, learn from others and can contribute to development and collaborate on regional and national initiatives.	Commenced	Attended the quarterly Wasteminz C&D working group and national TA sector group on – line meetings

8.2	Advocate for and participate in development of future product stewardship schemes to ensure the position of TAs is communicated and considered in scheme design.	Commenced	The RCDWML has been working with Marley (PVC) and Winstone Wallboards (Gib Plasterboard) to explore the development of product stewardship schemes.
8.4	Respond to future legislative changes supporting waste minimisation outside the Waste Minimisation Act and Emission Reduction Plan. e.g. Building Act.	Commenced	Staying abreast with proposed changes to the building act including granny flats, alternate imported materials and RMA reforms
8.6	Review biennially the staff resourcing levels to deliver the actions, objectives, goals and vision of the WMMP, and meeting central government requirements. This is likely to include some regional roles, e.g. construction waste minimisation, Te Whare Mukupara educator, regional data analyst.	Commenced	The RCDWML isa permanent role for both Councils.
8.8	Advocate to central government on policy (including support for the Local Government Waste Manifesto) that supports waste minimisation and the circular economy, including construction and demolition and organic material.	Commenced	Regular meetings are held with the MfE Construction and Demolition Waste minimisation policy advisor.
10.1	Investigate contaminated soil material flows and identify opportunities to reuse soil beneficially.	Commenced	Initial scoping meetings have been held.
10.2	Engage with commercial sector to better understand Class 2 - 5 Landfill activity and data and encourage diversion away from all landfill facilities (1 - 5).	Commenced	Initial scoping meetings have been held.

4.1 Waste Education Officer (WEO)

Action #	Action Description	Status	Comments
2.4	Provide clear and accessible information for the community on minimising and managing waste using a wide variety of communications channels and opportunities to ensure information is accessible.	Commenced	The Zero Waste Education (ZWE) programme was established in 1993) has been purchased to be delivered as the education programme for school in 2026.
2.7	Raise awareness and increase accessibility of waste minimisation and circular activity through promotion at local expos and events, utilising a variety of communication channels.	Ongoing	Ongoing

4.2	Leverage and support national initiatives and programmes (e.g. Love Food Hate Waste) locally to provide the community with consistent information and maximise value for money.	Underway	The ZWE programme is a programme that is used by a number of Councils across NZ.
4.3	Collaborate across councils and with partners and other organisations to deliver waste education and behaviour change programmes.	Underway	The WEO has been linking in with EnviroSchools and other school environmental programmes.
6.7	Deliver waste education programs using behaviour change approaches to support partners, businesses and community with initiatives that minimise waste and reduce emissions.	Commenced	The ZWE programme has been developed to meet NZ curriculum and teaching standards.
8.6	Review biennially the staff resourcing levels to deliver the actions, objectives, goals and vision of the WMMP, and meeting central government requirements.	Completed	The WEO role was developed in 2025 and Emma WS started in late January 2026.

5.0 Regional Construction and Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead Update

5.1 Window/Flat Glass Recycling

5.2 The Window/Flat Glass Recycling Bunker at Redclyffe has received a total of 41.48 tonnes of window glass for the months January to March 2026. The total tonnage received in the bunker since establishment in September 2023 is 359 tonnes. This initiative is now well established and supported by the wider window/flat glass trade sector.

5.3 Plasterboard Recycling

5.4 A regional plasterboard recycling trial has been underway since April 2025. The trial is a collaboration between HDC, NCC, Winstone Wallboards, Central Environmental and four local building merchants. New Gib® plasterboard waste is collected from building sites in bags, with the gypsum and paper components both recycled after being processed by Central Environmental. Compliant gypsum that meets minimal quality requirements is transported back to the Winstone Wallboards factory in Tauranga for recycling back into new board products. The balance of gypsum is in demand from the agricultural sector as a soil conditioner.

5.5 The plasterboard trial is currently under review, with Winstone Wallboards to take ownership of any future scheme. They have recently consulted with all stakeholders. Rising fuel and businesses costs are requiring a dedicated focus on the scheme funding model. At this stage no council financial support is required.

5.6 PVC Recycling Trial

5.7 Officers have partnered with Marley to establish a PVC recycling trial. Eight local electrical and plumbing stores are actively supporting collection of PVC waste at in store recycling stations. Given the sharp increase in PVC raw material costs there is greater demand for PVC waste that can be recycled and officers will work with the commercial sector to increase participation and collection volumes.

5.8 Treated Timber

5.9 In March 2026 Pan Pac announced they had made an application to HBRC for a strictly controlled treated timber burning trial at the Whirinaki Site. While there is no further update available on the outcome of this consent application, officers will continue to monitor closely.

5.10 Building Resource Recovery Collective (BRRC) update

5.11 Membership sits at 60 with 16 on average attending the quarterly in person meetings facilitated by the RCDWML.

5.12 Seven members of the group visited the Ōmarunui Landfill on the 26th March for a presentation on the landfill and a tour to the tip face.

5.13 The leadership team are meeting every 6 weeks and providing direction and support to the RCDWML for upcoming actions, events and initiatives for the wider group.

5.14 This sector group remains a valuable conduit for C&D waste minimisation connection and networking across the region.

5.15 WasteMINZ C&D working group

5.16 This group is chaired by Mark Roberts from Auckland City Council and includes a diverse range of members representing industry, council's and organisations with a focus on C&D waste minimisation.

5.17 These meetings are held two monthly and are an open forum for sharing updates, projects and information as well as identifying opportunities to collaborate on projects driving change in the sector

5.18 By attending regularly, the RCDWML remains up to date with the work of others around the country and in a position to support and provide feedback to new national initiatives.

5.19 A second dedicated construction waste awareness week is currently in the planning stage for later in the year called: Plan out the Waste - Nail the build.

6.0 **Waste Education Officer Update**

6.1 Te Whare Mukupara has now been open for two years. During 2025, more than 2,000 tamariki (children) from Heretaunga Hastings schools visited the centre to learn about waste management at Ōmarunui Landfill and, more importantly, about practical ways to reduce and minimise waste at school and at home.

6.2 Due to the high level of engagement from schools, there was a recognised need to provide additional support that extends beyond school visits to Ōmarunui Landfill. In response, the role of Waste Education Officer was created to provide curriculum-based support to all kura (schools) across Hastings and Napier.

6.3 The officers undertook a range of school engagement and programme development activities this reporting period. Meetings were held with a secondary school's enviro team and Science department to identify opportunities for support, including potential visits for Level 1 Science classes and the enviro team later in the year. A small primary school group was also hosted at Te Whare Mukupara, strengthening hands on learning opportunities around waste education.

6.4 Capacity building continued with training being booked to enable delivery of the Zero Waste Education (ZWE) programme to Hawke's Bay primary and intermediate schools. The Waste Education Officer also met with House of Science to explore science kits that could align with the programme, with further opportunities expected as these resources are developed. Additional engagement with primary schools provided valuable insight into what schools are looking for in waste education programmes, as well as identifying potential barriers to participation.

6.5 Practical waste minimisation initiatives were also delivered. Compost bins and worm farms were supplied to several schools involved in the Caps and Lids mural project, and a composting workshop was delivered to a Year 3–4 class using one of the awarded bins. In parallel, Schools Waste Funding closed at the end of March, with five applications submitted for consideration.

6.6 The development future schools education programme will be aligned to the refreshed NZ curriculum specific to our Joint WMMP and the services provided in Hastings and Napier.

6.7 Engagement activities

6.8 The table below provides an overview of the community engagement activities undertaken by the roles between January and March 2026.

6.9

Date	Group/Organisation	Topic	Attendees
Regional Construction and Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead (RCDWML)			
18-Feb-26	Winstone Wallboards	Gib Trade Talk Evening Presentation	40
13-Feb-26	Ideal Electrical Wholesaler	Tradie Breakfast	18
20-Feb-26	J A Rusell Electrical Wholesaler	Tradie Breakfast	30
2-Feb-26	Building Resource Recovery Collective Lead Team	Ōmarunui landfill visit and presentation	5
24-Feb-26	Placemakers	Plasterboard stakeholder meeting	2
5-Mar-26	Building Resource Recovery Collective Quarterly Meeting	Sector Group Meeting	13
26-Mar-26	Building Resource Recovery Collective	Leadership Team meeting	8
27-Mar-26	Hail environmental HDC / NCC	Soil Contamination Discussion	1
27-Mar-26	Hail Environmental HDC/NCC	Soil Contamination Discussion	1
Waste Education Officer (WEO)			
5 Feb 26	Smart Environmental Ltd	Kerbside Recycling	2
February	Various schools & teachers	Education programme research	2

7.0 Future Outlook

7.1 This section highlights some of the planned activities that the roles are working on for the next reporting period.

7.2 Regional Construction and Demolition Waste Minimisation Lead (RCDWML)

7.3 The officer will be giving two presentations at Wasteminz annual conference May 2026.

7.4 Atkins Construction have requested a staff presentation (60 people)

7.5 Develop an education programme with the Architectural tutor at EIT for year 1 & 2 architectural students.

7.6 Further develop the PVC recycling trial to encourage participation of larger contracting and infrastructure companies.

7.7 Waste Education Officer (WEO)

7.8 The officer will be completing the Zero Waste Education training module in April.

7.9 One school has booked a landfill visit for the Enviro Group (approx. 35 students) and another school has booked Zero Waste Education (ZWE) lessons and landfill education lesson.

7.10 Two other schools are in the process of confirming bookings at the time of writing this report.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.