

Friday, 29 May 2026

He hui e whakahaeretia nei e Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga
Administered by Hastings District Council
Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

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

Te Wā:
Time: **1:00 PM**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Ōmarunui Landfill**

Te Hoapā:
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Te Āpiha Matua:
Responsible
Officer: **Waste Manager - Martin Jarvis**

OMARUNUI REFUSE LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEE HEADS OF AGREEMENT – Terms of Reference

The current Heads of Agreement for the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee was adopted by Council on 8 December 2022 and are incorporated into the Committee & Rural Community Board Register of Delegations.

1.	Parties	Hastings District Council and Napier City Council (the Councils)
2.	Nature of Relationship	A Joint Committee between the Councils who already own a property at Ōmarunui as tenants in common in the following shareholding percentages for refuse disposal purposes: Hastings District Council: 63.68% Napier City Council: 36.32% The Councils recognise the connection of Ngāti Pārau Hapū to the site.
3.	Objectives	To jointly develop and operate generally for the benefit of the Councils a refuse disposal facility (including any ancillary activities) in compliance with resource and regulatory consents.
4.	Participation of each Council	Each Council shall participate on the basis of the following shareholding percentage: Hastings District Council: 63.68% Napier City Council: 36.32% (subject to any specific provisions following) The Councils also provide for one representative from Ngāti Pārau Hapū to be a voting member of this Joint Committee.
5.	Joint Committee	
5.1	Omarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee (Joint Committee):	This Committee shall comprise four elected members of the Hastings District Council and two elected members of the Napier City Council and one representative from Ngāti Pārau Hapū or the alternates of those members and an alternate when acting in the place of a member shall be deemed to be a member. The functions of this Joint Committee shall be to determine policies to ensure the objectives are achieved and to monitor the implementation of those policies by obtaining reports from the Facility Manager or any other persons involved in the refuse disposal operation.
5.2	Administering Authority	The Hastings District Council shall be the Administering Authority. It shall provide technical, financial and secretarial services and shall be the employing authority for staff required in the administration and conduct of the refuse disposal operation. The Administering Authority shall make any information required by the Joint Committee available to that Committee.
6.	Joint Committee General Powers	<p>1.1 Subject to Clause 6.2 the general powers of the Joint Committee shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Except as provided in Clause 6.3 all such powers as shall be necessary to develop and operate the refuse disposal facility in compliance with the resource and regulatory consents already obtained including, if necessary, the power to seek further resource and regulatory consents. To construct buildings, purchase and dispose of plant, equipment and materials. Arrange insurance cover to ensure that there is comprehensive insurance in respect of the establishment and operation of the refuse disposal facility. To indemnify any Council or Council representative acting on behalf of the Councils pursuant to this agreement in connection with the development or operation of the refuse disposal operation after the execution hereof. To fix and recover fees and charges payable by landfill users. The licensing of users. To recommend to the Councils the raising of loans. For the purpose of loan raising the 'Administering Authority' shall undertake all loan raising on behalf of the Councils. To enter into contracts within the estimates it being acknowledged by each of the Councils for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002 that the Joint Committee shall be delegated power to enter into any contract limited to such an amount as may be fixed by the Councils from time to time unless the prior written approval of each Council shall have been obtained. To use any part of the Ōmarunui property not required for refuse disposal for any lawful purpose including leasing thereof. Such further specific powers as may be delegated to it as agreed by the Councils. <p>1.2 The Joint Committee shall operate within budgets approved by the Councils. In the event that over expenditure is anticipated or incurred the Joint Committee shall immediately report that fact to the Councils.</p> <p>1.3 The powers delegated to the Joint Committee shall not entitle that Committee to sell or otherwise dispose of on behalf of any Council any asset owned by that individual Council or to sell the Omarunui land or any other land administered by the Joint Committee for refuse disposal purposes.</p> <p>1.4 Subject to Clause 6.2 and 6.3 all decisions made by the Joint Committee pursuant to its delegated powers shall without confirmation of the Councils bind each of the Councils as if it had been done in the name of each Council.</p>

7.	Joint Committee Procedural Matters	7.1	Each member or the alternate of such member shall have one vote.
		7.2	The members shall elect a Chair and Deputy Chair.
		7.3	Quorum at meetings shall be four elected members including at least one elected member from each Council. The parties note that this conflicts with the provisions in clause 30 (9) (b) of schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. To avoid any possible doubt the parties shall operate the committee based on the specific requirements in this agreement at all times.
		7.4	All meetings may be attended by officers of the Councils but officers shall not be entitled to vote.
		7.5	Meetings may be requisitioned by any two elected members who shall state the nature of the business and the Administering Authority shall convene a meeting (giving notice of the business) and Councils shall ensure that at least one of their elected members attends.
		7.6	Annual meetings shall be held within three months of the end of the financial year and the business of such meeting shall include the financial accounts for the previous year.
		7.7	Budget estimates for the following financial year shall be prepared and supplied to the Councils no later than 31 January in each year for their approval.
		7.8	Meeting procedures shall be in accordance with NZS 9202: 2003, or such other version of standing orders as mutually agreed between the parties, except to the extent that specific provision is contained herein and is not contrary to law.
8.	Joint Committee Financial Provisions	8.1	The Joint Committee shall provide financial and management accounting records and reports which provide sufficient detail to enable the committee and the Councils to assess performance of each separate business activity within the Landfill.
		8.2	The administering authority shall circulate a draft budget prior to the meeting at which the Joint Committee is to consider the estimates for recommendation to the Councils.
		8.3	Surpluses and deficits shall be received and borne by the Councils in the following shareholding percentage: Hastings District Council: 63.68% Napier City Council: 36.32%
		8.4	All amounts payable by each Council shall be paid within one calendar month of notification of the amount payable. If any Council shall consistently fail to make payments as required by this clause the Joint Committee may impose a penalty on the defaulting Council which shall be met by such Council.
9.	Duties of the Individual Councils	9.1	To comply with the resource and regulatory consents relating to the operation.
		9.2	The Councils shall make bylaws to ensure the efficient operation of the refuse disposal facility and set and adopt fees and charges and licensing procedures.
		9.3	To establish and operate transfer stations and to adopt charges in relation to such transfer stations.
10.	Changes in Participation	1.1	The establishment and operating costs of the Councils up to the time of any Change in Participation shall be safeguarded as far as possible.
		1.2	The addition or withdrawal of any party shall require agreement of the Councils.
11.	Staff Appointments	11.1	Where any Council is involved in the provision of staff or services, such Council shall be reimbursed for the cost of such persons or services.
		11.2	It is recognised that it will be desirable for the staff required to be employed by one of the Councils.
12.	Facility Manager	12.1	The Facility Manager appointed by the Administering Authority shall be a suitably qualified person who shall report to the Joint Committee and attend its meetings and will be responsible for the day to day operations at the landfill site.
		12.2	During any further development the Facility Manager, as appointed by the Administering Authority, shall be considered to be the officer responsible for all development activities unless otherwise directed by the Joint Committee.
13.	Secretarial Services	13.1	Secretarial and Accounting services shall be provided by the Administering Authority.
		13.2	The functions to be fulfilled shall include: a) Convening of meetings. b) Keeping of minutes. c) Preparation of estimates and accounts. d) Keeping the Joint Committee informed. e) The recovery of fees and charges. f) Such further specific powers as may be delegated by agreement of the Councils.
		13.3	All documents to be signed on behalf of the Joint Committee shall be signed by the Chair (or in his absence one elected member of that Committee) together with such other person authorised by the Administering Authority.
14.	Commencement and Duration	14.1	This Joint Committee shall commence from the date of this agreement and shall continue thereafter until terminated by agreement of the Councils.

	14.2	On termination of this agreement the assets shall be applied, first, in the repayment of all debts, second, in the repayment of any capital contributions, advances or sums of money that may have been made or may be due to any of the Councils, third, the surplus, if any, shall be distributed between the Councils in the following shareholding percentage: Hastings District Council: 63.68% Napier City Council: 36.32%
	14.3	In the event of a short-fall on the termination of this agreement the Councils shall contribute in the following shareholding percentage: Hastings District Council: 63.68% Napier City Council: 36.32% To such short-fall, with any necessary adjustments being made to reflect any amounts due by or to any individual Council at termination.
15.	Arbitration	15.1 In the event of any dispute relating to this agreement the same shall be referred to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Act 1996 and each Council who is a party to the dispute shall be entitled to appoint an Arbitrator. 15.2 The Arbitrators before embarking on the Arbitration shall appoint an umpire whose decision shall be final in the event that the Arbitrators are unable to agree.
16.	Substitution	16.1 This agreement substitutes and revokes the previous Heads of Agreement dated 4 October 2010.

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Hastings District Council

Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting

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Agenda

Heamana

Chair: Councillor Hana Montaperto-Hendry (HDC)

Deputy Chair: Councillor Craig Morley (NCC)

Nga mema o te Komiti

Committee

Members:

Councillors Kevin Watkins, Nicholas Ratcliffe and Alwyn Corban (HDC)

Councillors Whare Isaac-Sharland (NCC)

Councillor Siiam Daniel (HDC Alternate)

Councillor Greg Mawson (NCC Alternate)

Ngāti Pārau Appointee: - Alice Hughes

Ngāti Pārau Alternate: - Darren Tareha

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

4 - including at least one elected member from each Council

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

Waste Manager - Martin Jarvis

Te Rōpū Manapori me te

Kāwanatanga

Democracy &

Governance Services

Christine Hilton (Ext 5633)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

Apologies – Ngā Whakapāhatanga

- 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.
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2.0 *Conflict of Interest – He Ngākau Kōnatunatu*

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. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti

- 3.0** Minutes of the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting held Friday 27 February 2026.
(Previously circulated)
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- 4.0** **Health, Safety & Wellbeing Update** **9**
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- 5.0** **Nine Month Activity Report** **15**
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- 6.0** *Minor Items – Ngā Take Iti*
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- 7.0** *Urgent Items – Ngā Take Whakahihiri*
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Hastings District Council: Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting

Te Rārangi Take

Report to Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee

Nā:
From: **Jennie Kuzman, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager**

Te Take:
Subject: **Health, Safety & Wellbeing Update**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform and update the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee about health, safety and wellbeing at the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill.
- 1.2 The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) requires the elected members of this Joint Committee to exercise due diligence by taking reasonable steps to understand the operations of the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill and its health and safety risks, and to ensure that these health and safety risks are managed so that both the Hastings District Council and Napier City Council meet their legal obligations.
- 1.3 The attached report (**Attachment 1**) provides information intended to assist Joint Committee Members to undertake due diligence, by providing information in relation to Health, Safety & Wellbeing for Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill operations the period 1 January to 31 March 2026.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūhunga*

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Health, Safety & Wellbeing Update dated 29 May 2026.

Attachments:

1 [↓](#) Health, Safety and Wellbeing Snapshot report -
Ōmarunui Landfill - 1 January to 31 March 2026

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Item 4

ŌMARUNUI LANDFILL HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING METRICS: 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2026

Employees



Top 3 Hazard/ Risk Categories

- 1 Ignition Sources
- 2 Vehicles / Mobile Plant
- 3 Temperature Extremes

Contractors



Customers / Public



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Leading indicators show what we are doing to prevent harm before something goes wrong, while lagging indicators show what has already happened, such as injuries or incidents.

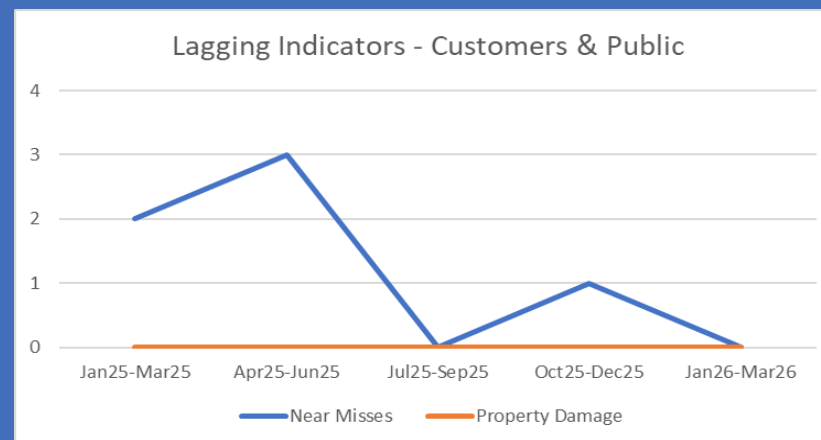
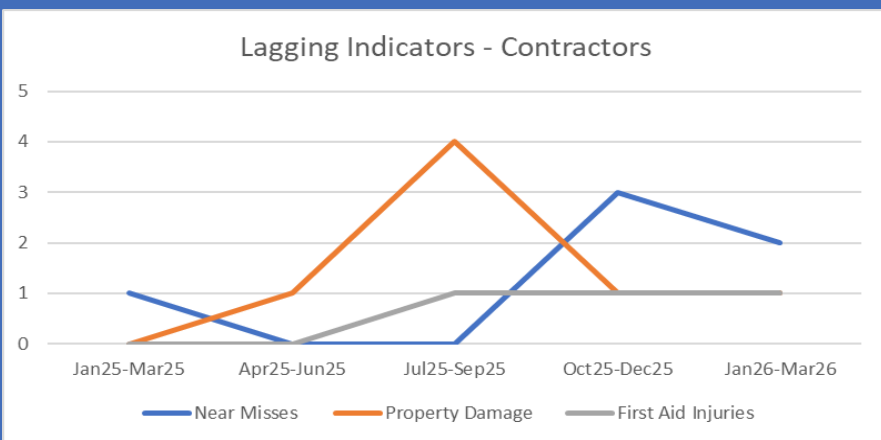
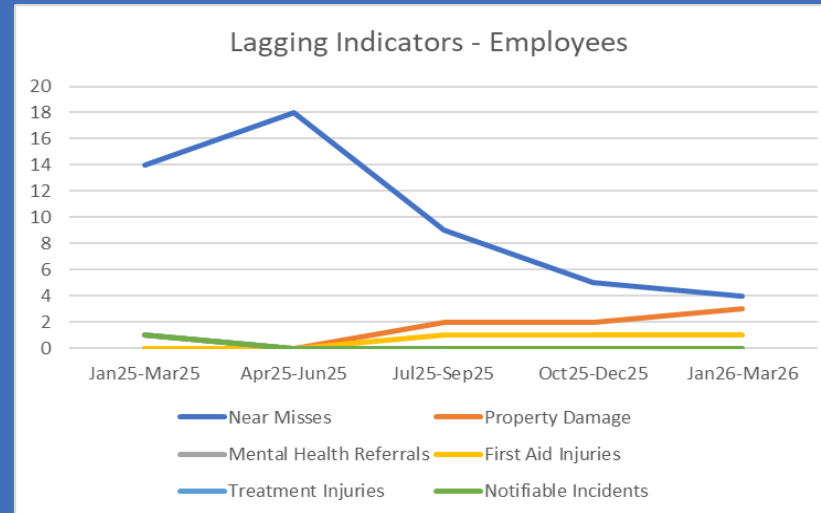
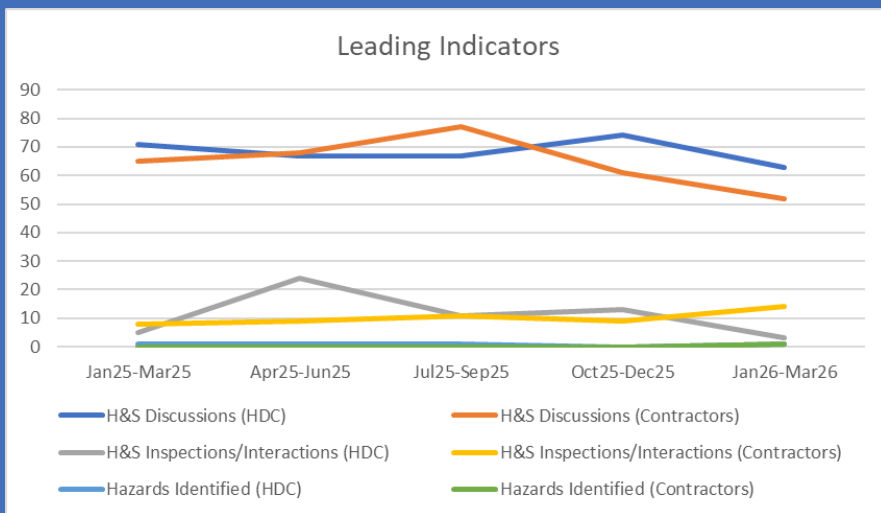
Leading Indicators

- Hazards Reported – reports of newly identified hazards (sources of harm) in HDC facilities/worksites.
- Health, Safety & Wellbeing Interactions - documented conversations and/or task observations undertaken by HDC Managers/Team Leaders with workers.
- Health, Safety & Wellbeing Discussions – documented meetings/conversations in which Health, Safety & Wellbeing matters are discussed (e.g., team meetings).
- Health, Safety & Wellbeing Recognition - documented recognition of excellence in regard to Health, Safety & Wellbeing.

Lagging Indicators

- Significant Incidents - refer to any incidents which required medical treatment or resulted in significant property damage or WorkSafe notifiable events.
- Near Misses - Close call events - i.e., no injury or property damage sustained.
- Property Damages – reported damage to property/plant/equipment.
- Mental Health Referrals - employees self-referring / referred for mental health/wellbeing assistance (often through the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)).
- First Aid Injuries - Injuries treated onsite and no further treatment required.
- Medical Treatment Injuries - Injuries treated by Registered Medical Professionals e.g., nurse, doctor, physiotherapist, dentist.
- Lost Time Injuries - Injuries resulting in time off work.
- WorkSafe Notifiable Events - Any incidents which were legally required to be reported to WorkSafe NZ.

TRENDING



HIGHLIGHTS:

Critical HSW Risk Management:

Ōmarunui Landfill staff and contractors are exposed to the majority of Council's 12 Critical risks including: Vehicles & Mobile Plant, Conflict & Violence, Stress & Burnout, Fatigue, Hazardous Substances, Excavations, Falls, Manual Handling, Exposure to Substances and Processes Hazardous to Health (e.g., noise, vibration, gases, particulates, UV). These risks are documented within the critical risk register for the site and specific risk control measures have been put in place.

Significant Incidents:

There were no significant incidents during this period.

Trending:

The trend commentary below reflects the combined employee and contractor data shown in the graphs and summary metrics.

- Over the past 15 months, the trend graphs indicate a generally steady pattern of reporting and activity across the site, without any escalation in serious harm outcomes.
- For the current reporting period, leading indicators, HSW discussions and interactions remain high, showing continued day-to-day engagement with health and safety. Current lagging indicators suggest that while routine events and low-level harm continue to be reported, more serious outcomes remain low during this period.
- The main recurring themes continue to be ignition sources, vehicles and mobile plant, and temperature extremes, which align with the key risk areas for the site during this period. Temperature extremes were particularly relevant during the very hot weather in January, with associated risks such as heat stress and heatstroke requiring close monitoring. A large proportion of near miss and incident reporting also continues to relate to small fires, commonly linked to batteries being incorrectly disposed of by the public, with workers experienced in identifying and managing these events.

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee

Nā:
From: **Martin Jarvis, Waste Manager**

Te Take:
Subject: **Nine Month Activity Report**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee on landfill activities for the nine-month period ending 31st March 2026.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Nine Month Activity Report dated 29 May 2026.

3.0 Finance and Tonnages

- 3.1 The financial position of the main accounts as of 31st March 2026 are as follows:

	\$ 9 month actuals	\$ 9 month budget	\$ 9 month variation
Revenue	14,290,121	16,112,083	(1,821,962)
Expenditure	8,861,184	14,093,207	(5,232,023)
Net surplus from operations	5,428,937	2,018,876	3,410,061

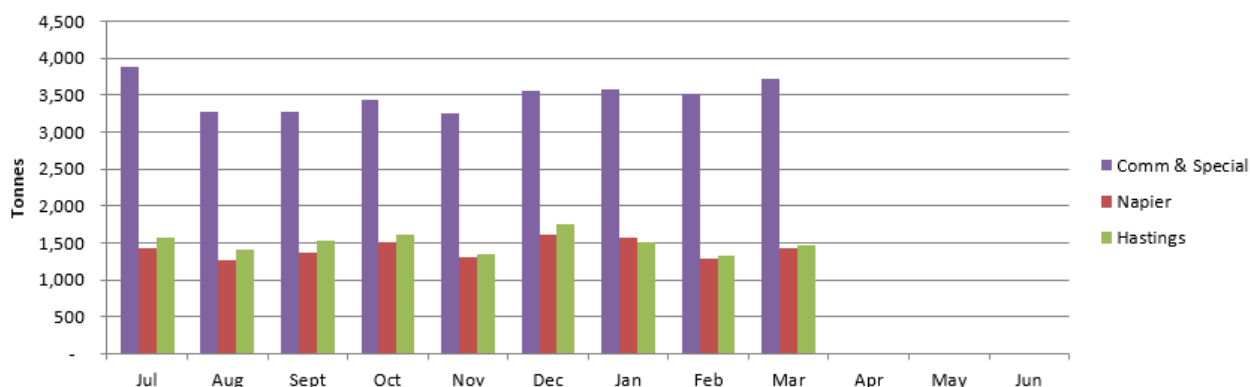
The net surplus from operations as of 31st March 2026 is \$3,410,061 above budget. This is mainly driven by the change in how we manage the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) purchase, which historically was phased monthly, but under the new reserve process the committee approved back in June 2025, it will be a one-off annual purchase in May. Therefore, this will correct itself at that point in time. The annual cost for ETS will be \$3,612,032 versus a budget of \$5,040,000.

3.2 Overall tonnages year to date are below budget by 9,409 tonnes or 13.9%.

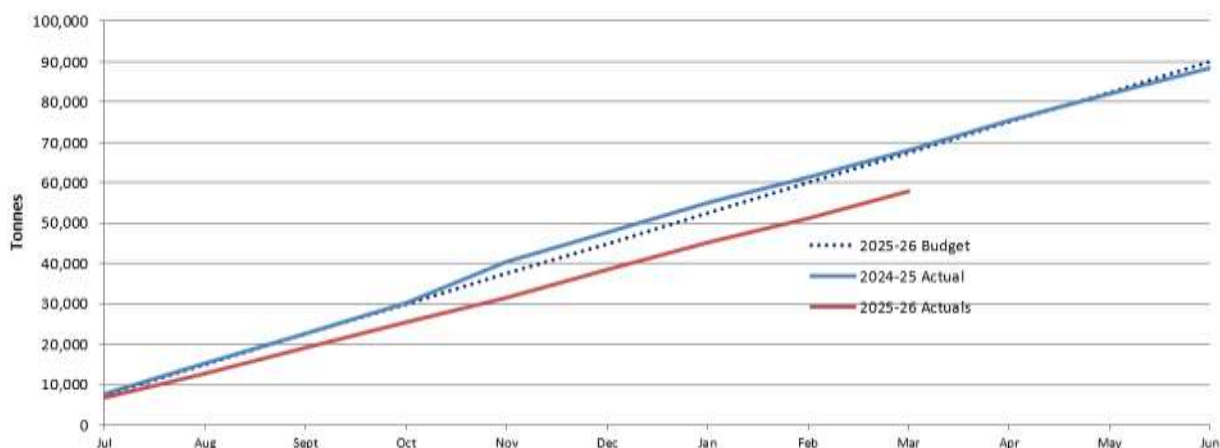
Activity	9 month actual	9 month budget	9 month variance	Annual budget
Commercial & Special	31,500	39,750	-8,250	53,000 t
HDC	13,564	15,000	-1,436	20,000 t
NCC	12,777	12,500	277	17,000 t
Total	57,841	67,500	-9,409	90,000 t

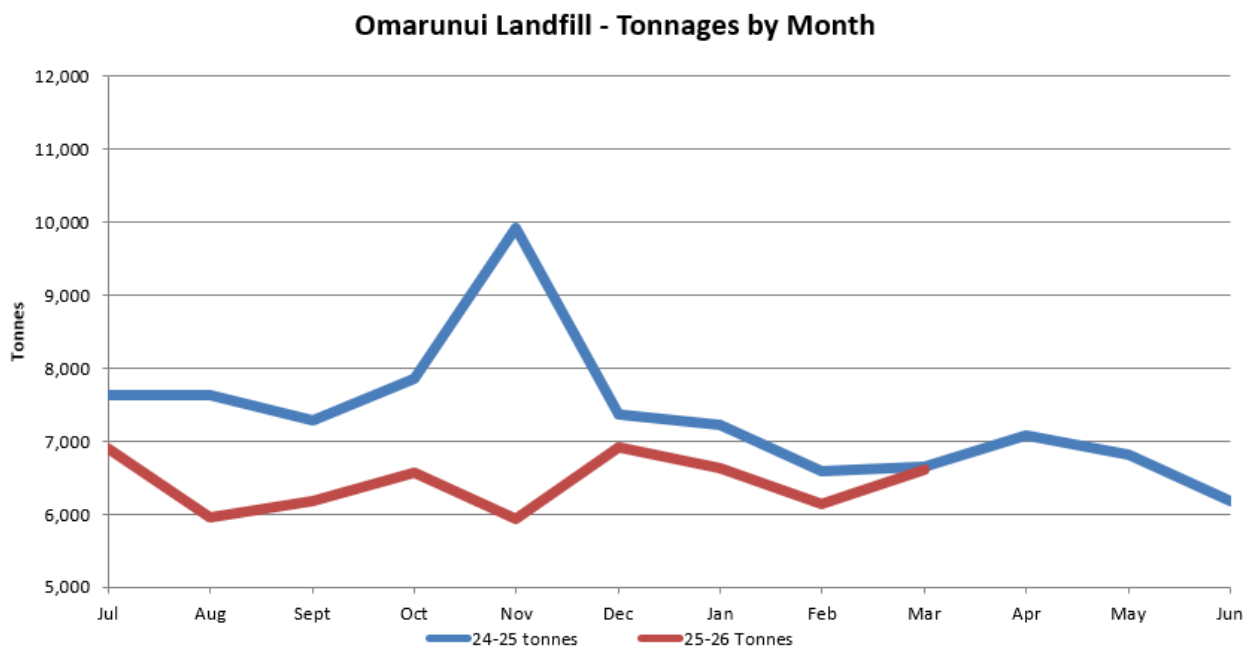
3.3 Tonnages are currently tracking down on last year’s actual YTD total (57,841 tonnes versus 68,146 tonnes). This is reflective of the slower pace of the economy at the moment.

Landfill actual tonnages by month



Omarunui Landfill - Waste Disposal Tonnages





The spike in tonnages in the November 2024 period was due to the last of the Cyclone Gabrielle flood waste that required landfill disposal. This waste was predominately screenings from the silt recovery work that was completed last calendar year.

4.0 Development update for Areas A & D

- 4.1 Year to date \$1,393,307 has been spent on the construction of development work. The development budget for the full year is \$2,705,716. To date this represents an under spend of \$635,980 for the nine-month period; however, this budget is expected to be overspent by the end of the year. Savings in the development budget for Area B will cover any overspend. This situation has come about due to a later opening of Area B than originally planned and a programme change to bring forward capping work in Area D.
- 4.2 During the current 2025/26 year it is intended to start the remaining construction work on the Area A final cap. This work will be carried out by our onsite plant management contractor, MW Lissette. It is also planned to start construction work on the final cap in Area D prior to the end of the financial year. This work has been tendered and awarded to Goodmans. This construction work started in April 2026.
- 4.3 The final section of Area D to be lined and filled is Stage 4. Once this section is constructed and filled with refuse the whole of Area D will be closed off as a disposal area. All refuse will then be directed to Area B.
- 4.4 Construction of the Stage 4 liner in Area D will be carried out in two parts. The first part will be built in the current financial year and the second part in the 2026/27 year. The contract for this work has been awarded to Goodmans (Goodman Contractors Ltd). Stage 4 will be sufficient in size to accept refuse for a period of 18 months depending on waste volumes.

5.0 Development update for Area B

- 5.1 The development of Area B is required so that the landfill continues to have adequate space for the region's waste beyond 2026. This is needed as the current filling area (Area D) will be full by early 2027 depending on tonnages received. As tonnages have reduced significantly over the last two years, the life of Area D has been extended beyond the late 2025 date previously reported to the Committee.

- 5.2 To date in the 2025/26 financial year \$1,249,570 has been spent on the Area B development project. The 2025/26 annual budget for this work is \$4,989,007. To date the current amount spent represents an underspend of \$2,492,185 for the nine-month period. This budget will continue to be underspent throughout the financial year. This is due to the later than planned opening of Area B and a rescheduling of further development work.
- 5.3 Construction of Stage 1 of Area B was completed in 2025, and the first loads of rubbish were disposed of in that area on 15 January 2026. The construction of a dedicated Area B truck wash is planned for later in the 2026 year. Gas extraction wells and pipework will be installed once enough waste has been deposited in the area. All other ancillary work has been completed.
- 5.4 As required by the resource consent for Area B, a Peer Review Panel (PRP) has been established. The two appropriately qualified and experienced engineers selected for the panel are Peter Askey (WSP NZ) and Nigel Mark-Brown (Environmental Context Ltd). This panel was required to be established and maintained so that the design, and other related matters, were meeting the resource consent conditions.
- 5.5 The PRP engineers have reviewed the design, specifications, and plans/drawings, as well as visiting the site on six occasions (the last being 18th November 2025). The work to date has met with their approval. All queries raised by the PRP were answered to their satisfaction. As part of their obligations the PRP prepare an annual report that is then submitted to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council by 1st March each year.

6.0 Operations and Maintenance

- 6.1 Most refuse in this reporting period was disposed of in Area D (Stage 3A) of the landfill. However, as of 15th January 2026 the landfill is now placing some waste in the new Area B part of the site. Both areas will be used simultaneously until Area D is completely full. The reason for the overlap is that only a certain type of waste can be placed at the base of the new landfill. This waste is referred to as a "fluff layer" and is mostly kerb side waste. This waste comes from residential wheelie bins and is more suited for placement near the bottom liner of a landfill rather than other types of waste received at the site.
- 6.2 A new replacement compactor started operating at the landfill in December 2025. The old compactor was traded-in as part of the purchase agreement for the new machine. By operating two compactors at the site a high level of compaction can be consistently achieved. This ensures that all available airspace is maximised for the greatest amount of waste received by the landfill. Having two compactors will also prove very useful when we are required to have at least one machine in each operating part of the landfill, that being Area B and Area D. The new compactor is performing well with only minor faults needing attention during the commissioning period.
- 6.3 As always, fires at the tip face continue to be a concern at the landfill. Two different methods of fire detection have been trialled, and both proved to be effective. It is now planned to install both systems permanently at the site. The first system installed uses thermal cameras (AI integrated) which are located at the tipping area. The cameras can detect a fire and send a message to the on-call staff member and/or a contracted security company. The quicker a fire can be detected, the easier it is to deal with. Fires that become deep seated in a landfill become extremely hard to put out and can take weeks to fully extinguish. The second system selected uses smoke detection technology to warn of fires and proved to be very effective when trialled. By utilising two different methods of detecting fires, the chances of receiving an early warning are significantly higher.
- 6.4 Leachate operations have worked well over the first 9 months of the year and there are no issues to report. The leachate ponds have been maintained at low level so that the site can deal with any heavy rain events that may occur.

7.0 Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

- 7.1 The landfill has engaged the services of Tonkin and Taylor to complete the annual assessment of the volume of landfill gas that is being extracted and destroyed at the site. This work is required so that an application for a Unique Emissions Factor (UEF), as defined under the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), can be verified, and granted.
- 7.2 Last year the landfill was successful in obtaining a UEF of 0.286. This year the landfill was successful in obtaining a factor of 0.585. A higher factor results in increased ETS obligations and therefore cost. The default factor is 1.023 and the landfill would need to use this factor if it hadn't obtained a UEF. In simple terms, the lower the UEF is, the fewer NZU's the landfill needs to purchase.
- 7.3 The default factor is used in an ETS formula to calculate the number of NZU's a landfill is required to surrender if the landfill was not capturing and destroying any landfill gas (or not recording and verifying what they were doing). A UEF is used in place of the default factor once the efficiency of gas capture and destruction (to whatever degree) is proven/verified at a site. Therefore, in the case of Ōmarunui our UEF of 0.585 means that our obligations under the ETS are reduced by approximately 43%. Another way of looking at it is that we are only required to surrender 57% of NZU's that we would have had to if we didn't have a UEF.
- 7.4 Due to government legislative changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme and how UEF's are calculated, the landfill's new UEF of 0.585 is significantly higher than last year's one of 0.286. While this is unfortunate, landfill staff had anticipated this outcome and had allowed for a higher UEF when setting annual budgets for the site.

8.0 Landfill Gas

- 8.1 Several new gas wells are programmed to be drilled and connected to the gas capture system later in the year. This will help increase gas flow to the gas to energy plant and/or flare. This will in turn help the landfill achieve a better Unique Emissions Factor and therefore reduce the cost of ETS compliance. Gas wells will also be installed in Area B just as soon as there is enough waste placed in that new part of the landfill to draw off.
- 8.2 LMS (owners of the gas to energy plant) were required to shut down the new Caterpillar engine for one week to carryout repair work to the turbo on it. It is now back operating. While the engine was not working all landfill gas was destroyed by way of the flare.

9.0 Wairoa District Council Waste

- 9.1 As previously reported to the committee Wairoa District Council (WDC) has limited remaining capacity at their landfill, and this situation has become more problematic for them because of recent flood events and the extra waste generated by these events.
- 9.2 The Ōmarunui Landfill has agreed to accept their solid waste on a temporary basis for a period of up to three years at a rate of up to 4,000 tonnes per annum. This arrangement should provide the WDC enough time to decide how they are going to manage their waste in the future and implement those changes.
- 9.3 The Ōmarunui Landfill started to receive waste from Wairoa in April 2026. A total of 160 tonnes of this waste was received at Ōmarunui in the first month of acceptance.

10.0 Health and Safety

- 10.1 The Ōmarunui Landfill operates under the Hastings District Council's Health and Safety Policy. The Council's commitment under this policy is "to keep employees, volunteers, contractors and the community safe through living a strong safety culture".
- 10.2 Additional Health & Safety information relating to the landfill's performance is the subject of a separate report to this committee.

11.0 Skins/Pelts/Fleshings/Tannery Waste

- 11.1 The volume of skins/pelts/fleshings/tannery waste received at the landfill continues to be minimal. The landfill had set daily load limits on the acceptance of this type of waste however this kind of control is not required at present due to the low volumes of this waste.
- 11.2 Air quality testing continues to be carried out annually to ensure that this waste stream is not creating any undue negative outcomes.

12.0 Waste Levy

- 12.1 The waste levy is currently being collected at a rate of \$65 per tonne, however this will increase to \$70 per tonne for the 2026/27 financial year (starting 1st July 2026).
- 12.2 The Government has signalled that it expects to increase the levy by another \$5 per annum as of 1st July 2027. This would result in a levy of \$75 per tonne from that time.

13.0 Staff Matters

- 13.1 In April the Hastings District Council celebrated Nigel Clapperton's 50-year work anniversary as a council employee. The 50 years also covered a period of time when Nigel worked for the Hawke's Bay County Council prior to the amalgamation of regions councils that took place in 1990. A great many of those years were spent working at the Ōmarunui Landfill and Nigel also has the distinction of operating all of the compactors that have been used at the site.

14.0 Financial Summary

- 14.1 Attached to this report is the financial summary (**Attachment 1**) for the 9-month period ending 31st March 2026.

Attachments:

- 1 [↓](#) Ōmarunui Landfill Joint Committee Financial Summary - 9 Months to March 2026 CG-17-20-00059

OMARUNUI LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
FOR THE 9 MONTH ENDED - 31st March 2026

LAST YEAR ACTUAL (Full Year)	LAST YEAR ACTUAL (YTD)		Notes	YTD ACTUAL \$	YTD BUDGET \$	YTD VARIANCE \$	FULL YEAR BUDGET \$	PREDICTED ACTUAL \$
REVENUE								
3,331,342	2,540,554	Local Authorities		2,949,872	2,997,000	-47,128	3,996,000	3,996,000
6,078,069	4,718,506	Commercial Operations		4,007,309	4,617,000	-609,691	6,156,000	6,156,000
622,743	66,729	Other		93,040	37,500	55,540	50,000	50,000
10,777	9,733	Rentals (Farm & Power Stn)		9,733	8,083	1,650	10,777	10,777
211,179	266,132	Interest on funds		0	0	0	0	-
46,684	24,978	Sale of gas		0	15,000	-15,000	20,000	20,000
264,694	204,439	Leachate development	3	231,365	270,000	-38,635	360,000	360,000
5,293,875	4,088,773	Waste Levy	1	3,759,687	4,387,500	-627,813	5,850,000	5,850,000
6,793,807	5,247,258	ETS	2	3,239,115	3,780,000	-540,885	5,040,000	5,040,000
22,653,168	17,167,101	Total Revenue		14,290,121	16,112,083	-1,821,962	21,482,777	21,482,777
EXPENDITURE								
1,174,505	978,516	Maintenance - Landfill		683,508	818,376	-134,868	1,087,435	1,087,435
1,657,659	1,218,953	Other refuse disposal		1,131,699	1,315,373	-183,673	1,717,252	1,717,252
1,025,174	791,280	External plant hire		687,462	1,125,000	-437,538	1,500,000	1,500,000
211,662	211,662	External plant hire escalations		70,381	187,500	-117,119	250,000	250,000
334,812	329,528	Leachate Treatment/Disposal		142,032	229,478	-87,446	305,971	305,971
9,655	7,475	Kiosk Charges		8,054	27,715	-19,661	36,953	36,953
158,129	104,135	Ground & Surface Water Testing		103,050	150,124	-47,074	200,166	200,166
0	0	Gas to energy		0	766	-766	1,021	1,021
12,712	12,392	Farm operations		3,652	9,266	-5,614	12,354	12,354
26,468	24,428	Rates		26,556	17,919	8,637	23,891	23,891
405,100	304,036	Overheads - Administrative	4	307,713	306,683	1,030	408,911	408,911
2,321,699	1,739,736	Depreciation		1,936,704	1,737,509	199,195	2,316,678	2,316,678
5,715,886	4,088,769	Waste Levy	1	3,760,373	4,387,500	-627,127	5,850,000	5,850,000
1,772,289	5,247,258	ETS	2	0	3,780,000	-3,780,000	5,040,000	5,040,000
14,825,750	15,058,167	Total Expenditure		8,861,184	14,093,207	-5,232,023	18,750,632	18,750,632
7,827,418	2,108,935	SURPLUS from Operations		5,428,937	2,018,876	3,410,061	2,732,145	2,732,145
2,321,699	1,739,736	Add back Non Cash Depreciation		1,936,704	1,737,509	199,195	2,316,678	2,316,678
9,111	104,303	Less transfer to/from Plant and Property Fund		-1,000,088	-765,989	-234,099	-1,048,239	-1,048,239
15,000	11,250	Less transfer to After Care Reserve		32,400	32,400	0	43,200	43,200
-	-	Less transfer to/from Tyre Reserve		-	-	0	0	0
188,800	204,439	Less transfer to/from Leachate Reserve		231,365	270,000	-38,635	360,000	360,000
9,936,207	3,528,679	Surplus before Capital Costs		8,101,963	4,219,974	3,881,990	5,693,862	5,693,862

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FOR THE 9 MONTH ENDED - 31st March 2026

LAST YEAR ACTUAL (Full Year)	LAST YEAR ACTUAL (YTD)	Notes	YTD ACTUAL \$	YTD BUDGET \$	YTD VARIANCE \$	FULL YEAR BUDGET \$	PREDICTED ACTUAL \$
DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR VALLEY A & D							
EXPENDITURE							
3,480	0	0 Planning Advice	0	114,863	-114,863	153,150	153,150
-	-	- Water Quality Monitoring Bores	0	0	0	0	0
-	-	- Solid Waste Management	0	0	0	0	0
96,857	79,390	Gas Control	135,756	434,669	-298,913	579,559	579,559
0	0	Stormwater	0	15,759	-15,759	21,012	21,012
0	0	Leachate Collection System	0	75,000	-75,000	100,000	100,000
0	-	Liner	0	382,875	-382,875	510,500	510,500
2,385,209	1,996,770	Earthworks	1,123,545	872,115	251,430	1,162,820	1,162,820
175,000	131,250	Overheads	134,006	134,006	0	178,675	178,675
<u>2,660,546</u>	<u>2,207,410</u>		<u>1,393,307</u>	<u>2,029,287</u>	<u>-635,980</u>	<u>2,705,716</u>	<u>2,705,716</u>
-2,660,546	-2,207,410	Total Development Costs	-1,393,307	-2,029,287	635,980	-2,705,716	-2,705,716
DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR VALLEY B & C							
EXPENDITURE							
75,234	51,861	Planning Advice	64,442	300,000	-235,558	400,000	400,000
6,777,313	5,638,249	Landfill Area B&C Construction	1,168,280	3,424,909	-2,256,629	4,566,545	4,566,545
22,000	16,500	Overheads	16,848	16,846	2	22,462	22,462
<u>6,874,547</u>	<u>5,706,611</u>		<u>1,249,570</u>	<u>3,741,755</u>	<u>-2,492,185</u>	<u>4,989,007</u>	<u>4,989,007</u>
-6,874,547	-5,706,611	Total Development Costs	-1,249,570	-3,741,755	2,492,185	-4,989,007	-4,989,007
FORESTRY COSTS (Funded from the Property Reserve)							
1,085	1,085	Other Insurance	1,140	1,200	-60	1,200	1,200
3,015	3,015	Valuation Services	0	2,250	-2,250	3,000	3,000
-	-	Contracted Services	62,062	48,000	14,062	64,000	64,000
2,218	2,014	Internal - HDC Rates & Charges	2,406	995	1,411	1,327	1,327
<u>6,318</u>	<u>6,114</u>	Total Forestry Costs	<u>65,608</u>	<u>52,445</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>69,527</u>	<u>69,527</u>

* YTD Actuals include accruals

Notes:

- 1 A waste Levy of \$65/t for 2025/26 & \$60/t for 2024/25 collected and paid back to the Ministry for Environment.
- 2 ETS levy of \$56/t for 2025/26 and \$77/t for 2024/25
- 3 \$4/t collected for leachate development
- 4 The overhead costs have been agreed with NCC at budget time