

Council Briefing

Solid Waste, Recycling and Public Toilets and
Parks and Recreation

1 July 2020

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Solid Waste and Public Toilets - what we do

Solid Waste and Recycling

Our aim is to provide Whangarei district with efficient, effective and safe solid waste and recycling services which reduce the quantity of waste generated and discarded, protect public health and protect the environment.



Public Toilets

Our aim is that public toilets are safe, accessible, pleasant to visit, are strategically located to meet the needs of visitors and the travelling public.



Our key assets

Solid waste, recycling and public toilets assets are valued at \$6.03m.

Key assets include

- 68 public toilets throughout the district
- Approximately 450 litter bins
- 7 rural rubbish and recycling transfer stations
- Approximately 70,000 recycling crates



Services provided by Council

- Weekly kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling
- Rural rubbish and recycling transfer stations
- Litter collection and CBD cleaning
- Waste minimisation education
- Pubic toilet cleaning

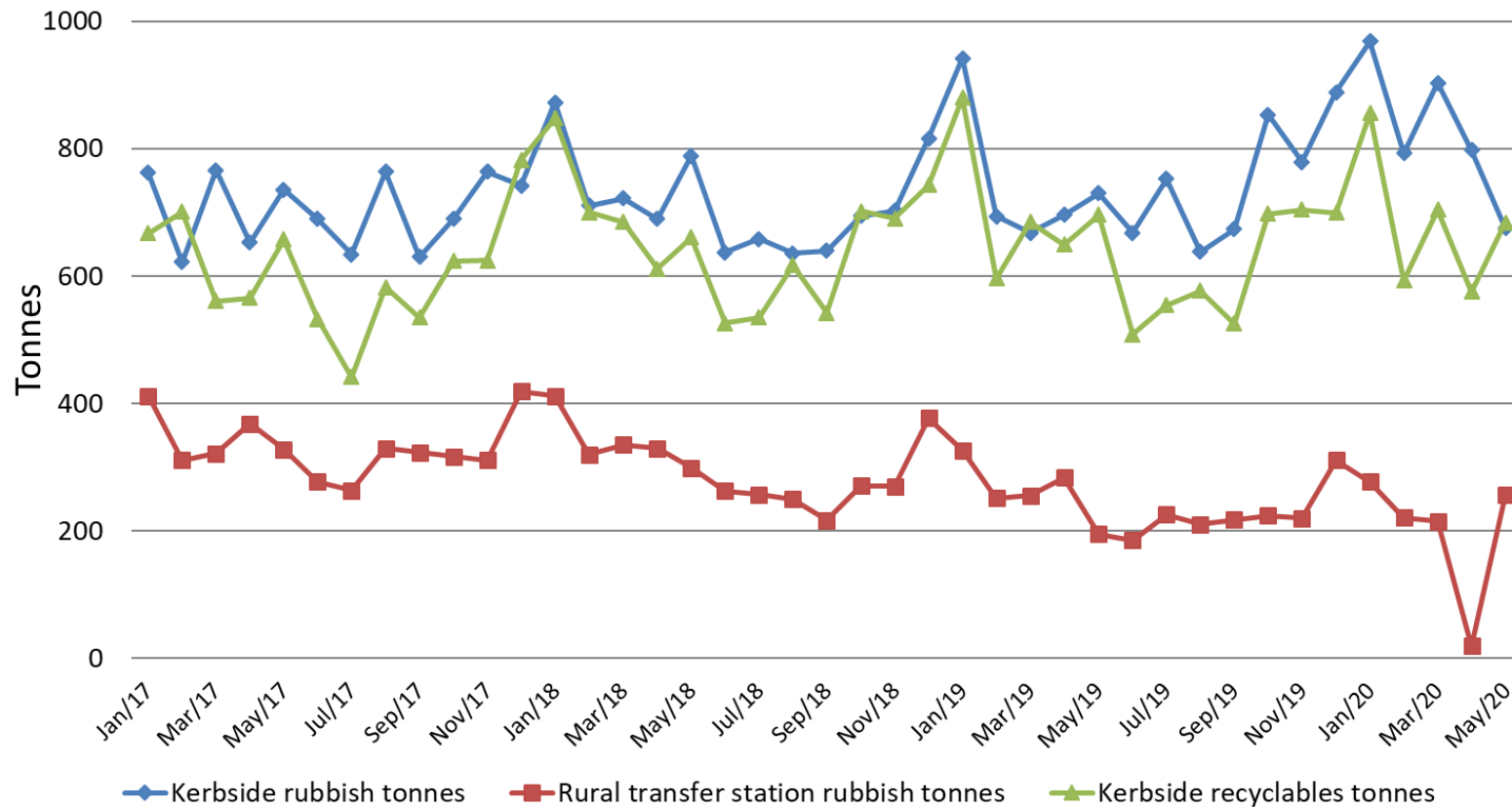
Services provided by Northland Regional Landfill Limited Partnership

- Re:Sort resource recovery park
- Puwera landfill

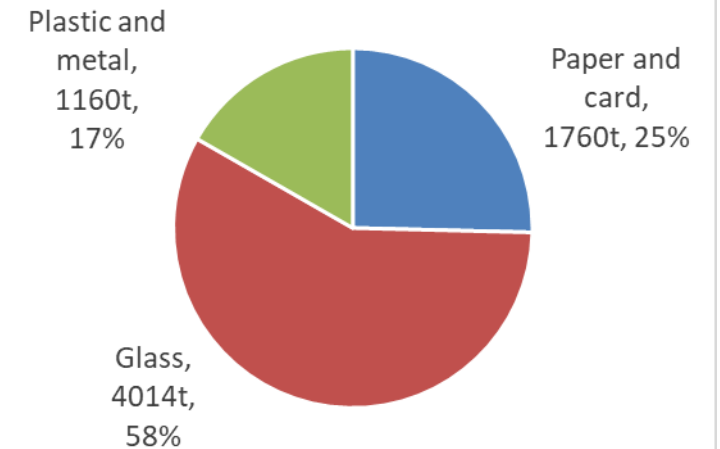


Solid Waste and Recycling Collections

Solid Waste Tonnes Jan 2017 - Year to Date



Kerbside recycling tonnes 2019



Our Levels of Service

- **Level of Service 1 - To reduce waste disposed of to landfill to below 500 kg per person per year by 2020.**

Currently approximately 560 kg per person is being landfilled including biosolids and industrial waste streams.

- **Level of Service 2 - To recycle at least 35% of waste collected at the roadside from households**

Currently 35% collected is being recycled.

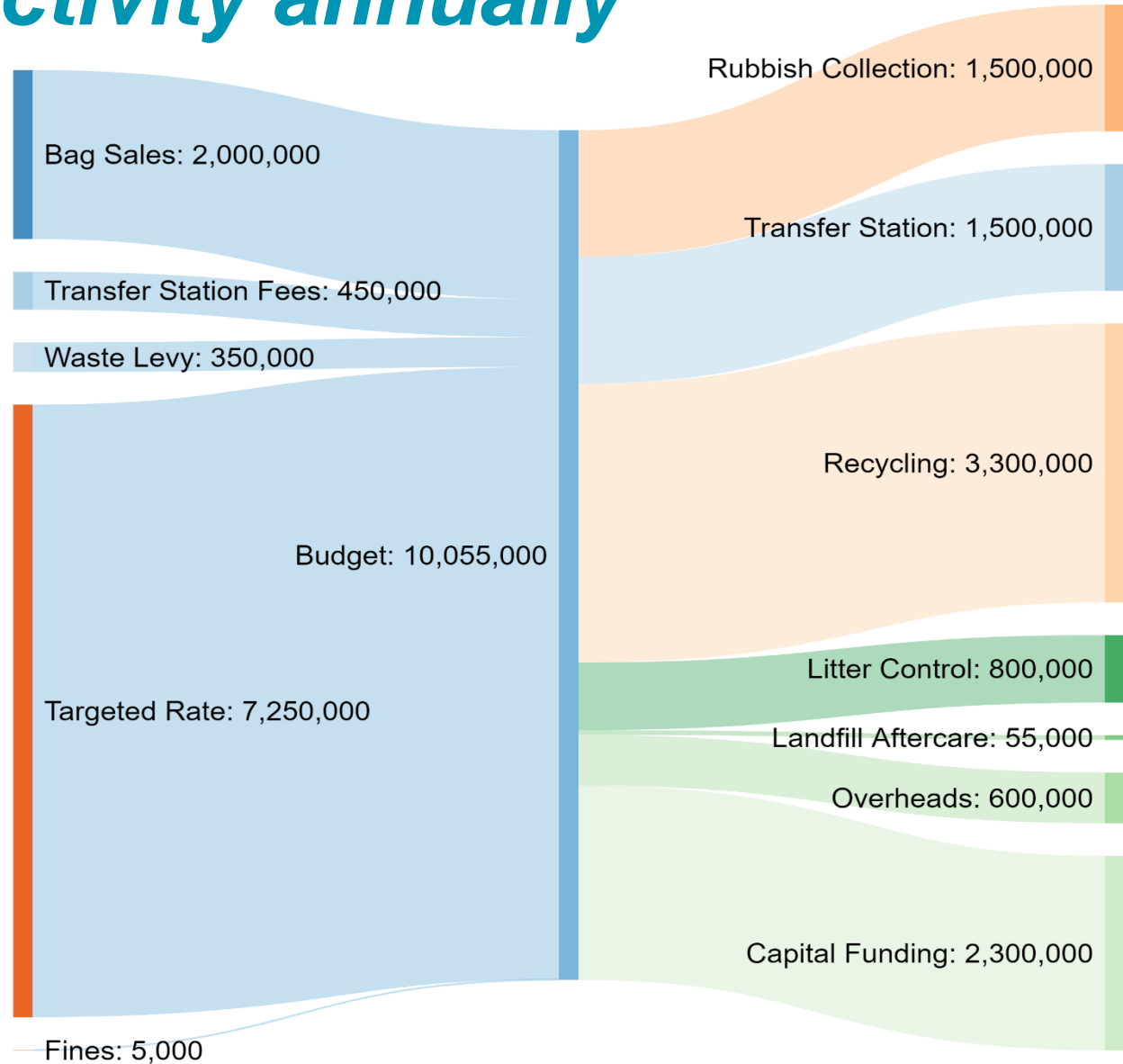
- **Level of Service 3 - Council will recycle, compost or reuse at least 50% of materials at transfer stations by 2020.**

Currently 47% of material is being recycled, composted or reused.

Key issues for next 3 years

- Legislative and recycling market changes
- 2020/21 budget constraints
- Solid Waste and Recycling activity funding
- Asset renewals
- New public toilets and user expectations
- Inconsistent Levels of Service

Funding and expenses for the Solid Waste and Recycling activity annually



Key issues in the longer term

- Individuals
- Communities
- Companies
- Central Government

Are all developing new approaches to managing waste and resources, expectations for Council services are evolving.

Council will need to continue to support and influence these developments and be ready to react to the changes.

Questions

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Parks and Recreation - what we do

We provides parks and reserves for play, sport and recreation, landscapes and green places including:

- *City parks, street trees and gardens*
- *Areas for sport and recreation, tracks and walkways, skateparks and playgrounds*
- *Weed and pest management and planting programs.*
- *Cemetery services to facilitate burials, cremation, memorials, and eco-burials.*
- *Botanica dedicated to the collection, cultivation, preservation and display of plants*
- *Management of former quarries, landfills, forest remnants and regenerating bush*

We also provide operating and capital grants and subsidies to facilitate district recreation facilities.



Our key assets: Land

Type	Example
Nature	Parihaka (includes tracks, carparks, toilets, structures)
Neighbourhood Parks	Potter Park (playground, public toilet, amenity planting)
Adventure	Abbey Caves Road (mountain bike tracks, walking tracks, bridle trail)
Public Gardens	Laurie Hall Park, Cafler Park (annual flower displays, seating, lighting and paths)
Recreation linkages	Matapouri beachfront (grassed areas, car parking seating and accessways)
Sports & Recreation	Kensington Park (home of junior sport, District netball centre, Stadium, carparking, hockey, athletics).
Civic space	Town Basin and Hatea Loop (High maintenance and amenity areas with garden displays, playground, toilets, art, seating, paths, car parking, and lighting)
Heritage sites	Cemeteries open and closed including the main Maunu Cemetery (in-house maintenance)

Our Key Assets:

- 81 full sized sports fields - 16 fields with modern training lights
- 43 playgrounds and 5 skateparks
- 55km maintained tracks and walkways
- 8.7km of seawalls and 31 formed beach accesses
- 16 wharves and jetties
- 19,000 maintained street trees
- 8 maintained cemeteries with Maunu the largest at 36ha



Our Levels of Service -1

Council will provide and maintain outdoor sporting facilities to support and promote active recreation of the community through participation in both organised and informal sporting ***and play*** activities

Sports parks will be provided to meet the community's needs

- Target 2018-19 >187 hours
- Actual 2018-19 >180 hours

Proposed new LOS

Overall Resident user satisfaction with playgrounds

- ***Current 2018-19 - 89%***
- ***Target – 90%***

Our Levels of Service - 2

Council will provide and maintain a range of reserves, including built facilities, to meet the needs of the community as well as protecting and enhancing the natural environment

Average satisfaction rating of sports codes with sports parks

- Target 2018-19 >84%
- Actual 2018-19 - 92%

Residents' satisfaction with neighbourhood, civic space, cultural heritage, public gardens and recreational and ecological linkages to parks

- Target 2018-19 >90%
- Actual 2018-19 - 92% (average of 7 questions)

Our Levels of Service - 3

Council will convert, or up-grade identified existing open spaces to provide a wider range of high quality recreational and leisure opportunities within our District for our community and visitors.

Hectares of open space land transformed does not drop below

- Target 2018-2019 - 0.5ha
- Actual 2018-2019 - 1.8ha

Residents' perception that Council is making sufficient investment in developing a strong sense of place for our District and its communities.

- Target 2018-19 >70%
- Actual 2018-19 - 93%



Key issues for next 3 years

- Climate Change - information gathering
- Youth facilities
- Active Recreation & Sports Strategy- information gathering and facilitating or delivering projects
- Pest control- taking advantage of funding opportunities

Key issues in the longer term

- District growth/Social Changes
- Development of new facilities to meet growth
- Climate change
- Delivering the capital programme

Questions