

Update on Climate Action Pathway actions

A copy of the [Climate Action Pathway](#) is available on Hutt City Council's website. There are a total of 95 actions. Note that the layout of this report has been changed slightly since 2024. All of actions marked as complete in the 2024 update have been moved to the bottom as well as any actions that are now considered Business As Usual (BAU) as they are happening on an ongoing basis. Actions that are newly completed this year remain in the main table but will be moved to the bottom in the next update report.

The table below shows a summary of the status of all actions, grouped by category.

Status	Number of actions 22/23	Number of actions 23/24	Number of actions 24/25
Completed	9 (10%)	13 (14%)	21 (22%)
Underway and on track	65 (70%)	61 (64%)	56 (59%)
Underway but delayed / progress at risk / on hold	7 (8%)	7 (7%)	5 (5%)
Delayed / no progress / future uncertain	12 (13%)	10 (10%)	7 (7%)
Changed	-	4 (4%)	-
Discontinued/Action no longer relevant	-	-	6 (6%)
TOTAL	93	95	95

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TRANSPORT: More walking and cycling (11 of 13 actions)					
1	p70	Beltway cycleway	HCC, Waka Kotahi	Underway: There has been no change to this action, the northern and central sections of the cycle way have been completed, no further update is available on the remaining sections to complete the cycle way.	Underway: The northern and central sections of the Beltway Cycleway, stretching 6.5 km from north of Waterloo Railway Station to the River Trail at Taitā, has been fully constructed with the as-built formalised through Council in September 2024.

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					No new sections of the 10km cycleway, connecting Taitā to Seaview are proposed at this time but will be considered as future funding allows.
2	p70	Cycling and micro-mobility programme	HCC	<p>Underway:</p> <p>Avalon and Taita Cycleways: Micromobility projects were paused in late 2023. With a change of government, funding has been cut. A micromobility paper was scheduled to be presented to the AP/LTP committee on 26 August 2024 to seek approval for Council to self-fund.</p> <p>Maru Streets for People (Wainuiomata): The project was completed in March 2024.</p>	<p>Underway: The Avalon and Taita Community Connections projects are to be delivered in three construction packages, with a fourth—Taita Package D—now in design. Avalon Package A moved into construction, with early works starting March 2025. Taita Packages B and C progressed from pre-implementation to construction, which began in July 2025. The western end of the Taita Connection shared path links to the stop bank path at Harcourt Werry Drive in Fraser Park. Planning continues with GWRC and project designers to confirm a revised route and safe crossing at 3Harcourt Werry Drive. This section is now referred to as Taita Package D – Harcourt Werry Link.</p>
3	p70	Te Ara Tupua	HCC, Waka Kotahi, GWRC, WCC	<p>Underway: The project is nearing the halfway point. The Ngā Ūranga ki Pito-One section heading North toward Karanga Landing (in front of the BP petrol station) has now connected. 2,950 concrete blocks along the waterfront have now been placed and nearly 2 out of 6 vertical seawalls have been completed.</p>	<p>Underway: The project is progressing steadily, now nearing its halfway point. Construction on the Ngā Ūranga ki Pito-One section continues, with the northern connection to Karanga Landing (in front of the BP petrol station) now complete. Significant progress has been made on the coastal defences, with 5,719 out of 6,700 interlocking concrete blocks placed along the waterfront and 2,858 out of 2,899 vertical seawall blocks installed. Three of six bridge piers have been erected, with remaining piers and bridge landings to follow later this year. The project has also been internationally recognised, winning 'Transportation Project of the Year' at the Environment Analyst Sustainability Delivery Awards in Chicago and 'Excellence in Concrete Infrastructure' at the Concrete New Zealand Awards, highlighting its innovative sustainability practices and technical excellence. The shared path remains on track to open by mid-2026.</p>

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4	p70	Tupua Horo Nuku Eastern Bays Shared Path	HCC, Waka Kotahi, Central Government	Underway: Construction is ongoing with completion expected mid-2026. As at 12 August 2024, work is underway in Sunshine Bay, York Bay and Whiorau/Lowry Bay. Finishing works are underway in Sunshine Bay. All deep foundations in York Bay are complete, and deep foundations in Whiorau Bay are underway.	Underway: Construction of the Tupua Horo Nuku Eastern Bays Shared Path is progressing well, with 71% of works completed. Current focus areas include Whiorau/Lowry Bay, Ngau Matau Bay, and Māhina Bay. Deep foundations at Whiorau Bay are progressing following completion in York Bay. Handover of York Bay is underway, with defect remediation nearing completion. Completed sections include Mā-koromiko/Windy Point and York Bay. The team continues to advance works across the remaining bays, coordinating with ecological windows and pending approvals for accelerated delivery. Project completion is currently forecast for August 2026, although a “Three Bay Strategy” under review could bring forward completion to March 2026 to align with Te Ara Tupua’s Nga Ūranga ki Pito-One section.
5	p70	RiverLink (Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi)	HCC, GWRC, Waka Kotahi	Underway: HCC and our Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi partners made changes to the programme delivery model in March 2024 to enable some aspects of the programme to be delivered directly by local councils using inhouse expertise. The partners are working to complete the Interim Project Alliance Agreement by December 2024 to enable construction of the Melling Transport Improvements to commence under the Project Alliance Agreement in 2025. Meanwhile, Greater Wellington began stop bank works at Mills Street in February 2024, and are expected to complete them by October 2024 before moving onto other river works as part of the flood protection aspects of the programme. HCC has begun construction of the new Avalon skatepark, due to be open in summer 2024/2025 to enable the Melling Skatepark to be removed to make way for the Melling Transport Improvements. Hutt City is also scheduled to begin work on streetscaping and local intersections in early 2025.	Underway: The Project Alliance Agreement for the Melling Transport Improvements (under Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi) was formally signed in April 2025, enabling the Delivery Alliance (AECOM and Fletcher Construction) to proceed. Early works for stop bank improvements including demolition, ground investigations, and site establishment are underway, with main construction planned to commence later in 2025. Foot bridge procurement is expected to be completed by the end of 2025 and construction of the footbridge and new Melling bridge is expected to start in 2026.

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6	p71	Free Ride	HCC, Healthy Families	<p>Underway: This programme has provided approximately 450 free bicycles to Naenae residents over the last 4 years, and continues to provide a regular range of other services and events, including a free workshop at the Remakery.</p> <p>Free Ride continues to grow, it enrolled 228 members last year, gave away 107 bikes, and fixed 227 bikes. It conducted 64 workshop sessions, and involves 14 volunteers.</p>	Underway but progress has slowed: Council is supporting Free Ride with a limited number of their events this year, in addition to free Ride been awarded the contract for bike activation at Daly Street from April 2025 through 2026, In total the funding offered to Free Ride this year is lower than previous years which may impact the reach and impact of the organisation. Free ride still offers bike fixup session across the city as well as at their Naenae location.
7	p71	ReCycled Rides	Common Unity	Changed, now absorbed into the "Free Ride" activity noted above.	Discontinued
8	p71	Locky Docks	Big Street Bikers	Underway: Big Street Bikers are currently working to identify more sites for Locky Docks than the two already in place.	Underway: A total of five Locky Dock locations are planned. One has already been installed at Naenae Pool. Three more installations are planned around August, with the last expected to be in place by the end of September 2025.
9	p71	Two-wheeled public transport e-bike trial	Healthy Families, Kōkiri Marae, Big Street Bikers	Underway but at risk: The HIKO E-Bike trial is continuing, however is currently seeking funding support to cover some essential costs such as insurance.	Complete: This programme has now finished along with the end of funding that enabled it. There is currently no know funding sources to extend the initiative
10	p69 and P71	Innovative wayfinding	Transport	Underway: The Micromobility Wayfinding Guidelines were completed in November 2023 and presented to the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee (refer Report no: IARCC2023/5/359, page 109). The objective of the guidelines is to create a micromobility wayfinding system which helps To make journeys by bike, scooter, and other micromobility modes attractive, easy to plan and effortless from beginning to end.	Underway: The Petone Esplanade Wayfinding project has progressed significantly since the Micromobility Wayfinding Guidelines were finalised in November 2023. The design incorporates bilingual signage, plinth and crumb markers, and is tailored for the coastal environment to ensure easy and accessible journeys for micromobility users. The project connects key locations along the Petone Esplanade, providing a link between Ngā Ūranga ki Pito One and Tupua Horo Nuku, and encouraging healthy transport choices. Final installation will coincide with Hikoikoi Landing project.
11	p71	Annual Bike the Hutt Festival	Lead unclear	Underway: The latest "Bike the Trail" event was run by GWRC and Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) on 25 February 2024. UHCC is currently re-evaluating services, it is not yet known whether Bike The Trail will go ahead next year.	Future uncertain: There was no "Bike the tail" event planned for 2025 and there are no plans to run this event in the future. In the past this event has been delivered through a collaboration with UHCC, HCC and GWRC however funding reductions meant that both city councils could no longer support this event. In addition, from 2026 there will be significant disruption to sections of the riverbank

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					while Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi work is delivered. Enquiries are being made with the organisers of the ' Orange Bike Ride ' events to see if a collaboration on delivery could be achieved.
TRANSPORT: Increasing use of public transport (7 of 9 actions)					
12	p72	Rail improvements	Metlink	Underway: In March 2024, Transport Minister Simon Brown announced the new government will continue to deliver the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) project, to upgrade Wellington's rail network substations, and to replace rolling stock for the Wairarapa and Manawatu lines. This confirms targeted investment of more than \$2 billion over the next three years for public transport projects and services, as part of the draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport (2024).	Underway: GWRC/Metlink continue work to improve the rail network with works planned for the Wairarapa line continuing.
13	p72	Bus priority (by 2023/24)	HCC	Limited progress: no significant change	Limited Progress: Council has been working together with Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). There is limited progress due to funding uncertainties, however, improvements to existing routes (ie: 110) are being proposed for implementation in the 2025/26 financial year.
14	p72	Bike and Ride (ongoing)	Metlink	Limited progress: While bike racks have been added at Pomare and Naenae, no bike parking has been installed in Taita yet.	No further progress: No bike rack is currently planned to be installed at Taita.
15	p72	Park and Ride (ongoing)	Metlink	Little progress: There have been some minor car park changes in Petone, due to the cycle way work, a compensation car park was created. However, note that expanding Park and Ride, instead of improving connectivity and public transport connections, can also further embed reliance on the private motor vehicle.	No further progress: There are currently no plans to expand park & ride offerings other than what is already in place
16	p72	Micromobility connections (ongoing)	HCC	Underway: This action is aligned with the "Cycling and micro-mobility programme" noted above. Avalon and Taita Cycleways: Micromobility projects were paused in late 2023. With a change of government, funding has been cut. A micromobility paper was scheduled to be presented to the AP/LTP	Underway: As above micromobility response p.1

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				<p>committee on 26 August 2024 to seek approval for Council to self-fund.</p> <p>Maru Streets for People (Wainuiomata): The project was completed in March 2024.</p> <p>Wayfinding : Wayfinding between Tupua Horo Nuku and Te Ara Tupua installation is planned for late 2024</p>	
17	p72	Placemaking	HCC	Underway and continuing. The focus of placemaking activities for financial year 2024/25 was the city centre to support businesses ahead of the works starting on RiverLink.	Underway and continuing: This is a multiyear programme of work which is continuing to be delivered, lead by the Urban Development team.
18	p73	Access to public transport hubs (by 2023/24)	Metlink, HCC	<p>Underway: Subway upgrade completed at Epuni, Naenae, and Pomare. Taita is still underway.</p> <p>For bus related upgrades, Bunny Street Terminus (Queensgate Interchange) improvements are completed. Enhance visibility for bus users at stops B & C and pedestrian access to the mall. Upgrades have been made to CCTV coverage and incorporate lighting and additional CCTV in the new shelter canopy design.</p> <p>Accessibility improvements for Ava Station Bus Replacing Train (BRT) stop completed.</p>	Complete: Taita train station subway upgrades are now complete.
TRANSPORT: Increasing electric vehicles (6 of 9 actions)					
19	p74	Building electric ferries (ongoing)	East by West	No further progress. The Wellington Electric Boat Building Company has completed and publicised design work on Version 2. There has been a lot of interest shown but as yet no further orders.	No further progress
20	p74	Electric bus fleet (by 2030)	Metlink	No progress: The electrification share of buses remains at about 23%. Future progress on electrifying buses in Lower Hutt is uncertain at this point in time. There are no plans at this stage to install charging infrastructure at the Eastbourne depot and a date cannot yet be provided for when electric buses will be seen on the busy route 110.	Limited Progress: GWRC is looking to bring bus depots under GWRC ownership in order to ensure charging infrastructure is secured for bus electrification in the future. Until this work is complete for Lower Hutt depots electrification of the local bus network will be unlikely. A date for completion of this work is not currently know.

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21	p74	(Electric) Hutt City Council's rubbish and recycling kerbside (by 2024)	HCC	Delayed: In the context of delays to WMNZ's plans regarding their new facility at Manor Park (still in consent stage), which includes truck charging facilities, WMNZ have confirmed that they will not be able to complete electrification of the collection fleet by the end of this year. HCC is working with WMNZ to consider the potential for WMNZ to use HCC's planned Heavy Electric Vehicle Charging Hub at Silverstream landfill, once completed, as an interim measure. Completion of the hub is estimated by April 2025 at this point in time.	Underway: One new side loader truck is already in operations with others due to be introduced to Council's kerbside service over the next 6 months these are also likely to utilise the EV charging hub recently commissions at the Landfill.
22	p74	Council's fleet is electric (by 2030)	HCC	Underway: The fleet is now 69% electric. It is likely that the electrification share will reach about 75% by the end of 2024/25, subject to the roll-out of 4WD electric utes.	Underway: As at 30 th June the fleet was 80% electric. It is likely that the electrification share will reach about 85% by the end of 2025.
23	p74	Electric business fleets (ongoing)	Business and private organisations	Underway but progress has slowed: Based on Wellington region data, an estimated 3% of vehicles in Lower Hutt are now electric. However, across New Zealand, in the context of major policy changes by the new Government (eg removal of the clean car discount scheme), the demand for EVs has plummeted since January 2024 (see the Ministry of Transport's weekly low emission vehicle report). While uptake of EVs continues to increase for now, this is at a significantly lower level than previously.	Underway but progress is still slow: Since the removal of the clean car discount scheme, EV demand has dropped and remained low. Councils has made efforts to support the electrification of business fleets through the introduction of the Low Carbon Acceleration fund that offers 50% co-funding for projects (including EV purchases) that reduce emissions.
24	p75	Businesses electric charging stations (ongoing)	Business and private organisations	Underway: The number of charging stations, in particularly DC charging, continues to increase. There are 11 sites with DC charging stations, ranging from 25kW to 75kW. Over the next 3 months, one of the existing sites will be upgraded to provide charging up to 200kW, and an additional site will open with charging up to 150kW. For all an up to date view on the number and locations of public charging stations in Lower Hutt and across New Zealand, please go to EECA's Public EV Charger Dashboard . To locate charger for powering your EV, please go to the relevant apps from station operators, such as https://zero.meridianenergy.co.nz/ , which operates Hutt City Council's stations.	Underway: There now are about 40 EV DC charging sites across the city to boost EV confidence, some are provided by council while others are privately operated. Earlier in 2025 Z energy added seven new 200kw chargers. For an overview of all DC charger in Lower Hutt please visit the Council website .
TRANSPORT: Reduce vehicle use (7 of 7 actions)					

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25	p76	Co-working spaces (ongoing)	Business and private organisations	Underway: Additional co-working spaces that have established include "Love To Grow" and "Moco HV Co-Working. All are Pay for Use.	Underway: "Love To Grow" and "Moco HV Co-Working, "Maxserve" and "Q Space" all continue to operate in Lower Hutt offering opportunities to work alongside other and connect. All are Pay for Use.
26	p77	Car pooling	Business and private organisations	No change, the effectiveness of those services, and their uptake in Lower Hutt, is unknown.	Underway An app called Carpoolin has been developed and is likely to be released in Lower Hutt later in 2025. The app is intended to encourage and enable local residents to carpool.
27	p77	Car sharing	Business and private organisations	Delayed. A CityHop cargo van is available at Mega Mitre 10 in Petone, to facilitate self-organised transport of larger loads. The service available via CityHop Wellington . There has been no progress from companies like Mevo to expand their existing regular Wellington-based car sharing operations to Lower Hutt.	No further progress.
28	p77	Reduce traffic speeds and volumes	HCC	Delayed: The Speed Management Plan was approved by Council and has been certified by NZTA. However, changes to the speed limit rule have been proposed by the Government, and we are awaiting confirmation on the next steps.	Underway: The Speed Management Plan has been approved by Council and certified by NZTA. Speed Management Plans are no longer required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. Under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, roads with speed limits lowered under the previous rule need to be reversed in line with the rule requirements. HCC is working to maximise the safety of tamariki under new school speed reduction rules.
29	p77	Investigate parking management	HCC	Underway: A Parking Strategy is under development, which includes considering climate change and the need for emission reductions. It will replace the current Parking Policy from 2017. The draft Parking Strategy will be available for public consultation in October 2024, and is scheduled for final adoption by Council in December 2024.	Completed: The Parking Strategy was adopted by Council on 10 December 2024. It is now available on the Council website: HCC Parking Strategy 2024 . The Transport Team are now developing Transport Management Plans to support the strategy.
30	p77	Make the cost of cars more visible	Lead unclear	Underway: This is now addressed via HCC's "Churr the Hutt" climate action campaign , which launched on 12 August 2024. Originally the campaign was intended to build on a campaign developed by WCC. However, following WCC's decision to discontinue with their plans for a campaign, HCC decided to go ahead on its own, using funding secured from the Better Off scheme.	Complete: The Churr the Hutt campaign ran over a 6 month period and is now complete, albeit the campaign content is still promoted on the Too Good Too Waste website. There are no further plans to ruin the campaign again.

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					EECA and Genless and Rewiring Aotearoa continue to make costs of EV and Petrol car ownership available on their websites to support consumer decision making. In addition a climate action board game was launched to in early 2025 this game can be found here or collected form a local hub or library.
31	P68	Climate change education	Open Polytechnic	No progress: No action has yet been taken on the idea, but the Polytech remains open to the possibility of developing a pilot module, or at helping develop more general information. Unless the Polytech takes the lead on this item, it is unlikely that HCC could support due competing priorities. Note that climate education is also addressed via HCC's "Churr the Hutt" climate action campaign, noted above.	Discontinued: The work that was being led by OpenPolytec is no longer being continued.
ENERGY AND BUILDING (7 Of 10 actions)					
32	p78	Eco-design advice (ongoing)	HCC	Underway and continuing	Discontinued: This service was discontinued in June 2025. While personalised home assessments will not be offered for free by Hutt City Council, there is increased information on the council website about electrifying a house and the benefits of doing so. In addition, there are resources and services available from external parties such as the Sustainability Trust and EECA's Warmer Kiwi Homes grants .
33	p78	LED streetlights (by 2022)	HCC	Changed: A case to upgrade remaining sodium lights was included in the NLTP. Under the new Government Policy Statement this action item is ranked low, so will not receive funding. Remaining sodium lights will be replaced with LEDs when they fail as part of regular maintenance activities. However, this means that 100% LED street lighting will not be achieved for a number of years.	Action no longer relevant: lights are being replaced with LEDs when they fail as part of regular maintenance activities.
34	p78	Sustainability of new council buildings	HCC	Underway: The construction of Naenae Pool is nearing completion and will be open later in 2024. The facility is on track to become New Zealand's first GreenStar 5 rated aquatic centre.	Underway: The construction of Te Ngaengae pool is now complete with a certification of Greenstar 5. The Moera Library was also constructed to high sustainability standard, including using 100% recycled steel and improved energy efficiency.
35	p79	Phasing out natural gas at	HCC	Underway: The Naenae Pool has been designed to operate using electricity for heating, and the pool will open later in 2024. The	Underway: Te Ngaengae Pool opened in December 2024, and is fully electric. The Huia facility is currently undergoing refurbishment

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		Council facilities (by 2030)		<p>heating change for McKenzie was completed and was operational for the 23/24 summer season.</p> <p>With regard to future works, the heating plant changes at the Dowse Museum are tentatively scheduled for early 2025. The timing of the change at the War Memorial Library is still unclear.</p> <p>Note that the heating plant change at the Huia aquatic facility is scheduled to commence at the time that Naenae opens.</p>	<p>works, including changes to the heating plant, and is scheduled to open again at the end of 2025. The refurbished facility will be fully electric.</p> <p>The heating plant changes at the Dowse Museum were again delayed, due to resource constraints.</p> <p>However, Council remains broadly on track overall with its programme to phase out fossil gas. As at 30 June 2025, gas-related emissions have reduced by about 46% since 2018/19 (when gas use peaked at Council). This is expected to reduce further during 2025/26, as the emissions data for 2024/25 still included some gas use at the Huia Pool.</p>
36	p79	District Plan Change	HCC	<p>Underway and continuing: The Draft District Plan did include a Renewable Energy Generation chapter. This chapter will also be included in the Proposed District Plan to be notified in February 2025.</p>	<p>On hold: the Proposed District Plan has been notified and includes a Renewable Electricity Generation Chapter.</p> <p><i>However please note: The government has recently announced that it will be directing Councils (through legislative change) to stop further work on plan changes and plan reviews unless a hearing process has commenced. This has potentially significant implications for the Hutt City Council Proposed District Plan. Council is currently assessing options which will need to be considered at a future meeting of Council.</i></p>
37	p79	Solar schools (ongoing)	Schools	<p>Underway: HCC completed a project to develop carbon footprints for five schools in Lower Hutt. This informs them on opportunities to reduce their emissions, which can include adding Solar PV. Schools face funding constraints, albeit schools are eligible to apply into HCC's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund, launched earlier in 2024.</p>	<p>Underway: With the introduction of the Low Carbon Acceleration fund in 2024 schools have been given a potential co-funding pathway for installing solar. The fund has already awarded funding to a school for energy efficiency changes and work is being done to increase schools' awareness of the fund for future rounds.</p>
38	p79	Wainuiomata marae – solar	Wainuiomata Marae, Kāinga Ora	<p>Underway: The Council is continuing to work on re-zoning the marae site to allow more enabling provisions for future development associated with the marae including housing. However, this re-zoning process is not preventing a resource consent to be applied for now to build housing on this site. It is understood that UPL is assisting the marae with this process and that a resource consent application will be submitted later this year. However, it should be</p>	<p>Underway: the Proposed District Plan has been notified and includes a new Marae Zone for the Wainuiomata Marae. In addition, a resource consent has been granted to build new papakainga housing on this site. Decisions on whether or not the buildings will include solar are yet to be made by a developer.</p>

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				noted that whether solar is included or not is not a relevant matter or requirement for this application.	
REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (2 of 16 actions)					
39	P80	Resource recovery park (by 2023)	HCC	<p>Underway: A new covered drop-off facility was completed at Silverstream transfer station, operated by Earthlink Inc.</p> <p>Additional diversion opportunities are being considered, albeit little progress has been made on options for diverting some construction and demolition waste streams. This is mainly due to the lack of markets (eg for treated timber).</p> <p>Note that decisions on further upgrades to the Silverstream transfer station are dependent on the potential construction of a new state-of-the-art resource recovery park by Waste Management NZ. WMNZ has submitted a consent application, with decisions potentially due by the end of 2023.</p>	<p>Underway: The Zero Waste Hub at Silverstream transfer station is now well-established, and typically more than 700 engagements with landfill users take place each month, in the context of the discount voucher scheme. Further improvements are in planning, including improved signage, and further changes to the layout, in order to accommodate the collection of additional material streams, including tyres.</p> <p>With regard to WMNZ's consent application (RM230019) on the potential construction of a new state-of-the-art resource recovery park at Manor Park, this is still in the consenting process and decisions have not yet been made.</p>
40	P81	CleanTech Business (ongoing)	Callaghan Innovation	Status unclear.	Action no longer relevant: Funding that supported Callaghan Innovation has been cut by central government, this entity will no longer exist. Although a new entity is being established it is too early to know their work programme and if this project will continue in a new form.
CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (6 of 13 actions)					
41	p82	Accelerate reforestation of Belmont Regional Park (by 2025)	HCC	<p>Changed: GWRC has significant planting efforts Underway in Belmont Park, in line with its Parks Network Plan.</p> <p>While HCC's Climate and Waste team has been coordinating with GW to identify opportunities for accelerating reforestation beyond GW's current plans, this does not appear feasible as planting is already occurring as quickly as possible.</p> <p>However, GW has confirmed that some of the land has been naturally retired, and no planting will take place on that land. In light of Council's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund, funding could be made available to community groups in future funding rounds to help facilitate additional planting on land not targeted for reforestation.</p>	Continuing: In late 2024 and February 2025 GWRC held workshops to explore the future of Belmont Regional Park. GWRC are still developing a planting plan for the roll out of extensive planting on currently grazed land. There is a possibility that the retirement of grazing will be stages to align with the speed in which planting can take place. This would avoid large areas becoming unmanaged with increasing fire risk until new planting can be delivered.

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42	p82	Planting more native trees on Council land (by 2025)	HCC	<p>Underway: Now that the Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy has been finalised, two key initiatives have been undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouri Tupu is driven by Mayor Campbell, with the objective of having 114,000 native trees and shrubs planted by October 2025. 60,000 have been planted to the current juncture with a further 50,000 planned for 2025. • HCC continue to support GWRC with the funding of the Key Native Environment (KNE) programme, which is a programme to protect indigenous species. HCC have also been working on a system to collect information in areas around these sites to support this work. <p>A community ranger will join the team later in the year; the ranger role will be a key to enabling the community to undertake biodiversity in their local community and connect to Mana Whenua.</p>	<p>Underway: Work continues on the Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy with delivery such as:</p> <p>Reserve Planting Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,285 native plants planted in HCC reserves out of a 10,590 target. • Shift to sourcing more plants from local Lower Hutt suppliers where possible. • Gifted 4,000 native plants to residents for Community Planting (doubling 2024 effort). • Nine species offered, suitable for urban gardens. <p>Mouri Tupu Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 93,000 plants planted/gifted so far; target 114,000 by September. • Collaboration with GWRC EnviroSchools to supply 4,838 plants to 32 schools/kindergartens, plus 900 more planned for Wainuiomata schools. <p>Community & Biodiversity Ranger role established end of last year which has been key in successfully coordinating community planting days and strengthening relationships.</p>
43	p83	Predator Free Hutt Valley – New 3,000 ha sanctuary	GWRC et al	<p>Future uncertain: It was reported in January 2024 that the Regional Council had requested new funding to allow the Department of Conservation, Regional Council and Taranaki Whanui to complete detailed designs and obtain resource consents for the proposal. The Minister of Conservation responded to GWRC in March 2024 noting that while the Department of Conservation remains supportive of the eco-sanctuary proposal, and that the Department will continue to provide in-kind support, it does not support the funding of the project from Vote Conservation.</p>	<p>Future uncertain: There is no known progress from last year on this action.</p>
44	p83	NUWAO Project	AUT	<p>Underway: NUWAO aims to develop nature-based urban design solutions, rooted in Indigenous knowledges that support climate change adaptation and individual and community wellbeing in different contexts across Aotearoa and Oceania.</p>	<p>Complete: This work is now complete with finalised research and designs still available on the website NUWAO.</p>

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				<p>NUWAO is delivering research in this space with three journal articles published in 2024.</p> <p>They hosted a design competition on nature-based urban adaptation in 2023, in the youth category the winning entry was based on Te Awa Kairangi ki tai. They also hosted a symposium in 2023, which was attended by the HCC's Director of Economy and Development as a keynote speaker.</p>	
45	p83	Restoring wetlands	Various	Underway: Forest and Bird continue to improve the Waiu wetland with pest weed removal and have planted a further 3,040 plants this year.	Underway: Forest and bird have continued to push back invasive plants like gorse, blackberry, and Taiwan cherry, and planted 2,700 Eco sourced indigenous plants this year. A second community restoration group has planted an additional 310 plants at this site. In addition to providing plants, HCC provides ongoing deer, possum, and rabbit control at Waiu wetland to protect plants.
LIVING WELL LOCALLY (3 of 16 actions)					
46	p84	RiverLink (by 2027)	HCC, GWRC, Waka Kotahi	Underway: HCC and our Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi partners made changes to the programme delivery model in March 2024 to enable some aspects of the programme to be delivered directly by local councils using inhouse expertise. The partners are working to complete the Interim Project Alliance Agreement by December 2024 to enable construction of the Melling Transport Improvements to commence under the Project Alliance Agreement in 2025.	Underway: updates are provided on this above p.3 of this report.
47	p84	Urban Growth Plan (by 2025)	HCC	Underway: This work is now under the banner of a city-wide "Spatial Plan", which will replace the 2012-2032 Urban Growth Strategy. A work programme was approved at the meeting of the District Plan Review Committee on 29 February 2024, incorporating mana whenua, crown agency and general community engagement, with the draft plan to be finalised by December 2024.	Completed: The Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 was adopted by Council in May 2025. This document replaces the 2012-2032 Urban Growth Strategy.
48	p84	Knights Road Connection Project	HCC	Changed: The Knights Road will be removed in 2025 when Knights Road is resurfaced. Road markings will be installed to a pre-cycleway configuration following negative feedback of the Knights Road cycleway.	Complete: The trial cycleway was installed in early 2021. Following assessments of the trial, combined with feedback from Council, a number of unfavourable safety issues were identified. These issues included poor sight lines for motorists to identify cyclists and the integration of the numerous intersections with the cycleway. The trial determined that Knights Road was not the best route for

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					connecting Waterloo Station and the CBD, so an alternative routes has been investigated and planned. Aligning with the planned 2024 resurfacing of Knights Road, the carriageway was reinstated to pre-trial road markings.
PREPARING FOR CLIMATE IMPACTS AND HOW WE ADAPT (6 of 9 Actions)					
49	p86	Wellington Water Flood Maps	WW	Underway: Wellington Water has prepared flood hazard maps for all areas within the city. These will be adapted and integrated into the Draft District Plan for release in early 2025.	On hold: the new flood hazards maps have been included in the Proposed District Plan. <i>However please note: The government has recently announced that it will be directing Councils (through legislative change) to stop further work on plan changes and plan reviews unless a hearing process has commenced. This has potentially significant implications for the Hutt City Council Proposed District Plan. Council is currently assessing options which will need to be considered at a future meeting of Council.</i>
50	p87	District Plan Review	HCC	Underway and continuing. The flooding maps being prepared for the Proposed District Plan take into account the Ministry for the Environment non-statutory guidance relating to coastal hazards and are based on an 8.5+ (medium - 1.59m) sea level rise scenario.	On hold: the new flood hazards maps have been included in the Proposed District Plan and take into account MfE guidance. <i>However please note: The government has recently announced that it will be directing Councils (through legislative change) to stop further work on plan changes and plan reviews unless a hearing process has commenced. This has potentially significant implications for the Hutt City Council Proposed District Plan. Council is currently assessing options which will need to be considered at a future meeting of Council.</i>
51	p87	Tupua Horo Nuku Eastern Bays Shared Path (sea walls)	HCC, Waka Kotahi, Central Government	Underway: Construction is ongoing with completion expected mid-2026. As at 12 August 2024, work is underway in Sunshine Bay, York Bay and Whiorau/Lowry Bay. Finishing works are underway in Sunshine Bay. All deep foundations in York Bay are complete, and deep foundations in Whiorau Bay are underway.	Underway: updates are provided on this above p.2 of this report.
52	p87	Floodplain management plans	GWRC, HCC	Underway: GWRC has developed draft flood maps for the Waiwhetū Stream.	Underway: Flood Maps for Waiwhetū are complete and have been received by Council. See maps here: Environment-Committee-19-June-2025-condensed.pdf

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					Flood damages assessment is underway for Waiwhetū.
53	p87	RiverLink flood protection	HCC, GWRC, Waka Kotahi	Underway: Greater Wellington Regional Council began stop bank works at Mills Street in February 2024, and is expected to complete them by October 2024 before moving onto other river works as part of the flood protection aspects of the programme.	Underway: updates are provided on this above p.3 of this report.
54	p87	Upgrading three waters infrastructure (2021-31)	Wellington Water, HCC	<p>Underway: WWL delivered 15.3km of pipe renewal for the 2023/24 financial year, which was very close to the target set at the beginning of the year. For the next three years the emphasis will be on renewing much of the Seaview WWTP including replacing the dryer with a more carbon friendly energy source, which will reduce carbon emissions significantly.</p> <p>Significant challenges remain, including to catch up on maintenance and renewal requirements, despite the additional funding committed as part of the new LTP.</p>	Underway: WWL delivered 9.5kms of pipe renewal for the 2024/25 financial year, which slightly exceeded the target. The programme of works for the upgrade of the Seaview WWTP is progressing with the replacement of the dryer now planned to occur 6 months earlier to be operational by December 2027.

Actions that are now Business As Usual (BAU)

	Ref	Action	Lead or project partners	Status
1	P70	Biketec	HCC, Biketec	Underway: Biketec is still maintaining the fleet used for in school training through the Pedal ready programme. The pedal ready instructors perform basic fixes and maintenance to student's bikes as needed and on occasion use Biketec for complex repairs to students' bikes.
2	P70	Pedal Ready	HCC, GWRC	Underway and continuing: Pedal ready continue to deliver their in-school bike training programme, delivering training to 2298 students in Lower Hutt across 10 different schools in the 2024/25 FY. They also delivered training to 114 adults in Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai
3	P76	Hutt City Libraries	HCC	Underway: Libraries offer a range of services, including public access to computers and free WIFI, for those who find cost is a barrier to accessing broadband.
4	P78	Kāinga Ora retrofit and build programmes in Lower Hutt	Kainga Ora	Underway and continuing: In the Governments 2025-onwards "turnaround plan," they reconfirmed that retrofits remain part of the agency's mission: actively working on 800 this year and have 400 retrofits planned for the future.
5	P79	Urban Plus	HCC, Urban Plus	Underway: Urban Plus can no longer install gas for cooking/heating/water in any of their new developments and new developments have to achieve a HomeStar rating of at least 6.
6	P79	Solar energy supplier	Business and private organisations	Underway: There are wide range of businesses offering installation of Solar PV for both residential and business applications.
7	P80	World of waste tours	HCC, EnviroSchools	Underway: World of Waste tours are delivered by Toimata Foundation, in conjunction with the EnviroSchools Programme, and provides students with the opportunity to think creatively about reducing waste.
8	P80	Community gardens	Residents et al	Underway: There continue to be a number of community gardens located in Lower Hutt.
9	P80	Food Print App	Food Print et al	Underway. Foodprint connects users to eateries with surplus and imperfect food available for purchase at a discount. It was launched in late 2021. Note that there is no public information about how effective this app is. However, considering the number of listings on their app for Lower Hutt, it is unlikely to result in any significant waste reduction.
10	P80	Kaibosh food rescue	Kaibosh et al	Underway: Kaibosh is still busy servicing 140 charities (45 in Lower Hutt) and rescuing 800,000kgs of food per year in the region. They operate with 52 volunteers to meet the demand for their service and have opened a community kitchen that preserves and repurposes food that can't be eaten fresh this is estimated to produce an extra 300 meals per week.
11	P80	Kerbside green waste collection service	HCC	Underway: HCC introduced a new kerbside collection methodology, including opt-in green waste service, in 2021. This diverts about 2,000t of green waste per year. The number of subscribers to the four-weekly green waste service has steadily increased. Work continues on the option to introduce a food and green organics collection service, and associated processing, from 2027.
12	P81	Methane collection system	HCC	Underway: Silverstream Landfill has a methane collection system in place, which is used to generate energy. There is also a supplementary flare to maximise methane destruction efficiency. For the last two years, Silverstream has achieved the minimum liability under the Emissions Trading Scheme.

				There are two new engines at the power plant that LMS operates generating increased renewable energy. The supplementary flare continues to operate as needed; some work is underway to consider the potential need for a second flare in the future.
13	P81	Integrated PET recycling plant	Business and private organisations	Underway: Flights Plastics operates a fully integrated PET recycling plant, which recycles waste PET packaging that can be used locally.
14	P81	Pre-loved clothing	Business and private organisations	Underway: A range of local retail businesses are selling used clothing and products.
15	P81	Scrap metal recycling	Business and private organisations	Underway: There are a range of metal recyclers available to Lower Hutt residents and businesses.
16	P81	Transforming recycled items	Business and private organisations	Underway: Earthlink, and businesses such as Macaulay Metals, recover/recycle materials and products.
17	P81	Compostable and biodegradable packaging	Business and private organisations	Underway: There are compostable packaging options available from a range of businesses, albeit it is important that the various claims can be confusing to residents. Many products that are claimed to be compostable are not suitable for home composting. Looking at products that are technically suitable for commercial composting, these are not normally accepted by those facilities, due to a range of concerns. If HCC and WCC invest in a food/green waste collection and processing service, only material that has grown or can be eaten would be accepted.
18	P82	Community group actions	Various	Underway: Planting, weeding, litter collection, beach clean ups and education are carried out by local groups like Friends of Horoeka Scenic Reserve and Friends of Waiwhetū Stream.
19	P82	Enviroschools	Toimata Foundation	Underway: Since 2022, HCC expanded its support for the EnviroSchools Programme, to enable it to reach all schools in Lower Hutt.
20	P82	Local supply of plants and advice	Various	Underway: There a number of local garden centres and nurseries in addition to council offering native plant giveaways to support revegetation of land and increased native species.
21	P82	Promoting te ao Māori understandings of the environment	Lead unclear	Underway: Mana Whenua are becoming increasingly connected to their whenua, awa, mounga and moana. Although progress on this is intermittent, we have seen an increase of te ao Māori knowledge transmission in the taiao space, particularly within the various kura of Te Awakairangi. Mana Whenua have also been meeting regarding the environmental effects related to several infrastructure projects that are underway or will be underway in the near future. Through the early engagement of Mana Whenua in these kaupapa. Mana Whenua has been able to use this as a catalyst for iwi planting days in coastal environments, wānanga around climate change at our marae, and the early stages of development for a cross-entity taiao team that focuses on taiao issues. Although progress is sporadic, and sometimes at the mercy of deadlines, we have seen positive signs indicating a renewed drive for kaitiaktanga o Te Awakairangi.
22	P83	Petone Dune Restoration	Friends of Petone Beach	Underway: Friends of Petone Breach have continued their plantings, weeding, litter removal, and a small amount of pest control. They received 1250 plants this winter to continue dune restoration.

23	P83	Predator Free Hutt Valley	Residents and private organisations	Underway: There are many local groups involved in reducing pests.
24	P85	Community groups	Various	Underway: There are a range of community groups that work across the city and/or advocate to support climate action.
25	P85	Council-managed land	HCC	Underway: HCC continues to manage around 3,000 hectares of parks, reserves, bush-clad hills, beaches, walkways, tracks, sports and playgrounds, and around 12,500 street trees, and continually explores improvement opportunities.
26	P85	Play in the Hutt	HCC, Kōkiri Marae, Nuku Ora	Underway: The programme continues with Pukutakaro in schools. In addition, play activation at Dayley street was kicked off this year, with FreeRide using the play trailer to activate play in the area. An enclosed play space is also going into Walter Mildenhall park specifically designed for inclusivity and accessibility.
27	P86	Education on impacts of climate change	NIWA	Underway: The status of NIWA climate education resources for teachers hasn't changed since August 2024. The main focus for NIWA currently is and has been the merger and formation of Earth Sciences NZ! There are no specific plans to update the education resources, however more generally, climate related information is always being updated and shared on their website. In addition, Enviro schools offer climate and environmental education for many schools in Lower Hutt.

Previously Completed Actions (refer to last year's report for any detail)

No.	Ref	Action	Lead or project partners
1	P69	Pilot project in Wainuiomata on living better locally	HCC, govt agencies, Healthy Families HV, community
2	P72	Integrated ticketing (by 2023)	Metlink
3	P73	On demand trials (by 2022)	Metlink
4	P74	Electric passenger ferry	East by West
5	P75	Electric vehicle retailer	Business
6	P75	HCC electric charging stations	HCC
7	P80	Recycling in schools (by 2022)	HCC
8	P80	Food waste business case	HCC
9	P81	Trial of flare (by 2022)	HCC
10	P83	Indigenous Biodiversity Grants	HCC
11	P83	Belmont Wetland Project	GWRC

12	P84	District Plan Change 43	HCC
13	P86	Regional risk assessment for key climate change impacts (by 2023)	All councils in the region
14	P86	Vertical land movement and sea level rise research	SeaRise Project