

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Waikato Scheme Subcommittee

18 August 2026



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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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CHAIR'S REPORT (VERBAL)



ISSUES AND ACTIONS (PG 16)



Key	
Complete	
On Plan / Work in Progress	
Issues being addressed	
Not Completed / On Hold / At Risk	

Table 1: Actions from previous meeting

Identifier	Date	Matters Arising	Outcome	Status	Responsible
Action 6.3	11 Feb 2026	That the Integrated Catchment Management Committee authorise a review of the drainage clearing programme, focussing on the quality and cost of the programme, including expected level of service. (To be presented at ICMC on 18 th March 2026).	The delivery of the land activity will be considered during the development of the LTP.		Reuben Mills
Action 7.4	12 Feb 2025	That three members of the Waikato Scheme Subcommittee work with the Science Policy and information and Resource Use directorates on flood control and drainage matters as part of the Freshwater Policy Review. The three members selected are Trevor Simpson, Craig Graham and Matthew Dean.	Work underway		Trevor Simpson, Craig Graham and Matthew Dean.



WORK PROGRAMME REPORT FLOOD PROTECTION (PG 17)

This report provides an overview of the delivery of the Lower Waikato Zone Flood Protection and River Management Programme for the year to date, from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. The following items are covered in this report:

- Operational work programme

- Capital work programme

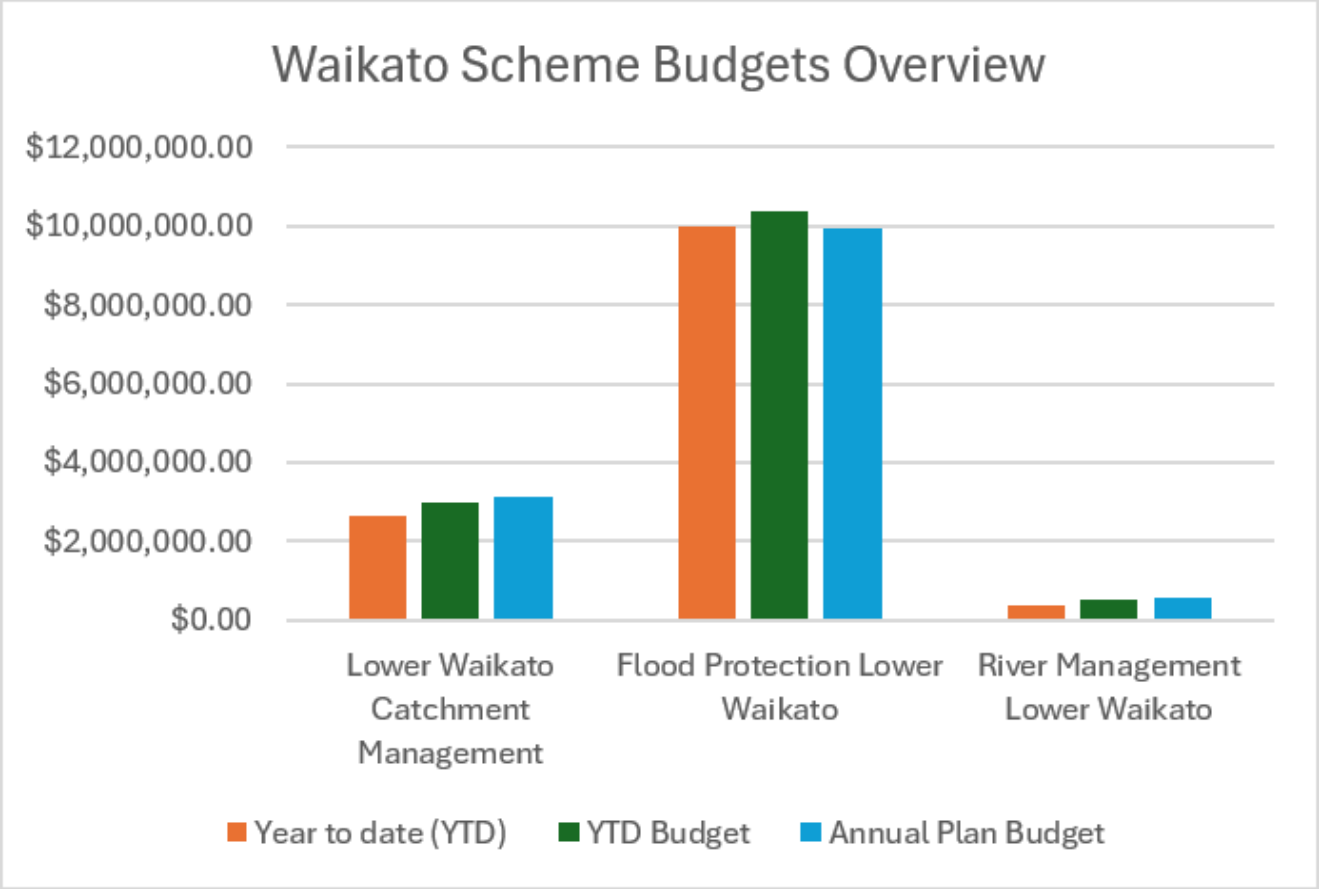
- Vessel update

- Land license update

The report also provides an overview of the delivery of the Land Drainage activity to those subdivisions within the Aka-Aka, Franklin-Waikato and Waikato-Central land drainage areas over the same time frame.



SCHEME OPERATIONAL BUDGET



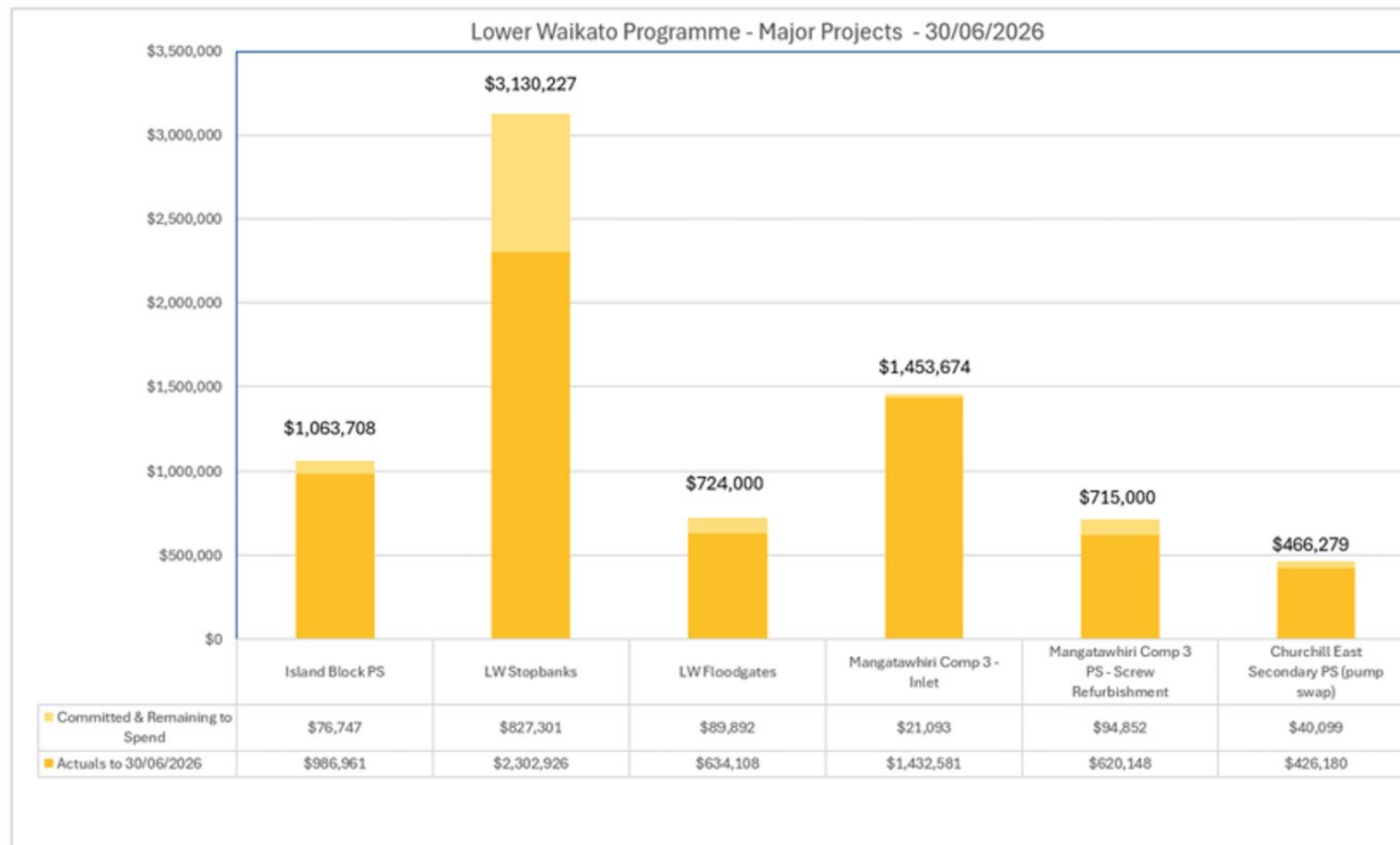
CAPITAL PROGRAMME (PG 20)

The Lower Waikato 2025/26 Capital Programme was delivered to a high level with multiple projects delivered or moved forward. Attachment 2 outlines the capital programme for the 2025/26 year and a summary update per project.

The Lower Waikato Scheme Capital budget for flood protection (capital renewals) for the 2025/26 financial year was \$9,162,273 with \$7,751,041 spent (85%).

	Actuals to 30/06/2026	Total Budget	Variance	Percentage Spent
Renewals	\$7,751,041	\$9,162,273	\$1,411,232	85%

LOWER WAIKATO PROGRAMME MAJOR PROJECTS (PG 21)



Graph 1: Lower Waikato Programme – Major Projects to 30 June 2026

LOWER WAIKATO PROGRAMME KANOA FUNDED PROJECTS (PG 21)



Project Name	Actual Expenditure to Date	TOTAL Budget	Remainder to Spend	Revenue Claimed to Date	Maximum Revenue
Lower Waikato Stopbank Upgrade	4,259,675	10,000,000	5,740,325	2,223,550	5,220,000
Island Block Pumpstation	1,473,960	5,740,000	4,266,040	431,428	1,680,000
Mangatawhiri Pump Station	1,370,399	1,800,000	429,601	324,000	324,000
Lower Waikato Floodgate Upgrade	1,370,491	2,000,000	629,509	822,295	1,200,000
TOTAL	8,474,524	19,540,000	11,065,476	3,801,273	8,424,000



CAPITAL PROGRAMME KEY LEARNING (PG 20)

Key learnings from the 2025/26 season are:

- It is valuable to have a pipeline of smaller, pre-scoped projects under the Tenders Board threshold (less than 250k) that can be brought forward quickly for delivery mid-season if budget allows.
- If the Stopbank Year Two Programme had delivered to its planned scope of work for 2025/26, then the programme would have delivered very close to the budget target of \$9,162,132.
- Obtaining good design work from smaller more cost-effective providers (compared to Tier One Co-Lab Panel providers) continues to be a challenge. It needs close oversight by an experienced project manager with the relevant technical expertise.
- Collaborative working between project managers when working on similar projects worked well.
- The new Capital Portfolio structure has resulted in increased delivery.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME KEY RISKS LOOKING FORWARD (PG 21)



Key risks looking forward with the capital programme are:

- External pressures and consenting risks within the Whangamarino Catchment.
- The 2026/27 stopbank upgrade programme and the ability to deliver the works that have been carried forward due to contractor and weather delays.
- The Motukaraka Pump Station Project and the ability to procure the pump by August 2027 due to the dependences on completion of preliminary design and consenting. The next key project milestone is to have a finalised Project Management Plan (PMP) that outlines timeframes and critical paths that will be shared with landowners once approved.

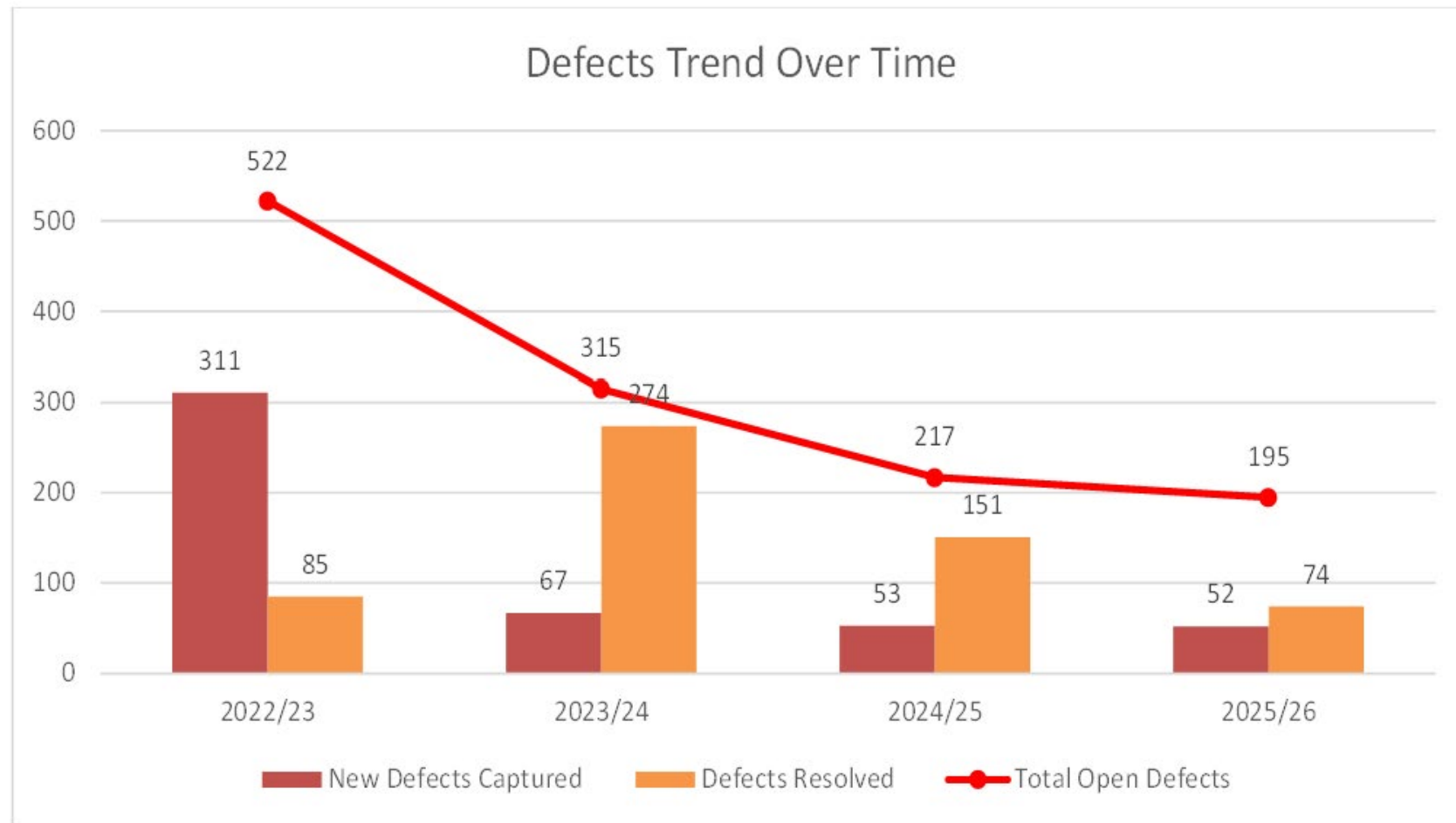


VESSEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE (PG 22)

The vessel project:

- Continues to be delayed due to an engine and hydraulic noise issue that is currently being worked though by the build contractor.
- Proposed completion date is September 2026
- In the meantime, we:
 - Continue to prepare works programme
 - Carried out more in river inspections with the skipper
 - Started to mark key hazards with Bouys and GPS logs etc
 - Understanding the delivery channel and the risks that we may face
 - Undertaken voyage planning and the required maritime planning works

LAND LICENCE UPDATE (PG 22)





LAND DRAINAGE OPERATIONAL WORK PROGRAMME (PG 23)

- The land drainage service is provided through a partnership with landowners.
- Council has responsibility to maintain a primary network of drains on private land.
- The service is entirely funded by targeted land drainage rates.
- Council manages 1,493 individual drains, totaling 2,063km in length with 84 separate drainage areas.
- 92 separate funding systems support work programmes.

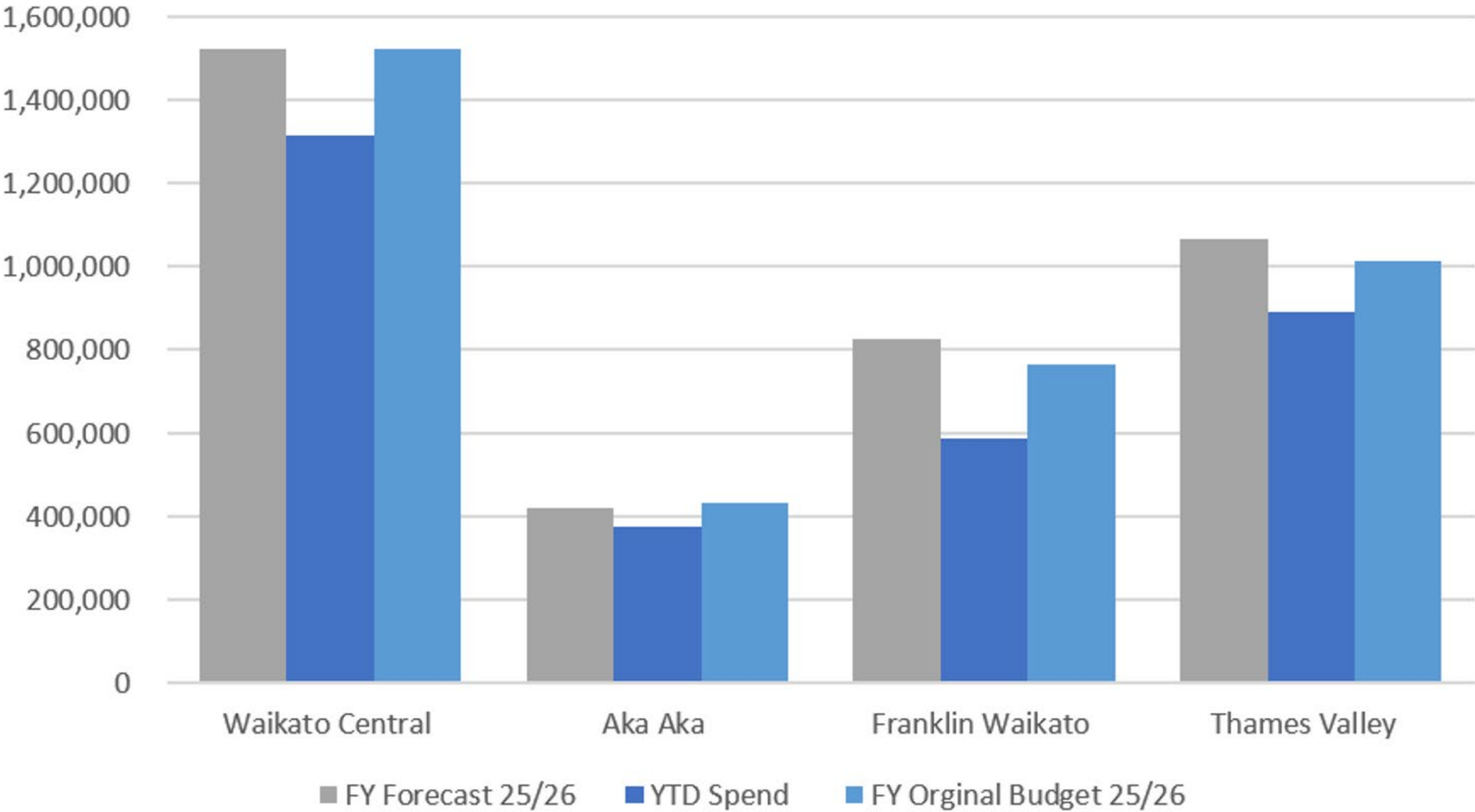


LAND DRAINAGE OPERATIONAL WORK PROGRAMME (PG 24)

Drainage Expenditure - YTD June 2026							
			YTD Spend	FY Forecast 25/26		FY Original Budget 25/26	% Spent
		Waikato Central	1,316,753	1,525,290		1,522,267	86%
50906	50906	Aka Aka	377,203	422,650		433,335	89%
		Franklin Waikato	588,235	824,409		764,677	71%
		Thames Valley	893,283	1,067,881		1,013,403	84%
50978	50978	Project Management Plan	327,722	426,600		466,860	77%
		Drainage Consents	8,156	3,000		-0	
			3,511,352	4,269,829		4,200,543	

Figure 1: Land Drainage end of June 2026

Land Drainage - Jun 26 expenditure





LAND DRAINAGE OPERATIONAL WORK PROGRAMME (PG 25)

Aka Aka

- The spray programmes went well with 60km of drains being sprayed
- 40km of drains sprayed in the Franklin Waikato area.
- Machine cleaning went well (160km)

Franklin Waikato

- approximately 52km of their Spring spray rounds.
- Machine cleaned approximately 39kms of drainage channels during the year.

Waikato central

- approximately 875kms of spraying.
- An additional 155kms of spraying was required due, weed regrowth late in the season.
- machine cleaned approximately 39kms of drainage channels during the year.



GREAT YEAR OF DELIVERY

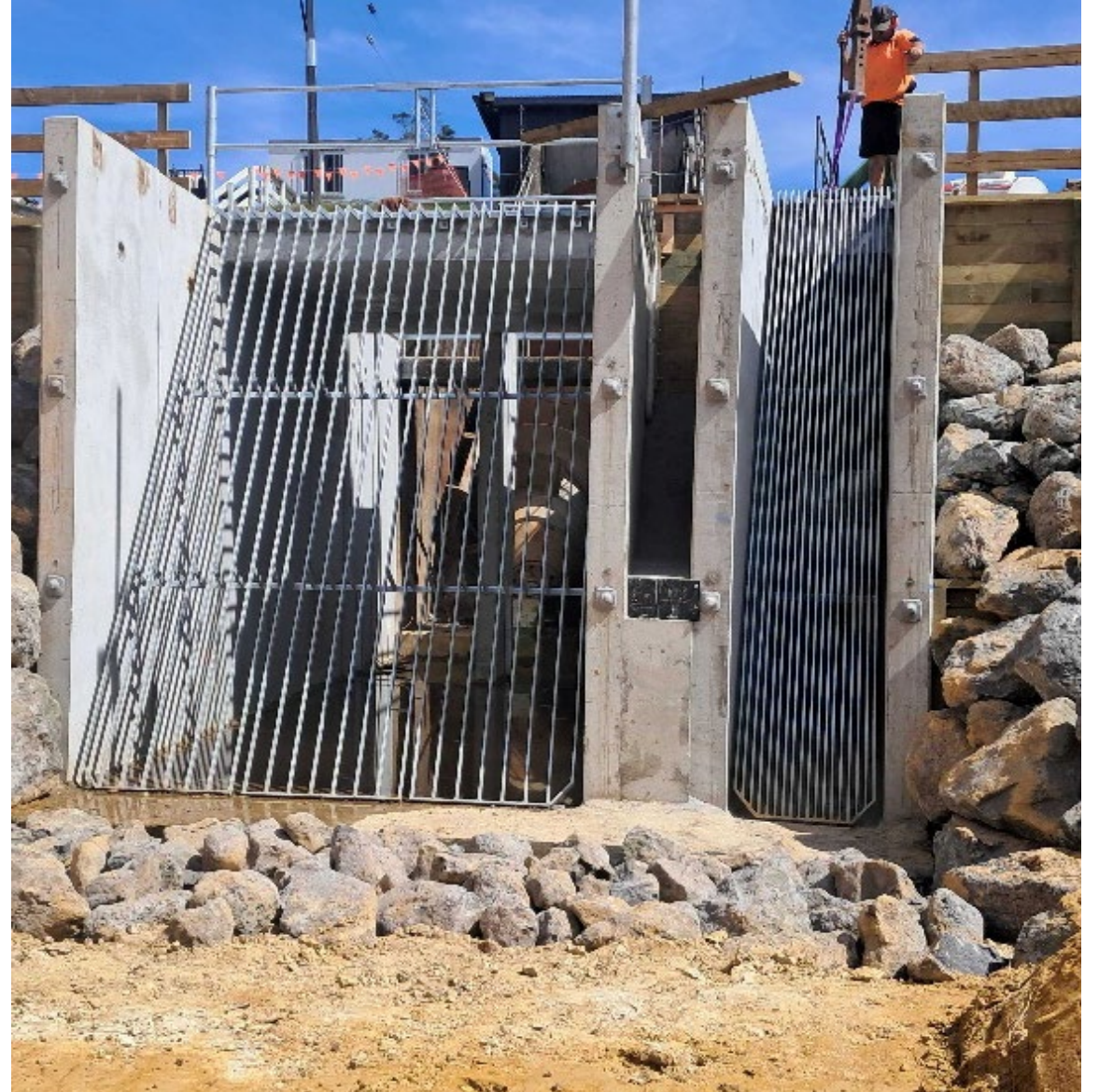
- All services delivered well
- LOS meet
- No complaints
- Great relationships being maintaining with landowners

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PHOTOS OF PROJECTS AND AREA UPDATES



MANGATAWHIRI COMP 3
PUMPSTATION
INLET UPGRADE





MANGATAWHIRI COMP 3 SCREW REFIRBISHMENT





ONEWHERO WEST PUMP STATION OUTLET REPLACEMENT





SAXTON PUMPSTATION WORKS COMPLETED
PROJECT MANAGER — DAVIDE MARCENARO



SWAN ROAD PUMPSTATION — INLET UPGRADE



SWAN ROAD STAGE ONE COMPLETED WORKS



Our Vessel's getting closer



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