

E aha ana a Te Pane Matua Taiao? | What does Greater Wellington do?

Greater Wellington Regional Council works to create an extraordinary Region, with a thriving environment, connected communities, and a resilient future.

Greater Wellington delivers of a wide range of activities that:

- Protect the environment
- Enable an efficient, accessible, low-carbon public transport network
- Supports sustainable economic development
- Ensures a clean, safe, and sustainable drinking water supply

Our priorities include improving outcomes for mana whenua and Māori and responding to the climate emergency, while continuing to respond and adapt to both the impacts of COVID-19 and changes in Government direction.



He aha hei whakatutukitanga mā Te Pane Matua Taiao ki Wairarapa? | What is Greater Wellington planning to deliver in the Wairarapa?



Major Rivers Riparian Management Project implementation –

- Planting across 25 hectares with 62,773 natives, and installing 5km of fencing
- Maintaining a pest animal network with 190 traps
- Maintaining previous planting sites spanning 50 hectares.

Implementation of the Whaitua Programme in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua, to improve availability and quality of waterbodies.

Masterton and Solway bike parking improvements** – installation of new bike parking facilities at Masterton and Solway Railway Stations.

Wairarapa Moana Wetland Project – continuing ecological restoration by planting 50,000 plants, increasing pest control, maintaining 792 hectares of trapping networks, supporting community groups restoration efforts, and engaging with schools and community groups through freshwater events and education programmes.

Longer Distance Rolling Stock – subject to funding being received in Budget 2023, commence procurement activities to deliver the desired fleet replacement, and service/capacity improvements for services between Wellington and Masterton.

Greytown stopbank and Masterton erosion protection work - capital works programmes to increase security of communities from the risks of flooding.

**this project has been funded from the Government's Climate Emergency Response Fund

I pēhea tā mātou tātai ai i ō rēti huki mō 2023/24? | How did we calculate your 2023/24 rates?

For Year Three of our 2021-31 Long Term Plan, there will be an average rates increase of 16.9% across the region.

This equates to approximately an average regionwide increase per week of \$1.81 (incl. GST) for a residential ratepayer, \$12.25 (excl. GST) for a business ratepayer, and \$2.20 (excl. GST) for a rural ratepayer.

Your individual rate demand may differ from the figures above as they are an average across the whole region. Each area within the region has a different set of inputs on which your rates are calculated. What this means is that your rates bill is likely to differ from that of your neighbour's and your neighbouring areas. For a more personalised estimate of your 2023/24 rates please check out our rates calculator at rates.gw.govt.nz

Where Greater Wellington's revenue is spent

6%

Regional Strategy and Partnerships

64%

Metlink Public Transport

20%

Environment and Flood Protection

10%

Water Supply

Wairarapa average rates*		Change in amount per annum	Change in amount per week
Residential (incl. GST)	Masterton district	\$85	\$1.63
	Carterton District	\$80	\$1.54
	South Wairarapa District	\$111	\$2.13
Business (excl. GST)	Masterton District	\$331	\$6.36
	Carterton District	\$149	\$2.86
	South Wairarapa District	\$257	\$4.94
Rural (excl. GST)	Masterton District	\$106	\$2.03
	Carterton District	\$114	\$2.20
	South Wairarapa District	\$146	\$2.81
	Tararua District	\$94	\$1.80

Annual Plan 2023/24 average rates application

For ratepayers within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management area the targeted rate has increased by 26% to enable the implementation of the flood and erosion protection works.

*Targeted rates for ratepayers in Wairarapa gravity drainage schemes have increased by 30% due to higher maintenance costs.

He aha ā mātou mahi mō tō tātou takiwā hei te 2023/24 | What we have planned for our region in 2023/24

Flood Warning and Response Improvements and increased community awareness to flood risk – through improved provision of flood hazard advice and preparation of floodplain management plans.

Implementation of the Regional Economic Development Plan and Te Matarau a Māui (the Māori economic development strategy).

Bulk Water Supply network improvements to improve capacity and resilience.

Recloaking Papatūānuku Restoration Planning to retire commercial grazing areas and restore land across our Regional Parks.

Improving Fish Passage in the Wellington Region to look after our native freshwater fish species.

Development and implementation of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and Proposed Natural Resources Plan (NRPR).

Decarbonisation of bus fleet – continued work to ensure all core routes are operated with zero emissions by 2030.

Onboard bus announcements and real-time visuals – to let customers (especially those with disabilities) know the next stops the bus is travelling to.

One Billion Trees Programme – continued work to advance this partnership between Greater Wellington and Te Uru Rakau.

Enviroschools – to empower young people and communities to learn and take action together across a range of sustainability themes.

Revising shipping routes to improve harbour safety.

Implementation of our Biodiversity framework, Mauri Tūhono.

Real Time Information 2.0 – providing smarter, more accurate public transport information and data.