

# Kia ora i te whānau

## Introduction

It's time to act! Our rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries, and our environment are not as healthy as they should be. The Regional Council needs your support to act faster to build a future our mokopuna can be proud of. We want to continue the work we accelerated in 2018.

We're looking ahead, to what we need to do now to act and secure that future. We've developed a new plan to make this happen, and we want to know what you think.

There is already great work being done together with our community, and we want to build further on this mahi. Let us know whether you think it's time for a bigger investment from all of us for the environmental work that needs to be done. Help us to build on the work highlighted here that we've started.

Ngā mihi  
Rex Graham



**If you have any ideas, concerns or just want to chat, you can call or email me:**

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## We've achieved a lot in the last three years!

Your rates have contributed to a major step-change in our work.

## Economic recovery and development

We're proud of the support we've been able to give our community through the double-whammy economic effects of COVID-19 and the prolonged drought last year.

- We've secured funding and provided employment opportunities through upgrades to our Flood Schemes plus a joint Government and Regional Council 'Jobs for Nature' grant.
- Regional Business Partners (RBP) issued an impressive \$2.2m in government advisory grants to over 870 local businesses to help them recover from the impact of COVID-19.
- We supported our drought-stricken farmers through the Rural Advisory Group (RAG). \$1 million was distributed for feed transport costs, and we supported lifestyle feed runs.
- Our continued funding of Hawke's Bay Tourism has enabled ongoing promotion of the region and the Baycation campaign to bring visitors back to the Bay.

## State of the art technology

At the Regional Council, science is also at the heart of everything we do.

Our 3D aquifer mapping project using the latest SkyTEM technology will give us cutting-edge scientific information about our aquifers and be a big asset to the Hawke's Bay community.

We've also collaborated with all five councils to carry out an aerial survey of the region, using the latest LiDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) technology to create highly detailed 3D maps and models of our landscape.



## TIME TO ACT

Kia Rite!

2021 - 2031

# Our Place

AUTUMN 2021

## Stronger regulation, more prosecutions

We have grown our compliance team who have access to new technology and tools to ensure the region's environment is being treated with appropriate care.

We have markedly increased the number of prosecutions over the last three years as we take a tougher, more proactive approach to non-compliance.

Our Pollution Response team is available 24/7 on 0800 108 838.



## 1,400 hectares of erosion prone land planted

By the end of this year we will have planted nearly 600,000 trees around the region through our Erosion Control Scheme.

We've been working together with a significant number of our farmers since 2018 to keep soil on hills and out of the water in our erosion prone hill country.

The scheme provides financial support for erosion control work such as non-commercial tree planting, fencing and land retirement.



## \$13 million of funds into Sustainable Homes

We've supported our ratepayers to replace a grand total of 8,497 fireplaces using our grants and loans.

Three years ago we launched an expanded Sustainable Homes Programme to include loans for solar hot water, ventilation, double glazing, solar electric, rainwater tanks and septic tank upgrades.

We're delighted with how many people we've helped in improving the health of their homes - as well as significantly reducing winter air pollution.

## Have your say on our plan

Find out more at [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz)

Te whakapakari tahi i tō tātau taiao. Enhancing our environment together.