The 2021-22 financial year sees an average rate increase of 8.4 per cent. This has been calculated through the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991. The rate increases are designed to help keep people and property safe, for and response to natural disasters to the region, and Infrastructure Climate Resilience projects that will improve water quality, enhance indigenous fish populations and build community resilience to the effects of climate change.

EASY WAYS TO PAY

There are several ways to pay, allowing you to select the option that best suits you. These options are also noted on the front of your rates invoice.

BILL PAYMENT:

Look on your statement bottom. Using the payment section, search for Horizons Regional Council - Rates for the Future. Use your valuation number as the reference. Following the instruction prompts.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT:

The direct debit scheme is easy and costs less to be paid out. Please call the bank reference 09-0509-00000809-359 and use your valuation number for reference. Please call 0800 980 784 to confirm how much should be paid each frequency.

DIRECT DEBIT:

You can choose to use annual, monthly, quarterly or fortnightly installments by arrangement with your bank. Please call us or check the back of your rates invoice for opening hours. Cnr Vogel and Tay Street in Woodville, and Hammond Street in Marton.

CRADIT CARD:

Please visit the Ways to Pay page on Horizons website, www.horizons.govt.nz, and select the Pay Online payment option at the top of the page. You will receive an email including the correct payment number and property address. Please use your MasterCard, Visa or American Express card in a corresponding way.

PAY AT THE COUNTER:

Rates payment at all of our offices using cash, eftpos, credit card. Participating NZ Post shops also accept payments, excluding credit cards and cheques. Our offices are located at:

• Horizons Regional Council, Private Bag 11025 Manawatu Mail Centre, Palmerston North 4442, or email rates@horizons.govt.nz

• Please check the back of your rates invoice for opening hours.

YOU PLACES

The inside ring shows where we spend our rates income. The outside ring explains where all income comes from.

FUNDING & COSTS

The inside ring shows where we spend our rates income. The outside ring explains where all income comes from.

YOUR RATES INVOICE will look a bit different from now on, we have reduced the number of paper invoices we send to your property. You can choose to receive your rates invoice if you still wish to receive a paper copy.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR RATES INVOICE BY EMAIL?

Please follow the instructions on your rates notice and enclosed flyer to receive your invoice via email in the future.

FOR EVERY $ OF YOUR RATES BILL THIS IS HOW IT IS DIVIDED:

RATES REBATES

Any rebate is a partial refund for ratepayers who experience financial difficulties as a result of their situation. To be eligible, you may be required to provide evidence of your recent financial status. To ensure your rates rebate is processed, please contact your city or district council.

COVID-19

If you have difficulty paying your rates due to financial implications of COVID-19, please get in touch with your nearest office. Please call 0800 980 784. If you would like to set up a payment plan please use our contact form.

PAYMENTS: 2021-2022

The Horizons Region extends over 22,300km² – from Ruapehu in the north to Waitangi in the west and Taumarunui in the east. It covers 11 cities and towns and 111 local authorities. As one of the region’s 110,000 ratepayers, you contribute substantially to helping us make a place a healthy, environment, when the people thrive.

Your rates increase may be higher or lower than the 8.4 per cent average, particularly if you are in a district where new valuations.

Our local rules define how that city and district council’s. We are responsible for managing programmes such as the One Plan (collectively referred to as the One Plan) by 2024, as well as projects that will improve water quality, enhance indigenous fish populations and build community resilience to the effects of climate change.

Rachel Keedwell
Chair
The management of freshwater remains a priority for Horizons, with a particular focus on implementing central government’s Essential Freshwater package. This package includes a revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM), new National Environmental Standards for Freshwater Management (NES-FW), and new Resource Management Act (RMA) regulations for water and air.

Horizons is referring to this work as Oranga Wai Our Freshwater Future, in which we are identifying the key freshwater demands, pressures, and programmes we offer. We have already introduced many programmes that have provided benefits for the environment, our communities and tangata whenua to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

We have already introduced many programmes that have provided benefits for the environment, our communities and tangata whenua to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

We’re working across the districts to make our place a healthy environment, where the people thrive.

To find out more about what we do in your area please visit our website.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**

In 2020, employment laws were changed resulting in further inflation, for Manawatū ratepayers. A new bus service between Feilding and Palmerston North will see a targeted rate of $35,000 per year, plus inflation, for Palmerston North residents. In 2020, employment laws were changed resulting in further inflation, for Manawatū ratepayers. A new bus service between Feilding and Palmerston North will see a targeted rate of $35,000 per year, plus inflation, for Palmerston North residents.

Before we started building the 2021-31 Long-term Plan Horizons had already committed 13% of its budget in Year 1 and 30% in Year 5 to Jobs for Nature and Infrastructure Climate Resilience projects. These two high-revenue leverage funding for the 2020-2025 period towards COVID-19 recovery initiatives that accelerates work programmes, Council already planned or underway.

Central government’s investment of $20.4 million has contributed to three key flagship projects which include further riparian planting and stream fencing across the region to improve freshwater, navigation to flood warnings to the public, ensuring there is adequate funding available to ensure the economic and lifestyle is supported, and barriers are removed; communities, councils and central government work together effectively. This work equals to $0.86 per $100,000 of capital value in Year 1. Within this activity is an annual $0.002 controllable fund for community-initiated projects in response to climate change.

**PASSENGER TRANSPORT**

Horizons’ goal is to create bus networks that are simple, connected, frequent and fast, and an attractive alternative to private car travel. This doesn’t just involve new bus lines but a combination of key projects from a combination of targeted road to the communities who have direct access to our bus services, these projects work together with local government to provide more choices for our communities and transport to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

In 2020, employment laws were changed resulting in further inflation, for Manawatū ratepayers. A new bus service between Feilding and Palmerston North will see a targeted rate of $35,000 per year, plus inflation, for Palmerston North residents. In 2020, employment laws were changed resulting in further inflation, for Manawatū ratepayers. A new bus service between Feilding and Palmerston North will see a targeted rate of $35,000 per year, plus inflation, for Palmerston North residents.

Before we started building the 2021-31 Long-term Plan Horizons had already committed 13% of its budget in Year 1 and 30% in Year 5 to Jobs for Nature and Infrastructure Climate Resilience projects. These two high-revenue leverage funding for the 2020-2025 period towards COVID-19 recovery initiatives that accelerates work programmes, Council already planned or underway.

Central government’s investment of $20.4 million has contributed to three key flagship projects which include further riparian planting and stream fencing across the region to improve freshwater, navigation to flood warnings to the public, ensuring there is adequate funding available to ensure the economic and lifestyle is supported, and barriers are removed; communities, councils and central government work together effectively. This work equals to $0.86 per $100,000 of capital value in Year 1. Within this activity is an annual $0.002 controllable fund for community-initiated projects in response to climate change.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Horizons’ goal is to create bus networks that are simple, connected, frequent and fast, and an attractive alternative to private car travel. This doesn’t just involve new bus lines but a combination of key projects from a combination of targeted road to the communities who have direct access to our bus services, these projects work together with local government to provide more choices for our communities and transport to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

Horizon’s Emergency Management team manage the Manawatū-Moera Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) Group Office. Emergency Management is also responsible for arising events and prepared and responds to emergencies, this includes; flood warnings to the public, ensuring there is adequate staff numbers trained to emergencies, evacuation safety functions, and contributing to the development of community notices for residents.

Civil Defence is required to protect the public in emergency situations, such as; earthquakes, volcanic activity, tsunamis, and pandemics.

This programme of work includes working to improve emergency planning, maintaining pump stations, and improvements to retaining walls. These projects form part of Horizons’ response to increasing pressures and increasing flood hazards and is consistent with our 2021-51 Infrastructure Strategy.

**BIODIVERSITY**

In addition to managing iconic sites such as Te-Apiti-Manawatu Gorge, Tolga Reserve Regional Park, Kaitoke Park, and Waikanae River we have introduced new community lands and indigenous Biodiversity Community grant. This new grant has incorporated a previous biodiversity grant aimed at restoring and protecting the environment.

We also have four Infrastructure Climate Resilience projects that focuses Biodiversity events have implications for the region to improve freshwater, remediation to fish passages to enhance indigenous fish populations, and lake improvement, under water quality initiatives, contributing to the implementation of the new freshwater policy reforms, and provide an opportunity to strengthen our partnerships with iwi and hapū, landowners, and community groups. Horizons local funding share equates to $4.3 million with the balance of funds sourced from the central government.

Horizon’s Emergency Management team manage the Manawatū-Moera Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) Group Office. Emergency Management is also responsible for arising events and prepared and responds to emergencies, this includes; flood warnings to the public, ensuring there is adequate staff numbers trained to emergencies, evacuation safety functions, and contributing to the development of community notices for residents.

Civil Defence is required to protect the public in emergency situations, such as; earthquakes, volcanic activity, tsunamis, and pandemics.

This programme of work includes working to improve emergency planning, maintaining pump stations, and improvements to retaining walls. These projects form part of Horizons’ response to increasing pressures and increasing flood hazards and is consistent with our 2021-51 Infrastructure Strategy.

**ORANGA WAI - OUR FRESHWATER FUTURE**

The management of freshwater remains a priority for Horizons, with a particular focus on implementing central government’s Essential Freshwater package. This package includes a revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM), new National Environmental Standards for Freshwater Management (NES-FW), and new Resource Management Act (RMA) regulations for water and air.

Horizons is referring to this work as Oranga Wai Our Freshwater Future, in which we are identifying the key freshwater demands, pressures, and programmes we offer. We have already introduced many programmes that have provided benefits for the environment, our communities and tangata whenua to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

We have already introduced many programmes that have provided benefits for the environment, our communities and tangata whenua to help shape this policy development. For more information please refer to Oranga Wai on our website.

We’re working across the districts to make our place a healthy environment, where the people thrive.

To find out more about what we do in your area please visit our website.