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19 February 2026

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Tēnā koe ██████,

**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email of **3 February 2026** requesting the following information:

- 1. Can you please provide original budget and actual spend to date the Kenakena flood relief project.***

The budget for this project is \$5.7m, as of 31 December 2025 actual spend to date was \$4,762,093.

- 2. What is the expected project timeline and end date of this project and when will Manly street be open again.? This work had an original timeline of road closure of 6 week in Feb 2025 and all work was expected to be completed ahead of winter 2025. It is now Feb 2026 and work and road work continues with little to no communication from the council on project updates. We are inconvenienced by the ongoing road closure.***

The project encountered issues with groundwater entering the cofferdam (excavation for pump station build). Council worked closely with the contractor to find a solution to enable the pump station works to progress. This led to delays starting the upgrade of the Culverts under Manly Street. This work has been completed, with the pump to be lifted into place at the end of the month. We will then complete the fish by-pass, inlet and outlet works; followed by fencing and landscaping. Currently we anticipate the road will be opened in May 2026. We sincerely apologise you are experiencing inconvenience from the ongoing road closure. We do appreciate your patience while we deliver this important project for the community.

The last update to the community was through Councils usual channels in November 2025 as follows:

*Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.*

### ***KenaKena stormwater upgrade progresses***

*We're making progress on reducing flooding in the Kenakena stormwater catchment area, which affects up to 500 homes. Flooding occurs because the estuary has become blocked over time and local development has outgrown the existing stormwater network.*

*Although the work has faced delays due to the complex site conditions, the large concrete pumpstation structure is now complete.*

*The next stage of work includes upgrading the culvert to improve water flow and fish passage, installing the pump, and completing site landscaping.*

*Manly Street will remain closed until the project is finished, which is expected around May 2026.*

Further updates are due later this month / early March following lifting the pump into place. These will be through our usual channels, such as our weekly newsletter Everything Kapiti. If you are interested, you can sign up using the following link <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/council/news-and-information/everything-kapiti/>

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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