
From: Aaron Cronin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 2 October 2025 9:19 am
To: [REDACTED] Chrissie Blake
[REDACTED]
Cc: Roddy Hickling [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Media release: Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for your query on this, and thanks @Chrissie Blake for your quick response.

Our first choice of site was near the pool complex, but during due diligence we found a wastewater pipe running underneath. Unfortunately, the cost of relocating that pipe meant we couldn't progress with that location.

We're now considering other possible sites and look forward to having that kōrero with the Community Board once it's re-formed, given these tanks are activated by the community during an emergency response.

If you have any further queries, please let me know?

Ngā mihi mahana

Aaron Cronin
Emergency Management Advisor

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 9:57 PM
To: Chrissie Blake [REDACTED]
Cc: Aaron Cronin [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Media release: Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Hi Chrissie,
Thank you for the prompt reply, I will respond to enquires now.

nga mihi

From: Chrissie Blake [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 3:35:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Aaron Cronin [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Media release: Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Kia ora, [REDACTED]

As per the media release - discussions underway for future sites, including in Ōtaki, Te Horo and Reikorangi are underway.

I appreciate you may want more on this so have copied in Aaron Cronin who is leading this project.

Ngā mihi

Chrissie Blake
Acting Manager Communication, Engagement and Events
Te Kaiārahi Rōpū Whakawhiti Kōrero me te Paheko Whai Take

[REDACTED]
Kapiti Coast District Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 September 2025 3:26 pm
To: Chrissie Blake [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Media release: Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Dear Chrissie,

Can you please update me about why the Otaki community water tank is missing from this roll out. I am asking to follow up on behalf of residents asking on social media.

Last I heard, back earlier in the year during an emergency management [REDACTED] meeting [REDACTED] a site in Otaki was yet to be confirmed and negotiation was underway around a possible site in Harauatai park.

many thanks

From: Chrissie Blake [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 11:51:55 AM
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Subject: Media release: Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Kia ora

Please find following Kāpiti Coast District Council's latest media release about seven new community emergency water tanks installed to assist the district's response during an earthquake, flood, or disruption to the district's water network.

Ngā mihi, Chrissie

Council installs emergency water tanks to support community resilience

Kāpiti Coast District Council has invested in community emergency water tanks with the first seven being installed in five locations across the district during September and October.

Council Emergency Management Manager Roddy Hickling says storing water at home is the single most important step people can take to be better prepared for an earthquake, flood, or disruption to the district's water network.

"Everyone should aim to have at least 140 litres of emergency water stored per person — enough for seven days of drinking, cooking, hygiene, pet care, and basic first aid," says Mr Hickling.

"These new community water tanks are to help in a major emergency when official drinking water stations could take a week to set up. By installing 25,000 litre tanks at locations across our district, people will have access to water earlier than this."

Council invested \$175,000 through the Long-term Plan 2024–34 to install seven seismically resilient 25,000-litre emergency water tanks, each monitored and equipped with distribution manifolds for safe, efficient community use.

When selecting sites, Council considered tsunami and flood zones, earthquake risks to

foundations, and whether a location could safely house a tank.

The first seven tanks have been installed at the following locations, with discussions underway for future sites, including in Ōtaki, Te Horo and Reikorangi:

- One tank at Paekākāriki School
- One tank at Raumati South School
- Two tanks at Mazengarb Reserve, Paraparaumu
- One tank at Waikanae Memorial Hall
- Two tanks at Waikanae Park

Mr Hickling says some of these sites are Community Emergency Hubs which are run by the community for the community.

“Community Emergency Hubs provide a place where people can come and support each other in a major emergency. Each hub has a guide to help coordinate the sharing of information, skills, and resources. Installing tanks at these hubs means communities can establish their own water collection points and be more self-sufficient.”

The newly installed water tanks meet drinking water quality standards, with the water refreshed and treated every two years. However, people will still be encouraged to boil or treat the water before using it.

“People also need to think about how they’ll collect and store water safely during an emergency — having clean containers ready is essential,” says Mr Hickling.

There are simple ways to store water:

- Use recycled clean plastic bottles (not milk bottles) or ice cream containers.
- Purchase larger containers from hardware stores.
- Buy a 200-litre emergency rainwater tank from Council at a discounted rate.

“We all have a part to play in ensuring our community is as prepared as possible. These tanks are a critical resource, but personal water storage remains the first line of defence.”

ENDS

Images:

Hon. Mark Mitchell, Minister of Emergency Management and Recovery and MP for Ōtaki
Tim Costley at the two new Mazengarb Reserve community emergency water tanks.

Emergency water tank at Waikanae Park

Chrissie Blake

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