

OPEX Dashboard
As at 30 September 2025

Legend		Description
		Overspend more than 10%
		Overspend but less than 10%
		Underspend more than 20%
		Within budget and ≤20% underspend

Water		September 2025					YTD					Full Year		Full Year		
Activity		Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance			Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance			Forecast \$000	Budget \$000	Variance		
	All	270	455	185	41%		1,220	1,364	144	11%		4,898	5,457	559	10%	
	Network	160	300	140	47%		948	899	(-49)	(-5%)		3,652	3,598	(-54)	(-1%)	
	Monitoring	32	52	19	38%		81	155	75	48%		212	622	410	66%	
	Investigations	10	29	19	65%		19	87	68	78%		252	347	94	27%	
	Pump Stations	1	15	14	93%		18	44	26	59%		80	175	94	54%	
	Storage	19	12	(-8)	(-68%)		18	35	17	49%		127	139	12	9%	
	Utilities	4	4	0	5%		12	13	1	8%		54	50	(-4)	(-8%)	
	Control Systems	4	5	1	18%		9	16	7	43%		57	63	6	9%	
	Contingency	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Management & Advisory Services	39	39	0	%		116	116	0	%		464	464	0		
	All	87	114	28	24%		263	343	80	23%		1,363	1,376	14	1%	
	Network	56	58	2	3%		169	173	4	2%		730	693	(-36)	(-5%)	
	Investigations	6	24	18	76%		17	72	55	77%		254	291	37	13%	
	Monitoring	5	12	7	60%		18	36	18	51%		131	142	11	8%	
	Control Systems	1	1	1	57%		2	4	3	66%		16	18	2	12%	
	Contingency	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Management & Advisory Services	19	19	0	%		58	58	0	%		232	232	0	%	
	All	198	234	36	16%		709	703	(-6)	(-1%)		2,672	2,815	143	5%	
	Network	57	66	10	15%		349	199	(-150)	(-75%)		934	797	(-137)	(-17%)	
	Pump Stations	34	28	(-6)	(-22%)		96	83	(-14)	(-17%)		315	331	16	5%	
	Investigations	34	50	16	33%		71	151	80	53%		543	606	62	10%	
	Drainage Investigation	8	29	21	73%		28	86	58	67%		168	346	177	51%	
	Monitoring	18	12	(-7)	(-57%)		23	35	13	36%		121	140	19	14%	
	Control Systems	3	5	2	37%		7	14	7	52%		49	55	5	10%	
	Contingency	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Management & Advisory Services	45	45	0	%		135	135	0	%		541	541	0	%	
	All	208	275	67	24%		744	824	80	10%		3,292	3,318	26	1%	
	JV Treatment Plant	172	222	50	23%		621	667	47	7%		2,669	2,669	0	%	
	JV Network	0	0	0			(-15)	0	15			0	0	0		
	JV Investigations	5	13	8	62%		12	39	27	70%		160	179	19	11%	
	JV Pump Stations	5	12	8	63%		49	37	(-12)	(-32%)		144	148	4	3%	
	JV Control Systems	0	1	1	100%		(-0)	3	3	101%		10	12	2	17%	
	JV Contingency	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Management & Advisory Services	26	26	0	%		77	77	0	%		309	309	0	%	
 Total BAU Opex		762	1,078	316	29%		2,937	3,234	298	9%		12,225	12,966	741	6%	
Total Opex Programme		633	949	316	33%		2,550	2,848	298	10%		10,680	11,421	741	6%	
Total Management & Advisory Services		129	129	0	%		386	386	0	%		1,545	1,545	0	%	
Total Unexpected events		250	0	(-250)			470	0	(-470)			471	0	(-471)		
 Total Opex		1,012	1,078	66	6%		3,407	3,234	(-172)	(-5%)		12,696	12,966	270	2%	

Monthly Commentary (OPEX)

Summary

The first quarter result for the BAU OPEX programme 9% (\$298k) under budget with the over budget Network costs in Drinking Water and Wastewater currently offset by underspends across the other categories within these Waters.

Council has received Unexpected event notification forms for the three events reporting costs in this finance dashboard report. Combined year to date costs for these events is \$470k.

Overall the first forecast for the year for the BAU OPEX programme anticipates 6% (\$741k) under budget for the full year, with the additional costs for Unexpected events reducing the underspend close to budget.

This first forecast does not include the anticipated additional budget and costs associated with the sludge disposal that Council is transferring to Wellington Water for the Joint Venture Wastewater Treatment Plant. We expect this will be included in the October reporting.

Network forecast in the BAU OPEX programme is over budget in Drinking Water, Stormwater and Wastewater, due to reactive maintenance costs, and overall for the first quarter these over budget forecasts are offset by underspends across the other categories within the Waters.

Due to budget constraints maintenance across the Three Waters network is being prioritised with some activities going into backlog and the forecast reflects this strategy. The forecast will be reviewed and updated monthly.

Wellington Water will follow-up with council expected service levels and funding options.

Unexpected events

Council has been notified of the following Unexpected events:

- Drinking Water burst main on Champion Street
- Wastewater event opposite 14 Tradewinds Drive, Duck Creek pump station
- JVWastewater event at 1A Lyttleton Avenue

These events are reported separately from the BAU OPEX programme and the year to date costs are \$470k.

Notes on our approach for reporting:

Wellington Water invoices Council a monthly fixed charge in advance for the opex programme and management & advisory services

The opex programme is made up of the following:

- Controllable costs incurred by Wellington Water in delivering the programme, such as charges for repairs and maintenance, costs of consumables, consultants, and contractors' charges
- Costs of labour and plant which are charged to specific jobs. This is for Wellington Water employees within our Customer Operations, Network Management and Network Engineering groups i.e. those working directly on opex jobs.

Management & Advisory Services is made up of staff costs that cannot be directly attributed to Council opex or capex programmes and overheads such as insurance, rent, IT costs, etc. We're a council-controlled organisation jointly owned by six client councils; the management charge is agreed on an annual basis and proportionately allocated to each of these councils.

Investment Categories		September 2025					YTD					Full Year				
		Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance			Actual \$000	Budget \$000	Variance			Forecast \$000	Budget \$000	Variance		
	All	301	455	153	34%		1,423	1,364	(-59)	(-4%)		5,102	5,457	355	7%	
	Monitoring and Investigations	47	86	40	46%		88	259	171	66%		457	1,035	578	56%	
	Maintenance (Planned)	25	30	5	15%		96	89	(-7)	(-8%)		393	357	(-36)	(-10%)	
	Maintenance (Reactive)	187	295	108	37%		1,115	885	(-230)	(-26%)		3,731	3,539	(-192)	(-5%)	
	Planning	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Operations	4	5	1	18%		9	16	7	43%		57	63	6	9%	
	Management & Advisory Services	39	39	0	%		116	116	0	%		464	464	0	%	
	All	87	114	28	24%		263	343	80	23%		1,363	1,376	14	1%	
	Monitoring and Investigations	11	36	26	71%		35	109	74	68%		393	440	48	11%	
	Maintenance (Planned)	51	40	(-11)	(-27%)		83	121	38	32%		358	482	124	26%	
	Maintenance (Reactive)	5	17	12	70%		86	51	(-35)	(-68%)		365	204	(-161)	(-79%)	
	Operations	1	1	1	57%		2	4	3	66%		16	18	2	12%	
	Management & Advisory Services	19	19	0	%		58	58	0	%		232	232	0	%	
		All	322	234	(-88)	(-38%)		834	703	(-130)	(-19%)		2,797	2,815	18	1%
Monitoring and Investigations		60	93	32	35%		125	278	153	55%		853	1,112	259	23%	
Maintenance (Planned)		15	34	19	56%		118	102	(-17)	(-17%)		358	406	48	12%	
Maintenance (Reactive)		199	58	(-141)	(-240%)		449	175	(-274)	(-156%)		996	702	(-294)	(-42%)	
Operations		3	5	2	37%		7	14	7	52%		49	55	5	10%	
Treatment Plant		0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
Management & Advisory Services		45	45	0	%		135	135	0	%		541	541	0	%	
	All	301	275	(-27)	(-10%)		887	824	(-63)	(-8%)		3,435	3,318	(-118)	(-4%)	
	Monitoring and Investigations	5	13	8	62%		12	39	27	70%		160	179	19	11%	
	Maintenance (Planned)	(-0)	9	9	103%		11	28	16	58%		106	110	4	4%	
	Maintenance (Reactive)	98	4	(-94)	(-2,264%)		166	13	(-153)	(-1,227%)		191	50	(-141)	(-283%)	
	Operations	0	0	0			0	0	0			0	0	0		
	Treatment Plant	172	222	50	23%		621	667	47	7%		2,669	2,669	0	%	
	Management & Advisory Services	26	26	0	%		77	77	0	%		309	309	0	%	
		1,012	1,078	66	6%		3,407	3,234	(-172)	(-5%)		12,696	12,966	270	2%	