OPEX Dashboard
As at 30 September 2025

Legend	Description			
	Overspend more than 10%			
	Overspend but less than 10%		MB	99,553
	Underspend more than 20%	341,438	FT	38,676
	Within budget and ≤20% underspend	17,063	GT	41,198
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Water

	Activity	September 2025 Actual $	September 2025 Budget $	Variance $	Variance %	YTD Actual $	YTD Budget $	Variance $	Variance %	Full Year Forecast $	Full Year Budget $	Full Year Variance $	Full Year Variance %
Drinking Water	**All**	**145,555**	**234,401**	**88,846**	**38%**	**814,226**	**703,204**	**-111,022**	**(-16%)**	**3,100,695**	**3,153,571**	**52,876**	**2%**
	Treatment Plant	79,501	83,435	3,934	5%	297,068	250,306	-46,762	(-19%)	1,111,722	1,206,054	94,332	8%
	Network	17,063	72,246	55,183	76%	358,502	216,739	-141,763	(-65%)	1,204,103	983,564	-220,539	(-22%)
	Monitoring	23,241	41,359	18,118	44%	98,489	124,076	25,587	21%	381,963	512,501	130,538	25%
	Investigations	6,531	13,279	6,749	51%	10,151	39,837	29,686	75%	136,523	159,349	22,826	14%
	Control Systems	8,934	11,561	2,627	23%	20,000	34,684	14,684	42%	127,226	138,735	11,509	8%
	Storage	1,794	2,687	893	33%	1,182	8,060	6,878	85%	20,694	35,360	14,666	41%
	Pump Stations	8	397	388	98%	16	1,190	1,174	99%	4,207	4,760	553	12%
	Utilities	-781	173	954	550%	1,027	520	-507	(-97%)	3,089	2,080	-1,009	(-48%)
	Management & Advisory Services	9,264	9,264	0	%	27,792	27,792	0	%	111,168	111,168	0	
Stormwater	**All**	**22,470**	**19,702**	**-2,768**	**(-14%)**	**56,853**	**59,107**	**2,254**	**4%**	**231,847**	**236,426**	**4,579**	**2%**
	Network	4,761	8,738	3,977	46%	22,918	26,215	3,297	13%	105,893	104,858	-1,035	(-1%)
	Investigations	1,571	1,861	291	16%	4,341	5,584	1,243	22%	21,472	22,336	864	4%
	Monitoring	11,506	3,655	-7,852	(-215%)	15,698	10,964	-4,734	(-43%)	40,738	43,856	3,118	7%
	Control Systems	0	816	816	100%	0	2,448	2,448	100%	8,160	9,792	1,632	17%
	Management & Advisory Services	4,632	4,632	0	%	13,896	13,896	0	%	55,584	55,584	0	
Wastewater	**All**	**135,480**	**205,626**	**70,146**	**34%**	**422,936**	**616,879**	**193,943**	**31%**	**2,380,248**	**2,467,514**	**87,266**	**4%**
	Treatment Plant	47,629	100,331	52,703	53%	150,059	300,994	150,936	50%	1,193,022	1,203,978	10,956	1%
	Network	54,154	47,566	-6,588	(-14%)	128,004	142,697	14,692	10%	529,233	570,786	41,553	7%
	Monitoring	11,947	14,833	2,886	19%	80,235	44,499	-35,736	(-80%)	216,618	177,996	-38,622	(-22%)
	Pump Stations	918	4,978	4,060	82%	1,593	14,935	13,342	89%	41,320	59,738	18,418	31%
	Investigations	2,060	14,718	12,658	86%	6,323	44,153	37,830	86%	151,770	176,613	24,843	14%
	Control Systems	1,789	4,050	2,261	56%	5,770	12,149	6,379	53%	44,476	48,594	4,118	8%
	Drainage Investigation	0	2,167	2,167	100%	0	6,500	6,500	100%	0	26,000	26,000	100%
	Management & Advisory Services	16,984	16,984	0	%	50,952	50,952	0	%	203,809	203,809	0	
Total BAU OPEX		**303,505**	**459,730**	**156,224**	**34%**	**1,294,014**	**1,379,189**	**85,174**	**6%**	**5,712,789**	**5,857,511**	**144,721**	**2%**
Total Opex Programme		272,625	428,849	156,224	36%	1,201,374	1,286,548	85,174	7%	5,342,228	5,486,950	144,721	3%
Total Management & Advisory Services		30,880	30,880	0	%	92,640	92,640	0	%	370,561	370,561	0	%
									22%				
Invoiced separately on actuals													
Water Races	Longwood	7,335	8,144	808	10%	28,548	24,431	-4,117	(-17%)	100,653	97,724	-2,929	(-3%)
	Moroa	5,556	7,517	1,961	26%	69,385	22,552	-46,833	(-208%)	137,679	90,207	-47,472	(-53%)
Total OPEX		**316,397**	**475,390**	**158,994**	**33%**	**1,391,947**	**1,426,171**	**34,224**	**2%**	**5,951,121**	**6,045,442**	**94,320**	**2%**

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.

Monthly Commentary (OPEX)

Summary
The first quarter result for the BAU OPEX prpgramme is 6% ($85.1k) under budget. With the exception of Network Drinking Water, areas that are over budget for the year to date is mainly due to the phasing of the budget, with 22% of the total budget reported at 25% of the year. The next three quarters have higher budgets and Drinking Water Treatment Plant and Utilities, and Stormwater and Wastewater Monitoring activities are expected to be within budget for the year. Network Drinking is over budget for the year to date mainly due to high reactive maintenance costs which includes traffic management costs from the previous financial year not accrued for.

The Unexpected event Reserve opening balance for the year is $289k. These funds can be applied to the current year costs for Unexpected events, currently there are no Unexpected events, so the closing balance remains $289k.

Longwood and Moroa water races are under budget for the September month, reducing the year to date overspend from the position reported last month. Longwood and Moroa are now 17% ($4k), and 208% ($47k) over budget, respectively. We are investigating the causes behind these high costs. Water Races budgets are separately rated and therefore are reported separately to the Opex programme.

The full year budget is reduced by $693k to reflect the transfer of the de-sludging programme of work at the Wastwater Treatment plants this dashboard to South Wairarapa District Council.

Overall the first forecast for the year anticipates the BAU OPEX programme will be 2% ($145k) under budget for the full year, with areas that are forecasting to end the year over budget being offset by underspends within the Water. Network costs, particularly in Drinking Water Reactive maintenance are over budget and this creates budget constraints with maintenance in the network being prioritised to limit this overspend and may result in backlogs in some areas. This forecast will be reviewed monthly, and updated as needed.

Investment Category

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	Monitoring and Investigations	29,771	56,544	26,773	47%	106,835	169,633	62,798	37%	516,681	694,730	178,049	26%
	Maintenance (Planned)	7,546	3,389	-4,157	(-123%)	18,897	10,167	-8,730	(-86%)	65,786	41,605	-24,181	(-58%)
	Maintenance (Reactive)	10,539	70,207	59,669	85%	343,634	210,622	-133,012	(-63%)	1,168,111	961,279	-206,832	(-22%)
	Operations	8,934	11,561	2,627	23%	20,000	34,684	14,684	42%	127,226	138,735	11,509	8%
	Treatment Plant	79,501	83,435	3,934	5%	297,068	250,306	-46,762	(-19%)	1,111,722	1,206,054	94,332	8%
	Management & Advisory Services	9,264	9,264	0	%	27,792	27,792	0	%	111,168	111,168	0	%
Stormwater	**All**	**35,361**	**35,363**	**2**	**%**	**154,786**	**106,089**	**-48,696**	**(-46%)**	**470,179**	**424,357**	**-45,822**	**(-11%)**
	Monitoring and Investigations	14,496	9,222	-5,274	(-57%)	44,200	27,667	-16,533	(-60%)	122,016	110,669	-11,347	(-10%)
	Maintenance (Planned)	6,179	7,623	1,444	19%	18,050	22,869	4,819	21%	85,704	91,475	5,771	6%
	Maintenance (Reactive)	10,054	13,070	3,016	23%	78,639	39,209	-39,430	(-101%)	198,714	156,837	-41,877	(-27%)
	Operations	0	816	816	100%	0	2,448	2,448	100%	8,160	9,792	1,632	17%
	Management & Advisory Services	4,632	4,632	0	%	13,896	13,896	0	%	55,584	55,584	0	%
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	Monitoring and Investigations	14,007	31,717	17,710	56%	86,558	95,152	8,594	9%	368,388	380,609	12,221	3%
	Maintenance (Planned)	1,733	1,074	-659	(-61%)	2,643	3,222	579	18%	32,397	12,888	-19,509	(-151%)
	Maintenance (Reactive)	53,339	51,470	-1,869	(-4%)	126,954	154,409	27,455	18%	538,157	617,636	79,479	13%
	Operations	1,789	4,050	2,261	56%	5,770	12,149	6,379	53%	44,476	48,594	4,118	8%
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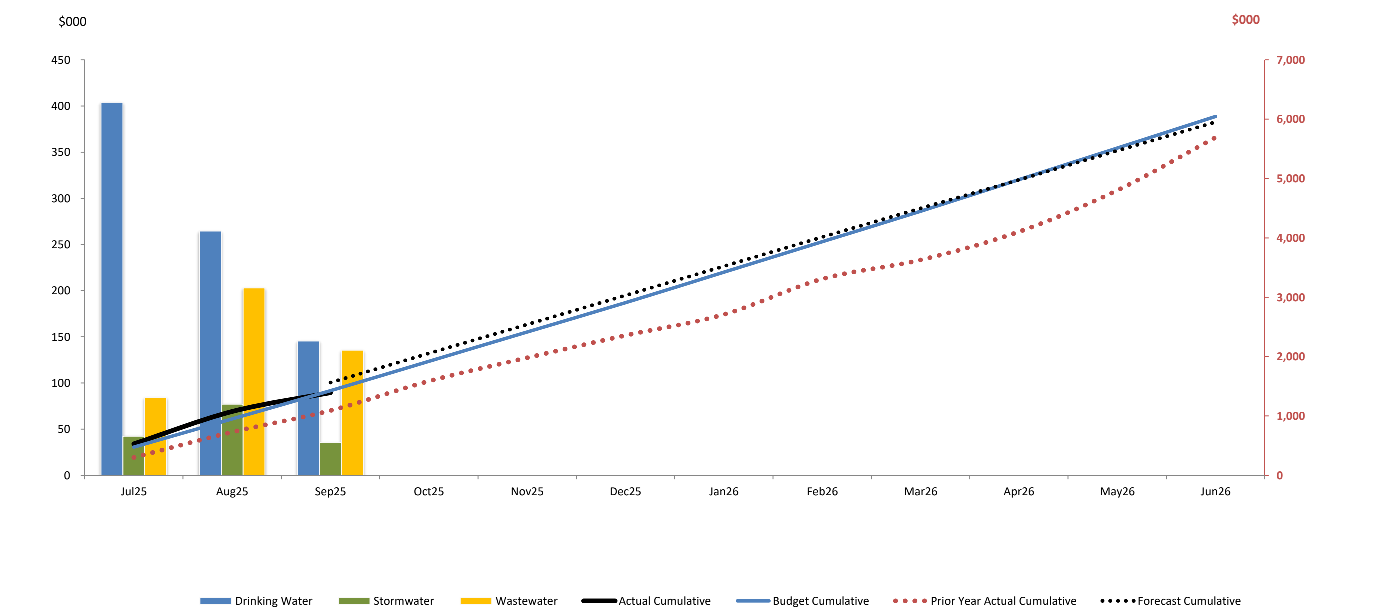
SWDC Opex by Water by Month



Unexpected Event Reserve Commentary:
In years that SWDC actual costs finish below budget, the funds are retained for the Unexpected Event Reserve (capped at 5% of the opex charge for the current financial year). Wellington Water is able to utilise these funds for costs arising from unexpected events in subsequent years. The funds are ring-fenced for the council in which the savings were achieved.

The opening balance for this financial year is $288.8k. Unexpected Events that occur during FY 2026 can be funded in the first instance from this Unexpected Event Reserve.

Unexpected Event Reserve FY 2025-26

Water	O/Bal $	C/ Bal $
Drinking water	175,192	175,192
Stormwater	20,313	20,313
Wastewater	93,336	93,336
Closing Balance	**288,840**	**288,840**