

Environmental Health



What we do

The Environmental Health activity includes a range of services around education, administration, enforcement and monitoring of:

- food, liquor, premises and disease control
- living conditions e.g. drinking water supplies, insanitary housing, on-site wastewater systems
- environmental protection e.g. air quality and noise control
- waste management and hazardous substances
- local bylaws such as navigation regulations, and control of the use of public places.

The activity performs a number of functions including alcohol licensing, public and environmental health and bylaws and public safety.

What are our plans for the next ten years?

What have we been doing?	What will we do in years 1-10?
<p>Alcohol Licensing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and Regulations. • Education and liaison with the licensed sector and public for the Act's implementation. • Monitoring of alcohol licensed premises and licensed events. • Established a District Licensing Committee and provided administration and District Licensing Committee Secretary duties. • Assisted in development of the District's Local Alcohol Policy. • Continued to work collaboratively with Police, Public Health, Fire Service and ACC to tackle the effects of alcohol abuse on the community through licencing, liaison and education. 	<p>Years 1-3</p> <p><u>Alcohol Licensing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Liquor Control Bylaw to incorporate changes set out by the Sale & Supply of Alcohol Act (2012) <p><u>Public Environmental Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Food Act 2014 and Regulations with food premises compulsory accreditation under Food Control Plans. • Gain Third Party Auditor Status for food sector auditing role. • Review fees and charges for food sector operators and registered premises. • Implement remote IT capabilities. • Develop strategies for the section's response to emergency events and contamination outbreaks. • Continue to develop and implement improved processes and to advise recreational users, iwi and other water users when wastewater discharges have occurred.

Why we do it

To ensure that Gisborne remains a healthy and safe place to live, work and play and to enhance the quality of life for all current and future residents and visitors to the Gisborne district.

This activity contributes to the following Community Outcomes

- Tairāwhiti Tangata
- Tairāwhiti Taonga

Challenges and Opportunities

Maintaining a skilled and experienced team is essential to respond effectively to changes in laws and controls for the wide range of environmental, public health and safety tasks completed by environmental health.

This is an area where new requirements from Central Government frequently arise. Therefore programmes need to be sufficiently flexible to accommodate increased statutory requirements.

This is also an area which impacts on a large number of community organisations and fundraising activities – particularly around food safety and liquor licensing. Maintaining a fair and efficient administration of Council's bylaws and other statutory requirements, while working to ensure community activities still occur is an important balance to be achieved.

Undertaking proactive advocacy and education to ensure improvement for environmental and health protection with regulatory intervention is an underpinning function.

What have we been doing?	What will we do in years 1-10?
<p>Public Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued monitoring, administration, education and enforcement within our service areas to ensure Gisborne remains a safe and healthy place to live, work, stay and do business. Continued background air quality monitoring in Gisborne city to establish long term trends and to ensure that our pristine air environment is maintained. Continued water quality monitoring for recreational bathing areas. Continued to promote the Voluntary Implementation programme with food premises as a precursor to the food law change. <p>Bylaws and Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed reviews of the Food Hygiene Bylaw and the Public Places Bylaw, Mobile Shops, Hawkers Stall and Itinerant Traders Bylaw. Continued monitoring for Port and Harbour safety management code. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the background noise survey for the central Gisborne area to determine whether there are issues that need to be addressed. Assist with compilation of a contaminated sites database to effectively implement the National Environmental Standards for Contaminated Sites. Assist to review the Council Gambling Venue Policy. Implement the Local Alcohol Policy. Assist to review the Local Alcohol Policy. <p><u>Bylaws and Public Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Fire Prevention Bylaw, Public Places Bylaw, and the Stock Control Bylaw. Carry out a review of the Harbour Master's function and the Harbour Safety Management Code. Develop a Health and Safety framework that sets out ongoing processes for assessment of hazards and the implementation of mitigating measures to reduce risk to staff. <p>Years 1-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the rolling review of bylaws to comply with the statutory requirement to review them every five years. Fully implement the Food Act 2014 with all relevant food activities working under a new regime. Review the ambient noise environment within the Gisborne district. Administer change in environmental regulations and National Environmental Standards.
<p>We will achieve these plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective business planning, project management and reporting. Developing a professional development framework for staff. Clear and accurate communications around the activities in the business plan. Collaborating with partners to leverage funding opportunities. 	

Levels of Service and Performance Measures

Level of Service	Performance measure	Results 2013/14	Target Years 1-3	Target Years 4-10
We regulate commercial operations and respond to environmental health issues in the interest of protecting public and environmental health.	Exceedances of National Water Quality Guidelines for safe contact recreation bathing standards at monitored recreational bathing sites.	New measure	Year 1: Establish baseline and targets	Target to be established
	Percentage of applications for liquor licences and food certificates processed within target timeframes.	Not measured	95%	97%
	Percentage of noise complaints to be assessed within half an hour of receiving a complaint.	Amended Measure	95%	97%
	Percentage of registered and licensed premises that undergo an environmental health compliance inspection annually.	100%	100%	100%
	Percentage of reported pollution incidents with Council response initiated within 30 minutes.	Amended Measure	100%	100%

Forecast Activity Cost Statement

OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (\$000)	Budget 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Budget 2017/18	Budget 2018/19	Budget 2019/20	Budget 2020/21	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25
Operating Non Exchange Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Exchange Revenue	304	312	320	329	338	348	359	371	384	397
Operating Expenditure	1,183	1,286	1,326	1,302	1,378	1,395	1,412	1,535	1,506	1,583
Net Cost of Service	879	974	1,006	973	1,040	1,047	1,053	1,164	1,122	1,186

There are no capital projects for this Activity