Source Testing Results

The Council maintains and operates several Public Drinking Water Supply Schemes across the district. These schemes are operated in accordance with the Drinking Water Standards of New Zealand.

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Scheme:	Cust		9	Springbank Well 2	
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	0.33
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	8.0
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.1
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	69.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.34

Please note: These results are from the water sources and represent the water in its natural state before treatment.



Scheme:	Fernside-Mandeville		:	Source name:	Two Chain Rd 2
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	<0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	<1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	2.0
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.3
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-1.3
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	44.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.48

Scheme	Garrymere			Source name:	Garrymere Well 1
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	<0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	0.00127
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate-Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	0.34
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.2
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-1.4
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	40.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.28

Scheme:	Kaiapoi - Pines Beach - Kairaki		S	Source name:	Sewell St	Davie St	Rugby Park	Peraki St	Ashley Place	Porter Place
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	<1	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	0.038	< 0.021	< 0.021	< 0.021	< 0.021	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	0.0028	< 0.00053	< 0.00053	< 0.00053	< 0.00053	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	1.30	1.17	0.85	1.64	1.66	1.83
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.8
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	<1	< 1	< 1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	66.0	57.0	63.0	62.0	63.0	63.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.25	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.15	0.09

Scheme:	Ohoka			Source name:	Ohoka Well 2
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	0.40
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	8.0
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.1
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	84.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.10

Scheme	Oxford Urban - Rural 2			Source name:	Domain Road Well No.1	Domain Road Well No.2
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	2.40	2.10
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.6	7.6
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.7	-0.6
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	61.0	67.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.06	0.39

Please note: The Domain Road wells supply both the Oxford Urban and Oxford Rural No.2 reticulation systems. The Oxford Rural No.2 part of the scheme is normally chlorinated, while the Oxford Urban part of the system is not. These results are from the water sources in their natural state before treatment.

Scheme	Oxford Rural 1	Source name			Rockford Road Deep Well	McPhedrons Road Well
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	0.034	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	0.0031	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	4.5	4.9
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.9	7.1
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.2	-1.2
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	< 1	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	77.0	66.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	1.60	0.05

Scheme:	Rangiora		Source name:		Smith Street 1	Smith Street 2	Smith Street 3	Smith Street 4	Smith Street 5
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	<1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021	< 0.021	< 0.021	< 0.021	0.42
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053	0.00053	< 0.00053	< 0.00055	0.042
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	0.82	1.24	0.76	0.38	<0.05
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.3
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5) .		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.3
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	61.0	62.0	65.0	73.0	62.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.12	0.06	0.12	0.08	0.441

Scheme_	Summerhill - West Eyreton - Poyntzs	Source name:			West Eyreton Well No.1	West Eyreton Well No.3
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	2.10	1.87
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.8	7.8
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-0.7	-0.7
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	50.0	51.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.06	0.08

Scheme:	Waikuku Beach	Source name:			Kings Ave Wells	Campground Wells
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	< 0.0011	< 0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	< 0.021	< 0.021
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	< 0.00053	< 0.00053
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	0.375	0.377
рН	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	7.3	7.3
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	-1.3	-1.2
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	<1	<1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	44.5	45.3
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.09	< 0.05

Scheme:	Woodend - Tuahiwi - Pegasus		9	Source name:	EQ1	EQ2	EQ3	PW1	Gladstone Well No.1	Gladstone Well No.2
Determinant	Description	Health limit (MAV)	Aesthetic limit (GV)	Units	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result	Result
Arsenic	The amount of dissolved arsenic within the water.	0.01		mg/L	0.0048	0.0036	< 0.0011	< 0.0011	0.0012	0.0011
E. coli	Escherichia coli (E. coli) indicates faecal contamination.	<1		MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1
Iron	The amount of dissolved iron within the water.		0.2	mg/L	0.22	0.142	< 0.021	0.196	0.176	0.138
Manganese	The amount of dissolved manganese within the water.	0.4	0.04	mg/L	0.090	0.095	0.031	0.037	0.053	0.060
Nitrate -Nitrogen	Nitrate - Nitrogen may be introduced to water supplies through fertiliser run-off, the breakdown of organic matter and from septic tanks and effluent ponds.	11.3		mg/L	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
рH	Indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the water.		7 – 8.5	mg/L	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0
Saturation Index	The Saturation Index is an indication of how corrosive the water is. Corrosive (<-1.5).		-1.5 – 0.5	mg/L	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Total Coliforms	Total coliforms are a group of bacteria that are not harmful to humans however they are a useful indicator of other potential pathogens in drinking water.			MPN/100 ml	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1
Total hardness	High hardness causes scale deposition, scum formation. Low hardness (<60), Moderately Hard (60-120), Hard (120-180), Very Hard (>180).		200	mg CaCO3/L	58.0	35.0	65.0	57.0	66.0	66.0
Turbidity	Turbidity in water is caused by the presence of fine suspended matter such as clay, silt, and other particles.		2.5	NTU	0.86	0.14	0.14	0.36	0.21	0.63

The Woodend - Tuahiwi - Pegasus scheme is treated for both iron and manganese with typical values being <0.01 - 0.02 for iron and <0.0005 for manganese after treatment.

Pegasus is a chlorinated scheme which treats Total Coliforms and E. coli and provides a further barrier of protection throughout the reticulation system. Woodend and Tuahiwi are not chlorinated.