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Submission to WBOPDC for LTP from **BOP Natural Cemetery**

Intention: the formation of a Trust and establishment of a Natural Cemetery in the BOP.

- Our group seeks your support for a BOP Natural Cemetery, in principle.
- There are an increasing number of people questioning the practices of embalming and cremation.
- Certified Natural Cemetery sites in NZ: Makara, Wellington; Fairhall, Marlborough; Awanui, New Plymouth; Otaki, Kapiti, Claireville, Carterton.
- We request to work with staff to advance the cause and establishment of a Natural Cemetery.
- We wish to speak in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.
- For more information: [www.naturalcemetery.co.nz](http://www.naturalcemetery.co.nz) and facebook page *BOPNaturalCemetery*

Possible solutions:
- Sell the Paengaroa land designated for a cemetery.
- Invest the money for buying a suitable site when decided on.
- Work collaboratively with iwi and other interested cultures.

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Formulating your Long Term Plans

PSGR is a not-for-profit, non-aligned charitable trust whose members are mainly science, medical and machinery-of-government professionals. Since the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification made recommendations “to proceed with caution”, PSGR has maintained a watching brief, in particular on scientific developments in genetic engineering (also referred to as genetic modification), as well as other public interest issues involving health and environmental safety where we can offer expert opinion on lawful and authoritative public policy information.

Please consider this information and recommendations as a submission by PSGR to your planning development and consultation 2018. PSGR will speak to this submission.

In forming responsible and effective governance

The responsibility to ratepayers and the wider community requires informed decision-making, including consideration of new information and peer-reviewed science that may challenge perceived wisdom, or current policy assumptions. In many situations an intergenerational perspective is required.

In this submission regarding your Long Term Plans we ask Council to consider the following issues to be addressed:

- Providing drinking water free of fluoridation;
- Protection against contamination of land and waterways by genetically engineered organisms;
- Urgent reduction of public, crop and animal exposure to glyphosate-based herbicides.
1. Drinking water free of added fluoride and associated bio-accumulative, toxic contaminants

We refer you to our letter recently sent to MPs, attached here for your convenience.

Further to that letter, a paper has just been accepted for publication concerning the cost-benefits of water fluoridation. Unfortunately, the authors have made seriously flawed assumptions together with erroneous statements of fact. As an example, they claimed that fluoridation has resulted in a nationwide 40% reduction in decay and thus by extension, huge cost savings. This was an inappropriate extrapolation from an isolated cohort of deprived children mentioned in the 2009 Sapere Report that specifically stated that its findings should not be used to evaluate any fluoride benefits. The authors appeared to have ignored another and much more detailed paper.

In that more detailed paper, there are direct quotes from those involved in running fluoridation plants:

In 2010, amid a budget crisis, the City of Sacramento, CA, instructed all departments to review programmes and services. Mr Marty Hanneman, then Director of the Department of Utilities, wrote in a memo to the City Council:

> The City of Sacramento has been fluoridating its water supplies just over 10 years. Within that time, the actual cost of operating and maintaining the fluoridation systems has proven to be considerably more than the initial estimate. . . . The fluoridation infrastructure at the E A Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant is overdue for replacement and will be very expensive to replace . . . Fluoridating water is a very costly and labour intensive process and requires constant monitoring of fluoride concentrations to ensure proper dosages. . . . The chemical is very corrosive, so all equipment that is used in the fluoridation process has a very short life expectancy and needs to be replaced frequently. . . . but also causes frequent and complex systems failures.

This was echoed by Mr René Fonseca of Carroll Boone Water District in Eureka Springs, AR, which was required by a 2011 State mandate to begin Community Water Fluoridation (CWF):

> All of our chemical feed systems require regular maintenance which is routine, but fluoride feed equipment often requires replacement and more frequent attention. . . . I have toured plants and seen in trade publications deteriorating pipes, steel doors and casing, electrical components, etc. There are millions of dollars spent yearly on infrastructure damage caused by fluoride in our industry.

The realities expressed in these two quotes are not the exceptions.
A water plant manager in Alberta, Canada, complained that the fumes from the fluoride acid etched the glass, paint, and computer screens of the water treatment plant.

Seven years after CWF began in 2001, Riverton, Utah, spent nearly US$1.2 million for two new buildings “to get fluoride out of electrical and pump area.”

The international evidence is that the installation and long-term maintenance of water fluoridation is very expensive on the rate-paying public. The rationale is highly questionable.

**Recommendation**

PSGR recommends that Council does not fluoridate drinking water on the grounds that it is not lawful to put bio-accumulative toxins into people and the environment.

2. Genetic engineering

We refer Council to our letter recently sent to New Zealand Members of Parliament and copied to Councils. This is attached for your convenience.

We refer particularly to Councils in Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay that have worked to protect their ratepayers from the risks of releasing genetically engineered / modified organisms into the environment; and the risks to health, horticulture, agriculture and exports. See [http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Documents/GE-Poll/GE-Poll-Results-WDC.pdf](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/PlansPoliciesandBylaws/Plans/Genetic-Engineering/Documents/GE-Poll/GE-Poll-Results-WDC.pdf)

Under the new Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 Councils retain the right to safeguard their region. Councils have responsibilities and powers under the Act that can add another important layer of protection.

Although there is a view among some councils that public policy on matters relating to genetic engineering can be safely left to New Zealand’s Environment Protection Authority (EPA) there is adequate evidence that shows that EPA’s oversight of these matters is biased to industry interests (through being partial and selective) and therefore does not give due weight to public and environmental safety issues – and therefore the public interest.

Therefore, EPA’s claimed policy on genetic engineering matters is arguably inconsistent with the purposes and intent of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. Therefore, such Deficiency suggests that the EPA’s policy does not have any statutory authority in law – and cannot therefore be relied upon by councils in giving effect to their statutory obligations.
Recommendations

On this issue, PSGR recommends that Council gives weight to the findings of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) on Food and Agriculture. On genetic engineering in agriculture the UCS found that the risks have been exaggerated, but so have its benefits and that we have better, more cost-effective options. You can find their reports on http://www.ucsusa.org.

PSGR also recommends that Council draws on the experience of Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay Councils – i.e. concludes that the risks involved require responsible legislation to reflect the precautionary principle on any proposed release of a genetically engineered organism into the environment in Council’s area of jurisdiction. Such a decision on the facts presently available will indicate to the public that Council exercises its statutory powers reasonably and in accordance with the factual and authoritative information presently available.

3. Use of glyphosate-based herbicides (GBH) – unconscionable on the facts

Despite New Zealand’s Environmental Protection Authority rejecting a statement by the World Health Organisation’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), that glyphosate is “possibly carcinogenic to humans” (category 2B), there is substantial scientific evidence supporting an IARC statement that glyphosate-based herbicides are a risk to the environment and to human health.

Glyphosate is the active ingredient in the glyphosate-based herbicide Roundup and many other brands of GBH herbicides. Once used, it is pervasive in the environment. Residues were recently found in samples of 45 percent of Europe’s topsoils and in the urine of three quarters of German participants. A previous study by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, in analysing glyphosate residue in urine, concluded that 75% of the target group displayed levels that were five times higher than the legal limit for drinking water, and one third of the population showed levels between ten and 42 times higher than what is normally permissible. Glyphosate has been detected in breast milk and in honey samples taken from sites around the world.

Although manufacturers and other advocates say there is no certainty of the biological significance in the presence of the herbicide in people, this is belied by the latest analysis of cancer risks, glyphosate’s action as a registered antibiotic, and findings of its use in agriculture impacting emerging problems with bacteria resistant to antibiotics. See: http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/news/2017/new-research-finds-common-herbicides-cause-antibiotic-resistant.html.

Glyphosate can enter the body through food or drinking water. It can be inhaled through breathing in spray drift. Foraging animals and pets are equally exposed. Glyphosate can disrupt human cellular structure and function, and contribute to uncontrolled cell proliferation (a cancer-like characteristic). The changes brought about in human skin cells by GBH are consistent with the changes that are seen in hepatocellular carcinoma, lung cancer, colorectal cancer, and melanoma.
Very low concentrations of glyphosate have been found to stimulate unhealthy cell growth, while higher concentrations suppressed cell growth. This indicates that the herbicide is a powerful disrupter of the endocrine system. Such disruptions can therefore potentially disrupt all normal human-body-life-processes. The greatest dangers may therefore be found in extremely low concentrations that are measured in parts per trillion, rather than in parts per million.

In one study, glyphosate residue was recorded in 99.6% of 2009 monitored participants. Significant values were found in children and adolescents. This study was the largest of its kind ever carried out.

Links to additional information on glyphosate


Recommendations

PSGR recommends Council refrains from using glyphosate as an herbicide in all places accessible to animals and humans including waterways and where spray drift could pose a risk to people and could damage food crops. Less invasive methods are available.

We can supply further authoritative information on fluoride, genetic engineering and glyphosate-based herbicides if that would be helpful to Council.

Please consider this information and recommendations as a submission by PSGR to your planning development and consultation 2018.
Jean Anderson
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3 Fonseca, 2012, private communication
Dave Hume Swimming Pool Trust

Request for Increased in Annual Operational Grant

The Trust is facing significant annual increases in its operational costs in staffing and chemicals.

### Staffing costs

The increases come from:

1. **An increase, from 2017/18, in staff hours worked.**

   This has arisen from a health and safety risk review, which identified times when two staff, instead of one, should be on duty. This was not because of number of swimmers but the fact that various tasks need to be completed and they left no one watching the swimmers, which is the prime task of staff.

   This review, adopted by the Trust, will cost approximately $8,500 gross in wages per full open season.

   The accrued FTE is 1.9

2. **The increases in the adult minimum wage.**

   The present government has a policy to increase the adult minimum wage (payable from age 16 years) to $20 gross as from 1 April 2021. It currently sits at $15.75/hr and will increase to $16.50/hr from 1 April 2018.

   In order to maintain current relativity, the Trust also looks to increase the non statutory wages by the same dollar amount the statutory wages are increased. The approximate cost of this in 2017/18 (from 1 April 2018) is $750 gross. The Trust will absorb the statutory rate increase made on 1 April 2018 but not subsequent seasons.

3. **The profile of the staff make up.**

   This has changed from two adults and 5-6 local college students (2014-15: 2015-16) to three adults, one university student and 4 local college students.

   The reasons for this are:

   - It allows each shift to have an adult / university student work along side a college student. This is a much better arrangement that having two college students working together, often for 7-8 hours, as it bring maturity, better judgement and more common sense and a lot better focus on the job of observing swimmers.

   - It also allows the manager to share the load of opening the facility and provides a proper back up to him, in the way of other trained adults.

   The approximately cost of this is $3,600 gross a season.

4. **Longer open season**
The normal open season of 26 weeks is, since the 2016/17 season, now 28 weeks. Previously, the season opened half way through the school term holidays in end of Sept, beginning of October.

Now we open at the start of these school holidays so the pools are available to children right through the two week holiday.

The Trust extended the end of the season for one week but only for the 6-9am lane swimming / walking, Aquafit (two sessions a week) and Masters Swimming Club (3 evenings and Sunday mornings). Staff are made available only for the lane swimming and Aquafit sessions.

The approximate increase in staff costs is $3,500 a season. The Trust will absorb other associated costs, such as chemicals and electricity.

Estimated financial impact of the above.

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Note that 2017/18 is an estimate of a full normal years wages (the actual open season will only be 18 weeks due to the painting of the pools being weather delayed until end of November) and incorporates all the changes noted above.

**Chemicals**

**Pool filtration system upgrade**

The main pool filtration system was upgraded, at a cost of approximately $25,000, in 2017.

The upgrade now uses very high quality diatomaceous earth (DE) imported from the USA - it previous used the same material but it was not of the same quality.

The systems also now uses about 1900 kgs of DE a year, as against about 250-300 kgs a year.

The cost increase is about $1800 net a year (GST excluded).

**Admission price increases**

The Trust has increases admission prices over the last two seasons, as shown in the table below.
As part of these, it also standardised the discount rate on all 10 and 20 swim concession tickets to 10% (previously they ranged from 12 to 33%).

The Trust does not believe there is room for any further significant rises in the medium term without it negatively impacting on the accessibility to the facility for children and seniors, especially.

Even with the price increases, the Trust technically had a small deficit for 2016/17, although this was due to a $4000 over charge by Trustpower. The Trust tries to operate on a small operational surplus, which it needs to fund the winterisation programme and start up costs for the following season.

### Summary:

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Note: the 2018/19 increase includes the potential staff cost increase for a full year, from 2017/18, which will flow into 2018/19 and incorporates the effect of the changes mentioned under “Staffing”.

Council’s 10 year financial plan – proposed annual operation grant (starting from $73,300 in 2017/18)

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Peter Allsop
Facility Manager
19 March 2018.
Presented to WBOPDC from Dave Hume Pool Trust

Presented by Barbara Martin and Graeme Thomson

Thank you to council for the opportunity to present our case.

Need to look at two time frames today

Short Term – 2018 to 2023

2017-2018 season
Ends this weekend, short season due to pool being painted.
Lots of compliments, come and visit:
Main and Small pool repainted and pool edges redone
Diving blocks removed
Pool lighting improved
Depth markings on the side of main and small pools installed
Chemical signage on exterior of plant room doors installed
Main pool filtration tank, water testing and disinfection systems updated for compliance
Bulk storage tank installed for disinfection chemicals
New under-seat pool covers installed
New shade covers erected
Perimeter Fencing upgraded to improve security

2018-2019 season
Request for increased annual Operational Grant - refer notes prepared by Facility Manager Peter Allsop.
Risk Analysis – need for two staff not one
Increased Minimum Wage
Staff Profile – one adult/university student with one college student, most productive mix.
Minimal operational expenditure.

Long Term - 2023 and beyond
The Ten Year Vision requires major capital expenditure.
The Dave Hume Pool will be 50 years old in 2023. Currently a well maintained, outdoor heated swimming pool open for six months of the year.

The BOP Spaces and Places Reference Report March 2017 identified that the Bay of Plenty Region has a shortfall of around four standard pools (8 lane by 25m).
The Facility Overview also identified that 53% of current aquatic facilities don’t meet current needs and are not likely to meet the needs of an aging population. Also 25% have physical conditions that affect use – covering/shelter – that prevent maximising the non-peak use of these facilities.

Under the heading Future Investment, there are plans and proposals for local pools:
For Dave Hume Pool – $4.5 million has been proposed for “significant general upgrade, additions, landscaping”
For Te Puke Pool – the same amount has been proposed but for a rebuild in a new location – wouldn't Te Puke be better served by development in city council area Papamoa, Mount.
A NEW AQUATIC FACILITY FOR KATIKATI...

An Aquatic Facility with an indoor heated swimming pool that is open for all 12 months of the year and that will meet the projected needs of all segments of the community. A facility that is sustainable, multi-use and accessible - physically, visibly, affordable and inclusive.

Facility Concept Outline

All Year-round Indoor Aquatic Facility in Katikati to future proof access for 50 years and beyond.

1. **Definition of an Indoor Aquatic Facility for Katikati** – a learner’s pool, 25 m pool, spa, sauna, office, plus rental revenue through a gym, remedial rooms – massage, chiropractor.

2. **Situation with current facility:**
   - Current pool facility built 1973, pool shell has limited life, needing replacement within 10 yrs
   - $350,000 spent in 2017 to bring it up to a reasonable standard
   - Still unsuitable for key swim events; pool fails to meet current code requirements
   - Inadequate access for the community (length of day and length of season)
   - School access creates issues for broader public access!
   - Costs to maintain facilities will escalate with time to ensure future viability
   - Current Board are committed, proactive and innovative
   - Recent survey of pool users endorses an indoor facility with year-round access
   - Pool inadequate for the diverse groups in our community
   - Cannot be cost effectively retrofitted to enable events to be held

3. **Rationale for Aquatic Facility**
   - enable water safety training throughout the year
   - ensure pool use for all sectors of our community
   - year-round coaching
   - year-round access for swimming squads
   - Contribute to tackling health issues in our community including obesity
   - Special interest and school use
   - Meet the needs increasing aging population
   - Meet needs as expressed by patrons in a recent survey which overwhelmingly endorsed an indoor facility
   - Future proof adequate swimming facilities for the region
   - Creating a multi-use facility to cater for a greater sector of our community

4. **Benefits of Aquatic Facility for our community**
   - Access for various groups to all year-round swimming: including surf life savers, aqua fit, masters, schools and special interest groups
   - Access to swimming lessons year-round from babies to seniors
   - Health benefits of swimming for all ages
   - Ensuring community awareness of water safety
   - Increase confidence and self-esteem through fitness programmes – all age groups/segments
   - An aquatic centre denoting excellence in facilities, attracting a diverse cross section of aquatic use
   - Increased social interaction while participating in fun/fitness activities
   - Improved health and fitness for all
Would enable year-round swim related events, attracting visitors to the community
More secure facility to reduce risk of drowning in the event of a break in
One stop training venue will improve fitness for all other sporting groups
Ideally located adjacent to sports fields, rugby club rooms and proposed multi-sport facility
Run annual multi-sports events for local community but also run in conjunction with Katch Katikati to boost tourist numbers to our town
Katikati Masters groups caters for people from Waihi to Tauranga as well as local residents
cater to people from Waihi to Omokoroa
WBOPDC seen to be supporting our community

5. Define population base/current user groups
Projected population growth as supplied by WBOPDC.

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6. The Ashburton Experience – refer appendices
Reflected huge changes in pool patronage with that of a full aquatic centre. Figures show approximately 500% increase in patron numbers. See Appendix 1.

7. Funding/sponsorship etc (access to $500k from WBOPDC)

- Obvious financial commitment from WBOPDC – 50%?
- Page 49 Spaces and Places Reference Report notes response to questions about proposed upgrades: “Dave Hume Pool, Western Bay – approx. $4.5m”
- Process as defined by Sport BOP – see Appendix 2.
- Significant fund raising effort from within the greater community
- This also including business houses through long term sponsorships
- 5 year funding plan to be created and implemented after consultation with Sport BOP. We are meeting with Sport BOP in the next 2 weeks

8. Questionnaire feedback
See Appendix 3. Please note that in response to question 5 there was overwhelming support for an indoor facility.
9. What next?
   - Endorsed by the swimming community, the DHP Trust would like to request that the development of an Indoor Aquatic Facility for Katikati be included in the 10 year plan.
   - We will meet with Sport BOP in the very near future to share our vision and seek guidance about the process as defined in the Spaces and Places Reference Report, March 2017.
   - We request that the $500k funding in the LTP is allocated solely towards this project so that detailed design can be undertaken, updated feasibility report, consents prepared etc – as without these things, there is insufficient material to satisfy external funding agencies.

Thank you

Signed

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Barbara Martin
Chair of the Dave Hume Pool Trust
Hi Graeme,

Graeme prior to the new development our swimming was done at the community swimming pool based at the college where a certain amount of time was allocated to the school. This had issues as we were not allowed to use the pool during given times even if it was not being used. The end result was that people did not bother to come to the facility as they did not know when they would be able to swim.

Since we opened the new facility in May of 2015 the results have been nothing short of amazing, at the old pool we had 10 over 80 people swimming we now have approximately 100 + now coming on a regular basis. When we were at the community pool we had approximately 95,000 people attending on an annual basis. With the new facility we have put through 480,000 this includes the gym and stadium.

The facility has a 25x25 main pool and we have had a number of high profile meets here as our pool is one of the few pools in NZ that meet the FINA regulations with timing equipment and all other requirements.

Our population has 32,000 for the whole district and the town of Ashburton has approximately 16,000. The average visits per head of population for swimming pools is between 5.5 and 6 per year, we currently are doing 12 visits per head of population approximately.

Some in summary if you build the right facility they will come and if you provide the right kind of activities they we keep coming as has been proven by our aquacise programme we currently have 22 classes per week and on average 20 to 25 people in each class. This activity has become a very social as once they finish their class they all go to the café for coffee and a chat this group are in the age range of 55 to 80

Steve

If you need more let me know

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DDI 03 3077864 M 0278362711
Full Facility Investment Decision Making Process

Facility Concept Outline (Prepared by proponent/s)

Amend Concept Outline

Stakeholders (Predominantly Level 1 criteria considered)

Optimise Concept

Preliminary Feasibility Assessment

Stop

Not Supported by Key Implementers

Detailed Feasibility Assessment

Optimise Concept

Stakeholders (Level 1 & 2 criteria considered)

Proceed

Not Supported by Key Implementers

Stakeholders (Level 1 & 2 criteria considered in greater detail)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Optimise Concept

Proceed

Not Supported by Key Implementers

Detailed Business Case

Optimise Concept

Proceed

Not Supported by Key Implementers

Negotiate Partner & Funding Agreement/s

Optimise Concept

Proceed

Not Supported by Key Implementers

Detailed Design & Procurement

Option to Advance MOU

Note:
Stakeholders may include the likes of Local Authorities, Sport Bay of Plenty, Department of Conservation, Community Funders, SNZ, RSO, NSO, Schools, and MOE.
Dave Hume Pool – Customer Survey February 2018

97 responses as at mid day on Monday 12 Feb

Question 1: How would you rate the service you receive from the staff at the pools?

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Question 2: How would you rate the overall cleanliness and tidiness at the pool?

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Question 3: How would you rate the value for money the pool offers?

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Question 4: What, if any, further improvements would you like to see at the pool?

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<td>A higher temperature isn’t desired by lane swimmers, especially at 6pm</td>
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<td>Under cover, so it can be used all year</td>
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<td>More showers and toilets even though there is now an additional shower.</td>
<td>No room in the present space</td>
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<td>Indoor pool for the winter time please</td>
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<td>Maybe more equipment for kids to play on or with over school holiday holiday times</td>
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<td>I would like a pool which can be used year round.</td>
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<td>Covered - either this pool or another to allow year round swimming.</td>
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<td>Can’t thank no of any at this stage</td>
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<td>All year round swimming and times allotted for KK Homeschoolers- a problem that has been for years.</td>
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<td>To be completely covered in so it can be used all year round</td>
<td>Looked at but too costly</td>
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<td>I reckon it would be cool if we placed a divider in the middle of the 33m pool making it 25m</td>
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<td>All year round</td>
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<td>Make the pool inclosed so it can be used over the winter</td>
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<td>Extended opening in the evenings til 8 ish for lane swimming?</td>
<td>Masters already use it from 6-8 on three evenings and the other two evenings are used from 6-7 by surf club and learn to swim</td>
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<td>More swimming lanes and marked as fast slow and walk .</td>
<td>Not really practical</td>
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<td>More play equipment for kids (floats, noodles etc)</td>
<td>Floats and noodles get damage quickly by kids and bits of polystyrene end up floating around. Kids can bring their own</td>
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<td>It’s a lovely clean pool love be able to use it when I am there on holiday</td>
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<td>I would like to see the pools transition to being covered and heated for all year round use.</td>
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<td>I’d like the pool to be open year round. Open air is fine</td>
<td>Not practical as lane ropes have to be placed / removed a number of times a day.</td>
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<td>Bigger lane dividers; open in winter;</td>
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<td>A swim lane available throughout the whole day for lane swimmers</td>
<td>One or two lanes are nearly always available unless the pool gets really too busy with kids</td>
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<td>Continue to maintain it to the current high standard until it is feasible to upgrade to an all year round pool.</td>
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<td>More covered/shaded areas for spectators.</td>
<td>Not feasible. The current shaded areas are probably the maximum we could reasonably provide. Some patrons like the sun as well.</td>
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<td>Covered for winter use. More lane swimming.</td>
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<td>Extra ladders to get in and out</td>
<td>There is one at each end already</td>
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<td>All year use if it is roofed over</td>
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<td>none spring to mind</td>
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<td>Indoor pool</td>
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<td>Should have an indoor pool so people can go swimming all year round and do swimming lessons</td>
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<td>Would like to see the pool made a bit deeper - especially for lane swimming.</td>
<td>Not practical with the current pool and increasing the depth doesn’t suit other users, like the elderly, walkers and children. The pool has been the current depth for almost 50 yrs and suits</td>
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<td>A slightly longer season would be super!</td>
<td>Not feasible due to cost and low patronage at either end of current season</td>
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<td>Maybe a slide and a bit more deeper</td>
<td>Not practical as there is no where to put a permanent slide. See other comment about depth</td>
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<td>Everything is ok for me.</td>
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<td>The improvements made to the female changing room are great, but a further improvement would be the provision of a centrifuge device to spin water out of wet togs.</td>
<td>Not desirable with such a high number of children using the facilities and what wrong with hand ringing them.</td>
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<td>All year usage - spring, autumn, winter removable coverage</td>
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<td>Would like to see the pool open all though out the year for squad and masters to train instead of all of us going elsewhere Katikati could be benefit from this hugely.</td>
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<td>Covered so we can swim all year.</td>
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<td>Extend the season to 8 months Sept - April</td>
<td>Again, it's cost and low patronage</td>
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<td>A tidy pool inside and out. I will be pleased to have the disability parks back as i had a long way to walk on Saturday. So pleased that aqua fit is back up and running. The yellow mesh for the mobility scooters is great but a walking stick may get stuck in the little squares. Not a complaint, Just a thought.</td>
<td>A solid surface was thought to potentially be a slip problem.</td>
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<td>A longer opening season. Aquafit classes not being cancelled for other pool users.</td>
<td>Aquafit do pretty well and it's only one day in their season that they've had to cancel because the Northern Cluster swim sports have had to use a Tuesday in previous seasons. This year they have moved to a Wednesday or Thursday.</td>
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<td>-Would like to see pool divided so it's a 25 m length pool, similar to Greerton. -cover over the pool to extend season!</td>
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<td>A motorised pool cover would be helpful. Two big covers to pull on at the end of masters swimming .needs 4 people to make it comfortable. Needs 2 men at least. so really difficult next to impossible if women were left to do it. If we have to put them on at least the machine could be out and set-up in advance.</td>
<td>The electric winder is very simple to use and it's what should be used. Masters seem intent on not using it. Happy to show them again, how to but no guarantee those who need to know will be there</td>
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<td>I would like all round use of all seasons please and covered for winter use</td>
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<td>Opening times of 11am are too late in the summer. Closing between 9-11am week says means that you cannot get kids off to school and then go for a swim :/ Having a couple of swim lanes open all day would allow for consistency of availability for swimmers and hopefully more regular swimmers.</td>
<td>During school terms, the availability of public swim times is governed by when the schools use the pool. Where there is at least a 40 minute slot for the public, we will be open, provided it also doesn't mean staff having to sit around for hours while the schools use the pool in between public slots. During school terms, we now don't routinely close from 9-11. The exception was on 5,7 and 8 Feb this year. We will revert to closing 9-11am in late March when schools no longer use the pool. We do this to save staff costs where patronage is very likely to be low over the week in this time slot. However, if the board feels we should be open regardless, then we can.</td>
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<td>We encourage you to enclose the pool so it can become an all year facility. The current season is too short for our children to learn and practice critical swim skills.</td>
<td>The pool is open from 9am on Saturdays for Aquafit (who come in from 8.45am) and then the surf club at 10.15am. Saturday morning is the only window we have to use the robot cleaner in the main pool. It needs at least 4 hrs and is put into the pool at 4.30am and taken out at 8.15am, so we couldn't open sooner anyway. On Sunday, Masters use the pool from 8-10am. We open at 11 am for consistency with Saturday and public holidays. We could open at 10am on</td>
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I believe the pool needs to be covered so that it can be used all year round. This is essential for the future of swimming in our community. We have a large number of young people who go through to Tauranga when the pool is closed for swimming and this could stay in our community.

Opened in the mornings over the weekend for lane swimming like it is during the week. This would help those that do triathlon training and people who commute out of town during the week and can only use the facilities in the weekend.

Open all year round

Be great if we could swim all year round. But I understand that would be a huge cost.

Have bouncy slide available more often. Pool slightly warmer in shoulder seasons (solar heating option?) Have more pool toys (tubes, floatie-boards etc)

Use of the bouncy castle is very dependent upon weather as per rain and wind (as it uses an electric blower). It isn’t used outside of the summer holidays as it isn’t really a major drawcard to the pool and an extra staff member is needed to operate it.

Roof and ramp at main pool.

It would’ve be great to have a roof over the main pool so that the pool could be used all year around. I use the AquaFit classes for fitness but have no access over the winter months & have to travel out of Katikati to keep up classes.

Question 5: Looking into the future, would you prefer Katikati to have an indoor pool (available all year round) or an outdoor pool (available for half a year)?

71 RESPONSES

Both would be good, because having it outside in the summer is fantastic, but not having it to use from April until October is terrible.

Cover all year round

All year round

Indoor pool would fabulous for everyone to use all year..people want their exercise regime to continue 12 months. Please please

Yes an indoor pool would be great for the Katikati community

Indoor

Indoor - definitely

Indoor all year round

Indoor pool would be the best

Indoor all year would be wonderful

Definitely an all year round pool as there are no swimming pools open in winter from Thames to Greerton.

Indoor pool of course.

Indoor

Indoor all year round

Love the outdoor pool but in reality an indoor all year round would be much better.

Indoor for all year round please

Outdoor

Indoor pool all year round

Indoor
A pool available all year round would be awesome! Although the pool is lovely outside in the warm weather - isn’t it possible to combine both on the same site?

I would like another, covered in pool in addition to the outside pool which runs during summer. Wide catchment area warrants a pool for health and fitness for the whole calendar year.

Yes this would help Katikati as a great place for kids to lean all year around and not just a short time over summer.

indoor pool

We would love an indoor pool!

An outdoor pool available for 8 months of the year, ie. Oct to May. The pool closes far too early and could be used for another couple of months as generally the weather is still warm enough to swim.

Indoor would be fab

Definitely indoor

Out door pool available all year. Maybe just mornings and evening sessions for the public plus bookings for clubs and schools. It’s warm enough here with the heated pool :-)

Indoor all year round with an outdoor pool too! Best of both worlds.

Indoor because of the WHOLE year. However even better would be an indoor and and outdoor option at the same place so you can still swim outdoor in summer eg. Papakura pools

A year round pool would be great.

All year round (subject to funding being available)

Indoor all year round

Definately an indoor pool so we can swim year round

Covered as more versatile and a great asset all year round.

Half a Year definitely

Yes. All year round use if enclosed

both - love the outdoor pool in summer. Indoor would be nice for winter but would prefer half year to losing the outdoor pool

Indoor all year

Indoor pool

Indoor

I would like a deeper pool. Hard doing aquatic in shallow water

Indoor for all year round swimming of course although ideally both!

indoor pool

I guess an indoor pool all year round is best

I love swimming in the outdoor pool and much prefer this over having an indoor pool.

as 4 above - maybe roof cover & removable sides?? all yr would be great

Really look forward to having a pool available all year round!

Indoor pool would be prefered but the existing pool could be opened all year as well to raise funds for an indoor pool.

Indoor all year use. I love swimming outside but would forgo that to have use of the pool all year!

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Indoor all year use. I love swimming outside but would forgo that to have use of the pool all year!

Indoor pool. The community (from Waihi to Omokoroa) has a growing number of children that need to learn to swim. Aqua aerobics, swim squads and masters would all benefit from an indoor pool.

Yes I would love to be able to swim all the time

Would definitely utilise a pool ALL YEAR ROUND if available!!

Indoor pool and deeper. One adjusts anyway.

indoor

Indoor pool would be fantastic!

Indoor pool
Indoor pool with good ventilation all year round.
I'm happy with an outdoor pool.
indoor open all year round
Yes. Believe we need to have swimming lessons here too.
Indoor pool
Definitely indoor all year round
Indoor pool all year round.
Most definitely an indoor pool available all year round
Indoor Pool. Yes yes yes!!!
How about trial the outdoor all year round to start with
?? yes I think this is a great idea. However I hope this does not mean ratepayers have to foot this bill. We already pay greatly for not a lot.
Indoor pool with large opening doors all along sides so still possible to sit on grass and out in fresh air whilst enjoying the pool environment.
Pool available for use all year round.
Indoor

Question 6: Any general comments?

41 RESPONSES

There should always be at least a lane or two open to the public at all times.
Improvements are great but would use all year if it had a cover like thames
The current pool is not deep enough for effective acqa exercise. Really hard to work the legs.
Not many pools around, so let's get this one put indoors pls
It seems to me that the pools are under utilized even though it is a great facility. It would be great to be able to come to Aqua Fit all year round.
A couple more lanes for when surf club use the pool
We all love our swimming and it is a great value to have a indoor pool in Katikati. Many kids who needs training has to travel to Tauranga at this point..
I've only been in Katikati for a couple of months and my grandies have lived the pools often when visiting..
The WBOP is in need of a pool which can be used year round. One which can be used for swimming carnivals, 25 metres and deep enough for starting blocks. The population of the area will continue to grow and a new pool will be used by many groups and ages.
I've been going to the Dave Hume pool since 1978 and now my 5 children have been and are still going, but the schools over the last so many years have grown and multiplied and so have monopolized it.
Great staff
Our family appreciate the improvements made recently to the pool, modernised and fresh. Thank you
I think any indoor pool should be built on the same site as the present pool
Love the new ablution facilities. Way overdue and very much appreciated.
Use the facilities when we are there on holiday and it's a beautiful complex
The coating round the outside of the pool is incredibly rough and anyone who slips is doing a lot of damage to their skin.And their swimwear if you try and get out on the side of the pool!
Thank you for all your hard work :)
Thanks to all the staff.
Excellent facility. Thank you to all the pool staff and committe.
Looks very nice after the repaint of the pool areas
Love new changing room facilities
Pool, facilities, new. Showers etc are good. Would prefer deeper pool.
A very well managed facility, thank you!
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<td>The pool and associated facilities are a great asset to Katikati. Thanks to all those that contribute to its great presentation.</td>
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<td>Special thanks to the college age staff - they have been amazing with my kids</td>
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<td>Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Love the pools</td>
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<td>My family regularly use indoor pools year round as my children are squad swimmers in Tauranga. It would be great if the opportunity to swim year round in Kati were available. As an adult, I would also use the pool year round. The recent refurb is fantastic and is maintained to a high standard, and makes using the facilities a pleasure. Staff are always friendly and helpful.</td>
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<td>Wonderful to have the pool heated and well run in our community. Thank you for your hard work. Kate runs awesome Aquafit sessions which appeal to wide range of ages so it would be so beneficial in lots of ways to have an extended season or even better an indoor pool open all year!</td>
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<td>Showers now they are in place work well.</td>
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<td>another time for lane jogging and lane walking during the day if possible</td>
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<td>As a family it is cheaper to buy concession passes rather than a seasonal pass</td>
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<td>We enjoy the improvements made over the winter, it was unfortunately the weather delays (beyond your control) delayed opening so late. An indoor pool would fix this!</td>
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<td>Great service, great team and great pool which has really helped getting back into the pool again after a 14 year break. Like to do it all year round though.</td>
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<td>Nice place to come and relax with the kids. Friendly staff, clean and tidy. Well done.</td>
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<td>Hours would suit elderly users better if open 6-10 and closed 10-12.</td>
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Policy and Planning Manager
Western Bay of Plenty Private Bag 12400
TAURANGA 3143

Dear Emily,

Thank you for your letter (un-dated) concerning the above, received at my rental address on 29-03-2018.

I am relatively a “New Chum” to this Beautiful area and consider the long term plan a credit to the team involved.

Hereunder are some thoughts and observations which may be of some reference:

1. WALKS & CYCLING - Excellent but on the basis of a Fee for Tream Maintenance. Not a ‘Free-bee’.

2. MUSEUM - Area History - Entry Charge or Donations

3. ARTS & CRAFTS - Encouragement, plus a SPAC’ed Venue for You displaying and say 10% to Council.

4. COUNCIL DEBT - Au Income from all aspects.

5. DISTRICT GROWTH - Not easy but the area has wonderful potential.
   - Good Camping areas - Reasonable Fee - Solar Heated Shower Systems - Coin Operated 5 Minutes. MAYTAG Washing Machines - Coin Operated. Composting Toilets.
   - Kayaks to Rent for Rivers. RIVER TOURS on Tauranga River Up Stream. Gold PANNING.
   - House Boats All good Income earners.

Portable Self Ship Containers Flats cum Living.
Assisted Prefabricated Portable Housing - Own Build.
6/ RUBBISH COLLECTION DISPOSAL

Incinerate as much as possible, utilising heat to raise steam to operate electricity generator for Council needs. Excess Power return to the grid system for credit.

FILTER the Fumes.

Volcanic emit massive pollution in contrast. All glass bottles return to Brewer or other problem back to liquor outlets with 5c-15c return, an attractive money-earner for boys/girls. Basic arrangements via the manufacturers.

Plastic bags banned - No longer produced. Use strong - brown paper bags.

7/ RATES & PAY RISES

Not a popular subject.

However, the Rates is Public Money. Any proposed Pay Rises should be exercised via the rate payers decisions - Not Council. Many House Owners are Pensioners, no earning capacity.

Enough for the moment, the situation is never an easy one, but simplicity is always best.
I hope the above can be of some assistance.

I remain yours truly,

[Signature]

Capt. C W Thompson M.N.  
Master Mariner (R.E.) L.D.N.  
Hydrographic Surveyor, L.D.N.

P.S. Please excuse Writing. At the moment I have no access to Computer Typing.

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Then, that changed to a 3 year ONLY contribution, the Katikati Ward ratepayers being the major contributors

Now I am asked to continue contributing rates to fund a $70,000 annual grant to maintain a facility that

# has not proved its self sustainability after 3 years

# attracts only a monthly average of ...

132 walk-ins
50 students
20 other groups

# that has not been embraced or supported by the Katikati Community at large

SUGGESTION:

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I have been a member of the Katikati Boating club for 45 years and a harbour warden for the last 20 yrs.

The K.K.B.C. has a proposal for the Beach road ramp that will benefit the whole community by:
- doubling the width of the existing ramp
- increasing the length of usable beach by 50m.
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The club has the means of paying for much of this work and so we would like to be included in any talks regarding northern harbour infrastructure.

Don Wallis
021 250 1100

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There is an alarming amount of erosion opposite the old green shed just downstream of the S.H2 Bridge. It urgently needs rock walling before the flood bank is threatened.

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WBOPDC Long Term Plan options for Katch Katikati.

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We have been working with Council since 2013 to develop more walk and cycleways around our town. Small towns that have good cycleways boom in business as a result. As I have said before we are being book ended. It will be a while before we link to Waihi Beach or Omokoroa but if we can develop good safe routes that are mainly off the road we will encourage visitors to Katikati and give locals a safe place to exercise and commute.

Since starting on this in 2013 we have made slow progress, we see this is mainly due to Council having a focus in areas other than Katikati. If we can increase the funding it has the potential to allow them to also put a focus on trails in Katikati.

We would like to see more than the proposed $105,000 that they suggest and increase the funding to an additional $500,000 per year and have a focus on the Katikati area.

2. Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum – Option 2 support through district wide rates.

We know that the Museum is a huge asset to Katikati. With the focus on taking exhibitions out of Katikati and across the district it serves as an asset to the district.

Tourism Bay Of Plenty has recognised the facility as an international ready product which means that it is a high standard of product that we can be proud of and sell to the international and cruise markets. Locally we can package it with Mural Tours and other regional attractions to promote to the domestic tourist.

The recognition received from Te Papa in support of the Museum facility is a value that cannot be bought. The standard to the exhibitions held at the Museum is that of an equal to Te Papa standards.

The school programme and international students who utilise the facilities receive an experience that is unique and educational.

We feel the level of funding that they are requesting is minimal in return to the vision, value and long term benefits that they bring to the community and district.

We would propose to make an amendment to option 2 and suggest that the Museum does not have to go through ongoing reviews for ongoing funding. This would enable them to have security to continue with business as usual.

3. Proposal for funding arts and culture – Option 3 provide additional funding to enable full implementation of identified key actions of the arts and culture strategy.

With the investment already from Council for Creative BOP complete the Arts and Culture strategy there seems little point to not have the capability to implement it.

We support increasing their funding to allow them to deliver on their 5 key actions in the arts strategy. (Children participating in the arts, increasing Maori participation, advocating
for the value of Maori art, culture and language, monitor and report on the Arts and Culture implementation plan, development of the investment framework for the creative sector.

They say and we agree that Arts and Culture can put our small towns on the map and that won’t happen by accident, it will only happen by design.

We do question the funding proposed for The Incubator. Although The Incubator do a great job we believe that the majority of their participants would mainly be Tauranga residents. In Katikati we have Katikati Open-Air Art who are our local arts “go to” people. With the new Creative Arts Centre due to open in Katikati they will be in the position to be able to run workshops etc like The Incubator and will be more accessible be able to cater to Katikati and surrounding residents. Therefore we would propose that a percentage of what The Incubator is asking for be split between them and Katikati Open-Air Art, or that additional funding be directed to the new local Katikati Arts Collective.

Just on this category of Building Communities, we note that there is a budgeted figure for boat ramps, but we do have concerns over the amount of $12m. We do question this level of investment v’s the number of users. Especially considering the majority of recreational users who like to walk, run or cycle.

General:

We are excited to have just employed an events coordinator for Katch Katikati. This enables the organisation to be more strategic in our approach and to ensure the community is self contained and sustainable. Feedback from our aging population is that they don’t want to travel into Tauranga on the busy roads. We need to develop and build facilities in the community that make us destinalional and desirable. And facilities that will cater to our local demographic. We feel that Council need to consider investing more into promotions and community development and that will organically grow into economic development.

To help this we have the

Creative Arts Centre – This is the current Library and Council Offices. Along with information and promotional opportunities, we are hugely excited to be taking the lead tenancy of this facility. We plan in produce the WOW factor from an information centre perspective. We will have a revolving exhibition space available for local and national artists to exhibit. We will create a space for the performing arts – with both stage and also cinema facilities. This has the support of 24 local groups and many individuals keen to utilise the facility. We have had discussions with key funding partners (Tect, Bay Trust and Lotteries) and planning is getting well underway.

Additional recreational facilities include

The Uretara Jetty Project and the The Lake Uretara Project – Katch Katikati supports these projects and we obviously see them as a key asset to our town. We will be doing our best to support these to completion.

I have already spoken about the importance of walk and cycleways. The other amazing opportunity for us is the development of the Recreational Reserve in Katikati. I am not sure how familiar you on this. This is the forestry block between Thompssons Track and Lund Road. We are about to sign off
on a MOU with Council to oversee the implementation of mountain bike tracks, bridal tracks, walking tracks. There is potential for a dedicated dog exercise area, picnic spots and restoration of the native bush and stream area. And looking a bit further ahead in time, the change of Thompsons Track from road to recreational reserve and enabling the development of a trail that links WBOP to Matamata – Piako and the Hauraki Rail Trail. Think then of the economic benefit to Katikati!

Pre and post bypass.......

Well let's focus on the pre bypass plan for now. We have put off for too long main street beautification programmes that will make the street more inviting for retail shopping. We cannot wait for the bypass to happen. We need to address now the look and feel of the street and encourage the village atmosphere as much as possible. With the new Library and Centre nearing completion we will have a new Heart to the Town. We cannot afford to let the town centre development stop there.

So.....

We are submitting to Council to increase our funding by $25k a year. This would take our service delivery contract to $88k pa. I have asked often about the total rate take from the Katikati Ward to Promotions and my understanding is that it is a set gross figure and that as ratepayers increase, the individual cost to ratepayers decreases.

We propose that there is a fixed rated amount that does not change with the increase of ratepayers. This year the rate is $7.35 if we can set that at $8.00 per rate payer then we will always be in a position to increase funding to reflect the population growth. According to Statistics NZ there are 3882 properties in Katikati that would be rate payers. There are 519 business locations and if we assume that 50% of these are in commercial zone at currently pay $230pa for promotions, there would be ample ongoing funding collected to assist the promotion and development of Katikati.

Currently 50% of our income comes from our council service delivery contract.

So I hope that you can see from this that the addition funding support can and would go a long way in increasing some vital facilities in Katikati that would benefit all walks of life.

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LTP Page 5 – 03 – Protecting our environment and resources – Refer to p15

The Issue – Water as an Environmental Resource requiring protection – Waiairi Stream
It is my view that very significant decisions affecting Water quantity quality and allocation of Water resources will be made if not now then certainly within the next 3 years. – Te Puke Treated Sewage Scheme – Rangiuru AFFCo – Pukenpine. We need to protect our own water resources for our own districts’ and ratepayers use we should not serve as a puppet water supplier to our neighbouring local authorities. I specifically refer to the Waiairi stream allocation and the need for Council to revoke or rescind previous Councils’ decisions allocating our water resources to another local authority for their primary use and benefit without proper safeguards for our own future needs.

Action1:
The LTP must be much stronger and more proactive in its intention of preserving and protecting our environment and resources for the better use by our ratepayers and that all such resources need to be retained for our own industrial commercial and residential development such as the Rangiuru Park Metroplex which is exciting and job creating in the eastern part of our district.

LTP Page 5 – 04 – Building Communities – Refer to p19

The Issue – Marae Papakainga & Special Housing Areas for Whanau
Housing is a major issue affecting whanau maori in our district. We need better definition of Marae and appropriate areas designated which will allow for Housing within the areas of marae so that Special Housing Areas might be established on Papakainga lands. The costs of house building and infrastructural costs are the main obstruction to the development of these SHA areas

Action2:
The LTP should be amended to make better provision for the identification and establishment of Marae Papakainga Special Housing Areas to enable our whanau to be able to build homes of suitable standard and quality. Greater reference should be made in the LTP of Maori Housing Areas
The Issue – Building Communities – The addition of "Recreational activities"
Recreational activities are a very important part of the lifestyle of our whole district. It is in fact one of its major assets and yet there is no reference under “Building Communities” to Recreational Activities. I believe that some appropriate reference needs to be made as Arts Culture and Heritage are already mentioned.

Action 3:
I would ask that the LTP be amended to include some good reference to Recreational activities and that the LTP be amended to ensure that the Council proactively develops and supports recreational policies within our district – Reserves Parks Sports Field Marinas and the like.

LTP Page 5 – 05 – Managing our finances – Refer to p24
The Issue – Rates and the level of current Indebtedness of Council
In the course of the last election process it was revealed that this Council is one of the heaviest debt laden Councils in the country. I found this revelation quite startling bearing in mind the known level of debt incurred by our neighbouring Councils. I have been unable to verify the substance of this statement but I have seen no retraction as to its veracity by Council so assume that this is the case.

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LTP Page 8 – the pace of Change
The Issue – Omokoroa projected Growth
There is no reference to the Kaimai ward which is an important ratepayer base – but I accept is not a population centre. However I find the Omokoroa projection - 76% Growth – as astonishing when there is nothing currently to indicate the popularity of Omokoroa rising in size as a future population base of a size similar to Katikati township. I challenge this level of projection. It is principally a retirement area not a population growth area from an industrial commercial or residential perspective.

Action 5:
The projected Omokoroa growth rate of 76% should be reviewed and perhaps should be more related to the census statistics. On the other hand I believe that the projected Te Puke rate of growth – 7% - is relatively low and there is absolutely no reference to Paengaroa as an area experiencing incredible residential growth. With the completion of the new Eastern Arterial route I believe this growth should be encouraged and directed to east of the district – Paengaroa and Rangirua. The LTP should not be used to justify social and infrastructural investment in any areas which may not justify such investment.
LTP Page 9 – Planning for growth
The Issue – Rangiora Business Park – Metroplex – Paengaroa – Eastern Arterial Route
The LTP makes no reference to this major development within the eastern boundaries of Council at Paengaroa. No realistic planning for growth strategy in this area can be undertaken with reference to the Rangiora Business Park – Metroplex and the associated infrastructure and residential areas being set associated to this development.

Action 6:
The LTP should make much more specific reference to this development and should be much more encouraging and supportive of such development. The spinoffs to the local whanau and hapu from the proper development of the business part including employment are matters the Council should take into account in its LTP.

LTP Page 9 – Enabling the housing our Community needs
The Issue – Special Maori Housing Areas – Maori Land Utilisation – Marae Papakainga
The LTP makes some reference to developing such Special Maori Areas but needs to be much more proactive in terms of where and how it intends to identify such areas. The Housing Action Plan will be a good start however the Maori Special Housing Areas will inevitably be located in areas close to marae or other maori population bases. A special Maori Housing Area Action plan will need to be implemented because of the special issues that may pertain to such areas. The first issue is to identify areas where such Special Maori Housing Areas might be located and the infrastructural costs associated.

Action 7:
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LTP Page 12 – Getting Around
This is a new responsibility being undertaken by Council consequent upon the completion of the Eastern Arterial Route. There is no specific reference in the LTP on the additional fiscal responsibility that the maintenance of this highway will impose upon the Ratepayers. The $35 million figure mentioned relates only to existing maintenance and the LTP should clearly set out the anticipated annual maintenance costs that this additional liability will incur. Park and ride facilities should now start from Paengaroa and should be extended to include a possible Railcar connection from Paengaroa to Te Puke to Mount Bayfair to Tauranga CBD return.

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LTP Page 13 – Proposal for walking and cycling
The Issue – Cycle way – Waitangi – Maketu – Paengaroa
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The Issue – Protection of our resources. The key word is OUR resources including water. Council is not taking sufficient steps to protect our resources when one looks at the Waiari Stream. The resource consent to extract water granted unto the Tauranga District Council is an act of gross incompetent and misappropriation of our resources for the benefit of another. The Waiari Stream is a Taonga yet it is abused at the Kaituna River end as an appropriate Te Puke Treated Effluent discharge point into the Waiari and then into the Kaituna Awa and thence into Te Awa o Ngatoroirangi at the Maketu estuary whilst at the top end of the purest water of Waiari stream is being abused to extract water for the residential development of Papamoa – the neighbouring Tauranga district without any reservations or conditions attaching and without any acknowledgement of the rights and interests of Te Arawa and Tapuika in terms of the rights and interests of maori in that water.

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- **Option 1** Continue with current approach of contributing $2.5 million a year from rates to interest and debt repayments.
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Please provide any detailed comments, with the appropriate question number, below. You can attach extra pages if needed.

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  - Indian
  - Prefer not to say
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  Kaimai (Omokoroa)
2 May 2018

Dear Sir, madam,

I would like to make a submission under the Growth Strategy proposed in the 10 year annual plan. On the 15th of January 2017 I wrote to Mr Chris Watt requesting information on a zoning change for LOT 2 DPS 23052 NLK VI TE TUMU SD (see Appendix A).

Mr Watts reply was received “File P/1549/541”

We asked Stratum consultants of Te Puke about doing a request for zoning change.

The cost of a request for getting a zoning change would be too substantial, with no guarantee for success, and Stratum suggested making a request for zoning change to the council when the 10 year plan was to be considered.

This is a formal request to change the zoning for LOT 2 DPS 23052 NLK VI TE TUMU SD from rural/Residential zoning to residential zoning.

The rationale for this change is:

1. This will make the property consistent with bordering properties in Town Point Road and Rauporoa Roads
2. Maketu has the potential to be a high growth area for Western BOP due to the desirability of sections with elevated sea views in the future so it is consistent with the growth strategy in the 10 year plan.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter

Yours sincerely

John and Hannah van der Vegte
Appendix A: Letter to Chris Watt regarding zoning change for LOT 2 DPS 23052 NLK VI TE TUMU SD and his replay

15-01-2017
Dear Mr Watt

Re: REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE LOT 2 DPS 23052 NLK VI TE TUMU SD

Our property in which we have been living since 1970, is zoned “Rural Residential”. It is private land and occupies an area of 1.0768 Ha. The valuation reference is 0693004202. The legal description is LOT 2 DPS 23052 NLK VI TE TUMU SD.

I would like to know what the process and costs are of doing this. The surrounding properties are zoned Residential so I do not anticipate this will be an issue. We want to do it so if our children wanted a section to build a house on, that could be done.

I can contact the owners of No 45 and 47 to gain their permission to change the land designation to Residential as well if this is required

Regards

John and Hannah van der Vegte
57 Townpoint Road
Postal Centre MAKETU
3189
Have your say on the future of your District

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We appreciate you taking the time to let us know what you think about our draft Long Term Plan. Once you've submitted your feedback we will let you know we've received it. Visit www.haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz to make a submission online. Otherwise fill out this feedback form and drop it off at one of our offices. Please note: All the information you provide in your feedback form (including personal details) will become public documents.

All written feedback must be received by 4pm Friday, 4 May 2018

For photocopying purposes, please write clearly using a black pen.

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Organisation (if applicable):
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Home phone: 07 856 4937 Mobile: 021 31 03 73
Email: pkb@waikate.ac.nz
Signature: Date: 1 May 2018

1. Proposals for walking and cycling (See page 13)

We want to continue with the good work that's been achieved so far. We're proposing to increase the funding provided year on year to build walkways and cycleways, so that more can be delivered, faster. This will support the development of the District-wide network.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - Increasing funding to do more, faster. This will enable us to complete more of the network over the next 10 years.

2. Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum (See page 21)

The museum has requested a further grant of $70,000 a year for the next three years. The grant will be used specifically for the role of the museum curator, and for the storage costs for the collection.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option ensures the museum will continue to operate and ensures our heritage collection is protected.

Continued on the reverse of this form

Privacy Act 1993: This form and the details of your submission will be publicly available as part of the decision-making process.
3. Proposal for funding arts and culture (See page 22)

Council has recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. This provides a framework to grow and support arts and culture in our communities, to bring social, economic and cultural benefits.

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I enclose an attachment with comments relating to the whole plan, and also specifically to:

Q1. The pace of change (p8-9)
Q2. Walking & cycling (p13)
Q3. Arts & culture (p23)

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Waihi Beach
Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose three documents relating to my submission on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s 10 Year Plan 2018-28.

These are:

1. Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Long Term Plan, Feedback Form, 1 May 2018.

Please note that while I have responded to all the questions in the Feedback Form, my main comments are in No 2: Submission, and relate to the whole Plan in general, and specifically to:

- The pace of change ([8-9)
- Q1, Walking and cycling (p13)
- Q3, Arts and Culture (p23).

I also enclose a copy of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2018-2021, which was formally supported by the Hamilton City Council, February 2018, and subsequently sent to the World Health Organisation for Hamilton to be considered a member of the Global Network of Age Friendly Cities. We await their deliberation.

Sincerely,

Emeritus Professor Dame Peggy Koopman-Boyden DNZM

47 Malcolm Street, Hamilton 3216, and 21 Pacific Road, Waihi Beach 3611.

Phone: 07 856 4937 and 021 31 03 73
Email: pkb@waikato.ac.nz
I wish to make a submission as a Waihi Beach property owner and rate payer. I have read the Long Term Plan 2028-2028 Consultation Document in detail, and while my comments largely relate to Waihi Beach, they are also relevant to the wider region. I also mentioned my concerns to several Councillors and Council staff at the very useful Waihi Beach discussion session, Saturday 28 April.

The chosen logo “It’s steady as we grow,” ably represents the central issue for the Council, but I would suggest that a long term plan requires attention to the different sub-populations building that growth. I wish to focus on two such subcategories of population growth (growth in the number of older people; and in the number of visitors/tourists), and consider the implications for future Council infrastructural attention.

These two different populations will undoubtedly have different needs, but the challenge for the Council is to provide facilities and services of “universal design” (being a design that is suitable for everyone), so that multiple facilities do not have to be built.

GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF OLDER PEOPLE

The Council will be familiar with the increasing number of older people already living in Waihi Beach (and who will live longer than previous cohorts), along with those who are choosing to retire in Waihi Beach. These older people will build further the Silver Economy, and in planning for the next Ten Years, I would expect the Council to provide:

(i) Better transport – not just “walking and cycling” (see page 13), but specifically more footpaths (also for assisted walking), e-bike pathways, along with “public transport” in the form of uber-regulated local drivers, and licences for Miss Daisy style “taxi-transport”.

(ii) Better community facilities – recent international research shows that loneliness for older people is a killer! i.e. those who are lonely, socially isolated, or living alone, die earlier than their married/partnered friends/family.

Local efforts to provide friendship opportunities for older Waihi Beach residents have been very successful in the last 2-3 years - the monthly Focus Group meetings regularly attract a hundred older residents, while The Friends’ Place supports older people through friendship and activities at daily sessions. The success of The Friend’s Place is largely due to the voluntary work of the Co-ordinator, Trudy van Stee, and her team of volunteers, along with the availability of the Waihi Beach Community Centre and the support of local businesses.

Given such success, it is time that the Council provided leadership through better financial and staffing support to ensure such strongly community based meeting places continue. Over the next ten years, such facilities will become the main friendship and activity centres for older people, living in their own homes (often alone), rather than having the older people more expensively housed in alternative or retirement housing (see iii). To ensure the sustainability of The Friends’ Place, an operational budget ($70,000?) for each of three years, should be included in the LTP budget.

(iii) Alternative housing

The Council should also continue to support existing social housing for older people - an increasing number, living longer, in rented accommodation, and having difficulties living on a fixed income. The Council should also facilitate at Waihi Beach (and the wider
Finally, focussed planning is required as the community of Waihi Beach continues to grow older (also Katikati and Omokoroa). The Council needs a budget allocation in the Long Term Plan for an older persons’ community engagement project.

GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF VISITORS/TOURISTS

In future the numbers of visitors/tourists who visit Waihi Beach are likely to vary, but they will grow the local economy.....and need infrastructural support from the Council. Again, with the larger numbers in this sub-population, Council planning for the next Ten Years should provide:

(i) Better transport – while conventional means of public transport may be difficult with the small numbers of local residents, targeted “public transport” may be possible with the additional numbers of visitors/tourists. Uber-regulated locals may again be a solution, along with rental e-bikes.

(ii) Better community facilities – The Council can be proud of the public toilets provided in the Waihi village and on the beach - complete with murals. The community library is also well stocked and presented. A very useful information centre is now prominent in the centre of Waihi village. The Council can add to these facilities by the creative placement of benches down the main street, bike racks and informative signposting.

(iii) Alternative accommodation for visitors/tourists – this is essentially the responsibility of business, but the Council could ensure that regulations are appropriate for the careful planning of further “freedom camping” facilities, and protection of the beach environment.

FINAL COMMENT – Age Friendly Waihi Beach – a way of coping with the increasing numbers of older people?

In the next ten years, the Council should consider supporting the international move to make cities/small towns/villages “age friendly” through a series of negotiated partnerships between the Council and local organisations, and between the community organisations themselves. The idea is to further awareness of the increasing numbers of older people and to have people recognise the impact that such numbers will have on their local community, District Council, etc. The purpose is also to build on existing facilities and services, so that they are expanded or new projects introduced to facilitate the wellbeing of older people. The cost lies with the community organisations, the role of the Council is simply to help negotiate partnerships and in the process to support and encourage the community groups.

Also, within the Age Friendly initiative, the Council should encourage an improvement of all facilities through the use of “universal design”, so that, as the saying goes, “what is good for older people is good for everyone else”.

In summary, as a way of motivating residents of the Western Bay of Plenty to become more aware of the needs of the increasing number of older people, and ways of expanding the services and facilities for them, the Council should encourage and support community groups to negotiate partnerships to build an “Age Friendly” Waihi Beach (Katikati, Omokoroa, Te Puke, etc).

As an example of such a Plan, I enclose the document written by the Age Friendly Hamilton Steering Group, the Age Friendly Hamilton 2018-2021 Plan, supported by the Hamilton City Council.
HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND
An age friendly city

Plan and process for becoming a more age friendly city, 2018 - 2021

For presentation to the World Health Organisation
"What is the city, but the people?"

(Sicinius, in Shakespeare's Coriolanus, Act 3, Scene 1).
**WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

Hamilton is a growing city in New Zealand’s North Island, with a vibrant and diverse population. The city is well situated to respond to the needs of an increasing number of older residents.

Hamilton is well suited for older people, being relatively flat and easy to navigate, and with many facilities and services that cater to the needs of older people already existing. As a city, we have a unique opportunity to lead the way for other New Zealand cities in taking an age-friendly approach to future development. Relevant agencies can retain and build on features of the city that work well for older people, whilst working together to develop new initiatives that will benefit all older people now and in the future.

As Mayor of Hamilton, I fully support the Age Friendly Plan and look forward to seeing the positive change it makes in the city.

Andrew King

Mayor of Hamilton

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**WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AGE FRIENDLY STEERING GROUP**

When the idea of establishing Hamilton as an Age Friendly city was confirmed, the Steering Group was excited about the possibility of consolidating existing projects and introducing new projects and ideas. Having lived in Hamilton for many years, most of us thought we knew the extent of Hamilton’s facilities for older people.

Through our many public forums we were surprised, and delighted, to find that already Hamilton had many, many services and facilities for older people, along with numerous friendship groups. A major task became to document these projects and more widely communicate them. We also initiated the further enhancement of existing programmes, and encouraged the partnership of various groups in establishing new ones. Again we have been delighted with the enthusiasm of these partnerships.

We have endeavoured to guide the direction of the Age Friendly project with the Principles (listed on page 9), and with the overall aim of sustainability and universal design. Both of these aims will require continuing communication, not only within each of the community programmes, but also at the highest level of local planning – the city and regional councils.

On behalf of Hamilton’s older people, and those “becoming” older people, we look forward to joining the Age Friendly Network and the pleasure of “ageing gracefully”.

Emeritus Professor Dame Peggy Koopman-Boyden

DNZM

Chair, Age Friendly Hamilton Steering Committee
INTRODUCTION
KOORERO WHAKATAKI

SECTION 1:
CITY OF HAMILTON
BACKGROUND

Hamilton is New Zealand's largest inland city, and fourth largest urban area, with a population of around 161,000 people (2016). It has 3.4% of New Zealand's total population and is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. It is a diverse city, with almost a quarter of the population born outside New Zealand. Hamilton is home to a world class centre of agricultural biotech excellence and to many of New Zealand’s science research facilities as well as being a leading area for high-tech innovative manufacturing and engineering industries. Hamilton is also home to three major tertiary education providers – the University of Waikato, Waikato Institute of Technology (WINTEC), and Te Wanaga o Aotearoa.

Hamilton City and the surrounding districts have experienced significant population growth over recent years, resulting in the city growing faster than had been anticipated in Hamilton City Council’s 2015-25 Ten-Year Plan. Population and household projections have been based on projections prepared by the National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis (NIDEA).

The projections suggest that over the next 10 years more than 2,000 additional people will live in Hamilton city every year.

Thus, over the period of the Age Friendly Plan 2018-2021, the demographic composition of the city is expected to alter dramatically. Key changes to the demographic composition of the population include:

- Significantly more residents (in total number and percentage terms) in older age cohorts (the increase in the population aged 65+ will increase from over 20,000 in 2018 to 62,000 in 2048).

- A decrease in the number of child residents (in total number and significantly in the proportion of population). Children (aged 15 and under) who are residents will decrease from over 32,000 in 2018 to under 29,000 in 2048).

- The ethnic composition of the population is also likely to change, with a larger number of older Maaori, and other ethnic groups.
The map below (Figure 3) shows the density of the Hamilton population aged 65+ years. It should be noted that in some areas, the number of older people is hugely influenced by the location of a retirement village.

The areas of Chartwell, Saint Andrews, Peachgrove, Peacocke, Rototuna and Te Rapa all have a high proportion of older people (between 15% and 28%). Most of Hamilton's older population do not live near the centre of the city.
SECTION 2:
TIMELINE
OF HAMILTON
BECOMING AN AGE
FRIENDLY CITY

WAATAKA I UU AI TE KAUPAPA
POIPOIA KAUMAATUA KI
KIRIKIRIROA

1993
Hamilton established the Council of Elders, which provided advice to the Hamilton City Council for 20 years. Council of Elders later replaced with the Hamilton City Council Advisory Panel on Older People (2014).

MAY 2016
Hamilton’s Older Persons Advisory Panel recommended that the city join the WHO Age Friendly Global Network. The Council supported the initial application and the creation of an Age Friendly Steering Group to begin the process.

JUNE 2015
Hamilton City Council adopted its Older Persons Plan (2015) – Council’s action plan to improve the city for older people.

JUNE 2016
Age Friendly Steering Group (AFSG) established, in discussion with members of the Hamilton City Council, and the HCC Advisory Panel on Older People.

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SEPT 2016
MEET 2017
Meetings with various older persons groups, and support agencies to gather more information (see Appendix 3).
26 MAY 2017
Update on progress of Age Friendly Plan presented to Hamilton City Council Community and Services Committee.

28 FEB 2018
Age Friendly Plan presented to Hamilton City Council.

JAN 2017
First draft written of Age Friendly Plan (2018-2021). It is hoped to present the Plan to WHO by early 2018.

JUNE-OCT 2017
Age Friendly Hamilton Plan 2018-2021 finalised.

MARCH 2018
Age Friendly Hamilton Plan presented to World Health Organisation.
In order for the Age Friendly Hamilton Project to be successful, the following principles will underpin the Plan:

1. **Focus on the older person from a Wellness perspective**
   
   **AROTAHI PUU ANA KI TE HAOUORA O TE KAUMAATUA**

   A successful Age Friendly Plan for Hamilton will keep the needs of older people at the forefront at all times. The purpose of the Plan is to improve the lives of older people in Hamilton, and focus on wellness of older people as a way forward. Having a stated focus on the older person will ensure that this continues to be the case.

2. **Build on what already exists**
   
   **KIA HANGA TONU I TOONA TUAAPAPA O MUA**

   The Age Friendly Plan accepts from the outset that in many ways, Hamilton is already a great city for older people. There are already a large number of services and facilities that enable older people to live fulfilling lives, and even without a plan, these will continue to exist and thrive. The aim of the Plan is not to replace or reinvent projects and services that work well, but to acknowledge them, build on them and publicise them better to make more older people aware of what already exists.

3. **Encourage local community action**
   
   **KIA AKIAKI TE TAUTOKO MAI O TE HAAPORI**

   The strength of the Age Friendly model is that the community can develop plans and actions that meet the specific needs of older people who live in Hamilton. The Age Friendly Plan aims to empower local communities to evaluate, proactively plan and respond to emerging needs for older people at a local level.

4. **Working together**
   
   **MAHI NGAATAHI**

   There is a large number of governmental and non-governmental agencies in Hamilton which are providing for the needs of older people. The Age Friendly initiative helps to provide a more collaborative approach, where groups share a more common goal and can work together to achieve outcomes.

5. **Being culturally appropriate**
   
   **KIA TIKA TE HANGAI KI TE TIKANGAA-IWI**

   The Age Friendly Plan for Hamilton acknowledges the rich cultural diversity that exists in the city. It is accepted and acknowledged that for many cultures, old age may start earlier, or later, than at 65 years. In Hamilton, Kaumaatua play a key role for Maaori, while many of the migrant and refugee communities also have a significant population of older people. For these groups, the needs in terms of services and facilities may be different. The Plan acknowledges the key role these groups play in building an inclusive and diverse community for older people in Hamilton.
He aha te mea nui o te ao
What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata,
It is the people,

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- Maori proverb
SECTION 3:
PROJECTS FOR THE HAMILTON AGE FRIENDLY PLAN 2018-2021

KO NGAA KAUPAPA MAHI NOO TE MAHERE POIPOIA KAUMAATUA 2018-2021

AGE FRIENDLY THEMES:

1. Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings
2. Transport / Mobility
3. Housing
4. Social Participation
5. Respect and Social Inclusion
6. Civic Participation and Employment
7. Communication and Information
8. Community Support and Health Services
9. Safety

INTRODUCTION

In this section, the projects are ordered according to the WHO list of 8 themes, with the addition of a 9th theme of Safety, based on feedback from Hamilton’s older people. After detailing the WHO definition of each theme, each section:

(a) documents feedback received from older people,
(b) summarises the existing facilities and services available in Hamilton in 2017, and
(c) lists the new projects to be undertaken.

The undertaking of the projects will take place over the four year duration of the Plan (2018-2021). The projects will be at different stages at different times, and responsibility for their delivery has been assigned to various agencies and organisations, as outlined.

Once the Plan is approved, the Steering Group will be discontinued and an Evaluation Group established to provide project support and evaluative advice. Each project will be expected to have its own leadership, detailed plan, and strategies for maintaining its own sustainability.
1. OUTDOOR SPACES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS
KO NGAA PAPA ME NGAA WHARE HAAPORI

GOAL: The community has places to enjoy and be part of outdoor activities that are safe and are easy to access.

1 (a) What Older People told us about Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings:

- Hamilton has many high profile outdoor spaces that are flat and walkable for older people (Hamilton Gardens, Lake Rotoroa, Claudelands Park), but access to some of these could be improved.

- The similarity between the access needs of older people and those of all ages with disabilities should be recognised through Universal Design.

- More age friendly infrastructure (such as outdoor furniture and handrails in public buildings) needs to be provided.

1 (b) Access and use of Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings in Hamilton – 2017

Public spaces and buildings in New Zealand are required by law to provide easy access for those with mobility impairment or who require assistance. A large number of public spaces exist in Hamilton, generally owned by the Hamilton City Council.

However, older people may experience difficulty accessing some of Hamilton's outdoor spaces and public buildings. Some buildings have narrow entrances and passageways, steep stairs, poor signage and heavy doors. Outdoor spaces often have an uneven terrain and long walking distances from carparks. Improving these aspects over time will contribute to a more age friendly city.

Recreation in outdoor spaces is also included in this section. The goal is to ensure that a variety of activities is available for older people in Hamilton so they can remain active as they age, and enhance their "physical literacy". Biking plans have been developed in the city to include the needs of older people and those with disabilities, by providing appropriate level gradients (Hamilton City Biking Plan, 2015-2045). The walking paths beside the Waikato River continue to be upgraded to ensure older people (and people with disabilities) can walk safely or drive mobility scooters – on shared pathways. A new underpass into Hamilton Gardens provides improved access for older people. The city also has outdoor spaces allocated to various sports of particular interest to older people (e.g. croquet, bowls).

Hamilton is also likely to be influenced by the global movement to establish playgrounds with equipment for a range of fitness and flexibility levels for all older people to use for recreational purposes. As well there is a move to complement existing children's playgrounds with equipment for adults (particularly older people), thereby encouraging intergenerational contacts and activities (see Section 5 Respect and Social Inclusion).
1.1 Ferrybank project as part of the River Plan will incorporate Age Friendly features, integrated with the Celebrating Age Centre

1.2 Initiate discussions to develop exercise stations at retirement villages in Hamilton

1.3 Increased accessibility of Hamilton Gardens to older people

1.4 Ensure consideration is given to the needs of older people in the design of new public buildings
2. TRANSPORT / MOBILITY
WAKA HARI/OREORE

GOAL: Everyone’s needs are considered when it comes to footpaths, road signs, traffic lights, and public transport.

2 (a) What Older People told us about Transport and their Mobility:

- Bus services are good. The Super Gold Card provides older passengers with free services during off peak hours, which allows greater accessibility to the city’s facilities and social activities.

- Uneven footpaths are often caused by cobblestones and tree roots, making pavements dangerous for pedestrians.

- Mobility scooters and aides are likely to become more common in the future and need to be included in transport plans.

2 (b) Access and use of Transport, and the Mobility of older people in Hamilton – 2017

Ongoing discussions between the Hamilton City Council and transport service providers for older people indicate that Hamilton’s public transport is generally working well for older people.

Public transport in Hamilton is a shared responsibility between Waikato Regional Council (which administers the bus network system) and the Hamilton City Council (which provides the infrastructure, including the Hamilton Transport Centre, Anglesea Street). The two Councils work together to deliver Hamilton’s public transport system, and are required by law to consider the needs of older people and those with disabilities. There is frequently a large overlap in these needs in Hamilton.

The mobility of older people is enhanced by using their (government funded) Super Gold Card to travel on the city’s buses free, during off-peak times (weekdays 9am to 3pm, and after 6.30pm; and at all times during weekends), by a free inner city bus, and by the Orbiter bus service which continuously circles the city’s boundaries and major public institutions, including shopping centres and the hospital. The mobility of older people is also enhanced by the availability of special car parks for the disabled in the city, and for vans transporting older people. All Hamilton buses are fully accessible, with step free access and wheelchair spaces on board.

The current cohort of older people includes the highest percentage of private car licence holders, with most of these New Zealanders having been driving for at least 50 years. While public transport is good, the city of Hamilton covers a large area, so that many older people living in the city continue to use private cars and drive well into their 70s and 80s. From the age of 75 (and every subsequent 5 years), national licensing regulations require the testing of their driving competency. A number of agencies in Hamilton provide assistance to older people in renewing their driver licence, or in maintaining their driving skills.

In the last five years, considerable discussion and planning have been undertaken to establish the Hamilton Biking Plan (2015), aiming to make Hamilton ‘bike-safe’. The Plan’s implementation of proposed cycle tracks will have a huge impact on the mobility of all age groups, and could also encourage older people (most of whom learnt to bike in their childhood) to bike again, for work, exercise and relaxation. Already some ‘refresher’ classes on bike safety have been held for older people to build their confidence where they have not been on a bike for a long time. The introduction of e-bikes also makes biking more accessible to older people.

In future, mobility scooters and driverless cars are also likely to allow for the greater mobility of older people, and will need to be included in transport plan discussions. Driverless cars will help to overcome the reality for older people of losing their driving licence and will allow continued mobility into even older ages, along with the possibility of some older people "driving" a car for the first time. Both situations will need to be planned for carefully, and as soon as possible.
### 2 (c) Projects to increase older people’s Mobility and their access to Transport in Hamilton

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<td>Hamilton City Council</td>
<td>10 bus shelters per annum, 2018-2021</td>
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<td>2.2 Continue to assess position of bus stops to ensure they are in locations where there are increasing population densities of older people (e.g. outside a Retirement Village, Settlement Centre Waikato)</td>
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<td>Hamilton City Council / Waikato Regional Council</td>
<td>Appropriately positioned bus stops, according to feedback from older people</td>
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<td>2.3 Continue improvements to kerbs and crossings, making them more accessible to people using mobility aides</td>
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<td>Hamilton City Council</td>
<td>Improvements are ongoing</td>
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<td>2.4 Provide information to people turning 65 as to their public transport benefit entitlement through the SuperGold Card</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>Waikato Regional Council</td>
<td>Ongoing marketing through publications that older people read</td>
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<td>2.5 Provide training to older people on new technology being used for public transport in Hamilton, such as the Transit Realtime app</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Waikato Regional Council</td>
<td>Run regular workshops with older people’s groups annually (at least 2)</td>
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<td>2.6 Consider the needs of older people in annual bus route reviews and triennial Public Transport Plan reviews</td>
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<td>Waikato Regional Council</td>
<td>Older people to be consulted on plans (annually)</td>
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<td>2.7 Provide driver refresher training for older residents who are near driving reassessment age</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Age Concern</td>
<td>Training to be available from 2018 – review effectiveness over the lifespan of the Plan</td>
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<td>2.8 Promote cycling as a beginning or alternative transport for new refugees and migrants as a way of familiarising themselves with the city.</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>Settlement Centre Waikato / Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust</td>
<td>Run regular cycle trainings for older refugees and migrants.</td>
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<td>2.9 Promote open road driver training for older migrants and refugees</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>Settlement Centre Waikato / Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust</td>
<td>Expand driver training sessions</td>
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3. HOUSING

KO NGAA WHARE

**GOAL:** Older people are encouraged to live in their own homes or have a choice of housing that is appropriate and affordable, with a design for all ages.

3 (a) What Older People told us about Housing:

- The needs of older people need to be considered in new housing developments.
- There should be options for smaller, communal living arrangements for older people (more village type arrangements).
- Neighbourhood connections should be improved for older people.

3 (b) Access to Housing in Hamilton for older people - 2017

The current cohort of older people in New Zealand (and Hamilton) has a heritage of home ownership, although the current rate of home ownership of older people in Hamilton (57 percent) is lower than the national average (65 percent). However, for a variety of reasons, future cohorts of older people will be more likely to rent their housing, or seek social housing or other semi-communal alternatives, such as retirement villages.

In the last decade, living in more communal environs has become a popular form of housing for an increasing number of older people. In Hamilton and the surrounding Waikato region, there has been a rapid expansion of retirement villages and an upgrading of existing rest homes. Such housing usually operates on a 'licence to occupy' basis (ie the residents do not actually own the building), with considerable variation in the financial and legal contracts. Many older people are attracted by the lack of maintenance responsibilities, the on-site social facilities, a greater sense of security and the company of similarly aged neighbours. The housing concerns of other older people include being isolated in their own homes from the general community, and the cost of housing rates and maintenance, despite the huge capital asset they have tied up in home ownership.

An ongoing series of research projects, funded by the Public Good Science Fund, has produced a manual on house maintenance, providing a detailed checklist of maintenance and repairs for inside and outside the house. It aims to help owners/tenants keep their home “safe and comfortable and enjoyable to live in” (see: Good Homes, Repairs and Maintenance Assessment and Solutions, 2012, www.goodhomes.co.nz).

In the past the Hamilton City Council has owned and tenanted a number of ‘pensioner houses’. After a series of reviews and public discussion, The Council sold its pensioner housing in 2015. The housing is still offered to older people through private providers.

There is a continuing concern for the number of homeless people in Hamilton who are usually unemployed and have a variety of other issues. Several agencies provide meals and clothes, with the major city initiative being the ‘Project Homelessness’, as part of the WiseUp Group. The project has a clear primary focus on finding housing, followed by support for other problems.
3 (c) Projects to increase older people's access to Housing in Hamilton

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<td>Publicise the GOOD HOMES Repairs and Maintenance Manual</td>
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<td>Run workshops on home energy efficiency for older people</td>
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<td>3.3</td>
<td>Expand number of Kaumaatua Villages in Hamilton</td>
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<td>Nga rau Tatangi</td>
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<td>3.4</td>
<td>Explore options for a centralised Housing Hub</td>
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4. SOCIAL PARTICIPATION
WHAI WAAHITANGA HAAPORI

**GOAL:** Older people can interact with family and friends and also with people in the wider community in which they live.

4 (a) What Older People told us about their Social Participation:

- There are many good community facilities and events in Hamilton suitable for older people and which encourage social participation. These include the internationally accredited Hamilton Gardens, seniors’ events at Waterworld, Balloons over Waikato.

- The Celebrating Age Centre is a great facility for older people but may be unaffordable for some groups, and requires some maintenance.

- A large number of recreation activities offer discounts to older people, e.g. movie theatres, swimming pools, Hamilton Zoo.

- There are fewer events suitable for those aged over 80.

4 (b) Social Participation of older people in Hamilton – 2017

Regular Hamilton City Council surveys show that older people in Hamilton generally feel well connected to their community (61% - Hamilton City Council Community Profile Survey, 2014), although a significant number still feel somewhat isolated (37%).

Many agencies in Hamilton provide programmes that aim to increase social participation. However most of these agencies operate on limited budgets, often with external funding which has to be applied for annually.

Activities and services offered include exercise and wellbeing programmes (Sport Waikato), organised outings or days (Waikato Friends of the Gardens, and Friends of the Museum), befriending and visitor services (Age Concern). Similar activities emphasising social participation are usually provided in rest homes and retirement villages, which also offer free bus services to various city locations. Churches, mosques and temples take a major role in organising a variety of activities for older people along with spiritual services and support, thereby encouraging participation in religious activities and events. A large number of activities for older people occur at the Council owned Celebrating Age Centre (Victoria Street, in the CBD). Annual events and cultural celebrations increasingly involve older people in maintaining traditions (e.g. Matariki New Year, Diwali Festival of Lights, Chinese New Year and the annual Kaumaatua Games). Community groups such as the Chinese Golden Age Society and the Senior Indian Citizens Association meet regularly and organise social and cultural activities for members.

Older people also manage their own groups focusing on social participation through choral singing, crafts, heritage, forest and animal conservation and other activities while various suburban walking/cycling groups have both exercise and social participation as their aim. The interest in walking/cycling groups among older people is likely to increase in the next decade, with the increased number of facilities in Hamilton (river walks and cycle tracks), and the interest in such events as the Master Games, where in 2017, events were held locally and were for all (older) ages. There are also many informal suburban and community groups who meet in each other’s homes or a local cafe as a gardening, writing or book club. There are also many well established organisations within the city (Service Clubs, U3A, Returned Services Association and churches), where separate groups (often organised by older members), cater for the interests and greater social participation of their older members.
4 (c) Projects to increase older people’s Social Participation in Hamilton

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<td>Continue the annual Kaumaatua Olympics, Kaumaatua Ball and other events</td>
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<td>Ensure there are appropriate facilities available for older people to meet and interact</td>
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<td>Community Centres and neighbourhood houses are encouraged to include or increase activities for older people</td>
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<td>Provide information on social and recreational opportunities that exist for older people in Hamilton</td>
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<td>Hamilton religious institutions recognise the ageing of their congregations and ensure that older people are able to participate as fully as they would want</td>
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<td>Support older people to be more actively engaged in the Annual Chinese Sports Day</td>
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<td>Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust</td>
<td>Events continue to be held annually, with evidence of increasing attendance of all older age groups</td>
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<td>Continue</td>
<td>Hamilton City Council and Community Houses</td>
<td>Spaces continue to remain available for older people for the duration of the Plan</td>
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<td>Hamilton City Council / Community centres</td>
<td>Increasing participation in neighbourhood house activities by local older people, by 2020</td>
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<td>Promote online database of community run activities to better inform older people of their existence by 2018</td>
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| Enhance                  | Hamilton religious institutions | • Social groups/activities for older people be continued and enhanced  
• Create online database of religious run activities to better inform older people of their existence by 2019 |
| Continue                 | Rainbow Chinese Community Trust | Sports Day will continue annually with increased participation of older members |
5. RESPECT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION
KIA WHAI MANA, KIA WHAI AROHA AIT FR M ATAATUA

GOAL: The community reflects its respect for older people and their role in society with positive examples of ageing and inter-generational understanding.

5 (a) What Older People told us about Respect and Social Inclusion:

- There are generally high levels of respect for older people in Hamilton from other age groups, although sometimes not among young people.

- Ensuring businesses and public services are more responsive to the needs of older people would help their inclusion.

5 (b) Respect and Social Inclusion of older people in Hamilton – 2017

In Hamilton respect for older people is shown in the kindly behaviour of others towards them, and in the ways older residents are valued and remembered. Respect can be seen in the multitude of plaques placed in the Hamilton Gardens remembering previous older residents. A similar tradition is being encouraged by the Council’s Heritage Group in its efforts to identify city sites, which honour and respect the work of previous generations (e.g. Steele Park, Hamilton East). The fostering of multicultural festivals (Chinese New Year, Matariki, Diwali) by the Hamilton community has allowed for greater acknowledgement, respect and inclusion of people of diverse cultures, especially their older people whose heritage is increasingly valued. The Hamilton City Council annual Civic Awards regularly include the work of older people, in their commitment and long service to education, sport, social services, culture and business. Similarly the Waikato District Health Board initiative, Age WISE, bi-annually recognises the value of volunteers in the health area, including older people.

Many public organisations, social agencies and businesses within the city offer services and/or facilities often especially for older people. Hamilton City Council libraries offer a delivery service for those who are housebound (the majority are older people), as well as a wide variety of audiobooks, large font and e-books. Libraries are also a key access point for computer services for older people who do not have access to computers at home. Among businesses, online ordering and pickup services are increasingly being provided by supermarkets, restaurants and other retail outlets. Social inclusion is also being encouraged through better access to the internet for health and other information (see Section 7 Communication and Information).

Older people themselves have initiated many activities allowing for the wider social inclusion of older people. In the future, there are many activities that could include creating intergenerational links with young people in the city, which is of particular interest given the larger than average number of young people in Hamilton.
5 (c) Projects to increase the Respect and Social Inclusion of older people in Hamilton

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<td>5.1 Evaluation of project connecting older people and young parents</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Hamilton Libraries / Age Concern</td>
<td>Project created in 2017 and evaluated in 2018</td>
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<td>5.2 Oral histories of Hamilton’s diverse older people</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Hamilton Libraries / Rauwaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust</td>
<td>Stories written up and archived for subsequent historical displays in the library by 2020</td>
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<td>5.3 Increasing the social inclusion of older people through better internet access, especially for banking</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>BNZ Bank / Westpac / Senior Net</td>
<td>Training for older people in internet usage (specifically banking) established by one or more banks, by end 2018</td>
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<td>5.4 Establish Waikato Welfare Guardian Trust</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Age Concern / Waikato District Health Board</td>
<td>Trust is operational by December 2019</td>
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<td>5.5 Explore opportunities to expand Aroha Ngā Mokopuna Project connecting Kaumaatua and school students</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>Rauwaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust</td>
<td>Additional schools are part of the project by 2020</td>
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<td>5.6 Increase older migrants’ social cohesion through community gardens</td>
<td>Continue</td>
<td>Grandview Community Garden Trust</td>
<td>Increased membership and diversity of members</td>
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6. CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND EMPLOYMENT
KIA WHAI WAAHI-AA-TAONE ME TE WHAI MAHI HOKI NGAA KAUMAATUA

GOAL: Older people are considered productive in the workplace, and are actively involved in the community through volunteering, supporting local events and taking part in local politics.

6 (a) What older people told us about Civic Participation and Employment:

• More needs to be done to show employers the benefits of older workers.

• More widespread activities should be conducted on International Day of the Older Person to create greater awareness.

• Begin a drive to include newly retired people into part-time roles, mentoring younger people and sharing their skills.

• Advertise civic events more widely and earlier so older people can plan to attend more often.

6 (b) Civic Participation and Employment of older people in Hamilton – 2017

Older people in Hamilton are generally well represented in civic matters. Older people vote in higher numbers than other age groups and are prepared to be involved in civic processes at both local and central government level. However, as technology changes, there may be concerns about older people being marginalised. Ensuring there are equitable opportunities for older people to remain involved in civic life will be important in the future.

New Zealand has a high labour force participation rate for those over 65 years. In the future, it is likely that even more older people who are healthy and active will remain in the workforce beyond the age of 65. The challenge for employers is to be able to cater for the needs of such an ageing workforce and at the same time find suitable transitions into retirement for workers. This may involve the reduction in hours or responsibilities over time while allowing older people to continue to make a meaningful contribution to the workforce. Recent New Zealand research findings on workforce participation can be found at:

6 (c) Projects to increase the Civic Participation and Employment of older people in Hamilton

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<td>6.1 Analyse the voting turnout of older people in Hamilton in the 2016 local body and 2017 general elections, and take steps to increase their participation in the 2019 local body elections</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>Hamilton City Council</td>
<td>Voting turnout of older people increases in the 2019 local body election</td>
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<td>6.2 Encourage more older people in Hamilton to become volunteers</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Volunteering Waikato</td>
<td>Marketing campaign in 2018 aimed at near or newly retired people</td>
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<td>6.3 Encourage the involvement of older people, as individuals or in organisations, to be involved in the implementation of the regional strategy, “Moving Waikato 2025”</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Sport Waikato</td>
<td>Older people are represented and/or involved in all aspects of Moving Waikato</td>
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<td>6.4 Continue to acknowledge International Day of the Older Person on 1st October</td>
<td>Continue</td>
<td>Age Concern</td>
<td>Acknowledge annually through organised events</td>
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7. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
KIA WHAI MOOHIOHIO TE KAUMAAUTUA I NGAA KAUPAPA

GOAL: Communication and information about events and important services are easy for people to access and reflect the diversity of the community.

7 (a) What older people told us about Communication and Information:

- Community newspapers and printed newspapers from the Hamilton City Council are frequently read by older people.
- Libraries are key places for older people to get information, and could be used more for this.
- More information about happenings in the city was needed for older people.

7 (b) Communication and Information to older people in Hamilton – 2017

Many businesses and social agencies are now aiming to increase and improve communication with older people, including communicating with customers or interested parties online. While it should be recognised that the majority of older people are competent and confident using technology some older people without these skills may feel isolated and uninformed.

Valuable local information targeted to older people is also available online through the Waikato District Health Board website for older people: http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/directory-of-our-services/older-persons-and-rehabilitation/

Ministry of Social Development “Super Seniors” website has information for older people and their families: http://superseniors.msd.govt.nz/

Free community newspapers, radio and television remain important sources of information for older people who may not use the internet or buy newspapers and magazines. Such newspapers continue to be delivered to all mailboxes in the city, and local radio has regular special programmes for older people. Two free magazines for older people exist in Hamilton – PRIME Hamilton, and Seasons. They have information about services for older people, local content relevant to older people’s interests and some advertising.

Hamilton Older Persons Plan (2015) and many other documents recommend principles of document design and street signage are similar for older people and those with limited vision – large font, contrasting colours and wording not placed over photos, property numbers in each block, e.g. Victoria Street 205-465.

Many Hamilton older people use the services available on how to use computers and other technology, e.g. SeniorNet (staffed by volunteers) and WINTEC courses. Furthermore, recent efforts have been made to provide assistance on how to use mobile devices (such as e-book readers), and how to remotely access Hamilton Library’s e-book collection.
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<td>7.1 Free magazines and newspapers specifically for older people continue to be produced with circulation and distribution expanded to meet increasing number of older people</td>
<td>Enhance</td>
<td>PRIME Hamilton magazine, Seasons magazine, Older and Bolder Magazine</td>
<td>20 issues per annum from 2018 Increase circulation as number of older people increases</td>
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<td>7.2 Run at least one annual workshop on the mobile services and technology offered at city Libraries (e-book and audiobook collections)</td>
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<td>Hamilton Libraries</td>
<td>One workshop annually</td>
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<td>7.3 Establish a regular update on the Age Friendly project, and specific actions through radio</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Age Concern / Free FM</td>
<td>Radio presentation every two months from 2018</td>
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<td>7.4 Establish areas/organisations where physical noticeboards could be placed to keep older people informed of local issues and events</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Hamilton City Council</td>
<td>Stocktake where these may be placed that would be beneficial to older people in 2018, begin to make them available from 2019</td>
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<td>7.5 Hold “50+ and Loving it” Expo to promote what is available for older people in Hamilton</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>Seasons Magazine</td>
<td>Event held annually from 2018</td>
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8. COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND HEALTH SERVICES
KO TE TAUTOKO-AA-HAAPORI ME NGAA RATONGA HAUORA

GOAL: Community-related services and health promotion support older people's physical and mental well-being, and promote healthy behaviours and life choices.

8 (a) What older people told us about Community Support and Health Services:

- Health support is considerable through government agencies (e.g. through the Waikato District Health Board).

- There is a need for more/better access to General Practitioners available for home visits or mobile medical services for blood tests/check ups.

8 (b) Access to Communication Support and Health Services by older people in Hamilton – 2017

There is a wide variety of health services for older people in Hamilton provided or funded by the public and private sector, or by not-for-profit organisations. In the public sector, the Waikato District Health Board (WDHB) funds and provides a wide range of free services for older people, ranging from public health and preventative advice in the community to speciality treatment services in public hospitals. The Waikato Hospital has a Disability Support Link, and a relatively new Older Persons and Rehabilitation Centre catering for older people, including those with mental illnesses and those suffering from strokes, dementia and orthopaedic conditions. A new national Health of Older People Strategy was released in 2016, after a comprehensive consultation stage, with several workshops held in Hamilton (http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/health-older-people/health-older-people-strategy-update). The Strategy sets out the aims and strategies for New Zealand’s (and Hamilton’s) public funding and delivery of facilities and services for older people (65+ years) for the next 10 years (2017-2026).

The ongoing population explosion of the 80+ cohort, along with the increasing need for hip and knee replacement operations, and an ageing-in-place philosophy in the public sector, has meant that Hamilton has seen huge new facility and staff developments in the health sector, in both the public and private sectors. Besides having the largest hospital in New Zealand (being the central hospital for the population of the Waikato region) and a very diverse patient population, Hamilton is rapidly becoming a centre for health services and innovation, building on the expertise and practice of the University of Auckland Clinical School, the University of Waikato, WINTEC, Innovation Park and the Institute of Healthy Ageing.

The provision of private health services is also increasing in Hamilton, and likely to increase even more rapidly with the fast growing number of older people keen to remain healthy and active. Private services for older people include general hospitals (Southern Cross and Braemar) and specialist clinics (e.g. optical, hearing, and heart clinics) along with personal services provided in the older persons’ home (including, but not limited to, district nursing and palliative care services) and personal companion and transport services.

The Institute for Healthy Ageing (based at the Waikato District Health Board, and in conjunction with the Universities of Waikato and Auckland, and Wintec), encourages research on issues relating to older people, especially those of local concern and including research on social participation (see: https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/about-us/health-of_/Institute-of-healthy-ageing/; and http://www.waikato.ac.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/242317/Making-Active-Ageing-A-Reality.pdf).

A current research project with kaumātua (Māori elders), by the University of Waikato and Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust, aims to consider the mana motuhake (identity, autonomy) of kaumātua by investigating health outcomes of using a ‘tuakana-teina’ peer-educator model in relation to social connectedness, life enhancement, wellness, independence and, in particular, life-transitions.
Kaumātua will be trained to serve as tuakana (peer educators) for other Kaumātua (teina/peers). The project will run from 2017 to mid 2019. Thus a cultural approach will be used to meet the social and health needs of Kaumātua and their whānau. It will be scaled up provided it demonstrates efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

The research received funding of $915,000 from the Ageing Well National Science Challenge. A partnership between the University and Rauawaawa, the Hamilton-based project commenced in January 2017 and will end in June 2019.

The city boasts many not-for-profit organisations and volunteer workers. Many of these are start-up companies and are innovative in areas relating to older people’s health services and community facilities.

Hamilton also has an increasing number of rest homes and retirement villages, partly because the city is very central and easily accessed by the increasing population of the region.

At an individual level, there is also a need for older people to be individually more responsible for their own health. The Green Prescription is a concept that could be extended more routinely to older people, as well as the concept of “physical literacy” where older people would be encouraged to become more physically active in their daily lives (see #1: Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings).

http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/assets/about-us/Future-focus/Section-7-Older-persons.pdf

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**8 (c) Projects to increase access of older people to Community Support and Health Services in Hamilton**

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<td>Waikato District Health Board</td>
<td>Documented increase in number of older people using the service by 2021</td>
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<td>Age Concern / Office of Seniors New Zealand / New Zealand Police</td>
<td>Provide more information on combating elder abuse</td>
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<td>New</td>
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<td>Sustainable programme run in 2018 and evaluated</td>
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9. SAFETY
KA HAUMARU NGAA KAUMAATUA

GOAL: Older residents in Hamilton have a feeling of safety and security in their homes, neighbourhoods and communities.

9 (a) What older people told us about Safety:

- Lack of safety in some public places such as along the Waikato River walkways.
- Walkways and footpaths need improvement – more refuge islands on busy roads to help older people cross more safely.
- Increased need for community support groups.
- Greater Police/CitySafe presence to improve perceptions of safety.

9 (b) Safety of older people in Hamilton – 2017

Safety plays an important role in the wellbeing of older people, and was a consistent theme when discussing with older people the level of Hamilton’s age friendliness. As a result, Hamilton City Council’s Older Persons Plan (2015) included safety as one of the key goals, and although it is not one of the eight WHO Age Friendly themes, it was decided to include it in the Hamilton Age Friendly project.

Around 30% of older people reported feeling unsafe in the neighbourhood at night, which is less than the average for other age groups but still of concern (Hamilton City Council Community Profile Survey, 2014).

Older people, like those of other age groups, have a need to feel safe and secure, both in the community and in their own home. Advancing age and impaired ability may lead to decreased confidence and heightened concerns about safety, especially for those living alone.

In Hamilton, efforts to make communities safer are led by the Police through community policing activities, and supported by a number of agencies. It is accepted that the involvement of community organisations and support will contribute to the more positive perceptions about safety of older people. Thus the Hamilton City Council operates a CitySafe programme to provide additional support through CitySafe officers patrolling the central city. In Hamilton improvements to the built environment in the interests of safety have included flat and well maintained walkways, adequate street lighting at night and mobility aides in public places where required.

Age Concern and other Hamilton social agencies are also aware of the home based safety concerns of older people – those relating to personal abuse and neglect. There is an on-going programme, funded by the government, to assist with such financial, physical and emotional safety issues.
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The success of Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan will be based on the number of actions that are completed satisfactorily. Agencies have committed to completing their projects, but there is value in monitoring progress to ensure they stay on track over the project's four year span.

In order for this process to be successful, the Age Friendly Steering Group, in partnership with Hamilton City Council, will appoint an Evaluation Group after the Age Friendly Plan has been approved by the World Health Organisation. At this stage, the Steering Group will be discontinued.

The Evaluation Group will meet quarterly and evaluate how actions are being undertaken. They will request written reports from agencies that have actions due for completion or progress during that time. The Group will also report progress biannually to and be supported by Hamilton City Council.

The Evaluation Group will be responsible for commissioning a formal overall evaluation of the Plan after two years (in 2020) to measure success, make recommendations for further actions and inform the World Health Organisation.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Community Centre / Community House – Community public locations where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes. They may sometimes be open for the whole community or for a specialised group within the greater community.

Green Prescription – An initiative based on a health professional’s written advice to a patient or their family to encourage and support them becoming more physically active and eat healthier as part of a total health plan.

Kaumaatua (Māori) – Elders in Māori society. Male elders are also known as koroua (or koro for short), and female elders as kuia.

Mokopuna (Māori) – A term of address used by an older person for a grandchild or a young child.

Physical Literacy – The mastering of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills that permit a person to read their environment and make appropriate decisions, allowing them to move confidently and with control in a wide range of physical activity situations.

Te Wananga o Aotearoa – Māori led tertiary education provider, with a campus in Hamilton.

Waikato DHB – Waikato District Health Board, responsible agency for health services (including hospitals) in the Waikato Region, where Hamilton is located. Waikato Hospital, in Hamilton, is the largest in New Zealand.

WINTEC – Waikato Institute of Technology, a tertiary education provider based in Hamilton.

APPENDIX 3
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED

During Stage One, Information Gathering, the following workshops were held with Hamilton’s older people to hear about their needs and concerns. Participants were asked about good and bad aspects of Hamilton for older people, and what improvements they would like to see. They were also introduced to the WHO Age Friendly themes.

- Older Persons Open Forum – 7 November 2016 (this built on previous Open Forums, sponsored annually by the Hamilton City Council)
- Participants of Enliven day programmes – 17 February 2017, 6, 14 and 22 June 2017
- Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust – 6 March 2017
- Hamilton Refugee and Migrant Communities – 6 March 2017
- Tamahere Eventide Rest Home – 8 March 2017

The following agencies met with members of the Age Friendly Steering Group, or were part of the discussion at open forums of inter-agency meetings.

- Accessible Properties
- Age Concern Hamilton
- CCS Disability Action Waikato
- Enliven Waikato
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hamilton Central Business Association
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton Chinese Golden Age Society
- Hamilton City Council
- Hamilton Service Clubs Association
- Life Unlimited
- New York City Age Friendly initiative
- New Zealand Red Cross
- Office for Seniors, Ministry for Social Development
- PRIME Hamilton Magazine

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- 3 May 2016 - Hamilton’s Older Persons Advisory Panel recommended that the city join the WHO Age Friendly Global Network. The Council supported the initial application and the creation of an Age Friendly Steering Group to begin the process. Contact was made with the Office for Seniors (Ministry of Social Development, Wellington).

- June 2016 – Age Friendly Steering Group (AFSG) established, in discussion with members of the Hamilton City Council, and the HCC Advisory Panel on Older People.

- 28 July 2016 – First meeting of AFSG. Terms of Reference agreed to by the Hamilton City Council. The Terms of Reference clearly established the Group’s responsibility to oversee the development of an Age Friendly Plan for Hamilton by the end of 2017. A need for information is established.

Stage One (Information Gathering) of Age Friendly City project

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- 21 September 2016 – 2nd meeting of AFSG. Plan for meeting with older people and community agencies established.

- September 2016-March 2017 – Meetings with various older persons groups, and support agencies to gather more information (see Appendix 3).

- 7 November 2016 – Older Persons Open Forum held at "The Link", St Andrews Presbyterian Church, approximately 60 older people in attendance, along with the newly elected Mayor, Andrew King, city councillors, local members of parliament, and representatives from older people organisations.

- 16 November 2016 – 3rd meeting of AFSG. Discussion and oversight of consultation and information gathering.
December 2016 – Disestablishment of the Hamilton City Council Advisory Panel on Older People by incoming Council.

8 December 2016 – Director for Office of Seniors (Ministry of Social Development, Wellington), Diane Turner, meets with Mayor and AFSG in Hamilton.

January 2017 – First draft written of Age Friendly Plan (2018-2021). It is hoped to present the Plan to WHO by the end of 2017.

15 February 2017 – Age Friendly Inter-Agency meeting held at Houchen’s Retreat. Approximately 12-15 agencies represented to start discussions on how to work on collaborative projects.

Stage Two (Establishment of new or enhanced Age Friendly projects for inclusion in the Plan)

8 March 2017 – 4th meeting of AFSG. Discussion moves from information gathering (Stage One) to creating an overall Plan of enhanced/new projects (Stage Two), the process for implementation (Stage Three) and evaluation of the Plan (Stage Four).

28 April 2017 – First meeting with Mayor Andrew King and Chair of Community and Services Committee, Paula Southgate, for briefing on Age Friendly Plan progress.

26 May 2017 – Update on progress of Age Friendly Plan presented to Hamilton City Council Community and Services Committee.

September 2017 – Funding for writing of the Age Friendly Plan received from the Office for Seniors (Ministry of Social Development, Wellington).

June - December 2017 – Age Friendly Hamilton Plan 2018-2021 finalised.

28 February 2018 – Age Friendly Plan presented to Hamilton City Council

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Hamilton City Council:
- Community Profile Survey (2014)
- Older Persons Plan (2015)
- Biking Plan (2015)
- Disability Policy (2016)


Other Age Friendly City Plans - London, Ontario, Canada (2017); Boroondara, Victoria, Australia (2014); New York, USA (2013)

Ministry of Health (2017): Healthy Ageing Strategy Wellington, Ministry of Health

Statistics New Zealand (2013), Census 2013, Wellington, Statistics NZ.
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Planning for Growth

Subdivision

Council is currently allowing serious subdivision in Omokoroa, some sections only just more than 400 sq metres, yet rural areas are controlled and unable to subdivide.

I would like to see smaller lifestyle blocks, with suitable building sites, and uneconomic units, perhaps between 2 and 10 acres, able to be subdivided into say two lots – this could give Council a huge input in rates take, helping with our debt burden, reduce the cost of such lots due to probably a glut of them appearing, and allow younger families the benefit of the lower values to enable them to bring up their children in a rural area with all the benefits that entails, rather than “stuck to their computer screens” in urban areas.

I see a rate increase for most properties is envisaged, with the above suggestion being implemented rate increases should be able to be reduced, with more revenue generated from new lots, roads are already in place, and rural areas pay for their own seweage and water supplies, hence no cost to Council for these new lots.

Proposal for walking and cycling

Cycle ways and walk ways, to include permitted horse riding on suitable tracks. Horses do not need any special footing, simply a grass verge alongside existing tracks – most of which exist already.

Opening Unformed Paper Roads

This has been covered previously, with Council agreeing in principle to assist with this and help with checking the feasibility of opening the following would now be requested:

Lockington Road to Lund Road to Springs Road to Rea road to Wharawhara
Road – this would be a fabulous ride/walk if we could access the whole length of this road.

Esdaile Road to Rowe Road

Tim Road – open to end of the unformed road

Recycling and Rubbish Collection Models

I have previously made submissions regarding the reduction of waste in the Western Bay and further comment as follows:

A User pays system as I operate now, does encourage waste reduction, combined with a higher rate for residents who refuse to recycle and simply (lazily) send all their waste to landfill. My business already achieves this to some extent, charging for “bottle” bins at a much higher rate than ordinary rubbish, (I take the time to sort and recycle this) noting and advising customers that no green waste is allowed in landfill rubbish, and insisting they use our green waste to compost service.

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Since the arrival of the glass bins in Omokoroa in particular I have noticed a massive reduction in the glass content of Omokoroa kerbside bags, I would estimate down by 95% of previously – we sorted manually and recycled bottles and paper, and there have been very few bottles since the instigation of the bottle bins.
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I understand the $70,000.00 requested has not been approved and is under discussion.

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The Museum with its ever increasing request for funding every three years (budget time) has become untenable.

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Submitter: Karen Summerhays - resident/ratepayer of Te Puke

(Disclosure: I have a commercial relationship with WBOPDC)

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)- Land Use Policy: The jurisdiction of the management of GMOs in the environment has now been settled by the Courts. The Council can now set rules to safe guard the rural sector and the ratepayer from liability and to preserve the premium that GE Free produce receives from the market.

My submission to this LTP is to ask that provision be made in the policy development budget for the regulation of GMOs in the environment to be explored and policy developed.

Community Planning: As a freelance community development practitioner I see the multiple benefits of common goals created, held and driven by communities. In growth area’s such as the western BOP the ability of communities to build themselves and keep, or create, their identity is severely hampered by a transient population and an influx of new arrivals to the area. Investment in this area should be seen as a long term relationship with those communities and while the community may be well placed to deliver a proportion of the desired actions, they are also likely to need support (from agencies) to implement the others. From my observations; communities struggle to find the resources to undertake Plan reviews and updates. They may also lack the capacity to activate others to become involved or pick up the unallocated actions, they are busy doing their own actions.

I request that sufficient resources be made available for communities to create (or update) activate and maintain their community plans and to support communities to keep the process going so that the Plans are kept alive.

Te Puke environment: The Te Puke industrial areas are in need of some attention to minimise the impact they are having on the environment. I ask that resources are made available to work in collaboration with BOP Regional Council and WorkSafe to undertake a ‘cleaner production’ programme in Te Puke and other industrial areas in the WBOP as seen fit.

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**Te Puke Community Centre and other local initiatives:** I support resources being provided to the Memorial Hall, EPIC, EDG Te Puke and the development of the Te Puke Community Centre.

It appears that there is some disparity of the level of service that Katikati receives compared to Te Puke. I understand that to receive the same level of service and to fund the above initiatives may result in an increase to the targeted rate I pay. I am happy with that.

**UN Sustainable Development Goals:** I ask that you make resources available to enable both the council and communities to report against these goals as a way of working.

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Thank you
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Thank you for your submission to the Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

We have received your submission.

A copy of your submission follows.

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Do you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission: Yes

How should we structure our rates?

Should we lower the UAGC to 15% of the total rates budget?
Council’s proposed option: 2
Your proposed option: 1
Comments:

Should we introduce a 1:1.6 differential rate, phased in over three years?
Council’s proposed option: 3
Your proposed option: 1
Comments:

Should we fund resilience costs fully through a targeted rate?
Council’s proposed option: 2
Your proposed option: 1
Comments:
Should we fund 20% of the city centre costs through a targeted rate on all properties in the city centre?
Council’s proposed option: 2
Your proposed option: 1
Comments:

Where should we focus our investments in Tauranga’s transport network?
Council’s proposed option: 2
Your proposed option: 2
Comments:
We submit that there is an opportunity to remodel an existing Cycletrack into an iconic Inclusive Luminescent Cycletrack/Pathway. There is a golden opportunity to put Tauranga in the Worlds Top 50 Cycletracks/Pathways, the existing Track is only suitable for MTB’s (Mountain Bikes), for Runners/Walkers, it is a very rough track. We could remodel this track into a wider inclusive track where everyone can share and enjoy it from MTB’s through to E-Bikes (a rapidly growing pastime), Walkers, Runners, Mobility Scooters, Wheelchairs and other mobility options.
We could make the track a 24/7 Destination Track which will attract tourists as well as residents, the Track will have lights with CCTV Cameras and due to its location the cameras are able to be linked into the Councils 24/7 Monitoring Centre.
Along the length of the Track we would install LED Paving of various shapes and sizes, LED Curbstones to delineate the Track, all of which will be computer and sensor controlled to change colour, intensity, Chase each other, dance, flicker and a variety of other manoeuvres. This will make the track attractive to younger uses as well as the ‘young at heart’, the computer will be programmed to change the patterns every hour which will keep the track fresh for regular users.
We would like to have two Rest Areas where Council Registered Food Trucks are able to park and offer snacks and meals to users, this will promote a sense of community and allow conversation amongst the users. Also, within the Rest Areas we will install Square Grids made up of multicoloured LED Pavers which will be computer controlled to provide a range of Games for entertainment, each player will download an App, this will allow them a part of the Grid, the App could also be a method of getting the Councils Bike Track map, Safety advice etc into their devices, once they are playing and a new player comes into the Rest Area wanting to also play, the new player logs onto the App, this will then advise the first existing Player that they had xx minutes to play until their Game would finish, that way we mitigate the potential for arguments over whose turn it is. Each Grid can be used by 4 Players, they can play individual Games or compete with the other players.
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The Track will not only be inclusive of all users for recreation, but it will act as a commuter link into the CBD.
I welcome the opportunity to speak to this potentially World First Iconic Inclusive Cycletrack/Pathway.

Should we provide rates-funded kerbside waste and recycling collections?
Council’s proposed option: 1
Your proposed option: 2
Comments:
I believe that Kerbside Waste Collection should be privately managed, that way it’s a cost the Council doesn’t need to fund

Should we provide an interim rates-funded, fortnightly kerbside glass-only collection service?

Council’s proposed option: 1
Your proposed option: 1
Comments:
This would be ideal until the full City Wide Service is introduced in 2021 (hopefully)

Should we invest in a museum?

Council’s proposed option: 1
Your proposed option: 2
Preferred location comments:
It makes good business sense to have a combined Museum/library as the shared costs and better location will provide a better service. Having it in town, and opposite the Art Gallery, tourists will be able to walk to them all, if it was a stand-alone Museum, and whilst that might be attractive to interested parties, people would have to make a point of going, rather than making a day in the City.
Comments:

How should we invest in our new central library?

Council’s proposed option: 1
Your proposed option: 2
Comments:
Council will need to have a Library that can keep up with a changing environment.

How should we invest in tsunami alerting methods?

Council’s proposed option: 1
Your proposed option: 3
Comments:
I submit that there is the opportunity to have a Tsunami Alert System within every Street that it is required, therefore giving City Wide coverage or limited to specific areas.
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Another strong feature of the Solar Powered Street Lights is they have a CCTV Camera installed in them, these can be adjusted so they don’t infringe anyone’s privacy and don’t need to be on every Street Light. These Cameras will be invaluable during Emergencies or for the management of the CBD area, thinking more of the early morning hours when Bars and Nightclubs tip out, looking to antisocial behaviours. As they are operated by Solar stored energy through the night, they can be installed in areas where the Council’s CCTV can’t cover without expensive cabling. The Solar Powered Street Lights can light up dark areas, alleyways etc which will have the effect of reducing antisocial behaviours in these areas.

The Solar Powered Street Lights are also ideal for Parks and Reserves where they can be installed on buildings such as Public Toilets, or they can be buried using the heavy duty flange that is cemented into the ground as with any light pole, then the light pole itself is bolted onto it. No cables or wires required.

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I welcome the opportunity to speak to this heading and project.

**Should we retain or sell our elder housing portfolio?**

**Council's proposed option:** 2  
**Your proposed option:** 2  
**Comments:**  
I think having the Housing operated by professional, approved housing providers makes sense and takes that cost out of Council, but I believe the Council should have monitoring of the operators and have random inspections by experienced Inspectors, much like Health Inspectors.

**Should we provide additional funding to Tourism Bay of Plenty?**

**Council's proposed option:** 2  
**Your proposed option:** 1  
**Comments:**  
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**Other topics - let us know what you think**

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**Comments:**  
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Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We appreciate you taking the time to let us know what you think about our draft Long Term Plan. Once you’ve submitted your feedback we will let you know we’ve received it.
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1. Proposals for walking and cycling (See page 13)

We want to continue with the good work that’s been achieved so far. We’re proposing to increase the funding provided year on year to build walkways and cycleways, so that more can be delivered, faster. This will support the development of the District-wide network.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - Increasing funding to do more, faster. This will enable us to complete more of the network over the next 10 years.

Option 1 Continue with current programme
Option 2 Increase funding to do more faster

However — minder Road must be added to the work programme — a safety priority due to increased usage on a dangerous road.

2. Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum (See page 21)

The museum has requested a further grant of $70,000 a year for the next three years. The grant will be used specifically for the role of the museum curator, and for the storage costs for the collection.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option ensures the museum will continue to operate and ensures our heritage collection is protected.

Option 1 Provide no support
Option 2 Support through District-wide rates
Option 3 Support through mixed targeted and District-wide rates

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Privacy Act 1993: This form and the details of your submission will be publicly available as part of the decision-making process.
3. Proposal for funding arts and culture (See page 22)

Council has recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. This provides a framework to grow and support arts and culture in our communities, to bring social, economic and cultural benefits.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option enables Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator to carry out key actions from the Arts and Culture Strategy, while also recognising there are other organisations in the Western Bay that Council already supports to deliver arts and culture projects and events. Council also makes one-off funding contributions to arts and culture projects and events through its Community Matching Fund.

4. Proposal to change our debt management approach (See page 34)

The current indications are that population growth, and therefore our revenue from financial contributions, will continue to be strong. We think we can now reduce the amount of the contribution we’re taking from rates to fund interest and debt repayments.

However, we also know that growth is volatile and difficult to predict as there are many factors that influence our rate of growth. An option to manage this is to reduce the amount of the contribution for year one (2018/19) of the LTP only, and maintain the $2.5 million contribution for the following years two to 10.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - to contribute $1 million from rates to interest and debt repayments for year one of the LTP, maintaining the contribution at $2.5 million for years two to 10. We think this is a financially prudent approach, as we can review the amount of the contribution annually and revise if we need to depending on our rate of growth.
Submission to the Western BOP District Council Long Term Plan

Submitter: Te Puke Community Centre (TPCC) Steering Committee

The Te Puke Community Centre (TPCC) Steering Committee (process is underway to establish a charitable trust) submits the following:

The establishment of a community centre in Te Puke is well underway, and whilst we presently don’t have a confirmed physical address we are preparing for the Centre’s establishment in the near future.

What we are proposing:

- A one stop shop that acts a ‘front door’ to Te Puke for both citizens and visitors
- An excellent example of community led social infrastructure that is reflective of the local community
- A place that provides information (CAB and iSite) and civic engagement opportunities
- A place where all citizens feel represented and welcome
- A well-equipped modern and professional co-working/meeting space
- Delivery of community development projects
- Promote and connect people to the existing range of social services/ infrastructure
- Creating and enabling pathways to services and community projects e.g volunteer base

The Te Puke Centre Trust will not directly provide social services – Te Puke has fantastic charities/organisations that provide these but instead will be focusing on community development, we believe we are not replicating any other service that is presently being delivered in Te Puke.

We going to deliver this by:

- Establishing cornerstone commercial sponsorships to cover lease and overheads
- Taking a multiple agency (including WBOPDC) approach to resourcing the first three years of operation
- Building a social enterprise that will support our activities on into the future
- Providing first class social infrastructure, without duplicating what services are currently being provided
- Continuing to communicate and co-create with Tangata Whenua, the not for profit sector, and migrant groups of Te Puke
- Supporting community organisations through referrals, publicity and open collaboration to help strengthen all services: social, environmental and civic
- Working with the kiwifruit industry, tourism and local businesses
- Understanding the make-up and aspirations of our community

As we have recently presented our scoping report and our journey so far to the Council I will not re-present that information. (Please refer to the Agenda and minutes of the WBOPDC Community Committee in March 18.)

Brief overview:

Our journey started in May of 2017 when Dale Snell and Monique Lints initiated a community conversation about spaces and their availability and purpose. Over the past year this community collective has evolved to the establishment of the TPCC Steering Committee, whose purpose is to drive the establishment of a Community Centre (this was one of the top priorities identified by the community collective) and a social sector collaboration then known as Vision to Reality to advance positive social outcomes for Te Puke.
The Committee undertook research to inform a scoping report; this was financed by a Te Puke Community Board grant and completed then presented to both Te Puke Community Board and WBOPDC Community Committee.

In our presentation to the Committee we indicated that we would be seeking funds to undertake a feasibility study, since then the Committee has agreed that the scoping report largely establishes feasibility of the project. With this in mind we feel that the next step in our planning needs to be a project/business plan.

Highlights from scoping report comments:

“A building is a great idea- just by being in a similar place encourages collaboration”

“Shared services make organizations more efficient”

“Need more support for RSE, temporary workers and backpackers-there is nothing for them in the town”

“Must promote multi-cultural heritage”

“Should be based on a long term vision”

“Think the idea of bringing everything in to a central place would be good for everyone”

The Committee has been actively engaging with prospective commercial sponsors/partners, funders and is presently undertaking further consultation with the community. As part of the community consultation we are attending the community markets and visiting local businesses, schools, organizations and speaking at events.

We are asking three questions: (sample responses so far)

1. Are you in support of a Te Puke Community Centre? (Sign-up sheets are used to indicate this support)
   
   85 individuals signed up over just two community markets

2. What would you want to happen in the Community Centre?

   Learning opportunities, information and referral services, CAB, iSite, conference centre, a quiet place to read but belong, tourist info and bookings, children’s activities, community classes i.e Indian cooking, hot desks, places to display things, celebration of our heritage, rooms for hire, good coffee, promotion of youth employment opportunities and many more useful suggestions.

3. What sort of information about Te Puke would you find helpful?

   Answers included: local education facilities, list of services available, CAB, iSite, sports clubs, facilities and hire rates, our history, the kiwifruit story, Kiwifruit Capital of the world info, environmental, co-working spaces, migrant/ new resident information, playgroups and parent support.

Through the Scoping Report process and in the short time we have been undertaking community consultation, we have received letters of support from the following:

- Todd McClay MP,
- Community Organisations- including Plunket, Playcentre, Toy Library
- War Memorial Hall Committee
- Local schools
- Fruition (RSE Programme)
- Justice of the Peace Association
- A number of individuals

And support in principle from:
Investment in social infrastructure, by the Council and others, in Te Puke has not kept pace with our growing and changing population and we look enviously at the facilities available to the residents of Katikati, a town half our size. We understand that some of their places are possible because of the targeted rates they pay. That said, we ask that you invest in the development of the Te Puke Community Centre through the general rate for the first three years, acknowledging that this is the establishment phase of the project. It is envisaged that by the fourth year of the LTP, the Centre will have proven its value to the community to such a point that they will agree to pay a small targeted rate to assist with our operations.

We request that the following is provided for within the 10 year plan:

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<td>Years 1 - 3</td>
<td>Service Contract - to be negotiated</td>
<td>To contribute to the employment of staff (Community Broker and administration). Community development service contract similar to that provided to the Katikati Resource Centre</td>
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<td>Years 1 - 3</td>
<td>Grant of $30,000 per annum</td>
<td>Contribution to setup and promotion of the Centre in its establishment phase. This would be dependent upon our successful establishment of a commercial sponsor to cover lease and overheads</td>
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<td>Include the TPCC operations in the targeted rates for Te Puke</td>
<td>The introduction of a ‘Social Infrastructure’ targeted rate for Te Puke area</td>
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We would like to be provided an opportunity to speak to our submission.

Thank you

Karen Summerhays

Chairperson: Te Puke Community Centre Steering Committee

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Tauranga Hockey Association
Submission to Western Bay of Plenty
District Council
Draft Long-Term Plan 2018
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Tauranga Hockey Associations (THA) winter player numbers have increased by 23% over the past five years and currently sit at 2710 at the end of the 2017 season. Summer Hockey continues to grow with more than 100 teams participating throughout the 2017 year. The Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) catchment area consists of 455 players making 16.79% of the total membership.

2. THA’s programmes cater for all age groups and levels, from beginners at age 5 to Masters players who are well into their 60s.

3. THA is in the process of constructing a third hockey turf at the Tauranga Hockey Centre to cater for the growing membership. THA have raised 70% of the funds towards this project and are in the final fundraising push to raise the remaining 30%.

4. THA are planning future developments at the Tauranga Hockey Centre including the planned construction of a half turf which has been staged out of the current project to be implemented at a later date, and the future of our Pavilion with the view of redeveloping this to ensure it caters for the needs of the organisation and the community.

5. THA deliver hockey programmes in the sub region through relationships with local schools and are keen to develop the game further in the Eastern Link/Te Puke area.

6. THA would like a commitment from WBOPDC that they are supportive of hockey’s plan and to consider financial contributions towards the projects outlined in this submission and the future development of the sport.

INTRODUCTION

THA is the only provider of hockey in the Western Bay of Plenty region. The territory covers the Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council areas, from Athenree to Pongakawa and bounded by the Kaimai Ranges. The hub of hockey in the sub-region is the Tauranga Hockey Centre, situated at Blake Park, Mount Maunganui, on land leased from TCC. The Centre comprises of two full sized artificial hockey turfs and a pavilion, with all of the facilities being owned by THA.

The Tauranga Hockey Association’s (THA) vision is: Vibrant | Engaged | Proud.

THA’s mission is: Provide opportunities for our community to participate in Hockey.

The key objectives of the Association that underpin the vision and the mission are captured through four pillars:

- Inspire: Delivery Quality Events with First Class Facilities
- Participate: A Thriving Hockey Community
- Grow: Fostering Talent
- Function: Organisational Excellence

The range of core activities provided by THA includes:

- Providing opportunities for people of all abilities to play the game of hockey in the WBOP region through our Primary, Intermediate, Secondary School, Club, and Masters pathways
- Providing opportunities for people to coach and officiate in the game of hockey.
- Provide a representative pathway for players to participate at a national level and on the world stage
- Provide development opportunities for coaches and officials to coach and officiate at national level and on the world stage
THA’s programmes cater for all age groups and levels, from beginners at age 5 to Masters players who are well into their 60s. It encourages participation and high performance with a number of former Tauranga hockey players and umpires representing New Zealand at the highest level (Black Sticks & International Umpires). All junior and college competition is organised in school-based teams, with participation through THA.

THA currently have 2710 members made up of 220 teams and 241 Funsticks players in schools in the sub-region with 179 teams in Tauranga and 41 in the Western Bay of Plenty. There are 4 senior clubs (18 teams) in Tauranga and one senior club in Western Bay of Plenty District (2 teams). There has been significant growth in Hockey in the sub-region in recent years with player numbers increasing by 23% over the past five-year period. Summer Hockey continues to be popular with more than 100 teams participating throughout the 2017 year. The table below outlines the breakdown in traditional winter player numbers across the two councils in THA’s catchment area:

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In 1992, THA laid its first artificial playing surface in the form of a sand-based turf at Blake Park. The first water turf was constructed in 2002, while a pavilion was built in 1998 providing off field facilities and office space to support the game. In the 2012-13 summer period, the facility was upgraded resulting in THA having two water-based turfs with the ‘Port Turf’ built to meet FIH (International Hockey Federation) standards for hosting international fixtures. Since its inception, THA have hosted a number of international games including the International Men’s 4 Nations Tournament that took place in January 2018 featuring three teams in the world’s top 10.

The growing membership has placed pressure on turf availability which now exceeds the national recommendation of 850 players maximum per turf, currently THA has more than 1,050 players per turf. Following a submission made to Tauranga City Council (TCC) through the 2015-25 LTP process, THA have been working on developing additional hockey facilities at Blake Park to cater for the existing membership and future growth. THA were successful in obtaining 25% of the total project cost up to $600k from TCC towards the construction of 1.5 turfs.

**THIRD TURF PROJECT**
Since confirmation of funding from TCC, THA have been working to raise the remaining funds to build a third hockey turf. Early in 2017, the THA Board decided to stage the 1.5 turf project with priority given to constructing one full water-based turf. This was a financial decision based on the funds required to implement this in one go.

THA engaged Cheryl Steiner to produce a feasibility study to support the fundraising efforts, while Opus International were also engaged to provide a cost estimate for the development of one full turf. This was estimated at $2,401,932.50. To date, THA have obtained funding of $1,726,932.50 as outlined in the funding plan:

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<th>Confirmed Funds</th>
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Submission 065
Tauranga City Council $600,000.00
TECT $400,000.00
NZCT $250,000.00
Lion Foundation $200,000.00
NZ Racing Board $25,000.00
Pub Charity $50,000.00
Tauranga Hockey Association $201,932.50
Total Funding Achieve $1,726,932.50

Funding Plan
Lotteries Commission $400,000.00 Submitted March 2018
First Sovereign $50,000.00 To be submitted in April 2018
NZCT – have advised to reapply for a further $250k $225,000.00
Overall Total $2,401,932.50

THA are hopeful of securing the remaining funds required by the end of the June, at which point the project will move into the construction phase with the turf available for play by March 2019.

TURF RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
THA has a lease for the use of land at Blake Park with a current term of 12 years, until 1 September 2024. Subject to terms of the current lease, there is provision for extension of the lease for a further term of thirteen years, until 31 August 2037.

As part of the 2012 – 22 deliberations, THA and TCC signed a funding agreement for each party to contribute towards the funding of turf renewals in the future as shown in the below table.

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THA have made a submission to TCC’s 2018-28 Draft Long Term Plan requesting that the turf renewal agreement is extended beyond 2022 to the end of the lease. This agreement ensures there are funds available to renew the turfs at the end of their lifespan allowing THA to continue to provide the facilities required to deliver the sport to the community well into the future.

FUTURE PROJECTS
As mentioned earlier, THA are undertaking a staged development approach to complete the masterplan for facilities at the Tauranga Hockey Centre. The purpose of the staged approach is to
balance out the financial implications of new facilities and THA resources over time and ensure that the ongoing operational costs are sustainable.

**Half Turf**

With the third turf project planned to be completed in 2019, attention will turn to the development of the half turf. The purpose of the half turf is to:

- Provide additional playing space for primary and intermediate age players who participate on ½, ¼ and 1/8 sized fields.
- Provide additional training space that is hard to come by due to games taking place seven days a week. One issue that clubs and THA face is the ability to develop players through adequate training opportunities due to turf limitations.
- Provide a warm up and warm down area that currently does not exist.
- Provide additional playing space for summer hockey competitions and modified formats that require a half turf. Currently THA don’t offer secondary school or adult six aside, half turf competitions due to the lack of turf space available. These have been identified as key initiatives to introducing new people to the game who want to play hockey in a social environment throughout the regular season.

THA plan to future proof the half turf with the provision for this to be developed into a full turf to cater for further growth in years to come. The half turf will be a wet dressed surface that doesn’t require water but plays like a ‘wet field’.

**Pavilion**

To provide a positive hockey experience to the membership and the wider community, it’s important that THA provide adequate off field facilities to service the various levels of the game. The current Pavilion is becoming dated and has limitations due to the growth in membership which is impacting the way THA can service the game. Current limitations include:

- Office space for staff – staffing has increased to support the growth of the game.
- There is currently no meeting rooms resulting in all Board, committee, staff and operational committee meetings being held off site.
- Storage is an issue as more equipment is required to service the game.
- The growing membership is putting pressures on the kitchen to deliver an appropriate service.

When the third turf is available, the requirements for off-field facilities will increase further, including provision for more changing rooms to service three turfs operating at the same time.

The international hockey landscape is changing in 2019 with the introduction of the Hockey Pro League which is seen as game changer for the sport in New Zealand. The Pro League sees eight Men’s and eight Women’s teams locked into a home and away series over a four-year period, and New Zealand are one of a few nations to have both a men’s and a women’s team included in this competition. THA have expressed an interest in hosting Pro League matches which would see some of the best hockey teams in the world play in Tauranga providing economic benefit and exposure to a worldwide audience. The criteria for hosting these matches is stringent and the development of a new Pavilion will go a long way to providing world class facilities that bring games of this ilk to our region.

**Hockey in the Sub Region**

THA are determined to make hockey accessible to the wider community and work closely with schools in the sub region to ensure opportunities are readily available.
A good example of this is the model used in Katikati that saw the old turf from the Tauranga Hockey Centre put down to make a ½ turf at Katikati College. The Katikati Hockey club currently have two teams participating in local adult competitions and have played a leading role in developing the game in the area through the delivery of a Funsticks programme (Years 1-2 entry level programme) and promotion and support of the game to local schools. They have also set up their own summer hockey league that attracts between 20-30 school aged teams that participate throughout the off season. The club are currently fundraising to replace the turf at the College so they can continue to provide these opportunities into the future.

THA would like to see a similar model implemented in the Eastern Link/Te Puke area in future. The Association have set up a Funsticks programme at Te Puke Intermediate for the coming season to make the game more accessible to children in this area. Whilst there are a number of traditional hockey schools in this area, we hope this initiative will provide further opportunities for participation, leading to the development of the game in non-traditional hockey schools.

**SUMMARY**
In closing, THA would like to thank WBOPDC for the opportunity to submitted to the 2018-28 Draft Long Term Plan. The Association has a number of projects in the pipeline to ensure it can continue to provide hockey opportunities to the wider community well into the future. As the hub for hockey in the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region which is supported by the Bay of Plenty Spaces and Places Strategy, THA would like a commitment from WBOPDC that they are supportive of hockey’s plan and to consider financial contributions towards the projects outlined in this submission and the future development of the sport.
Submission to WBOPDC for Long term Plan from BOP Natural Cemetery

Intention: the formation of a Trust and establishment of a Natural Cemetery in the BOP.

• Our group seeks your support for a BOP Natural Cemetery, in principle.

• Certified Natural Cemetery sites in NZ:
  Makara, Wellington; Fairhall, Marlborough; Awanui, New Plymouth; Otaki, Kapiti, Claireville, Carterton.

• We request to work with staff of WBOPDC as well as Tauranga City Council to advance the cause and establishment of a Natural Cemetery.

• We wish to speak in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.

• For more information: www.naturalcemetry.co.nz and facebook page BOPNaturalCemetery and naturalburial.co.nz

Possible solutions:
• Sell the Paengaroa land designated for a cemetery.
• Invest the money for buying a suitable site when decided on.
• Work collaboratively with iwi and other interested cultures.

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4th May 2018

Mayor and Councillors,

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Ten Year Plan Submission

This submission from the Bay of Plenty Coast Rowing Club supports our presentation to the Council during the Ten-Year Plan Submission process.

The Bay of Plenty Coast Rowing Club (the Club) is an established rowing club which owns its own property adjacent to the Council Road reserve and the Wairoa River, at the terminus of the Wairoa Road.

The Club is operated on a volunteer basis with funding from members fees, grants and fundraising.

The Club provides rowing opportunities to all members of the Community and we have a very active membership comprised of Masters Rowers, Club Rowers (over 18) and students from Katikati College, Otumoetai College and Bethlehem College.

The Club requires continued access across the grassed Council land to access the river and until recently, this has entirely been maintained by our club members. We have been very appreciative of the recent support from the Council to now maintain the public road that accesses the river as well as the mowing of the adjacent river side road reserve.

In respect of the Ten-Year Plan, we note the following.

1) We submit that the Kaimai Ward Reserves Management Plan needs to be implemented and funding provided for ensuring the land adjacent to the Wairoa is appropriately planned and developed in order that the riverside walkway and development of the adjacent esplanade reserve running the length or the Wairoa River can be undertaken.

2) The land adjacent to the rowing club should, in the Ten-Year Plan, be classified as a recreation reserve, with appropriate infrastructure provided to include a water supply, public toilets and car parking.

3) Our Club has taken the initiative to investigate improving public access to the river. These access improvements are required in order that members of the public can safely access the river in a manner that does not further damage the river bank or cause physical harm.

4) The river is currently accessed by members of our rowing club, waka ama, swimmers, paddleboarders, kayakers and canoeists. The grassed area is used by the community as a recreational area, however, there are no facilities such as public toilets. This location is a destination and once linked by a riverside pathway will become even more popular.

5) We propose to work with the Council to improve access to the river in the following manner

   a) Construction of a low level retaining wall to stabilize the currently eroding bank, coupled with additional planting and landscaping
   b) Limited recontouring of the grassed area to improve drainage.
   c) Installation of a light weight floating pontoon and gangway attached to the retaining wall, by an aluminum gangway and radial arms. This pontoon would float just beyond the current
low tide mark and would not require any piles in the river. The floating pontoon would be some 18 – 20 metres long.

d) Adjacent to the pontoon we believe a low gradient concrete ramp is required to enable the launching of smaller river craft and our rowing club safety/ coach boats.

6) This retaining wall, pontoon and ramp when completed will be available for the public to use and we would, if Council contributed funding, expect them to become public assets.

Outcome
7) We seek support from the Council to implement these improvements and respectfully request the following from the Council to be included in the Ten-Year Plan – these are consistent with the Kaimai Ward Reserves Management Plan
a) Continued Council liaison with the Club regarding any proposed plans the Council may have regarding reserve acquisitions and development surrounding the Club.
b) Completion of the Concept Plan in Year 1 of the Ten-Year Plan, for the land adjacent to the rowing club in order that the Club may continue with its planning and development.
c) Funding for the Council to cover the consenting process for these public assets. We would expect this to cost some $15,000 in Year 1 of the Ten-Year Plan.
d) A contribution to the construction and provision of public access facilities to the river at this location. We request a contribution of $70,000 in Year 1 of the Ten-Year Plan. This is approximately 50 % of what we expect the improvements to cost (the Club has begun to fundraise and intends to seek grant funds to cover the remainder of the cost).
e) Years 2–3 continued development of the area, with provision of a public water supply, signage and car parking
f) Years 3–10 provision of a public toilet facility and development of the riverside pathway.

Thank you for considering our submission. We are seeking the support of the Council to the provision of public access to water and the development of the reserve at Wairoa Road for water based recreation users.

We would be available to meet with Council to discuss these matters in order that they may be progressed in partnership with our Club.

Kind Regards

Alan McLean
President

Bay of Plenty Coast Rowing Club
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1. Accessible Properties:

- Accessible Properties New Zealand Ltd (Accessible Properties) is one of the Council’s largest residential ratepayers, contributing over $200,000 each year (excluding water rates).
- It is a Registered and Accredited Community Housing Provider.
- It owns and manages most of Te Puke’s social housing – comprising about 100 homes. These are distributed throughout the town.
- It is underway on a programme to add a further 150 homes (mainly through new development) in Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty districts, and has a goal to increase new supply by at least 300 homes within 10 years.
- It has a close working relationship with local iwi which is guided by a memorandum of understanding with Ngati Ranginui, Ngai Te Rangi, and Ngati Pukenga.
- Accessible Properties also has close working relationships with Council staff, local community support agencies, and counterpart community housing providers.
- It has a dedicated team of tenancy and property managers that are based at an office in Tauranga. These are lead by Vicki McLaren (General Manager, Tauranga).
- It is New Zealand’s largest non-government community housing provider and operates nationwide, managing 2,750 properties of which 93% comprise community housing. This includes:
  - Ownership and management of 1,690 homes made available for affordable rental by people with a wide range of social support needs.
  - Management of the IHC housing portfolio which provides 860 homes for people with disabilities.
  - Management of about 200 commercial properties used for community support activities.
- Its strategic plan has a focus on growth of community housing services and supply in the golden triangle, being Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland.
- It is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that is 100% owned by IHC New Zealand Inc.
2. Perspective:

Accessible Properties feedback is made from the perspective of a community housing provider that:

- provides tenancies to people with among the highest levels of social deprivation in Western Bay of Plenty.
- strives to enable the best possible quality of life for its tenants.
- wishes to reduce inequality.
- recognises the importance of access to quality social services for the social and economic wellbeing of tenants.
- wants to invest in much-needed additional and improved social housing for the district.
- advocates for people seeking housing suitable for ageing-in-place and for disabilities that are well-integrated into the wider community.

3. Responses to Questions on Key Topics:

3.1 Key Proposal One - Walking and Cycling investment

What is this proposal?:
We want to continue with the good work that's been achieved so far. We're proposing to increase the funding provided year on year to build walkways and cycleways, so that more can be delivered, faster. This will support the development of the District-wide network.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - Increasing funding to do more, faster. This will enable us to complete more of the network over the next 10 years.

Question:
Which option do you prefer for key proposal one?

Response:

Option 1 - Continue with current programme
Option 2 - Increase funding to do more faster

Comment:
Accessible Properties supports Council’s preferred Option 2 as it will enable an acceleration of improvements to cycle and walking access. Cycling provides the lowest cost transport solution for people on low incomes, including those in social
housing. This is particularly important to the significant number of social housing tenants that cannot afford cars, or are not able to drive them. It is also worth noting the health benefits of walking and cycling are well recognised.

3.2 Key Proposal Two - Western Bay Museum funding

What is this proposal?:
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Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option ensures the museum will continue to operate and ensures our heritage collection is protected.

Question:
Which option do you prefer for key proposal two?

Response:

Option 1 - Provide no support

Option 2 - Support through District-wide rates

Option 3 - Support through mixed targeted and District-wide rate

Comment:
Accessible Properties supports the concept of rates funding support for a museum. A museum with free access is an important community facility of value to all. It helps provide a sense of place and identity for the communities it serves. Pride in and connection to place increase the sense of belonging and participation in community life. It can provide a valuable learning environment and barrier free access for local families that can otherwise be excluded due to affordability.

Accessible Properties favours Option 3 as this allocates a higher level of rates levies to the community that is near to the museum, and most likely to use it. It needs to be borne in mind that Maketu and Te Puke are both about 75km from Katikati and that residents of these towns are more likely to access the proposed new Tauranga museum, which would be closer, easier to get to, and might have a collection of greater relevance to their heritage. If not already done, it is suggested that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council cooperate on the content displayed at their respective museums so that it reflects the histories of the wider communities likely to access the facilities.
3.3 Key Proposal Three - Arts and Culture funding

What is this proposal?:
Council has recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. This provides a framework to grow and support arts and culture in our communities, to bring social, economic and cultural benefits.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option enables Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator to carry out key actions from the Arts and Culture Strategy, while also recognising there are other organisations in the Western Bay that Council already supports to deliver arts and culture projects and events. Council also makes one-off funding contributions to arts and culture projects and events through its Community Matching Fund.

Question:
Which option do you prefer for key proposal three?

Response:
Option 1 - Provide no additional funding for the Arts and Culture Strategy implementation

Option 2 - Provide additional funding to enable partial implementation of identified key actions of the strategy

Option 3 - Provide additional funding to enable full implementation of identified key actions of the strategy, and increased support for arts and culture in the Western Bay District

Comment:
Option 1 is preferred because it minimises the impact of rates increases on people on very low incomes, who are unlikely to see this as an important service justifying spending from their limited budget for recreational activities. Instead, more of a user-pays approach is suggested.

3.4 Key Proposal Four - Debt management approach

What is this proposal?
The current indications are that population growth, and therefore our revenue from financial contributions, will continue to be strong. We think we can now reduce the amount of the contribution we're taking from rates to fund interest and debt repayments.

However, we also know that growth is volatile and difficult to predict as there are many factors that influence our rate of growth. An option to manage this is to reduce
the amount of the contribution for year one (2018/19) of the LTP only, and maintain
the $2.5 million contribution for the following years two to 10.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - To contribute $1 million from rates to interest and
debt repayments, for year one of the LTP, maintaining the contribution at $2.5 million
for years two to 10. We think this is a financially prudent approach, as we can review
the amount of the contribution annually and revise it if we need to depending on our
rate of growth.

**Question:**
Which option do you prefer for key proposal four?

**Response:**

**Option 1 - Continue with current approach of contributing $2.5m a year from rates to
interest and debt repayments**

Option 2 - Change the debt management approach to contribute $1m of rates to
interest and debt repayments for year one, AND continue with the current approach
of contributing $2.5m a year from rates to interest and debt repayments from year
two onwards

**Comment:**
Accessible Properties supports Council preferred Option 2 as this minimises the
impact on rates rises, while prudently managing down debt.

4. Further Comments:

4.1. **Housing Action Plan**

Accessible Properties notes that a *Housing Action Plan* is proposed to be developed,
and offers to assist with input into this important document.

**(a) Social Housing Supply and Growth:**

It is recommended that this plan includes actions to ensure adequate supply of social
housing and means of facilitating this. To date, the Western Bay of Plenty population
has grown rapidly without concurrent growth in its social housing infrastructure. The
2017 *Taking Stock* research report released by Salvation Army found that the ratio of
social housing to total housing stock in Bay of Plenty was only 2.5%, which was
substantially less than the national average of 4.1%. This current situation is reflected
in the area having one of the highest (if not the highest) social housing wait lists per
capita in the country. As the area’s growth continues, this undesirable gap will
increase unless planned, pro-active action is taken.
Accessible Properties recommends:

- The *Housing Action Plan* includes provision for sufficient social and affordable housing growth that integrates well into the community and meets its needs.
- The Council consults with Community Housing Providers in Western Bay of Plenty on how good quality additional social and affordable housing can be incentivised, and delivered.

Ways to incentivise additional social and affordable housing might include:

- Waiver of requirements for a development contribution.
  - this has been the approach adopted by Christchurch City Council.
- Inclusionary zoning.
  - note that a report titled *Supporting Affordable Housing Supply* released by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute in April 2018 established that ‘inclusionary planning’ tools have leveraged significant quantities of affordable housing supply in many parts of the UK and US and also in South Australia. It noted that this facilitated 43% of affordable housing output in England in 2015-16.
- Free or discounted supply of Council-owned land.
- Fast track consenting provisions/assurances to reduce delays and costs.

If the plan includes measures to ensure adequate growth in social and affordable housing it will allow the Council to meet its obligations under the government’s new *National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity* to understand housing supply gaps and take action to address these gaps. It is noted that this strategy identifies Western Bay of Plenty District as a “High Growth” area that requires fast-track attention to the policy – which is well within the timeframes of the Council’s Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

(b) Housing Growth Through Intensification:

Accessible Properties notes that provision for population growth is a key outcome of the Council’s Long Term Plan, and that about 15,000 more people are expected to live in the district over the next ten years. The Council is to be congratulated for being pro-active in making sure that there is sufficient land zoned for greenfields housing development (particularly in Omokoroa and Katikati) and that arrangements for the necessary utility services infrastructure have been made.

It is suggested that the Western Bay of Plenty District also considers how it could facilitate additional housing through infill of existing housing areas and includes this in the *Housing Action Plan*. Many residential sites in its towns are large, and could enable this - particularly in Te Puke. Infill in these towns has the following advantages:

- It keeps costs of new housing supply down by utilising less expensive land (particularly if existing housing can be retained in their current locations).
- It reduces costs of Council infrastructure by making efficient use of existing piping networks, public transport, cycleways, and roads and by grouping housing close to existing community centres (halls and libraries) and parks and recreational reserves.
It enables growth to occur more quickly, as there is a wider choice of development sites available at any one time.

It has the effect of improving overall quality and value of housing in existing residential areas.

As the largest single residential property owner in Te Puke, Accessible Properties is aware that its portfolio of 100 residential properties includes about 20 sites (20%) with potential for more intensive redevelopment within existing District Plan complying activity rules. These sites are over 700 sq m in area and have building coverage ratios less than 15%. This infill potential is most likely representative of the situation throughout the town. The sizes of many existing residential properties reflect the expectations of previous generations for homes to have large gardens and lawns, which no longer reflects the needs of a modern lifestyle. It is recommended that the Housing Action Plan facilitates housing for population growth by providing incentives for growth through infill. These incentives could include:

- Waiving, or reducing, development contributions.
- Modifying District Plan rules so that they are more likely to enable infill. For example, minimum plot sizes could vary depending on the size of house to be built on them (this could also assist with the need for a higher proportion of small, affordable housing units).
- Reducing the number of car parking spaces required for 1 and 2 bedroom homes.
- Relaxing the site coverage restrictions for smaller units/lots to allow more effective use of sites.

Accessible Properties has made a commitment to increase social housing supply in Tauranga and Te Puke by at least 150 units, and do this mainly through infill and more intensive redevelopment of land it already owns. It would welcome District Plan rules that minimised barriers to this type of additional supply.

The Tauranga Eastern Link has made Te Puke well-suited as a location for convenient and affordable housing for people working in Tauranga.

(c) SmartGrowth Strategy:

Accessible Properties supports Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s involvement in SmartGrowth. It is highly desirable that neighbouring Councils and key government agencies coordinate actions that enable regional growth. This includes coordination with NZTA for their improvements to State Highway 2 so that these are available in time to service housing growth in Omokoroa and Katikati. It also includes the coordination of growth projects with those of Tauranga City Council. It is assumed that the Housing Action Plan will be compatible with the SmartGrowth strategy and provide means of implementation of this strategy.
5. Clarification and Further Feedback:

It is understood that the Council does not intend to organise meetings for subsequent verbal submissions. Accessible Properties offers to meet if the Council wished to discuss or clarify any of the matters raised above,

For information on, or clarification of, the above please contact:

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Comment: I am definitely AGAINST the current Council proposal to construct a cycle/walkway in the reserve in front of Wakana Place. I urge Council to work with PSSCA to achieve the best outcome for our community. There are SAFETY issues with the current proposal.

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Please provide any detailed comments, with the appropriate question number, below. You can attach extra pages if needed.

I would support Council obtaining professional advice on how to manage and reduce Council's debt. (best)

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Please take some time to answer these quick demographic questions

Are you?  Male  Female  Gender Diverse  Prefer not to say

What age group do you belong to?  0-15  15-24  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65-74  75+  Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your ethnicity (Choose all that apply)?  NZ European  Māori  Samoan  Tongan  Chinese  Indian  Prefer not to say  Other - please specify

Which part of the Western Bay do you live in e.g. Maketu, Katikati?  Refer address
1. Introduction:

Ngati Pikiao ki Tai affiliates to Ngati Pikiao Environmental Society, the mandated Ngati Pikiao representative group for Ngati Pikiao on environmental matters. The Smartgrowth Maori and Tangata Whenua Iwi Demographics 2015 report identifies 663 Ngati Pikiao in the Smartgrowth region of TCC and WBDC. NPKT endeavour to represent Ngati Pikiao on environmental issues within the Western Bay District Council area, the Tauranga City Council environs as far as they affect Ngati Pikiao (e.g. Papamoa stormwater discharge into the Kaituna River), and those parts of the Ngati Pikiao area of interest which cross-over to Whakatane District Council. Our AOI seems to have had more than its share of challenges as far as environmental matters which affect our Iwi. Our group is voluntary.

Attached is the Ngati Pikiao Iwi areas of interest.
Ngati Pikiao ki Tai have read the WBDC proposed Long Term Plan and make the following comments with reference to:

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Ensure that cycle-ways for Maketu area include a cycle-way from Maketu to the Rangiruru business park.

Investigate best stormwater practises and infrastructure to ensure...
objective. A textual analysis confirms these contradictions. For eg. Referring to the natural environment as “assets” is indicative a narrow monocultural approach, reflecting the old fashioned “economic development benefits all’ philosophy. Council needs to plan with a new and different mindset as this outdated approach will not produce effective sustainable planning. Accumulated impacts from past Council decisions are now impacting coming home to haunt with the funds ratepayers are paying for restoration activities. Council shouldn’t be thinking about water quality; they should be doing something. There is a lot of information about how you can do it and water needs to be prioritised.

Other contradictions are your coastal erosion policies which appear to be well thought out and then ignored. Council still seems hell bent on building places to park cars instead of restoring coastal margins.

| Water planning with the future in mind. Ngati Pikiao wants to see better management of any water going into the Kaituna and Maketu estuary from infrastructure which is a part of WBDC’s portfolio. |

| Stormwater is more dangerous to Maketu estuary kai moana and kai awa then the Rena oil. Stormwater systems are taking plastics, heavy metal and other pollutants straight into the estuary. Given the huge investment by BOPRC in the return of freshwater to the estuary, WBDC needs to urgently upgrade its stormwater filtering systems which impact on Maketu estuary. | 

| Pollution free stormwater is put into the estuary. Put that infrastructure in place as a priority. |
| Chapter 4 | Building communities – we value community connections and a sense of place. | We value diversity in our communities and are part of the Welcoming Communities pilot programme, that welcomes newcomers into our communities. | Ngati Pikiao notes the lack of connection by Councils with non mana-whenua in the Bay of Plenty. The Smartgrowth statistics say that there are 9114 Maori who are tangata whenua to Tauranga Moana and live in the sub-region, 2943 Te Arawa and a total 16,871 Maori with other iwi affiliations live in the area.

WBDC recently conducted a survey of needs for other ethnicities but no such survey has been done for Maori who are from other areas. This ignores the growth situations of urban Maori and the development of Urban Maori authorities in Auckland and Hamilton for example.

The Maori forums are not responsible for connecting with or representing these peoples but they have obvious needs. | Investigate methods of making connections with and involving non-mana whenua Maori in Council mplanning. |
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Council engagement policies, or the RMA? Lack of consistency in consultation and engagement.
new infrastructure being required is directly due to this misapprehension about growth. Shift your focus.

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SUBMISSION TO WESTERN BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN 2018

To:
Long Term Plan Submissions
Western Bay District Council

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- Our group ethnicity is Maori
- Please note that we DO NOT wish to speak to our submission

1. Introduction:

Te Arawa ki Tai Charitable Trust formed after the Rena oil disaster. We do not represent Iwi. We are a Maori environmental group based in Maketu. Our vision is to become recognised as a leading indigenous organisation in caring for the Moana Taiao.

However, in saying that there have been previous Maori groups formed in Maketu with the objective of addressing tangata whenua concerns around the Environment post the diversion of the Kaituna. The most active was the Maketu Action group for the return of the Kaituna River. A lack of capacity has hindered the success of tangata whenua environmental groups in Maketu. This was to the fore when the Trustees for TAKT were sought.

Mission of the Trust is
To provide opportunities which enable kaitiakitanga based on kaupapa Maori, which are aimed at strengthening and revitalising our knowledge systems pertaining to the land-river-coastal-moana environs

To seek out and re-invigorate the inherent legacy, practices and knowledge within whanau, explore and provide opportunities to leverage from scientific disciplines and pursue new knowledges that enhance their kaitiakitanga.
Activities to date:

1. Organising oil clean up Maketu
2. Contracting impact and research reports around the Maketu experience.
3. Successfully mentoring two Maketu rangatahi into professional studies
4. Organising a seminar reporting back to the community on Rena research from a variety of researchers.
5. Contracting a diver to report on Otaiti conditions and ongoing monitoring of clean up
6. Submissions to MFE on the Rena
7. Working on Rena culturally appropriate consent conditions
8. Delivering updated information on the Rena to Te Arawa
9. Fundraising to support a Te Arawa case to the environment court.
10. Submitting on the BOPRC Coastal Environment Plan and defending the status of the Kaituna Surf Break and other coastal environmental conditions
11. Promoting Seaweek activities week.
12. Developing culturally appropriate videos resources for the anti-plastic Moana message
13. Presenting a seminar for kaumatua at Maketu on impacts relevant to Maketu
14. Preparing a WAI Warriors rangatahi session
15. Organising sponsored rangatahi fishing and diving trip.

This submission is made in relation to Councils LTP where it says it wants to support environmental groups. This is an introduction to our group submission.
Raewyn loves the sea. Born and grew up in Maketu with her grandfather, a traditional, subsistence fisherman. Raewyn wants to revitalise Maketu as a puna of knowledge holders and practitioners in kaitiakitanga of the sea. She says that more than ever we need to step up to protect the oceans. Raewyn’s kaitiakitanga submissions includes the customary fisheries statement for the Te Arawa Fisheries settlement, Foreshore and Seabed, NZ Coastal Plan and latterly the Te Arawa response to the Rena disaster. Raewyn has 30 year’s experience in voluntary Maori community development initiatives. She has been a representative in forums advancing Maori/indigenous rights including the Indigenous Peoples forum at the United Nations in Geneva, Fiji and Greenland. She spent 9 years as a Maori elected representative on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, chairing the Strategic Planning and Policy and gained experience in governance of the successful BOPRC company managing the Ports investment portfolio. She also was instrumental in the Council endorsing the return of the Kaituna River to Ongatoro. Her governance roles include BOP Regional Council, Tauranga Moana Maori District Council, Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Ngaiterangi Iwi, and two schools Boards of Trustees. She had the honour of being elected Co-Chair at an Indigenous forum on education at the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the UN. She has a B.Soc Sc Hons degree (Anthropology and Education).

Dr. Tanira Kingi

Tanira is a scientist who until recently resided at the Kingi whanau home in Maketu. Tanira has a Ph. D in agricultural economics and development from the Australian National University. He is currently the Research Leader in Primary Systems of the VCO Group at Scion. Prior to Scion Tanira worked at AgResearch and Massey University’s Agricultural Systems group. Tanira has several board appointments with a number of Māori agricultural businesses and treaty settlement entities including Whakaue Farming Ltd, Te Arawa Management Ltd and Pukeroa-Oruawhata Board of Trustees. For the past 20 years, he has been an advisor to a number of government agencies on Maori land issues. More recently Tanira was appointed as a member of the oversight group for the Our Land & Water National Science Challenge and co-leads two projects as well as being advisor to the challenge on the Vision Matauranga component. Tanira is currently chair of the Lake Rotorua Stakeholder Advisory Group that is working with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on developing regulation to reduce nitrate leaching into the lakes and freshwater. Tanira’s whanau is well known for their community work amongst Te Arawa communities, serving the people.
Heeni Hope

Heeni Hope belongs to Waikato-Tainui iwi: Ngati Mahuta, Ngati Wairere, Ngati Kauwhata and Ngati Pou. She has a Master’s degree in Science (1st Class Hons) and is also a qualified secondary school teacher, and has taught at kura kaupapa Maori for the past 15 years. She is fortunate to be part of a whanau actively involved in te reo Māori revitalisation, and has continued those efforts by committing to kōrero Māori with her son, attending reo wānanga (including Te Reo o te Kaakaho and Te Panekiretanga o te Reo), and normalising te reo with whānau, friends and colleagues. She is a licensed te reo Māori interpreter. She has taught pūtaiao and other kaupapa in te reo Māori at several kura, including Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Matai, Te Kura o Mauao and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Ruamata. She has also been involved in pūtaiao curriculum and teacher development and worked for Te Mauri Tau/Enviroschools and NIWA and supported Maori science initiatives within Te Arawa and nationally. Heeni is acknowledged by TAKT for her matauranga Maori. Heeni has always had a particular interest in mahinga kai, para kore and kaupapa supporting sustainable living and has recently ventured into amateur beekeeping after participating in Waikato-Tainui beekeeping training. She is Chair of the Ruamata Waka Ama Club and considers waka to be a philosophy through which one can aspire to oranga tinana, oranga whānau, oranga taiao. Heeni will begin studying towards her Ph.D in 2018.

Pia Bennett

Pia is a coastie at heart. She was co-ordinator of the Rena Oil Clean up for Te Arawa/Maketu, project managed the beads debris clean up and the complicated Te Arawa response to the Rena hearings and Environment Court which involved unending hui with a variety of organisations and people from a variety of backgrounds. Pia is an original Trustee. She has a history of advocating for matauranga Maori and tikanga Maori being appropriately recognised in protecting the Environment. Pia has a working knowledge of local statutory plans regarding the Environment and led a successful case for the recognition of the cultural flow of the Waitahanui river. Her professional employment history has been in kaitiaki taiao positions, including the Ministry of Fisheries, Te Wananga o Aotearoa tutoring and Ngati Makino Heritage Trust, besides assisting many Iwi in a voluntary role with their Taiao work. Pia has demonstrated her ability time and time again to attract and work with young adults needing support in their school and post-school situations. She has undertaken personal research on many marine issues adding to her knowledge on the realm of Tangaroa, including tohora and associated tikanga. Her qualifications include: PADI Open Water Diver Instructor, Boat masters, RMA Hearings Commissioner (Excellent), Bachelor of Applied Science, Diploma in Marine Studies, Diploma in Maori Leadership, Diploma in Te Reo Maori. Pia was recently awarded a Masters Scholarship to Waikato University to study Public Policy. She lives in Maketu and has two children.
Joe Te Kowhai

You are more likely to bump into Joe if you are a fisherman or a diver even though Joe started his working life as a mechanical engineer working on civil engineering projects. The sea and outdoors has always featured large in his life and after completing his undergraduate degree, he quickly moved into diving and outdoors education enterprises and marine research. Joe’s international diving career started in 1990 and from there he has dived around the world in numerous diving jobs, including shipwreck assessments. He completed his post graduate diploma in Marine Biology in 2004 though he also has a number of qualifications to support his passion for outdoor education teaching, including: Adventure Education NZQA tertiary evaluator Certified Adult Teaching (C.A.T) SSI Risk Health Safety Assessor SSI Scuba Schools International Instructor Trainer(Current) Stress Recue trainer(Current) First Aid(Current) Oxygen Provider Cert OSHA Certificate of Competency(Processing). Joe was asked to assess the Rena wreck on behalf of the Te Arawa/Maketu Rena Oil komiti and subsequently contracted to Ngati Makino Heritage Trust to report to Te Arawa on the Rena/Otaiti wreck and debris clean up. He has an unchallengeable relationship with and knowledge of the BOP moana and kai moana sustainability. Joes special talent is his entrepreneurship which combines his engineering with his outdoors knowledge. This has resulted in inventions which have made life easier and safer for outdoors exploration. Also from a well-known, community serving whanau, Joe says his favourite past-time is being with his kids.

Our newest Trustee (Full profile and pic to come)

Jade Tapsell LLB/BSocSci

Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court
Member of Te Hunga Roia Maori (Maori Law Society)
Currently the General Manager at a health Trust, Poutiri Trust. Prior to this Jade practiced law in treaty settlement negotiations, and family and criminal law.
Submission

Western BoP District Longterm Plan.

It would appear those with current and past, responsibility to the residents of the WBoP residents consider 10 years is “longterm”

That being the case it is of no surprise to find residents face the challenges they face today!

e.g. Current outcry with regard to people movement west of Tauranga particularly on SH2. Over 30+ years ago (over 3 decades) those in positions of responsibility on the then Tauranga County Council were alerted to the potential transport problems. It was suggested, from several quarters, particularly those championing the construction of the TEL, that comparable infrastructure was needed, not just from Omokoroa to Tauranga but from WAIHI to TAURANGA. Someone began to play with a KatiKati bypass. Those responsible from that day to this have failed to act constructively now the problem has manifest itself as an unnecessary major one. Proper longterm planning and active promotion of real longterm planning would have averted the shambles we face today.

Longterm planning ,The TEL took over 30 years to manifest itself and you claim 10years as longterm???? Full marks for consistency your inadequate consultation document continues to demonstrate a lack of foresight, creativity is conspicuous by its absence, and lack of recognition of the inevitable extent of growth in our district. The document fails to reflect that better realisation of our potentials and infrastructural development would be achieved through appropriate co-operation between adjoining districts (Regional vision) and various development opportunities e.g. Quayside Industrial Estate and Paengaroa Village. It is reasonable to assume all those in positions of responsibility recognise vibrant, fiscally successful business carries opportunities and benefits for all District residents.

WALKING/CYCLING

As a comparable in potential take a look at the benefits derived by residents in the region of the Otago Rail Trail. More and more people are benefitting from regular use of facilities that accommodate these activities, none more so than those using the system associated with the TEL. Extend, as a priority, the cycle walkway from Paengaroa, via Lake Rotoiti to Rotorua and the benefits to residents and the Tourist business potentials are obvious.

Talk to BoP Regional Council about waterway protection, transit about safe usage and the potentials of creating a cost shared, mixed objective achieving facility adjoining the PokoPoko stream from Black Road Paengaroa to Rotorua are enlightening. The districts increase in Tourist generated revenue are very impressive. By comparison some of the prioritised alternative developments pale to insignificance. Think in terms of business benefits for all and stop putting vote catching first.
TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

The failure to manifest proper roading systems west of Tauranga are glaringly obvious.

The plan talks about bus systems BUT fails to recognise the full opportunities and potentials offered by an existing rail system?? It also fails to address the significance of the Paengaroa logistical position some recognised decades ago when that location was the principal wagon changing centre of the western BoP

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

For openers try some proper community development plans for ALL residential sectors of the Western BoP.

KatiKati has run out of residential options

Paengaroa The logistical centre of the WBoP has achieved miniscule recognition through the promotion of a community park on the Hall Road/Conway Road land. Big deal how does that fit into a total community development scheme. SH traffic management, commercial industrial and residential interface???. The potential of that strategically located community as the development location of Regionally significant facilities has gone unrecognised for far too long. It is the centre point between Tauranga, Rotorua and Whakatane with good Highway connections AND a rail link from Tauranga to Whakatane.

Pukehina Beach, Maketu, Athenree, Waihi Beach ?? where do they feature? What planning has been done relative to the LONGTERM roles they will play

Community facilities such as museums, recreational facilities, art galleries etc are used by residents of Tauranga City and the Western Bay Think about the use and cost benefits all residents would enjoy IF there was a little less parochialism and a tad more creativity and recognition of population movement. Frightening as it may be try to be a little creative and visionary.

People need to live in residences, they can come in many forms, expand the manner in which they can be manifest and accommodate the needs of all socio economic groups. Improve administration of building affairs and get service and costs sorted (they are too high and information request take far too long for constructive response)

FUNDING FISCAL MANAGEMENT

There are no free lunches!

But greater consideration needs to be given to the most cost effective means of delivering community expectaions. Co-operation with adjoining Districts and achieving shared objectives would be a good start for openers. Adopt a user pays approach where equitable and look to assisting development of income generating enterprises which generate income
streams for more people. More support for Tourism BoP and greater District representation on such groups.

The cost of something is quickly forgotten when the quality of the experience is readily/enjoyably remembered.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Be more specific. Not impressed with the manner in which the “Longterm Plan” has been presented from a content perspective. Indicate where a reader can assess the integration of a proposal into the big picture e.g. Paengaroa reserve development, is this to only reserve in Paengaroa?

I am prepared to present my thoughts and others in public

BUT Having travelled for 30 minutes, waited for goodness knows how long don’t insult me by allowing only 5 minutes for presentation!

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Have your say on the future of your District

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We appreciate you taking the time to let us know what you think about our draft Long Term Plan. Once you’ve submitted your feedback we will let you know we’ve received it. Visit www.haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz to make a submission online. Otherwise fill out this feedback form and drop it off at one of our offices. Please note: All the information you provide in your feedback form (including personal details) will become public documents.

All written feedback must be received by 4pm Friday, 4 May 2018

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1. Proposals for walking and cycling (See page 13)

We want to continue with the good work that’s been achieved so far. We’re proposing to increase the funding provided year on year to build walkways and cycleways, so that more can be delivered, faster. This will support the development of the District-wide network.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - Increasing funding to do more, faster. This will enable us to complete more of the network over the next 10 years.

2. Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum (See page 21)

The museum has requested a further grant of $70,000 a year for the next three years. The grant will be used specifically for the role of the museum curator, and for the storage costs for the collection.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option ensures the museum will continue to operate and ensures our heritage collection is protected.

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Privacy Act 1993: This form and the details of your submission will be publicly available as part of the decision making process.
3. Proposal for funding arts and culture (See page 22)

Council has recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. This provides a framework to grow and support arts and culture in our communities, to bring social, economic and cultural benefits.

- **Option 1**: Provide no additional funding for the Arts and Culture Strategy implementation.
- **Option 2**: Provide additional funding to enable partial implementation of identified key actions of the strategy.
- **Option 3**: Provide additional funding to enable full implementation of identified key actions of the strategy, and increased support for arts and culture in the Western Bay District.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option enables Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator to carry out key actions from the Arts and Culture Strategy, while also recognising there are other organisations in the Western Bay that Council already supports to deliver arts and culture projects and events. Council also makes one-off funding contributions to arts and culture projects and events through its Community Matching Fund.

4. Proposal to change our debt management approach (See page 34)

The current indications are that population growth, and therefore our revenue from financial contributions, will continue to be strong. We think we can now reduce the amount of the contribution we’re taking from rates to fund interest and debt repayments.

However, we also know that growth is volatile and difficult to predict as there are many factors that influence our rate of growth. An option to manage this is to reduce the amount of the contribution for year one (2018/19) of the LTP only, and maintain the $2.5 million contribution for the following years two to 10.

- **Option 1**: Continue with current approach of contributing $2.5 million a year from rates to interest and debt repayments.
- **Option 2**: Change the debt management approach to contribute $1 million of rates to interest and debt repayments for year one (2018/19) of the LTP only, AND continue with the current approach of contributing $2.5 million a year from rates to interest and debt repayments from year two onwards.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - to contribute $1 million from rates to interest and debt repayments, for year one of the LTP, maintaining the contribution at $2.5 million for years two to 10. We think this is a financially prudent approach, as we can review the amount of the contribution annually and revise it if we need to depending on our rate of growth.

Please provide any detailed comments, with the appropriate question number, below. You can attach extra pages if needed.

Please take some time to answer these quick demographic questions

- Are you?  ○ Male  ○ Female  ○ Gender Diverse  ○ Prefer not to say
- What age group do you belong to?  ○ <15  ○ 15-24  ○ 25-34  ○ 35-44  ○ 45-54  ○ 55-64  ○ 65-74  ○ 75+  ○ Prefer not to say
- Which of the following best describes your ethnicity (Choose all that apply)?  ○ NZ European  ○ Māori  ○ Samoan  ○ Tongan  ○ Chinese  ○ Indian  ○ Prefer not to say  ○ Other - please specify
- Which part of the Western Bay do you live in e.g. Maketu, Katikati?
This is the submission of the Western Ward Residents and Ratepayers Association on Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document.

This is a “Claytons Plan”. It is the plan you have when you don’t have a plan. There is not one plan in the Consultation Document to show basic information about where residential and industrial development is proposed. The document states “The District is growing and changing rapidly”. Where are the plans to show where it is growing and where it is changing? Residents, ratepayers, business people, farmers and orchardists need to know what changes are planned so they can do a bit of planning of their own.

Western Bay of Plenty has the highest rates of all the district councils in New Zealand but three of the four key proposals appear to be of minor importance to the reduction of rates or to the core business of Council. These three proposals appear to be red herrings designed to divert the attention of ratepayers away from more important areas. For example, taking the cheap option of no support for the Katikati museum would save just $59,000 per year, or $2.78 per ratepayer. But hidden away in the bowels of the plan is a proposal to build two boat ramps with a combined cost of $12 million which equates to $570 per ratepayer.

Here are the four proposals that Council wants feedback on:

1 PROPOSALS FOR WALKING AND CYCLING. The options are to continue with the current programme or increase funding to “do more faster”. Council prefers the second option. Council has a grand scheme to build a cycleway from Waihi Beach to Tauranga, and although they get a subsidy from Central Government, this is going to be a very expensive project. Council should realise that even when projects are subsidised ratepayers still have to contribute. Building cycleways mainly for use by tourists is not a core business for Council. Council has already wasted more than $100,000 in the failed attempt to build a cycleway from Waihi to Waihi Beach.

Cycleways may be a good thing for an area when there is a demand by residents, where there is existing infrastructure such as bridges and there is interesting scenery. This is not the case for most of the proposed route between Waihi and Waihi Beach and between Waihi Beach and Tauranga. The blunder over the estimated cost of the “iconic” cycleway bridge over the Waioa River should serve as a warning of the danger of proceeding with projects just because some organisation has agreed to partly subsidise it. Bridging the Waiau at Athenree will have similar costs to bridging the Waioa, and there are many more streams to bridge between the Waiau and the Waioa Rivers. We need a safe and efficient transportation network, but this proposed cycleway does not qualify as part of the transportation system. The proposed cycleway could cost well in excess of $10 million, and for what benefit?

WWRRA submits that no more money be spent on any part of the Waihi Beach to Tauranga Cycleway until such time as a proper evaluation of the costs and benefits is carried out. This cycleway proposal could cost several tens of millions of dollars to complete so Council should seek Ratepayers’ approval to proceed even if the cost-benefit study results are positive.

2 PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING THE WESTERN BAY MUSEUM. The museum has requested a further grant of $70,000 a year for the next three years. The grant will be used specifically “for the role of the curator, and for the storage costs for the collection.” The options provided by Council are to provide no support, support through District-wide rates, or support through mixed targeted and District-wide rates. Their preferred option is to support through District-wide
rates. The Museum provides little benefit to ratepayers who live outside Katikati, and probably not much for those
who live in Katikati.

The museum has proved to be very expensive for ratepayers over the time it has been operating. It cost over
$340,000 to make the old fire station earthquake-proof and has cost ratepayers $60,000 a year since. In the year to
end of August 2017 the Museum had total income of $82,535, mainly from sponsorships, grants and donations. Total
expenses, including salaries and employment costs were $115,806. This resulted in a deficit of $33,271. The total
number of walk-in paying visitors during the year was 1588. That is an average of just 31 per week. Council
contributed $74,000 to the museum so it cost ratepayers $46 for each paying visitor. It appears to us that the
museum does not contain much of historic significance, that it is not viable and there is no reason why ratepayers
should continue to fund it. Council agreed to fund the museum for three years so it could show it was financially
viable. It has failed to do that.

WWRRA submits that Council should not provide any more funding for Western Bay Museum.

3 PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING ARTS AND CULTURE. Council have recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture
Strategy which they claim will "bring social, economic and cultural benefits". The options they give are to provide no
additional funding, provide additional funding to enable partial implementation of identified key actions of the
strategy, or provide additional funding to enable full implementation of identified key actions of the strategy and
increased support for arts and culture in the Western Bay District. Council prefers the second option. But it is not a
function of Council to subsidize this kind of activity. Art galleries and museums are only financially viable in larger
cities where visitor numbers are sufficiently large. A reduction in rates would probably bring even larger social and
economic benefits than additional spending on the Arts and Culture Strategy.

WWRRA submits that Council should not provide any additional funding for arts and culture in the district.

4 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE OUR DEBT MANAGEMENT APPROACH. The options provided are to continue with the
current approach of contributing $2.5 million a year from rates to interest and debt repayments, or only pay $1
million next year then $2.5 in subsequent years. Council prefers the second option which is difficult to understand
when they say “The current indications are that population growth and therefore our revenue from financial
contributions will continue to be strong.” If this is correct then why does Council propose to reduce repayments by
$1 Million for one year? Given that $800 of our rates each year goes to service Council’s debt it would appear to be
sensible to try to reduce debt whenever possible. We commend Council for reducing the level of debt over the last
few years but it still needs to be reduced further. We do not think that the flow of money Council is receiving from
development levies will continue forever.

In recent years Council has paid down debt at significantly higher levels than the $2.5 million that it is now
proposing, clear evidence that it could, and should, do better than proposed

WWRRA submits that Council should not reduce the amount paid to reduce debt. They should instead increase
the rate at which debt is paid off.

5 GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTORS

There are many more important issues affecting ratepayers that council should be addressing in this Long Term Plan.
Why has ratepayer’s input to this Long Term Plan been restricted to just these four proposals? Council’s governance,
administration and supervision of their contractors needs to be improved to reduce costs.

Council appears to have lost its way in regard to the core services they are required to supply. Why are they
sponsoring stupid and unnecessary events such as the “Dogs in Togs” event held at the Te Puke Pool on Saturday 14
April? This may appear to be a trivial complaint but the cost of flushing all the excreta out of the pool after the event
would be considerable with water priced at $1.30 per cubic metre. While regional councils right around New Zealand
are trying to get domestic animals out of our waters to make them more swimmable WBOPDC is trying to get them into a public swimming pool!

WWRRA submits that Council should stop wasting money on unnecessary non-core events.

Council should be more pro-active in management of its assets. One example of the lack of management is the Subdivision at Hanlen Avenue where Double R Developments were given subdivision consent to develop a four hectare block into 48 sections. Condition 7 of the consent stated that the fill material be transported to the site from the Waihi Beach quarry via Waihi Beach Road, SH 2, Athenree Road, Steele Road and Emerton Road to avoid causing problems in Waihi Beach Village. For four months Beach Contractors carted this material through The Village on grossly overloaded trucks until we were able to get Council to serve an abatement notice on them. Beach Contractors caused extensive damage to the seal on Waihi Beach Road which they refuse to take responsibility for. WWRRA asked the Commercial Vehicle Safety Group (CVSG) to investigate the overloading of these trucks. We also asked Council to ask CVSG to investigate the loads on these trucks because we thought Council would carry more authority than a ratepayers group. Council staff refused our request.

We realise that Council has a lump sum contract with Westlink but sooner or later ratepayers will have to foot the bill. We will keep on paying because Council staff refused to take action to stop these trucks damaging our road, and Westlink know they cannot expect Council to intervene to reduce damage to the roads they maintain in future.

WWRRA submits that Council staff should be more pro-active in protecting our assets.

Condition 8 of the same subdivision consent states there should be a Chartered Professional Engineer approved by the CEO on site to supervise the project. It appears that this person was not competent enough to know that approximately sixty trucks a day were approaching the site from the wrong direction. Council are unable to provide the name of this person. We suspect that the subdivider is not employing an engineer as required by the consent and Council has no way of ensuring that sewers, water supply and other infrastructure are being installed to the required standard at this subdivision. Council staff know that the developer has been convicted of corruption so they should be supervising this subdivision even more closely than normal.

WWRRA submits that when Council sets conditions on Subdivision Consents they should enforce them.

WWRRA did our first service request about the damage to Waihi Beach Road on 17 November 2017. Between that time and 13 April we wrote three letters to Council asking for information about various aspects of the Hanlen Avenue Subdivision Consent. It took 31, 17 and 27 days respectively for Council staff to reply to those letters. That is a total of seventy five days delay during which time the developer was able to breach the conditions of the consent and save itself hundreds of thousands of dollars at ratepayer’s expense.

WWRRA submits that Council staff should reply promptly to any enquiries where there is an on-going cost to ratepayers.

Council claims to carry out extensive consultation but the build of the Katikati Library and the positioning of the Diggelmann Park toilets demonstrated that the claim has no basis in fact. A new library for Katikati was unnecessary and was not wanted by the majority of people who responded to Council’s own survey. The proposal to add The Hub to the library was never mentioned in any of Council’s plans.

WWRRA submits that Council take more notice of what capital projects ratepayers want their rates spent on.

WWRRA submits that Council seek ratepayer approval before spending their money on unnecessary capital projects like The Hub.

In 2015 Council advertised that they proposed setting aside two areas of land in Wilson Park at Waihi Beach for a “Community Garden”. Following objections by three neighbouring residents and the intervention of the Manager Reserves and Facilities the two areas became one. Less than 10% of the new area coincided with the area that had
been advertised. No consultation was carried out in regard to the new area. The “Community Garden” has become a private orchard which extends out towards the middle of the park. It is an eye-sore.

WWRRA submits that managers at WBOPDC should be instructed to properly carry out consultation with residents, particularly where work is proposed in parks and reserves.

A number of residents have advised us that the contractor who cleans out Two and Three Mile Creeks when they silt up put the sand immediately adjacent to the streams from where it washes back or is blown back into the stream bed within a relatively short period of time. This is contrary to the procedure for this work. This is very good for the contractor because he is recalled much earlier to repeat the process than he would be if he did the job properly. It is not so good for ratepayers who bear the cost of this extra digger time.

Council have spent a considerable amount of money this summer on building up and surfacing the walking track through Broadlands Block. However, even though it was very obvious that water flows across the track when it rains, no culvert pipes were installed to stop the surface material being washed out during times of rain. There would have been minimal incremental cost to install the pipes at the time of the upgrade, but much greater cost to retrofit them.

WWRRA submits that Council insists that contractors use competent people on Council jobs and that their work is inspected before they are paid for the work they claim to have done.

We are aware of numerous other jobs around Katikati and Waihi Beach where the workmanship is shonky, or is done in a manner which requires it to be repeated sooner than should be necessary, or is done using more equipment than warranted by the size of the job. All of these add to the cost for ratepayers. The problem is compounded by Council staff at Barkes Corner being too far away from Katikati and Waihi Beach to ensure that work carried out by contractors is up to the required standard and is done in the most cost-efficient way.

There is a WBOPDC ute stationed at Waihi Beach. We assume the person who drives it is being paid by Council even if he does appear to spend a large part of each working day at his home. We have not been able to find out what he actually does for Council. We believe that if a Council employee is stationed in Waihi Beach that person would provide better value for ratepayers if acting in a semi-managerial role.

We believe that it is time that Council’s governance and administration is reviewed with the objective of restructuring the organisation to meet ratepayer’s needs.

WWRRA submits that Council investigate how they could rationalise the way they manage their operations by:
1. Having a manager (or Townsman) in each of Katikati and Waihi Beach who has good local knowledge and can supervise contracts properly to ensure the ratepayers get value for money. He could also do some manual work.
2. Letting maintenance contracts to local firms instead of having global contracts with multi-national companies that take their profits off-shore.
3. Instituting competitive bidding for Council work so that even local contractors are forced to carry out each job in a workman-like manner. This might indicate to contractors that they do not have a special relationship with Council.

6 CLIMATE CHANGE

We think that the effects of climate change - rising sea levels and increasingly frequent and more intense storms - will have a major effect during the next ten years, but we can find no mention of it in the Consultation Document. We are particularly concerned about the combined effects of loading up the land with houses and of climate change on the “sensitive soils” underlying the Omokoroa Peninsula.

WWRRA submits that Council should review the rule for buildings near the coast to ensure they are in line with current thinking on rising sea levels.
WWRRA submits that no more development takes place on the Omokoroa Peninsula until a way has been found to stabilize the “sensitive soils” underlying the peninsula. This will also provide the opportunity to improve traffic flow at the intersection with SH2.

THE BOAT RAMPS

The Meeting Agenda for the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee states (page 71) “Council is budgeting $121 million (over the next 10 years) for investment in new infrastructure – the majority of which will be invested in Omokoroa.” We are concerned that the majority of this infrastructure is being developed at Omokoroa for three reasons.

1. The geotechnical problems on the Omokoroa Peninsular caused by the sensitive soils that have already caused stability problems.
2. The problem that Omokoroa residents already have in accessing SH2 and the lack of any concrete plan to fix this situation.
3. That too much money is being spent in one small area that already has serious problems, and that the increased population will soon be clamouring for even more infrastructure.

Of particular concern is the budgeting of $6.9 million to “upgrade the boat ramp and surrounding area.” Is this extraordinarily large expenditure to allow most Omokoroa residents to go to Tauranga in their boats when the SH2 intersection is grid-locked?

A further $5.1 million has been budgeted for a “Northern Harbour Boat Ramp Construction.” Boaties and developers will want to know where this boat ramp is to be built. Or does the $5.1 million cover the cost of building a number of ramps?

WWRRA submits that Council needs to provide much more information on these budget items.

WWRRA submits that structures that are only used by locals (such as boat ramps and libraries) should be paid for with targeted rates.

Keith Hay,
Secretary
Good morning

Please find attached letter dated 1 May 2018 from Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, regarding the approval of the Kaituna River Document.

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Te Maru o Kaituna would welcome any future engagement to discuss the components of the document and to assist you when taking it into account (s.124).

Regards

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Nāku noa iti nei

Dean Flavell, Chair Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority
Submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long-term plan 2018 – 2028 from Multicultural Tauranga

In overview, our submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council long-term plan seeks to:

- ensure that all Council planning processes and systems increasingly take into account the needs of migrants and visitors for whom either regulatory requirements or English language may not be familiar to them
- encourage Council to fully support the development and implementation of the pilot “Welcoming Communities” project over the duration of this long-term plan
- request that Council financially supports Multicultural Tauranga to participate actively and fully in the “Welcoming Communities” project, including the strengthening of organisational capacity to broaden the delivery of community services into Western Bay of Plenty communities. In point 10 below we detail our request for a contribution of $10,000 annually, initially as a grant, to be converted to a service contract if and when appropriate.

1. Please accept our appreciation of the opportunity to comment on and provide input into the Western Bay of Plenty District Council long-term plan 2018 – 2028 (LTP).

2. In this submission we use the term migrants meaning all newcomers to Western Bay of Plenty District, be they migrants from elsewhere in New Zealand or immigrants to New Zealand; and whether English is their first language or not

3. The growth in migrant numbers within the Western Bay of Plenty is significant, as the following details show:

- the international student market is currently worth over $55 million annually to the wider Western Bay of Plenty economy
- the wider Western Bay of Plenty hosts one quarter of New Zealand’s horticultural land around the main townships of Te Puke and Katikati. Horticultural industries are highly reliant on seasonal migrant workers from many different countries, including several neighbouring Pacific nations
- the wider Western Bay of Plenty is amongst the higher growth areas of the country with the majority of growth due to people moving into the district from other parts of the country, through immigration, or education, or for seasonal work
• Migrants address a significant proportion of the skills gaps the region has in a number of key sectors. A report from industry training organisation ServiceIQ showed the region will need 39 per cent more workers in tourism, hospitality, aviation and other service sectors by 2020 (in just two years’ time).

• A Western Bay of Plenty survey by Priority One in 2017 found around 40 per cent of local businesses surveyed are recruiting skilled workers from overseas (3000 local businesses participated).

4. The Council’s phrase ‘steady as we grow’ resonates with our organisation as we too endeavour to position our organisation and expand the services we offer in a growing market. This is particularly pertinent as we realise that the boundaries of our outreach need to extend if we are to equitably meet the needs of migrants in the wider Western Bay of Plenty.

5. Multicultural Tauranga has made a number of attempts to engage with migrants within the Western Bay of Plenty District in past years, with variable and ultimately non-sustainable success. We recognize that we need to reignite our focus within the district. This coincides with a period of time in which Multicultural Tauranga has been obliged to reconsider its role as part of recovery from near-collapse. We can report that our organisation has regained viability and now focuses on refocusing to better serve both migrants and other key stakeholders.

6. The proportion of Western Bay District’s population born overseas is increasing and likely to exceed 20% of the total population at some point within the timespan of this LTP. Added to these numbers are the children of migrants, born in New Zealand, but raised in two cultures. We therefore, are living in a sub-region with significant diversity. Multicultural Tauranga fully applauds and supports the government’s “Welcoming Communities” project currently being piloted in Tauranga and Western Bay, as being pivotal to achieving “acceptance of diversity” wherever, however and whenever cultural diversity is encountered.

7. We are privileged to have been invited to participate as Tactical Group partners in the ‘Welcoming Communities’ pilot and have enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside Project Coordinator Haidee Kalirai and pleased to (hopefully) contribute constructively to the project. It is our contention that Multicultural Tauranga on one side and the Welcoming Communities project on the other, are two sides of the same coin. We expect that significant impact will arise from us working collaboratively from our respective positions.

8. Multicultural Tauranga already contributes to the Welcoming Communities initiative, such as those outlined below, albeit, each could deliver far greater impact than that achieved at present:

a. **An annual ‘Multicultural Festival’**

In March 2019, the 20th annual ‘Multicultural Festival’ (bringing together and showcasing the region’s cultural diversity) is scheduled to be held. This event is traditionally held in March around Race Relations Day to promote positive understanding between all the cultures living in our region. Its scope and impact could reasonably be expected to expand.

b. **Newcomer engagement**

Multicultural Tauranga has successfully coordinated weekly morning-coffee events for any recently migrated resident to Tauranga. These are opportunities for people
new to the region to meet, mingle, converse and share information and stories in a non-formal, non-threatening atmosphere of welcome. Multicultural Tauranga would be keen to work with Council to expand these activities across a range of localities, to the level where they are recognised as being the ‘ideal activity’ for any new resident upon arrival in the district; a user-friendly means to support their integration into the community.

c.  **Facilitating intercultural understanding**

Multicultural Tauranga provides a programme of monthly cultural events where individual ethnic groups are given opportunity to showcase their culture. While these events provide a successful forum for those who identify with each culture to come together to participate and celebrate their culture, there is limited attendance by people beyond that cultural group. As part of the “Welcoming Communities” initiative, we would be keen to explore how these events could be geographically broadened and also elevated as key opportunities for cultural engagement by all residents of the wider Western Bay of Plenty.

9. In return, we applaud Council’s own initiatives in this aspect of community life, such as the recent meeting with Polynesian Community leaders for example. We would be delighted to be part of these initiatives as either participant alongside Council’s own outreach, or as organizer where opportunity arises.

10. For Multicultural Tauranga to have impact of the type (let alone the level) described above across the wider Western Bay of Plenty requires acquisition of and investment in relevant skills; and the time required to be spent discussing, contributing, exploring and ultimately implementing. We would therefore be keen to seek financial assistance from Council. A contribution of $10,000 annually would make a significant difference to our ability to make an impact on behalf of both migrants and the wider city. In order to build the necessary capacity, we respectfully suggest that an annual grant be the preferred process for the first two years, with the option to transition if appropriate to a contractual arrangement thereafter.

11. Through support of Multicultural Tauranga during the lifespan of this long-term planning programme, there is expectation that we can mutually assist each other’s intention of achieving impact and encouraging broader community engagement through a commitment to being ‘steady as we grow.’

*Ann Kerewaro*
*President*
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Submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We make this submission on behalf of Surf Life Saving New Zealand (Eastern Region) of which 4 beaches within the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Region have active Regional Lifesaving Services during the peak summer period, these are known Waihi Beach, Bowentown, Maketu and Pukehina.

It is our submission that the funding we receive be able to maintain the current level of ongoing operational expenditure with provision of an annual indexed wage increase as outlined in our key recommendations be considered. For the coming financial year, this amount will be $94,000.00.

Surf Life Saving is recognised as the leading authority on drowning and injury prevention in aquatic environments. Over the next 20 years we envisage that our ability to perform this key function will be challenged by an increasing headcounts at Western Bay of Plenty Region beaches; greater populations residing in proximity to our coastal environment; greater pressure on amenities and infrastructure in and around our coastal environment; and a greater need for our service both on the beach and within our community.

Surf Life Saving currently plays an important role within the Western Bay of Plenty Region and already performs many of the priorities that are outlined in the consultation document. Many of our priorities, goals and vision for the future align with Western Bay of Plenty District Council; these include our proven record and commitment to:

- Protecting the environment - Surf Lifesaving Clubs take pride and have a sense of ownership around the coastal natural resources where they are located. They enhance and support their local coastal environments and ensure communities can enjoy and safely recreate in coastal areas.

- Building communities – Surf Lifesaving Services within the Western Bay of Plenty Region provide rescue services, education, sport and recreation, community hubs, leadership development, volunteer engagement, learning development and youth programmes that add to the regions vibrancy and resilience.

Surf Life Saving would like to acknowledge and thank Western Bay of Plenty District Council for its $92,600.00 grant for last year. This grant has been used to provide weekday lifeguard services at key beaches within the Western Bay of Plenty Region and has achieved all key performance measures.
Key Submission Recommendations

1. SLSNZ has submitted through this WBOPDC 2018-2021 Long Term Plan process for the following funding to be considered for the Regional Lifeguard Service over the next 3 year period.
   - Funding requested for the 2018-2019 season $94,000.00.
   - Funding requested for the 2019-2020 season $98,000.00.
   - Funding requested for the 2020-2021 season $102,000.00.

   This will continue to provide the current agreed service levels across all WBOPDC beaches. The main contributing factor to the annual increase in funding is the proposed minimum wage rate increases and the need to stay on track with this as service levels will need to be cut if we don’t keep pace.

   As of April 1st 2018 the minimum wage rate is $16.50 per hour, this is the current Junior Lifeguard Rate, we are forecasting this to be at least $18.50 by the April 2020. CPI increases in funding won’t cover the projected increases.

2. SLSNZ would like to establish a 3 year Service Delivery Contract with an Annual Reporting Schedule based on Key Recommendation 1 and the Proposed Future Service Levels in our Annual 2017-2018 Report.

3. SLSNZ have also made an approach to Bay of Plenty Regional Council to propose a Targeted Rate Levy for Regional Lifeguard Services in the BOP Area, we would ask if WBOPDC can support this proposal, if successful it would replace any agreement with WBOPDC.

4. SLSNZ also proposes to conduct a full Coastal Risk Assessment for all Whakatāne District Council Beaches during the 2018-2021 period to establish future service levels beyond this period. As part of this, we anticipate that there will likely be a supplementary signage request presented through one of the annual plan processes.

SLSNZ would like to take the opportunity to present our submission and answer any questions the councillors may have regarding the provision of a Regional Lifeguard Service within the Whakatāne District Council Region.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Regional Lifeguard Service Report 2017/2018
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Beaches

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1. **REGIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE OVERVIEW**

1.1. **STRUCTURE & OBJECTIVES**

Surf Life Saving New Zealand is the national association representing 74 Surf Life Saving Clubs in New Zealand who patrol over 92 locations during the summer months. There are over 18,000 members nationwide that are geographically divided into four regional areas of Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern. The Eastern Region office is based Mount Maunganui; we provide support to 19 clubs through advocacy, wider planning and facilitation of lifesaving services. During the busy summer months we provide up to 28 Regional Lifeguard Service Delivery Locations, public education programmes, lifeguard training, development and a regional sport programme, all aligned through the national framework. Our overall objective is to save lives in the communities that support Regional Lifeguard Services.

1.2. **WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL – SERVICE DELIVERY LOCATIONS**

Over the 2017/2018 Regional Lifeguard Season we operated 4 patrolled (SLSNZ flags) areas, these locations are Waihi Beach, Bowentown, Maketu & Pukehina; please see below for actual geographical locations:

![Map of Western Bay of Plenty District Council](image-url)
2. REGIONAL LIFEGUARD EMPLOYMENT PROCESSES

2.1. REGIONAL LIFEGUARD ASSESSMENT

The Bay of Plenty Area Regional Lifeguard Assessment was held at the Papamoa SLSC on Saturday 4th November 2017, other assessments across the country were held several weeks earlier in Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Overall for the Bay of Plenty Area we had 92 candidates assessed, with 45 positions available, this creates healthy competition for the positions available. The standard of fitness specifically the swimming component and rescue related assessment remain very high in the Bay of Plenty Area.

**Basis of Overall Assessment:**

- Experience Assessment – Completed on application
- Swimming Competency - 400m Pool Assessment
- Theory and Cognitive Assessment - Theory Test
- Cardiovascular Fitness Assessment – 3km Run
- Environment Specific Fitness Assessment – Run-Swim-Run
- Personality and Attitude Assessment

2.2. REGIONAL LIFEGUARD APPOINTMENT

For appointing the regional lifeguards we use a combination of ‘Conditional Offer’ (off season) and ‘In Season Assessment’ (during season) to offer either a Fixed Term or Casual Contract. This process has seen numbers of applicants increase to 200 plus across the Eastern Region. This process continues to have a marked positive effect on the standard of employee that we have been able to appoint throughout the Western Bay of Plenty Region. We also use an online system that uses Q-Jumpers to modularise and streamline our employment system across the country.

Over all there were 16 Regional Lifeguards employed on the 4 Western Bay of Plenty District Council beaches, we also used a mix of part timers to fill gaps for sickness etc.

**Head Regional Lifeguards Appointed on the Western Bay of Plenty beaches for the 2017/2018 season were:**

- Waihi Beach: Lucy Scown & Nick Wagstaff
- Bowentown: Lucy Scown & Nick Wagstaff
- Maketu: Jack Tombleson & Saul Woodfinden
- Pukehina: George Hudson
3. **REGIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE DELIVERY**

### 3.1. LOCATION VERSES LIFEGUARD COVERAGE

SLSNZ is pleased to report that nobody drowned on our beaches between the designated flagged areas provided by the Regional Lifeguard Service, the table below shows locations and coverage provided during the 2017/2018 summer:

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### 3.2. WAIHI BEACH & BOWENTOWN

Both Waihi and Bowentown are staffed from the same pool of local lifeguards, who rotate on a daily basis between Bowentown and Waihi. The head lifeguards worked effectively together to provide strong and dynamic patrols across this stretch of coast. There are a number of strong developing lifeguards based from the Waihi/Bowentown area who will be ready to step into senior and head lifeguard positions next summer. Throughout the summer season,
there was always a number of volunteer lifeguards working alongside and learning from the paid Regional lifeguards. Relationships with local emergency services are strong, with special mention to the Waihi Beach Coastguard, who generously allowed use of their facility for IRB and equipment storage for Bowentown. This all points to a positive future for the Waihi/Bowentown lifeguard services and places these services in a strong position to service the needs of the local community.

The Waihi/Bowentown area is becoming seemingly much busier and there are some challenges faced in providing lifesaving services to the coastline. There is an 8km area of concern between Waihi Surf Club and Bowentown patrol. Public carparks that stretch down the coast allow and encourage public to use the beach corresponding these parking areas. An additional lifeguard based at Bowentown, would allow a roaming patrol from both Waihi Surf Club and Bowentown. Having the roaming patrols meet in the middle will cover the unpatrolled area of concern in a much more efficient manner, allowing lifeguards to carry out more roving patrols across the day, providing the public with greater supervision.

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3.3. MAKETU

Maketu has a great set up and strong community support and a small, but committed group of volunteers who support operations. Due to the beach typography and for the second year running, the lifeguards have been unable to launch the IRB from the beach, instead needing to launch 300 meters from the Club at the boat ramp at the start of every patrol. However, during periods of strong surf and winds, the IRB cannot be left on the water’s edge. Should the lifeguards need to launch quickly in an emergency situation, delays in response would occur (this thankfully did not happen this season).

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3.4. PUKEHINA BEACH

With Strong local community support and support of the Club, the lifesaving service at Pukehina was very successful. This season due to a gap in senior leadership, and international senior lifeguard was appointed to the head guard role. Under the leadership of an International Lifeguard from England, the young local guards were able to learn and practice their lifeguarding skills with the feedback from an experience career lifeguard. Unfortunately the Club is not situated in a location that allows surveillance of the entire beach. This is exceptionally challenging at times of poor weather, leaving the lifeguards exposed to the elements. There seems to be more swimmers present on the Maketu side of the river (Bledisloe Holiday Park), this is a very dangerous stretch of water effected by tidal flows. The entire area could benefit from some additional safety signage as well as engaging with the local holiday park in regards to encouraging safe swimming practices.

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4. **SEASON OVERVIEW & KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1. **SEASON OVERVIEW**

Conversely to the 2016/17 season, this summer was a spectacular one, with very good weather and warm coastal sea temperatures. Beach patronage is up on previous seasons. This season also saw a number of days with large and challenging surf conditions. As a result, lifeguards across the region were kept very busy. Despite the surf and weather conditions, rescue numbers were relatively low considering the busy season. This is a testament to the very strong and proactive lifeguarding both between and away from the flagged area, combined with safe swimming behaviors and a good level of compliance from beach goers.

4.2. **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. SLSNZ will be submitting through the WBOPDC 2018-2021 Long Term Plan process for the following funding to be considered for the Regional Lifeguard Service over the next 3 year period.

   - Funding requested for the 2018-2019 season $ 94,000.00.
   - Funding requested for the 2019-2020 season $ 98,000.00.
   - Funding requested for the 2020-2021 season $ 102,000.00.

   This will continue to provide the current agreed service levels across all WBOPDC beaches. The main contributing factor to the annual increase in funding is the proposed minimum wage rate increases and the need to say on track with this as service levels will need to be cut if we don’t keep pace.

   As of April 1st 2018 the minimum wage rate is $16.50 per hour, this is the current Junior Lifeguard Rate, we are forecasting this to be at least $18.50 by the April 2020. CPI increase in funding won’t cover the projected increases.

2. SLSNZ would like to establish a 3 year Service Delivery Contract with an Annual Reporting Schedule based on Key Recommendation 1 and the Proposed Future Service Levels in 4.3.

3. SLSNZ also proposes to conduct a full Coastal Risk Assessment for all Western Bay of Plenty District Council Beaches during the 2018-2021 period to establish future service levels beyond this period. As part of this, we anticipate that there will likely be a supplementary signage request presented through one of the annual plan processes.

4.3. **PROPOSED FUTURE SERVICE LEVELS 2018 -2021**

Please see attached tables for future proposed service levels on WBOPDC beaches.

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**2019-2020 Proposed Future Regional Lifeguard Service Level**

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Submission to Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s 2018-2028 Long-term Plan

The prime purpose of this submission is to ensure that Council is both aware and supportive of the development of a water safety strategy being developed in the Bay of Plenty to address the disproportionately high numbers of preventable drownings, particularly amongst Maori and migrants.

Introduction

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the long-term plan (LTP) consultation document.

2. Our over-arching purpose for this submission is to ensure that Western Bay of Plenty District Council is aware and supportive of the process currently underway to create a Bay of Plenty water safety strategy to address the disproportionate numbers of preventable drownings that are occurring in the Bay of Plenty.

3. This project is a ‘bottom up’ approach to developing a plan of action to be owned and implemented by the Bay of Plenty community. This may result in changes to the way that funding is directed. However, any change will only be at the behest of the community of interest that develops this strategy. Details of the process and engagement intentions are outlined below.

Background

4. Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is an incorporated society established in 1949. WSNZ has 30 member organisations, and an elected board consisting of five independent directors and three delegates from the core water safety organisations: Surf-Lifesaving NZ; Coastguard NZ; and Swimming NZ.

5. WSNZ’s operating budget is funded by Sport NZ and Accident Compensation Corporation. WSNZ runs an annual competitive investment round using NZ Lottery Grant Board funding. Priority for WSNZ investment funding is given to Water Skills for Life, a water survival skills programme for school children in years 1 to 8. Grant recipients for Water Skills for Life include Regional Sports Trust, Territorial Local Authorities and individual providers. WSNZ has also established non-competitive, relational contracting arrangements with Surf-
Lifesaving NZ; Coastguard Boating Education; and Swimming NZ and Plunket NZ for core programmes.

6. WSNZ is the recognised leadership organisation for the water safety sector and in addition to its funding role, WSNZ has the central policy and advocacy role for the sector. As part of this, a water safety sector strategy that aims to reduce the national drowning toll was developed with stakeholders and launched in late 2015. The Water Safety Sector Strategy 2020 (‘the Sector Strategy’) identifies a range of objectives including that: “the sector works together to maximise its collective effort”; and “communities take the lead to promote the safe enjoyment of local water”. The greater emphasis on collaboration and delivery at a regional level embodied in these two objectives is a reflection of widespread agreement amongst water safety sector stakeholders that ‘business as usual’ will not achieve the desired water safety outcomes.

7. To give effect to this aspiration over the next 3 years WSNZ plans to facilitate the development of a series of regional water safety strategies across New Zealand by direct engagement with regional organisations. Regional water safety strategies are interventions that will identify priority work streams and investment priorities for water safety in a region. They will also help regional water safety sector organisations to more effectively leverage their capability and resources (including avoiding duplication of effort). They will achieve these objectives by:

- providing for a collective focus on, and agreed direction for, water safety activity in a region;
- ensuring the needs, goals and aspirations of a region are reflected in water safety activity;
- allowing greater community ownership of drowning prevention/water safety activities; and
- ensuring there is regional leadership in both the development and implementation of water safety initiatives.

8. Regional water safety strategies are to be tailored to the specific circumstances and organisational responsibilities in a region. WSNZ will, however, be facilitating a generic high-level process for their development. WSNZ is now trialling this development process in three pilot regions with different drowning problems and organisational characteristics: Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland. The aim is to complete these pilot strategies before the end of the 2017/18 year – 30 June 2018.

9. The Bay of Plenty Regional Water Safety Strategy will form an integral part of WSNZ’s national capability and investment plans in the future. It will also be used by WSNZ to help national and regional funders focus their investments on the priority water safety issues in the Bay of Plenty. WSNZ will also use the strategy as a vehicle for communicating with regulators and other water safety organisations and stakeholders about the priority activities being undertaken in the Bay of Plenty and how they are consistent with, and support the delivery of, the Sector Strategy.
10. WSNZ has held preliminary stakeholder meetings in the Bay of Plenty and there is general support for the development of a regional water safety strategy. WSNZ has also ascertained that key funders in the region will support an approach like this. A project plan has been developed and a project manager has been appointed – Jim Datson, from Project Periscope.

11. The next steps in the project involve defining the vision for the strategy and undertaking working groups sessions around the region to identify the priority work streams and investment priorities for water safety in the Bay of Plenty. The project approach will be to engage community service delivery agencies involved in water-based activity in each of the three key localities – Tauranga, Rotorua and Whakatane/Opotiki/Kawerau.

**Context - Drowning in the Bay of Plenty**

12. The Bay of Plenty is over-represented in New Zealand’s preventable drowning statistics. The Bay of Plenty has the 4th highest regional drowning rate in New Zealand. While 9% of New Zealand’s preventable drowning fatalities occurred in the Bay of Plenty during 2007-16, only 6% of New Zealand’s population resided in the Bay of Plenty.

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13. A salt water environment – beaches, offshore, tidal waters - was the most likely place for drowning in the Bay of Plenty during 2007-16. Three out of every five drownings in the Bay of Plenty between 2007 and 2016 were in salt water environments. However, rivers and inland still waters were where around a third of drowning deaths in the Bay of Plenty occurred during 2006-17.
14. Maori and Asian people are over-represented in the statistics of preventable drowning in the Bay of Plenty. The drowning rates of both groups were higher in the Bay of Plenty during 2007-16 than nationally.

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**Going forward**

15. Discussions held to date in the wider Western Bay of Plenty have included (but not been limited to) the following people, pertinent to this submission:

- The Regional Harbour-master
- Tauranga Western Bay Safer Communities
- COBOP
- TECT
- Bay Trust
- Sport Bay of Plenty.

16. Workshops engaging as broad a range of stakeholders are being scheduled for late May 2018. Water Safety New Zealand is also separately engaging Tangata Whenua and various ethnic organisations such as Multicultural Tauranga, as key stakeholders in the development of an appropriate water safety strategy for people living in the Western Bay of Plenty who were born overseas (and for whom access to waterways may be quite foreign to their natural culture)

17. With regards to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long-term Plan, WSNZ wants to ensure that:

- Water safety is deemed an important priority for Western Bay of Plenty District Council in both its planning and implementation – a priority we would request feature in Council’s long-term plan documentation;

- Western Bay of Plenty District Council publicly support the development and implementation of a Bay of Plenty regional water safety strategy that reduces the numbers of preventable drownings occurring within the City and environs;

- Support Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff to be actively engaged in the development and subsequent implementation of the Bay of Plenty regional water safety strategy, and are familiar with the elements that are pertinent to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council catchment;
Western Bay of Plenty District Council is willing to consider variations to the current model of funding water-based activity undertaken in and around the Western Bay of Plenty District, if available funds are better directed to more effective interventions, mechanisms of service delivery or opportunities to educate and upskill.

18. Water Safety New Zealand wishes to recognise and acknowledge Council’s current investment and involvement in this field.

19. We look forward to actively engaging Western Bay of Plenty District Council in both the development and implementation of a water safety strategy that reduces the number of preventable drownings that occur within the Western Bay of Plenty District Council boundary.

Jonty Mills
Chief Executive
Water Safety New Zealand
Submission in respect of
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Introduction:
ARTbop is the free online creative arts magazine for the Bay of Plenty. Starting in 2009 as paper-based and photocopied double-sided arts newsletter, then an emailed PDF and now a web-based magazine. There has been no entity, organisation or territorial authority funding to develop ARTbop. All the contributions, energy and effort to ARTbop have been pro bono.

This submission is made by Rosemary Balu the founding and current Managing Editor of ARTbop.

ARTbop has promoted and supported creative individuals and wider creative communities of the Bay of Plenty through the magazine and in practical endeavours. Currently, ARTbop in collaboration with the Black Sheep, Whakamarama has developed the Affordable Art & Artisan Fair – an exhibition and retail opportunity for local artists and artisans. At that same venue ARTbop is developing a monthly spoken word poetry group: alchemy.
SUMMARY:

1. Arts Strategy Funding
   (a) Overview
   (b) Diversity
   (c) Localisation
   (d) Monitoring and Accountability

2. Major Cultural Facilities:
   (a) Regional Museum
   (b) Regional Library

3. Downtown Tauranga and City Centre
   (a) Focused development
   (b) Greenfields development

4. Tourism Bay of Plenty

5. Transport
   (a) Public Transport
   (b) Current road speed limit

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1. Arts Strategy Funding
   (a) Overview

The Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council have both contributed financially to the development of the 2017 Arts Strategy. To not enable its implementation would be like buying a bus and taking the wheels off. As a general principle ARTbop supports further and on-going funding to enable the completion of the proposed regional arts development strategy.

ARTbop supports the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Option 2 regarding funding for the stated arts groups (Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator). I accept this will mean an increase in my rates and although I am of limited financial resources. I am comfortable contributing a small additional annual amount for the benefit of the wider arts community because of the economic and other benefits creative arts activities have in our region.

The published final draft of the arts strategy relies on existing and future private and pro bono organisations and individuals to contribute to the expansion and success of the strategy. While that document refers to a fluid and flexible “implementation plan” I am personally not entirely clear how agreed changes to that plan would occur. I am therefore concerned that the creative arts are not “corporatised” to an extent where individual creative pathways are stifled or access to funding is constrained.

It is also my personal opinion that the creative arts sector of Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty will in the long term be better served by acknowledging the difference between those mandated to enable and promote the creative sector, and manage funding and those engaged in the actual creation and production of the creative arts. Option 2 acknowledges that necessary division of roles. My only comment would be that both Council’s
should not regard either Option 2 funding or the available Match Fund Grants as “the end”. Future developments within the creative sector may require additional funding and that option should always be available for consideration.

(b) Diversity
I have a concern that we do not limit acknowledgment of the creative spectrum: that the arts sector is essentially only what is currently captured within the strategy.

I recently attended Creative New Zealand’s Nga Toi Maori Roadshow at Whareroa Marae. I would submit that Council dedicates a portion of any funding for the development and promotion of local Maori arts and creatives and that this development is implemented by those affiliated with local iwi or through an organisation that they determine is appropriate.

(c) Localisation
I am a regular attendee at a variety of arts events around the wider Western Bay of Plenty. It is my personal belief that many of our community and district halls are under utilised and offer an opportunity to take creative programmes and activities out to people who may never venture in to a major arts facility. I would like to see the arts and creativity taken out into hinterland communities and a portion of any funding dedicated to that end.

(d) Monitoring and Accountability
I have previously written (to the Tauranga City Council 12-05-2013) that any entity or organisation in receipt of territorial authority funding should have a transparent hierarchy and operational mode. For example, their websites should disclose the names and independent contact details of trustees and directors; the amount of funding received and the specific purpose it is to be used for. The Council should also maintain a specific website section with this information and a running total of grants made. The responsible Council Sector and Officer should also be stated. There should be public access to entity meetings and regular publicly accessible annual general meetings and access to accounting and governance information. This is my opinion in respect of all entities, organisations or persons receiving Council funding, not just the creative arts sector.

2. Major cultural facilities:
My fundamental approach to the development of major, new cultural facilities is that based on current land use and development patterns, the Tauranga City Council and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, should consider consortium, joint ventures and entities to build them.

(a) Regional Museum:
Since writing my submission to the Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan the Referendum result of that City has opposed the development of a Tauranga City-based Museum complex. I have always supported the development of a museum for Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. This in no way negates the
development of and contribution to its local community economy and life of our boutique Katikati Museum and I support continuing funding for that project. I acknowledge that it would mean a small annual increase on my current rates.

I acknowledge that local iwi support the “Cliff Road site” as the preferred option for a Tauranga-based Museum. I refer to my comments below about greenfields sites for major developments.

(b) Regional Library Redevelopment
In my submission to the Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan I supported the redevelopment of a centrally-based library. I see a redeveloped Library as a regional facility. (And again this in no way minimizes the library and arts centre developments currently happening in Katikati).

I have had the advantage of visiting the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane and I am aware that while it is important to retain the core and fundamental functions of the library: information and education, there is also a huge spectrum of potential activities including the creation of social and community hubs, meeting rooms etc within the Library. I would also like to see more integrated use made of existing libraries generally as gallery, display and arts and events promotional spaces.

I do not support a combined museum and library in Downtown Tauranga as I believe, in terms of the land space currently proposed, neither facility would be potentially large enough for the Tauranga City-Western Bay of Plenty region. It would make more sense to use land apparently earmarked to extend the currently limited Baycourt Community and Arts Centre to build an appropriately-sized regional library.

3. Downtown Tauranga and City Centre
I have decided to include my comment to the Tauranga City Council LTP because it puts forward my opinion about the need for a regional approach to major cultural facilities, not a Downtown Tauranga focused approach.

(a) Focused Development
I do not support the current attitudes to and proposals for the development of the Downtown Tauranga and City Centre precinct. My overall opinion is that the contemporary aim to cram every facility and activity into the Downtown Tauranga/City Centre area is redolent of a 1950’s Tauranga and is both short-sighted and wrong.

At the moment it is proposed that Downtown Tauranga house the extended University, a new Central Library, (a Museum), cafes, restaurants and commercial buildings and activities. This is different from “regenerating” that area. It is like cramming a size 25 foot into a size 2 shoe and does not take into account the actual development patterns of Tauranga City and the Western Bay hinterland.
While businesses in Downtown Tauranga and the City Centre may want to “capture and keep” any visitor in that confined area it does not make economic sense for either Tauranga or the Western Bay of Plenty. There should be an effort to extend the visitor experience as easily and widely as possible. There is a Tauranga and a Western Bay of Plenty after Third Avenue.

And as a corollary of that, of course there needs to be a realistically functioning public transport network which would ease roading congestion, maximise road safety and allow residents, visitors and tourists to travel “carless” around the region. I support significantly increased public transport between Katikati and Tauranga.

The recent press release regarding the new bus contracts did not inform me as to how often and when buses would be running.

At this time I would like realistic amounts of land earmarked for park and ride and associated facilities.

I am not entirely clear how the walking and cycling tracks proposed will assist with current traffic issues.

(b) Greenfields Development
The Western Bay of Plenty and Tauranga City area does not have a real concert hall (neither the reinvented sporting stadium which is the ASB arena nor Baycourt are actually significant performance venues). I am aware that the Tauranga City Council is not at this time proceeding with the Baycourt associated performance space expansion.

The area of Pyes Pa is still primarily greenfields and would be an excellent and accessible site for a major facility. That area sits adjacent to major residential and commercial developments, is easily accessible from the Eastern Bay of Plenty, the North West, the Bay of Plenty hinterland (Rotorua) and the Waikato. Ancillary facilities could be provided. There could be adequate parking available. There could be parking for future public transport. There could be ancillary developments such as specialized retail, meeting and performance rooms.

By retaining a limited focus on the Downtown and City Centre of Tauranga City the Councils of Tauranga City and Western Bays are avoiding acknowledging the physical growth patterns of the region.

I am also of the opinion that the development of new major cultural facilities should not necessarily be the sole responsibility of territorial authorities. The creation of a new charitable trust to physically develop a museum or a concert hall would enable both territorial and central government, corporate and community to come together. I understand that is essentially how Tauranga City achieved the Tauranga Art Gallery.
4. Tourism Bay of Plenty

It is clear that many of the “traditional” occupations of the Bay of Plenty are being mechanized or transferred to robotics. The Bay of Plenty generally needs to expand the availability of employment categories and tourism and arts tourism are important facets.

It is important that the overarching tourism promotional organisations are effective. Therefore I would support additional funding to Tourism Bay of Plenty.

My principal concern, as with arts organisations, is the limited and parochial focus of Tourism Bay of Plenty. Tourism Bay of Plenty is actually an organisation promoting only “coastal Bay of Plenty”. It is the same limited attitude which suggests all new developments are sited in “Downtown Tauranga”.

It is time for the Bay of Plenty to promote its entirety as a destination, not part of a more general New Zealand destination and it is time for there to be a Bay of Plenty-wide Arts Tourism Consortium aligned with a Bay-wide tourism organisation.

I have previously floated the suggestion to former central government that New Zealand implement a $200. per annum visitor contribution This would be collected by the transport carrier (predominantly airlines) and paid to a dedicated New Zealand central government account with a predetermined basis for division and distribution. Distribution beneficiaries I suggested included: the Department of Conservation, regional roading, rail and infrastructure projects, the Health Budget, Accident Compensation, Creative New Zealand etc.

5. Transport
   (a) Public Transport

We all accept that the area between Katikati and Tauranga urgently needs a realistically functioning public transport network to ease roading congestion, maximise road safety and acknowledge the lack of parking in the Downtown Tauranga area.

I am not entirely clear how the walking and cycling tracks proposed will assist with current traffic issues. I accept their benefit as recreational opportunities and tourist attractions. I do not see them as providing an alternative daily transport route from Whakamarama to Katikati, Bethlehem or even Omokoroa.

I support significantly increased public transport between Katikati and Tauranga. The recent press release regarding the new bus contracts did not inform me as to how often and when buses would actually be running. Doubling a bus service that currently runs on a morning and evening basis would not provide realistic, alternative public transport.
I ask that land be set aside now for significant park and ride facilities, particularly in the Omokoroa-Whakamarama area to enable effective use of any proposed increased public transport.

(a) Current Road Speed Limits:
I support lowering speed limits around the increasingly “ruburban” sectors of the region. I understand that the Council does not control the speed limit on State Highway 2 but I ask that

(i) the upper speed limit between Waihi and Bethlehem is lowered between the hours of 6am to 7pm each to 70kph but retaining the 90kph from 7pm to 6am each day.
(ii) the current “overtaking lanes” are changed to “slow vehicle lanes”

and that the current appropriateness of the speed limit of district feeder roads is reassessed in light of increased lifestyle and residential development.

ARTbop
Rosemary Balu
Managing Editor

03rd May 2018
04.05.2018

SUBMISSION TO WBOPDC 2018-28 LONG TERM PLAN PROJECT NUMBER 345902

By: Chris Parkinson
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Waihi Beach

On Behalf of Waihi Beach Protection Society Incorporated.

Project number 345902 is stated to be an Assessment of Waihi Beach Shoreline Protection Options.

I understand it is being included in the LTP on the basis of conditions imposed on the Resource Consents issued for the Waihi Beach Protection Works – consent # 62912

- We are opposed to this project on the basis that it is not in accordance with the direction of the Environment Court Hearing which directed Councils to include the review conditions in their consents for the project.

- We believe that the instruction from the court was to have in place by 2020 a comprehensive plan to stop the erosion of Waihi Beach by Two & Three Mile Creeks. And ask that this project replace project number 345902.

There was a statement that accompanied the Minister of Conservation's Decision, being:

- The rock seawall is not the long term solution to coastal hazards at Waihi Beach, so by 2020 the Council must undertake comprehensive investigations into the best ways to manage the long term effects of erosion. In doing this, it will be important that the Council works with the community to come up with a long term solution.

This is reinforced by paragraph [84] in the court’s decision, in particular the following foot note:

- “Councils will have the opportunity to –

- Carry out purposeful investigations in the years ahead and consult with the local community, including the beachfront property owners in particular, as to the best practicable long term option or combination of options beyond the consent period.”

The Judge ended paragraph [84] with the comment:

- “Doubtless the concept of a ‘true’ backstop wall, and a revisit of the possibility of diverting Two and Three Mile Creeks, will feature among the options what will need to undergo serious consideration.”

We believe the reference to “backstop wall” was due to the many witnesses who felt if the Creeks Erosion could be mitigated the beach level would, over time, rise and cause the revetment wall to become a ‘true’ backstop wall.
The relevant conditions from the BOPRC & WBOPDC Resource Consents are copied below.

**Condition 13 of BOPRC coastal permit:**
*Prior to 31 December 2020 the permit holder shall undertake comprehensive investigations to determine the best practicable option for the long term management of the coastal hazard risk at Waihi Beach.*

**Condition 37 of WBOPDC land use consent:**
*That prior to 31 December 2020 Consent Holder shall undertake comprehensive investigations to determine the best practical option for the long term management of the coastal hazard risk at Waihi Beach and protection of the coastline from erosion.*

- These conditions do not fully reflect the instruction given by Judge Bollard and have been misinterpreted by current Council Staff.
- I was present throughout the court’s process and Judge Bollard’s decision, I believe the currently proposed project 345902 does not satisfy the courts instructions.

Yours truly

Chris Parkinson
I am writing on behalf of the Katikati Community Centre Board to confirm that we have sought increased funding towards the running of this very busy community centre in our submission to the LTP process. It was expressed to us unofficially that council supported the proposal presented during the initial submission phase, however due to a technical error the increase was omitted from the “Consultation Document Supporting Documentation”.

In sending this to you we are want to ensure that we are not overlooked and are asking that you ensure that this is included in the “Have Your Say” feedback to the draft LTP for Council’s consideration.

In supporting our application for an annual increase in our Service Delivery Contract from $19,099 in 2017, to $39,100 by 2023, we make the following key points:-

1. In 2017 the Service Delivery Contract provided just 3% of the Centre’s $565,618 income, with 8 full-time equivalents employees. In contrast, when the contract was established it provided 6.8% of our gross income of $237,600, with just 4 full-time employees. Over this time our grant has increased by under 20%, yet our number of employees has doubled and income more than doubled, as a result of the significant expansion of services and engagement of the centre within the community. As a valued partner to our organisation we would hope that the WBOPDC level of support could be maintained at a level of at least 5% of annual income each year.

2. Programme fees, rental income, interest and donations contributed only 28% of our 2017 income. This makes the Centre highly dependent on grants, contracts and sponsorships. In today’s competitive environment funding sources are being more keenly contested and securing this funding takes considerable staff time and expertise. Current sources and levels of funding are not guaranteed, with potential services at risk.

3. Community Research that the centre undertook amongst different Katikati sectors including working mothers, the elderly, plus Indian and Pacifica communities are revealing some community needs are currently not being met. The management and Board are actively working to implement some additional services, while maintaining the other highly successful programmes the centre is running. (Full details of the scope of our work was provided in the presentation and submission earlier in the LTP process.)

4. The land which the Katikati Community Centre building is sited is Treaty Settlement land which is due to be settled next year and the ongoing cost of land lease will increase significantly.

5. With digital literacy forming a large part of the adult learning programme in 2018, we would like see the conversion of the old St John garage into a shared teaching room/youth space where our computer suite could be housed permanently and space for youth activities and hang out after school. (Cost $80,000)

6. We are nearing the completion of upgrading our IT systems where we envisage spending over $15,000 by 2020 to complete the process.
The Katikati community includes a large elderly population with a below average income compared to the rest of the Bay of Plenty. As a result the potential to significantly increase our course fees is limited if we are to best meet the community needs.

We greatly appreciate the Community Service Contract that we hold with Western Bay and thank the mayor, councillors and staff for their ongoing support and partnership. We would like to strongly confirm that we wish to continue our community service contract with council who we see as a significant partner to our organisation.

Kind regards

Chris Ridder
Community Centre Manager

Katikati Community Centre,
Heart of the community - Manawa ō tō tātou Hapori

Our Vision is that Katikati is a thriving community where everyone feels supported and connected
Our Mission: A Centre for inspiration, wellbeing, growth and enjoyment

We:
- Connect and support our community
- Promote community wellbeing
- Facilitate learning for life
- Work with others to enrich the quality of life for the people of Katikati
- Provide strong and responsible leadership.

We have strong links and collaborate well within the community where:
- We partner with Council to assist in achieving the outcomes for Katikati in their Long Term Plan
- Staff & Board members have connections with a variety of local and district wide organisations
- The centre plays a vital role with community connections through the services, programmes, information and learning it provides

We are a small piece of the pie but a vital one.
23 May, 2018

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Private Bag 12803,
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To whom it may concern

SUBMISSION TO WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT 2018-2028 LONG TERM PLAN

1 Introduction

Sport Bay of Plenty is a charitable trust which focuses on informing and supporting the Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity sector of the Bay of Plenty. We work in collaboration with a number of stakeholders including regional and local sport and recreation organisations, health organisations, Local Government and Sport New Zealand.

We endorse the work of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) and we advocate that sport and recreation continue to be a core service and purpose of the Council.

Sport Bay of Plenty and its work in the community, in particular in sport and recreation assists Council to achieve great outcomes for the Western Bay of Plenty Community.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the various staff members and Councillors at WBOPDC for their positive approach to working with Sport BOP, in particular Ben Wilson, Peter Watson, John Rauputu and Bill Wheeler.

2 Summary of key points

1. Sport BOP greatly values the strategic partnership we have with Western Bay of Plenty District Council and would like this relationship to continue to meet the long term community outcomes.

2. Thank WBOPDC for their ongoing commitment to Sport and Recreation for the community.

3. As an organisation we have provided feedback on certain areas of the draft LTP, and support the following Option 2 in regards to the Walking and Cycling Proposal.
3. Key Trends for Sport and Recreation in the Bay of Plenty:

- **Sport and recreation adds value**
  - 3.5 billion per year or 2.9% of regional GDP
  - 355,000 people work in the industry earning 660 million
  - 53,000 volunteers invest 7 million hours worth $100 million

- **People want to try and do more**
  - Only 56% of men and 51% of women meet NZ physical activity guidelines
  - 69% are interested in doing more or something new
  - 70+ activities they would like to try

- **People love to play in the Bay**
  - 94% of young people spend 3+ hours per week
  - 72% of adults participate once a week
  - Adults take part in 3.9 different activities per year

- **The outdoors is our greatest asset**
  - We have the highest preference for outdoor pursuits in New Zealand
  - 87% participate in natural settings
  - Also, 87% participate at built facilities

- **Trend towards casual pay-to-play**
  - 98% take part on their own or with friends and family
  - 95% take part in free activities
  - 17% take part in regular club competitions
  - 4% take part in events

- **Clubs and school sport are thriving**
  - Clubs have 73,000 members over the age of 5
  - 18,000 secondary and 32,000 primary students represent their school in sport
  - Bay of Plenty hosts many national and international sporting events

- **Councils play a vital role in recreation**
  - Most popular places to take part are:
    - 53% at parks in towns or cities
    - 48% on paths, cycleways or walkways
    - 47% at the beach or by the sea
    - 41% indoors or outside at home

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4. **Sport Bay of Plenty Strategic Plan**

**Purpose:** Leadership of sport and recreation in the Bay of Plenty

**Vision:** Enriching lives through sport, recreation and physical activity in the Bay of Plenty: More People, More Active, More Often

**Key strategic priority areas aligned with our Vision 2030:**

- **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Provide regional leadership through collaborative partnerships and shared goals
- **Opportunities to Participate:** Motivate targeted groups by utilising the Physical Literacy approach
- **Community and People Focused:** Support and work within communities to provide focused initiatives
- **Fit for Purpose Infrastructure:** Ensure our community has the best spaces and places to play
- **Expertise in the Sector:** Develop our sector through a capable workforce
- **Embracing Technology:** Identify and review technology opportunities

5. **Feedback on Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan - Specific**

5.1 **Sport Bay of Plenty Strategic Partnership**

Sport BOP greatly values the strategic partnership we have with Western Bay of Plenty District Council and would like to thank Council’s ongoing commitment to this partnership. A large number of positive outcomes within the Sport & Recreation sector have been achieved through Sport BOP and WBOPDC working together.

Sport Bay of Plenty would like to thank Western Bay of Plenty District Council for their ongoing support for the Bay of Plenty Spaces and Places Strategy. With the establishment of a dedicated role within Sport Bay of Plenty to progress implementation of the strategy, significant progress has been made against a number of the priority projects. We look forward to collaborating together on future developments in this area.

5.2 **Walking and Cycling Proposal- Transportation**

Sport Bay of Plenty supports Councils preferred option (Option 2) in regards to the proposal for walking and cycling. By increasing the funding towards these developments we will see a network of paths and trails available to the community a lot sooner than 2028 with the current programme. By fast tracking this project the opportunity to access safe active transport options increase, improving not just health statistics in the community, but also traffic congestion. Active transport is a key way to connect people and communities, especially with the dispersed network of towns the Western Bay of Plenty possesses. Those that regularly use active transport are generally fitter and have better health statistics. With upgraded footpaths and cycle ways, there will also be safer options for people of all ages to walk and cycle for recreation.
5.3 Recreation and Leisure

5.3.1 Community Sport and Recreation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Western Bay of Plenty District Council for their ongoing commitment to Sport and Recreation in the community. We have such an active, engaged community in sport and recreation which can be attributed to the high quality facilities and level of service provided by the council.

5.3.2 TECT All Terrain Park

We would like to congratulate the WBOPDC and for their involvement in the TECT All Terrain Park, with 12 established clubs now calling the park home the Western Bay of Plenty now has a facility leading the way nationally in more ways than one. Being recognised with the Green Flag Award is just another testament to the concept and the hard work put in by the Clubs and Park Staff. Sport BOP has seen positive responses from the community to ‘Virtually on Track’ activities within TECT Park with many participants commenting they are glad to have discovered this local ‘gem’.

5.3.3 Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Developments

Sport Bay of Plenty supports the sport and recreation projects in Omokoroa which is highlighted as a high growth area for the region in the future. With this in mind, we credit council for their forward thinking and community partnerships approach to achieving great sport and recreational outcomes for the community.

5.3.4 Demographic impacts on Facility and Infrastructure Planning

While Sport Bay of Plenty understands the Council’s statements about the ageing demographic of our population, we are interested in some of the LTP references to the choices of Older Adults. We would like to highlight the Sport NZ’s Older People Discussion document for reference, as we led the development of this document with Sport NZ, including research interviews with people in the Western Bay of Plenty.

This report highlights the preferences of sport and recreation for older people can be very broad and we must ensure accessibility to a variety of options.

We would also like to offer our support to the following submissions

1. **Tauranga Hockey Association.** The Hockey Association has been very successful in supporting the sport of hockey in the Western Bay of Plenty. We see this organisation as vital to ensure the sport is accessible to all in our region.

We would like to thank you for your consideration of this written submission, and would warmly welcome an invitation to speak verbally to our submission.

Yours sincerely

SPORT BAY OF PLENTY

Heidi Lichtwark
Chief Executive
May 23, 2018

Long Term Plan Submissions
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Dear Councillors,

**Development Contributions**

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) to comment on the proposed Long Term Plan for Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

**Fire and Emergency New Zealand**

FENZ is a crown entity constituted under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017. It is responsible for providing fire prevention, firefighting, hazardous substance incident response, vehicle extrication and urban search and rescue services to New Zealand communities 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. FENZ also has a number of additional functions, including responding to medical emergencies, maritime emergencies, and natural disasters.

**The effective location of Fire and Emergency New Zealand stations**

FENZ has a strong focus on communities and being active and visible within those communities. To do this FENZ necessarily has premises across the country - FENZ currently maintains 637 fire stations across New Zealand. Where there is development within a region, FENZ, like a Council, needs to consider whether its existing infrastructure is sufficient to support the growing community. FENZ uses a National Risk Resource Model to profile areas within New Zealand to determine station placement. The model includes tools to balance the fire risk profile of structures with address location. FENZ also takes into account council’s development plans for expansion and road improvements.

**Development contributions**

The draft Long Term Plan provides that the Council intends to develop a development contributions policy over the next three years. In making that policy, FENZ considers that its developments should be exempt from development contributions because they provide a public utility and also because they generate a negligible additional demand for network infrastructure and no demand for reserves.

**FENZ stations provide a public utility throughout the Western Bay of Plenty District**

Where FENZ has premises within its communities this contributes to public safety by building resilience within that community as well as providing a more rapid response in the event of an incident, whether that is fire, a natural disaster or a traffic accident. With all of these incidents, FENZ ability to get to the location in a timely way is key to the outcomes for the community. FENZ has a target response time in an urban area of 8 minutes for a career crew and 11 minutes for a volunteer crew. This can only be met where there is the necessary infrastructure.

**FENZ stations generate negligible additional demand for network infrastructure and no demand for reserves**

FENZ has a 25-year capital works program which includes the construction of over 50 new stations across New Zealand. A standard station will have a floor area of around 730m² on a site of at least 3,000m². Generally, the largest component of a FENZ premises is for garaging of vehicles and equipment storage. This means that a FENZ premises does not have a large impact on the surrounding area and creates very little demand for network infrastructure and no demand for reserves. Further, generally FENZ developments are to replace obsolete or poorly located facilities within the area. This means that one asset is being replaced by another and accordingly the total demand for infrastructure within an area is not being increased, rather relocated.
The low impact and public utility of FENZ premises means that it would not be a fair, equitable and proportionate for FENZ to pay development contributions in line with other types of developments. This is especially so in the case of contributions towards reserves.

I do not need to appear to speak to my submission before the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, however if you have any questions I would be happy to discuss as required.

Regards,

Zoë Genet
Solicitor
Submission to
Western Bay of Plenty District Council
on the
Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Date: 04 May 2018
Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 of Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

This submission is filed without prejudice to TIA’s future position. Our ability to prepare a comprehensive submission responding to the consultation document relied on the provision by the Council of information relevant to the connection between the consultation document and the benefits that would accrue. If any information is provided at a later date, TIA reserve the right to comment further.

INTRODUCTION

1. Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) is the peak body for the tourism industry in New Zealand. With over 1,500 members, TIA represents a range of tourism-related activities including hospitality, accommodation, adventure and other activities, attractions and retail, airports and airlines, as well as related tourism services.

2. The primary role of TIA is to be the voice of the tourism industry. This includes working for members on advocacy, policy, communication, events, membership and business capability. The team is based in Wellington and is led by Chief Executive, Chris Roberts.

3. Tourism 2025 (www.tourism2025.org.nz), an industry-led, government supported economic growth framework was launched in New Zealand in 2014 and has set an aspirational goal of reaching $41 billion in annual tourism revenues by 2025. Spend growth has been rapid since 2014 and we are well on target to reach that goal.

4. This year, TIA is working on a Tourism 2025 reset that will include incorporating sustainability principles, articulating a longer-term view of tourism in coordination with Central Government; and identifying new priority actions to be addressed over the next 1-3 years.

5. Any enquiries relating to this paper should in the first instance be referred to Nienke van Dijken, TIA Policy Analyst at nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz or by phone on 04 494 1842.

TOURISM’S IMPACT AT A REGIONAL LEVEL

6. The visitor spend from both international and domestic visitors for Western Bay of Plenty District Council was $94m (YE Feb 2018).

7. The tourism industry makes a significant contribution to regional economic development through the jobs and income it creates. Only a fraction of visitor spending actually occurs in places commonly considered visitor specific e.g. accommodation, attractions. The rest takes place in shops, cafes, petrol stations and other local businesses. Local farmers and market gardeners benefit from selling their goods directly or indirectly to visitors.

8. On any day of the year, your community is hosting the visitors, domestic and international, who are helping support local jobs and businesses.
9. One of the keys to a strong regional visitor economy is the quality of the visitor experience. Councils play an important part in that experience with the investment they make in infrastructure e.g. roads, water/waste disposal, broadband, attractions and events in addition to their support for promotional bodies. Councils play a vital role in helping visitors, as well as ratepayers, make the most of their time in the community.

10. Councils’ planning need to consider the needs of visitors and residents so that the community can reap the benefits of the visitor economy.

11. In 2016, TIA developed a Local Government Manifesto, outlining eight priority actions for councils to reap greater economic and social rewards from tourism. A copy of this manifesto was sent to all Local Councils, ahead of the Local Council Election. For more details, please refer to Appendix 1.

**Challenges and opportunities of tourism growth**

12. Tourism growth presents both challenges and opportunities. The visitor economy is a major driver of regional prosperity but the costs and benefits of increased tourism do not always fall evenly. However, talk of new visitor taxes and levies must be debated robustly, with all the issues and options considered. Any form of national or local tourism tax or levy must be fair, efficient and ring-fenced for tourism-related investments.

13. We understand that the growth in tourism in your region may bring with it specific issues. The following section explores some of those likely issues, how the industry is responding and what you, as a Council, could do.

**14. Infrastructure**

Recent tourism growth has placed pressure on some infrastructure used by visitors. In order to better understand and size this issue, TIA undertook a National Tourism Infrastructure Assessment in 2016/17. The resulting report identified the main infrastructure deficits in both the private and public sectors.

The priority infrastructure types identified were:
- Visitor accommodation
- Telecommunications
- Airport facilities
- Road transport
- Car parking
- Public toilets
- Water and sewerage systems

Much of the infrastructure identified as a priority for investment is local and mixed use (used by both residents and visitors) and has often seen long-term under-investment. To optimise the benefits of tourism for host communities, coordination between Central and Local Government agencies and industry partners is needed for projects to proceed.

*What the Industry is doing:*
- TIA successfully advocated for the Tourism Infrastructure Fund resulting in a $100m fund for local and mixed-use infrastructure.
Tourism sectors able to scale-up quickly are doing so, e.g. the road transport sector has been able to respond quickly with increased fleet size.

Operators are making significant private investment into infrastructure e.g. Skyline Queenstown’s $100m redevelopment.

TIA is undertaking work to identify and address the key barriers to infrastructure investment.

What you as a Local Council could do in regards to infrastructure:
- Apply to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for projects like new car parks, toilets and visitor facilities.
- Coordinate with Central Government and industry partners on infrastructure projects submitted to the Regional Growth Fund.
- Ensure the Long-term Plan accurately reflects the infrastructure needs of tourism.

### Social Licence to Operate

The fast growth of the visitor economy has caused unease in some host communities, with locals worried about the number of visitors and the impact. This places pressure on the social licence the industry has to operate within these communities.

What the Industry is doing:
- TIA in conjunction with Tourism New Zealand undertakes six-monthly ‘Mood of the Nation’ research to assess New Zealanders’ views of tourism.
- TIA in conjunction with Tourism New Zealand is developing a ‘Tourism Narrative’ project, which includes helping local businesses tell their stories.
- TIA is a key partner in NZTA’s Visiting Drivers project to reduce the number of accidents by visiting drivers.
- TIA leads the Responsible Camping Forum, a group of 40 organisations representing rental operators, industry associations, Local and Central Government working together to manage freedom camping.
- A number of infrastructure initiatives will contribute to addressing social licence issues such as over-crowding.

What you as a Local Council could do in regards to social licence concerns:
- Ensure freedom camping is effectively managed in your region
- Promote the benefits of tourism in your region to the local community

### Sustainable tourism

With the rapid growth achieved in the past few years, the tourism industry is facing the challenges of managing and sustaining growth, rather than generating growth. There needs to be purposeful effort to actively manage the industry for its long term sustainable success.

What the Industry is doing:
- TIA has worked with industry and with Government agencies’ support to develop a Tourism Sustainability Commitment (TSC). The Commitment establishes a set of aspirational goals at both an industry and business level across the areas of economic, environmental, host communities and visitor sustainability. Tourism operators are signing up to the TSC and working towards implementing the sustainability commitments within their businesses.
What you as a Local Council could do to support tourism sustainability:
- Support the tourism sustainability goal through positive policy and regulatory settings, and funding.
- Sign up the Council or your appropriate agency to the TSC and actively promote the TSC to your local tourism operators.

17. Protecting and restoring the environment
Tourism is a highly competitive global industry. New Zealand’s environment is our unique selling point, it underpins our 100% Pure New Zealand tourism position and supports many of our iconic adventure and outdoor activities. Data from the International Visitor Survey conducted for the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) shows that the top factor for influencing visitors to choose New Zealand is our natural landscape and scenery.

New Zealand’s natural environmental assets are under threat, including many of our native species, our freshwater rivers and lakes, and our unique landscapes.

What the Industry is doing:
- The environment is one of the four pillars of the Tourism Sustainability Commitment. The TSC asks that Tourism businesses actively support and champion ecological restoration initiatives, and that they are measuring, managing and minimising their environmental footprint.
- TIA is a member of the Land and Water Forum and advocates with central government to protect our natural environment.

What you as a Local Council could do to support our valuable environment:
- Recognise the economic value of your environmental assets to tourism
- Ensure the Long-term Plan accurately reflects the environmental needs of tourism
• Action the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management as quickly as possible

18. Regional Economic Development
TIA is pleased to see the increased focus on regional development by Central Government.

Regional dispersal is one of the big challenges for the tourism industry, as currently 65% of current visitor spend occurs in the four gateways of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown. By improving the spread of tourism around the country, we can ensure that many more regions benefit from tourism activity, while relieving pressure on those places with the highest visitor loads. We are strongly supportive of regional development initiatives that encourage and incentivise tourism.

An effective regional tourism partnership relies heavily on a strong and healthy relationship with Local Government and local communities. The regions where tourism is well managed are characterised by strong local leadership and support, and Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) and Economic Development Agencies (EDAs) play an important part in this.

TIA is keen to work with you either in partnership with RTOs/EDAs on areas such as regional visitor strategies, or directly on issues such as freedom camping and proposed regional visitor levies.

Funding
19. Tourism funding in this context relates to financial contributions provided through Central and Local government. There are two components to tourism funding – the source of funds and distribution of funds.

20. Sources of tourism funding
International visitors pay taxes and are more than paying their way. TIA believes these taxes, including the border clearance levy and $1.5 billion a year in GST, need to be taken into account when additional charges on visitors are contemplated.

Tourism businesses support regional tourism activity through general and targeted rates, regional marketing alliances and their own marketing efforts.

There are infrastructure funding issues at a local government level, especially in regions with small ratepayer bases. Central government assistance is desirable in some cases and there are opportunities for greater user pays and better use of council balance sheets.

Any new funding models contemplated need to be fair and applied nationally. A strength of the New Zealand tax system is its simplicity. Ad hoc taxes on visitors or tourism businesses at a local level are undesirable.

21. Distribution of tourism funding
Central government funding support for local mixed-use infrastructure provided by local government requires a robust governance and allocation process.

Any form of tourism tax, such as the existing border clearance levy, must be ring-fenced for tourism-related investments, not siphoned off for other purposes.
Regional expenditure on tourism marketing and destination management by local authorities should be consistent with the tourism aspirations of the community and cognisant of the impact that visitor spend has on the wider community including employees and suppliers.

22. New visitor taxes and levies must be debated robustly, with all the issues and options considered. Any form of national or local tourism tax or levy must be fair, efficient and ring-fenced for tourism-related investments. TIA will vigorously resist any poorly designed tax or levy proposals that could tarnish New Zealand’s reputation as a country that welcomes visitors.

FOLLOW UP PROCESS

23. TIA wishes to have the opportunity to participate further in any follow-up process, including any formal meetings, to ensure that the potential impacts on tourism are adequately represented.

24. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft LTP. Any enquiries relating to this paper should in the first instance be referred to Nienke van Dijken, TIA Policy Analyst at nienke.vandijken@tia.org.nz or by phone on 04 494 1842.

BACKGROUND

25. Tourism for New Zealand is big business as the country’s largest export sector. It is a major contributor to the New Zealand economy that will always be here and won’t easily go offshore. Tourism takes the lead in promoting New Zealand to the world. The brand positioning built by a vibrant tourism industry has become an important source of national confidence and identity and a front window for “Brand New Zealand”. Indeed, the clean and pure offer that is synonymous with New Zealand tourism has been widely adopted and used to promote New Zealand exports in a range of other industries as well.

26. The tourism industry delivers the following value to New Zealand’s economy:

- Tourism in New Zealand is a $99 million per day and $36 billion a year industry. Tourism delivers around $40 million in foreign exchange to the New Zealand economy each day of the year. Domestic tourism contributes another $59 million in economic activity every day.

- The tourism industry directly and indirectly supports 14.5% of the total number of people employed in New Zealand. That means 399,150 people are working in the visitor economy.

- Tourism is New Zealand’s biggest export industry, earning $14.5 billion or 20.7% of New Zealand’s foreign exchange earnings (year ended March 2017).
Appendix 1: TIA Local Government Manifesto 2016

The following Tourism 2025 actions are the priorities for a stronger local government/tourism partnership. The industry’s eight priorities we would like to see from Local Government are:

Destination Management
This is the most important thing councils can do – look after and invest in the quality of your region as a destination.

- Facilitate and enable communities to meet the needs of growing numbers of visitors, as well as residents.
- Identify your unique selling points as a destination and promote them.
- Work with neighbouring communities to attract visitors to the wider region.

Infrastructure Facilitation
With the rapid growth in visitor numbers, we have to invest in essential infrastructure and enable the private sector to develop its infrastructure by delivering efficient planning and approval services.

- Define and plan for the priority infrastructure that meets the needs of visitors as well as residents.
- Examine the regulatory environment applied to tourism operators and other businesses serving visitors, and assess where the compliance burden can be reduced to support increased productivity.

Events programming
Events are one of the best tools for encouraging people to visit your community. Use them to your advantage.

- Schedule events (meetings, conferences, sports events and festivals) outside of the peak season to foster off-peak travel activity.
- Attract high value business visitors through the availability of quality facilities, such as convention centres where appropriate.

Measuring Visitor Satisfaction
It is important to understand what your visitors think of your community. If they are happy, businesses can grow. If you know there are areas of low satisfaction, you can address the problems. Without this insight, you can’t increase value.

- Track the satisfaction of international and domestic visitors, whether by direct customer feedback or social media, and use this information to address areas of dissatisfaction and deliver ever higher satisfaction levels.

Off-peak Marketing
Help your community to prosper by attracting people to visit throughout the year. This will develop a sustainable tourism industry with more permanent jobs.

- Council-owned or supported marketing agencies (e.g. RTOs, EDAs) build a stronger focus on promoting off-peak travel activity to high value visitors.
Regional Development and Tourism
Every region wants to grow and tourism can and does support this goal. Tourism complements your community’s other industries like wine, horticulture and farming.

• Encourage and incentivise tourism as part of your regional development strategies.

Enabling Airport and Port Facility Development
Great air and cruise links are vital to growing tourism. If your airport or port is council-owned, make sure long-term plans are aligned with industry forecasts. There are long lead times, so you have to think ahead.

• Councils work with local airports to establish and implement long-term and sustainable development strategies.
• Councils work with their port company to ensure cruise tourism is enabled.

Sustainable Tourism Positioning
Every region needs to demonstrate its commitment to look after its economic future and the resources it uses to operate.

• Identify the regional priorities required to develop a sustainable tourism industry across economic, social, cultural and environmental considerations.

By actively pursuing these opportunities, your Council can enable real economic and social gains for their communities.
Tauranga City Council Submission to Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018/2028

Tauranga City Council (TCC) is pleased to comment on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and the supporting documentation.

Growth planning and boundary adjustments

TCC continues to value our collaborative approach to growth planning and investment and supports the approach outlined in the draft LTP to agreeing boundary adjustments, where required, as part of effective growth planning and infrastructure investment for our communities.

Solid Waste

TCC is supportive of the WBOPDC's proposed approach to Solid Waste and its envisaged contribution to our shared vision to 'minimise waste to landfill'. TCC will continue to work closely with WBOPDC to ensure the most efficient and effective waste services are provided for our communities. TCC has included consideration of an extension to the proposed kerbside glass service into the WB area in its current Request for Proposals, if so desired in the future by the WBOPDC. In addition, TCC is currently working on a waste masterplan for facilities for the City and would like to invite WBOPDC to collaborate with us on this piece of work, and extend the scope to include the WB area. We believe this will assist with the achievement of actions in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. **We request that resources be made available to facilitate this though the WBOPDC Long Term Plan.**

Community Programmes

TCC is also supportive of the proposed funding for sub-regional community programmes -

- The Safer Communities and Welcoming Communities programmes, which are both delivered sub-regionally in partnership with TCC, will enable added focus, depth and reach and improve the ability to deliver results and support new initiatives in communities across the sub-region.
- Proposed funding for arts and culture via Creative Bay of Plenty and the Incubator will enable organisations to deliver on key aspects of the Sub-Regional Arts and Culture Strategy and encourage participation across across the sub-region.
• Proposed funding for Citizen's Advice will allow an investigation into the feasibility of satellite Citizens' Advice offices in smaller centres across the sub-region and help them deal with an increasing number and complexity of enquiries as the sub-region grows.

Omanawa Falls – Road Safety

TCC is proposing to invest $2.7m at Omanawa Falls during the 2018-2019 financial year to provide safe public access for residents and visitors, and has recently purchased a property at 1031 Omanawa Road to be utilised as carpark for the Falls. Safe access to the site is essential to prevent further accidents, particularly as visitor numbers grow rapidly.

**TCC would like to submit that WBOPDC provide funding in year one of the LTP for road improvements and improved access to 1031 Omanawa Road** and to paint yellow lines along the stretch of road adjacent to the Omanawa Falls access to prevent visitors parking on the road.

Staff are in dialogue on this project and on those noted above. I welcome any further discussions on these matters and the range of other projects and services that we are delivering in partnership.
I am writing in regards to the TPTL occupying the old Bernardo’s building on Stock Rd Te Puke. I was one of the original committee members and was excited to be able to celebrate it’s 20th birthday recently. The current committee are doing a great job of utilising the building & grounds to effectively operate the TP Toy Library as well as host other vital community groups. The venue is very suitable, therefore I wish to support the committee’s desire to request the WBOPDC to allow them to continue occupying this building. This will assist the growth of the Toy Library & support other community groups, well into the future.

Regards

Jo Jensen
I am writing to you to express my support for the Te Puke toy library staying in their current building. Having been a part of the community for 20 years, it is important that they finally have a place to call their own. They can now help so many more families and have such a wonderful space to share with the community and all the groups they support.

The current space they have is 7 stock road which was built in the 60’s by Rotary and the Te Puke community (and has a plaque on the wall to prove it). Something with such rich history of community coming together deserves the care, respect and use by the community that Te Puke Toy Library can give it. It’s time they are given a space that they and the community can depend on, so they can do the work necessary to continue helping children and their families for years to come.

I trust you will take this into consideration and put it into the long term plan.

Kindest Regards,

Diana Treadgold
Hi

Being a community initiative the Te Puke Community Markets initiated by Te Puke Toy Library. We have established ourselves as an essential community support for businesses, entrepreneurs, organisations wanting to fundraise and publicity for membership drives.

To have our premises so close to the park and storage for our signage and other market equipment has been a life changer for our latest season. As we run mainly on a volunteer base on minimal budget, access to what we need has lessened the workload, petrol costs and allowed the Toy Library to have even more publicity. We would be appreciate the consideration of a long term lease for 7 Stock Road, Te Puke.

Secondly we support the establishment of a Community Centre in Te Puke. Being a community market it has been hard for public to find out information on our dates and how to partake. Many are frustrated and sometimes give up on getting the information because they are not on facebook which is our main avenue of advertising. The ladies at the council office often tell me about enquiries but I find these don’t get through to me as it becomes to hard. To have a community centre for information and an online database and booking engine I am encouraged to think how amazing our markets could be and we could even consider running all year round at an affordable rate and indoors if there was enough space.

Thank you for this consideration
Regards Monique Lints
Market co-ordinator

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Kia Ora

I would strongly like to express support for the Te Puke Toy Library remaining in the current dwelling as I feel this building and its location has assisted the community immensely! In fact I was a lapsed member and when they relocated to these premises right next to Playcentre where many members attend it inspired me to re-join. Not only that, the building and grounds have proven a wonderful venue for new services they have been able to add to their repertoire by virtue of its size and set up such as the Friday playgroup I now frequently attend as well as the Brick Kids Friday afternoons which my children thoroughly enjoy. They have also offered a range of fun family friendly activities on the school holidays many of which I attended with my children who loved it! This was essentially possible because of this excellent building and its facilities. I urge you to accept their submission to remain there.

Kind Regards
Angel Lagerwaard
021 215 6840

Sent from my iPhone
My name is Monique Lints, I am President of Te Puke Toy Library and have been for the past 5 years. As follows is our submission for the long term plan on behalf of the operating committee, our family members and organizations involved with our service and operations, in the prospect of a long term lease of 7 Stock Road, Te Puke.

We are a thriving community service and local registered charity providing an affordable toy rental service for the under 5 sector however over the last few years we have endeavoured to expand our reach by initiating some broad spectrum activities to help our community thrive and engage with families who do not require or have access to our service under normal circumstances. We are motivated by our mission:

_**At Te Puke Toy Library our mission is to enable children throughout the Te Puke region to reach their full potential and milestones through play, giving them the best start in life and preparing them for their futures. We deliver good quality, environmentally friendly, safe and affordable toys and resources accessible to all children, families and caregivers of all ethnicities, abilities and backgrounds.**_

The Te Puke Toy Library was formed in May of 1998 by a group of mums who had found a need for the service was first formed in New Zealand in 1974 by a Physiotherapist in Hamilton who had clients in need of resources to help their children with disabilities. Toy Libraries were originally developed in California in 1935. Today Te Puke Toy Library has over 750 toys which include tools and resources for our special needs families, foster carers, home based caregivers, schools, daycares, kindergarten and therapists. We are close to 120 families as members and host 3 play groups on site along with a collaborative play group at Plunket. Our community initiatives include the Te Puke Community Markets which will be operating it’s 4th year in October and Brick Kids which is a Lego Club formed for children of all ages, even the adults join in. We have just started Creative Space which is a session for children to try arts and craft in a peaceful setting. Over the last year we have been able to help umbrella, provide fundraising platforms and help participate in many community events such as Te Puke Enviro Expo, Te Puke Community Garden open days, Christmas in the Park, It’s not Okay campaign, Shave for a cure, Pio Parenting Show, Search Party Charitable trust sub-committee, Vision to reality and our annual fundraisers of Casino night and a Mums Movie Night.

Just over 6 years ago we were located at the Jocelyn Street which is where New World Te Puke stands. We were operating from here with Plunket and St John both of who were successfully relocated to permanent premises. We have spent this time in commercial premises in the ‘old dairy factory’ on Jellicoe Street. With our lease due to end, problems with safety, isolation and small premises we were able to successfully apply for a short term lease of the premises located at 7 Stock Road, Te Puke.

The move has been such a great success and today sees us working with over 7 organisations on a weekly basis on site. We are open 5 days a week and helping over 25 Special Needs families with more enquiring on a regular basis. The organization is growing and moving from strength to strength.

We are asking all of this great community service and success is taken into consideration prior to our lease ending and consultation is put out to the community for use. We would love to obtain a long term lease of this community building and would happily tenant the property working with our
family hub establishment. As an organisation we understand the process that has to occur when dealing with council premises but we hope that our history with Te Puke, the community our families and of course Western Bay of Plenty Council will show how dedicated we are to investment in our district as whole.

Te Puke Toy Library thanks you for your time to consider our submission to the long term plan for the long term tenancy of the 7 Stock Road building in Te Puke.
I am writing to congratulate the move of the Toy Library to the premises in Stock Road. The road is lovely and quiet for getting the kids and toys in and out. The section is so enclosed that I am able to view the toys knowing the kids are completely safe exploring outside.
I have had the chance to meet some amazing people because instead of just getting the toys, there is the great play space for the children. We spend more time there in the very natural surroundings.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
7th August 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

We are a home-based care network in the Te Puke area and have a vested interest in the community.

Due to our offices being located in Tauranga we often need a space to use with our Educators, families and children in our service. This can be anything from a room to run workshops, playgroups or other events.

At this stage, we have yet to find a space that fits all of these needs and were excited to hear of the Toy Library potentially starting a family hub.

We see this as being a valuable addition to the community and can see the benefits it will bring to the families of Te Puke and surrounding areas. As a small town, Te Puke will thrive on a collaborative space where we can come together and support, learn alongside and share ideas with each other.

We look forward to this new addition to the community. You are welcome to contact me further on 021 801 772 if you require further information.

Regards

Anna Bateman
Network Manager-Bay
Hi
My name is Aiden I started Brick Kids, a Lego club for kids in Te Puke with the help of Te Puke Toy Library.
We love being in the new toy library building on stock road number 7. When we have our club we don't have to break down our creations because we had to break our creations every week at the other library. We have our own room now and can be noisier and not get in trouble like at the book library. We get to have a play and our mums can sit and have a chat with a coffee and biscuit.
It was good to have a Lego day in the holidays because we could use the outside and inside to build and do challenges.
We hope the toy library can stay at stock road forever because it is the best thing for our Lego club.

When we have our Lego exhibit it would be really good to have it displayed in a community centre where there is lots of space and we can use a room to invite others to come and build Lego over the days.

We hope you can see both of these things are good for our town and that our family really wants Te Puke Toy library to stay at stock road and hope a community centre can get made.

Thank you Aiden Lints

Sent from Samsung tablet.
I am writing to just inform the council and surrounding locals of what a great service and opportunity for families this venue and people are offering. I have just come on board with the toy library and have seen it to be such a great environment for the community. In the short time that I have been in the toy library, which is only about 2 months, the growth and efforts that have occurred are massive. And the families love it! I believe these children are being given the chance to openly become active and social lil guys and for the special circumstances that happen for most families, this facility offers many opportunities for kids and their parents. The kids get to find an interest in things and the parents develop a sense of support from a close knit team who go the extra mile to try and keep our town great and all with total support.

Love the Toy Library. And my son loves being able to turn up, have a search for something he likes and be able to have the choice of taking home something to learn and develop with. After all kids learn through play.

Cheers Hayley
Nga hapu no nga moutere o Matakana me Rangiwaea

To: Western Bay of Plenty District Council-Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Submitter: Nga hapu no nga moutere o Matakana me Rangiwaea – Hapu Management Plan

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Attention: Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Tena koe,

We thank the Mayor and Councilors’ for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028. This submission to the Long Term Plan is presented by the hapu representatives of the Matakana and Rangiwhaia Islands Hapu Management Plan – Edition 2 Updated March 2017 (HMP), created as a Tool that enables the whanau, whanui to have engagement with Regional Council on all matters relevant to the RMA including our cultural taonga. This will be reflected in the following themes;

1. Protecting the Environment
   Natural Environment
   To continue support for biodiversity monitoring and restoration projects that will assist with the health and well-being of the whenua and whanau

   Katikati Wastewater
   To seek alternatives for wastewater disposal and the upgrade of the current facility to cope with the increasing population growth that aligns with Matauranga Maori

   Solid waste
   To continue to support the Matakana Island Recycling Center to transport the recycled material to the Katikati transfer station. The hapu also seek support and assistance for the removal of hazardous waste from farms and orchards

2. Building Communities
   Recreation & Leisure
   To continue support of the public toilet situated at Opureora

   Community Identity
   Seek assistance and support for the Opureora Marae Erosion Protection Works as a central hub for the hapu of Matakana Island. We also seek support and assistance for the ‘cottage’ that will house the many taonga and historical korero long held by the hapu of Matakana and Rangiwhaia Islands

3. Leadership
   Planning for the Future
   The hapu seek to maintain the open and transparent dialogue of communication and engagement for the plethora of matters that come as a responsibility of active kaitiaki over our lands and waters as indicated in the Matakana & Rangiwhaia Islands-Hapu Management Plan 2017

   Representation
   To support the aspirations of hapu for representation on Council Forums and Working Groups

We would like the opportunity to speak to our submission at the Hearing

Jason Murray  Te Ngare
Te Uta Rolleston  Ngai Tamawhariua
Ngaraima Taingahue  Tauwhao
Hori Murray  Ngati Tauaiti
Nessie Kuka  Ngai Tuwhiwhia
April 18, 2018

Miriam Taris
Western Bay of Plenty District Council
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Dear Miriam

Feedback for your Long Term Plan

As many territorial and regional councils throughout New Zealand are currently consulting on their Long Term Plans, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind councils of their obligations under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

Please consider these obligations whenever you are reviewing your plans and prioritising your activities.

Collectively, and alongside regional councils, New Zealand’s 67 territorial authorities are our biggest field force of hazardous substances enforcement officers outside workplaces – responsible for hazardous substance compliance and enforcement in every public and private location within their boundaries, in situations not controlled by other agencies.

There are significant environmental and safety risks of not adequately resourcing these responsibilities.

I appreciate the difficulty in quantifying the size and potential impact of the risks, and the challenge of competing resources. Hazardous substances, however, span all of the outcomes that many councils already focus on – such as water quality, air quality, and sustainable resource management. Rather than address hazardous substance enforcement in isolation, you could consider improvements in relation to the other environmental and economic outcomes you are working towards. This might include, for example, distributing public education material on hazardous substance safety to your ratepayers, and/or you might decide to fund an in-house hazardous substances expert to support your enforcement staff.

Thank you for the role you play in safeguarding the health and safety of New Zealand’s people and environment.

Yours sincerely

Allan Freeth
Chief Executive
OMOKOROA – PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY & CULTURAL HUB.

The present population of Omokoroa is 3500 and with about 1000 sections being available for housing by the end of this year it is projected the population will increase to 5,000 early 2020s. The only inhibiting factor could be congestion on SH2 causing working families who need to commute to Tauranga or Katikati to look elsewhere. Omokoroa also services Pahoia, Whakamarama, Plummers Point and other nearby Communities which increases activity.

The present library and service centre is only about the size of a small 3 bedroom house (say 1200 sq’)
and is totally inadequate. The shelving (for books) and aisles are cramped leaving little space for people to browse and allowing no room for expansion. The service centre counter is small with little room for storage and one computer and a copier for public use is crammed against the opposite wall together with DVDs for rent. Only one circular table exists for reading or study. The only other public area is the Police Information Centre which includes storage of chairs used for meetings etc. When established many years ago the overall space was most probably adequate but with ever increasing usage the building is now far too small.

Council has an archaic measurement for Library space based on square meterage per 1000 residents. The real test is to record the actual activities that occur and the numbers of people who visit the Library/Service centre, book rental and other statistical information (this could easily be done by an outside staff member). However libraries these days cater for a range of diverse activities including study areas, digital access, children’s events, community displays, information centre, police, council service centre, meeting rooms, multi-purpose community space including local history and arts. It needs to be a building fit for purpose and future proofed catering for the needs of a rapidly growing population.

Surprisingly no allowance has been made in the LTP for Omokoroa’s future Library, Community Centre needs. This is disappointing as the Community Board made a submission in April 2015 when the previous plan was discussed. I do acknowledge that Council plans to do a review of Community Strategies in 2018/19 to consider current and future community facility requirements however I was not able to find any estimated funding for these ventures in the plan. I do congratulate Council on reducing debt from M$144 in 2015 to M$100 now and at least this should allow some riggle room for necessary projects (not nice to have).

The ideal site to establish a new community and cultural hub (including the library) is on the land or part thereof on the corner of Tralee and Hamurana Rd that is for sale. I understand the purchase price is high but investigation to lease either from the present owners or a developer should be explored. I also understand the Community Church that occupies some of the land is under a 99 year lease. This site is handy to Omokoroa Country Estate, Supermarket and Medical services where many residents visit. Sale of existing Library building would assist defray costs to some degree.

Recommendation- Council investigate establishing a Community & Cultural hub as mentioned above and include costs in its plans for 2020.
Proposal for walking an cycling - Please increase funding to do this faster. It is not until the full net work is linked that attract more related tourism and tracks either side of the main population areas that will allow kiwifruit workers to make use for commuting.
Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum - Option 2 A great asset that will benefit from increased cycling tourism.

Regards

Stephanie McGregor
SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

This submission:

▪ Supports the balanced approach of the ‘steady as we grow’ theme of the LTP while also noting the importance of continuing to invest in communities, particularly in the areas of placemaking for town centres, supporting affordable housing initiatives, and most importantly, the development of efficient transport networks.

▪ Supports council’s proposal to increase funding so the development of walking and cycling routes can be created more quickly than previously planned.

▪ Seeks consideration of the development of a Western Bay of Plenty joint transportation strategy, supported by the sub-region’s three local authorities.

▪ Supports council’s preferred option to increase funding for the Western Bay Museum through district wide rates.

▪ Supports council’s preferred option to provide additional funding to Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator Creative Hub to implement key actions in the Arts and Culture Strategy.

▪ Supports council’s active participation in Smart Economy and funding contribution to Priority One, Tourism Bay of Plenty, Te Puke Economic Development Group, Katch Katikati and Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions Association.

▪ Supports council’s role in the delivery of SmartGrowth initiatives and long-term planning.

OVERVIEW

Priority One is the economic development agency for Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. The organisation reflects a partnership between the business community and local authorities, with substantial funding and support provided by businesses and individuals committed to seeing positive change through economic growth. Priority One is contracted to deliver economic outcomes by Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.
Priority One’s core role is to build the sub-region’s economic depth beyond an historic reliance on population growth as our key economic driver. It works to bring more diversity to an economy that is highly reliant on horticulture. Priority One uses the partnership it has built between the business community and Smart Economy partners, including local authorities, to progress initiatives that build real and defensible competitive advantages.

It is in the context of collaborating to build a sub-region and region that is nationally and internationally competitive and that attracts and retains highly productive businesses and people that Priority One submits to Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s 2018-28 Draft Long Term Plan.

SUBMISSION

The pace of change

Priority One congratulates Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the development of the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan. It takes a balanced approach that recognises the growth challenges the district faces and the need to maintain and invest in core infrastructure. At the same time the draft plan recognises the need to invest in the district’s future to support economic growth and to attract talented and skilled workers, while maintaining council’s financial sustainability.

The Western Bay district is going through a stage of rapid growth. In 2017 its population growth, GDP growth and employment growth were all well above the national average. All signs point to this growth continuing into the future due to the district’s enviable location, projected growth of the kiwifruit industry, lifestyle attractions and proximity to important assets such as Port of Tauranga.

While this growth has added much to the local economy in recent years, continued investment and long-term thinking is required to maintain this for the future. This is particularly the case for investment master planning and place making for town centres in growth areas, support for initiatives that provide housing that is affordable to enable employers to attract and retain staff, and ensuring the district is easy and efficient to move around.

Getting around

Overview

Urgent action is required to alleviate the traffic issues being experienced in the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region to ensure our future economic sustainability. Providing an efficient transport network is critical to our ongoing ability to compete nationally and internationally in the attraction of skilled and talented people and new business, as well as to retain the people and businesses already based here. Currently the two largest constraints for businesses in the sub-region are traffic congestion and the availability of staff, and these are directly and indirectly linked to our success in managing transport.
Solutions for areas of high congestion

We are facing a desperate situation if action is not taken immediately. Arguably, one of the reasons we are in this position is that we have not taken swift enough action to cope with growth in the past. We suggest that, as a matter of urgency, innovative short-term solutions are found for areas of high congestion during peak times while longer term solutions are worked through. This includes the proposal to develop park and ride facilities to support increased uptake of public transport.

Proposal for walking and cycling

We support council’s proposal to increase funding so the development of walking and cycling routes connecting the district can be created more quickly than previously planned. This will enable better connections to be established and wider benefits to be delivered to the communities that are connected by the network. It will also provide better connections to packhouses to support the attraction and retention of staff and will enable subsidies to be sought from central government.

Upgrades to State Highway 2

We support council’s commitment to continue to strongly advocate for state highway upgrades to New Zealand Transport Agency, particularly the Katikati bypass and upgrades to State Highway 2, and will lend our support to this, where required.

Western Bay sub-regional transportation strategy

We seek urgent consideration by the three local authorities of the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region of the development of a joint transportation strategy. This would ensure alignment between public transport, parking, roading improvements and future planning at strategic and operational levels.

Building communities

Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum

Priority One supports council’s preferred option to increase funding for the Western Bay Museum to $70,000 a year for the next three years through district wide rates. Public investment in cultural heritage is a core lever for economic growth, social impact and philanthropic support. The multiplier effect is strong and well evidenced. The arts and heritage sectors, individually and combined, are crucial players on the national stage and at the core of any vibrant local community. In addition, young professional people place significant importance on arts and cultural amenities when making a decision about where to live and work, which supports our efforts in the attraction of skilled and talented people for local businesses.

Proposal for funding arts and culture

Priority One supports council’s preferred option to provide additional funding of $50,000 to Creative Bay of Plenty each year and $10,000 (Y1), $15,000 (Y2), and $20,000 (Y3-10) to The Incubator Creative Hub to implement key actions in the newly developed Arts and Culture Strategy. This approach supports strategy implementation, while also recognising there are other organisations in the Western Bay that council already supports to deliver arts and culture projects and events, as well as the one-off funding contributions it makes in this respect through the Community Matching Fund.
In the modern economy, businesses are attracted to places with high human capital and human capital is attracted to places that can offer a good quality of life, particularly in relation to arts, cultural and recreational opportunities. Compared to other cities in New Zealand, and even some smaller towns, the sub-region has not invested sufficiently in arts and cultural facilities. It is hoped that active implementation of the Arts and Culture Strategy will enable the sub-region to become more competitive in this respect.

**Economic development**

Priority One supports the active participation and collaboration of Western Bay of Plenty District Council in the implementation of the sub-region’s economic development strategy, Smart Economy. Priority One therefore:

- Supports council’s on-going funding of the economic development services provided by Priority One in the implementation of Smart Economy. The strategy aims to strategically grow the sub-region’s economy to create an economic environment which increases employment opportunities and average household income levels for the community.
- Supports council’s on-going funding of the facilitation services provided by Tourism Bay of Plenty, which markets the region as a diverse, interactive tourism destination and supports the development of new tourism products.
- Supports council’s on-going funding of Te Puke Economic Development Group and Katch Katikati in the services they provide, which are targeted directly at those communities.
- Supports council’s proposal to provide funding to the Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions Association to support their work in providing visitor information, events and tourist attraction services.

**Regional collaboration and leadership**

Priority One supports the Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s role in the delivery of SmartGrowth initiatives, working closely with Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council and tangata whenua in the implementation of the strategy. Western Bay of Plenty District Council has an important and valued role in in responding to our unprecedented levels of regional growth.

Council’s long-term planning and on-going implementation of SmartGrowth will ensure that the quality of life and future prosperity of the Western Bay sub-region are protected by the well-planned management of current and future population growth. This approach also recognises an inter-relationship between community, environmental and economic issues and the need to find well-coordinated solutions to address them.

The Western Bay sub-region is widely recognised as a leader in integrated long-term planning as well as demonstrating leadership and foresight to central government, giving them confidence that the sub-region is developing in a sustainable and future-focused manner. We believe the SmartGrowth strategy provides an excellent example of collaborative leadership, which is at the heart of sustainable communities.
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Western Bay of Plenty Council
1484 Cameron Road,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of a submission document I will be presenting to Tauranga City Council during the upcoming public hearing sessions on their Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028.

The subject of discussion is their plan for Omanawa Falls, and since this is located within the Kaimai Ward, I was advised to submit it also to the WBOP Council. I am unfortunately away during the “Have Your Say” Event on the 19th of April, but I am including a USB drive with a powerpoint presentation outlining the feelings and wishes of the local community. I have also attached a hard copy of this submission, together with a petition which has been signed by landowners in the immediate vicinity of the Falls. I am still in the process of collecting signatures and also have a meeting arranged with Kristin Dunne from Tourism BOP to discuss our alternative ideas.

After five years of increasing inconvenience caused by visitors to the area, and witnessing the gradual destruction of a once pristine piece of nature, the local residents would like to have their voice heard in any decisions about the future of Omanawa Falls. I hope that councillors at Western Bay will take the time to read our submission, and take these views into account.

Thank you, and kind regards,

Lesley Pritchard
As local residents of Omanawa, we, the undersigned, oppose the idea of an unregulated carpark and open access to Omanawa Falls via a staircase down the cliff face. An alternative arrangement with a regulated tourist operator, running professional guided tours based at 1031 Omanawa Rd and providing public access to a viewing platform during opening hours, would be a preferable option.

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Local landowners who have signed this petition:
Omanawa Falls
Submission document regarding the
Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028
TCC Proposal

A fund of $2.8M to provide:

- Car parking
- Improved access to the viewing site
- 2 x public toilets
- Staircase down the cliff face
- Boardwalk at the base
- Water access

April 2018:
1031 Omanawa Road, adjacent to the walkway entrance, is purchased by TCC to provide off-street parking.
With this proposal, TCC aim to:

- Reduce accidents on the dangerous unofficial route to the bottom of the falls which result in expensive helicopter rescues.
- Provide off-street parking for the visitors who are currently causing a major traffic problem on Omanawa Road.
- Stop visitors wandering around neighbourhood properties looking for the falls and getting lost in the bush.
- Make the waterfall available to all who would like to visit and swim in the river below.

To date there has been no consultation with local residents about any of these plans.
The residents immediately adjacent to the Omanawa falls believe:

• This proposal will not solve all the problems addressed.

• There is no return on the investment made by the Council.

• New problems will be created by the influx of visitors to the area.

In order to understand the issues, we need to look back at the last twelve years....
2006

- Track to Omanawa Falls: 30 minutes return trip to a view of the waterfall with an impressive volume of water.

- Track ends at a locked tunnel door which leads to an unused historic power station and prevents access to the base of the falls.

- Little/no interest from wider community even though it appears in brochures about Bay of Plenty walking tracks.
2008

- Power Station re-opened: Private operator granted 35 year lease and turbine is restored. Waterfall is diverted through the power station and the flow over the falls is reduced significantly.

- Tauranga City Council draws up a management plan. Some improvements made to parking, the walkway, and handrails along the viewing section BUT other parts of the plan failed to be implemented (e.g. ongoing rubbish maintenance, historical interpretation panels along the track and open days/guided tours of the power station).

- Few visitors come to Omanawa Falls, and an alternate track which bypasses the tunnel to reach the base of the waterfall is known only to a few local families.
2013

• First YouTube video appears showing how to get to the base of the falls via the unmarked track. This route is dangerous and slippery, requiring ropes and ladders to navigate the steepest parts.

• Visitor numbers increase and the first two helicopter rescues take place. Pilots have to lower into a small canyon with dangerous updrafts, overhanging rocks and vegetation, putting their crew and onlookers at risk.

• News items covering these events raise the profile of the falls.

• Attempts are made to block the access to the alternate route, but to no avail. Gates are vandalized and even an angle grinder is used to gain access through the steel door to the tunnel.
2015

• A serious accident occurs which involves a father and son falling from the cliff face. They are both lucky to survive.

• The helicopter rescue takes at least 5 hours – costing $4,500 per hour for the helicopter alone. There will inevitably be ongoing ACC costs for spinal and head injuries.

• NZ Bachelor is filmed on location at Omanawa Falls and further promotes it as a wonderful swimming spot.
2016

- Entrance to park is closed, but it makes no difference.
- Continual attempts by visitors to find the unmarked track creates misleading paths and increases the danger of getting lost.
- Visitors – completely unprepared - are found wandering over neighbouring land, or getting stuck in the bush for the night, risking hypothermia.
- Further attempts made by TCC to secure the site and prevent people using unofficial paths are unsuccessful.
- Another two helicopter rescues take place. Each time, a neighbouring farm owner is requested at short notice to move frightened animals out of a paddock to allow the helicopter to land.
2017

- Helicopter rescue after a young man chooses to jump from the top of the falls and receives spinal injuries. He is facing a lifetime in a wheelchair.

- Search and rescue called to locate five visitors lost in the bush.

- Visitor numbers increase and parking along Omanawa Road, blocking residents driveways, becomes a real issue. Up to 90 cars in one day counted along the roadside. Residents are forced to create their own bollards to keep access to their properties open.

- Some cars are barely off the road, and pedestrians cause an added hazard in a 100km/hr zone on a blind corner.

- Freedom campers staying the night in their cars are found parked up many neighbouring driveways.
2018

• Two more helicopter rescues take place.

• Omanawa Falls appears regularly on NZ backpacking facebook page that has over 50,000 followers.

• Multiple complaints by locals about drones flying and hovering over private property.

• Searching on Instagram #Omanawafalls results in 2515 posts, including numerous photos taken from drones.

• Increased foot traffic brings more damage to the natural environment causing slips, erosion, and the destruction of tracks used to maintain the power station and intake.
Problems with the TCC proposal:

1. Visitor numbers of up to 300 people per day while the walkway is CLOSED will increase substantially if the track is opened to the public.

2. An unregulated carpark area with toilet facilities will inevitably be used as a freedom campsite, bringing disturbance and opportunist crime to the neighbourhood. The local community will oppose it and complaints to the council will be ongoing.
3. Omanawa Road will need to be upgraded to cope with the added traffic, particularly the narrow section between Peers Road and Bonniglen Rd.

4. A staircase down the cliff face will not solve all the safety issues. Foolhardy visitors will still attempt to jump off the waterfall, and swim in the rock pools above the falls. If the Omanawa power station automatically shuts down in a power cut, or the river is suddenly diverted from the Trustpower scheme upstream, a huge surge of water will flow over the falls without warning and anyone in the vicinity risks being swept over the edge.

5. The current backpackers that this site attracts are not eco travellers and have little respect for the local residents or the natural environment. They will continue to destroy the vegetation, leave their rubbish, drink alcohol, play loud music, and fly their drones.
6. The TCC budget of $2.8M is likely to be exceeded, and future accidents will continue to require expensive helicopter rescues.

7. A local search and rescue ropes team has been first on the scene at all past incidents at Omanawa Falls. Rescues in the future may be jeopardized by the threatened takeover of Rapid Response Rope Teams by the regional Fire Service. The nearest team will then be based in Hamilton – an hour and a half away.

8. There is no return on the investment made by council, and no opportunity for an income stream.
Our biggest concern:

If the council has been unable to control visitor behaviour in the past, they are unlikely to have any control over any of these problems in the future.
Also involved in discussions to resolve these issues were:

- Local residents in the immediate vicinity around Omanawa Falls
- Blair Anderson – Director of Waimarino Adventure Park
- Steve Campbell – General Manager of YSAR - Search & Rescue
- Liam Brettkelly – Tauranga Rescue Helicopter Pilot
- Warren Dawson – Director of Sarona Park, 1177 Omanawa Rd.
- Kane Henderson – Manager of Omanawa Falls Power Station
- Geoff Nijhuis – Caretaker of Omanawa Falls Power Station
- Meeting planned with Kath Low and Kristin Dunne, Tourism BOP
An alternative idea for Omanawa Falls:

- TCC as the landowner, leases the carpark and waterfall to a local professional tourism operator.
- The business operates out of the building at 1031 Omanawa Rd.
- Gates are installed at the start of the walkway and all access is controlled, ensuring that trespassers are turned away.
- A free public walkway to a safe and secure viewing platform will be available during opening hours.
• Descent to the base of the falls is only available as a guided tour with the tourism operator.

• Activities could include abseiling, ferrata, zipline, rockclimbing and swimming.

• Participants would book ahead, and as there would only be small groups attending at any one time, car parking is no longer a problem. Gates would be closed at night to prevent freedom campers.

• The Historic Power Station could be opened for small group tours and tunnel used for emergency access.

• Employment will be generated, and a café, for example could be set up onsite.
The Benefits for Tauranga City Council:

- There is some return for the money spent on purchasing a property for off-street parking.

- All health and safety issues, toilet facilities and rubbish collection are the responsibility of the tourism operator.

- TCC will not be required to pay for a staircase or a boardwalk and toilets at the bottom. Omanawa road would not need an immediate upgrade.

- The attraction would be a valuable asset to tourism in the Bay of Plenty, and increase visitor spend.

- The neighbourhood would be happy with such a proposal, and not oppose these developments.

- The waterfall and surrounding environment will be preserved for future generations.
Similar successful ventures here in New Zealand:

**THE ULTIMATE WATERFALL ADVENTURE**

Join us on the highest waterfall via ferrata in the world.

Choose from 1 of our 3 climbs. Our easiest climb, **Jumpstart**, is one of those great Wanaka activities that is fun and easy to do with the family; our intermediate climb, **Avatar**, is perfect for those looking for a bit more adventure and our advanced climb, **Lord of the Rungs**, is the highest waterfall via ferrata in the world and includes a return via helicopter and is definitely one of the most spectacular things to do in New Zealand.

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**YOUR CLIMB STARTS HERE!**

- **Go Wild**
- **Wild Thing**
- **Lord of the Rungs**

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**Course Information**

Open to the public Saturday 10:30-4:00pm and Sundays school holidays from 9am till 4pm. All other times by bookings and appointments only. Abseil gear is provided (just bring some appropriate footwear).

The abseil cycle takes about 2.5 hours and includes three cliffs, **Jumpstart** which renews the novice on technique, **Avatar**, a 30m cliff descending through a native forest and **Devils Cleft** which is a 40m overhang through a native forest canopy.

Costs $150.00 per person - dollars includes for group bookings of 4 or more people.

An instructor will help you safely learn to abseil with 3 real cliffs to choose from, **Jumpstart**, a practice cliff (as many descents until you feel confident), **Avatar**, a 30m cliff and overhang (up to 2 descents) and **Devils Cleft** - a 40m cliff and overhang (1 descent).

Cash only. There is presently no EFTPOS available on site.

Not suitable for children under 10 years and a reasonable level of fitness is required.
A better option for the $2.8M the council will save......
Submission by Whakamarama Community Inc to:

WBOPDC Long Term Plan 2018

Whakamarama Community Inc (WCI) represents the interests of approximately 550 households based in the rural community situated south of SH2 and bordered by the Waipapa and Te Puna Streams. WCI has been an Incorporated Society for over a decade and has provided ongoing and stable representation for the community in that time.

Whakamarama has a population of some significance when compared to the urban areas which are represented by Community Boards.

Despite all of this, it seems that Whakamarama is comparatively invisible in the draft LTP. Even a cursory glance down the projects listed for the Kaimai Ward shows there are very many starting with the letter “O” and a single small one starting with “Wh”. Whakamarama is not even shown on the map on p107.

In the interests of fairness, WCI requests that the following issues be included in the LTP. Please refer to the major headings used in the LTP in the same order:

**Representation**

Whakamarama has a sizeable population and well-defined, community-led projects that have been underway for some years, yet it receives no great recognition in the Representation section of the LTP. There seems to be no regular commitment to consultation with rural communities, such as Whakamarama, given in the LTP project list shown on p110.

The only regular interaction of WCI with WBOPDC is the invitation that WCI makes to the Mayor and Ward Councillors to the WCI AGM. This is a WCI initiated event and takes place at zero effective cost to WBOPDC. This is in stark contrast to the many funded activities of the communities with Boards.

WCI requests that due recognition be given to the rural population of the WBOP District which is double that of the combined population of the five urban communities. Better, regular and formal interaction with the rural population is required.
Community Facilities

Whakamarama Hall

WCI unreservedly supports the submission from the Whakamarama Community Centre Inc (aka the Hall Committee) for development and maintenance of the Hall. The Hall has been provided to this community by the generosity and goodwill of many local individuals and is intensively used for the benefit of the whole community.

WCI requests that the maintenance funding of the Hall is brought up to the same level of support to that enjoyed by other community halls, given that this Hall serves a population base equivalent to higher profile urban areas. However, the cost and value of the facility are not at all different. If this necessitates a change to the funding model, then WCI supports that proposition.

WCI further requests that a one-off grant be made available to the Hall Committee as a contribution to the development plan which the Hall Committee is presently working through. We are aware of other similar projects within the Western BOP which have benefitted from Council assistance.

Cemetery

WCI supports the stated intention to review the provision of cemetery and other related services for the Western Bay of Plenty, although the project number 264315 appears to be somewhat late by starting in 2025.

WCI would welcome the opportunity to participate in discussions around options for the future. There is some local interest in establishing an arboretum or memorial garden available to residents for the scattering or interment of ashes. It is suggested that several smaller and intimate areas closer to home are preferable to large centralised operations.

Transportation

Youngson Road

Youngson Road is not fit for purpose and requires upgrading to enable continuing safe use under present conditions. The main shortcomings of this road are inadequate sight distances from entranceways, insufficient carriageway width and dangerous vertical curves.

WCI members have measured the sight distances for all 106 identified property entrances on Youngson Road. When compared to the requirements of the District Plan and Transportation section of the Development Code 2009, in particular
drawing W415, the situation on Youngson Road falls well short of what Council
describes as “minimum” standard.

Barely 50% of properties on Youngson Rd have adequate sight distance based upon
the present designation as a “local” road. Each of these properties must be entered
and exited, every time, by taking a chance that there is not a vehicle coming around
a nearby blind corner. Presently 50% of the entrances on Youngson Rd do not
comply with section 4B.4.3(b) of the District Plan.

Section 4.2.4 of the Development Code in Table 2 shows the required carriageway
width for a rural road. Based on the measured traffic flow for Youngson Rd of
750adt, the width should be 7.5m. Based on the number of lots, a greater width of
8.5m is indicated. By comparison, the measured pavement width for much of
Youngson Rd is 5.4 metres which is inadequate for a road which carries frequent
heavy vehicles, including the school buses. Heavy vehicles have little choice but to
drive off the seal edge or cross the centreline when negotiating the many corners on
this road. Opposing traffic must drive off the sealed pavement to give sufficient
space for wide vehicles to pass and are therefore at risk of losing control in the
process.

There are several places along Youngson Rd where the road is straight but there are
deceptive humps in the road way. These vertical curves hide oncoming traffic which
entices drivers to use all of the available lane space which, as quantified above, is
unreasonably narrow. Two approaching vehicles, neither of which can see the other,
have significantly reduced margin for error in this situation. Even without speeding in
excess of the 80 km/h posted limit, there is a high risk of a serious head-on collision
on Youngson Rd.

Youngson Rd is presently classified as a “Local Road” in 4B.4.1 of the District Plan
whereas Whakamarama Rd is designated as a “Collector Road”. This represents a
fair approximation of the present use pattern for the two roads. Whakamarama Rd
has been measured with a traffic flow of 1600 adt while Youngson Rd carries 750
adt.

However, this pattern is very likely to reverse in the future. Preliminary drawings for
the long awaited four laning from Te Puna to Omokoroa show that there is no
 provision at Plummers Point for an on-ramp to enable traffic to join the new four lane
highway when Tauranga-bound. This will entice the residents of Whakamarama to
drive down Youngson Rd to join the highway at the Omokoroa interchange.

Even if the Omokoroa interchange is built without the corresponding four laning, the
residents of Whakamarama will prefer to use the Youngson Rd/Omokoroa/Superhighway
intersection to avoid the risk of using the dangerous existing Barrett Rd/Plummers Pt
Rd/Superhighway route.
WCI believes that with the future traffic flows Youngson Rd will inevitably become a Collector Road as per the Roading Hierarchy described in section 4B.4 of the District Plan. When that happens the requirements for sight distances becomes more stringent and the pass rate for Youngson Rd of approx 50% drops to 30% thereby making a bad deal much worse.

Whichever future scenario plays out, even if the status quo remains for longer than we would all desire, Youngson Rd still requires serious improvement.

WCI requests that WBOPDC makes provision in the appropriate budget to significantly upgrade Youngson Rd with special attention being paid to:

- Improving sight distances through corners and for entranceways
- Widening the carriageway
- Removing dangerous vertical curves

Goodall Road

At Whakamarama is the well populated Goodall Road, which has been a continuing cause for protest over the poor standard of development and maintenance, due to its location on Maori owned land. The history of Goodall Road, the Maori Land Court, and WBOPDC, as WCI understands it, is as follows:

In the early 20th Century NZ central government decided that where land was in Maori ownership, the roading on that community land would have roading administered by the Maori Land Court to be known as Maori Roads. They were to be public roads, i.e. accessible to all people living in NZ.

At some stage NZTA, or its predecessor, subsidised local Councils to maintain these roads to the same standard as non-Maori roads in their districts.

We were told that sometime in the 1980s [?] NZTA stopped the subsidy, causing some Councils, including WBOPDC, to cease maintenance work on the 77 km of so-called Maori Roads remaining in their area. Goodall Road, however, where permits to sub-divide were being issued, was still maintained.

Around 2003 new Transport Manager, Alex Finn, noticed that Goodall Road was still technically a Maori Road and instructed the Council’s sub-contractors to stop maintaining it.

Over several years, while the residents fought the Council’s decision, they were forced to maintain the road themselves, buying truck-loads of metal and having pothole filling working bees, despite paying the same roading taxes and levies as every other rate payer.

After research on the WBOPDC website, it was pointed out to the WBOPDC staff and Councillors that Council rules prohibited the permitting of sub-divisions on roads not being maintained by the Council. As a consequence, Council resolved that maintenance be recommenced. Also, around 2009 a confirmation was received
from NZTA that under the LTMA (2003), Maori Roadways were eligible for funding from central Government. So it seems the residents of Goodall Road were illegally forced by Alex Finn to maintain the road when it was in fact eligible for NZTA funding.

Over the past forty odd years approximately eleven subdivision permits were given allowing some twelve dwellings to be established. A roading strip of 10m width was ceded to the WBOPDC, as a condition for the permits on the northern side of Goodall Road.

The land either side of the road for the first 100 metres, seems to be the only land remaining in the hands of Maori family and iwi trusts. It is understood that the south side is owned by the Bidois whanau, and the north by an Iwi trust. No such 10-metre strip has been ceded on either side of the first 100 odd metres of the road.

We believe that the correct procedure for the local Council in the 1980s, before allowing subdivision, would have been for the Council to have ascertained from the Maori Land Court whether they had any further interest in Goodall Road as a Maori Road. If they had no such interest, it would have been appropriate for the Council to have taken it over as a Council road, prior to issuing subdivision permits. Goodall Road residents have previously lodged with the Council a copy of a Maori Land Court document, indicating that around 2001 the Court had no such interest.

Therefore, we request that the WBOPDC include in the current LTP 2018 – 2028 to:

- Review the Maori Roading policy, considering the aforesaid LMTA, to resume maintenance of Maori Roads.
- Commence discussions with the residents of Goodall Road for the adoption of Goodall Road from the Maori Land Court, to make it a normal Council owned part of the public road system.

In the event that this process cannot be completed, WCI has already made submission to BOPRC Regional Land Transport Plan 2018 (RLTP) to have Goodall Rd recognised as a Maori Road in the RLTP. When recognised as such, Goodall Rd could become eligible for funding from the National Land Transport Fund for improvements and seal extension, as per section 7.8 of the RLTP.

Regardless of which of these scenarios is successful, there is no fair reason for the residents of Goodall Road to suffer from poor road standard in the future.

Walking and Cycling

We encourage the Council to press for the provision of a commuting cycleway as part of the Tauranga to Omokoroa SH2 upgrade.

SH2 is at present too dangerous for cycling, yet much of Whakamarama is within cycle commuting distance of Tauranga and Te Puna. Cycling will become an option for more of us with increasing use of e-bikes. The completion of the current
Omokoroa to Bethlehem cycleway is eagerly awaited but this trail is not a commuting link, although the Wairoa bridge section will double as a commuting link.

We ask the Council to lead a project to provide safe and clear access along paper roads in our district. In the first instance, we are asking for Council to consult with adjacent land owners and provide signage, styles, gates, footbridges etc to build up a network of off-road simple pathways, or at the very least, indicate with signs the legal access ways on the paper roads.

Examples in our area include:
- Minden Road end down to Te Puna Stream and up to Whakamarama Rd
- Te Puna Stream from Minden/Whakamarama pathway down to l'Anson Rd and Old Highway end
- Laurel Drive end to Youngson Rd
- Ross Rd down to reserve on Waipapa Stream and up to Esdaile Rd
- Ross Rd end to Waipapa Block Road end
- Emeny Rd end to Te Puna estuary to Jess Rd and connection to new cycleway bridge
- Brunwood Drive end to Mangawhai estuary to new cycleway bridge
- Sinclair Rd end to Youngson Rd continue to Old Highway

**Te Puna Station Road**

WCI requests that WBOPDC undertakes steps to actively manage the traffic flow into and out of Te Puna Station Rd to minimise the disruption caused at the intersection with SH2.

It is obvious to all users of SH2 that traffic flow from Te Puna Station Rd joining SH2 is a major factor in the frequent delays encountered on the highway.

Now that the Te Puna roundabout is completed, there needs to be direction to make Te Puna and other traffic join SH2 at the new roundabout, which has been designed for that purpose, and not take the “rat run” down Te Puna Station Rd.

**Natural Environment**

**Pest Control**

Whakamarama Community Inc. is very grateful for the support of the WBOPDC in maintaining the work being continued in the Puketoki Reserve, the initiation of the Friends of the Blade work at the end of Whakamarama Road, and in maintenance work on the single lane track into the Car Park at the Blade.

Over the next ten years we see a need for expansion of WBOPDC and BOPRC support for the move towards Pest Free Communities, as part of the Pest Free 2050 visionary target set by the last government. We hope to see a Pest Free
Whakamarama community initiative over the next few years, with considerable support from local bodies with funds to subsidise the provision of possum, stoat and rat traps to every ratepayer in the district. There are several communities following the example of “Rat Free Wellington”, by encouraging their communities to rid their neighbourhoods of all pest species through trapping and baiting.

There will be a need for publicity to encourage the programme, as well as logistic support to volunteers on the ground in those communities who join the effort. There are areas such as Omokoroa where an initial project has been running for some years. This will need further support to achieve a 100% coverage of the whole of the expanding area of subdivision.

Riparian planting

WCI wishes to see a continuing programme, in co-operation with the BOPRC, of encouragement of all landowners of all properties to establish and maintain riparian strips along all waterways within the catchments flowing from the Kaimai ranges.

Monitoring

Provision should be made to support scientifically-based studies in order to understand the nature of environmental problems, recommend solutions and to assess the effectiveness of these. Existing examples of these are invertebrate studies as part of pest control programmes and water quality testing relating to riparian planting etc.

Digital Enablement

Digital Enablement does not seem to feature in the LTP, and WCI believes that there needs to be more concerted management of the quality of service afforded the residents of WBOPDC.

The Western Bay of Plenty Digital Enablement Plan Sept 2015 (Tauranga City Council and WBOPDC) included the objective "Provide access to affordable digital technologies without constraint of time or place".

One of the Key Actions listed was "Advocacy for Rural Broadband" with the goal of increased access in rural areas to fast broadband, with Council leading a project to analyse solution options and recommend / implement a preferred option. We request that the Council makes provision to continue to act on this plan, including the provision of cellphone reception, alongside broadband connections. The needs in 2018 are even greater than in 2015. We need Council to advocate for our community, to obtain subsidies to upgrade the infrastructure as has happened at Te Puna, Plummers Point, Aongatete and Omokoroa.
Broadband connectivity remains a significant issue for the Whakamarama Community with no improvement in sight. The only ultra-fast broadband connection in Whakamarama is to the local school. The last significant upgrade to the fixed line infrastructure was in 2011, when roadside cabinets were upgraded and VDSL connections became available to some properties. However, due to the structure of the copper network there remain many connections where very slow ADSL is the only option. These properties are not remote.

Some properties are able to connect with wireless internet and some with RBI fixed 4G. However, due to congestion of the 4G service, new connections are currently being refused. Wireless and Wireless 4G are equivalent to slow ADSL and have data caps less than what the average NZ household now uses. Due to our proximity to Tauranga, the wireless 4G service suffers from severe congestion and slows to a halt at peak times. This problem is not seen in most other rural areas. Cellphone voice and data connections remain very patchy and this has significant safety and resilience issues.

WCI requests that WBOPDC takes up responsibility for advocating on behalf of its residents to meet the targets already set by the Digital Enablement Plan. These are not being met by the fragmented and poorly organised agencies in this business.

**Economic**

**Omokoroa Town Centre**

WCI requests that WBOPDC actively considers both the impact upon, and the contribution from, the Whakamarama Community in relation to the development of the proposed Omokoroa Town Centre.

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Dear Madam,

Re: Submission on Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP)

Please see below and attached our submission on the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP).

**Background**

Ford Pastoral Company (NZ) Limited (FPC) own and have interests in over 200ha near the top of Work Road Aongatete (821 Work Road).

**Our Submission**

Since purchasing the land in Work Road, FPC have noticed and increase in traffic on Work Road and a deterioration of the unsealed section of road, particularly after the wet 2017 year.

FPC seek that the unsealed section of Work Road be included in the ‘Seal Extension’ Project (Project No 283408) for the 2018-19 year, in the list of Transport Projects detailed on the Transportation section (pp 213-214) of the LTP Supporting Documentation Building Communities - Transportation.

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INTRODUCTION

FFNZ welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s (Council) draft Long Term Plan 2018/28 (LTP).

FFNZ is a primary sector organisation with a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers involved in a range of rural businesses.

FFNZ has a strong interest in the effective performance of local government.

FFNZ is focused nationally on the transparency of rate setting, and the overall cost of local government to agriculture. For most farms rates are among the highest uncontrollable working expenses.
1. GENERAL COMMENTS

1.1 The high cost of rates for farming ratepayers is a major issue for FFNZ and our members. A normal farm in the western bay district would pay over $6,000 in rates. This is because rates are based on property value which, for farmers, means a much higher cost than other residents or business. Property value rates can be amongst the highest overheads for a farm business. Farmers should not be paying many times more than other residents or business for amenities.

1.2 Also much of council spending is focused on urban amenities with services like footpaths, street lights, toilets, visitor centres, carparks, water and waste water. These services have little direct benefit to farmers.

1.3 The value of a farm is not much of a measure of the worth of council’s services to a farm owner. For farmers, the cost of paying an already inequitable rate continues to grow while in return farmers receive some service on local roads and little else of value.

1.4 Accordingly, FFNZ seeks a more equitable and fair distribution of rates. It also seeks that those that directly benefit should be paying for services (or largely contributing) and not be subsidised by everyone else. In particular, we are in favour of the use of uniform charges and targeted rates to reflect the distribution of benefits.

1.5 As agriculture is by some margin the greatest contributor to rates in the district, it’s not surprising that farmers take an interest in council finances, and want council to spend their money wisely.

1.6 We encourage Council to contain its expenditure and debt and focus on core council services. Council spending, operations and borrowing should be cognisant of the impact on rate payers. We have consistently supported council initiatives on efficiency over the years.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

2. THE PACE OF CHANGE

2.1 We note from the consultation document that the Council is forecasting significant population growth in the western bay specifically in urban areas.

2.2 We caution against too much reliance on population growth projections as there are many variables and unanticipated occurrences that could alter the position. If the projection is wrong, as sometimes happen, Council could be left with expensive infrastructure that is left idle. In short, we recommend that Council tread carefully when using population projections to support increase in infrastructure. This is one reason why we support Council’s ‘just in time’ policy to infrastructure.
2.3 More people in the district can generate more income through rates, which can generally accommodate the need of extra infrastructure and services. This is due to the increase in the rates base combined with the economics of scale to provide these extra services. We submit that it would be unfair if the current rate payers pay for the infrastructure that will be used by future rate payers.

2.4 There are a number of ways to spread the cost of the infrastructure so that the costs are paid by the future users. **We recommend an approach that investment in new infrastructure organically increases equally to the need for the new infrastructure.**

2.5 We note that the infrastructure is also focused on townships. It is located in townships (Omokoroa, Katikati, Te Puke and Waihi Beach) for the benefit of residents of these townships. Examples of township centric infrastructure projects are a town centre (Omokoroa), parks, reserves, business development, schools, library and recreational facilities for these towns.

2.6 This new infrastructure in townships for town residence has little or no benefit to farmers.

2.7 In light of the above the cost of this infrastructure should be targeted to those that benefit. **We recommend further application of development contributions and targeted rates.**

3. **TRANSPORT NETWORK**

3.1 FFNZ supports extra investment in the road network. As Council has acknowledged most of the district's economic growth is driven by the primary sector. The primary sector relies on a sound road network.

3.2 Roads are also one of a few infrastructure items where farmers see a direct benefit for paying rates. Farmers do not really benefit from spending on services like footpaths, street lights, toilets, visitor centres, car parks, water and waste water. As farmers are the main contributors to Council funding, they should receive some tangible investment that will benefit them.

3.3 In the circumstance we recommend higher investment in the rural road network.

3.4 We have some concerns with the Council’s proposals for walking and cycling routes.

3.5 Our main concern is with safety. We wish to avoid a situation in rural areas that a part of road is just proclaimed as being a cycling route by a sign. We have noted this in other districts. Many of these rural roads are barely wide enough for two vehicles and at times carry heavy trucks. There is no space for cyclists. For the safety of all involved, cycling routes should be constructed off the road in rural areas where the road is not wide enough to accommodate them.

3.6 We also encourage the Council to seek external funding from central government and NZTA for these cycling and walking networks to ease the burden on rate payers.
4. PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES

4.1 FFNZ supports steps to safeguard and restore natural areas in the district.

4.2 FFNZ supports continued investment in water, wastewater and stormwater management but seeks fairness between those who pay. For instance, the Council supplies water to townships but many farmers have to supply their own water at their own costs. It would be unfair if these farmers have to pay (through rates) for the supply of water to others as well as source their own.

4.3 Similarly, farmers (especially dairy farmers) deal with effluent and waste on their farm while Council manages these issues for others. Farmers have to pay for the resource consent of the effluent ponds and the infrastructure and the expenses of waste water on their properties. It is unfair if they also have to pay (through rates) for Council to provide these service to others.

4.4 This rationale is also applicable to infrastructure like the Katikati wastewater ocean outfall and drinking water standards. Council is intending to pay for services that benefit some but not others. Examples are waste water facilities that negate the adverse effects of activities of some ratepayers while other ratepayers have to pay and source these services themselves. Farmers have to continue reducing discharges and waste from their activities.

4.5 FFNZ considers there should be equity and fairness between ratepayers. **We seek that Council apply more targeted rates for those who benefit from these services and/or provide assistance to those who are not provided with these services.**

4.6 FFNZ also encourage more recycling and rubbish collection options in the rural areas. **We seek that these services in rural areas form part of the investigation into alternative recycling and rubbish collection models.**

5. MANAGING OUR FINANCES

5.1 As agriculture and horticulture are the greatest contributor to rates in the district, it’s not surprising that FFNZ wants council to spend farmers’ money wisely.

*Where income comes from*

5.2 We note the majority of income comes from rates with only 11% charges for users.

5.3 If a person gets Council to provide a service which benefits that person then that person should either get Council to stop or be willing to pay for the service. **FFNZ seeks more income to be paid through user charges and fees and targeted rates.**

*What Council spends it on*

5.4 As noted before, save for roading (29%), the majority of spending is for services that are of no or little benefit to our members.
5.5 Our members understand that they have a responsibility to others in the community. We are not seeking 100% targeted rates and charges. **FFNZ is seeking a better balance so that those who receive benefit from Council service pay a fairer amount towards the cost of the services.**

*How much debt we have*

5.6 We want to congratulate Council for its reduction of the debt level over the last decade.

5.7 However, a debt of $100 million is still substantial. It still means the Council is by some margin over encumbered. It represents 140% of revenue. The loan security given by Council against the debt obligation is rates. Accordingly, we consider the debt level should be further reduced.

5.8 We understand that the Council can borrow from the Local Government Funding Agency at more secure and favourable rates. But these are still subject to macro-economic factors. The current worldwide economic forecast is that interest rates will rise worldwide. We wonder if it is the correct time to slow down on repaying the level of debt.

5.9 We also understand that repayment of debt over the last decade has meant income could not be used for other things. We also appreciate that debt is a useful tool to spread the costs of infrastructure over the age of the infrastructure (inter-generational equity).

5.10 **Overall FFNZ is only marginally in favour of a one year change in Council’s debt management approach (Option 2), however we seek that Council keeps abreast of forecasts and revise the position if required.**

5.11 **We seek however that the fixed net debt limit be reduced to 140% of revenue.**

*Manage rate increase*

5.12 FFNZ agrees with conservative financial policies to protect the community against irresponsible spending and unaffordable increases in rates.

5.13 **We support an upper limit of permitted rates increase.**

5.14 However, we do not understand the basis for choosing 4% per annum limit as it is not linked to any measure. What happens if the cost of local government services increases by more than 4% per annum?

5.15 LGCI is the measure of increase in costs relating to the local government sector. We consider that another measure that could be used is to link the limit to the LGCI. There should really be no excuse for a Council exceeding the LGCI but we consider 1% limit above LGCI will give the Council sufficient headroom.

5.16 **We recommend that the limit is set at an increase of no more than LGCI +1% per annum.**
Sources of income

5.17 We do not agree with the high percentage of income from rates. We suggest more targeted income source from fees and charges and development contributions. This will mean a more equitable income source as those that gets the benefit of the service also pays for it.

5.18 We note that the rates component of income is intended to increase. **We consider that fees and charges and targeted rates should be increasing rather than the rates component.**

5.19 Looking at the rural sector the average dairy farm already pays between $4,500 and $7,500 in rates and it is set to increase by between 4.84% and 5.31%. The increase for orchards are even higher (5.13% to 7.16%). Other rural rates are set to increase by between 2.28% and 3.47%.

5.20 Some urban rates will decrease by 0.26% while others only have the slightest of increases (0.25% and 0.79%).

5.21 When considering where the money will be spent it is indefensible. Farmers have a massive increase in rates while those that benefit either get a reprieve or have a negligible increase.

Uniform annual general charge

5.22 **FFNZ encourages the Council to use Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to its fullest allowable extent under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.** The UAGC is generally fairer than rates based on property value. It allocates the costs of council services more equitably amongst ratepayers rather than loading costs onto those with higher value properties.

5.23 By our calculations UAGC is only 14% of potential 30% of the total rates revenue. We encourage the Council to use the UAGC to its fullest allowable extent. While there is commentary in the Funding Impact Statement and Revenue and Financing Policy on the 30% cap, it does not appear that Council identifies the extent of its use of uniform charges relative to it. This is an important policy item for farmers because were it not for uniform charges their rates would increase substantially.

6. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

6.1 **FFNZ supports a development contribution.** Charging developers for the cost of development-driven increase in infrastructure is fair and equitable. Those that create and benefit from the extra burden on infrastructure should contribute to it.

7. LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING

7.1 **This is a prime example of a service that should be fully funded by UAGC.** If the idea is to represent and consult individuals in the district (regardless of the property they own) then similar payment for such a service should be from all individuals equally without reference to the value of their property.
8. CONCLUSION

8.1 FFNZ seeks changes to address our concerns.

8.2 FFNZ is grateful for the opportunity to submit on the Long Term Plan 2018/28.
Feedback on the Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

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Item 4: Proposal to change our debt management approach

We propose a third option – to seek opportunity to grow the region through investment in infrastructure

Transition to Development Contributions

Page references 25, 26, and 35

Page 25: Where our income comes from

Council should allow the recoveries of development contributions as a source of income in the period of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. The current plan only identifies rates and financial contributions.

Page 26: We will continue to invest in our communities and the future of our District

The transition from financial contributions to development contributions will be reviewed by Council over the next three years.

The consideration by Council of policy on development contributions covers the needs of Council only. The ability for developers to recover funds (either directly or via investment through Council) on a time frame sooner than Councils needs to be considered.

Page 35: Changing the way we fund growth related projects

Council is to start working on the complex transaction over the next three years. Adoption of the policy is scheduled for 2021-30 LTP process.
Council needs the ability to adopt policy in the term of the current 2018-28 LTP if it is to support the continuity of developer lead and funded initiatives like the Rangiuru Business Park. Delaying the adoption of such a policy into a future LTP process will likely significantly delay the development of such projects as investors cannot recover funds.

*Page 36: Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades and renewals*

The graphic on page 36 identifies the upgrade of the WWTP plant at $2.135m.

Stage 1 of the Rangiuru Industrial Park schedule per the now operative Plan Change 72 identifies an initial cost of around $10m to manage the additional volume from Rangiuru. This work, being an add on to an existing Council asset is highly likely to occur within the LTP.

*Financial Statements*

The financial statements do not reflect the potential of assets vested or increases in the value of Council assets as a result of developer funded infrastructure.

*Please note we do wish to speak to this submission.*
Climate Change

Were are we at in New Zealand?

The following is mostly from the Productivity Commission discussion paper. Plus addition comments about forests for carbon.
Figure 10 GHG emissions and removals by source, 2015

Energy 40.5%
- Electricity generation
- Manufacturing
- Transport

Agriculture 47.9%
- Other
- Nitrous oxide emitted from soils
- Methane produced by livestock

Industrial processes 6.6%
- Includes:
  - Steel - 2.2%
  - Refrigeration and air conditioning - 1.8%
  - Cement and lime - 1.1%
  - Aluminium - 0.9%

Waste 5.0%

Land use, land-use change and forestry -29.7%
- Includes:
  - Food processing (e.g., milk drying) - 3.7%
  - Fugitive emissions from fuels - 2.8%
  - Chemicals - 2.2%
- Carbon sequestration through forestry makes up nearly all net emission removals

67% of this methane comes from cattle
90% of transport emissions are caused by road vehicles

Sources: MfE (2017d, 2017f)
Note: Emissions from industrial processes excludes emissions from the generation of energy to power those processes.

Under the Paris Agreement, New Zealand has committed to reduce its emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030, and under the Climate Change Response Act 2002, has committed to reduce its emissions by 50% below 1990 levels by 2050.

A global carbon budget is the quantity of CO$_2$ that can be emitted before it becomes likely that temperature rise will exceed a certain threshold. The IPCC (2014) estimate that the global carbon budget, as of 2011 and for a 2°C threshold, is about 1000 Gt of CO$_2$. In other words, temperature rise will likely exceed 2°C if cumulative global CO$_2$ emissions from 2011 onwards exceed 1000 Gt of CO$_2$. If reductions in global carbon intensity continue at business as usual levels, this budget will be used up by around 2036.

New Zealand’s targets are expressed as commitments to reduce net emissions relative to gross emissions in a baseline year. Under the UNFCCC, gross emissions exclude sources and removals relating to land use, land-use change and forestry, nearly all of which comes from deforestation and sequestration of carbon by growing forests.

Since 1990, both New Zealand’s gross and net emissions have risen (Figure 2). New Zealand’s gross emissions are greater than its net emissions because New Zealand’s forests are a net carbon sink. This means that the amount of carbon that forests sequester from the atmosphere exceeds the amount of carbon emitted because of deforestation. Currently, forestry offsets about one third of New Zealand’s gross emissions.

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1 IPCC scenarios indicate that cumulative anthropogenic CO$_2$ emissions from 1880 onwards need to stay below 2900 Gt to limit temperature rise to 2 °C with a probability of greater than 66%, taking into account the predicted impact of non-CO$_2$ gases. By 2011, cumulative emissions totalled approximately 1890 Gt CO$_2$.

2 This approach to emissions reductions is known as a gross-net approach.
Figure 3 indicates that New Zealand is on track to meet its 2020 target. But, after 2020, net emissions are projected to increase rapidly. One key driver of this increase is the many forests that will reach harvest maturity in the 2020s (Chapter 3). As Figure 3 illustrates, New Zealand will need to reduce its net emissions by roughly 50%, with respect to current emissions levels, to meet its long-term 2050 target.
The new government is going to set the 2050 figure at net zero or approx. 35 Mt less.

Source: MfE (2015a)

Notes:
1. Special accounting rules determine forestry’s contribution to meeting New Zealand’s targets. These rules are more stringent than the ones used for New Zealand’s emissions reporting under the UNFCCC (ie, the emissions shown in Figure 3). For instance, in 2015 New Zealand’s GHG inventory reported net removals from forestry of about -24 Mt CO$_2$e. Yet only -12 Mt CO$_2$e could be counted towards its targets (MfE, 2017e). Consequently, Figure 3 underestimates New Zealand’s net emissions, with respect to meeting its targets.

3 Essentially, only removals of carbon from forestry that occur in forests planted after 1989, which are caused by humans (eg, afforestation), and which would not have occurred in a business-as-usual scenario can be counted towards meeting targets (MfE, 2017d).
2. The 2020 conditional target range of 10-20% below 1990 emission levels is not shown.

None of New Zealand’s targets relate specifically to domestic emissions. New Zealand can meet its commitments by any combination of reducing its domestic gross emissions, increasing its stock of forest sinks, or by acquiring credits from international carbon markets. For the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, a subsidiary treaty of the UNFCCC, New Zealand pledged to reduce its emissions to 1990 levels. Throughout this period, New Zealand accumulated a large surplus of international carbon credits. New Zealand managed to comfortably achieve this target largely by using up some of these credits and by increasing its forestry stock.

Although the Government decided not to sign up for the Kyoto Protocol’s second commitment period, New Zealand can use up the rest of the surplus supply of credits from the first commitment period to meet its 2020 target. Thus, New Zealand is projected to comfortably meet its 2020 target, without needing to reduce its domestic gross emissions (MfE, 2017d).

**Figure 6** Sources of New Zealand's GHG emissions by sector, 1990-2015

*Source: MfE (2017d)*
Agriculture plays an important role in the economy. Pastoral agriculture, the main source of agricultural emissions, contributes approximately 3% of GDP. Dairy, sheep and beef together accounts for around 40% of New Zealand’s goods exports (Statistics New Zealand, 2017a).

Agriculture accounts for nearly half of New Zealand’s total emissions, high for a developed country (Chapter 2). However, New Zealand is recognised as being one of the lowest emitters of agricultural emissions, per unit of agricultural output (PCE, 2016).

Most of New Zealand’s agricultural emissions are methane (CH$_4$) and nitrous oxide (N$_2$O) gases produced biologically. Livestock, such as sheep and cattle, cause nearly all these emissions. These animals burp CH$_4$ gases that are produced in their stomach as they digest their food through enteric fermentation. Also, the urine and dung that farm animals excrete and fertilisers applied to pastures interact with microbes in soil to produce N$_2$O (Figure 11).

**Figure 11 How livestock emit greenhouse gases**

Source: Based on PCE (2016)

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4 Pastoral agriculture comprises sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming; and grain, poultry, deer and other livestock farming.
Opportunities and challenges for reducing emissions

Approaches to reducing agricultural emissions include:

- improving farm-management practices;
- targeting the amount of CH$_4$ an animal produces in its rumen;
- reducing the amount of nitrous oxide emitted from soils; and
- reducing livestock numbers (see discussion of land-use change below).

Improving farm-management practices, such as making changes to feeds, stocking rates and fertiliser application, offers a low-cost way of achieving modest reductions in biological emissions. Modelling suggests this can reduce emissions by 10% on some farms, and increase farm productivity and profitability (PCE, 2016).

New Zealand is at the fore of international research on low-cost ways of reducing emissions from animals. Several promising technologies are in development (Box 3).

**Box 3  
Potential technologies to reduce New Zealand’s biological emissions**

- **Methane vaccine** – a vaccine that triggers an animal’s immune system to generate antibodies that suppress the CH$_4$-producing methanogens in an animal’s rumen.

- **Methane inhibitor** – a chemical compound fed to an animal to target the methanogens by either killing them, or depriving them of the hydrogen they need to produce CH$_4$.

- **Targeted breeding** – identifying genes unique to animals that naturally emit lower levels of methane to selectively breed low-emitting sheep and cattle.

- **Nitrogen inhibitor** – a chemical compound applied to pastures to slow the process of nitrification in soils, and thus reduce the loss of N$_2$O.

- **Low-emission feed** – identifying, and genetically modifying feeds that reduce an animal’s CH$_4$ and N$_2$O emissions (e.g., increasing the fat content in an animal’s feed to reduce CH$_4$ emissions).

*Source: NZAGRC and PGGRC (2014), PCE (2016)*
Some hold the view that a methane vaccine has the greatest potential to reduce emissions.

Development of a vaccine could have the single greatest impact on agricultural emissions... If a vaccine is successfully developed and demonstrated, with the right policy support for dissemination, it could have a major impact on New Zealand’s agricultural emissions profile (Vivid Economics, 2017, p. 58).

A methane vaccine would be so valuable that the research aimed at developing it should be ramped up as much as possible (PCE, 2016, p. 83).

Moderate emissions cuts are possible from certain agricultural technologies (eg, low-emission feeds). However, a low-cost technology that delivers dramatic reductions in biological emissions appears far off, and may not emerge. While a methane vaccine could reduce CH\textsubscript{4} emissions by up to 40%, no successful trials of such a vaccine have so far occurred (PCE, 2016). The process from initial concept of a technology to commercialisation is typically long and complex. Even once a technology proves technically effective, scientists and farmers must consider its cost-effectiveness, impact on farm productivity, risk of facing consumer resistance, and how easily it can be integrated into New Zealand’s farming system (PCE, 2016).

At present, New Zealand farmers bear no cost for their emissions and so have no financial incentive to reduce emissions, beyond adopting practices that increase their profitability. Barriers, such as the high upfront costs of mitigation and exposure to international competition, also discourage mitigation (Vivid Economics, 2017).

The environmental co-benefits from reducing agricultural emissions are significant. For example, reducing N\textsubscript{2}O emissions could potentially substantially reduce nitrate leaching from soils and improve the quality of freshwater bodies (Vivid Economics, 2017).

**Current policy and options**

If New Zealand successfully develops and commercialises a low-cost technology for mitigating biological emissions, this could be used to achieve emissions reductions here and sold or licensed for international use. New Zealand invests significantly in developing technologies to reduce agricultural emissions.

- The New Zealand Greenhouse Gas Agricultural Research Centre was formed in 2009 to research ways to reduce CH\textsubscript{4} and N\textsubscript{2}O emissions, while improving productivity. The Government has invested over $43 million in this research, for the ten years to 2019.

- The Government helped establish the Global Research Alliance (GRA) on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, to find ways to lower GHG emissions in the production of food. New Zealand has contributed $65 million to fund the GRA’s activities between 2010 and 2020.

The Government also recently set up the Biological Emissions Reference Group (BERG) to build a robust evidence base around the opportunities to mitigate on-farm emissions. The Group will publish a synthesis report in late 2017.
Putting a financial cost on agricultural GHG emissions should, in theory, incentivise farmers to reduce them (Chapter 4). There is an ongoing and active debate in New Zealand over whether and how to do this. The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS), for instance, could require individual farms to surrender units corresponding to their on-farm emissions.

The technical feasibility and economic costs of monitoring on-farm emissions may make including agriculture in the NZ ETS at the farm level impractical. Current technologies may not be able to accurately measure biological emissions and a farm’s incremental emission reductions. There are also questions around the cost of monitoring on-farm emissions. The BERG is currently investigating the suitability of existing tools used to estimate farm emissions.

Land-use change

Given feasible technologies and farm management practices, agriculture will always produce some emissions (RSNZ, 2016). Forestry, discussed below, is a comparatively lower-emissions land use. It has the added benefit of sequestering carbon while trees grow and reducing erosion and siltation of waterways. Horticulture would also produce lower emissions than agriculture, while potentially being an equally productive and profitable use of land in some areas. A switch to horticulture could also improve freshwater quality, depending on the specific crops and farm management practices, such as use of sprays and fertilisers.

Changing the use of agricultural land is largely in the hands of private owners. The economics of changing to another use will depend on factors such as the price of the land and its suitability for other uses. The availability of downstream processing infrastructure, supply chains and marketing; the availability of knowledge, skills and technology to support the alternative land use; and the prospective price in world markets for the produce are also important. New Zealand’s existing investments in agricultural capacity and highly productive pastoral management could weigh against change. On the other hand, the possible emergence of synthetic milk and meat on the global market could disrupt existing patterns of agricultural production (Scott, 2017). Obviously, a price on agricultural emissions would also affect the economics of alternative land use.

Owners and processors may need a long lead-in time to make the investments required to enable alternative profitable use of land. If the incentives for changing land use were altered by government policy (for instance by placing a price on agricultural emissions), government may also have a role in easing the transition. This could be, for example, through supporting research and development, marketing and skills acquisition. The sector, itself, through leading producers and industry organisations, is also likely to develop strategic responses to changing economic conditions.
Forestry

Indigenous forests cover 29% of New Zealand’s land area, while a further 8% is planted in commercial forests (MfE, 2017d). For the purposes of GHG emissions accounting, mature forests that replenish themselves naturally, and commercial forests that are harvested and equivalently replanted, are carbon neutral (on natural forests see Holdaway et al., 2016).

New Zealand’s forests currently sequester carbon that offsets 30% of gross GHG emissions, or around 23 mt CO$_2$ each year (MfE, 2017d). Yet, between 2000 and 2015 the area of commercial forests declined from 1.77 to 1.72 million hectares (RSNZ, 2016). In 2015 only around 2 400 hectares of new forests were planted, while over 5 400 hectares of forest land was converted to other uses (MfE, 2017d). The Royal Society concludes that “recent new forest planting rates in New Zealand have been too small to significantly offset future CO$_2$ emissions” (RSNZ, 2016, p. 148). The relative profitability of pastoral agriculture, the availability of cheap international carbon credits and a low domestic carbon price are likely to have contributed to an increase in deforestation and a reduction in new forest plantings over this period. Importantly, many forests planted in the early 1990s are reaching maturity and when harvested will significantly increase emissions (at least as currently accounted for in New Zealand’s inventory).

Indigenous forests are more expensive to plant (than exotic) (Carver & Kerr, 2017). If left to regenerate naturally, their growth is slow, and pest control is needed (RSNZ, 2016). Regenerating indigenous forests are currently sequestering around 6 mt CO$_2$ per year (MfE, 2017d). Indigenous forests help maintain biodiversity, provide increased habitat for other indigenous fauna and flora, and afford important cultural and aesthetic benefits, particularly to tangata whenua (Carver & Kerr, 2017).

Opportunities and challenges for reducing emissions

At present, “[e]stablishing new forests is currently the only large-scale mitigation option that can easily be implemented to sequester large amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere” (RSNZ, 2016, p. 148). A number of studies have identified the potential, though the size of effects varies across studies and the assumptions used (RSNZ, 2016).

Mason and Morgenroth (2017), for example, identify 1.3 million hectares of highly erodible land that could be used for planting forests. Planting would require “minimal” livestock reductions and would have co-benefits in reducing erosion and siltation of waterways (p. 13). The study models planting of different species and assesses the carbon sequestered over 60 years, assuming planting 50 000 hectares each year for 26 years. If radiata pine were planted and left, New Zealand could be completely carbon neutral for part of the period. Growing forests could offset as much as 80 million tonnes of CO$_2$e in a year as sequestration reached a peak.

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1 In practice, the sequestration of carbon over time, and so carbon neutrality, will depend on what happens to wood once it is harvested, and, particularly the durability of wood products.
The economics of afforestation depend on the price and type of land used, the particular planting and management regime, the carbon price, and the prospective price of forestry products and the products of alternative land uses. On some marginal lands the most profitable approach, depending on the carbon price, may be simply to plant and leave radiata pine to grow and eventually revert to native forests as native species re-establish naturally (Mason & Morgenroth, 2017). In the long-run carbon sequestration will reach a limit as economically viable land for new forests is used up (RSNZ, 2016; Vivid Economics, 2017).

Current policy and options

Participation in the ETS is mandatory for pre-1990 planted forests, and voluntary for post-1989 forests (if the owners have entered into a forest sink covenant under the Forests Act 1949).

Three government programmes currently encourage afforestation.

- The Afforestation Grant Scheme gives foresters $1300 for every hectare of new forest planted. The scheme aims to achieve 15,000 hectares of new plantings between 2015 and 2020.

- The Permanent Forest Sinks Programme grants New Zealand Units under the NZ ETS to foresters who plant new permanent forests. They can sell these credits to other NZ ETS participants or surrender them if they need to pay for their own emissions.

- The Erosion Control Forest Programme was established in Gisborne in 1992 and provides grants that can be used to plant trees or encourage natural reversion to native bush.

During 2015 and 2016 the Government undertook a review of the NZ ETS. The review included a particular focus on forestry. Some submitters argued that reducing liabilities at harvest, for instance by accounting for average harvesting and replanting over time, would reduce the risks of entering the scheme for small foresters and be simpler to comply with (MfE, 2016b). Averaging would mean that foresters would not have to surrender units at harvest, provided forest is reestablished on the land. The rules could also potentially recognise the carbon that continues to be stored in short- and long-lived harvested wood products (MfE, 2016c).

The complexity of the NZ ETS rules make it unattractive for small-forest owners (post-1990) to participate (Carver & Kerr, 2017). Counting rules mean that technically relevant plantings (eg, riparian plantings of less than 30m width) are not included. New technology would allow finer scale definition of forests plantings for the purpose of the NZ ETS. Yet a number of issues stand in the way of doing so. Incentivising such planting outside of the NZ ETS might be preferable (Carver & Kerr, 2017).
A substantial increase in afforestation might involve greater use of permanent forest sinks in remote areas unsuitable for harvesting. The conditions to make this commercially viable need further examination. A possible variant is for Government to play a greater role in promoting the establishing of such forests on suitable parts of Crown land.

All of the above is from the NZPC back ground material about carbon emissions agriculture and forestry.

New Government Policy

Planting 100,000,000 trees per year for 10 yrs. It now appears to be only half of that, as they are relying on private land owners to replant all forests harvested.

From forestry sources radiata is planted out at 1000 per hectare. Apparently 60,000,000 trees are planted at present almost totally in replanting cleared forest.

It takes 9 months to grow a radiata seedling to be able to be planted out.

Biggest limiting factor is manpower to plant

100,000,000 trees @ 1000 per hectare = 100,000 hectares * 10 yrs = 1 million hectares [ there is currently 1.7m hectares planted ]
Table 1: Examples of common exotic hardwoods and softwoods found in New Zealand

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I challenge WBOPDC to consider planting more trees in Tech park or other council land to help achieve the 2030 target with a program to achieve the 2050 net zero target.

This means both reduction of existing generation of GHG and mitigation/offset by growing trees.

Summary of possible options, planting trees [LOTS]

We need to know present carbon output for the region, workout how to cap that and reduce with a growing population and mitigate by growing trees.

First the following is a table of how much various tree species store carbon per year @ 30 yrs in red and how much total in green.
In 30yrs 1000 hectares of

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40000 hectares * by 25 tons per year per hectare = 1,000,000 tons of carbon per year

From a website  www.icbe.com

**Reduction in the use of petrol and diesel possible??**

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500,000,000 million litres of diesel contains 1,365,187m tons of CO2
500,000,000 million litres of Jet A1 fuel contains 1,277,106 tons of CO2
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To save 1 million tons of Co2 [ 500,000,000 m litres of petrol ] you would have to have 450 thousand EVs on the road, that is 450,000 * $30,000 = $13,500,000,000 or $13.5billion invested, plus charging infrastructure.

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To;
Waihi Beach Community Board

11th April 2018

Dear Board Members

**Waihi Beach Community Centre Rates Funding**

At our March monthly meeting the Committee voted that we request an annual levy of $10 to be put on all Waihi Beach rate payers to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

This has been carried out and the Council have asked us to proceed with this request through our Community Board.

Back ground, the Community Centre is owned by the Waihi Beach community, and has a management committee to maintain the Centre and raise funds to keep the Centre viable.

The Centre will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year and the hall is in a good state of repair, but as it ages the cost of maintenance rises and replacement of fixtures becomes necessary and costs have to be covered by the Committee by renting space and hiring the hall plus one off fund raising activities.

In the past couple of years we have had the interior of the hall painted, replaced plumbing fittings and the hot water cylinder and cleaned the roof and replaced the guttering.

Up and coming maintenance includes the exterior painting and an in depth survey of the exterior cladding due to one insurance company refusing to insure the building due to the construction of the external cladding, which is insulated using polystyrene foam sheets.

To ensure that we have funding the Committee agreed a rates levy would assist in maintaining funds and not just left up to Committee members to run fund raising events, which in the majority of cases only raise a few hundred dollars and take time and effort to pull together.
At the present time the rates levy covers annual insurance and major projects, which have to be notified to the Council about 18 months in advance, so they can be built in to the rates.

Any major unforeseen maintenance would require the Committee to apply to the Council for a loan to carry out the work, the levy would hopefully stop this occurring as we could send invoices to the Council who would have the money already available.

Our Committee trusts that the Waihi Beach Community Board see the merit in this levy and recommend this suggestion to the Council

Yours sincerely

Heather Christini
Secretary
Waihi Beach Community Centre Society
23 April 2018

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Attention; Have Your Say
Dear Staff

I enclose a Proposal of work we are needing to do for the Community Centre.

INSURANCE; Last year we had a lot of trouble and had to find a new insurer due to exterior cladding being Corsolite, which is a “sandwich” construction with the insulation “filling” being polystyrene. We have already had one Insurance company turn us down last year and are not sure if their reasoning will extend to others in the Insurance Industry.

Insurance last account $12190

SECURITY SYSTEM. $4326; this is to alarm the building at each doorway and set of windows.; We are finding people hiring the centre are leaving the premise open and if there was a burglary, we would not be covered for insurance.

Kitchen STERLISER/WASHER $12472; for parts. This does not include the labour for plumbing and electrical work needing to be done.

Work we do not have pricing for but work in the next few years.
KITCHEN; Shift Gas Stove (to accommodate new stiliser/washer)
    ” Electric Stove
    ” H/W System
    New benches to accommodate the above.
    New Pie Warmer

BUILDING; Paint for complete exterior, as the building has not been painted for many years. This depends on whether it is deemed necessary to completely replace the exterior cladding due to the risk of the spread of fire with our present exterior cladding system.

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INSIDE main building; New lighting system. The lighting we have now is too expensive to operate and maintain. When we want to replace any lamps, we need to hire scaffolding, therefore we usually wait until at least 3 lamps need replacement prior to the work being (cont.) completed. Led lighting is far more economical and has a advertised life expectancy of 30,000 hours.

SOUND SYSTEM; Upgrading the existing sound system.

NEW CHAIRS; Need more new chairs to replace old plastic ones.

CEILING CAVITIES; Timber for a partial floor to be able to store items.

We also wish to have a flat rate of $10 per rate payer to cover regular maintenance and building insurance to assist on maintaining our Community Asset.

Regards

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**Failing that, Option 2**

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Have your say on the future of your District

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

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All written feedback must be received by 4pm Friday, 4 May 2018

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Date: 21/4/2018

Full Name: Mr & Mrs Gall, Philip

Address: ____________________________

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Email: pmsgall@xtra.co.nz

Subject: Rubbish Collection

Location: Omokoroa

Details: Rubbish Collection.

The Galls are upset at the lack of glass collection and that they have to check which plastic is recyclable.

They support Council taking on Rubbish Collection and would like to see a National Initiative to have a recycling processing plant in NZ to deal with materials. Rather than export to China to recycle.
Submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council long-term plan 2018 – 2028

The prime purpose of this submission is to ensure that Council

• has a good evidence-based understanding of the
  o community and voluntary sector’s contribution to the lives and economies of the Western Bay and
  o growing stresses and vulnerabilities of the sector
• continues to support - and preferably enhance – the work of its Community Development Team and
• commits to assisting ways of increasing the impact of the sector; and engagement of the community in the sector

In summary, we wish to draw Council’s attention to the following over-arching messages woven into this submission:

• There are currently 198 Western Bay of Plenty District based registered Charities based that in 2016 attracted circa $42.5m revenue and expended $35m
• Priority One reports the Western Bay of Plenty economy to be worth $1.585bn in 2016 which suggests that registered Charities represent 2.6% of the GDP equivalent of the district (equivalent in trading size to the district’s education providers) constituting a significant contributory sector to both the Western Bay District economy and the quality life of Western Bay District residents
• the above number is likely to be more than quadrupled in number and doubled in value if it were to include non-registered Charities, such as clubs and associations
• there are too many registered Charities operating within the Western Bay of Plenty District living on a financial knife-edge, a majority of whom are Charities we would not wish to see fail – which poses a degree of risk that Council should be aware of
• the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Community Development Team is acknowledged within the community as doing a valuable job
• there is significant risk arising from any temptation to cut the budget to supporting community development.
Background

Project Periscope Ltd is a specialist support agency for community and charitable organisations. Based in Tauranga, our services specialise in assisting organisations under stress, assisting them to strengthen their governance, trusteeship and management processes, and develop resilience. This also most often has a heavy emphasis on improving resource (mainly financial) acquisition and utilisation.

Additionally, our services extend to having a well-researched understanding of the sector. With access to the Charities Services database administered by The Department of Internal Affairs, we are able to identify trends and issues faced by the sector; and in a position to assist in bringing these to the attention of policy-makers, funders and the sector itself.

The detail of our submission is based on data extracted from the Charities Services database for both 2014 and 2016.

Our submission is an opportunity to inform Council of the state of the community and voluntary sector in the Western Bay of Plenty District as the 2018 – 2028 long-term plan is developed.

The Community and Charitable sector in Western Bay of Plenty District in overview

- There are 198 registered Charities currently operating within Western Bay of Plenty District City that provided annual returns to Charities Services in 2016
- Assuming standard ratios apply, it can be predicted that there are nearly 900 Charities, Churches, Clubs, sports/hobbies/arts groups, associations and other types of organisations that collectively make up “The Voluntary and Community sector” operating in Western Bay of Plenty District
- Registered Charities alone employ over 200 full-time staff and another 300 or so part-time staff within the Western Bay of Plenty
- Registered Charities in Western Bay of Plenty District benefit from the input of around 2,000 volunteers every week; contributing more than 21,000 hours weekly
- Fundraising revenue for Western Bay of Plenty District-based registered Charities reportedly exceeded $14.5 million in 2016
- Total gross income for registered Charities operating within Western Bay of Plenty District City reportedly exceeded $42.5 million in 2016
- Total annual expenditure for 2016 was reportedly $35 million
- Western Bay of Plenty District’s 198 Registered Charities have a combined total asset base of over $83 million.

This is a significant sector to both the economic and social fabric of Western Bay of Plenty District. It warrants serious attention from Council as the sector generally delivers a significant proportion of support services. The quality of life in Western Bay of Plenty District would be demonstrably poorer without the efforts of these organisations, their governing Boards, dedicated staff, committed volunteers and supporting funders and contributing residents.
Issues within the sector

There are some underlying issues that warrant identifying. These could – and arguably should – shape Council’s policies in respect of support for the community sector. These include:

- **very high reliance on government funding** - recent changes in reporting requirements have unfortunately muddied the waters. However, figures from 2014 indicated that registered Charities in the wider Bay of Plenty relied on 50% of their revenue from central government on average (compared with 36% nationally). That is a risky level of reliance

- **high reliance on fundraising revenue** - levels of reliance on fundraising are also higher than average (34%) compared with national data (18%). Part of the reason for this is the comparatively low levels of fee and service delivery income registered Charities in Western Bay of Plenty District are able to attract. This too is risky as fundraising revenue tends to be comparatively unstable/unreliable, particularly as available grants revenue continues to decline

- **concerning levels of organisational poverty** – in a 2014 in-depth analysis of Western Bay of Plenty District based Registered Charities it was identified concerning level of comparative poverty amongst organisations (those operating on the thinnest of margins), many we would be unlikely to want to see fail
  
  o the following figures indicate the number and proportion of registered Charities in the group who reported a trading loss for the 2016 year:
    
    - Environmental care = 4 out of 7 (67%)
    - Emergency and disaster = 5 out of 10 (50%)
  
  o 71 (36%) of Western Bay of Plenty District Charities had less than $10,000 buffer - and yet those organisations collectively delivered over $2.78m in annual expenditure
  
  o 29 (15%) of Western Bay of Plenty District Charities had less than the equivalent of one month’s cash on hand to trade

- **lower than average levels of community support** - statistical evidence suggests that Western Bay of Plenty District based registered Charities
  
  - attract less than average numbers of volunteers per capita; and they collectively contributed less hours than is the case nationally and
  
  - receive less donated/fundraising sourced revenue per capita than the national average. The fundraising revenue received per capita is unexpected, given the generally high economic status of recently retired (historically, the most generous donors). It should be noted however, that donations/support given by Western Bay of Plenty District residents to national/international Charities is not counted as being money donated to Western Bay of Plenty District Charities, even though many of those organisations do indeed deliver services to the people of Western Bay of Plenty District

- **significant organisational churn** – while 36 new community organisations arrive on the Western Bay of Plenty District scene each year, there is a loss of 20 each year. An analysis of a sample of registered Charities that disappeared between 2009 – 2014 indicates that the Western Bay of Plenty District based registered Charities that no longer exist will have spent approximately $30 million in service delivery over the 5 years before they disappeared (many may have been absorbed into other organisations or ceased having concluded their mission … but an unknown proportion will simply have failed)
concerning levels of Trustee turn-over – analysis of numbers of named Trustees of registered Charities points to a high turnover of people who have been Trustees of one or more organisations but no longer a Trustee of any organisation. Data on Trustee numbers for registered Charities cannot be analysed below the national level (Charities Services has declined to provide access to that degree of detail). Presuming that Western Bay of Plenty District results are no different from the rest of the country, there are around 1200 people who are Trustees of registered Western Bay of Plenty District Charities. Of concern, is the probability of there being up to another 1000 who were Trustees of one or more organisations over the past 8 years who are no longer a Trustee of any organisation. That is high churn.

Potential Western Bay of Plenty District Council reaction to these figures

The value of this sector to Western Bay of Plenty District lies in two main areas:

- **impact** – the extent to which community organisations are making a difference to the lives and environment of people living in Western Bay of Plenty District and
- **engagement** – the extent to which people of Western Bay of Plenty District are involved in community life beyond themselves, work and their family.

Data that might be used as key indicators of the ‘health’ of those two factors is not as detailed or accurate as it could be. Notwithstanding, the reality appears to be that there are sufficient clues to suggest that the sector in Western Bay of Plenty District is not in as good a shape as we might expect, particularly around key comparisons such as the following:

- 2016 annualised income is reportedly close to $42.5 million, meaning that registered Charities represent an equivalent of around 2.6% of Western Bay of Plenty District GDP ($42.5m/$1.58bn). If that is correct, it is low compared with the rest of the country, which sits at the equivalent of nearly 6% ($14.7bn/$253bn)
- Volunteer engagement appears to also be below average. 2016 data for Western Bay of Plenty District Registered Charities records around 2,100 volunteers engaged weekly (the figure is almost 300,000 nationally). As a ratio of the general population, the reported numbers of Western Bay of Plenty District people volunteering their time weekly at 4.8% of the Western Bay of Plenty District population (2,100/43,700) is down on the national average of 6.4% (299,400/4.69m)
- Annual expenditure of Western Bay of Plenty District Charities of $35m compares with $14.65bn nationally in 2016 which represents $801 per Western Bay of Plenty District resident versus $3,123 per capita nationally – suggesting that Western Bay of Plenty District based Charities may not be delivering the level of community benefit at an anticipated level. This figure will not be as bleak as it may appear as many national Charities deliver services to local communities – but to suggest that three-quarters of the value of the sector is delivered this way does not seem plausible
- With nearly $83.2m in total assets, Western Bay of Plenty District based Charities hold the equivalent of $1,904 in assets per Western Bay of Plenty District resident which compares with the national average of $10,225 ($47.95bn/4.69m) per capita nationally, which shows a parallel differential to the expenditure statistics immediately above.
All of these suggest that for a district undergoing significant growth, a crucial sector expected to contribute to meeting the needs of incoming as well as current residents is most likely under stress and potentially at risk as demand and expectation continues to grow.

**Potential Western Bay of Plenty District Council response**

It is submitted that Western Bay of Plenty District Council has a valuable and crucial role on two levels in respect of the Charitable and voluntary sector:

1. **Strategic role**

   Western Bay of Plenty District Council could and should play a significant role in contributing to wider national debate and policy formulation, pertinent to the sector, by:

   • influencing the acquisition of better, user-friendly data, capable of being used and relied upon to assist with trend analysis, planning and problem-solving from those state agencies responsible for collecting data from organisations operating within the sector (ie, Charities Services (Department of Internal Affairs), the Offices of Incorporated Societies and Registered Charitable Trusts; and Statistics New Zealand)
   • monitoring the health and performance status and trends of Charitable and Voluntary sector organisations operating in Western Bay of Plenty District to track the adequacy of collective impact and engagement to meet the needs of the district, its residents and the environment
   • influencing and inputting into policy decision-making that is likely to assist the sector’s ability to deliver against expectations (such would have been helpful for example in relation to the external Reporting Board’s reporting framework changes that were imposed in 2016; and MSD’s major funding changes made to the criteria for application of MSD available funds)
   • conducting surveys amongst sector organisations operating in Western Bay of Plenty District to identify and assist to develop responses to existing and emerging concerns …

   Council is encouraged to ensure that there are resources made available to strengthen the Community Development team’s ability to fulfil these tasks.

2. **Tactical role**

   There are a number of ways that Western Bay of Plenty District Council could better assist the sector … to enable the sector to better assist the district at a more mechanical level. These include, but are not limited to:

   • creating a sector leadership forum led by Council’s Community Development team and engaging key funders and sector umbrella groups such as Creative BOP, Sport BOP, Socialink, Bay Conservation Alliance, (and others involved in the education, health, religious and Emergency services sub-sectors in particular) plus relevant special interest groups such as Volunteering BOP, Fundraising Institute of NZ, etc. Such a group could provide a strategic leadership forum for identifying issues and priorities; to act as an early-warning mechanism; and to help share examples and avenues for promoting good practice
creating a forum to which all Trustees of registered Charities (if not the governors of all Voluntary and Community sector community organisations) could be encouraged to become engaged, for the purpose of sharing ‘good practice’; and identifying ways of mentoring new and/or potential Trustees to ensure that the quality of organisational governance is constantly improved – including a possible annual conference ... regular meetings ... virtual communications forums ... annual awards for excellence ...

• encouraging and/or facilitating the identification of key organisations that appear to be becoming vulnerable and for whom early intervention might stave off calamity (support to such organisations may or may not be linked as a requisite of receiving funding support from Council or funders) and helping to facilitate appropriate intervention

• working with key funders to maximise the funding available to Western Bay of Plenty District based organisations in the quest for achieving impact and engagement ...

The same recommendations have been submitted to Tauranga City Council. A joint approach to any if not all of these recommendations would make sense.

We appreciate this opportunity to offer input into this LTP consultation process and trust that the information contained in this submission is of value in assisting Council to achieve the desired theme of “building communities – we value community connections and a sense of place.”

Jim Datson
Project Director
Project Periscope Ltd

2 May 2018
18 April 2018

Vector Group Charitable Trust submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018/2028
We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

We thank Council for engaging with us over the last year and for the progress made in addressing problems, developing ideas and progressing initiatives that have been proposed by various groups and individuals in various annual and long term plan submissions.

A great deal has been achieved and we congratulate WBOPDC for the added value that has been delivered to the Te Puke district.

This document includes a continuation on from the short term plan submission Vector Group submitted, as well as some reiteration from VGCT’s annual plan and statement of intent https://www.vectorgroup.org.nz/2016/12/19/statement-of-intent-vgct-annual-and-long-term-plan/

Specific areas of consideration - [Sense of Place, Recreation, Support, Economic, Environmental, Social Enterprise, Entrepreneurial, Creativity, Tourism, Youth Development and Community Engagement] with outcomes demonstrating belonging, inclusion, relationship, diversity, celebration. We are committed to the advancement of our district’s goodness metanarrative. This document includes some of the thinking of Vector Group.

Vector Group Charitable Trust has a broad network of supporters that continues to grow, with special recognition to those who have supported in many ways as well as the close working relationship we have developed with Te Puke Economic Development Group (Mark R. Boyle). We have seen members of our community come together in support of many of the strategic initiatives we have been engaged with. Our vision is flexible yet focussed, continues momentum yet is able to change course as it sees fit. Our projects and initiatives go beyond ourselves and are tightly woven into each other, include support of others and for this reason we represent a diverse range of thinking, that leaps over the bounds of age, race, religion, identity classification and socio economic status. We are a not for profit that has a keen eye toward IT infrastructure, tourism, business, social enterprise, creativity, youth development and skills based training. Vector Group Charitable Trust’s vision was to create such a sense of place, a Youth and Community Centre in the heart of Te Puke, for connection, creativity, training and activity. We have achieved this and secured for the Te Puke community, the former RSA Building we now call home.
Arts and Culture, workshops and events, Museum.

As an emerging youth and community organisation Vector Group Charitable Trust (Envisioning Sustainable Communities Creatively), we are in full support of the Arts and Culture strategy, and it is our hope that there is a generous consideration of robust ongoing support to the Western Bay of Plenty and those who are strategically aligned to cultural, arts, media and creativity in all its forms (ie. Creative Tauranga, Te Puke Repertory Society, Creative Te Puke).

We would like to add to the long term plan in asking that there would be considerable support in buildings and infrastructure towards groups like ourselves so we can focus on delivering and helping facilitate these key strategies in Te Puke and surrounding Districts. We have observed that Te Puke has not been adequately supported. WBOPDC support is necessary for Te Puke to grow with focus in arts and culture. We see this as an ever-increasing value for our neighbourhoods.

We believe that Arts and Culture is holistic and plays a key part in both physical and mental health, places value on expression and identity, is inclusive, and educational, encourages engagement and participation, innovation, intellectual development, and benefits all areas of society, environment, economy, academia and business. Arts and Culture increases value and belonging and a purposed direction toward a sense of place.

As a trust we hope to have this key strategy supported by supporting funding to groups who collaborate and cooperate to deliver these priorities. We need the support of local council in considering Arts and Culture Infrastructure within Te Puke and local districts with building spaces and dedicated places of expressive creativity. Vector group Charitable trust would like to be considered for this support, as we continue to create a sense of place for community engagement in these above priorities.

We support BOP Film, are engaged as Te Puke Film, Music, Dance, Graffit and ask that council carefully consider supporting film and other creatives in our region. Particularly groups and individuals engaged in film/media, docos and local story.

A sense of Place - Te Puke Community Development Plan and Community Groups

We have successfully initiated a youth and community centre and have been operational since March of 2017, initially at 72 Jellicoe Street, and since November 2017 in the former RSA building 16 Oxford Street, Te Puke. We have a growing number of community groups that use it, People First, Nga Kakano, Te Puke Community Board, ZUMBA, Tai Chi, Social Table Tennis, COGS, Social Link and many others. Our space is very unique with table tennis tables, pool table, pop up ball shop, sound gear, conference room, bar, café, a dance floor and much more.

- Purpose built youth Creatives community centre, currently we hold a 9-year lease and are the only community centre in Te Puke with a long-term lease hold. During this 9 years, we would like to gain support from council to develop a purpose-built building that is a youth and community facility that is creatives/film/media/business/tourism concentric.
- Dedicated free Wi-Fi tower like in Tauranga in at least two locations
- Te Puke Radio – youth and community led
- Te Puke Tourism – Travel, Tours, Accommodation, value adding to TP EDG.
- Te Puke Recording Studio, cultural, bands, music
- Te Puke Trade show and intro, youth get exposed to trades not just academia, opportunity for signups, voluntary, cv building, experience.
  - Bootcamps - CACTUS - Mahi Performance
  - Health workshops
  - Pilates, laughing yoga, open spaces public fun park exercise
  - Youth into gyms, boxing and fitness, MMA
  - Youth trained as PT
  - First aid and emergency response courses
  - Dance, ZUMBA and creative arts studio
  - Tai Chi
  - Coding workshops

Cultural Awareness, Integration and Development
VGCT is committed to inclusivity in our region. Engaging youth on our panel from various ethnic groups, to, making our venue available to Pacific Island and Asian groups, is a high priority. We support any initiative that is engaged at integrating foreign culture and experience alongside our unique Te Puke experience. We would like to see council support- social-multi cultural festivals, interaction and strategic business and community development with culturally diverse participants. VGCT would jump at any opportunity to be part of such a focus and will continue to extend arms to culture, dance and diverse people groups.

We would also like to see the development of a vibrant backpackers/tourist accommodation in Te Puke. We see a key location at Te Puke Backpackers (Tracey Wallace-Hutchins) and ask that council please consider supporting such an initiative and any similar.

Youth Training, Development and Employment, Education
Whilst we encourage the academic pursuit of students, we also would like to see more focus on trades. A recent article from the US highlights the importance on why we should not ignore trades, and need for a restructure in our thinking that unfortunately has had more emphasis on Academia for all. [https://www.pbs.org/newshour/education/decades-pushing-bachelors-degrees-u-s-needs-tradespeople](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/education/decades-pushing-bachelors-degrees-u-s-needs-tradespeople)

One of the key factors behind Vector Group Charitable Trust’s youth focus was birthed out of the Otorohanga (Mayoral Task Force- Dale Williams ) Model, from the Mayor down. Te Puke doesn’t have this privilege and we have found support for Youth Development and Skills Based Training in
our area lacking the kind of support we need to be successful and sustainable. Some youth go off to tertiary study but many (48%) go straight into the workforce, albeit, Kiwi Fruit, café, part time work, taking a gap year or starting a business.

Comments we hear from teens are, that they have no practical skills, ie. Barista training, trade experience or being given opportunities to explore. Some don’t even know how to open a bank account, irrespective of excelling students at High School. We can envision trade and entrepreneurial expos, training and resources to be strategically necessary for the future of our Te Puke youth and community growth and vibrancy.

We continue to support schools in our area, specifically Alternative Education, Te Puke High School students, home schooled and out of town youth education, with active engagement in film, sport, youth venue, creatives and learning. We would like to see support with youth development programs as we look at PTE integration and options, skills development, volunteerism, cv building and job placement.

We encourage council to support the effort of all public and private initiatives to create training and employment opportunities for all demographics in the Te Puke area and in particular training and jobs that will add value to Te Puke specific economic activity. We value local Iwi initiatives and projects that engage with our Rangitahi and continue to engage in reciprocal relationships.

The future of Te Puke RSE and seasonal work is not secure with the exponential capacity of new tech, particularly robotics and automation. Concerns around how a machine would be taxed are raised when robots replace the human (paye). The forecasted loss of jobs is not a thing to be laughed at, as it has the potential of having a large scale negative impact on Te Puke. The challenge of the future has not fully been realised yet, and we see this as an opportunity to begin with our youth with educational and vocational focus on accounting, legal ramifications, software development and programming, security, robotics and AI. Support from council and leaders in this tech industry are crucial for the survival of Te Puke. Take away kiwifruit and avocado seasonal work/packhouse/picking, and Te Puke and Districts will be sorely affected.

VGCT Te Puke PTE / BMINZ / Safer Teams / Toi Ohomai

- Health and safety training
- Forklift licensing
- Agribusiness training
- Robotics, software development, programming, security, networking.
- Marketing training and workshops
- Business mentoring and training
- Barista Training and workshops
- Hair dressing training and workshops
- Specific and transferable skills based workshops
- Setting up youth in business, entrepreneurial, social enterprise.
- Sewing and industrial sewing machine operation
- Film and media
Aquatic and Action Centre - Te Puke High School

A youth survey VGCT ran in 2017 highlighted the need for events and places youth could feel a sense of belonging. Although an aquatic centre would be a strain on ratepayers, we see an aquatic centre as a necessity, and if not now, will be realised in future re-evaluations. With the growth of our region, Te Puke shows great opportunity to lift its game with engaging youth and family. It is often argued that Rotorua has much going for it, yet many events and places to visit, are not centred around hot mud and geysers. We have a unique opportunity to build a sense of place in Te Puke and surrounding districts and VGCT support the proposal for an aquatic centre and any other attractions that may build a community’s sense of wellbeing, activity, belonging and ownership.

Waste Management

With the impending future of closing refuse centres, we see both a need and opportunity for enterprise in waste management and conversion. There is technology to convert plastic waste back to oils and fuel. Additionally, tech that can turn green waste into marketable compost and soil nutrients in just 24 hours. We have youth with interests in recycling and waste and environmental concerns. These areas will be addresses now or in future and it is better to begin the process of change now rather than later. VGCT would love the opportunity to place youth into new tech in our region alongside council led initiatives that could potentially bring in finance in addition to funding and ratepayer revenue for the council. Te Puke and regions have an incredible amount of kiwifruit and avocado waste that could be turned around. Support toward feasibility studies, and support of a working group alongside larger scale organisations could see more work opportunities for youth, progressive thinking and collaboration as a community concerned with its environmental footprint and future sustainability.

Cycleways and Walkways

VGCT supports Te Ara Kahikatea - Walkway/Wetlands/Revegetation. We have committed time and resources where we could, and see cycleways and walkways as beneficial to environmental awareness, as also, personal wellbeing. We would like to see continued support to cycleway and walks developed in our area to waterfalls, rivers, waterholes and attractions. We see this as key to attracting family and a healthy community.

Tourism

We have observed that Western Bay of Plenty, particularly Papamoa Hills to Otaramakau has little support compared to Tourism BOP. Having been involved in Governmental marketing strategy in Samoa, I see a Tourism opportunity in Te Puke and Districts that is currently under supported. We
would like to see support and allocation of funding in this area and the opportunity to work alongside key stakeholders in the Tourism industry, Tourism operators, places of culture, unique experiences, local and international promotion and new product development. VGCT is in support of Te Puke EDG with their submissions to council and Tourism BOP. Linking Te Puke and Districts in with Rotorua as an international attraction would also strengthen our highly differentiated and unique region’s goodness.

We support TP EDG request for the management of a Tourism Promotional and Development fund as put forward in their Long Term Plan Submission to WBOPDC.

We are excited to watch and support in any way possible, the progress being made for a WBOP Tourism facility in the Rangiuru Business Park.

Business Attraction Fund -
Town Centre Development and Retail Success

We support TPEDG’s request for a Business Attraction Fund for Te Puke. Support EPIC’s initiatives to value add to Te Puke’s retail success. VGCT is committed to supporting any group or individual who is purposed toward the Goodness of Te Puke.

In addition, we would like to see a clamp down on illegal business immigration activity, ie. Those securing shops and closing them down as if operational but known to be operating illegally. Investigation into illegitimate business in Te Puke, orchardists, picking gangs, shops, and payments to business owners to falsely employ individuals under the pretence as store managers and such like. A restriction on shop fronts and commercial buildings being rented or bought by business that has no customer service (immigration front) and substantial fines and legal action to those engaging in the marginalisation of others. We see this kind of activity as detrimental to the growth of Te Puke and if not engaged, will have significant impact on future employment for our youth and community members. A number of shop fronts in Te Puke are locked out (shut down) or not able to be accessed, stopping legitimate business from entering Te Puke. We would love to see boutique cheese shops, butcher, and similar lift the vibe in Te Puke.

We also support and have vision for:

- Support of Te Puke Environmental forum
  - Support to environmental groups
  - Raising awareness, film, web, radio, magazine et al.
  - Electric bike hire
  - Water testing and training
  - Recycling zero waste workshops
  - Solar initiatives and workshops
  - Clean up NZ and additional “Te Puke” clean-up focus weeks

- Supporting the Jubilee Park extension
- Multipurpose Professional Skate Bowl/Pool. Winter is skate bowl, half of summer is used as pool.
- Multipurpose Outdoor skating rink/toddler pool – see Caroline Bay Park example, Timaru.
- Small walk through rose garden with seating
- Lock up stall shops, can be used as food outlets for events and/or fair activities
- Power by skatepark security camera on top side for us to setup sound equipment
- Movies in the Park, Outdoor cinema initiated by Te Puke Film
- Festival and competitions-
  - Miss Te Puke Pageant
  - Bboy Comps, Cultural, Hip hop
  - Music in the Park
  - Other events and festival initiatives

Thankyou for taking the time to see the breadth of what we do and we encourage council to continue to grow in relationship with VGCT through supporting us with a service delivery contract for 2018 and beyond. We support TP EDG request to continue with theirs, but in addition to, we would also like to be considered for areas we differentiate and contribute to supporting TP EDG.

We invite councillors to visit our website [https://www.vectorgroup.org.nz/](https://www.vectorgroup.org.nz/) and social portals [https://www.facebook.com/VectorGroupNZ](https://www.facebook.com/VectorGroupNZ), read our TEPUKEMAG [https://www.vectorgroup.org.nz/tepukemag/](https://www.vectorgroup.org.nz/tepukemag/), watch our Short Film [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmGS5mqjYrw&index=0&list=PLuy6tqnAI9OLy7sKH4KJT_JwYF_1gFF1S](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmGS5mqjYrw&index=0&list=PLuy6tqnAI9OLy7sKH4KJT_JwYF_1gFF1S) (Runner up BOP, Best Cinematography BOP, National Winner Film Design Cover 2017- HP48).

We also invite councillors to visit [http://www.tepukedirectory.co.nz/](http://www.tepukedirectory.co.nz/) and see other sites we have developed for Te Puke [https://www.tepukegoodnessgrowshere.co.nz/](https://www.tepukegoodnessgrowshere.co.nz/)

We would also like to invite councillors to register for the Te Puke Weekly Newsletter that VGCT produces for TP EDG (Mark R Boyle). [https://www.tepukegoodnessgrowshere.co.nz/#newsletter](https://www.tepukegoodnessgrowshere.co.nz/#newsletter)
Sincerely,

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WBOPDC Long Term Plan 2018 2028 Feedback
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difficult to see a direct flow of WBOPDC rate payer money into the Tauranga based Incubator. The Incubator is a great Art organisation and terrific platform for young merging artists. For many artists in the sub-region who are not Tauranga residents this platform is not one open to them or easily accessed for support.
I would hope the Council review would look at providing funds directly to the sub-region Art Collective Groups as the planned for The Incubator, not requiring them to apply through the grant application process for each financial contribution they receive from WBOPDC.

4 Option 2
- I defer to WBOPDC’s financial managers and hope that they have the vision to greatly reduce the burden of debt that hangs over our region and heralds from the negative voices of our district.

quest to LONG TERM PLAN - KEEP KATIKATI a Unique Rural Village

BOPDC have Omokoroa’s housing development, a huge opportunity for rates revenue to offset a high debt. Please don’t come and start carving up Katikati, adding to its already frustrated and notional drivers by adding more traffic, without getting behind the town’s effort to support an alternative route to by-pass Katikati’s town centre.

I have watched very closely to what has happened with the traffic congestion created by BOPDC housing estate in Omokoroa. Many of our community have been effected and have suffered serious injuries as they exit and enter on SH2.

Atteny 4/5/18
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Dear Councillors,

Please accept this letter submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District LTP from Years 4, 5 and 6 at Te Kura o Maketu.

As part of the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) Education Programme our students have been conducting mini bio-blitzes and comparing the water quality of the lower reaches of the Kaituna River, the by de Ley wetland and Ford Rd farm drain.

The levels of nutrients within the Kaituna River were at the same level as the farm drain with elevated nitrogen. The drain had much lower water clarity; this is unsurprising giving the highly modified lowland catchment. Our students have very strong concerns about this drain and others like it feeding straight in to our estuary.

Within the by de Ley wetland the nitrogen levels were at almost zero due to the filtering properties of the wetland plants which absorb nitrogen and phosphorous. This highlighted the importance of wetlands for cleaning water before it flows in to our estuaries and out to the moana. Unfortunately, we have removed more than 95% of our lowland wetlands.

This month students are writing class submissions to the Western Bay of Plenty District Long Term Plan, outlining their study and how they believe we need more resources to go in to restoring wetlands in lowland areas. The students will also be creating science posters for all the sites we survey and these will be on display at the Te Puke Library and MOWS information stalls at local events.

What our students would like to see:

• More funding to support the creation of new wetlands in lowland areas
• Support for land owners who would like to return streams to a more natural state
• Thank you for sponsoring our school on MOWS programme for the last 4 years. We think all schools and all age levels should have access to this education.
This submission is made on behalf of Katikati Taiao.

On the specific proposals raised in the Consultation Document
1. CYCLEWAYS, etc.
We prefer Option 2. We are keen to see the cycleways progressed. We are also supportive of the development of a network of walkways etc. within the Katikati area to link various parts to the Centre. We note that this will be especially important with progress on the Bypass. This should include link to the proposed mountain-bike tracks at Waitekohe and those linking to walking tracks in the Kaimai forest.
Given the long-term importance of these tracks, we believe that the sighting and construction of them should take cognisance of land stability and possible climate change and sea-level rise events, e.g. flooding, storm surges, etc. Every effort should be made in the construction to prevent sediment being washed into waterways, e.g. the banks of cuttings for roads and driveway should be so constructed with swales and planted areas, etc. as to provide for long-term stability.

2. WESTERN BAY MUSEUM
We are strongly supported of Option 2 and not only of allowing for more long-term storage, but also increased display areas, possibly linked to the new Library centre. We support linkages of the Museum to the open-air art works and heritage trails of the Katikati centre. We would also encourage greater involvement of Ngai Tamawhariua and different ethnic groups that make up our Katikati community.

3. ARTS & CULTURE
Our support lies between Options 2 and 3. Certainly the support for Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator Creative Hub is needed. But we believe extra support will be needed to plan and implement a community-led art and culture initiative in the revitalisation of the Centre, consequent on the Bypass construction. We would also support events that incorporate valuing our cultural and historic heritage, particularly focusing on the town demographic, on the Mural and Haiku walkways and on valuing the Uretara River.

4. DEBT MANAGEMENT
We support option 2 as being prudent financially.

We make the following comments on other issues in the Plan.

THE PACE OF CHANGE
We find that this section fails to take into account the significant environmental and social challenges relating to climate change and the potential for sea-level rise and storm events. Coupled with the failing of aged infrastructure, we think it is important to address the population growth in a more holistic manner. There are increasing social-cultural issues associated with urban growth. The loss of productive farm- and horticultural-lands and their associated community and economic values must be considered. Alternative strategies looking at a population cap and the development of Katikati as a village that prioritises sustainability, energy efficiency and social enterprise need consideration – this would form a basis for community-led development and the well-being of its citizens.
We would like to see planning and infrastructure development that considers future climate events – sea-level rise, the possibility of tsunamis, storm events, the likelihood of flooding and the associated social disharmony these can cause, particularly when, as is happening in the UK and elsewhere, insurance companies are refusing to provide cover for exposed coastal sites.
There also seems to be no planning for the future of Katikati with the eventuality of the Katikati Bypass within the 10-year horizon of the document. There is the opportunity of a
well-planned revitalisation of the Village with traffic-calming and a calm shopping precinct that features the cultural heritage of the area through the murals and other arts-related activities. The development of the Centre with passenger transport systems that connect both externally to our neighbouring towns and internally to our marae and retirement homes and subdivision areas should provide for energy-efficient networks, and link to the cycle- and walk-way systems. There could also be parallel development of cultural, youth development and recreational centres, together with community centres designed to integrate health and well-being issues with the revitalisation.

Needless to say there is great concern in our communities about drug- and alcohol-abuse and we would like the Council to be already helping where it can in our community in providing facilities and services in combination with the Government health agencies. To this end development of centres similar to “The Daily” in Te Puke that form social hubs should be considered.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES
Katikati Taiao is concerned with all environmental issues in the Katikati area.

The waste issues, discussed in the document, are of vital importance. Promoting the Village as “Plastic-free” is a start. Development of social enterprises around the re-use and efficient recycling of used resources has been pioneered in other parts of Aotearoa, so that the technology exists for repair and salvaging of a great many components from the waste stream and would provide opportunities for enterprising residents. We also believe there is great value in considering green waste as a valuable asset and not a problem. There are possibilities in using compost in soil enrichment for farming and horticulture blocks. The Te Mania Project Parore is considering this.

Soil improvement not only results in better crop growth and animal health but can result in less use of agricultural chemicals.

We commend consideration of energy-efficient methods of refuse collection.

We are dismayed at the state of the Tauranga Moana and the build up of sediment and pollution of the estuaries and sea. This is associated with the loss of shellfish and fish resources. We therefore hope that Council will include in the Long Term Plan, measures to:

1) Reduce sediment washed from land developments that chokes the waterways and ends up in the sea [see comments above]
2) Considers the run-off from local roads – how this can be reduced by better design of berms and use of swales; treatment of stormwater and proper design and maintenance of stormwater treatment wetlands
3) Proper maintenance of septic tanks and their effluent; consideration in the replacement of the sewage treatment plant of a land-based system. We are concerned about the discharge of Trade Wastes from industry and how these are addressed at the Treatment Plant and discharged to the sea off Matakana Island.
4) Advocacy for the reduction of use of toxic chemicals in horticulture and agriculture, particularly so they do not result in harm to our wetlands and waterways. Linked to this is an effective system for controlling those pests and weeds that are actively affecting our biodiversity – the taonga of our native plants and animals. [Control of weeds on local road berms is also considered in (2) above.]

So, turning this around, we would like to see a proactive programme, with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and community groups, to promote for the restoration of healthy streams and a healthy sea – and hence healthy seafood (kai moana.). Valuing the Uretara and the Tauranga Moana should be promoted for recognition as in the status of the Whanganui River.

We commend the work of local environment groups – Uretara Estuary Managers, Forest & Bird, Envirohub, etc. - and hope Council will continue to liaise with these groups and help provide the opportunities of these groups to link with the educational providers –
kindergartens, schools, colleges.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
This has been addressed in the above headings. We would like to reiterate that there is a golden opportunity presenting – and with the Katikati Bypass happening within the time frame of this Plan – to revitalise the Village Centre with a community-led development basis that embraces the needs of the tangata whenua and all ethnic groups, while providing for a sustainable future for the agricultural and horticultural backbone and local enterprises and importantly provision for the needs of disabled and elderly communities. We commend to the Council the principles of Agenda 21, developed at the Rio Conference on Environment and Development, as revised in the Sustainable Development Summit (2015) [qv]

Thank you for this opportunity to make submissions to the Long Term Plan. We request to appear if there are Hearings on this Plan

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Proposal for funding for the Western Bay Museum

Preferred Option 2: Support through District-Wide rates.

A primary role of Museums in our communities is that they are places where New Zealanders can learn about their identity as individuals by enabling them to seek out and relate to family connections, and to establish their place as part of local and regional communities. They enable people to develop an understanding of who they are, where they have come from and where they are going.

Museums Aotearoa, A strategy for the Museum Sector of NZ

We are extremely appreciative of the Western Bay of Plenty District Councils intention to fund the Western Bay Museum for the next three years. The funding gained from the Council enables us to continue the work of building a high quality Museum that meets Museum’s Aotearoa standards, provides exciting and innovative thematic exhibitions that change every four months and provides an education programme that attracts schools, international students, group visits and enthrals and fascinates visitors.

The museum also holds the Samuel Middlebrook collection of Maori artefacts, this is a permanent collection which we are in the process of extending and building upon with digital interface with input from local Iwi and television director, Pouroto Ngaroto.

We have been open now for 20 months and over that period staff, volunteers and Trust members have undertaken to put in place processes, structures, training programmes and accountability which provides best practice and accountability to our funders, the community and our partners. We continue to have the guidance and support of Te Papa National Services Te Paerangi and Museums Aotearoa. Through these endeavours we are working to ensure sustainability for the work of the Trust and the Museum.

As a district wide Museum we have also been working to ensure that all communities in the Western Bay of Plenty district are linked in to the museum and enjoy the artefacts, stories and exhibits that the
Museum has to offer. To achieve this we have identified and now work with regional historians in Western Bay of Plenty communities who assist us to build the stories and history of their areas, which are featured in exhibitions. We are now seeing the benefits of this with the museum featuring stories of local identities from the past in the Building our Nations Exhibition and the current Pioneer Trades exhibition.

We also follow the NZ Commemoration Programme, from the Ministry of Cultural and Heritage, with key commemorations like “Suffrage 125”, “WW100”, “The end to 6 o’clock closing – 50 yrs”, and “Decimal Currency 50 yrs” which are part of the exhibitions that we feature.

The Unexpected Heroes exhibition was installed in Te Puke, Waihi Beach, and Omokoroa last year. This exhibition has been extremely well received in all areas and continuing on from this was a “WW100” Commemoration.

We are currently working in Te Puke to install an exhibition in the Library for the commemoration of “Suffrage 125”. Going forward we will install new exhibitions in Te Puke Library at the same time we undertake our four monthly exhibition change in the Western Bay Museum.

We continue to research, document and ratify the Collection to ensure that it is well managed, artefacts are appropriately conserved and available for exhibition. Last year with the end of our sponsored storage space for the collection we had no alternative than to lease storage space to ensure continuity of storage. This is a large expense and we appreciate that the Council is intending to assist with this cost.

Work is continuing on developing our interactive exhibits that enables people to have a hands-on experience with items of the past. Our working Morse code display, typewriters, 1880’s microscope and working party line telephones. For many children and young people this is a completely new experience as they have never seen items like this in their digital world. Adults are also delighted and thoroughly enjoy reminiscing and sharing their stories.

The education programme continues to go from strength to strength with increasing numbers of schools, preschools and international groups from throughout the district, and further afield, participating in the hands-on interactive education programme. We amend the programme to meet the different ages and needs and are working to create a programme that meets NCEA level achievements.

We are experiencing a growing number of visits from historical groups, service clubs, and other similar groups, who participate in a programme that is specifically designed to meet their needs.

We also host community events, BAs, art exhibitions, community workshops, school holiday programmes and provide a venue for community events.

Collaboration with local and district wide groups, agencies and organisations enables us to join together to initiate, hold and participate in activities, events and promotional opportunities. We have participated in the Katikati St Patricks Day celebrations, the Katikati Christmas Parade and Carnival, and Morrinsville A & P Show to name a few.

We are currently working with Katch Katikati and other Katikati Tourist operators to provide a high quality product for Tourism Bay of Plenty for the Cruise, Tours and Partners market.
We currently have 80 volunteers, and two paid staff. Paula Gaelic who is the Manager/Curator, who has completed a qualification in IQ Services, National Certificate in Museum East Practice (level 4), works full time. Belinda Harding works 20 hours a week and manages our Social Media, Creative design work and other administrative tasks. It's fair to say that both paid and volunteer staff give 110% to their tasks. The Trust Board of six members meets monthly and all have a strong commitment to the governance of the Museum. In 2017 Sue Matthews (Te Puke) was appointed to the Board, we have valued her expertise and input to our direction and vision.

Council funding is a portion of the funding required to run the museum and we continue to source other funding through grants, sponsorship and donations. Council funding is key in assisting us to undertake the running and development of the Museum and to store the collection in a safe, secure and appropriate manner and is paramount in showing our funders that we have the backing of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the work that we are doing.

We have been exceptionally grateful for sponsorship from local businesses, corporates and individuals providing both funding and in kind resources and or services.

Our marketing plan guides the promotion and marketing of the museum which is assisting to build awareness of the Western Bay Museum, and bringing independent visitors both district, national and international to the Museum. Our targeted approach to groups and schools is growing the number of school and group visits including return visits.

This in turn brings income, and we continue to work on building this revenue stream. We also held two highly successful fund raising events last year, the Messiah, was hugely successful and well supported by patrons from throughout the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Districts. This event was presented by the University of Waikato Arts & Social Science – Music Department. The Smith family allowed one of the original Messiah Manuscript for display at the performance. This manuscript was one of four in the world and the first time to ever be displayed in the southern hemisphere.

The Western Bay Museum is an asset to our District, we contribute to the development of social capital by encouraging greater social participation, over 80 volunteers enjoy contributing to the running and growth of the museum, the social interaction and connectedness to their community is invaluable for them and to our Museum.

We research, record and present cultural histories of the people of our district both present and past. We teach our children and young people about the history of our ancestors, to understand where they have come from and how our communities were developed and built.

We attract and bring visitors to our district, which in turn provides economic benefit to our communities. We enable people who visit to respect and learn about the people who built our district, to see their stories, to discover how they lived, learnt, worked and played. For many it's a chance to reminisce, to remember, and tell their stories as they enjoy the exhibitions. For international visitors they can explore first hand our culture, our history and to see how our District was developed.

As we build and develop our exhibitions this will enable both residents and visitors to the district to experience the unique identity and heritage of the Western Bay of Plenty.

We ask that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council support the Museum with option 2.
The next three years our key focus will be on increasing visitor numbers; the number of school and group visits, local, national and international visitors, provide exhibitions throughout the district and building museum events and activities. This is in turn will build revenue. The Western Bay of Plenty District Council funding is invaluable to the work we intent to achieve over the next three years. The Councils support, as we have established and consolidated the work of the museum has been vital to assisting us to achieve our goals. We wish to continue that partnership for the next three years as we go from strength to strength building a Museum that is a widely recognised and a valued asset to the Western Bay of Plenty District.

'Museums create links between older volunteers and other age groupings; stimulate curiosity about the social, build, cultural and natural environment; build self esteem and civic pride; and improve the quality of life for their community's.

Museums Aotearoa, A strategy for the Museum Sector of NZ
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Organisation represented: Shakti Ethnic Women's Support Group Central Region

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Your support message here: The Incubator adds value to the Tauranga and wider Bay of Plenty communities. It is not only a space for creativity and art but also a space for freedom, choices, opportunities, and relationships. But then again, isn't it that these are all what art is all about? We fully appreciate and support The Incubator.
You Have a New Submission

Submission date: 2018-04-16 07:46:44

Name: Bruce Clark

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Your support message here: The Incubator deserves its space in the community. Great space, initiative! It is a no brainer to support the Incubator.

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Your support message here: The Incubator rocks. We need the Incubator because they grow and support community art from the bottom up. True community led development across the wider western Bay of Plenty

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Projects like the Incubator are truly unique and this is something that may be hard to capture, quantify and measure in statistics. They are truly a community focused project, relying strongly on volunteers to push forward ideas, organise events and embrace and encourage people of all backgrounds culture to take part in something creative. There are many scientific studies that state we need creative outlets for our general mental and psychological well-being. Previously many sections of the community have been excluded from accessing the arts, often due to cost and the elitist atmosphere around art events, eg: the cost of art classes, concerts, plays etc. The incubator turns this approach on its head - at last I making the arts accessible for all. This is why I feel passionately that the incubator should be supported, I have personally seen people flourish and gain confidence in their potential when present at many of the incubator activities and events. So why would you not want to continue to support something so special to our community?
Hi guys. I am sorry but I knew of the Incubator through my friend Leah..she helped you at times and I understand had a relationship with some of your team. I knew about the Incubator only because Leah talked about it the last few years. However I have to say that since I started running for Tauranga City Council, I have had nothing but abuse from Simone and Lynette Fisher. I am quite shocked that leaders of a community group and users of council assets would be so abusive to someone that is wanting to bring positive change and someone that also wants to help our community. Simone also unfriended Leah when Leah, like myself, stated the opinion that homelessness is more important right now than a museum. Leah moved away from the Incubator due to unaffordability of where she was living and moved in with me so she could afford to live and eat. Simone asked why it was her problem that there are homeless (she must not have realised her own friend was homeless). Anyway all I am saying is that if the Incubator is going to continue promoting itself as a community organisation, the people working there should stop bullying others and acting like they don't care. I know Simone jumps on a lot if FB pages and is nasty to people who have a different opinion to her regarding the museum. It is unnecessary and unkind and it will start having an impact on the reputation of the Incubator.

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Submission date: 2018-04-14 07:30:47
IP: 
Name: Judy Lomas
Organisation represented: Mount Art Group
Postal Address: 
Email: 
Daytime phone number: 
Your support message here: A city without art is a dull place. The Historic Village has been enlivened by the art culture there and deserves Council support

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The Incubator is one of the best community projects I've ever encountered. Having been involved in various projects, exhibitions and teaching a class, for me personally it is a very important place. It has helped me immensely with my own confidence, has allowed me to broaden my connections within the community and allowed me to be involved in helping others in the community. Confidence and helping others, such important things in helping a community be a good place. All aspects of the arts are explored here and everyone in the community is encouraged to be involved, regardless of age, ethnic background or skill level. The positive aspects of this are huge and the importance of creativity in a community be it music, art, social occasions, tutoring and general learning are equally if not more important than most other activities. Everyone can enjoy this! It would be great if funding could be allocated to this space to make it even better, the possibilities are endless and the amount of time and energy put it by the team, mostly voluntary, just proves the importance. I thoroughly enjoyed being involved and would recommend it to anyone!!!! Build communities, relationships, confidence and positivity, its a no brainer!!! Thanks :-)

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**Name:** Bonnie Holster

**Organisation represented:**
**Postal Address:**
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**Your support message here:** The Incubator provides great community events

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Name: DAVID BABINGTON

Your support message here: these people genuinely care for all people at so many levels, and the amount of energy and passion that is put into the Incubator is obvious, and this is type of positive input to your community is what we should all encourage- it's a no brainer!!

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Name: Maryse Lamothe
Organisation represented: 
Postal Address: 
Email: 
Daytime phone number: 
Your support message here: I believe art should be financially supported, and The Incubator does such a good job at promoting art that the team deserves a bit of extra help!

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I am writing to encourage Tauranga Council support for the aptly named, “The Incubator”. I have attended art and writing classes there since I moved down from Auckland a few years ago. The tutelage was excellent and unlocked creativity within that I had never known was there. So! Life changing. Moreover, the tireless work of the mainly volunteers keep the place ticking along with endless “events” for fun and edification. It is exciting to see The Incubator expanding their repertoire of influence for creative pursuit but this requires money. These people do good in our community. They nurture, challenge and provide a platform for positive change in lives. I strongly urge the Council to make financial support a priority. Thank you. Kay
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IP:
Name: Pamela Cheney

Organisation represented:
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Your support message here: Love all artsy things! Support! Cant wait to see more!

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Name: Raywyn Lewer
Organisation represented: 
Postal Address: 
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Your support message here: Art in all forms encompasses Spiritual, Mental, Social, Physical and Emotional support to all. A backstop and backbone to all Communities

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IP: 
Name: Natalie Bridges
Organisation represented: Blink PR
Postal Address: 
Email: 
Daytime phone number: 
Your support message here: The Incubator is critical to the growth of arts and culture in the region. The creative hub provides an immense sense of well-being and belonging to all those who access it. The Incubator exists for everyone and its track record and effectiveness is proven.

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To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of the Incubator Creative Hub with their submission for ongoing operational funding. In 2014, Rainbow Youth Tauranga was looking for a space to begin a support group for youth who were marginalised and isolated due to their identity and a community space to host us and that would embrace our identity and provide a safe, welcoming creative environment. The Incubator Creative Hub contacted our head office in Auckland on our behalf, and offered up the amazing space which was to become our youth’s haven for meeting, supporting, speaking and growing for the next 3 years. If it wasn’t for the generosity and inclusiveness shown by The Incubator Creative Hub showing their support and being the conduit in allowing our voices to be heard in events and festivals throughout Tauranga, our group may not have had the confidence or the ability to grow into the 30 plus strong membership we have today.

Organisations like this are vital for marginalised groups in every community, and we are so lucky to have The Incubator willing to stand up for us in the Bay of Plenty region and are worthy of contribution to the valuable spaces and services they provide to the community.
Submission date: 2018-04-11 21:58:52
IP: 
Name: Jenny Rudd
Organisation represented: UNO Magazine
Postal Address: 
Email: 
Daytime phone number: 
Your support message here: We have been working with Simone and The Incubator since we bought UNO in September 2015. It is abundantly clear that The Incubator offers something that Tauranga absolutely craves. How lucky we are, to have a centre for all things creative, where all forms of art are encouraged, and therefore flourish. We interviewed Simone recently, who said that The Incubator's services are expanding because 'there's a tsunami behind us.' When I think back to arriving in Tauranga 10 years ago, the arts were not championed. Simone and her team have changed the way our city is known, and they help a big portion of city's population find an outlet for their interests. Of particular note is The Incubator's interest in working with other groups to get the best result in any situation. At UNO, we wholeheartedly support Simone and The Incubator, and look forward to seeing them awarded funding, so that they can continue to add rich colour and life to our wonderful city and region. Jenny Rudd.
I love what incubator does on multiple levels and I believe it’s making the Bay of Plenty a dynamic creative place to live. A lot of people move to the Bay or choose the Bay because of the beautiful natural environment and when it comes to winter our centre lacks. The incubator is filling that gap. I personally have engaged with the benefited from the Music nights, visiting the exhibitions, attending dance in the dark, and ninja knits. I’m very grateful for all incubator provides our community. I have also worked with incubator and included their teachers in little YOGA festival. The arts are crucial for a well community. They give people a sense of belonging, the arts helps people find and maintain and move their identity, the arts helps us process big emotion (unprocessed can lead to unwellness in an individual and a community). The arts and the incubator makes a city alive! As a council that represents our people it/we MUST financially and ‘ethically’ support and contribute to The Incubators’s operation. I think of Peter Kageyama and for the love of cities when I think of people like Simone, and her team and the Incubator. It seems like they’ve done a LOT for free, given hours and hours of energy, time, skills. They’ve been recognised nationally and won awards, let’s not do what we did to our street artist and not support this skill, gift that incubator brings. Let’s feed it so the incubator can continue to feed our mana, our culture, our creative outlet, our voice, our sense of belonging, our colour, our (the cities) multi-faceted aND ever-changing identity.
Hi, I'm in total support of The Incubator being part of the Long Term Plan. We absolutely NEED Art in our community, it rings people of all different walks of life together and makes lasting links. The amount of interest and support in the community is massive, and to have a hub to grow music and art to spread through the community is so valuable. A happy society is one with art and music as a strength.
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Submission date: 2018-04-11 19:15:57
IP: 
Name: Nick Eggleston
Organisation represented: The Incubator Creative Hub
Postal Address: 
Email: 
Daytime phone number: 
Your support message here: I've been a resident artist and committed member of the Incubator since its inception and have seen it grow to become the crucial platform for the visual arts, music and poetry that it is today, and all on a shoestring budget and the phenomenal commitment of the team of artists involved to give of their time to make this project so innovative and exciting ... The Incubator is becoming the backbone for all things creative in the Tauranga area and needs as much support as possible to see it thrive and grow further.

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**IP:**

**Name:** Stella Clark

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**Your support message here:** The Incubator is a valuable asset for the Arts in the Bay. Being able to access so many artists and networks via the Incubator Creative Hub is so amazing! To be able to be a part of a growing art Community is very empowering and I’m very grateful for the supportive environment myself and many others get to experience.

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The Incubator is a wonderful asset to the Tauranga community. More people participate in the arts in all its many forms than participate in sport. The Incubator has enlivened the local arts community in a way that I haven't seen in the almost 40 years I've lived in this area. I was previously a director of Pyromania, a craft gallery on Wharf St, for 16 years and a member of Fingerprints, a gallery on 11th Ave, for the four years before that. This gave me a lot of contact with the artists and craftspeople in the Tauranga area. Most of them worked in isolation. The Incubator provides a contact point for artists and would-be artists alike, as well as a space for passing on their skills to others in the community. The Jam Factory is playing a similar role for the local music scene. I believe it is important for the Council to support the Incubator and the creative community that benefits from its work.
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Name: Linda Munn

Your support message here: I totally support The Incubator in all their artistic endeavors

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I am writing in support of the Incubator and the creativity that they encourage in the Bay of Plenty. I have attended workshops there as have my children and grandchildren. It is a vibrant and exciting place to be and adds so much to the flavour of our environment. The team at the Incubator were very supportive of me and our local Te Puke Kiwicoast Lions when we held an Altered Art Exhibition and Auction raising funds of $8,000 in support of the Waipuna Hospice. We could not have had the courage and success with this event if it had not been for the wonderful encouragement of Simone, Tanya and all the team at the Incubator. Please fund them and let them continue with the creativity they embrace in our whole community. We all need the colour and culture they bring into our community. Sincerely Michelle Cliff.
I am writing in support of the Incubator Creative Hub, as I believe it fills a vital role in making art/music appreciation and creation opportunities available to an otherwise unserviced, yet significant, portion of the community. The education and skill opportunities alone go some way towards filling the community education void left when government withdrew its vital funding, and for this I feel the incubator warrants special consideration in the council LTP.
I am an advocate and huge supporter of the Arts, and in saying that The Incubator Creative hub in Tauranga have been a huge support and encouragement of my own pursuits in art and music. So much so that I became a committed member of the incubator and Jam Factory. I give of my own time to support and grow the art community in Tauranga and the wider Bay of Plenty. I am now a Katikati resident, I work and live here. I have been a part of the art seen here since 2011 taking part in my first Open air Art mural competition and coming runner up twice. I also like to partake in the Katikati folk club sessions occasionally. So I am an artist and a musician I love Katikati and will always encourage the collaboration and support between The incubator and The Western Bay. We are all about growing art and culture, which is what Katikati is all about. Late last year with support from the incubator my partner Phillip and I organised a major two pronged exhibition in the Historic village at the Incubator and The Forester Hall for Antony Warnes our next door neighbour and resident of Katikati for the past 30 + years. The Exhibitions celebrated his art over his 50 year career till now with an amazing Retrospective and sales exhibit of current work. Antony Warnes doesn’t have the internet or a computer so I am advocating his support for the The Incubator on his behalf. The exhibition was to celebrate the career of a living artist in our own community, to show him and the world that he is very much a current and practicing artist, admired by many. The exhibition was a show stopper and sponsored by BeeNZ a local business. We also made a mini doco which we hope to expand on in the near future if funding allows. Im not sure if Katikati knows who they have living on their door step, but he is certainly an eccentric creative with a lot of history to share. He visits us often and constantly talks about how amazing the incubator is, and is in total
praise of the support they have given him and will continue to do. All for the love of art. How does this happen? With a group of amazing talented volunteers, often with the smell of an oily rag. Imagine how much more amazing it could be, how much more vibrant and creative the Bay of Plenty could be with greater financial support!! The possibilities are endless. With passion, creativity and collaboration The Incubator Creative hub could take the Bay of Plenty to the world. A Destination of creative exploration. Thank you
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- **Submission date:** 2018-04-11 04:47:37
- **Name:** Mandy Hague
- **Organisation represented:**
- **Postal Address:**
- **Email:**
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- **Your support message here:** I would like to voice my support for the Incubator and the amazing work they do in support of the arts in Tauranga. They are a fantastic asset to the community and I have enjoyed several events and exhibitions over the past couple of years. They need to be supported in the council's long term plans.

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Name: Gordon Gray-Lockhart
Organisation represented:
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Your support message here:

I'm writing to support the application of The Incubator Creative Hub. The Incubator is not simply about artists, although that's where it starts. It's about education, tourism, improving our standard of living and generating growth for our regional economy. The Incubator is Tauranga and The Western Bays Creative hub and in my view at least, deserves your support to ensure the continued development of this valuable resource for our community.

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To whom it may concern, I'm writing in support of the amazing Creative Hub that is The Incubator. This passionate group of people work selflessly around the clock to engage community by producing local art happenings. It’s a place where amateur and professional artists get involved in vibrant supportive community. They create works specifically to engage with other members of the community, ie, shows, workshops and exhibitions. There are so many benefits to this wonderful place. Artistic community is the stuff which gives a City a distinguished reputation, an identifiable spirit and vibrant culture. This is what workers and families need at the end of the day to keep going. It brings joy into our lives, and quality into our lifestyles. I'm not local, I'm a Wellingtonian living overseas. I'm a musician who’s been engaged by the Incubator to realise a dream by one of your Tauranga community members Mr John Knotts, deceased 2016. In the process we generated a cultural artistic collaboration which spanned five continents. These relationships continue as does the project. The Incubator is magic. The members work so to make it happen. It's a world class organisation and deserving of full funding. Kind regards, Natalia Mann
As a former counsellor in the wider community, and now working as an artist, I perceive that accessible art viewing, and participation is essential for the wellbeing of many. For the community, engagement in creative activities is a component of well being, as is the social aspect of such activities. As an artist, I very much appreciate the support and encouragement provided by the Incubator and the Artery which allows me to view the work of others, learn and teach skills, as well as exhibit and sell my own work. There are not many opportunities in Tauranga to show art and the Incubator does this well.
I have been to many events at both the Incubator and the Historic village. It brings art, music and culture to our city that is obtainable for everyone. The services it provides are essential for the sustainability of the artistic sector of our lives. Tauranga has increased substantially in population however our central city is dead. A place like this can help revive the city and bring people back in to town.
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**Your support message here:**
I heartily support The Incubator as they are hugely proactive in our community by supporting the Arts and therefore wellbeing of our residents. We are all the richer for The Incubator team ensuring everyone, no matter age or ethnicity, can be included either as an exhibitor or viewer.

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Name: Jackie Knotts
Organisation represented: myself
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Your support message here: As coordinator of the Omokoroa artists I value the association with this group but it operates as an amateur hobby group - nothing wrong with that but there needs to be a creative hub that enables artists like myself - I have a degree in Fine Arts and a Masters degree in printmaking from Central St Martins London and 16 years art teaching experience to meet and exchange ideas outside the scope of the local art group. The Incubator has been a place that supported my late husband's Lyre project by arranging a sell out concert at Baycourt and has enabled me to meet artists who have an understanding of what art is about beyond the confines of local art groups. Without the Incubator I would feel very isolated as an artist/printmaker. As a creative hub it needs the funding to be able to continue and expand the fantastic job it already does as an alternative to the parochial local art groups. It could take on the role of Creative Tauranga that seems to function as a directory only. Tauranga could be a very boring place to live without a vibrant arts scene.

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Hi, I am Emma Prill a local artist (Omokoroa) I have been working in the Artery space taking workshop's since the space opened a couple of years ago. Working in the space is an absolute privilege. The artery space has given me the opportunity to expand and grow my business to a wider audience. I took a workshop at the Artery last weekend, there were also two exhibition openings happening. It was the most wonderful atmosphere to be around. The participants that were in my workshop loved it. There was live music, people viewing the art and the workshop going on, so a really positive dynamic creative atmosphere. The people that run the Incubator are extremely efficient and very helpful. I am looking forward to working with them further this year.
I am writing in support of the incubator. I have attended many varied events there and performed there myself personally as a musician. Their encouragement, support and active organisation for all of the arts has been great for Tauranga. People moving here from other urban centres now have a sense that Tauranga has a cultural presence as well as long term locals.
I wholeheartedly support the ongoing work of the Incubator in Tauranga. Their work enhances the whole spectrum of the Arts in Tauranga and is a vital stepping stone for many emerging artists to have the chance to showcase their work and talents without the, sometimes, huge costs involved. I know many of the collective personally and know they have integrity and a great passion for seeing the arts grow in this area for ALL artists.
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I have re-discovered a hands on art through Artery/Creative Hub workshops. They have been instrumental in building my confidence and, eventually applying for a full time Bachelor’s degree at Toi Ohomai. Without the workshops I wouldn’t have had the confidence to pivot in my career and retrain.
I have witnessed the change for the better, in the Historic Village since the Incubator has been running. The dedicated and passionate Incubator crew have worked tirelessly to see their vision for the Village and for art culture in the Bay of Plenty to grow. They have contributed greatly in turning the Village from a drab tourist destination, to a vibrant, happening place for tourists and locals alike. Please get behind the team and support them.
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**Name:** Jacqueline Knotts

**Organisation represented:**

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**Your support message here:** The Incubator is an important link to the wider art scene beyond the insular peninsular!

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1. Proposals for walking and cycling (See page 13)
We want to continue with the good work that's been achieved so far. We're proposing to increase the funding provided year on year to build walkways and cycleways, so that more can be delivered, faster. This will support the development of the District-wide network.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - Increasing funding to do more, faster. This will enable us to complete more of the network over the next 10 years.

2. Proposal for funding the Western Bay Museum (See page 21)
The museum has requested a further grant of $70,000 a year for the next three years. The grant will be used specifically for the role of the museum curator, and for the storage costs for the collection.

Our preferred option is Option 2 - This option ensures the museum will continue to operate and ensures our heritage collection is protected.

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### 3. Proposal for funding arts and culture (See page 22)

Council has recently adopted a sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. This provides a framework to grow and support arts and culture in our communities, to bring social, economic and cultural benefits.

- **Option 1**: Provide no additional funding for the Arts and Culture Strategy implementation.
- **Option 2** (Selected): Provide additional funding to enable partial implementation of identified key actions of the strategy.
- **Option 3**: Provide additional funding to enable full implementation of identified key actions of the strategy, and increased support for arts and culture in the Western Bay District.

**Our preferred option is Option 2** - This option enables Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator to carry out key actions from the Arts and Culture Strategy, while also recognising there are other organisations in the Western Bay that Council already supports to deliver arts and culture projects and events. Council also makes one-off funding contributions to arts and culture projects and events through its Community Matching Fund.

### 4. Proposal to change our debt management approach (See page 34)

The current indications are that population growth, and therefore our revenue from financial contributions, will continue to be strong. We think we can now reduce the amount of the contribution we’re taking from rates to fund interest and debt repayments.

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Supplementary Attachment to Western Bay of Plenty Long-term Plan

This submission is being made on behalf of Nga Potiki Resource Management unit. We request it is circulated in full and is not summarised. We also ask to speak to our submission at any planning hearings. We wish to lodge the ability to submit further submissions that may arise between the submission closing date and the start of hearings.

The Environment

We wish to express our support of the LTP Consultation Documentation - Supporting documentation Protecting the environment - Natural environment. We support the goals set in this document. The environment is important to Nga Potiki and we request the following is added.

We would like to see it included in the 2020 goals, budget and plan for the Kopukairua and Waitao area:

- Support to eradicate pest plants such as Gorse and Woolly Nightshade;
- Education of landowners about managing pest plants and animals;
- Replanting with beneficial plants.

We would like to see a conservation order placed on the Waitao Stream. Although a responsibility for the Ministry for the Environment, Nga Potiki would like to access council support (i.e. information and technical advice) and resourcing to help achieve this aspiration. We would like to see riparian planting along the side of the stream to increase the diversity and quality of the stream.

Ngā Pōtiki would like the council to provide a dedicated full-time Māori scientist to work within the freshwater and aquifer teams. This would close the information gap that is necessary to confidently process cultural impact reports, offer effective mitigation strategies and to restore the mauri of our water bodies to recreational standards.

Spatial Planning

To this end we request support for a Rangataua Spatial Plan that includes evaluating and reassessment of land use in response to climate change and growing urban pressures. This spatial plan will require scientific data, GIS and matauranga.

Ngā Pōtiki would like an increase in the funding allocation for hapū and iwi management plan development to expand the fund to enable the development of spatial planning.

Pāpāmoa Hills Regional Park

Ngā Pōtiki supports and endorses a submission being prepared by the Kaituna Catchments team regarding the Pāpāmoa hills Regional Park. Ngā Pōtiki would also like to review the existing plan for the regional park. Part of this review would be to look at ways the park can eventually become self-funding through various activities such as eco tours and sustainable tourism.

UNESCO Status

A long-term aspiration of Nga Potiki is to have key areas of our rohe, namely Pāpāmoa hills and the Rangataua Harbour along with historic sites in the Bay of Plenty and the Pacific Islands to be granted World Heritage Status so that the unique nature and character of the area, from both a traditional and contemporary view point, is protected for the whole community.
Ngā Pōtiki is seeking resourcing to prepare a proposal to be presented to UNESCO. Other potential support partners include The Ministry for the Environment and Te Puni Kōkiri.

Wāhi Tapu

There are a number of wāhi tapu, pa sites and other sites of significance to Ngā Pōtiki that reside on privately owned land. The iwi would like support from Western Bay of Plenty District Council to develop relationship management practices and agreements to ensure the safety, protection and iwi access to these wāhi tapu and pa sites.

Public Transport

Nga Potiki is committed to seeing a reduction in carbon emissions. This would involve the provision of more efficient public transport and the reduction in the use of private vehicles. Nga Potiki would like to see a rail passenger service between Bayfair and Te Puke. We would like to see that link eventually extend to Rotorua. We would also support the eventual introduction of Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV's) servicing the Te Puke town which have the potential to remove 12 motor vehicles from urban streets and free public parking.

Waste Water

Finally, we wish to express our support for the establishment of a waste water treatment in the Te Puke and Maketu areas.
I submit that the long-term plan requires a roading section in the plan to show how WBOP can handle the next 10-years growth, and embarrassingly, the last 5 years growth.

Because of the absence, it is impossible to give feedback on possible actions that are within the WBOP remit to provide alternatives to SH2.
I am very happy to provide detailed suggestions as required.

Regards
Chris R.

[Signature]
LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION - WESTERN BAY COUNCIL

Introduction (brief overview of the project)

From: Te Puke Junior Football Club.

I see in the draft plan that there is provision to renovate and repair drainage of Centennial Park.

Summary of key points

From May to September, the majority of this park cannot be used for winter sports as the water table is just under or, mostly, just on the soil surface on the lower areas, including the cricket wickets.

The area that might be available around the proposed Te Puke Gymsport building is not presently level enough if/when our fields are moved to accommodate the proposed new building. The ground slopes away to the north.

Background of the organisation/club

We are the junior component of Te Puke United Football Club Inc, whose base is at Litt Park. The adult teams share Litt Park with Te Puke High School football and rugby teams. As there is no room for junior fields there, we lease a part of Centennial Park for junior fields. Unfortunately Centennial Park is very poorly draining during autumn and winter leaving soggy underfoot conditions. Our 2 fields are currently on the driest bit, which we may be sharing with Te Puke Gymsport one day.

Key Points of request (detailed)

Could council please keep the renovation and drainage improvement plan in the LTP so that more of Centennial Park is usable for winter sports codes/
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Submission for LTP
Paula Gaelic
Manager/Curator
Western Bay Museum

I fully support option 2 of the Long Term Plan 2018.

Our Mission
To preserve, conserve, store and display the history, noteworthy items and stories of the Western Bay region while observing the obligations of the Treaty of Waitangi. We have a commitment to nourish commemoration with a hands on approach to our education programmes.

We have taken a quantum leap and are developing and providing a high-quality product. We have bold ambitions, with financial and resource constraints a strategic and planned approach is essential to our development.

We take expert and museum qualified advice and guidance from Te Papa National Services Te Paerangi.

We strive to meet the standards of the Code of Ethics set out by Museums Aotearoa.

Our exhibition planning is governed by the Commemoration Programme of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

We have been mentored by one of the best within Museum sector, Roy Clare CBE, Auckland War Memorial Museum.

We find solutions, utilise all resources possible, and we deliver within a very challenging environment.

Western Bay Museum is championed by many partners and sponsors by way of financial contribution, products and services.

We collaborate and engage with every organisation and institution possible.

We share our knowledge and our unique museum business model with other organisations within the Western Bay region and beyond.
We observe the obligations of the Treaty of Waitangi and continue our Iwi development plan.

Our initiatives are many in the development of our 21st century museum and require huge input, commitment, skill and time by 80 dedicated volunteers.

We provide a highly successful education programme for Primary, Intermediate and International students.

With the engagement of a Museum Professional and a critique evaluation the Museum Strategic Development Plan for over the next 3, 5 and 10 year plan, which will include the development of a NCEA Level achievement crediting programme.

Expert Knowledge Exchange Personnel visits are open to the public, which builds public awareness to the science and expertise behind Museums and Galleries and career opportunities. Donors confidence rises knowing their valued historical artefacts are being cared for with museum best practice. Te Papa National Services Te Paerangi workshops are held in our region with the North Island Museum sector staff, selected volunteers and students to attend, upskill, train and network.

Our community engagement is strong and growing. Our philosophy is strength in numbers and working together and complimenting one another’s strengths encourages vitality and vibrancy across the region.

Our Museum events from our Road Show (Butter churning & samples, 1914 rope maker, shelling maize and popcorn and milling cornflour interactive displays), Theatre, Open Air Art Festival, Public Programmes to the ultimate professional performance from University of Waikato Arts and Social Sciences Music Faculty and displaying a manuscript never before available for viewing in the Southern hemisphere.

Our Regional Historians from across the Western Bay of Plenty supply their areas own stories aligning to the thematic exhibition. In the Te Puke Library exhibitions will reflect our thematic exhibitions. Western Bay Community Archives and national institutions enable access and material for each specific exhibition.

The economic benefits museums bring is statistically proven, through accommodation, hospitality, retail and other attractions.
The value of preserving, conserving and displaying items from our forebears is priceless.

The fun, fascination and learning the children experience in our museum school programme is an experience only unique to Western Bay Museum, we are culture in action. This experience can change their lives.

Our museum is sustainable due to this overall support and everyone involved by whatever way they support us is paramount to our success.

Western Bay Museum is a perfect example of this.

Conclusions from the Museums Aotearoa Survey 2017 clearly show that museums, galleries and heritage properties provide a number of social, health, organisational and economic benefits to New Zealand communities and society.

However, no one institution can provide all these benefits and a mix of different museum, gallery and heritage property types, sizes and locations is needed to maximise their potential.

Local government plays a significant role in supporting museums, galleries and heritage properties to achieve these outcomes. Museums, galleries and heritage properties would benefit from more certainty regarding ongoing funds, and support to develop their sustainability.

Four well-beings core to local government’s role

Wednesday, 11 April 2018, 11:28 pm
Press Release: New Zealand Government

Two important local government bills have had their first reading in Parliament tonight.

The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill seeks to restate the promotion of social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of communities to the statutory purpose of local government.
Re-inserting the four well-beings back into the Local Government Act will acknowledge the valuable role local leadership has to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of citizens and communities, Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta said.
12 April 2018

To Whom It May Concern

Katch Katikati supports the Western Bay Museum submission to the Long Term Plan.

The Western Bay Museum is a huge asset to our town.

Tourism Bay Of Plenty has recognised the facility as an international ready product which means that it is a high standard of product that we can be proud of and sell to the international and cruise markets. Locally we can package it with Mural Tours and other regional attractions to promote to the domestic tourist.

The recognition received from Te Papa in support of the Museum facility is a value that cannot be bought. The standard to the exhibitions held at the Museum is that of an equal to Te Papa standards.

The school programme and international students who utilise the facilities receive an experience that is unique and educational.

The level of funding that they are requesting is minimal in return to the vision, value and long term benefits that they bring to the community and district.

We wish the Western Bay Museum all the best in their future and success in their submission.

I am happy to be approached for any further information.

Kind Regards

[Signature]

Jacqui Knight
Promotions Manager

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Paula Gaelic  
Manager, Western Bay Museum  
32 Main Road  
Katikati 3129

12 April 2018

Dear Paula,

Creative Bay of Plenty are pleased to support Western Bay Museum’s submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Long Term Plan 2018-28 to provide ongoing funding for the museum’s operating costs and for storing the collection.

Creative Bay of Plenty is the sub-regional arts and culture development agency. We exist to create, sustain and support an eco-system where arts and culture thrive in Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty by connecting, upskilling, supporting and promoting our creative sector.

From our point of view as a sector support organisation, it is crucial to have a 21st century museum operating in our region; a museum which takes great pride in sharing the history, culture, arts and stories of our Western Bay communities. Particularly with the Rotorua Museum closed for the foreseeable future and the next cultural institution of its kind located in Whakatane, the Western Bay Museum is a jewel in our crown of core arts and culture institutions for Western Bay of Plenty as well as Tauranga.

Western Bay Museum has the support and guidance from Te Papa National Services Te Paerangi which would not be the case if staff and volunteers at the museum would not already be doing a stellar job. With the support of Te Papa, opportunities like the ‘Expert Knowledge Exchange Programme’ are available to the arts, culture and heritage sector in our region, open for everyone to attend (including students at Toi Ohomai, staff and volunteers at The Elms and the Tauranga Art Gallery). Western Bay Museum frequently cooperates with institutions like the University of Waikato’s Arts, Social Science and Music Departments to bring cultural events like ‘The Messiah’ of the highest cultural standard to our region.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

Kind regards,

Meg Davis  
General Manager, Creative Bay of Plenty  
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Ph 07 928 5270  
E meg@creativebop.org.nz
6 April 2018

Paula Gaelic
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Re: National Services Te Paerangi support for Western Bay Museum

National Services Te Paerangi (NSTP) is a team within the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (Te Papa) that offers a range of practical and strategic programmes to iwi, museums and galleries throughout New Zealand. These programmes recognise that communities hold significant cultural collections and knowledge that contribute to our national identity, and have an important part to play in the ongoing care and protection of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Over recent years Te Papa has supported the development of the Western Bay Museum in a number of ways, including:

- Regular visits from the NSTP Museum and Iwi Development Adviser,
- Short term expert placements and workshops,
- Awarding of small grants under our Helping Hands Grant and Travel Subsidy Grant programmes,
- Support of the Western Bay Museum staff who have undertaken the Service IQ New Zealand Certificate in Museum Practice industry training,
- Attendance at best practice museum sector workshops.

Museum Manager Paula Gaelic and her volunteer team have committed to incremental and continued development of museum practice, and have worked with NSTP – Te Papa, Auckland War Memorial Museum, fellow regional museums and many others to help achieve their goals. The Western Bay Museum is dedicated to being a professional New Zealand museum, and to meeting best practice standards even within its current constraints and staffing levels.

The Western Bay Museum are undertaking a review of its strategic direction with the support of museum professional Syleena Douglas. The museum aims to develop a long-term plan that is future focused, while setting high standards, ensuring the organisation engages museum-qualified personnel, and does not shy away from continuing to evaluate its performance, developing a regional museum the Katikati community and wider region can be proud of.
The small Western Bay Museum team have worked hard over the years to grow their funding partnerships and have sound planning in place to help inform their content and programme development, while continuing to engage key stakeholders including local government, and growing relationships with communities of importance, including tangata whenua iwi Māori, schools and interest groups.

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The Western Bay Museum is an excellent example of culture in action. This centre aims to care for these taonga and many others, to share their stories, to be inclusive – preserving Western Bay history in a way that is unique to Katikati, New Zealand and the world.

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Ngā mihi, na

Sally August

Kaiwhanaki Whare Taonga | North Island Museum Development Adviser

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It has been well proven that doing nothing & soft dune enhancement are not acceptable options for this section of the beach (we refer to the failed dune enhancement works installed previously that washed out in days) & the ongoing erosion. An independent Coastal Engineers report has also stated this & that a rock revetment is required to protect these properties (John Lumsden’s report of June 2016 as on file with Council refers). The previous wall offered far better protection at our property than the dune enhancement work in place now which is an eyesore.

Council is failing in its responsibilities to residents by continuing to push consideration of this issue into the undetermined future & in so doing creating a risk of increased cost to Council should they be forced into emergency protection works. Council can resolve this issue & save money by working proactively with the affected residents to develop the solution as well as a funding model supported by the affected properties.

The residents have repeatedly engaged with Council & received promises of attention with very little action ensuing. Council must include for the resolution of this erosion problem within their LTP

Regards
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Dear Madam,

Re: Submission on Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP)

Please see below and attached our submission on the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP).

Introduction
We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Background & Context
Our submission is made in the context of the following background information:

1. Who We Are –
   Te Tumu Landowners Group (TTLG)
   The Te Tumu Landowners Group (TTLG) represents the two of the three main landowners, one smaller landowner in the Urban Growth Management Area known as Papamoa East (Te Tumu) Part 2.
   The Te Tumu Landowners Group (TTLG) comprises of:
   • Ford Land Holdings Pty Ltd (243ha)
   • Te Tumu Kaituna 14 Trust (241ha), and
   • Te Tumu Kaituna 11B2 Trust (6ha).

   Also within the Te Tumu Urban Growth Management Area is a third major landholding of approximately 171ha jointly owned by Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council. This landholding was purchased by the Councils’ in 2007 specifically to protect the future urban development opportunity that they have identified for the area. Carrus Corporation holds the development rights for this landholding.

   The TTLG landholdings together with the Council owned land make up approximately 87% of 760ha (approx) area of Papamoa East (Te Tumu) Part 2.

2. Where We Are –
   Te Tumu Future Urban Zone & Urban Growth Management Area (see attached map)
   Te Tumu is located:
   • In the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region within the Bay of Plenty Region,
   • In the Tauranga City Council Local Government area,
   • At the eastern end of the Papamoa East Urban Growth Area,
   • At the eastern end of the Mount Maunganui – Papamoa coastal area,
   • Is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the north, the Kaituna River to the south and the Kaituna River ‘cut’ to the east.
3. **Statutory and Planning Context - Papamoa East Urban Growth Area**

   a) **Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC) - Regional Policy Statement (RPS)**
   Papamoa East (Te Tumu) Part 2 is identified as an Urban Growth Management Area in both the operative RPS and Proposed RPS.

   b) **Tauranga City Council (TCC) – Tauranga City Plan (City Plan)**
   Papamoa East (Te Tumu) Part 2 has a Future Urban Zoning in the City Plan.

   c) **Western Bay of Plenty SmartGrowth Strategy**
   The Papamoa East Urban Growth Area is identified in the Western Bay of Plenty SmartGrowth Strategy as updated in 2013, as one of the key growth areas in the Western Bay of Plenty for the next 50 years. This area is made up of two stages, as follows:
   
   a) **Part 1 – Wairakei.** This area is under development and comprises of a land area of approximately 368ha with a projected long term population of approximately 8,400.
   
   b) **Part 2 – Te Tumu.** In accordance with the RPS, development in this area is not scheduled to commence until 2021, subject to going through a Plan Change process. In November 2014 SmartGrowth and Tauranga City Council decided to proceed with the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern Review Option 3B, which includes bringing forward the Plan Change and development programme for Te Tumu. Te Tumu has a land area of approximately 760ha and could conservatively support a population of between 15,000 – 25,000 plus.

4. **Te Tumu Strategic Planning Study**
   
   In 2015 SmartGrowth and Tauranga City Council (TCC) jointly undertook the Te Tumu Strategic Planning Study (TTSPS) to assess the planning and financial viability of Te Tumu to determine whether the Te Tumu could proceed to a Plan Change and Structure Planning process ahead of schedule (2025-2031).

   The extensive studies carried out as part of the TTSPS can be found at [http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/projects/te-tumu/prior-studies](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/projects/te-tumu/prior-studies).

   The TTSPS outcomes identified that Te Tumu was viable from both planning and financial viability perspectives.

   In August 2016 both SmartGrowth and TCC resolved that Te Tumu would proceed to Structure Planning and a Resource Management Act Schedule 1 Plan Change process. The Structure Plan and Plan Change processes are commencing and will be completed by the end of 2018 with urban development targeted to commence by 2021.

5. **Te Tumu Structure Plan and Plan Change Project (the Project)**
   
   In early 2017 TCC with the support of TTLG and Carrus commenced the Te Tumu Plan Change and Structure Plan Project, described on the project website [http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/projects/te-tumu](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/our-future/projects/te-tumu) as:

   ‘Te Tumu is a project that joins landowners, developers, Tauranga City Council and SmartGrowth to provide new housing and cater to growth in the Bay of Plenty.’

   The Project outcome is to finalise a Plan Change through the Resource Management Act (RMA) Schedule 1 process.

   The draft Te Tumu Plan Change is expected to be notified in the second half of 2018.
6. **Our Submission**

   Our detailed submission is attached.

   We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

   Yours faithfully,

   Jeff Fletcher

   For and on Behalf of the Te Tumu Landowners Group

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Te Tumu Future Urban Zone & Urban Growth Management Area

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| 2      | Transportation: Passenger and Multi-Modal Transport Planning for the Western Bay of Plenty Sub-Region | | TTLG believes that there needs to be a longer-term approach taken to both Passenger and Multi-Modal Transport for the Western Bay of Plenty Sub-Region, which is forecast to grow considerably over the next 30+ years. The current approach is a 5-10 year approach we, however, submit that the planning carried out now needs to accommodate medium term (10-30 years) and long term (30-50 years) planning to ensure the planning and infrastructure being carried out now provides for Multi-Modal Transport opportunities in the future. This was highlighted in the recent Te Tumu Multi-Model Transport Study carried out by MR Cagney [http://mrcagney.com/] for the Te Tumu Structure Plan and Plan Change Process. The MR Cagney Te Tumu Multi-Model Transport Study showed that the absence of a long term Sub-Regional Multi-Model Transport Plan would compromise:  

- The ability to achieve passenger transport connectivity between the existing and future communities in the Sub-Region; and  
- A much needed and desired reduction in car dependency in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty.  

This is supported by the Western Bay of Plenty Vital Signs Report 2018 (p44) which contains the following reference from the Tauranga Transport Programme Survey:  

‘Results from a survey run by the Tauranga Transport Programme show that nearly 70% of city residents want to reduce Tauranga’s reliance on cars, with 80% saying authorities had performed badly on this issue.’  

[http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/uploads/8/4/0/5/84053396/vital-signs-western-web.pdf] | Together with the other SmartGrowth Partners Adequate funding allocated over the next two years to plan and provide (together with the SmartGrowth Partners) for a long term Sub-Regional Multi-Model Transport Plan for the Western Bay of Plenty Sub-Region. |
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The KL is included in the SmartGrowth Strategy and in the draft 2018-28 RLTP.  
The KL will provide:  
- Land use and transportation integration between Te Tumu and the surrounding existing and future Eastern Corridor land use areas and activities.  
- Connectivity between Te Tumu and the Rangiuru Business Park, as well as with the surrounding existing and proposed urban areas and land use activities. These areas will provide important employment opportunities and support economic activity in the region.  
- Provide for Civil Defence access and evacuation from Te Tumu, supporting the resilience of the transportation network and the Te Tumu Urban Growth Area.  
- Enable Te Tumu to achieve and exceed the residential density outcomes sought through the SmartGrowth Strategy.  
- Provide for important walking, cycling and public transportation network links to and from Te Tumu to the surrounding existing and future Eastern Corridor land use areas and activities; as well as to the existing and proposed walking, cycling and public transportation networks.  
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The construction of the Kaituna Link will be required by 2028 in order to provide land use certainty to meet the current growth forecasts for the sub-region. | TTLG seek the inclusion of the Kaituna Link (KL) in the list of Transport Projects detailed on the Transportation section (pp 213-214) of the LTP Supporting Documentation Building Communities - Transportation to enable planning and designation be carried out between 2018-24 and the construction be carried out between 2024-28. |
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1. Upgrade and provide parking for the Bell Road Boat Ramp.  
2. Upgrade and provide parking to the small Boat Ramp at Uncle Boy’s Tukotahi Marae, 83 Ford Rd, Maketū.  
The current boat ramps at the above locations are already under significant pressure particularly over summer; substantive upgrades are required to both the boat ramps and parking to cater for the high and ongoing population growth in the Eastern Corridor.  
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I do not wish to keep our details confidential  
I wish to speak to the submission in English

We thank the Mayor and Councillors for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2017/18 – “Four ticks for the future of the Western Bay”.

This submission is formed to support actions in the Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan lodged in 2017.

1. We submit that Pirirakau seek membership of Joint Body Governance with Wairoa Hapū, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council for the opportunity to participate in the Wairoa River Valley Strategy Plan.

Source – Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan 2017 page 62

2. Marae Sustainability (reference 5.2 Pirirakau Hapū management Plan 2017, page 63)
- We submit that the amount of the Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund (formerly the Maintenance Fund) be increased to $50,000.00 per annum.

- We submit that Council provide a fund of $50,000.00 spread over two years to provide for the development of a Marae toolkit.

3. Registration of wahi tapu
- We submit that we seek support to engage with the WBOPDC DP Heritage schedule and WBOPDC (RMA Amendments 2017) to register sites within Council ownership and private property with Heritage New Zealand.

   ![Registration of Waahi Tapu](image)

   Source - Source – Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan 2017 page 64

4. Acquisition of Pirirakau Cultural Sites
- We submit that we seek support from WBOPDC for the acquisition of Te Tawa, Tahataharoa and other funding organisations, as reflected by submission from WBOPDC and Pirirakau to the BOPRC LTP 2018-2028. With a budget for the establishment of a Reserve. (refer to Gary Allis).

   ![Acquisition of Pirirakau Cultural Sites](image)

   Source – Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan 2017 page 64

5. Maori Freehold Land in the Pirirakau rohe
- We submit WBOPDC staff resource to undertake a survey of Maori freehold Land in the Pirirakau rohe. To identify land owners, trusts and trustees. To establish a forum for the development of Papakainga to be supported by the Joint Agency Group and the Papakainga toolkit.
Papakainga housing - We support Council continuing to provide funding that supports Papakainga development and ask that Council advocate the need for other agencies to do the same;

- We submit that Council should consider initiatives which remove barriers for those looking to build on multiple owned Māori land, such as a fee abatement scheme for consent applications. The importance of safe, healthy and affordable housing cannot be understated – particularly given the average price of housing in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. This is supported by Te Ara Mua which states a desired outcome of increasing good quality, affordable housing¹.

The Joint Agency Group (which relies on funding provided by this Council and others) has achieved excellent housing outcomes working alongside whānau on Māori land and we hope to see this work continue. In particular we hope that Council is able to advocate the need for other agencies to continue to support the initiatives that relate to Papakainga housing as we see that there is still a need to provide housing for our people. Council could also consider how they support the development of Papakainga housing that might not necessarily meet the criteria for support provided by the Papakainga workshops run by through the work of the Joint Agency Group. To further assist whānau with their housing aspirations we also submit that Council should look at initiatives that remove barriers for those looking to build on multiple owned Māori land.

²One example would be a fee abatement scheme for building consent and resource consent application. The rationale for such an abatement scheme for dwellings on multiple owned Māori land would be that those wanting to build on this land have limited access to funding for their build and the land is not a financial asset as the sale of it is subject to approval by the Māori Land Court.

6. Maramatanga Park

- We submit to support the Maramatanga Concept Plan Development and associated Budget (refer John Rauputu)

¹ Te Ara Mua – page 11, Desired Outcome: Social
² Te Ara Mua – page 13, Desired Outcome: Environmental
7. Western Bay of Plenty District - Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway
- We submit to seek the required funds for cultural interpretation within the cycle way route of the Pirirakau rohe (Refer Gary Allis).

Source – Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan 2017 page 66 & 67
8. Internships
- We submit to seek an opportunity for Pirirakau internships at WBOPDC.

Source – Pirirakau Hapū Management Plan 2017 page 69

9. Arts and culture investment
- We reiterate our submission as it relates to the importance of reflecting Māori cultural values – which includes art and culture. The Consultation Document says that Council is seeking feedback on whether to fund the implementation of the sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy.

We understand that there are two key actions in that strategy which aim to:

- Develop mechanisms for increasing Maori participation in arts and culture;
- Provide media advocacy on the inherent and economic value of Maori art, culture and language, the intrinsic value of the arts, and promote frameworks for inclusivity.

We support Council’s preferred option of providing funding support to the implementation of the strategy as outlined in Option 2 in the Consultation Document, particularly considering the two key parts of the strategy as mentioned above. Given the importance placed on the four key proposals we would like to have greater involvement in discussions around the consultation process for the Long-Term Plan.

We acknowledge that there is opportunity for the Co-Chairs of the Partnership Forum to attend Council workshops and would in future like to take the opportunity to attend LTP workshops that Council holds. In closing, we are of the view that this submission provides a solid basis for Council to progress the work that it does alongside Iwi and Hapū and hope that the matters raised herein are given fair consideration.
SUBMISSION – TE PUNA HEARTLAND INC

concerning

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL’S LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028

1. Te Puna Heartland Inc (Te Puna Heartlands) is a local ratepayer/resident based Society the membership of which comprises all Te Puna Ratepayers and Residents.

2. This submission is in two parts. The first, Part A, is based on opinions gathered at a well-communicated meeting of Te Puna Heartlands held on Thursday 12 April, which invited those attending to nominate their three most pressing priorities from the action points listed in the Te Puna Community Plan (TPCP), published in December 2017 and discussed at Heartlands’ February meeting. These came down to three key priorities:

- Transport: infrastructure and improvements that emphasise safety and connectivity
- Environmental care: preserving and enhancing the Wairoa River margins and Tahataharoa
- Planning: maintaining Te Puna as a ‘green wedge’.

3. The second part attempts to align the Long Term Plan (LTP)’s “What We Are Planning To Do” tables and project identifiers with action points and positions set out in each section of the Te Puna Community Plan. This means that, at a glance, Councillors can see how the intentions of the LTP meet, or fail to meet, the community interests as expressed by Te Puna residents and ratepayers.

4. In the view of those attending the meeting, the process used for this iteration of the LTP placed serious limitations on those who wished to put to Councillors their opinions and preferences for priority actions. To summarise: we doubt that “Road Show” meetings will attract a wide range of well-considered and soundly-based arguments for the wise distribution of ratepayer resources, or that any nuggets of wisdom exchanged at such meetings will be adequately captured for the purposes of improving the Plan. We have therefore done our best, in this written submission, to comprehensively match the language of the LTP with that of the Te Puna Plan; and, if and when the opportunity presents, we wish to speak to all the matters raised in this submission.

PART A: THE LTP PRIORITIES FOR TE PUNA RESIDENTS

5. Transport Infrastructure and improvements

5.1 Improved road safety on Te Puna roads, all of which depend on a safe connection to SH2, is a clear priority. Heartlands has made submissions on this matter during consultation on the Regional Transport Long Term Plan.

5.2 For the Western BoP LTP, we are most concerned about the busy and narrow connection between the Minden and SH2.
5.1.1. **Safety improvements on Minden Road** involve:

- widening to allow the safe passage of large vehicles such as tourist buses
- a walkway
- a cycleway
- bus stops for school buses
- better regulated and laid out parking at the Minden Lookout
- associated runoff and stormwater management, as set out at LTP Project 344601

Other roads noted in the TPCP as needing attention are set out at Section 4.2 (page 36).

5.3 Quality‐of‐life improvements, many of which overlap with safety concerns, involve:

- roadway design (see TPCP 4.2.4) that creates and encourages environmental protections against road runoff and inhibits littering
- multiple transport modalities: walkways, cycleways
- lower or variable speed limits

5.4 Connectivity is another aspect of the TPCP that deserves emphasis. We direct your attention to the key actions listed at TPCP 4.2.5. Particularly if any housing development in the vicinity of Te Mete and Oliver Roads takes place, a north/south connection at Clarke Road will be vital. Heartlands strongly advocates that at least the design work for such an overpass be factored in to the engineering of the new TNL highway. Inadequate north‐south connections already occur elsewhere, such as (for pedestrians) at the Te Puna roundabout and (for motorists) from the new subdivision at Ainsworth Road.

5.5 We note that there are no specific items in the Transportation Activity list for Te Puna roading projects. We compare this lack with budgets assigned to Waihi Beach, Katikati, Omokoroa, Te Puke, and Maketu. We assume that the safety, access and connectedness issues set out at section 4.2 of the TPCP must therefore be funded from sources listed as follows:

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5.6 We therefore ask that as and when expenditure from these budget items is planned to occur in Te Puna, Te Puna Heartlands is consulted before such planning is concluded and work commences.
6  Care for the environment
6.1 Te Puna Heartland Inc acknowledges and appreciates the WBoPDC’s goal of supporting community-based environmental projects. There are quite a number put forward as action points in the TPCP (listed in Part B of this submission), but in this Part we endorse and express our intention to support the proper management of the Wairoa River and its margins, as stated at TPCP 3.7.1. To that end, we see a close match between our key actions and two LTP projects:

- 306403, Tahataharoa Longer Term Wetland Restoration, which allocates about $10 -11,000 annually from 2020
- 244914 Tahataharoa Heritage Reserve Acquisition, allocating $404,000 over 2019-2020

Our intended activities will be done in reliance on this level of funding.

7  Planning
7.1 The new TPCP maintains the earlier commitment, fostered by Smartgrowth, that Te Puna remains a ‘green wedge’ between Tauranga City and urban development in Omokoroa. The implications of this crop up throughout the TPCP, and are set out with some particularity at section 3.8.

7.2 We accept that the ‘green wedge’ idea presents challenges to residents within Te Puna as well as beyond it, but the benefits of retaining a sense of country, and a food basket on its famous versatile soils, so close to town, work in well with many listed LTP projects. These are noted below.

PART B: ALIGNMENTS BETWEEN THE TE PUNA COMMUNITY PLAN AND WBOPDC LONG TERM PLAN

8  This part of our submission documents, in the sequence used in the TPCP, the relevant projects from the LTP, to the extent that they are identifiable from the information set out in the supporting project lists at http://www.westernbay.govt.nz/our-council/council-publications/LongTermPlan2018-2028/Pages/default.aspx

9  General-purpose allocations
9.1 We acknowledge here the made for community and other support in the Kaimai Ward, such as:

- 148811 Community Grants –Kaimai
- 225403 District Wide Reserves – Minor Works
- 311302 Stormwater Asset Validation
- 340101 District Wide Stormwater Modelling
- Central water supply allocation items –
- 318601 District Solid Waste Minimisation Funding Pool
- 319902 District Wide Trade Waste Implementation

10  Aligning the Te Puna Community Plan with the Long Term Plan
10.1 This table aligns LTP projects alongside actions set out in the TPCP:
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| **2.4 Our Social Services and Places** | |
| 2.4.1 Maximise the opportunities for participation in sports and healthy lifestyles | 149102 Sport BOP Community Service Delivery Contract |
| 2.4.2 We can see ourselves reflected in the environment | 148813 The Incubator Creative Hub |
| | 326701 Tauranga Art Gallery Service Delivery Contract |
| | 336101 Museum Services – Katikati |
| | 342701 BOP Film Trust |
| | 149001 Community Services Contract – Creative Bay of Plenty |
| 2.4.4 The community maximises its opportunities from the development of the Tauranga Northern Link | 299001 Priority One Service Delivery Contract |
| | 299101 Community Capacity Building |
| 2.4.5 Te Puna is a safe place | 299901 Crime Prevention Projects |
| | 340901 Tauranga Western Bay Safer Communities |
| 2.4.6 Our parks and active reserves cater to community needs | **High priority:** 244914, Tahataharoa Heritage Reserve Acquisition and 306403, Tahataharoa Longer Term Wetland Restoration |
| | As well: |
| | 260401 I’Anson Bush Reserve Facilities |
| | 260409 Minden Te Puna Neighbourhood Park |
| | 322302 Waikaraka Drive Lp and Stopped Road |
| 2.4.7 We have tourist destinations that we are proud of and are fit for purpose | 298901 Tourism BOP Service Delivery Contract |
| | 299001 Priority One Service Delivery Contract |
| 2.4.8 The replacement Te Puna Memorial Hall is built to meet community needs now and into the future | Capital Works Programme – Community Halls |
| | 280813 Te Puna War Memorial Hall Improvements |

| **2.5 Future Opportunities** | |
| 2.5.4 Te Puna has a ‘community and cultural centre’ | Capital Works Programme – Community Halls |
| | 280812 Te Puna Community Centre Hall Improvements |
| 2.5.5 Library services grow and flourish | 175202 Te Puna Community Library |

| **2.6 Our Housing** | |
| 2.6.1 Safe and healthy homes that are fit for purpose | 341001 Healthy Whare Project |
| 2.6.2 Our older people can age in place | 341002 Implementation of the Housing Needs Assessment |
| 2.6.3 Emergency and transition housing | 323201 Papakainga Development |

| **2.7 Our Sense of Place** | |
| 2.7.1 Te Puna is recognised as having a special character through its combined Maori, French | 298901 Tourism BOP Service Delivery Contract |
and European history and culture, its attractive landscaped roads and themed signage and its rural village market to promote local crafts and produce.

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| 3.8 Our Landscape, Trees and Views |
### 3.8.1 Te Puna remains a ‘green wedge’ between Tauranga City and urban development in Omokoroa

*High priority: See para 6.2 of this submission*

### 3.8.2 Improve, maintain and develop existing reserves including the recreational potential of the Waitui, L’Anson Park, Minden Reserve, Te Houtu Reserve (Lindoch Avenue), Minden Lookout, Wairoa River margins and the Ohourere Stream at Crawford Road

*352303 Materials – Volunteer Support*

*311801 Ecological Development Impact Fees – Enhancement Planting*

### 3.8.3 Land owners consider the future impacts of their tree planting

### 3.8.5 Our trees are natural cultural and historical markers

*311801 Ecological Development Impact Fees – Enhancement Planting*

### 3.8.4 Monitor and support planning controls on ridgelines and viewshafts

*Regulatory Services*

### 3.10 Environmental Stewardship - Kaitiakitanga

#### 3.10.1 The historic abundance of harbour, waterways and ngahere (forests) is restored

*High priority: 244914, Tahataharoa Heritage Reserve Acquisition and 306403, Tahataharoa Longer Term Wetland Restoration*

*As well:

*331001 Mana Whatakahono a Rohe/HIMPS/Supporting Iwi and Hapū Management*

*151501, 151502 Fencing Subsidies*

*306902 Environmental Monitoring of Protection Lots*

*162401 Compensation for Esplanade Strips 244602 and 244606 Coastcare Community Services*

*148812 Community Matching Fund*

#### 3.10.2 Environmental stewardship is a fundamental value for Te Puna residents

#### 3.10.3 Environmental care groups and individuals that seek to make a difference are supported

#### 3.10.4 Environmental action is encouraged, supported and coordinated

#### 3.10.5 Litter Free Te Puna

#### 3.10.6 Environmental education and engagement

### 4.2.2 State Highway 2, Tauranga to Waihi safety improvements, including a four-lane expressway extension from Loop Rd to Omokoroa, are in place.

*High priority: See Part A of this submission.*

### 4.2.3 Te Puna has an extensive and detailed network of walkways and cycleways that encourage connectedness as well as efficient motor vehicle journeys

*Listed at para 5.4 of this submission. Te Puna Heartlands broadly supports Option 2 for the Key Proposal for Walking and Cycling, on the basis that this will improve the chances of a more complete network, incorporating Te Puna, within 10 years.*

#### 4.2.4 The safety and usefulness of Te Puna’s roads are improved, particularly for children, the elderly and those undertaking active activities

#### 4.2.5 Appropriate and safe roading connections timely accommodate growth and development, also improve and retain logical community connections

### 4.3 Our Resilience

#### 4.3.1 Our community is prepared for an emergency

*316401 Annual Contribution to Regional Council for Emergency Management Group Operation*

### 4.4 Economic Challenges and Opportunities
4.4.1 Industrial land and the activities and operations that occur there are understood and supported | Regulatory Services

4.4.2 Voluntary work is acknowledged as having economic value as well as social worth. | 148812 Community Matching Fund

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| 5.2.1 Te Puna residents and landowners are involved in the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern review as it relates to the Te Puna area | High priority: See para 6.2 of this submission

11 Gaps in the LTP

11.1 There seems to be no LTP project of relevance to the following actions listed in the TPCP:

- 2.5.3 More services concentrated on youth and older people
- 3.9.1 Te Puna avoids energy waste, and is resilient and adaptable as climate change and reduced use of fossil fuels impact on its energy needs
- 4.2.1 A public transport system that supports Te Puna

12 Conclusion

12.1 We see a long and fruitful conversation taking place between Heartlands and the Western Bay District Council over the next decade or so, as we work together to give expression to the ideas and intentions expressed in both Plans. We are very eager to get early endorsement of our three key priorities for Te Puna:

- Safe, well-connected transport infrastructure
- Care for the environmental and heritage values of the Wairoa River margins and Tahataharaa
- Long term planning that maintains Te Puna as a ‘green wedge’.

12.2 We are grateful for this opportunity to put our views forward for your consideration. We would be happy to speak to them at any time.

Richard Comyn
Chair
Te Puna Heartland Inc
Submission from the Incubator Growing Art & Culture charitable trust board.

The Incubator thoroughly supports Creative Bay of Plenty in its role as a promoter and enabler of strategic aims in the WBOP arts space. As an organisation in the front-line trenches of arts provision, The Incubator Creative Hub team are broadly supportive of CBOPs’ funding efforts to achieve the implementation of the subregional Arts & Culture and look forward to the results of their efforts over the coming years and experiencing the trickledown effect on the Art sector as a result.
Submission for support of the full funding for the Incubator Creative Hub submission the long term plan.

I am writing to support the Incubator Creative Hub’s submission for contribution to the operational funding of the Hub’s creative infrastructure.

I feel that main points to articulate are:

In the 4.5 years of operation the Incubator has responded to the gap identified by our community for facilities, accessible services and support and made huge progress in reconnecting a disenfranchised creative sector. Because of the work we have done to strengthen and reconnect and value the grassroots sector, we have great confidence of community behind us.

Our target demographic is not limited to artists. Artists and Musicians are the ones delivering the pie. The People eating it are the community- The Community is our audience.

We practice a ‘Do it Together philosophy ’This we believe is a model to healthy community.

As a stakeholder with actions to deliver in this strategy we have achieved a significant head start on ‘providing grassroots accessible creative facilities’ as we have developed impressive programmes and facilities under our own initiative, resource and personal investment to date.

We are doers. We achieve what we say we will.

We are not making nebulous claims for what we plan to do. We have a straightforward strategy to respond, grow and fill gaps.

We have a staggering proven track record of positive outcomes and community engagement.

We are seeking a collaborative funding model which includes Western Bay District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional council, Community Trusts, partners and sponsorship. The important point here is ‘collaborative funding’ which includes our own commitment. We work very hard with social enterprise, fundraising, commissioned projects, we generate income from workshops and we have invested stakeholders such as tenant artists who contribute significantly to our own sustainability. We ourselves are invested stakeholders.

We have never asked for free rent. We respect the value of all community tenants equally and do not expect or assume favours.

We have an excellent relationship with Historic Village tenants.

We are committed to a strong positive relationship with the Village management team. We are all in this together.

We are not an amateur artist hobby group. We are a creative hub with five managed entities each offering diverse and comprehensive programmes, facilities and services to all genres of the Creative sector which includes amateur and professional groups.

We are an active connector and supporter of amateur groups such as theatres, art societies, film groups, artist fellowship clubs and community groups. We make it a mission to create opportunities to involve and collaborate with these organisations. Through projects, festivals, events, exhibitions and online cohesion.

Our relationship with large arts stakeholders are strong and supported reciprocally. We are BIG on collaboration. Our management team are professional experienced experts in delivering to sector. We have walked the walk in our sector with many years of collective experience.

Despite the mostly voluntary proportion of staffing and the size of our huge core team, there is a zero turnover and the satellite management groups per entity that grow in number by the month.

We have a hands on hardworking board of trustees.

We knuckle down together. The morale of the Incubator team is exceptional.

We are poised for action when opportunities arise. We are resourceful.

An example of this is our leap forward to take on the responsibility to provide a Community gallery for the region.

When Creative BOP wound their gallery down we took over the responsibility despite challenges of funding,
resourcing and staffing. We see a gap and we fill it. The People’s Gallery -Toi ka rere is thriving representing the Bay of Plenty and Tauranga region equally.
We do not duplicate or compete, we align and complement other Creative agencies.
We are not a new concept. We are following successful, high achieving admirable counterparts from other cities who and significantly supported by their respective councils. We have researched these and once again filling a gap that existed. Think Corban’s Estate -Henderson, Rotorua Arts Village, Depot Art space, The Square Edge -Palmerston North, Thistle Hall Wellington. Artspost Hamilton.
We do what we do well, and we bring the community with us.
We are committed to doing our part to make the Bay of Plenty a region with a good quality of life, making it a place our creative stars will stay, work and live.
We have so much faith in what we are doing that we five years of skin in this game and we can assure you that the Western Bay of Plenty City Council investment in us will be just that. An investment.
Judging by the outcomes and statistics of achievements we have achieved on peanuts we assure you the Western Bay of Plenty City Council will get Bang for their buck from us.
So, what's this Incubator all about then?

The Incubator Creative Hub at a glance ...
The Incubator Creative Hub

The Incubator Mothersonship

The Incubator Creative Hub is the Mothership of accessible Arts in the Bay of Plenty and exists to promote creativity in all its forms. Through five incredible and deeply moving concepts, The Incubator seeks to bring art to the people.

We are passionate about our people, about culture, and know that for the arts to benefit the community we need to be responsive, supportive, edgy and most importantly, we need to be accessible.

The Incubator Gallery & Studios

Our vibrant and friendly co-working studios encourage opportunity and create important pathways for artists & graduates and create collaborations with established practitioners and community audience. Our mentor programmes and on-hand support are designed to embolden and nurture the budding creatives of tomorrow.

New Zealand’s largest creative hub this side of the Bombays.

“The creative heart of the Bay of Plenty, enriching lives and fostering community connection. Where the arts are encouraged, shaped, displayed, performed and admired”
The Incubator Artery

Connecting people through learning and education in a creative and social setting, fostering self-confidence and personal growth.

Art is for everyone. We don’t care what shape, size or colour you are.

We’re not sure we’re even bothered if you’re human, but through our community learning centre we provide an affordable positive learning environment. You’ll make mutually supportive connections, be inspired and will have heaps of fun!

The Incubator Peoples Gallery - Toi ka rere (Let the arts fly)

Tauranga’s own community gallery celebrating and showcasing our diverse culture and where art tells our stories.

Artists and community groups can take advantage of the expertise and mentorship programmes offered by The Incubator Creative Hub team to self-manage their own exhibitions and events. All inclusive, the focus is on participation and the overarching philosophy of: “Doing It Together”.

Work, learn, create, savour, perform and be inspired at The Incubator Creative Hub.

“It is our belief that a strong arts community is key to an improved quality of life, creative growth and vibrant economic development.”
The Incubator Jam Factory

Fostering connections through musical expression. Nothing brings people together like music. That is why through our ever-developing programme of learning, expression, performance and technical knowledge, we look to connect musicians of every skill level and genre. We provide infrastructure, the team and enthusiastic audience to foster opportunities for the development of musical pathways through performance and access to our facilities.

The Incubator Artist in Residence Programme

The first Artists in Residency programme in the Bay of Plenty will bring artists, writers, musicians and educators from New Zealand and the world to our community. An unprecedented programme to cross pollinate talent from other communities and cultures.

This unique programme provides the studio facilities for the recipients to immerse themselves in their creative projects in a new environment. The artist in residence will reciprocate in enriching our community groups by hosting public workshops, demonstrations and working studio tours. Our goal is to share and celebrate cultural diversity.

"Art is the purest form of human expression"
- Farzad Kohan

Art is in every one of us, it’s part of how we communicate, it’s part of our everyday lives, it lives with us.
THE EVOLUTION OF THE INCUBATOR CREATIVE HUB

Are aware of the positive impact that access to arts and culture activity benefits our community.

Believe that The Incubator has significantly improved their perception of arts and culture in the Bay of Plenty.

Say that The Incubator has put the Historic Village back on the map, and there is an awareness that more is happening there.

Agreed that the development of a Creative Hub in the Historic Village would make it a destination for friends and family to visit.

What our 291 survey respondents had to say...

The creative heart of the Bay of Plenty. Enriching lives and fostering community connection. Where the arts are encouraged, shaped, displayed, performed and admired.

Community engagement - this is why we do what we do!

87,000 people engaged

68.5% of the population of Tauranga

68% WBOP

30% BOP

2,500 collaborations with community groups

75 music performances

4,500 attendees

295 local artists participation

55 exhibitions

Addition of new facilities and services

Creative education workshops

250

15% under 30

23% 30 - 40

47% 40 - 60

15% 60+

87% maori

13% other

New Zealand’s largest creative hub this side of the Bombays!
Do It Together
We are welcoming, work as a team and encourage collaboration.

Transformational
We empower grass roots art and break down barriers.

Integrity
Everything we do is authentic, and we are transparent.

Fostering Growth
Nurturing and relationship building.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Dear Councillors,

Please accept this letter submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District LTP from room’s 8, 10 and 11 at Paengaroa School (Years 5 and 6).

“I am writing to you to ask for support for [MOWS] Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society. They need funding to continue the great mahi they do, which is to help create and maintain local wetlands and keep our streams nice and clean. We went on a field trip and found out that our waterways were in trouble with murky, dirty water. That is why we need help to keep streams clean and show signs of insects and fish life. We need a clean and green environment to keep our kaimoana safe and our ocean healthy.” Quote: Mia, room 10.

As part of the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) Education Programme our students have been conducting mini bio-blitzes and surveying the water quality of the upper reaches of Kaikokopu stream (at Redwood Valley Farm) which flows in to Little Waihi Estuary.

This section of stream has a large area of native riparian forest on both banks, the stream is clear, fast flowing and rocky; a great example of a stream in its natural state. Students found 1m+ water clarity, freshwater invertebrates which only survive in the best habitats and an endangered longfin eel. The water sampling showed a slightly elevated level of Nitrogen in the water even in these higher reaches (which may be due to this stream being spring fed from Lake Rotoma). We then had a follow up lesson in class and utilized satellite images to look at land use further downstream. They were surprised to see the highly modified farm and orchard environments with little or no riparian planting. We also talked about the impact of cleared forestry in the area, exposed soil on hillsides and streams with no riparian planting result in a huge amount of top soil washing in to the streams and out to sea. Parents who live in the area have spoken about tributaries which join the Kaikokopu stream being muddy brown after rain and there is quite a clear point at which the water turns from clear to murky.

Unfortunately, since we have removed more than 95% of our lowland wetlands, there is nothing left to filter the water before it enters Little Waihi Estuary which has been identified as having the worst water quality of any harbour in the Bay of Plenty. We have essentially created straight drains which flush everything straight in to the estuary.

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What our students would like to see:
- More funding to support the creation of new wetlands in lowland areas
- Support for land owners who would like to return streams to a more natural state
- Environmental education programmes available in schools to all age levels.

Student quotes:
Room 10:
The kaikokopu stream is clean crystal clear and freezing cold. We found an endangered long fin eel a trout and lots of invertebrate larvae. As it goes down close to the sea it goes past farms and gets nutrients in it. I think every farmer in the world should at least have stop banks and fenced off paddocks. We need Wetlands to filter out the water before it goes out to sea so we can swim in clean oceans and eat kaimoana when we grow up. Olivia

I am writing to you to ask for support for Maketu Ongartoro Wetland society [MOWS] The work that they do is amazing. They help our water get cleaner before it goes into the sea. But that’s not all. They help make a clean green environment. Please give them more funding so that MOWS can help farmers plant more trees and build fences around the streams which are getting polluted because of all the nutrients and fertilizers from farms and orchards. So please support them. Klara

We know the upper Kaikokopu stream is clear but downstream the water is murky and dirty. MOWS needs more money to keep establishing more wetlands. Help our environment and the ocean. Grace & Eden

At the Kaikokopu stream at Brans Farm there was clean clear and cool water with lots and lots of vegetation along the bank. There was no erosion and lots of shade. There were good amounts of algae on the rocks and there were also lots of invertebrates. This shows a healthy stream and good habitat for the creatures. MOWS needs continued funding to establish wetlands to filter stream and river water before it goes into the sea. Thank you and please help us- they need some more money$$$. Savanna & Harper

Room 8 (years 4 and 5):
Parjot: The water was freezing but that is good for the water because the more colder the water the more oxygen it gets.

Demi: I loved we could do the stream study and take a close look at creatures with a magnifying glass and identify the creature. W found a spider that could walk on water, also we found a mayfly which only lives in clean water.

Lucas: Now I know the difference between the Mayfly and the Cadis fly. They live in the Kaikokopu Stream because it is clear, clean and is cool water.

James M: I like how the water was nice and cold so it had lots of oxygen. And how the stream had lots of stones and sandy bottom for little creatures to live in.
Clayton: I liked testing to see if the water was dirty or not. We found it was really clear.

Haylee: Beside the stream there was trees which provided shade and keeps the water cool. The tree roots hold the banks together and stops the soil from washing away. Erosion is when soli is washed away from hills and banks.

William: The lower the temperature the water is the more oxygen.
4-4-18

Quotes - Redwood Valley Farm.

The water at Redwood Valley Farm is very clear and fresh, it is really nice to take. I like it there because I like the nature around the stream and how it's not dying and there is no cows in the stream.

If there were cows and no trees and bushes the water will green and smell like cow poo and there will be dirt covering the water and I want to go back and go to Redwood Valley Farm again but if it is all dirty no one will go there again.

10-4-18

- The Adult eel lays the eggs.
- The eggs hatch and turn into larva and head back to the stream.
- The larva then turn into glass eels but they are still hard to see.
- Then from the glass eel comes the elver.
- From the elver comes the Adult long fin eel.
EEL LIFE CYCLE

Glass Eel

Elver

Eggs

Sea

Lana

Estuary

Freshwater

Adult
4-4-18

Quotes - Redwood Valley farm.

The fish are dying because the farmers aren't fencing up the streams. The cows and other animals are too close to the stream they poop in it. The fish are getting sicker and sicker every minute. If the farmers don't plant or fence soon we will have no fish left.

If the cows keep walking up and down the stream making dirt full in the water wall get dirty dirty dirty. A dirty stream is not good for fish. The farmers need plant and fence before the stream gets too dirty the fish die. The cows are leaving tracks of dirt and cow poop. Plant and fence to save the fish and the stream.

Thursday 5th April 2018
I hope that farmers to at least put some nature and some other people do as well. The Maketu mows want it as well. They are the reason why us kids know this stuff. We hope farmers give the stream vegetation.

I hope if the farmers do put vegetation the invertebrates.

Thursday 5th April
10-4-18
11-4-18
Wednesday 3rd April

Quotes - Redwood Valley

P1 TS I think farmers should grow at least a few trees and native bushes. Our invertebrates and eels are starting to get endangered. Farmers must get fences so all their animals don't walk in the streams. So if you have a farm and see a cow or a dog pooing in a stream, think about those poor invertebrates and eels.

P2 TS

Tuesday 10 April
Tuesday 27 March

Larva

Estuary

Fresh water

Glass eels

Eggs

Sea
April 4th, 18

Quotes - Redwood Valley

"As we want to improve our water stream color and keep it clean and keep the animals away from the stream especially cows. We need to keep the water clean for water creatures to be able to live in the waters. And the farmers should be aware of this because we want Aotearoa clean and a healthy place."
Clean Our Ways

This is what a healthy stream looks like:

Fence off stock:
Healthy stream = Healthy Oceans

Protect our waterways

- Plant along stream banks
- Fence stream off
Protect our Streams!!!

Healthy streams = healthy oceans

No litter
PLEASE PROTECT ALL WATERWAYS

Fresh WATER H₂O

Protect waterways!
Fence them off and plant lots of plants to stop erosion.
KEEP STREAMS CLEAN!

Healthy Stream

Good

NO Fence

Big No No!

SLIP
KEEP STREAMS CLEAN

Fence stock off from streams

Did you know that 62% of NZ waterways are unsafe to swim in??

Plant lots of vegetation around streams you own or encourage someone you know who owns one to do it too

We all need to contribute in a big or small way!

HEALTHY STREAMS!
Please Protect Our Waterways!

Long finned eels need healthy waterways and oceans!

Bring back our wetlands, streams and rivers, need filtering before they reach the sea!

Healthy Streams = Healthy Oceans!
04 May 2018

Western Bay of Plenty District Council,
Long Term Plan Submissions,
Tauranga Mail Centre,
Private Bag 12803,
Tauranga,
3143

Dear Mayor Webber and Councillors,

RE. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL 10 YEAR PLAN 2018/28

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Draft 10-Year Plan 2018/28 (the Plan).

2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand’s historic and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand’s lead heritage agency.

3. As Western Bay of Plenty District Council (the Council) already appreciates, well cared for and promoted historic heritage has the potential to be a considerable drawcard for tourism and people wanting to move to, or remain in, an area. Heritage plays an important role in creating an engaging and vibrant region, which in turn, fosters local identity and helps build the economy. Support and incentives that councils provide, can often be the difference between a historically significant resource falling into disrepair, or it being preserved for present and future generations to engage with and learn from.

Proposal for Funding the Western Bay Museum

4. With the above in mind, Heritage New Zealand strongly supports the proposed increase in funding for the Western Bay Museum. Preserving and telling the heritage stories of a District for residents and visitors alike are important ways to keep heritage alive. Heritage New Zealand is keen to be of assistance should the Museum require their help in any way.

Heritage New Zealand seeks that the proposed increased funding for the Western Bay Museum is retained in the Plan.

Protecting our Environment and resources

5. Heritage New Zealand strongly supports the proposal that the council will work with Iwi and other partners to map significant cultural heritage sites and ways to protect them. (Consultation Document pg.16). Heritage New Zealand urges the Council to consider using the protection mechanism available through the Resource Management Act 1991 of including the sites in a District Plan schedule together with associated Objectives, Policies, and Rules as the most robust method of protection for these important sites.
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The Pace of Change/Future Focus Planning for Growth/Infrastructure-the Next 10 years and beyond

6. The Plan outlines a number of growth-related studies, investigations, and growth-related infrastructure projects (Consultation document pp. 8, 9, 10 and 23). The outcome of these studies, plans and projects will involve the provision of in-ground infrastructure to accommodate growth.

Heritage New Zealand is supportive of the approach that was undertaken recently within the development of the Omokoroa Peninsula where Council reminded developers of their obligations under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 with regard to heritage. Hence archaeological assessments were often undertaken prior to resource consents being lodged.

Therefore, Heritage New Zealand seeks that this approach continues and council encourages applicants to undertake heritage assessments well before the resource consent stage so the project design can avoid significant cultural, heritage and archaeological sites. However, heritage assessments are most helpfully undertaken at the earliest planning stages to ensure that sites of significance can be avoided. Heritage New Zealand would welcome the opportunity to be involved at the very early stage of development to advise on the most appropriate heritage protection measures for each situation.

Heritage New Zealand seeks that the provision for Council’s growth study and infrastructure funding includes the provision for comprehensive heritage assessments to ensure the preservation of the heritage values of the most important cultural, heritage archaeological and built sites.

Getting around-Key proposal-Proposal for Walking and Cycling

7. The Plan identifies proposed spending in relation to Cycleway and Walkway extensions with the preferred option being an increase in funding to enable this work to be completed more quickly (Consultation Document pg.13).

Cycle ways can provide important opportunities to preserve heritage values and present the heritage of the District to both the local community and visitors. It would be appropriate that an archaeological assessment be undertaken to determine the need for archaeological authorities pursuant to the requirements of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the proposed routes. It is extremely important that the proposed cycle ways and walk ways avoid archaeological sites, particularly significant sites such as pa sites. In some locations there will be a high probability of unknown sites yet to be recorded, all of which are protected. Heritage New Zealand is also hopeful that should the funding be approved that interpretive heritage signage can be part of the proposed cycle ways and walk ways.

Heritage New Zealand seeks that the proposed cycleway and walkway funding is retained and funds allocated toward heritage preservation, interpretation, and archaeological assessments as required.

8. Heritage New Zealand wishes to speak to this submission at a hearing.
Yours sincerely

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Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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As part of the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) Education Programme our students have been conducting mini bio-blitzes and surveying the water of the lower reaches of the Kaipkokopu Stream and the Wharere Canal flowing into Little Waihi Estuary. The site was beside the Waihi Harbour wetland which is the newest restoration project for MOWS, the wetland provides habitat for critically endangered Australasian Bittern as well as Pied Stilts, Teal and Royal Spoonbills, the students also found endangered longfin eels. Water quality tests showed elevated level of nitrates in the canal water, this is unsurprising giving the highly modified catchment which includes over 100 farms upstream.

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SAVE THE EEL

**Eggs**
- FACTS: They are very slow growers.
- FACTS: They are laid in Tonga.

**Larva**
- FACTS: They drift for 15 months.

**Elver**
- FACTS: They group on rocks and stay there for a breather.

**Glass Eel**
- FACTS: People make them into dog food.

**Adult**
- FACTS: Council wants to ban fishing for Long Fins.
- FACTS: They are catadromous.
- FACTS: Females are bigger than males.
- FACTS: The Maori used to eat them.

By Sam, Teri, Dezhiah, Katelyn, Phoebe and Gaby :}

Submission 396
Just about did not bother to have my say, because Council does not bother to take any notice of what we the People the rate payers Have to say.

We have campaigned on ‘freeze our rates’ still no change and certainly won’t with all this absolutely obscene spending spree the council is on!

Even just the 4 key proposals Council has suggested here , basically we cannot afford them, other than rates rises:

1. **Cycle ways and walking trails.**
   We enjoy those too, but at the cost of 7mil or whatever the cost is it means a rate rise.
   Maybe if you do one sections over years- like the Katikati to Omokoroa stretch would maybe of some use, but because This is not a priority to the people I would say NO.

2. **Western Bay Museum.** This venture should be finished, wound down, gone.
   Over three years ago the Council gave it three years to see if it could stand alone, it can’t and never will. Katikati is to small a village with not enough foot traffic for it to survive. The Council will always have to Prop it up. It is now time to finish it and rent the building out to someone else. Ratepayers are tired of paying for non-productive ventures.

3. **Arts and Culture**, honestly we cant afford the above why are we going down the track of another hair brain scheme.
   If the locals want something like this then let them set it up and fund raise for themselves. For good sake when is this council going to stop
   This willy nilly spending with our rates!

3. **Debt management.** Think Council needs to go to a seminar on money management and stop wasting public money that is not there.
   The people want debt reduced.

4. **Library & Hub.** We have being built a Library and Hub that the majority did not vote for, which will cost more than the 4.5 million that the supposed budget Was. Once again rates money on something Katikati really did not need. On this one alone the people could call a ‘NO confidence ’ vote in this Council.
   It will end up costing at least another million!

5. **Boat ramps.** Also maybe necessary, but once again when have the people been asked for input on this issue?

6. **Core Business.** Could Council please just get back to Core Business and reduce spending. We do not need all this so called ‘Nice to have’ things that the cost end up running away On council [Which is OUR Money]. Some of the things suggested above can be done with locals in their own areas if that is what they want.
   COUNCIL JUST REDUCE SPENDING PLEASE!
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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Please accept this letter submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District LTP from Ngakau Mahaki Unit at Te Puke Primary.

As part of the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) Education Programme our students have been conducting mini bio-blitzes and surveying the water quality of the Ohineanganga Stream which runs through Te Puke and flows in to the Kaituna River. Our students are Kaitiaki for this stream and have been surveying the water quality for more than a year.

This term students found macro invertebrates in the stream and had to work out whether their presence classified it as being healthy. Results indicated that the stream is of moderate health though impacts such as horticulture (within 5m of the stream edge up stream) and a lack of vegetation on the stream banks causes elevated nitrate levels and sedimentation during rainfall.

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Student quotes:
5-6 year olds
- Riley " The farm water is getting yuck and we need to make all the beaches healthy for us to swim in."
- Dante " I really love to go fishing if our streams are dirty our fish will die and we can't fish anymore."
- Phoenix "If our streams are unhealthy our native eels the long fin eels will all die and that will be really sad."
Some quotes from our year 4 students
  • "As kaitiaki we always pick up rubbish from around and in the Ohineanganga stream." We would like to plant native plants on the banks to stop erosion and help filter sprays that are washed into the stream from the orchards and farms."
  • "We would like to help the farms change it into a curvy river because nature isn't a straight line and they are healthy."

Quotes from our year 5 & 6 students
  • "As Kaitiaki of the Ohinanganga stream we need help making a healthy stream. Lots of healthy native vegetation rather than introduced vegetation that is all along the banks. We are always picking up rubbish we would like to see more rubbish bins. We would like more education on what impact the farms have and help fix it up."
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Dear Councillors,

Please accept this letter submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District LTP from Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society.

As part of the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society (MOWS) Education Programme our students have been conducting mini bio-blitzes and surveying the water quality of the Maketu and Little Waihi catchments. Water quality tests for the lowland streams showed elevated levels of nitrates and a high level of sedimentation (especially following rainfall). This is unsurprising giving the highly modified upper catchment with farmland, orchards and cleared forestry contributing to sedimentation and the lowland areas with man-made canals and stop banks replacing natural streams and wetlands which are vital for cleaning the water before it reaches the estuaries.

MOWS want to thank Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the support we have received over the years for restoration projects as well as foundation sponsorship of our education programme for the last 4 years. You will have seen that each school on the programme have submitted on the LTP this year. We want to send a strong message that the education programme is working, we are reaching these kids and have strong hopes for future generations to be more aware of their environment.

Here are some points MOWS would like to submit on:

- More funding to support community groups and landowners with the creation of new wetlands in lowland areas of the Te Puke/Pongakawa area in conjunction with BOPRC.
- Increase the budget for environmental education to allow all primary, intermediate and high schools in the Western bay to participate in some way. This could take the form of a fund schools can easily apply to cover the costs of an environmental education field trip. In addition to continued funding for more established programmes such as MOWS and Wild About NZ.
- We believe that the costs for Biodiversity Management Plan projects get bigger over time. The more areas we restore with native plantings, the more time that needs to be given to maintain these areas. Currently the BMP system reduces the amount supplied to a BMP year by year; we are asking that the WBOPDC portion stay the same/or increases throughout the 5 year period of renewal for a BMP. This will allow us to maintain the growing plants until they reach a size where they out compete surrounding weeds.

LTP submission completed by

Tania Bramley
Secretary and Education Coordinator
Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Hi Charlotte,

Thanks for the opportunity to follow up with your Council.

At this stage we see potential places could include:

- Malta Crescent Katikati Island of Malta WW2? (could be this speculation and would depend on the reason for naming, same applies to other "could be" comments below)
- Tui Place Katikati HMNZS Tui Minesweeper? Looks as though it is just a favoured bird (Kea is a road nearby)
- Chaytor Street Te Puke Major General Chaytor WW1? (a modern street that probably does not link to the WW1 general)
- Jellicoe Street Te Puke Lord Jellicoe WW1 Admiral? (probably as Governor Genral and not as admiral in WW1 therefore not qualified)
- Mountbatten Place Te Puke Lord Mountbatten WW2 Commander? (could be, needs research same for others below)
- Hinton Place Pyes Pa Hinton VC? (could be)
- Elliot Way Te Puna Elliot VC? (could be)
- Florence Lane Te Puna Florence Italy WW2 Battle site? (could be)

There could be others, very local, that we cannot know of from here.

I would suggest the actual cost involved for the number that your District would have is not sufficient to be included in the district plan. Each new sign blade would cost say $150 installed and costs could be spread over a number of years were they actually a budget impact. That is what other councils are doing.

We do want you to continue to support the project and if you do require further support please do not hesitate to contact Joe of my self.

We look forward to your Poppy Places soon.

Regards,

Terry McBeth
Chairman
NZ Poppy Places Trust
Western Bay of Plenty District Council 2018-28 draft Long Term Plan

TITLE: Pilot - Supporting Te Puke community organisations to tackle local social problems

Rationale

There is increasing recognition and evidence that agencies working together to address complex social issues is more effective than each agency working independently. The Mapping the Social Sector project demonstrated a willingness from agencies to work together but lacked the funding and time to support collaboration.

Pilot Proposal

There are a large number of community organisations operating in Te Puke as well as national and Tauranga based services delivering services in Te Puke. Local community organisations recognised the potential to achieve greater impact and reduce duplication if they worked together.

Socialink was invited to facilitate the bringing together of over 40 local agencies (over 60 people) to define what collaboration looked like locally.

The Te Puke collective are currently exploring inter-agency project work across the following three areas:

1. Youth Development
2. Empowerment Village (solution for homelessness)
3. Connected Communities
Once an area has been identified the Te Puke collective will require some assistance. Whilst there is a genuine desire and need to work together and pool resources, agencies often lack the time to dedicate to progressing projects. Making sure the community is on board, scoping and planning the project and securing funding is very time consuming. While SociaLink is happy to continue facilitating the meetings and being the ‘glue’ between members of the Collective, SociaLink also does not have the capacity to undertake this work.

Funding is required to:

- Undertake community engagement and gather information about the needs of the community and what they want
- Assistance with scoping and planning the project
- prepare funding applications, if required, on behalf of the Te Puke collective, if the resources the local agencies can contribute is not sufficient
- Minor ongoing operational costs for Te Puke collective bi-monthly meetings e.g. venue hire
- Project manage and evaluate the project – Year 2 and 3.

Cost: $15,000 2018-19, $5,000 per annum in 2019-2021

Who is SociaLink?

The Social Sector Innovation Trust (SSIT) was established in 2012 following broad discussions with the wider network of social organisations in the Western Bay of Plenty. The sector sought a vehicle to facilitate capability and capacity building within the sector, to provide a collective social sector voice and become more connected to and valued in community, city and regional decision making.

The need for a well connected social sector was also recognised by SmartGrowth as critical to sub-regional wellbeing, community building and to support a sustainable economy.

Our vision is “a valued and connected social sector”
Our purpose is to provide value adding support for social services and community organisations that deliver social outcomes through information gathering, analysis and action that facilitates networking, collaboration, learning, research and advocacy.

SociaLink has a high level of engagement with the sector with over 900 organisations and individuals subscribing to our newsletter and nearly 1500 hits per month on the website. Please attached Letters of Support from social service providers.

SociaLink currently offers the following services:

- One-on-one support for a social service wanting to grow or address organisational issues
- Provide training (currently a year long leadership programme and a 6 month evaluation programme) and networking events
- Newsletters with relevant information, training opportunities, job vacancies etc
- Supports organisations to work together to address social issues.
- Research, policy and advocacy including undertaking a Mapping the Social Sector project which involves meeting with as many social services in the western Bay of Plenty to better understand the services they provide, their organisational needs etc
- Manages The Kollective which is a co-working facility for not for profit organisations with the aim of improving collaboration between organisations. The facility is due to be built by August 2018, we are currently recruiting for agencies to move into or become a member of The Kollective.
- Support groups of agencies working together on a social issue to be able to generate income and become more financially sustainable.

We believe we can complement the work of the WBOPDC staff and offer the benefits of a small organisation (e.g. low overheads) that can respond quickly to meet needs and deliver services.

SociaLink is seeking a partnership with WBOPDC and via our funding partners of TECT, Bay Trust, Lotteries and Acorn can contribute the above services and facilitate social sector input into Council planning. Please find attached SociaLink’s budget for 2018-19.
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18 April 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I would like to express our support for Social Link in our local community.

We value the work of SociaLink in supporting the social sector. Plunket in the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty has benefited in particular from the newsletter, training and networking meetings organised by SociaLink.

The newsletter gives our staff valuable insight into issues currently being faced by the local community, and this assists our future planning.

Networking meetings provide opportunity to build connections with other social organisations in our community.

Training opportunities add value to what Plunket staff provide to our community.

To this end we support SociaLink’s submission to the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Lawrence
Community Services Leader
Bay of Plenty / Lakes / Gisborne & Wairoa
16 April 2018

TO THE COMMITTEE HEARING SUBMISSIONS
ON THE DRAFT 2018-28 LONG TERM PLAN

This letter is in support of submissions by Social Link and Volunteering BoP. I do not wish to appear in person but do authorise both organisations to use this letter with their submissions.

I am the current board chair of Volunteering BoP and have been in business in Tauranga since 1981. I have previously acted as chair or board member of various other charities. ¹

The mission of Volunteering Bay of Plenty is "to promote, support and enable volunteering". It seeks to link volunteers with work and training; and to enhance professionalism in the voluntary sector. Its manager and staff are committed to those ends and work very hard with limited resources. It is dependent on Social Link in various ways and supports its submissions regarding the Long Term Plan.

I personally have been aware of the work of Social Link since its inception and can vouch for the excellent work they do in co-coordinating and advocating for social and charitable organisations in the region. Without Social Link there would be no over-arching body that the 3 councils and SmartGrowth could interact with. Several of their team are known to me, and they exhibit great dedication and professionalism in their work.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Withy
MMgt (dist), BSocSci(hons), Dip DR, Dip TP
CFIoD, AMINZ, MNZPI, MNZIS

13 April 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN


One of the agencies that has been most supportive of us in this period of establishment has been SociaLink, in respect of the valuable information provided in their regular newsletters as well as networking opportunities at the Village.

Throughout 2017, I personally took advantage of a Leadership Development programme organised and hosted by SociaLink and found this to be a highly beneficial, and professionally organised, opportunity for professional development training.

We wish to add our support to SociaLink’s submission so that they can continue their work supporting social service organisations in our community.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Roil
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan

This submission is based on feedback from the social sector, more specifically from social services that attended the Long Term Plan workshop SociaLink hosted and from the SmartGrowth Social Sector Forum. Information about SociaLink is outlined at the end of the submission.

The Western Bay of Plenty District Council are commended for valuing the importance of community connections as a means of building communities, or in other words ‘social capital’ or the ‘glue’ that brings communities together. The likely reinstatement of the ‘four well beings’ into the Local Government Act further acknowledges the valuable role of local leadership in promoting social and cultural well being.

It is with this lens that the social sector commends Council and identifies areas requiring further attention.

The Social Sector supports:

- Recognition of the value of activities that support communities and culture and the associated funding of community and cultural activities.
- The joint work WBOPDC undertakes with TCC and BOPRC, recognising the interconnectedness of the city and the district.
- The work of the Community Committee, strategic social policy and community development personnel.
- All work undertaken to ensure that there is sufficient affordable, adequate and suitable housing in existing and new communities. In particular the social sector support the expansion of the work of Healthy Whare and Project Wai Ora.
- The focus on building the capability of local hapu and iwi to achieve their aspirations.
- Council investigating the ways in which it provides services and distributes facilities to take into account deprivation experienced in some of the Western Bay of Plenty communities.
• Community Matching funds for community organisations.
• The work of the Tauranga Western Bay Safer Communities.
• Recognition of the growing cultural diversity of the city through the ‘Welcoming Communities’ initiative.
• Support funding of the digital enablement plan for the purposes of building the digital capability of community organisations.
• The provision of community facilities accessible to the public.
• Funding for the implementation of the Arts and Culture Strategy in recognition of the key role arts and culture play in bringing communities together.

Areas the Social Sector recommends further attention:

• Housing - Access to adequate and affordable housing is a fundamental human right and need that behoves those, such as local government, who have influence over the provision of housing to do whatever is in their power to do to achieve this. Bold leadership is required to reflect community needs for sufficient affordable, adequate and suitable housing in existing and new communities. For example, inclusionary zoning, increased intervention to ensure developers construct housing at a range of price points, reflecting the income of the population.
• Recognition of the changing demographic profile in the planning of growth areas such as Omokoroa (in particular the SHA). For example, creating age-friendly communities including social infrastructure requirements for the increased numbers of mature and older people living longer.
• In addition to public transport alleviating congestion, many people on low incomes rely on low cost public transport so recommend increasing the provision of public transport.
• Build on and increase joint initiatives between TCC and WBOPDC.
• Community connections or ‘social capital’ needs to be measured and monitored given its significant contribution to building communities. Treasury is exploring how they can measure and monitor social, natural, financial/physical and human capital through the development of a Living Standards framework. It is recommended that Council and SmartGrowth consider how they can similarly measure community connection or social capital at a local level.
Funding to support the social sector

Who is SocialLink?

The Social Sector Innovation Trust (SSIT) was established in 2012 following broad discussions with the wider network of social organisations in the Western Bay of Plenty. The sector sought a vehicle to facilitate capability and capacity building within the sector, to provide a collective social sector voice and become more connected to and valued in community, city and regional decision making.

In most other sectors there exists an umbrella organisation that works with the sector—building, growing, supporting and advocating. Just as Creative BOP is to the arts sector, Sport BOP is to the sporting sector; SociaLink aims to be for the social sector.

The need for a well connected social sector was also recognised by SmartGrowth as critical to sub-regional wellbeing, community building and to support a sustainable economy.

Our vision is “a valued and connected social sector”

Our purpose is to provide value adding support for social services and community organisations that deliver social outcomes through information gathering, analysis and action that facilitates networking, collaboration, learning, research and advocacy.

SociaLink has a high level of engagement with the sector with over 900 organisations and individuals subscribing to our newsletter and nearly 1500 hits per month on the website.

Socialink currently offers the following services:

- One-on-one support for a social service wanting to grow or address organisational issues
- Provide training (currently a year long leadership programme and a 6 month evaluation programme) and networking events
- Newsletters with relevant information, training opportunities, job vacancies etc
- Supports organisations to work together to address social issues e.g. Breakthrough Forum.
- Assist social services to access and use digital technology to improve efficiency and for fund raising (e.g., Online fund raising tools).
• Research, policy and advocacy including undertaking a Mapping the Social Sector project which involves meeting with as many social services in the western Bay of Plenty to better understand the services they provide, their organisational needs etc.

• Manages The Kollective which is a co-working facility for not for profit organisations with the aim of improving collaboration between organisations (due to be complete in August 2018). This will include the development of discounted back office services for social services as a means of reducing organisational operational costs.

• Support groups of agencies working together on a social issue to be able to generate income and become more financially sustainable.
19 April 2018

Te Puke Economic Development Group submission to Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018/2028
We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to Council’s Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

We thank Council for engaging with us over the last 5 years and for the progress made in addressing problems, developing ideas and progressing initiatives we have proposed in various annual and long term plan submissions.

Much has been achieved and congratulations for the added value you have delivered to the Te Puke district.

On November 2, we made a presentation to the full Council on specific areas for consideration in your longer term thinking. We also presented to the Community Committee of Council on November 22. This followed on from participation in various Council forums over preceding months.

This documents includes that content and also highlights 5 specific areas for consideration - Tourism, Business Attraction, a detailed Transport Study, Rangiuru Business Park progression and Paengaroa Housing opportunities.

Te Puke EDG also convenes Te Puke Action and Advisory Group (TPAAG) meetings - this group includes the Chair of the Maketu Community Board, the Chair of the Te Puke Community Board, the Chair of the Paengaroa Community Association and the Chair of the Pukehina Ratepayers Association. This group has a focus on the advancement of our district as a whole. This document includes some of the thinking of this combined group.

Te Puke EDG has broad paid up membership including, Farmers, Orchardist’s, Kiwifruit Post Harvest Industry, Contractors, Transport operators, Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, Accountants, Tourist operators, Banks, Realtors, Property developers, Accommodation providers, Service industries, Community groups, Engineers, Planners, Manufacturers, Trades, Retailers, Food and Beverage providers, Schools, Retirees and local residents with a passion for the success of Te Puke. As such we represent a diverse range of thinking.
Roading

With continuing growth in the kiwifruit industry in particular, it is important that planning and implementation be prioritised for:-

- Roundabout or improved access system for Te Matai Road
- Improved access to Washer Road and Collins Lane
- The linkage of Washer Road and Collins Lane
- Attention to rural road safety, in particular areas where sun strike can impair vision and lead to accidents, bridge lane widths & side of road sealing
- Better management of weeds on all rural roading
- Maintenance and improvement to approaches on the Waiari Stream bridge & Kaituna River bridge
- Maintenance of all town and general settlement area (Paengaroa, Maketu, Pongakawa, Pukehina, Otamarkau, Te Puke) roads to a minimum acceptable standard of no potholes and rough riding and with a detailed 10 year plan for scheduled maintenance
- Coordination of road safety, including drivers of all vehicle types, pedestrians on footpaths & roads and cyclists

Transport Study

Te Puke EDG members fully support Councils intention to undertake a comprehensive transport & infrastructure study to meet growth in the kiwifruit sector, rural production, forestry and industry in general. This includes transport movements from orchard to post harvest facilities and the Port of Tauranga, product transportation and people movement.

Water

Of importance:-

- The source and plan for water supply to residents and business over the next 50 years
- Successful delivery of the Waiari project with guaranteed supply for Te Puke
- Stormwater needs requiring capital and additional rating
Representation

We urge Council to ensure that Te Puke/Makehu ward councillors are included on all important regional and sub regional bodies including the Smart Growth Leadership Group, TCC/WBOPDC Joint Governance and other key initiatives and Regional Council/TA working groups. We request a Te Puke/Makehu qualified Hearings Commissioner be included on all Council Hearing Panels.

In view of the economic contribution from the Te Puke District, we are strongly of the view that a Te Puke/Makehu ward councillor should always chair one of the key economic Western Bay Council committees so as to ensure a senior Te Puke/Makehu presence is maintained.

Residential & Town Centre roads and streets

We submit that Council pay attention to pothole management and street cleaning including pavements. We also ask that attention be given to berm management, public property lawns and gardens that always portray Te Puke in pristine condition.

Aquatic & Action Centre - Te Puke High School

As Council are aware, Te Puke EDG and TPHS have engaged with a broad range of stakeholders to consider options for a new Aquatic & Action Centre for the Te Puke area. This project will be community led. We ask Council to continue to support maintenance and operation of the current facility and any new facility in the longer term.

Rangiruru Business Park

Te Puke EDG has and continues to promote the development of Rangiruru Business Park as an economic priority for the Bay of Plenty. We are confident that this development will progress in the short term. In particular, we request Council find a solution for contributions collection - Financial or Development, that will satisfy Quayside Holdings, thus enabling them to appoint a Developer and to progress the project.

Alongside Quayside initiatives, significant work is progressing to develop 3 large privately owned sites within the industrial zone. It is critical that this is in sync with Quayside infrastructure delivery and site staging. The Developers of this project are anxious to proceed.
Waste Management

We ask Council to support our application to the Minister of Regional Development to fund detailed feasibility for a Steam Reforming Plant to convert BOP municipal waste to fuel. This concept has been promoted by Te Puke EDG over the last 5 years. A business case has been prepared that proves both financial and environmental benefits. The Rangiuru Business Park would be an ideal location to service the wider BOP.

Residential Growth

Te Puke has benefited from the current upsurge in housing demand. New housing stock is under construction. It is important that Council engages with developers and real estate agents to understand needs and ensures timely planning and delivery of infrastructure that allows this sector to progress.

Attention also needs to be given to aspirational thinking in Paengaroa that has significant potential to deliver significant housing, light industrial and commercial facilities. This is linked to Kiwifruit Industry growth and the excellent connectivity to the Tauranga Eastern Link & Te Puke township. This will be a significant economic multiplier and will be beneficial for the growth and sustainability of the Te Puke service sector in particular.

Maketu and Pukehina Beach also have aspirational thinking for new residential developments. This too requires Council support.

Within the Te Puke township ideas for growth of affordable housing need to be explored with enthusiasm.

We also ask Council to use its best endeavours to streamline consent and permit applications. Changes to the RMA are worthy of progression all aimed at efficiencies and improving affordability.

Smart Growth

We are an active participant in partner forums and have built a relationship with Smart Growth Leaders and Management. On occasion we host them in Te Puke and highlight progress and important planning needs.

We will continue to be a voice for Te Puke and as an advocate for our needs and aspirations.

Priority One

We support the work of P1 and continued funding that can be utilised for project costs that benefit Te Puke.
WBOPDC Management

We have developed excellent relationships with Senior Management and often work with middle managers and staff. Our breadth of understanding of multi issues across the Te Puke district together with long standing business and community relationships is and should continue to be utilised as a key input for successful local government.

Industrial Development Te Puke Township

The addition of new business in the light industrial sector in Te Puke necessitates the need for new industrial land. Serious consideration needs to be given to additional land allocation and working with local developers to meet new demand. e.g.: At present there are 3 active projects with the possibility of new business but with limited or no industrial land available.

RSE Accomodation

Council is aware of the need for additional accommodation and has completed good work in understanding needs to match planned growth. It is important that Council help deliver cost effective planning solutions, consents and permits.

Electricity Supply

Whilst not a part of Council service delivery, we seek Council support in our efforts to have electricity supply infrastructure improved in rural areas. Power outages continue, in some cases for lengthy periods.

Broadband & Cell Phone Coverage Delivery

We congratulate Council on their efforts to improve broadband coverage. We also request you support our continuing work lobbying Telco's for improved cell phone coverage to our rural areas. Vodafone in particular have been responsive and this work must continue.

Youth Training & Employment

We encourage Council to support the effort of all public and private initiatives to create training and employment opportunities for all demographics in the Te Puke area and in particular training and jobs that will add value to 'Te Puke specific' economic activity.

Town Centre Development & Retail success

Te Puke EDG has made a significant contribution in this sector over the last 5 years. We congratulate Council for progress in delivering improved aesthetics, safety & functionality and in having an open mind to modifications that improve socialising and utilisation of public spaces.
We have developed a plan to deliver new car parks. Council has taken note of our suggestions and in some instances are progressing new initiatives. We ask that this work is prioritised.

Improved content signage to attract traffic to Te Puke and Maketu from State Highways converging at Paengaroa is needed. Additionally, content signage from the Tauranga Eastern Link in a eastward direction should be prioritised for installation on private land. We ask Council to fund this.

Te Puke demographics are changing. Competitive retail precincts offer more choice for Te Puke district residents. The addition of the Tauranga Eastern Link has opened up more easily accessible choice for the eastern end of the Te Puke district. Tauranga City Council growth toward the east including Te Tumu/Wairakei is likely to have an impact. In our work as a Smart Growth Strategic Partner we have asked that an economic impact study is completed and we ask you to support this request.

The town centre is heavily invested. In many instances business performance and the product and service offering is excellent. We continue to see the addition of new business and innovation. Concurrent with this, we also have some pressure points - more shop vacancies and lower end retail. New business attraction needs greater emphasis. We ask Council to support work in this area, particularly with financial assistance with marketing. A highly developed Main Street programme would be valuable. This too needs financial support.

Te Puke EDG supports and sponsors EPIC Te Puke. This group is delivering excellent events that satisfy local resident needs and adds to the attraction of visitors. We encourage you to continue to support their work.

To bring all of this together, we need to develop an overarching strategic plan that determines what it is the Te Puke township wants to be. The obvious strengths as a service town need to be fostered and enabling to become a destination needs serious effort. There are continuing efforts to develop destination attractors, however 2 or 3 big ideas need seed financing and strategic alignment. Understanding the now and developing good strategic options will need Council participation.

Te Puke Multi Pan Action Group

We thank Council for considering rates remission submissions and providing financial relief from the impact of multi pan charges.

Te Puke Multi Pan Action Group (TPMPAG) ask Council to confirm and lock in a fixed policy for wastewater management costs over the next 10 year period.
Cycleways

We congratulate Council for the delivery of cycleways from the TEL exit point at Te Tumu Road to Kiwi Corral and to Paengaroa village. Your support of a number of district wide initiatives to Maketu and Te Puke is commendable as is your work on the Pukehina Beach walkway. Private initiatives with linkages to Okere Falls and Rotorua are also exciting. This will encourage visitors and stimulate economic activity. Continued effort in this area is important.

Te Puke Community Development Plan & Community Groups

Te Puke EDG has been a connector in bringing key economic and community sectors together to help build community. Chairman Miller provides excellent leadership and is an active participant in the work of Te Puke EDG and the TPAAG.

We support many community initiatives - Vector Group, The Te Puke Community Centre project, The Empowerment Social Housing Project being three good examples. We ask that Council continue to support these and other community groups in their work.

Tangata Whenua

The development of Maori economic activity is of national importance and we encourage Council to continue to grow partnerships and relationships with Tangata Whenua. Te Puke EDG has strong relationships with iwi and hapu in our rohe.

Cultural awareness, Integration and Development

Growth of Indian, Nepalese, Pacific Island, South American & South East Asian peoples in our community should be fostered in such a way as to ensure positive integration, heightened awareness and development that adds value to our economic and community development. We encourage Council to support initiatives and understanding that will deliver best outcomes.

Education

We continue to support The Te Puke Community of Learning, building from our initial work with Hua Pai Maota. This initiative is making excellent progress in delivery of 21st Century Learning, Learner Agency and Engagement. The 12 schools of the district are well advanced in their work of bringing benefits through collaboration to all school learners. Councillors and staff can learn more by visiting www.youtube.com/tepuketv

We continue to work closely with TPHS in the commercialising of their technological capability. e.g.’s:- Drone video service, GPS activated commentaries, Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality development.
Tourism

Te Puke EDG in conjunction with Tourism operators in the Te Puke District continue to make representations to Tourism BOP for allocation of funding for international promotions and new product development.

Te Puke EDG has submitted to Council on several occasions over the last 5 years that our tourism operators do not benefit from the Tourism BOP domestic tourism focus and limited international exposure of our unique and highly differentiated visitor attraction offer. We make the case that Tourism creates employment, stimulates spending, helps build identity and pride and makes a significant contribution to the national economic equation. A good example of local work is the delivery of a new Maori cultural experience at Te Paamu. Other work continues with the development of a new Te Puke Products visitor facility - an opportunity for public/private participation.

We have previously urged Council to modify their existing Service Delivery Contract with Tourism BOP to include provision of $60k for international promotion and product development of the Te Puke specific tourism offering (1/3 of the existing WBOPDC funding to Tourism Bay of Plenty of $180k).

It is also important to note that Te Puke EDG and operators have built a relationship with Tourism Rotorua and we see value in strengthening ties particularly with international attraction.

We request a further specific deliverable in our service delivery contract - management of a Tourism Promotional and Development fund not to exceed 60k p.a., solely for the purpose of marketing and activity that attracts more international visitors to Te Puke. 70% of the 60k will be managed via a contestable fund, whereby operators make submissions for specific activity funding. Each and every submission will be assessed by a Te Puke EDG tourism committee. The remaining 30% will be tagged for local & international promotions. In the event that the total fund is not spent each year, remaining finds will be returned to Council. Tourism Facility with the Rangiuru Business Park is

We can also confirm to Council that a significant development proposal to build a new Western Bay of Plenty Tourism facility in the Rangiuru Business Park is making good progress.

Business Attraction Fund

We request an additional specific deliverable - the establishment and management of a Business Attraction Marketing fund, not to exceed 30k p.a., this is to be used specifically for marketing and promotional activity that attracts new business to Te Puke. Each and every initiative will be in collaboration with Council. In the event that the total fund is not spent each year, remaining finds will be returned to Council.
Examples: The Te Puke Town Centre faces many challenges in attracting new business to populate vacant commercial buildings and the need for more advanced value added business in sync with NZ Inc's push in the technology sector.

Te Puke EDG Service Delivery Contract

We request continuity of our current Service Delivery content + CPI. We also highlight to Council our capability to broaden services at a pre agreed fee, particularly in the areas of community intelligence, marketing, research and development. Over the last 5 years our joint work with you over and above normal service contract deliverables includes a comprehensive branding campaign, community engagement and feedback on emotive and challenging issues and specific strategic input on projects and plans.

Te Puke EDG is well established and has broad membership. We invite Councillors to visit our website www.tpedg.co.nz to understand the breadth of support we have. It is very significant. We encourage Council to continue to grow its relationship with us through a service delivery contract for 2018 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Boyle

markrboyle@me.com  tpedg.co.nz
The views of the the Board here today are of a majority but we run with collective responsibility.

**Growth**
The population is growing.
I notice we at Waihi Beach will be the second fastest growing town in the WBOP in 2028 by %.
I would suggest we are the fastest growing community by connections/dwellings and have far outstripped the growth projections of 3 years ago.

*At times we become a city with city issues. Compliance. Waste management*

**Cycle and walkways**
The community board support the further development of safe walk and cycleways in the district and we are busy doing our part within Waihi Beach.

The Northern Link is of great importance to the people of Waihi Beach and how we move within our district. We support any improvement of the road W2T and by that we want a better road that will continue to support the growth of our district and maintain our present travel times. Not just safety improvements that will add to the congestion and travel times.

**Busses**
The improvement of Waihi Beach road as it drops into our town is of concern and we wish to see it upgraded in the near future.

We need Waihi Beach on the BOP Roading Blueprint.

**Environment**
The environment is very important to us and we support the council view on developing and maintaining the upgrading of management and treating of our water ways and discharges.

*Into the air*
This should be done with consideration and consultation with peoples and groups that hold an interest in the area of effect and involve history, biodiversity and future generations.
Building Communities
We support the development of communities that support all that take part in building a healthier happier and safer community and Kiwi way of life. This can be done with respect for all cultures and creeds.

Museum
The community board support the continued funding of the Western Bay Museum and feel it is a museum by name and deed for the WBOP district

Arts
A society that ignores the arts is in the end a society that doesn’t value and appreciate the people of the past or leave a legacy for those in the future. Philistinism is a sad and mean way to live. At the same time we need to keep a balance for people’s daily needs and well being.

Harbour and ocean
The use of the Harbour and ocean is one of the reasons for Waihi Beach and we support moves to give better access as long as it works in harmony with improved water quality etc.

Finances and debt management
We see the management of the finances and debt management an area that is heading in the direction we would like to see and held with a steady hand.

Storm water 2 mile creek and Pio Shores
We strongly support the ongoing work for stormwater management and see the need to progress the works on 2 mile creek and for the residential area of Pio Shores. We urge the Council to continue to upgrade the stormwater system at the north end of Waihi Beach. We also ask that the control process of water levels at the old Reservoir be an ongoing improvement process.
Reserves
We wish to see provision for playground equipment and ask that council provide assistance with further development of skate board facilities.

We also find that the Trig walkway is a victim of its success and we need to place a toilet at the bottom of these walkways and increase parking.

Support WB E&P funding for the huge job to promote the beach. It’s a hen and chicken situation the job is too big for one person but hard to rate for the cost of extra hours to others.

We support the Athenree Homestead as it is one of the other jewels in the crown of Waihi Beach.

We support the hall committee who are looking forward and realise the risk to the community if they do not protect the hall by keeping it maintained.
Submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Sally Webb
Chairperson
Bay of Plenty District Health Board

4 May 2018
Introduction – Bay of Plenty District Health Board
The Bay of Plenty District Health Board (the DHB) is one of 20 District Health Boards in New Zealand and has a purpose of funding and providing personal health services, public health services and disability support services for the Bay of Plenty. The DHB covers an area of 9,666 square kilometres and serves a population of 237,000. A third of the population are under 25 and 25% identify as having Māori ethnicity. The area served stretches from Waihi Beach in the north-west to Whangaparaoa on the East Cape and inland to the Urewera, Kaimai and Mamaku ranges. These boundaries take in the major population centres of Tauranga, Katikati, Te Puke, Whakatane, Kawerau and Opotiki. Eighteen Iwi are located within the DHB area.

Many of the crucial underlying factors that contribute to population health and wellbeing are directly influenced by the decisions and activities of councils. For this reason, the DHB welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to Council on its proposed long term plan for the district.

Social Determinants of Health
The DHB, with its public health unit Toi Te Ora, places a great deal of emphasis on the social determinants of health, or what has been referred to as:

“…the social, economic and environmental conditions that influence the health of individuals and populations. They include the conditions of daily life and the structural influences upon them, themselves shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels. They determine the extent to which a person has the right physical, social and personal resources to achieve their goals, meet needs and deal with changes to their circumstances. There is a clear link between the social determinants of health and health inequalities…”

Essentially, health starts where we live, learn, work and play. Individuals often have little control over the social determinants of health, but these determinants can either constrain or support the choices we make, as well as the lifestyle we lead. The most effective illustration of this approach comes from the 1992 work of Dahlgren and Whitehead:

1 http://www.local.gov.uk/health/-/journal_content/56/10180/3511260/ARTICLE
2 http://www.local.gov.uk/health/-/journal_content/56/10180/3511260/ARTICLE
Local government has a great deal of influence over the determinants of health, which is why it is important we work together to make a difference. The DHB encourages Western Bay of Plenty District Council to take a “health in all policies” approach that systematically takes into account the health implications of decisions in order to improve population health and health equity.

Feedback on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

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<td>The diagram in the appendix illustrates the many synergies between planning and health. It is on this basis that the DHB joined the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Collaborative Planning and Implementation Memorandum of Understanding between Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Ministry of Education, and the New Zealand Transport Authority. The DHB values this opportunity to have early input and looks forward to working with Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the urban growth projects identified in this Long Term Plan (LTP), the Housing Action Plan and new infrastructure proposals. A key theme of this plan is for Council to focus on the future by continuing to work on the growth planning schedule for Omokoroa, Katikati, Te Puke and Waihi Beach. While managing growth is important, it is equally important to commit to improving the existing built environment. Everyone’s quality of life is important no matter where they live, work or play in the district. Balancing future growth with improving the existing built environment will raise the bar for everyone and help to reduce health disparities across the district. The DHB commends Council for its commitment to develop a housing action plan and would like to be involved in producing the plan.</td>
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<td>Getting Around (Key Proposal)</td>
<td>The DHB supports Council’s preferred option due to the urgency of matters such as climate change, rising chronic diseases and the unsustainable costs of healthcare. An integrated transport network needs to cater for all citizens, not just people who are physically and financially able to travel by car. Improving infrastructure for walking and cycling is essential if we are to get the population more physically active and to reduce our use of fossil fuels. More people walking and riding bikes also adds vibrancy to communities, and gives people more transport choices, especially for children and older citizens. The needs of people with disabilities also need to be taken into account when designing active transport infrastructure; for example those who are sight-impaired and people who use mobility scooters or walking frames. The DHB emphasises that maximum health and wellbeing benefits will come from building local walking and cycling connections within communities. Facilitating walking and cycling as everyday means of transport delivers significant benefits by increasing physical activity and social connections at a population level, reducing traffic congestion and hence lowering vehicle emissions as well as improving road safety. Building infrastructure for active</td>
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<td>transport is important in pre-existing urban areas as well as in greenfield developments.</td>
<td>The DHB would value the opportunity to be involved in any efforts to develop local walking and cycling networks.</td>
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| Protecting our environment and resources (Future Focus)               | **Continuing investment in water, wastewater and stormwater management**  
The DHB supports Council’s continuing investment in the three waters. These assets are fundamental to good health and should be improved and extended wherever possible to provide the best protection to the maximum number of people.  

**Investigating alternative recycling and rubbish collection models**  
The Medical Officer of Health provided input into Council’s Waste Assessment and commented on its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.  

The Medical Officer of Health would like to continue to work with Council on alternative models for recycling and rubbish collection, how these services will be provided to growth areas and how they will be funded.  

*The next 10 years and beyond*  

**Public health infrastructure**  
The DHB commends Council for its work to address the housing needs of the district and has emphasised elsewhere in this submission the importance of improving the existing built environment.  

The DHB encourages Council to prioritise public health infrastructure for existing areas known to have unsafe drinking-water, failing sewage systems and substandard housing.  

**Responding to climate change**  
The DHB notes that Council plans to adapt to, and reduce, the impacts of climate change. For instance Council intends addressing coastal erosion from sea level rise, and to build communities which are more resilient to natural hazard events through the location of critical infrastructure.  

This approach will help the district *adapt* to climate change by reducing vulnerability to its effects. The DHB also encourages Council to plan steps to *mitigate* climate change. Many of the actions, policies and decisions of Council have the potential to reduce or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and at the same time deliver co-benefits for public health. Examples include increasing the use of public transport, walking and cycling, greater use of renewable energy, the composting of organic waste, waste minimisation and recycling, and improving energy efficiency through street lighting design.  

The DHB recommends Council develop a comprehensive climate change strategy including mitigation steps. |
<p>| Building communities (Key proposal)                                   | The DHB does not have a view on the funding of the Western Bay Museum or for arts and culture across the district.                                                                                       |</p>
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<td>Managing our finances</td>
<td>The DHB does not have a view on how Council manages its finances other than to support the equitable approach to rating whereby any rate increase is proportionately greater for higher value properties and core sanitary services such as water, waste and refuse being funded less through user pay systems and more through the general rate.</td>
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**Further Information**

If Western Bay of Plenty District Council requires any further information on this submission, please contact Robyn Woods, Management Support Officer, Toi Te Ora Public Health who will direct any enquiry to the most appropriate person. Robyn’s contact details are as follows:

**Email:** Robyn.Woods@bopdhb.govt.nz  
**Ph:** 07 577 3769

The DHB and Toi Te Ora wish to thank Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on its proposed long term plan.

*Sally Webb*  
Chair  
Bay of Plenty DHB
Murray Grainger
Omokoroa Community Board
Contact details on file.
I would like to be able to present to the Council.

Requested feedback:
1. Walking and cycling - Option 2
2. Western Bay Museum - Option 2
3. Arts & Culture - Option 2
4. Debt Management - Option 2

Other:
**Library/Service Centre/Community Hub**
The Omokoroa Community Board would like the WBPDC to include in the LTP the early recognition of the need for a more suitable Library/Service Centre/Community Hub complex, preferably located in the current village nexus created by the supermarket, medical centre and church; i.e. the corner of Hamurana Rd and Tralee St.

It is accepted by the Board that this may well not be the final location for such a facility once the "centre of gravity" of Omokoroa moves south across the railway line in 15 to 20 years’ time.

The community does not accept that such a facility can be deferred for 15 - 20 years, so is desirous of progress to satisfy this need in the shorter term.

**New passive neighbourhood reserve**
In line with the growth in population in Omokoroa the community has voiced a desire for more recreational space.
An easy win for Council on this point would be to convert the Council owned stormwater pond and associated land at the end of Western Ave extn into some form of a passive neighbourhood reserve. (Shown red on map below)
While it is accepted the primary purpose of the land is for stormwater treatment and management, with a relatively small investment it could offer some recreation value to the community.

Currently Council has no specific plans to develop the land into a passive neighbourhood reserve, so the Omokoroa Community Board seeks to add the development of the reserve into the 2018/28 Long Term Plan.

There will need to be a concept plan prepared to identify the opportunities and constraints associated with the land. It is suggested that between $5-7 K be allocated for the concept plan. This concept plan would involve consultation with adjoining owners and the wider public. The various assets identified through the concept plan eg pathways would still need to be costed and funding secured before any development can proceed.

**Around the peninsula walkway**

On a longer timeframe - towards the end of the 10-year plan, and in line with the stated walking and cycling aspirations, the Board believes that funding should begin to be allocated for completion of a complete "around the peninsula" walkway. As this would need to be at sea level for the section north of Precious Reserve significant funding would be required.
12th April 2018

Submission to the Western Bay of Plenty Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028

Jenny Hobbs – Chairperson
Katikati Community Board
242 Lindemann Road, RD3, Katikati
Phone: 075494510; 021549191
jenny.hobbs@westernbay.govt.nz

- Wants to see work on the Katikati Town Plan begin in 2019 with support from staff for facilitation and coordination of community consultation events to develop an inclusive and visionary document (similar to those produced in the previous plans):
  - Katikati – The New Picture 2000
  - The Draft Katikati Town Centre Plan 2010

- CB supports Option 2 for Debt Management

- Supports urgent action on the development of the Moore Park expansion and a multisport facility at Moore Park

- Supports Long Term district-wide funding of the Western Bay Museum, initially at 70K per year for the first 3 years

- Supports Option 2 in the proposal for funding arts and culture

- Supports Katikati Community Centre’s request for increased funding and would like to see the area of benefit expanded for the targeted rate

- Supports any initiative to build the Katikati Bypass

- Supports the building of an Aquatic Centre in the Western end of the district to meet the needs of the growing populations in Waihi Beach, Katikati and Omokoroa.

- Supports the inclusion of the Highfields Stormwater pond conversion to a recreational lake and wetland area.

- Supports the rapid completion of Katikati’s urban cycleway network and a third option in the consultation document that would see the available funding doubled.

- Would like to see early plans for Urupa and Cemetery developed, as current space is dwindling. As part of the Beach Road loop cycle and walkway the Board wants to see vehicular access to the crossing point to current Urapa Tu Tai Tuk for community members to access grave sites.
• Supports the development of a long term vision for the Katikati Bird walkway/Yeoman walkway / privately owned wetland area to ensure all decision making and work undertaken will protect and preserve the sensitive environment as a wild life corridor for future generations.

• Supports the development of the proposed recreation reserve for walkers, hikers, orienteering groups, horse riders and mountain bikers within the Thompsons Track forest recreation reserve area led by a local Katikati steering group.
Maketu Community Board
LTP – 2018 - 2018
Submission

• Support Community Hub feasibility study
  (Driven by the Maketu Projects Team) up to $20,000 (Reserve Acc)

• New BBQ and seating $20,000 (Reserve Acc)
  (One more BBQ is required to be installed in green area by Surf Club)

• Replace Culvert under Maketu Road $??? (50% from EBOPRC)
  (As detailed in an engineer’s assessment of the Otumakoro Stream structure several years ago, the main issue with flooding due to storm water ponding at Spencer Ave was the lack of capacity through the culvert under the road.)

• Entrance Signs into Maketu $5,000 (Reserve Acc)
  (There are no official signs welcoming or stating they are in Maketu, There are 4 pou’s with no signage or stating what they are.)

• Maketu Seawall maintenance / upgrade
  (The sea wall requires regular maintenance and replacing of the decaying rocks.)

• New footpath on Spencer Ave to cemetery
  (This is a extensively used by pedestrians normally from the Marae to the cemetery for foot and vehicle traffic, it makes sense to have an all-weather safe footpath)

• Support new cycle ways
  (The board supports the new proposed cycle way into Maketu as long as it’s on the right hand side of the roadway into Maketu)

• Request for allocation of funding for Maketu Project coordinator
(The board is advised that $5.20 per rateable property within the Maketu community area is being paid as a targeted rate for funding towards the Te Puke Economic Development Group (TPEDG). The board feels that Maketu ratepayers do not get any benefit from their rating contribution to TPEDG, The board would like to see the position be funded as a designated share of the current TPEDG rate)

- **Support Graf Art around Maketu**
  (There are several canvases throughout Maketu that we would like to see professional Graf Art applied to)

- **More seating/tables on Reserves**
  (The board would like to see the installation of seating and or playground equipment on all the reserves that are being utilised by the residents)

- **Kerb and Channelling on Williams Cres**
  (The board would like to request funding for this project. This would reduce flooding to several properties and stabilise the road verge)

- **10 – 15 new car parks**
  (The Maketu Hauora were going to install these carparks for their and public use by the roundabout as part of their building consent. Unfortunately the carparks have been relocated elsewhere so the board would like to see future funding put aside for this development)

- **Upgrade intersection Wilsons Road / SHW 2**
  (This is a major black spot for emergency services with several serious injuries and fatal deaths at this intersection an upgrade must be implemented in this area in the very near future)

- **Funding for progressive filling and levelling of Spencer Ave**
(The board would like to request funding allocation of $10,000 per year for 3 years to assist with filling and levelling area)

- Repayment of debt left on Beach Road sea wall
  (The board would like to ask Council to consider paying off the remaining debt left on the Maketu sea wall, to reduce this burden on the Maketu ratepayers.)

- Build a safe lookout area at intersection Williams Cres / Awara Ave
  (This area has one of the best elevated views of the Western Bay of Plenty with unlimited sea views all the way past the Coromandel Peninsula and out to sea. This is a popular stopping point for cyclists and tourists, which could be made a lot safer)

- Upgrading of flood protection in lower laying areas of Maketu
  (With global warming, elevated high tides, Kaituna River Re-Diversion and potential flooding, thought must be given to flood protection in the low laying areas of Maketu especially around the estuary)

- Extending cycleway along Wilsons Road North through to Paengaroa
  (This is just an extension of the existing cycle’s ways that would link up Te Puke, Paengaroa and Maketu)

- Future Funding for ANZAC day Commemorations Services
  (The board feels that ANZAC day commemoration services are a civic event and should be funded by council. The cost to specific Returned Services Association Clubs and other hosting agencies/Committees was hard to bear, particularly for those in smaller towns, and the need to rely on minimal grant funding year after year from a community board grant was very stressful for the organisers of those respective annual ANZAC services)
• **New footpath on Arawa Ave**  
  *(There is a large request by many residents to install a footpath along Arawa Ave joining up to the existing one at the western end)*

• **Installation of water fountains on reserves.**  
  *(The board would like to use some of their Reserves funds to go towards two water fountains in the Village Green and by the local surf club)*

• **Community Boards**  
  *(In regards to the Representation Review coming up regarding Community Boards. The Maketu Community Board strongly asks Council to retain the existing structure of Community Boards. There are so many positives in remaining with a Community Board. In Maketu this has been proven over many years by the very close relationship between ratepayers and board members. To disestablish or alter the community board would be devastating for the Maketu community. We ask that you look at what the community needs.)*

*Thank You*
Hello

I would like to make a submission to your Annual Plan please
Below are my notes which refer to attachments.

Submission by:

Wendy Joy Baker
phone: 0204 0890 222
(I would like to have teleconference to present submission verbally also please)

Topic:
Dog Control

I am making this submission because when I visited your area last May I noted some dog owners not being responsible regarding dog control and I am not the only one who is concerned about dog control in your area.

Attached is a photo taken on the 4th May 2017 of a dog owner on the beach (Waihi Beach) not even looking at his 3 dogs which are a long way from him. I was concerned for the birdlife nearby (see photo).

I am very concerned about dog attacks in New Zealand in general and see, from your Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices - 2015/2016, that there were 50 attacks on a people in your area and 124 attacks on animals. These figures show increases on your 2014/2015 figures (28 attacks on people and 101 attacks on animals).

You will see I have included an article published (Jan 2018) in the Waihi Leader which mentions dog control and signage. I would like to suggest that you please have a NO DOG (signage) area around the Waihi Beach surf club please. You can see that Papamoa have this (refer attach photo of signage). My family have been residents of Waihi Beach in the past and I know how busy this surf club area is regarding surf carnivals and other events. It is a very popular part of the beach and feel that dogs should be prohibited from this area please. I am not the only one who agrees with this idea.

I also feel that there should be dogs on leads requirements on all roads and streets in Waihi Beach.

You will see from ACC dog bite injury information for NZ that there are a high number of Dog bite injuries that have occurred on streets or roads.

FYI I have also included a 2018 letter from the Minister for Local Government regarding Dog Control, and a letter of suggestion (regarding dog control) from a well respected Waihi Beach resident.

Also FYI I include the below weblinks to my 2 petitions on Parliaments website regarding Dog Control.
Petitions

www.parliament.nz

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Thank you for your time

Regards
Wendy Joy Baker
Table 1: Count of claims relating to dog bites broken down by injury scene from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017.

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Notes

The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:

- The claim date is between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017.
- The claim cover decision is equal to ‘Accepted’, ‘Interim Accept’, ‘Pending Accept’.
- The dog bite indicator is equal to ‘Yes’.
- A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- Data were extracted on the 19 March 2018 and may differ if a re-run at a later date.
Plea to respect dog rules

By MELANIE CAMOIN
news@waihileader.co.nz

Waihi Beach residents are delivering the message to dog owners: Control your pet in public places.

Dogs are prohibited in the scenic reserve of Orokawa and Homunga Bay, a DOC sign at the north end of the beach says.

The sign was installed last September but locals say many disregard it.

Waihi Beach resident Ian Robinson says seeing dogs in the scenic reserve is no surprise to him.

“In the [Orokawa] Reserve they are in there all the time. I have not been there very often lately but I remember that it is not unusual to see a dog around the corner, 20m ahead of the owners.”

“It is a walkway for the public, not for dogs. Why do I have to put up with dogs?” he says.

The DOC sign was installed after former resident Wendy Drake pointed out the issue to the Department of Conservation.

“Orokawa Reserve is a no-dog zone by law,” she says.

There were 8720 dogs registered in the whole Western Bay district between June 30 2016-17, and 179 classified as menacing — breeds and behaviours.

Twenty-two attacks on people were reported districtwide in 2016-17.

Wendy, who is a keen runner, was attacked by a loose dog while exercising in a reserve a few years back.

She has started a battle to educate dog owners.

“I encourage owners to be more responsible and considerate by running their dogs on lead and keeping them under control, on the leash.”

In 10 years, the number of ACC claims on dog-related injuries in recreational and sports places has nearly doubled nationwide, from 533 in 2007 to 949 in 2016.

But most injuries are “minor requiring only a visit to the GP,” an ACC spokesperson says.

“The most common injuries are lacerations and soft tissue injuries.”

Wendy feels the Western Bay of Plenty District Council is too compliant with the four-legged friends.

“I feel they favour dog owners but dogs are not humans. The council needs to be more proactive on this, especially in Waihi Beach where you have 10,000 people and children coming for the summer,” she says.

The council reviewed its 2011 Dog Control Bylaw and Policy tightening the rules for dog owners, two years ago.

Dogs must be kept on leash in the Waihi Beach village (Wilson Rd) and in the Island View reserve between October and March due to birds nesting.

They are prohibited along the whole beach in summer between 9am to 7pm, from the third Wednesday of December to February 7 included.

Dogs are also banned from all the scenic reserves and playgrounds.

Council has allocated a year-round dog exercise area in town, between Albacore Ave and Plon Rd (stretch of beach between Waihi Beach and Bowentown).

Ian knows dog control is an emotional topic to owners but asks them to respect the rules.

“Nearly every morning, I see dogs on the loose . . . It does not matter where you go at Waihi Beach. I see them running around, pooping here or there and they [owners] take no notice.”

Fines up to $20,000 and infringement notices of $300 can be issued for breaching the bylaw and policy in Western Bay.
14 FEB 2018

Wendy Joy Baker
wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com

Tēnā koe Ms Baker

Thank you for your emails about matters to do with dog control. I read the materials you provided with great interest, and note that you have suffered from the effects of a dog attack. I hope you have made a full recovery. Also, congratulations on your success at the World Masters Games 2017.

Dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public’s right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities: owners can be fined or prosecuted if their dogs are not adequately controlled or if their dog attacks a person, animal or protected wildlife.

In my view, good law is only one of several things needed to improve safety around dogs. Other vital aspects are consistent enforcement of the law, good public understanding of the issues and responsible dog ownership. I am currently looking into ways to improve public safety around dogs and intend to pursue a strategy for dog control that will emphasise responsible dog ownership and the sharing of best practices between local authorities.

Thank you again for writing.

Heoi anō

Hon Meka Whaitiri
Associate Minister of Local Government
27/6/17

WESTERN BAY COUNCIL

PARKING BAYS 12803

Tauranga Mail CR 3/43

Re: Dogs on Waiti Beach

May I suggest that dogs be

totally banned from Awa Road Ave

and on walk tracks at Waiti Beach

Bay from 1st Dec till after Easter.

This would cover the nesting period

for our protected bird species.

As it would be in line with most beaches on

Coromandel District.

During this period, dogs could

have a free run on the Southern

End of Hope 4 Kilometres OK Mokoroa

Beach.

Ian Robinson

Wendy copy of letter

Sent to Western Bay Council

on 27/6/17

Regards

Ian
Office of the Mayor

April 2018

Address

Name: Tangata Whenua members of the Partnership Forum

Nā tō rouro, nāku te rouro ka ora ai te iwi, ka ora ai te tangata

E te Koromatua, tēnā koe,
Ki ngā Kai Kaunihera, tēnā koutou
Tēnei mātou o hoa i runga i te roopu Partnership Forum e kawea mai nei wawata, ngā hiahaia o o mātou iwi o o mātou hapū e pā ana ki ngā take nui kei mua i a tātou o te hāpori nei.

We thank the Mayor and Councillors for the opportunity to provide this submission to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Long Term Plan 2017/18 – “Four ticks for the future of the Western Bay”.

This submission to the Long Term Plan is made by your partners, the Tangata Whenua members of the Tauranga Moana and Te Arawa ki Tai Partnership Forum. There are currently twenty (20) iwi and hapū that are members of the Partnership Forum, whose various rohe (traditional boundaries) spread across the entire Western Bay of Plenty District. This submission is made by us as representatives mandated to speak on behalf of those iwi and hapū and it should be noted that although this is a single submission it carries the mana and aspirations of all our iwi and hapū and their members. Indeed previous census data puts this number at over 4000 members and as the census only allowed people to list two of their iwi and had no provision for hapū, this is a very conservative figure.

The matters that we raise in this submission draw heavily from Te Ara Mua, the strategic plan that we worked together to develop and that we work together on implementing. Te Ara Mua itself says that it is a driver for Long Term Plan actions. The submission also supports a number of matters and proposed actions that were suggested through the workshops that Council held with Tangata Whenua in November 2017. Many of us representatives attended one or more of those four workshops. On this basis we believe there is a strong mandate and support for the matters that we outline below in our submission. We wish to have a representative speak to our submission.

Marae Sustainability

- We submit that the amount of the Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund (formerly the Maintenance Fund) be increased to $50,000.00 per annum.
- We submit that Council provide a fund of $50,000.00 spread over two years to provide for the development of a Marae toolkit.
One of the desired outcomes listed in Te Ara Mua is that Marae are used, sustainable and cared for\(^1\). Marae are of central importance to iwi and hapū as the place where cultural traditions are upheld and where iwi and hapū welcome guests and celebrate important occasions. Marae are used as community meeting places and in many cases they also provide refuge in emergencies. As such, they often function in the same manner as community halls. For these reasons Council established the Marae Maintenance Fund to assist iwi and hapū meet the costs associated with the maintenance of their Marae. The fund was first delivered in 2014 and we are told that in every year since, it has seen applications for assistance from a number of Marae across the district – in fact we understand that the amount of funding sought has always been greater than the amount available. Sometimes the maintenance required at our various Marae comes at a significant cost, a cost that is greater than the amount of the Marae Maintenance Fund, however the fund can provide Marae with seed funding that can be used to support applications to other funding sources which then allows the maintenance work to be done. The maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment system at Opureora Marae on Matakana Island is a good example of this. Council supplied funding for the project with the balance being met by hapu of that Marae together with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. We believe that increasing the annual amount of the Marae Maintenance Fund will better meet the demand for funding and meet the aspirations for Marae as outlined in Te Ara Mua.

At the Tangata Whenua Long Term Plan workshops held in November 2017 it was proposed that Council spearhead the development of a Marae Toolkit, similar to the Papakainga Toolkit that was developed by the Joint Agency Group. The Marae Toolkit will be a multi-agency repository of all information pertinent to Marae such as funding streams available to support Marae, the role of Marae in emergency/disaster situations and the regulatory framework that might impact on Marae and Marae Committees. We see that this toolkit will be useful for both Marae Committees and Council alike.

Healthy Whare

- *We submit that Council increase the funding support provided to the Healthy Whare project to $40,000.00 per annum*

The Healthy Whare project came about due to concerns over potentially dangerous and/or insanitary homes identified while installing the reticulated wastewater system in Maketū. The Healthy Whare project bought together Council, the Maketū community and a number of other organisations to address these housing issues. The project adopted a four pronged approach to dealing with the issues –

1. **Awareness raising:** this involves both raising awareness of the project itself, and promoting the service to community members, as well as developing a series of shared key messages on healthy and safe housing for dissemination to the community.

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\(^1\) Te Ara Mua – page 11, Desired Outcomes: Cultural
2. **Assessments of homes**: once whānau have expressed an interest in participating in the project, a series of building, electrical and plumbing assessments are undertaken to assess the health and safety of the home.

3. **Supporting whānau to make informed decisions** regarding home improvements with support from the project coordinator and the agencies involved in the working group, as well as **providing information on funding options** to finance the repair work.

4. **Building capacity** by delivering DIY workshops to support residents with ways to make their homes warmer and drier.

Through this approach, the Healthy Whare project has delivered some much needed housing improvements in the Maketū area and we see great merit in Council supporting the delivery of this project to other areas of need within the district. Some of these areas of need have already been identified by Council through Project Wai Ora, such as Te Rereatukahia, Otawhihi and Tuapiro. Te Ara Mua reflects our position on this matter and proposes to expand the Healthy Whare Project to improve housing quality in other areas$^2$.

**Iwi Hapū Management Plan/Mana Whakahono a Rohe Development Fund**

- **We support the increase in funding that has been provided for the development of Iwi Hapū Management Plans and Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements. This reflects an action outlined in Te Ara Mua which asks that Council review the way in which Hapū and Iwi Management plans are funded$^3$.**

Iwi and Hapū Management plans are an invaluable tool for both Iwi and Hapū and Council. They outline Iwi and Hapū perspectives and aspirations as they relate to the environment within their rohe and the economic and social wellbeing of their hapū. The documents also reflect the expectation that these perspectives and aspirations are factored into the decisions that are made and the work that is done across Council’s business.

Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements are a mechanism provided for under recent amendments to the Resource Management Act. Fundamentally the agreements are designed to provide the foundations of a relationship between Iwi, Hapū and Council in relation to matters covered by the Resource Management Act. We see potential in Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements to outline the relationship of Iwi and Hapū with Council across all of Council business but acknowledge this Council’s commitment to the work of developing the agreements.

**Resource Management and District Plan matters**

- **We support an increase in resource to assist Council staff in progressing resource management / District Plan matters (noting that the Resource Management work**

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$^2$ Te Ara Mua – page 11, Action: Social
$^3$ Te Ara Mua – page 10, Action: Environmental
 programme has recently been adopted by Council) and that Tangata Whenua are supported to be included in that work.

The District Plan provides the mechanism for managing development activity within the District and as such has huge implications for Tangata Whenua. We want to work with Council to ensure that the provisions of the District Plan allow development activity to occur in a manner that takes into account matters that are important to Tangata Whenua, such as their cultural values, sites of significance and cultural practices. There are a number of actions within Te Ara Mua that support our aspirations in this space namely that–

- Tangata Whenua are involved in planning processes⁴;
- Council engage with Hapū and Iwi in the development of plans⁵;

Once any changes to the District Plan become operational it is difficult for us to deal with any of those changes that may have a negative effect on the communities that we represent. If we are more involved in the process of developing those changes and Council provides greater support to allow our involvement, then we can work to ensure that our aspirations and perspectives are captured at the outset. This would achieve the aims of Te Ara Mua as outlined in this part of our submission.

More particularly, Council will recall that the Tauranga Moana/Te Arawa ki Takutai Partership Forum recently discussed the Sub Regional Policy on Tangata Whenua Consultation on Resource Consents. The aim of this policy is to achieve sub-regional consistency across the three Councils. In order to give effect to this Policy and its intent Council will need to review its District Plan classification of activities (for example, what activities are described as being permitted, controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary and non-complying).

**Development of a Te Reo Māori Strategy for Council**

- **We submit that Council should adopt a Te Reo Māori strategy with the aim of promoting bilingual signage, investing in Pou Whakairo (carved poles) and Māori cultural values.**

Te Reo Māori is an intrinsic part of te ao Māori (the Māori world) and more widely is an important part of New Zealand being one of our Country’s two official languages. We would like to see Council follow in the footsteps of other Councils (such as Rotorua Lakes District Council) who have committed to becoming bilingual and recognising the importance of Te Reo Māori alongside English. The strategy could also include a commitment to reflect Māori cultural values in the built environment as those values go hand in hand with the importance of Te Reo Māori. This could include cultural art and design as part of consents where cultural effects are adversely affected. The importance of Te Reo Māori and Māori cultural values is reflected in Te Ara Mua which states as desired outcomes that –

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⁴ Te Ara Mua – page 10, Action: Environmental
⁵ Te Ara Mua – page 10, Action: Environmental
- The use of Te Reo Māori is promoted⁶; and
- Māori values are reflected in the built and natural environment⁷

The development of a Te Reo Māori strategy would also compliment the decision recently made by the Partnership Forum to support the adoption of Council’s Road Naming policy which recognises the importance of Te Reo Māori.

Environmental protection

- We submit that Council should work together with other local agencies to improve and enhance the environment. Closer working relationships with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council around the allocation of water and the improvement of water quality is encouraged, particularly in light of principles such as Te Mana o te Wai.

Our Iwi and Hapū have kaitiaki (guardian/caretaker) obligations with respect to the environment which we take very seriously. When we undertake these obligations we often find that we have to contend with different approaches to environmental matters between different organisations. We strongly encourage Council to work with other Territorial Authorities/Regional Authorities to adopt joint approaches to environmental protection and enhancement, using principles such as Te Mana o Te Wai to underpin those joint approaches. Establishing closer working relationships with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council around the allocation of water and the improvement of water quality is an example. This approach is supported by Te Ara Mua which asks Council to –

- Support kaitiakitanga obligations to the environment having due regard to the importance of land and water resources⁸.

Papakainga housing

- We support Council continuing to provide funding that supports Papakainga development and ask that Council advocate the need for other agencies to do the same;
- We submit that Council should consider initiatives which remove barriers for those looking to build on multiple owned Māori land, such as a fee abatement scheme for consent applications.

The importance of safe, healthy and affordable housing cannot be understated – particularly given the average price of housing in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty. This is supported by Te Ara Mua which states a desired outcome of increasing good quality, affordable housing⁹ The Joint Agency Group (which relies on funding provided by this Council and others) has achieved excellent housing outcomes working alongside whānau on Māori land and we hope to see this work continue. In particular we hope that Council is able to advocate the need for other agencies to continue to

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⁶ Te Ara Mua – page 11, Desired Outcome: Cultural
⁷ Te Ara Mua – page 12, Desired Outcome: Environmental
⁸ Te Ara Mua – page 13, Desired Outcome: Environmental
⁹ Te Ara Mua – page 11, Desired Outcome: Social
support the initiatives that relate to Papakainga housing as we see that there is still a need to provide housing for our people. Council could also consider how they support the development of Papakainga housing that might not necessarily meet the criteria for support provided by the Papakainga workshops run by through the work of the Joint Agency Group.

To further assist whānau with their housing aspirations we also submit that Council should look at initiatives that remove barriers for those looking to build on multiple owned Māori land. One example would be a fee abatement scheme for building consent and resource consent application fees. The rationale for such an abatement scheme for dwellings on multiple owned Māori land would be that those wanting to build on this land have limited access to funding for their build and the land is not a financial asset as the sale of it is subject to approval by the Māori Land Court.

**Four ticks for the future of the Western Bay**

We have seen Council’s Consultation Document that guides public feedback on the Long Term Plan and have watched the accompanying video. We understand that the Consultation Document reflects matters that Council is required to inform the public of as part of consultation on the Long Term Plan. As far as the four key proposals are concerned, we submit as follows –

**Walking and cycling investment**
We acknowledge the importance of providing recreation spaces for the community. We would like the Council to consider also providing the means for iwi and hapū to access areas where traditional practices occurred.

**Western Bay Museum funding**
We recognise the importance of protecting cultural heritage, including the preservation of taonga.

**Arts and culture investment**
We reiterate our submission as it relates to the importance of reflecting Māori cultural values – which includes art and culture. The Consultation Document says that Council is seeking feedback on whether to fund the implementation of the sub-regional Arts and Culture Strategy. We understand that there are two key actions in that strategy which aim to –

- Develop mechanisms for increasing Maori participation in arts and culture;
- Provide media advocacy on the inherent and economic value of Maori art, culture and language, the intrinsic value of the arts, and promote frameworks for inclusivity.

We support Council’s preferred option of providing funding support to the implementation of the strategy as outlined in Option 2 in the Consultation Document, particularly in light of the two key parts of the strategy as mentioned above.

Given the importance placed on the four key proposals we would like to have greater involvement in discussions around the consultation process for the Long Term Plan. We acknowledge that there is opportunity for the Co-Chairs of the Partnership Forum to attend Council workshops and would in
future like to take the opportunity to attend LTP workshops that Council holds. In closing, we are of
the view that this submission provides a solid basis for Council to progress the work that it does
alongside Iwi and Hapū and hope that the matters raised herein are given fair consideration.

Mā te Atua hei manaaki, hei tiaki i a tātou, otira i to tātou hāpori

Ngā mihi

The Tangata Whenua members of the Tauranga Moana and Te Arawa ki Tai Partnership Forum.
4 May 2018

Mayor and Councillors
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Via email: haveyoursay@westernbay.govt.nz

Submission on: Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Draft Long Term Plan 2018–2028

From the: Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to consider and make submissions on Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Draft Long Term Plan 2018–2028 (the Plan).

2. While we don’t wish to make a personal presentation in support of our submission, we’re more than happy to discuss our submission further on request.

3. The key contact person for matters relating to this submission is:
   - Name: David Pannett
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Key points

4. We’re pleased that the Council has endorsed the Arts and Culture Strategy (Toi Moana) 2018–2021 that was developed in 2017 by Creative Bay of Plenty. It’s always great to see councils articulating the important role that arts and culture play in their areas and backing this up with tangible plans for the future.

5. We support the Plan’s theme of Building Communities through community connections and a sense of place. We know from reviewing national and international research that support for the arts brings significant benefits to communities.

6. We understand Creative Bay of Plenty has submitted an application for funding in the Plan (resulting from actions identified in the Arts and Culture Strategy Implementation Plan) and we support this.

7. With the adoption of Toi Moana, we think it’s important that the Council now provide funding to the fullest extent possible as outlined in the Plan’s ‘Proposal for funding arts and culture’.

8. We know that the arts continue to enjoy strong support in the Bay of Plenty, with residents’ overall engagement (a combination of attendance and participation) sitting at 77 percent in 2017. Council has a critical part to play in meeting residents’ expectations for accessible, high-
quality arts experiences, as well as enabling a broader environment in which the arts can flourish. We urge Council to give full effect to the desires of its community as it finalises the Plan.

Additional comments

Creative New Zealand’s support for the arts in the Western Bay of Plenty

9. In 2017/18, Creative New Zealand has provided the Western Bay of Plenty with funding of around $37,000 as part of the Creative Communities Scheme. These funds go via Council and Creative Bay of Plenty to directly support local arts activities.

10. Additionally, artists from Western Bay of Plenty are able to apply for funding from our other nationally contested programmes.

11. Artists and arts organisations outside the main centres often have a comparative lack of access to arts activity, professional development opportunities, resources, tools, information and infrastructure. Creative Bay of Plenty has an important role to play in providing local advice, linking artists to nationally available resources, and leading and supporting initiatives to develop the local creative sector.

12. We’ll continue to support Creative Bay of Plenty staff with advice on delivery of the Creative Communities Scheme and information on funding and other national opportunities.

The importance of the arts to residents and communities

13. We know from reviewing national and international research that support for the arts brings significant benefits to communities. The arts contribute to the economy, improve educational outcomes, create a more highly-skilled workforce, improve health outcomes and improve personal well-being. The arts also rejuvenate cities, support democracy, create social inclusion and are important to New Zealanders’ lives.

14. Findings from our most recent major triennial survey, the 2017 New Zealanders and the arts report, show that Bay of Plenty residents typically hold positive attitudes about the relationship between the arts and their towns and cities.

15. Individual findings include:

   - half of Bay of Plenty residents (51 percent) believe that the arts should receive public funding
   - nearly half of Bay of Plenty residents (44 percent) want their local council to continue to support the arts
   - half of Bay of Plenty residents (49 percent) agree with the statement ‘My community would be poorer without the arts’.

16. It should be noted those who do not agree with these statements tend to hold a neutral position, rather than disagree with them (indicating a negative attitude).

Background on Creative New Zealand

17. Creative New Zealand is New Zealand’s arts development agency, responsible for delivering government support for the arts. We’re an autonomous Crown entity continued under the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014.
18. Creative New Zealand’s Statement of Intent 2016–2021 identifies the outcomes we’re seeking to achieve on behalf of all New Zealanders.

- Stronger arts communities, artists and organisations as shown by:
  - high-quality New Zealand art is developed
  - New Zealand arts gain international success
- Greater public engagement with the arts as shown by:
  - New Zealanders participate in the arts
  - New Zealanders experience high-quality arts.

19. We contribute to achieving these outcomes by delivering programmes in the following areas:

- funding for artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations
- capability building for artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations
- advocacy for the arts.

20. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In 2016/17, we invested $40.366 million into the New Zealand arts sector.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this submission further.

Yours sincerely

David Pannett
Senior Manager, Planning, Performance & Advocacy Services
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express Tourism Bay of Plenty’s support of Creative Bay of Plenty’s request for additional funding for the Arts & Culture Strategy, Toi Moana, and The Incubator’s submission. Both submissions were made in Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s Long Term Plan. There is a unique synergy between the arts and culture sector and the tourism sector. By collectively focusing our energies, Tourism Bay of Plenty, Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator collectively will improve the region’s vibrancy.

The Arts & Culture Strategy, Toi Moana, and Creative Bay of Plenty’s Implementation Plan, gives the Bay of Plenty a roadmap to creating a region with a diverse arts and culture scene and stronger sense of identity. The 31 actions that have been developed to kick-start Toi Moana are designed to create a tangible change in the arts and culture environment over the next three years. Creative Bay of Plenty needs additional expertise and resource to drive the region’s cultural identity.

The Incubator has now expanded to be the country’s largest creative hub outside of Auckland and the region is fortunate to have such a facility. There is compelling evidence supporting the return on investment from creative hubs such as The Incubator. Creative hubs deliver economic benefits, create vibrant communities to increase civic pride and attractiveness to visitors, and retain and attract creatives to the region, creating further employment opportunities. Creative hubs create a virtuous cycle for the communities lucky enough to have them.

The Incubator provides co-work art space provision, art education, artistic performance and cultural experience opportunities. Creative Bay of Plenty is driving the arts and culture scene in our region, so that the Bay of Plenty’s stories can be shared. Both play a crucial and active role in developing and supporting the region’s cultural scene to deliver benefits far beyond beautiful art.

These benefits strongly align with Tourism Bay of Plenty’s Visitor Economy Strategy 2018-2028 and its vision to lead the region into Destination Management. These reasons give me great conviction in supporting both Creative Bay of Plenty and The Incubator’s submissions.

Yours faithfully,

Kristin Dunne
Chief Executive Officer
Tourism Bay of Plenty
Western Bay of Plenty District Council
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Tourism Bay of Plenty in support of the Western Bay of Plenty Museum submission for funding through the LTP process.

The Western Bay Museum is an important part of our national cultural heritage and a leading tourism attraction within Katikati and the Western Bay. Not only does it tell our regional story in a stunning environment which has been planned and designed so thoughtfully, it also serves as a stunning educational facility and place for hands-on learning and engagement. We applaud the team responsible for its development and delight at being able to direct visitors to the facility.

Visitors to our country hanker cultural stories and understanding of our heritage. While ‘experiences’ play a part, we know that opportunities to learn and understand our place are very, very important and leave lasting impressions. As a region we are light on visitor attractions where storytelling is at the fore. The Western Bay Museum is one of our rare attractions which offers personal interaction while also showcasing our past.

Our region is fortunate to be the home of passionate, dedicated, and talented professionals who are prepared to work tirelessly to create memorable experiences and businesses. Western Bay Museum is particularly fortunate. Paula and her team are consummate professionals who go above and beyond to provide a quality 21st century museum which allows visitors to experience history in a contemporary and clever way. The collections are thoughtfully coordinated and the special touches, such as scones cooked on the agar, exceptional. Museums and galleries require effort, attention and funding. I am aware that sponsorship funds two-thirds of the museum costs. Consideration from Western Bay District Council to increase their funding to meet operational cost requirements is our request.

We need the Museum to continue functioning. It provides a catalyst for visitors to stop and explore.

Yours faithfully,

Kristin Dunne
Chief Executive Officer
Tourism Bay of Plenty
Submission to WBOPDC for LTP from **BOP Natural Cemetery**

**Intention:** the formation of a Trust and establishment of a Natural Cemetery in the BOP.

- Our group seeks your support for a BOP Natural Cemetery.
- There are an increasing number of people interested in natural burial practices and conservation cemeteries.
- There are currently no natural public cemeteries in The Bay of Plenty.
- We wish to speak in support of this submission at any hearing that may be held.
- For more information: [www.naturalcemetery.co.nz](http://www.naturalcemetery.co.nz) and facebook page **BOPNaturalCemetery**

**Possible solutions:**
- Work collaboratively with the TCC and community on this project

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Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions Society Inc.

Funding Submission to
Western Bay of Plenty Council

“Waihi Beach…It’s About Time”

Request for an additional $10,000 each year for the next three years to increase the capacity of Waihi Beach Events & Promotion’s role within the community.

Background

Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions is extremely proud to be involved in the planning and facilitation of events and initiatives that support and strengthen our community.

We continue to meet our core objectives as an organisation which are:

- Foster cultural, social, sporting, business and environmental activity that will benefit both residents and visitors to Waihi Beach.
- Increase visitor numbers and days/times spent by promoting Waihi Beach as a vibrant, relaxing and family friendly holiday destination.
- Encourage networking within the business community to support growth and development.
- Strengthen relationships with neighbouring communities to promote the wider area.

Achievements 2015 – 2017

Information Centre:

A hugely significant community project has been the establishment of the information centre in the village.

With the foresight of Community Board and funding of $11,000, the bach was purchased and relocated providing us with an all-weather permanent building to replace Charlie the caravan. A number of local tradespeople and businesses sponsored and/or volunteered their labour while Events & Promotions conducted working bees and met the cost of materials ($20,000). The centre is administered by Events & Promotions and staffed by community rostered volunteers. It is currently open from 10am to 3pm on a daily basis.
Meet Your Community Expo:
This inaugural event was held at the Waihi Beach Community Centre in October 2016. Local groups and clubs were invited to have a stand to showcase their organisations to new and existing residents and non-resident rate payers. Approximately 50 groups participated and in excess of 300 people visited. The feedback from the represented organisations was extremely positive and many of them successfully recruited new members on the day or subsequent to the event. We plan to make this a biennial event.

Movie in the Park:
A new event for Events & Promotions, this was held in January 2017. The movie *Hunt For The Wilderpeople* was shown on an outdoor screen at Wilson Park. Expecting a few hundred people, Events & Promotions were exceptionally pleased with a turnout of just over 1000. Planning to hold another movie event in January, 2018 is underway.

Print Media:
- Beach Book (October release every second year): Published in 2016 with 4000 copies printed.
- Summer Events Calendar (December): 3000 copies printed in 2016.
- Walkways Brochure: Producing a brochure for visitors providing information on the walking tracks at and around Waihi Beach – including Waihi and the Karangahake Gorge. 5000 copies to be printed in 2017.

Social Media:
Events and Promotions have been trailblazers in the use of social media (Waihi Beach Facebook, Waihi Beach website, the phone Ap and other related tourist / business sites) to successfully:
- Communicate to our wider community informing of events.
- Engage with our wider community to encourage discussion, and feedback on key issues (one example being *What do you want Waihi Beach?*) There has been extensive discussion on Waihi Beach Facebook this week over our postie issue for example resulting in positive outcomes.
- Share with our community databases of events, business contacts and local club contacts on the Waihi Beach website.
- Promote emergency management, local business initiatives and respond to queries from those new to the area.
- Reach a larger range of demographics whilst discussing needs of our communities

Existing Events:
The following annual events, core to our objectives, Service Delivery Contract and partnership with Council have continued to gain momentum and grow.
- Kids’ Day Out (January): A well supported low-cost event providing children with entertainment, activities and fun.
- Frocks on Bikes (January): Has attracted more participants each year, some travelling specifically for the event from Auckland and Tauranga.
- St Patrick’s Day Gala (March): An event to draw locals back to the village after summer, offering a lucky shoppers’ draw, entertainment, food and a colouring competition for children. In 2017 this event was facilitated by the local retailers.
- The Nugget Multisport (May): Events & Promotions donate $500 annually towards the nugget. We no longer provide manpower for the event as local volunteers are recruited
by the Nugget organisers. Waihi Beach has become increasingly popular as the destination for Nugget entrants and support crews to rent accommodation for the weekend of this event.
- Op Shop Ball (July): The 10th ball was held in July 2017 and tickets sold out. The Events & Promotions sub-committee of the ball, donated half of the proceeds to ‘Can Surf’ - an organised weekend at Waihi Beach supporting families of children living with cancer.
- Katikati and Waihi Beach Business Awards: Held biennially.
- Carols in the Park (December).
- TIDE meetings (held every 6 weeks): These provide a forum for business networking and are hosted by local businesses. A guest speaker is often invited and they attract up to 50 business people.

In summary:
Our main revenue streams are:
- The Op Shop Ball;
- The Beach Book;
- Movie in the Park;
Smaller events often break even and sometimes run at a loss where printing of posters and flyers are required. However, these events provide value to the community. The events to which we donate funds are heavily supported and promoted through our social media activity and initiatives.

Planned Initiatives (currently underway)
- The Soundshell: In 2016 Events & Promotions agreed to continue to be the community entity acting as the guardians of the Soundshell. Recent community consultation through Council, Community Board and Events & Promotions returned a positive and strong community support for retaining this facility. Events & Promotions are awaiting a formal building assessment report from Council.
- Walkways Brochure: Producing a brochure for visitors providing information on the walking tracks at and around Waihi Beach – including Waihi and the Karangahake Gorge. Go Waihi produced a walkways brochure in December 2016 that was inclusive of Waihi Beach. It made sense to tap into their resources and produce a similar brochure with the focus more on Waihi Beach.

Conclusion:
With our burgeoning local, domestic and international visitor population, it is imperative that we as a community prepare to absorb increasing growth in the next 10 years.

Events & Promotions look forward to being part of that future growth through the services and events that we currently deliver with the aim of raising the level of professionalism and creating new services.

As a small organisation in a growing community, we rely on a level of financial support from our partnerships with stakeholders. Whether we deliver a small or large event/service, many of the costs and logistics are not dissimilar to the neighbouring communities within our ward. Expenditure does not necessarily match revenue.
Additional funding would be used in some or all of the following areas:

- Increasing the Coordinator hours. Currently the role is 20 hours each week increasing to 25 over the peak period. The role has reached capacity. The options are to employ a second person for 10 hours each week or increase the hours of the current or any future coordinator. We anticipate this role will eventually become full-time in the longer term.

- Funding ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the Information Centre.

- Increasing the range of brochures and printed material for the information centre and other sites that are not already self-funding through advertising.
Waihi Track Counter Trig/Reservoir Waihi Beach (eco counter)

Period Analysed: Tuesday 01 August 2017 to Sunday 22 April 2018

Key Figures

Total Traffic for the Period Analysed: 46,073

- Daily Average: 174
  - Weekdays: 154 / Weekend days: 222

  Max Average Value (January): 286

  Min Average Value (August): 67

- Busiest Day of the Week: (Saturday)

- Busiest Days of the Period Analysed:

  1. Saturday 31 March 2018 (813)
  2. Sunday 01 April 2018 (607)
  3. Sunday 31 December 2017 (571)
Waihi Beach Community Events & Promotions Inc
A bit of background....

• One of NZ’s best beaches
• Within 2 hours of 2/3 of the population of NZ
• Permanent Population – approx 3200
• Summer Population – up to 30,000 over peak periods
• Increasing numbers of domestic and International tourists
The Crown Jewel of the Western Bay of Plenty
Increasing numbers of domestic and international tourists...
They come by many modes of transport...
In many modes of dress...
Waihi Beach has a lot going for it
Safe swimming beaches...
Vibrant shopping destination
Wide range of accommodation options
Recreation galore
Our new Visitor Information Centre opened last summer to great fanfare....
We all stock up for the busy summer months...
Ready to party...
Our Information Centre is manned by enthusiastic Volunteers who are ready to answer questions
And after a busy summer period they can get a little run down....
Print Media

- 4000 Copies
- 51st Edition
- 3000 Copies
- 4 Editions
- Free event listings
- Delivered to every house at the Beach
- 5000 Copies
- 1st Edition
Social Media

- 5250 Followers
- Regular posts of iconic images
- Promotion of events & more

- [www.waihibeachinfo.co.nz](http://www.waihibeachinfo.co.nz)
- Business & clubs directory
- Event calendar
- Visitor & emergency info
- 100,000 visitors per annum
- 90% NZ
- 83% specifically searching Waihi Beach
Thank you for your support 😊
The Katikati Clubroom Project Committee members took the opportunity to submit to the 2015-2025 LTP and in our document we expressed concerns for the development time frame for our project. Three years later we have the same opportunity to express our ongoing concerns. Part of this committee has now formed a full separate entity to build and run a community facility, now known as the Katikati Community Sports Centre (KKCSC) group.

The Moore Park Concept Development Plan was adopted by Council on 19 December 2001, almost 17 years ago. We acknowledge the development of the 2013 Carisbrook Street extension which has also enhanced access and parking to Moore Park and the football fields, but five years on, we need to see more progress!

Katikati Football Club (KKFC) entered a good faith agreement dated September 2015 (attached) with WBOPDC to give up their No.1 field to accommodate KK Rugby and KK Cricket as long as a new No.1 field could be established on the new field development as soon as possible. It has been communicated to us from WBOPDC that this date has now been moved out to 2020, which 'in good faith' in our opinion, unacceptable, unreasonable and unfair. KKFC has four Senior teams which require a minimum of one No.1 field. KKFC are above full capacity at Senior level. We do not have any other options for Seniors. At our Junior level (through adjustments) we are just meeting demand for Katikati and the wider WaiBOP district football. A statement made by WBOPDC, “Currently there is plenty of capacity in the existing fields” is incorrect.

This season we celebrate the success in registering our first Federation Junior Football Team U12 Boys. One of the requirements for this league is that we are able to provide a place to host visiting teams with changing room facilities. To meet this requirement we have to travel to the Katikati College Action Centre, but then travel back to play our game at Moore Park! Not ideal, but currently we have no other option.

Given the projection of growth as identified in the LTP 2018-2028 'Have Your Say' within our Katikati/Kaimai Ward, this highlights that growth in Waihi Beach of +13%, growth in Katikati +12% and significant growth in Omokoroa of +76%. All three of these areas contribute to our Club.

With population projections within our district we seek the urgency of the proposed development for the new sports fields (southern portion) playground, concrete footpaths, gardens, planting and trees which was clearly identified in Project 212914 in the 2017/2018 financial year.

What has caused us more concern is in the LTP 2015-2025 project 212914 Moore Park Katikati – Council Funded from 2019 – 2022 budgeted 1125K and in the LTP 2018 – 2028 over that same period of time budgeted 655K. Without any consultation or discussions with the KKCSC the shortfall of 470K is critical to the ongoing development of this project which has already been identified now as a multisport community facility. We ask ‘Why?’
Every opportunity, KKFC continues to submit to Council their urgency for this project and every year the goal posts seem move further apart in time frames and now in $'s (Financial tables LTP 2015-2025 and LTP 2018-2028 attached). On behalf of the KKCSC, we understand and acknowledge that there has been more recent communication with WBOPDC but we need a definite written commitment to timeframes and developments to bring this project into the present and not long term future.

Katikati Football Club has the largest registered group of memberships within our community and we are called upon to support many fundraising events, i.e.; Katikati Mural Town Concerts, Open Air Art, Katikati Lions, Step Toe Auction, Katch Katikati, Avocado Festival to name a few. We must support our own membership by giving back to them a community facility where we can support, celebrate and enjoy the families that come together all year round for all sporting codes. We cannot emphasize how important this project is to us all.

Thank you for the ongoing opportunity to submit to another LTP
We look forward to working together to build the Katikati Community Sports Centre

On behalf of the Katikati Football Club Inc. 1973
President: Tam Willacy

Katikati Junior Football Club
President: Linda Britton
**WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO**

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11. The Club agrees that the new cricket wicket on No. 8 Field can be installed at any stage after 7 September 2015.

12. It is agreed that the KKCC and the KKFC and Council shall work together to develop the detailed concept plan for the proposed sports field expansion area to Moore Park.

   To this end, an initial meeting will take place between KKCC, KKFC and Council staff before the end of 2015, with a view to agreeing on a proposal to be put to Council to accelerate the timetable for the Moore Park expansion.

   (Note that KKCC and KKFC realise that no firm commitments can be made by Council staff at the time of this current agreement to achieving a faster timetable for the expansion. However, all parties agree to consider the issues and work together in good faith towards this outcome.)

13. The Club agrees to pay the outstanding and current invoices to Katikati Rugby Soccer Club for the use of power for the training lights (electricity consumed plus line charges). Note: excludes depreciation.

   Note: The Council has guaranteed this payment to KKRSC.

   If there is a dispute about the invoice, then the invoices will be audited by a Council finance officer, whose decision shall be binding.

14. **Disputes**

   All disputes relating to this agreement that are unable to be resolved by the parties shall be referred to Sport Bay of Plenty to arbitrate.

   The Sport Bay of Plenty decision is final and shall be accepted by both parties.
Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Submission to the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan

Te Kauae a Roopu - Wairoa hapū, Pirirakau, Ngati Hangarau and Ngai Tamarawaho

1st May 2018

Tena koutou,

Te Kauae a Roopu is a collective of hapū with interests in the Tauriko West Project.

As a part of our involvement of the project we have recently reviewed the current Wairoa River Valley Strategy (WRVS) 2005, desktop review in 2013. We have acknowledged the current strategy in our cultural framework for the project. However, we find that the visions of the strategy were formed for a once rural amenity. The Tauriko West Project introduces an urbanised character with greater impacts on the Wairoa River.

On Friday 26th April a workshop was held at WBOPDC with Te Kauae a Roopu, Wairoa Hapū-Te Ruruanga Te Keeti, Tamaryn Gates, Pirirakau-Julie Shepherd, WBOPDC staff-Petera Tapsell, Chris Nepia, John Rauputu and Sue Laurence. The following matters were discussed;

Background to the overall Tauriko Tomorrow project was outlined as follows:

- TCC, WBOPDC, BOPRC and NZTA agreed to progress urban development for Tauriko West Urban Growth Area within the Western Corridor
- Planning is sequenced. First BOPRC shifts the urban limits line; then WBODC alters the boundary to enable the land to move to TCC for future development and subsequent servicing and administration etc
- NZTA work through the safety and or realignment of SH29 and multi model issues
- TCC commence their structure planning so that a plan change can be notified and eventually the area developed for housing.
- May 2018 BOPRC notifies Plan Change 4 – relating to the Urban Limits Line.

WBOPD Council’s agreement to progress the boundary alteration was discussed and it was noted that before progressing Council will be checking (as per the November 2017 MOU):

- Satisfaction with TCC work towards compact city
- NZTA sorting out SH29
- BOPRC successfully progressing the change to the urban limits line
- Agreement with TCC that the Wairoa River Strategy will guide the structure planning for the urbanisation of Tauriko West.

It was noted that Clause 6.2 of the MOU specifically related to the Wairoa River as follows:

"6.2 The Councils acknowledge the importance of the Wairoa River to Iwi and hapū within the Tauriko West Urban Area, Tauranga City Council, as the lead planning agency for the Tauriko West
Urban Growth Area, will ensure all plans for the Tauriko West Urban Growth Area give regard to the 2013 update of the Wairoa River Strategy 2005, hapū management plans as they relate to the Wairoa River, or any succeeding agreements reached with iwi and hapū. From time to time, Tauranga City Council will engage with iwi and hapū to ensure that it is meeting the commitment made in this clause (6.3).”

Issues

- The WRVS change of amenity, rural and urban.
- Wairoa hapū as a member of Te Kauae a Roopu seeks autonomy for itself as the original tangata whenua representative group to the 2005 WRVS.
- Other recognised interests, to be tiered to recognise hierarchy of the Wairoa hapū.
- Pirirakau interests in the entrance of the Wairoa River recognising effects of the upper reaches of the Wairoa River.
- Ngati Hangarau interests in upper reaches of the Wairoa River.
- The structure planning has advanced and Te Kauae a Roopu was not involved, we question how the WRVS in its current form has guided the structure planning?
- Avoidance of effects on the Wairoa River.

Recommendations

Te Kauae a Roopu seek a full review of the Wairoa River Valley Strategy with Partners-WBOPDC, TCC and BOPRC with appropriate advocacy of WBOPDC to initiate the review.

The review will assist in all future contentions of activities which impacts the Wairoa River, this is a matter which requires addressing to provide adequate recognition of tangata whenua as kaitiaki of the Wairoa River.

We seek a sufficient budget for time remuneration to review the WRVS.
Te Puke Community Board

LTP Submission to Western Bay District Council.
Thursday 19 April 2018

Mayor Gary and Councillors,
Many thanks for allowing the Te Puke Community Board to present to you on behalf of the ratepayers and citizens of Te Puke. The Board has a number of issues or community projects it would like to bring to your attention for consideration in future Council deliberations around the LTP. These topics have arisen from the review of the Te Puke 20 Year Development Plan and from community forums held by the Community Board in 2017 and April this year. We have also included topics from the LTP 2018-2028 consultation document.

**Te Puke CBD:** The Community Board is in the process of seeking clarification regarding the resolution that was passed at the 15 February Operations Committee meeting. It appears to the Board that there is some confusion regarding the wording “first quarter of 2019” and we are currently seeking clarification on this. We would also like the review to cover not only the Jellicoe Street Plaza but also median strip plantings and pedestrian crossings. The Board would also still encourage Council to look at the area behind the War Memorial Hall and Library Complex with the view of adding more parking for events that are held at the hall. We look forward to a continuing review of parking needs in the Te Puke CBD over the period of the LTP.

**Community Response Plan:** An emergency response plan was the topic of the second community forum held by the Community Board in mid-July last year. As a result a working group was set up to progress a plan for Te Puke under the guidance of the Civil Defence emergency management advisors. This working group has since met on a monthly basis and will have a draft plan ready for public consultation in the very near future. We note that the Community Conversations of 2017 included a statement to “give civil defence and emergency planning a high priority within our community” and we trust this will be reflected in the final LTP document.

**Seasonal Workers:** One of the key actions in the revised Te Puke 20 Year Development Plan is to “develop and implement local accommodation and pastoral support and services for seasonal workers” in our vibrant kiwifruit industry. This of course includes Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme workers. This key action involves a positive dialogue with Council for it investigate possible consent and compliance concessions for short term accommodation needs. In other words to make it easier for accommodation providers to satisfy a growing need for safe, secure and affordable short term accommodation in the Te Puke district during the height of the annual kiwifruit harvest. We note that the bus park in the Commerce lane carpark has now been marked out and this will now allow safe parking for buses bringing seasonal workers into Te Puke to do their weekly shopping.
Proposal for Walking and Cycling: The Community Board recognises the health and social benefits that arise from walkways and cycleways in our district. In fact the Board has always supported the efforts of the Te Awa Kahikatea Trust to establish the cycle and walkway in and around Te Puke and we would like to recognise the many volunteers who are working extremely hard to make this worthwhile community project a reality. The Board would however, question the funding of walkways and cycle ways when nearly 20% (18.08%) of the WBOP DC roading network is unsealed. Walkways and cycleways are a relatively recent phenomenon whilst some of our rural ratepayers have waited a lifetime to get their road sealed. The walkway funding ($345,00 pa) would finance a further 1.15km of sealing which over 10 years would be 11.5 kms; making quite a dent in outstanding seal extensions.

Speed Limit Review: The Board commends Council on the new speed limit through the Waitangi Township although it is a little higher than the Waitangi community wanted. It has been offset however by the timed speed limit outside Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Matai which will make it safer when the children are arriving and departing from school each day. We look forward to the review of traffic speeds on the bottom end of No 1 Road and also No 3 Road between McLaughlin Drive and the Te Puke Highway the former having been the topic of at least two presentations to the Board. We trust these speed reviews will be given significant priority in LTP discussions.

Heavy Vehicle Parking in Urban/Residential Areas: This issue now has quite a history with the Community Board. It was first brought to the notice of the Board mid-2015 when a resident complained about a large house bus that had been parked on the roadside in Troy Place for five months. As a result of a service request the Board was informed that Council could take no action as the said bus was registered and licenced. Needless to say the Board was not happy with this outcome. Since that time we have been made aware of a number of other concerns involving heavy vehicle parking overnight on our urban streets. Early morning start-ups are a disturbance, berms are damaged, road usage is impaired and the vehicles are not adequately lit at night creating a further danger to road users. The Board has had two recommendations for a bylaw put to Council but on both occasions Council chose not to adopt the recommendation for a bylaw prohibiting parking of heavy vehicles (> 10 tonne) in urban/ residential areas of Te Puke. A time limit of two hours should also be included in the bylaw.

Homelessness/Affordable Housing/Night Shelter: According to the document LTP Phase 1- It’s About You, this is a topic that applies across the whole district. The Tiny Houses concept was raised specifically in Te Puke ie pg 44 Community Conversation feedback “Tiny village would provide people not just with shelter but budget advice, advice with personal savings and some form of upskilling.” It is hoped that Council can support Empowerment NZ in their efforts to promote the concept of a tiny house community in Te Puke and we would hope that this concept will be given significant priority in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
Alternative Recycling and Rubbish Collecting Models: The Community Board welcomes the 2018/19 investigation into alternative recycling and rubbish collection models. We look forward to submitting on the proposed options the investigation puts out to the community.

Western Bay Museum: The Community Board recognises the work that the Museum Trust has done to set up and operate the Western Bay Museum but there is very little support for the museum in our Community Board area. From feedback that the Board has received it is felt that the Western Bay Council should be working with the Tauranga City Council to investigate the establishment of a Western Bay Museum which showcases our whole district. If communities in the Western Bay want to establish a localised museum, unique to them then it should be community led and funded.

Te Puke Community Board
19 April 2018

PS Councillors will note that we have not included in our submission the proposed Community Centre Project for Te Puke and the Aquatic Centre proposals. Both these projects did however feature in the 2016 Review of the 20 Year Development Plan. Mayor Garry has made it very clear to us on a number of occasions that big ticket items such as these two projects must in future be community lead and community funded and we accept this.
Have your say on the future of your District

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We appreciate you taking the time to let us know what you think about our draft Long Term Plan.
Once you've submitted your feedback, we will let you know we've received it.
Visit www.haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz to make a submission online.
Otherwise fill out this feedback form and drop it off at one of our offices.
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All written feedback must be received by 4pm Friday, 4 May 2018

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28 April 2018

Western Bay Of Plenty District Council

2018 District Plan

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to submit on the issue of erosion at Tanners Point in the area at the end of Moana Dr and that plans to deal
with this issue be included in the district plan.

Erosion of the area at the end of Moana Dr. has been ongoing over many years but recent storms with tidal surges
have accelerated the process. The toe of the bank has been continuously undercut resulting in progressive subsidence
of the soft rock, ancient midden and spoil above.

If the process is not checked the reserve above (and access to the reserve on the point) will eventually be
compromised.

We submit that that measures to protect the toe of the bank will be cost effective compared to potentially major
engineering works required once the erosion has progressed.

Possible measures proposed by the community include the use of hay bales fixed to the rock or the use of steel mesh
baskets (rock filled) . The installation of steel mesh baskets would seem to offer the most durable solution.

We would hope that the District Council could work in unison with the Regional Council to effect this but failing that
we would request the assistance of the above bodies in planning and resources so that the work could be undertaken as
a community project.

Yours faithfully,

RJ Cameron

on behalf of Tanners Point Residents and Ratepayers Assoc

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LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION – WESTERN BAY COUNCIL

Introduction (brief overview of the project)

The current Te Puke Gymsport Club facility is a commercial warehouse which they lease and expires in 2019. The landlord has stated that the lease will not likely be renewed.

The warehouse building is 700 m2 in floor size with only 650 m2 of floor available for Gymsport and other mat based movement activities and this is limiting their ability to grow their membership and community use.

The current facility has been retro fitted to a basic standard to meet the Gymsport and community needs. However, it has limited floor space, no spectator viewing, limited parking, limited toilet provision and this is not enough to allow the Club to grow or run events satisfactorily.

The other safety issues associated with the building include lighting hazards and condensation on the floor during the winter months.

From 1 July 2017, the Club’s commercial rent increased by 25% to $60,000 per year, which is a significant cost for the Club to meet.

The main users of the current building come from the Tauranga City Council area (49%) and the Western Bay Council area (46%).

The Club has been working with the Western Bay Council to lease a piece of land at Centennial Park on Atuaroa Ave. This is an area currently used for sport and recreation but zoned industrial. Preliminary drawings have been done and an independent feasibility study completed.

On 28 March the Western Bay Council Operations and Monitoring Committee resolved to lease the land to the Club after community consultation.

The Club will be submitting to the Tauranga City Council Long Term Plan for a contribution to the capital cost due to the significant number of rate payers expected to use the future facility.

The Club is in the process of creating a fund raising and building Committee.

Summary of key points

An independent feasibility study has been completed by Visitor Solutions.

The need for a new community indoor mat and Gymsport facility in the Te Puke and wider area is due to several factors; the current lease of the Te Puke Gymsport club facility is expiring in 2019 and will unlikely be able to be renewed; the significant population growth in the surrounding areas; the lack of indoor mat space; and the need for a regional Gymsport facility in the wider Tauranga area.

The proposed facility has the potential to provide a significant boost to the existing Tauranga Gymsport facility network. The current Gymsport facilities in Tauranga have limited ability to grow the capacity at the existing sites (limited facility expansion) and Tauranga needs a regional Gymsport facility (as identified in
the National Gymsport facility strategy). As a regional facility the proposed facility would be accessible to all the clubs in the region.

The National Gymsport Facility Strategy identified that the Te Puke Gymsports capacity ratio has been identified to be approximately 2.6m² (so for every person there is 2.6 square metres of their activity floor space) which indicates the facility has the strong potential to restrict the growth of membership and programme activities.

The proposed facility has enough space on its identified site to develop a facility large enough to act as a regional hub. It would also be within a 30-minute drive for much of the wider Tauranga area.

As a regional facility the building would be accessible to all the clubs in the region. It is recommended that use agreements are established with all clubs within the region to guide how this use will be facilitated.

The proposed facility will also accommodate the other activities that the Club delivers such as Circus Skills, Parkour, Adult Fitness Classes, Boxercise and Dance. It has also been designed to have a specific room to offer more activities as the community requires.

The preliminary operational model developed within this report demonstrates the project is viable assuming the revenue targets identified by the Club are achieved. The Club is confident on the membership targets being achieved due to the significant growth in Papamoa and the growing interest in doing mat based activity all year round as seen through waiting lists. The weekly membership is expected to be 600 possibly growing over 2 to 4 years to 900.

It has identified the capital cost of the building to be between $4 and $5M.

Background of the organisation/club

Te Puke Gymsport’s current Mission Statement is: “To offer the best indoor movement and gymsports activities in the Te Puke and surrounding area in a fun, friendly and safe environment for people of all ages and stages.”

The Club is the second the oldest gymsport club in New Zealand and began in 1954. It is a registered charity and for the gymsports part of its activity it is an affiliated member of Gymnastics NZ. It delivers more non gymsport activities than gymsport ones so should not be defined by gymsports alone.

The Club functions through a volunteer Committee with extensive skills in marketing, finance, program development, governance and fund raising. It has paid employees including a part time Centre Manager, Administrator and approximately 16 Coaches. It operates as a User Pays model.

Over the years, the Club has had several different homes including a building behind the flower shop in the high street, the Memorial Hall, Te Puke High School and for the last 9 years, a commercial building in Station Road. The Club functions all year round at the same level of participation and its activity is not seasonal, it is all year round.
The club delivers mat based gymsport and movement programmes from 9am until 8pm most days of the week. These programmes include Preschool Gym (Foundation and Fundamental Skill development), Recreational Gym (Fundamental skill development), Home School gym, Circus Arts, Fitness Fundamentals, Adult Focus on Fitness Classes, Adult Gymnastics, Parkour (Free Running) for young people and adults, Trampoline, Tumbling, Men’s Competitive and Women’s Competitive Gymnastics. The Club also runs an extensive Parkour and Gymsport programme each school holidays and these are very well attended.

The Club currently runs Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools competitions and had 550 participants in 2017. It also runs recreational gymsport and parkour competitions/events which are open to other local clubs and individuals from across the Bay and Waikato.

The Club has a current membership of over 370 and caters for ages 1 to elderly with the majority being 3 to 15 years. It invites participants of any age, stage, ability or disability to participate. The current Club membership comes from across the Bay of Plenty region – 46% come from Te Puke, 49% from Papamoa and Tauranga and 5% from other areas such as Whakatane and Mount Maunganui. There are approximately 1,200 other users per year through events, groups visiting and other activities.

In a new facility, the Club would also like to offer other sports the opportunity to use it to develop their specific movement skills.

**Key Points of request (detailed)**

The Club would like to request that Western Bay Council contributes to the creation of new car parks to support the users of the new building, the Te Puke Football Club and users of Centennial Park.

There are currently 25 car parks and the architect anticipates the need for a minimum 48 more.

The request is for a $100,000 contribution to the cost of upgrading the car park. It is expected that the contribution would be required in the financial year July 2020 to June 2021.

**Conclusion**

The Western Bay Council assists its community to be active, through sport and recreation. With the significant growth identified in the Te Puke catchment area of Papamoa through to Makatu including Te Puke itself, there will be a need to provide recreational activities for residents.

The proposed facility through Te Puke Gymsport Club would accommodate a wide range of activity that will suit all people whatever their age or stage in life without putting a significant financial outlay on the Western Bay Council.
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1. **Planning for the region’s growth (50%)**
   - The Council should not be squandering any more of the Rate Payers money on this very low priority item at a time when there are so many other badly needed projects.
   - Katikati Museum: apparently earns every year... Since it also benefits from a very large input from UNPAID volunteers, it should be obvious by now that it is not viable and will never be.
   - We therefore petition the WBOPDC to now add into the 2018 - 2028 LTP, provision for adoption of Goodall Road, Whakamarama into their schedule of roading as Maori Land Court to transfer responsibility for Goodall Road to the WBOPDC, on behalf of the residents of the road.

2. **Cost of living (40%)**
   - The change management approach to delivering this is not understood by the public who are asking why the Council has decided to make changes to Goodall Road.
   - The residents of Goodall Road are grateful that the WBOPDC have resumed maintenance of Goodall Road, after a period of five years in the 2006 - 2011 era, during which time the road was allowed to deteriorate.

3. **Caring for the environment (21%)**
   - Treatments and run off into the harbour around Omokoroa should also be investigated. The environment has changed and with it, the harbour.
   - 03 Waste water management and recycling should be the big projects of the near future. Recycling needs to be NOW. It just can’t be that hard. Waste water... those families.

4. **Lower the debt asap.**
   - The average rate payer is not paying the debt. The rate payer who lives on the situation with Goodall Road undertaken.
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### Survey Response

**LTP? Acronyms/abbreviations need to be explained.**

- Reduce the amount of the contribution for year one (2018/19) of the LTP only, and maintain the $2.5 million contribution for the following years two to 10. "what is..." This submission was of Public Works on a former acting private enterprise most want.

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### Summary

- **Option 1 - Continue with current programme:**
  - Option 1 - Provide no additional funding for the Arts and Culture Strategy implementation.
  - Option 2 - Change the debt management approach to... making the necessary additional contributions for year one, 2018, continues with the current approach of contributing $2.5m a year from rates to interest and debt repayments for year one, AND continue with the current approach of contributing $2.5m a year from rates to interest and debt repayments.

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### Declaration

- **Option 3 - Provide additional funding for the Arts and Culture Strategy implementation of identified key actions of the strategy, and funding to enable full...**

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### Important Notes

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### Further Reading

- **Option 2 - Change the debt management approach to...**

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### Resources

- [Survey Response](https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-australia/6508e219df68865ed506361ffdf2a10833b60854/file)
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I support the Council's plan to continue funding Bay of Plenty Film for the next 2 years as per the draft budget. The film is a great project that has brought many people to the area and I believe it will continue to do so.

The other danger zone in the proposed plan is where the track intersects with Wakanoi place. A lot of cars access our cobblestone driveway at that point of intersection, and I would also consider this reserve area technically a "sand dune" and you have stated that the pathway will not go through any sand dunes.

Based on our experience, to encroach on all the proposed pathways very inappropriate and should not be encouraged. Many cars do not slow down to half the speed limit at the existing roundabout. If we had to cross to see our cat in the yard, we would cross Pios Rd (the road to the boating club) to avoid the roundabout and then either bike or walk around the corner to the other side of the Pio Shores. The path crosses the soft rising along Pio at that point, which isn't a great idea for old ladies and children with pushing the prams. If you put a soft pathway, please provide a pathway. You have stated that the pathway will not go through any sand dunes, but I would also consider this reserve area technically a "sand dune" and you have stated that the pathway will not go through any sand dunes.

For the reasons outlined above, I will vote against this plan. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Kind Regards

[Signatures]
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Online Submissions
Submission Number

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First name:

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Organisation (if
applicable):

Which part of the Western Bay do you live
in e.g. Maketu, Katikati?

Which option do you prefer
for key proposal one?

Which option do you prefer
for key proposal two?

Which option do you prefer
for key proposal three?

Which option do you prefer for key proposal
four?

Survey Response
Please provide any detailed comments, with appropriate key proposal number, below.

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This is David Colthorpe of Wakanoi Place, Pios Shores.
I’m writing to you on the Waihi Beach cycleway matter. Now that the WBOPDC has last month issued their Waihi Beach Cycle Trails plan, and just recently placed
pegs and dazzle marking, residents are in position to evaluate the impact of the actual route being proposed.
A particular concern is that WBOPDC proposes to build a 2.5m wide concrete cycleway which will traverse the backyards of the beachside residences in Wakanoi
Place.
All the Wakanoi residents I have spoken to take issue with it on a number of fronts:
Ratepayers rights.
It is understood that the proposed cycleway clearly places priority on encouraging new visitors to the area, and aims to spend the specifically allocated funds while
they are available. This absolutely should not be at the cost of residents rights or long established beach community values. The cycleway considerably impacts on
the amenity of the residents in the properties adjacent to the proposed cycleway concrete track, most of whom have made considerable investment in those
properties. Most will obtain no benefit at all from the cycleway but would have to contend with a profound change in their treasured beachside environment due to
an increasing volume of group cycle tours, e-bikes and, quite probably, dirt bike riders.

200

Mr

David

Colthorpe

Bowentown

Option 1 - Continue with current
programme

Option 2 - Provide additional
Option 2 - Support through District- funding to enable partial
implementation of identified key
wide rates
actions of the strategy

Ecology.
The number of endangered NZ dotterels on the surf beach at Pio Shores has plummeted over the last 30 years. About the only place we now see them nesting is in
the grass of Bowentown (Gypsy) Park and the rear dune reserve in front of the houses at the Wakanoi Place end of Pio Shores. The WBOPDC plan shows the
Option 2 - Change the debt management approach to cycleway (a 2.5m width concrete track) going through both these reserve areas. This is an unnecessary risk to the dotterels. We note also that the reserve areas
involved are deemed an “Ecological Area” in the WBOPDC district plan. This proposed use seems completely inconsistent with an ecological area and the proper
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conservation of a fragile rear dune environment.
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onwards
Since the establishment of Pio Shores the environment around Wakanoi Place has provided for safe “traditional kiwi” leisure activities, be it unsupervised play,
families with young children walking to the beach, or older people enjoying quiet reflective walks. But concrete creates speed. This, combined with the intentional
increase of cycle traffic volume, and increasing numbers of heavy and quicker e-bikes, will profoundly change the beachside environment and increase risk for
everyone around the proposed cycleway. There is further risk introduced at the proposed cycle crossing at the Plom Rd roundabout and where the track traverses
a number of residential vehicle crossings where it joins Wakanoi Place.
In summary, the residents I’ve spoken to strenuously disapprove of the proposal. Reasons given include the following:
•Residents generally are extremely concerned that the amenity and environment of their properties, and beach community values in general, will be negatively
impacted by the cycleway.
•They feel it is self-evident that it will have safety and ecological impacts.
•They believe spending money on a cycleway around Pios Shores specifically is poor utilisation of funds as there seems little reason for the cycleway. Cyclists are
currently able to tour the area without difficulty via existing pathways and secondary roads.
•A track to Bowentown has no onward connection and contributes little to the stated WBOPDC vision for a cycle/walkway connecting from Waihi Beach to
Pukehina.
In many respects this matter is more profound than just a cycleway plan. It represents the question of just how much we as a community (the council included)
value the preservation of treasured beach community values - freedom, safely and respect for nature. I can assure you that feeling runs deep in this regard at
Wakanoi Place.

201

202

Mr

Miss

Mark

Karen

Omundsen

Waihi Beach

ATLEY

Option 2 - Increase funding to do
more faster

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wide rates
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Papamoa

Option 1 - Continue with current
programme

Option 1 - Provide no support

Option 3 - Support through mixed
targeted and District-wide rates

203

Mrs

Emma

Bryan

whakamarama

Option 2 - Increase funding to do
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204

Mr

Michael

Thompson

Te Puna

Option 2 - Increase funding to do
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Ms

Ora

Pihema

Maketu

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206

Mr

Roger

Pace

Omokoroa

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programme

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targeted and District-wide rates

207

Mr

David George

Hemsley

Katikati

Option 2 - Increase funding to do
more faster

Option 1 - Provide no support

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210

Ms

Mr

Ms

Tracey

Stephen

Caroline

Wallace-Hutchins

Fowler

Butler

Te Puke
Backpackers Ltd

Te Puke

Waihi Beach-Pio Shores

Paengaroa
Community
Paengaroa
Association - Co
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David Colthorpe
M +64 21 930 603

Priorities are:
1. Rubbish and recycling
2. Roads

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Far Better communication with your ratepayers would help listen to us more often
debt repayments
I want to see a modern community that promotes a range of diversity and inclusiveness, acceptance of a wide range of acceptable norms, cross-cultural and crossdis~abililied inclusion and participation. A community that fosters this inclusion.
Look at the positive good that local community led groups like VectorGroup and the wide range of great things they enable community members to participate in
from young through the ages . Their community centre needs all the support the Council, and community can offer.
I support other Cultural Awareness, Integration Development, workshops and programes that support Invisibly inclusive policies AND practices throughout our
community. Engaging our local youth, and various ethnic groups should be a high priority.
Strategic business and community development should be of high priority as well. Particularly in the tourism and accommodation sectors.
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We need to take a serious look at how we can better position our unique position in terms of our close proximity to and yet our uncluttered / less congested accessways we already have sound free-flowing accessible transport routes. We are a perfect location to lead our region in higher density multi-use and inclusive zoning.
Multi-use and multi level (to say 6 floors high) should be of highest priority. Especially given the previous "Long Term Planning promises" to protect the viable
horticultural land from urban sprawl... Yet WBDC has broken this promise by permitting the extinction of at least 17 highly productive orchards for the purpose of
sprawling urban development (possibly more orchards have succumb to urban sprawl).
We need to support housing options and create higher development within our existing residential zoned areas, and allow for more inclusionary zoning, higher
density and multi-use development options particularly when positive social impacts can be shown. Including tiny house, co-housing, generational housing of good
sound quality and sustainable living.
Need to identify future development sites with excellent development potential and within accessible distance to CBD amenities and walking/cycle tracks - I have
attached one locality which is currently elevated site on the corner of No 1 Road, and Te Puke Highway, previously the Te Puke Backpackers. This site is directly
oposite an existing retirement village, Te Puke Country Lodge" and the recently completed Te Ara Kahikatea Walkway. This could easily be accessed by an underroad pedestrian culvert/tunnel offering additional comfort and safety to young and old alike.
cheers Tracey growinenterprizes@gmail.com

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Being a resident of Wakanoi Place and Pio Shores I am concerned that a cycle way is planned for my area.
We have had no consultation on this apart from the small large scale maps found on the WBOPDC website.
I understand a cycle way will extend from the end of the current Gypsy Park cycle way into Plom Road then along the rear of Wakanoi Place properties to the
current tennis court in Papanuahi Rd, from this point it will proceed to Anzac Bay via the Pio Shores subdivision.
While not apposed to cycleways per se and the development of better amenity in the area I believe that the proposed cycleway has not been thought through
adequately.
I oppose the development of this cycleway for the following reasons:
1.Impact on residents rights and amenity to Wakanoi Place and the Pio Shores subdivision.
2.Introducing more people into the area, there will be no benefit to residents, just more visitors.
3.The construction of a 2.5m wide concrete path in a reserve a sand dune area is not good environmental practice.
4. A concrete cycle pathway will mean more speed, up to 30 km per hour, plus the advent of E Bikes creates a environment of more speeding bikes.
5.The mixing of pedestrians and cyclist is a safety issue, cyclist tend not to give way to pedestrians furthermore there are to many narrow walkways in Pio Shores
which should not be used as cycleways.
6. Council money could be better utilized using the existing quiet streets of Pio Shores as cycleways, this is the current situation which works perfectly well.
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The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union (BOPRU) firstly would like to thank the Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council (WBOPRC) for their support over recent years. BOPRU through our administration of the game in the WBOPRC region is an enabler for significant participation by thousands of rugby players. Our thanks also go to the interclub competitions, schools, district, provincial, and international高性能 players for their support and efforts. BOPRU encourages all interested parties to assist in the implementation and development of the key proposal.

BOPRU strongly want to emphasise the importance of WBOPRC's contribution and increased investment in sporting facilities and sports events. As a Union we are constantly looking to bid, to New Zealand Rugby, for games or tournaments that we can have played across your region. We will be hosting our season launch event on 7th February, with the aim of showcasing the passion and potential of rugby in the WBOPRC region.

Conclusion 
Sport and recreation plays a vital role in achieving a number of WBOPRC key elements of the District vision. BOPRU is proud of the role we play in the region and through developing social networks and shared experiences. Sport and recreation provides a catalyst for community gatherings and positive feel. Sport and recreation contributes strongly to having a region with great places, spaces and environments and BOPRU encourages strong future investment in sport and recreation. The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union's vision is: "BayWide, BayPride Unifying and inspiring the Bay of Plenty". Focus areas, which underpin the vision, are performance of the Steamers, Volcanix, added to the success of the All Blacks, Black Ferns and New Zealand Sevens teams that all feature Bay of Plenty players.

The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union administers the game of rugby across the WBOPRC region from Katikati to Reporoa and East to Te Kaha and is at the forefront of developing social networks and shared experiences. BOPRU through our administration of the game in the WBOPRC region is an enabler for significant participation by thousands of rugby players. Our thanks also go to the interclub competitions, schools, district, provincial, and international高性能 players for their support and efforts. BOPRU encourages all interested parties to assist in the implementation and development of the key proposal.
We would like to see increased and sustained support from Council for this project. Working bees with different communities to produce the traps. Major hardware suppliers of materials and traps have been approached in order to secure awareness people have about other biodiversity issues and a willingness to be involved in other initiatives. We have already been approached by many people involved in traps or non-native predators to lend support to the project. Rotary has agreed to assist in the coordination of the following activities:

- Awareness raising events
- Support for individuals setting traps in their backyards
- Assisting with the logistics of trap distribution

The project will improve the environment for native wildlife within the Western Bay region, but just as importantly it will help to re-connect people with nature, raise their environmental awareness, and provide a valuable educational opportunity for our schools. Over time the plan is to roll it out to suburbs BOP-wide.

We have identified two suburbs to kick off the project, Matua & Merivale, with Te Puke and Maketu ready to go, and there is considerable interest from Mount Maunganui too. Over time the plan is to roll it out to suburbs BOP-wide.

Predator Free BOP (PFB) is a trap set and report all kills. Reporting is made easy, by an app or online logging.

There are 3,111 Tauranga households and 8,633 urban households in the Western Bay of Plenty. In order to be most effective, we need a trap in every fifth urban residence. Predators can set and report all kills. Reporting is made easy, by an app or online logging.

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Key proposal 1. Increase funding to do more faster.

We have roads which we built for both cars and cyclists. The pathways were built for the safe passage of pedestrians.

From my perspective there is no need to create an additional cycle way when many of the recreational cyclists are quite happy to explore the Pio Pio recreation area which is only a short distance away. I think the additional cycle ways will be a waste of council resources.

The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union administers the game of rugby across the Bay of Plenty region from Katikati to Reporoa and East to Te Kaha and is at the forefront of all rugby activity in the region. BOPRU is proud of the role we play in the region and our key priorities include:

- Developing the game of rugby for all, including girls and women's rugby
- Growing the game through strong community engagement
- Fostering a sense of community pride through sport
- Developing the game at all levels, from grassroots to elite

The Bay of Plenty Rugby Union has overseen significant growth in the game in recent years. We have seen growth in girls and women's rugby, overall playing numbers are at an all-time high and we are the province in New Zealand who has the highest proportion of Maori players. We are now the third largest Rugby Union in the country behind Auckland and Canterbury. Growth has been matched by success on the field for our representative teams the Steamers and Volcanix.

Sport and recreation plays a vital role in achieving a number of WBOPRC key elements of the District vision. BOPRU is proud of the role we play in the region and our key priorities include:

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Partnerships, Community and Rugby.
Submission from Bay Conservation Alliance

To promote partnerships as a means to develop landscape scale restoration projects

To increase community participation in member activities through advertising, education, events and effective volunteer management

To ensure project sustainability and integrity

We are currently working with public engagement groups in the Bay of Plenty (Te Puna, Maraetai, Tauranga, Whangapoua, Whakatane, Whakatane District, Whanganui District, Whanganui Council, Whanganui Regional Council), Bay of Plenty Local Bodies, Regional Councils and Te Kaitiakaha Maori Trust

We have been involved in our membership for 5 1/2 years and 5 1/2 years respectively in various community organisations as representative and liaison roles.

We have capacity to support key actions to light the path to project development, management and delivery, if they can continue to focus on the hands on escalated and project management.

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We would very much appreciate your council's consideration of providing operational funding support of $30,000 per year for the next three years as part of your Long Term Plan.

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Key proposal No. 1.

Support services will include: financial management, fundraising, administration efficiency, marketing and communications, environmental

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Intermediate and long-term targets for greenhouse gas mitigation, as well as adaptation to climate impacts (which are already happening).

As Council has previously agreed to assist with opening of Unformed Paper Roads in the district, I would like to see the road from the end of Esdaile Road to Timaru Road.

While I am a keen cyclist, I have to strongly disagree with the proposal being put forward.

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The current rock revetment appears to be affording adequate protection to those properties, however it can be argued that it has low amenity value (detracts from wide rates).

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**Walkways and cycleways**

[Waihi Beach]: Dam and releasing the water prior to storm - impact on ecology

Transportation

**Finance**

**Walkways and cycleways**

[Waihi Beach]: Council should take a policy approach (regarding AirBnB) like Queenstown, Rotorua etc.

[Waihi Beach]: Auckland Council adds targeted rate for accommodation providers. WBGPD should register AirBnB (etc) houses, issue registration numbers, and require them to use registration numbers on advertisements

[Waihi Beach]: AirDNA can provide list of properties rented and number of nights rented

[Waihi Beach]: AirBnB impacts on other accommodation providers; impacts on community because less properties are available for 'traditional' rental and drives up rental prices

[Waihi Beach]: Current occupancy rates at motels etc are not necessarily impacted at the moment (by AirBnB etc)

[Waihi Beach]: Short term rental owners would pay events and promotions targeted date, and higher roading rate if treated as commercial - approximately $900/year extra

[Waihi Beach]: Support - well spent

Finance

Ratios affordability

[Waihi Beach]: Concern at silica content in water

[Waihi Beach]: Concern at roading (generally)

[Waihi Beach]: Concern on impact on birdlife (dotterels)

[Waihi Beach]: Self regulate with narrower tracks

[Waihi Beach]: Support - well spent

[Waihi Beach]: Tauranga Museum linkages?

[Waihi Beach]: Concern with some of the route specifics

[Waihi Beach]: ANZAC Bay monument?

[Waihi Beach]: Facilitatory service

[Waihi Beach]: Prefer un-concreted routes (estuary path); natural speed limitations

[Waihi Beach]: Walking Gradient

[Waihi Beach]: Currently $10 per ratepayer - happy with $20

Utilities

Solid Waste

Arts and Culture

Planning for the Future

**Key Proposals**

**Walkways and cycleways**

[Waihi Beach]: Creative BoP deliverables

[Waihi Beach]: Reservoir/dam - improvements for recreational use, amenity value; is such an asset

[Waihi Beach]: Athenree wetland is a good example of what could be done at the reservoir.

[Waihi Beach]: Coordination of infrastructure developments - roading, water and electric lines made?

[Waihi Beach]: South Bowentown roundabout route cycle/walking conflict - prefer Seaforth road route; speed

[Waihi Beach]: Concern of some of the route specifics

[Waihi Beach]: Cycleway consultation [reminder in rates]; large number of properties; communicate with non-resident ratepayers directly

[Waihi Beach]: Designate cycleway = cyclists only

[Waihi Beach]: Support - well spent

[Waihi Beach]: Need tangible results

[Waihi Beach]: Tauranga Museum linkages?

[Waihi Beach]: Kerbside recycling collection - surprised not already in rates

[Waihi Beach]: Water rates costs

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**Future Growth Areas**

[Waihi Beach]: Coordination of infrastructure developments - roading, water and electric lines should be all done at once

[Waihi Beach]: Residential growth = rates increases

[Waihi Beach]: Concern at silica content in water

[Waihi Beach]: Aherne wetland is a good example of what could be done at the reservoir. Remove sediment and pampas. Do some restoration.

[Waihi Beach]: Flood control important - look at increasing the storage during a storm event, then increasing the discharge level. Creating bunds

[Waihi Beach]: beach access: length of - to properly bridge the streams (or culverts) so people can get one side to the other, especially for winter time

[Waihi Beach]: Motorcamp - one mile stream, access is only on one side, there is a small footbridge, but it’s for the most part unusable. Need to improve public access

[Waihi Beach]: Additional funding? - costs add up

[Waihi Beach]: Priorities - drainage and roading above cycleways

[Waihi Beach]: ANZAC Bay monument?

[Waihi Beach]: Need tangible results

[Waihi Beach]: Libraries are obsolete

[Waihi Beach]: Bookabach, AirBnB etc compliance with District Plan definitions for dwellings, accommodation facility. Dwellings are intended for occupation by a household; Council needs to determine whether these can operate under District Plan and whether any wider response is required

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[Waihi Beach]: Effect of AirBnB on housing crisis has been increasing - properties available for short term rental are not available for wider rentals. Income for homeowners is often higher for short term rentals

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<td>(Te Puke): A regional museum is required and that the region should pay for it. Would need to be widely accessible.</td>
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<td>(Katikati): School transport significantly increases congestion, particularly around Katikati bowling club. Need school buses/alternative transport</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Support for Option 3: Aligns perfectly to what a museum does</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Not of great interest to me personally</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Support Option 1: No support and let it close</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Wanting to explore innovation in housing possibilities. Possibility of providing houses 60-80m2 within shared facilities.</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Can we explore the concept of village/cluster development in rural zone (certain rural pockets)</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Need to also provide opportunities for people to connect with each other - social isolation/loneliness</td>
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<td>Omokoroa: Omokoroa needs 24-hour police station</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Huge benefit, especially for children and tourists</td>
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<td>(Katikati): Q: How are children meant to learn about the past (that their forbears did) if we don't have a museum?</td>
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<td>(Waihi Beach): The community hall is very well used - indoor bowls, gymnastics, badminton, table tennis, Friends Place, community events</td>
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<td>(Omokoroa): Concern about train bridge on Omokorona Road being dangerous for cyclists - needs facility for cyclists</td>
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<td>(Omokoroa): increased width will be better for pushchairs, mobility scooters, family cycle groups</td>
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<td>Te Punai roading improvements</td>
<td>(Omokoroa): Minden Road - Dangerous to walk along; dangerous for kids to walk to the bus stops. Particularly with long grass (reduces visibility), speed of traffic and trucks, and is slippery in places. Width of the road impacts as well</td>
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<td>(Omokoroa): Need walking track along Minden Road, preferably concrete, physically separated from the road (not beside it). This is already a popular walk</td>
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<td>(Te Puke): Uprose the museum, because Katikati is too distant from Te Puke.</td>
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<td>(Omokoroa): Cycleways are a waste of time, everyone travels by car</td>
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