

RECREATION AND LEISURE



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A sustainable, liveable community is one which can draw on well-planned recreational opportunities which are part of the ‘live, learn, work, play’ SmartGrowth philosophy. Whether it’s fishing, hunting, swimming at the beach, river rafting, a concert in a park, strolling along the harbour edge, kicking a ball around, the outdoors is the place to do it.

Council’s long-term recreation and leisure goal is to ensure a basic range of recreational opportunities are available to meet the present and future needs of the community. Each community has access to its own facilities and spaces that enable people to enjoy themselves and feel proud about where they live. A good network of public open spaces and facilities brings opportunities for people to interact socially and improve their health as well as providing cultural, landscape and ecological protection.

The benefits of an active, healthy community particularly as the population ages, are well known and as the population pressures increase additional demand is placed on the existing network of recreational and community facilities.

Being vigilant in our spending has meant we have been able to complete several projects over the last 3-4 years which have involved great partnerships with local communities. For example, the skate park replacement in Katikati was a joint community and Council effort, the community were involved in the design of the new Waihi Beach and Pukehina toilets and the Omokoroa community are proposing to contribute to the Omokoroa Sports Ground skate facility. We have endeavoured to be more proactive in engaging, working and planning alongside our communities. For example, workshops, open days and online methods “Have Your Say” in the development of Concept Plans for Moore Park and Omokoroa Sports Ground.

The vision of a sub-regional park where specialist sporting clubs can put down roots and establish facilities to service the burgeoning Western Bay of Plenty has been one of the great success stories of collaboration between Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council. Awarded “Outstanding Park of the Year” in 2011 and subsequently recipient of an internationally recognised Green Flag Award the TECT All Terrain Park has proved both the concept and the ability of the joint Councils to deliver on the vision.

With over a dozen clubs already establishing facilities in addition to the public walks and trails built for casual visitors, the first stage of development is now complete. The target and challenge for the next ten years is to build the infrastructure that will allow commercial interests to establish at the Park and build the ability of the Park to generate income for its long-term development and use. Common event spaces, improved roading and modern communications are all priorities for the next ten years to support commercial expansion.

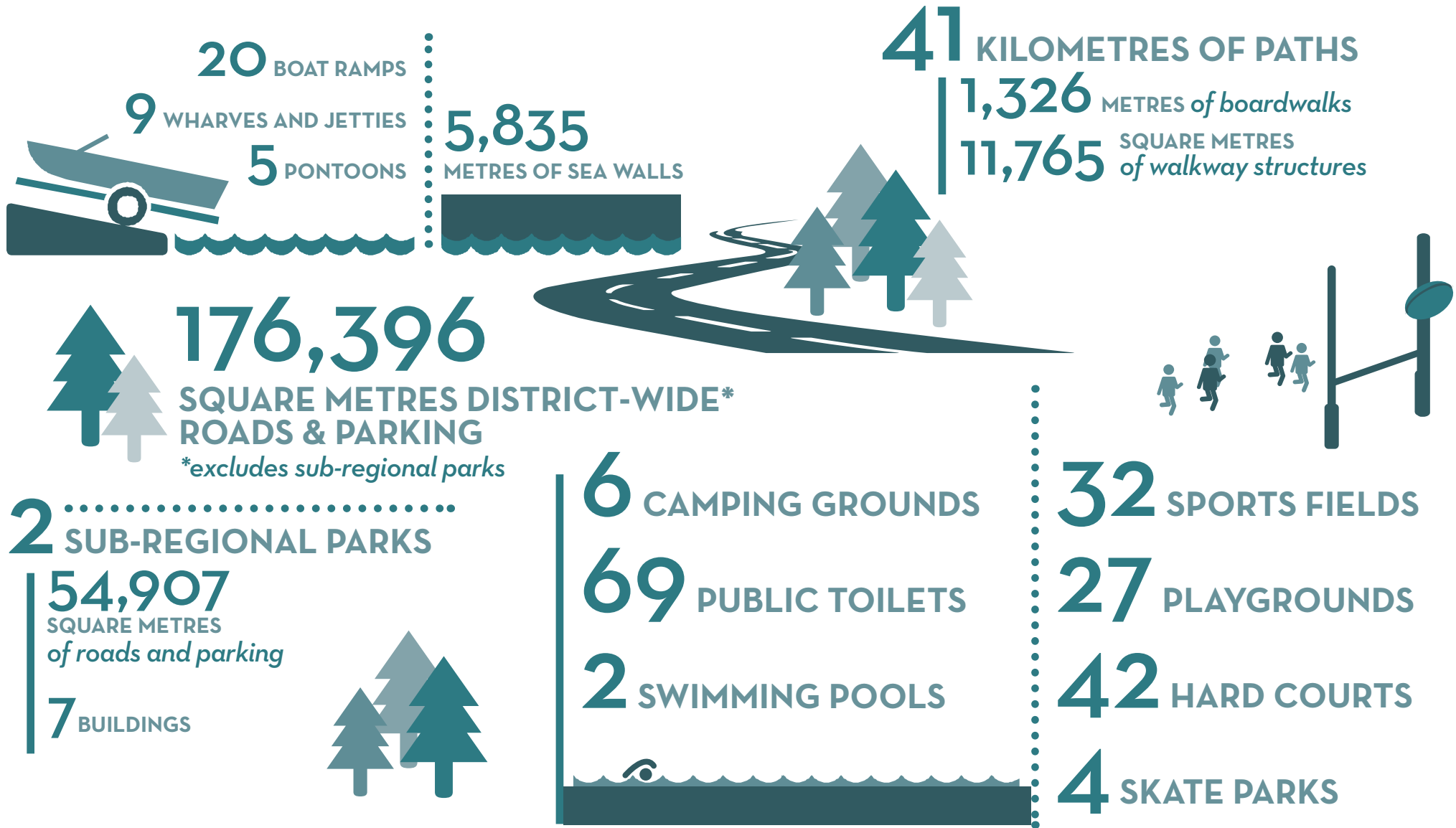
Meanwhile Huharua Park at the end of Plummers Point Road, is becoming more popular as a visitor destination especially since the Whakairo Carvings leading into the Pa site have been completed. The Park will continue to be improved for passive use with no planned infrastructure other than a connection to a proposed harbour walkway/cycleway.

We continue to provide and enhance local facilities with our facility grants but we are also keen to support and develop nationwide initiatives, like the cycleway network. Over the next few years we propose with the assistance of neighbouring Council’s, local community support and private funders to make a big push for government funding to develop our network to link to the national cycleway. As an increasing proportion of the population ages it is well recognised that trends in recreation will change. For example reduced participation in active sports but an increasing demand for passive recreation e.g. cycling. We are planning for this by reducing the amount of land required for sportsfields from 2019 and increasing the amount of land required for passive recreation such as cycle and walkways.

In common with other councils across the country we remain aware of the need to balance effective development and management of our reserves and facilities with the community’s ability to pay for it.

We are also aware of the need to meet community aspirations and to manage competing demands for reserves and recreational facilities from different user groups. These challenges are made more acute as the provision of recreation and leisure facilities is expected to reduce during the period of this Long Term Plan, reflecting a slowing in expected growth.

WHAT WE PROVIDE



WHY WE PROVIDE IT

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOME

Recreation and leisure facilities are well planned and safe to meet the diverse and changing needs of our community.

OUR GOALS

- Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.
- Provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.
- Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.
- Support provision of sub-regional recreation and leisure opportunities.
- Protect important natural environment, cultural and heritage values.
- Ensure resources are secured to provide for future public recreation and leisure needs in response to population growth, changing recreational trends and the changing demographics of our communities.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOME

GOAL	OUR APPROACH	OUR ROLE
Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.	Planning and delivering facilities that are safe, affordable and reflect the unique characteristics of the locality is undertaken by:	
Provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing leadership in our approach to sustainable development. 	Lead
Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and implementing Reserve Management Plans to ensure the ongoing management and development of reserves for use and enjoyment of the community. 	Lead
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing our recreation and leisure assets well through comprehensive asset management planning. 	Lead
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building sustainable partnerships within our communities to help create facilities that best match community expectations. 	Lead
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring facilities are safe by meeting best practice guidelines and relevant health and safety requirements. 	Partner

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<p>Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.</p> <p>Provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.</p> <p>Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.</p>	<p>Boat ramps, jetties, wharves, pontoons, seawalls for reserves, car parks, vehicular road access, land provision and sports fields, community indoor facilities, hard courts (tennis, netball, basketball, cricket wicket and multi use surfaces), playgrounds, public toilets, swimming pools, skate parks and pathways, walkways, cycle ways, picnic areas, beach, bush and river access.</p>	<p>Lead/Supporter/Facilitator/ Funder</p>
	<p>The provision of safe, affordable recreation and leisure facilities that reflect the unique characteristics of the locality will be determined by:</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community demand and size, nature of the site, likely user needs, including the demographics of the community, the availability of alternative facilities, cultural and environmental impacts. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a club or community want a service or facility beyond a basic level of service, as outlined in the Level of Service Provision Guidelines, it will contribute the additional costs of construction and maintenance. 	
	<p>Art, Culture, Heritage and Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet community needs a range of options will be considered in order to provide art, culture, heritage including public art, access to existing venues and facility initiatives. 	<p>Facilitator/Advocate/Funder</p>
	<p>Camping grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the continued operation of camping grounds on our reserve land. 	<p>Lead/Partner</p>
	<p>Landscaping and minor capital development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be provided in order to improve the usage of a reserve or facility and to reflect community identity. Examples include signage, seating, bollards and fencing. 	<p>Lead</p>

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<p>Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.</p> <p>Provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.</p> <p>Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.</p>	<p>Sustainable management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan with our communities and take into account existing social infrastructure and future needs to ensure the sustainability and appropriateness of the recreation opportunities we develop. 	Lead
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to have multiple activities on one site to encourage sustainable management and avoid duplication of supporting facilities and infrastructure. 	Lead
	<p>Explore options for community ventures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes joint funding, community leasing/development in order to provide facilities which meet community requirements. 	Facilitator
	<p>Encourage local identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the inclusion of high quality public art within our District's reserves and facilities in line with the objectives of our Public Art Policy. 	Lead/Facilitator/Partner
	<p>Promote local facilities and reserves and support events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote our District's facilities and reserves through our libraries, service centres and website. 	Lead/Partner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support events by offering the use of Council-owned public spaces. 	
<p>Support provision of sub-regional recreation and leisure opportunities.</p>	<p>Sub-regional parks and facilities</p> <p>A co-ordinated and planned approach between councils will be taken to consider sub-regional recreation and leisure opportunities and determine processes for acquisition, funding, governance, management and development.</p>	Partner
	<p>Sub-regional support services for recreation and leisure</p> <p>Partner with specialist agencies to support communities in defining and achieving their future recreation needs.</p>	Partner/Facilitator
<p>Protect important natural environment, cultural and heritage values.</p>	<p>Balancing values</p> <p>Work with the community, Tangata Whenua and relevant agencies to identify and protect recreational land that has important environmental, cultural and heritage values and take account of these values when planning for and managing existing and future reserves.</p>	Lead
	<p>Working Together</p> <p>Work with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Department of Conservation and Environmental Protection Groups to provide recreational opportunities and better quality and sustainable recreational environments.</p>	Partner/Facilitator/Advocate

GOAL	OUR APPROACH	OUR ROLE
<p>Ensure resources are secured to provide for future public recreation and leisure needs in response to population growth, changing recreational trends and the changing demographics of our communities.</p>	<p>Financial resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw on a range of financial resources in order to fund existing and future recreational opportunities including financial contributions, rates, user fees and charges, leases and community-based funding. 	Lead
	<p>Land purchase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure suitable land for recreation and leisure including land that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports co-location of outdoor and indoor organised activities - Supports neighbourhood reserves where new residential development occurs - Is identified as esplanade within the District Plan or is land that provides suitable access to water - Is suitable for walkway and cycleway linkages - Supports our long-term recreational needs - Is suitable for sub-regional parks - Is significant for its natural environment, cultural or heritage value - Is identified within the District Plan. 	Lead
	<p>For more information please refer to other documents including the District Plan, Walking and Cycling Strategy, Community Development Plans and Town Centre Plan - available on our website www.westernbay.govt.nz or telephone our friendly Customer Services Team on 07 571 8008.</p>	
	<p>Land Sales</p> <p>Sell land where it is no longer required for community or recreational purposes.</p>	Lead
	<p>Community based resources</p> <p>Work with others to secure resources in order to provide high quality recreational facilities. This includes forming strategic alliances with other major stakeholders (for example, other councils and the Department of Conservation), establishing partnerships with community groups and funding organisations, working with the community in accessing support or resources (which may include donations and sponsorship) and advocating for the community in accordance with this, our Recreation and Leisure Strategy.</p>	Lead/Partner/Facilitator

WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO

All information from 2017 – 2025 includes an adjustment for inflation.

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	\$'000									
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
213404	Asset Management Plan	15	41	16	16	44	17	18	48	19	19
213405	Infrastructure Services Asset Management System Upgrade	143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
164501	Te Puke Sportsfield Service Delivery Contract	15	15	16	16	17	17	18	18	19	19
181901	Te Puke Domain Stormwater Pipes	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
212910	Moore Park Katikati - Carpark Resurfacing	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
212912	Moore Park Katikati - Toilet	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
212914	Moore Park Katikati - Council Funded	-	-	-	564	-	256	305	-	-	-
212915	Moore Park Katikati - Community Funded	20	-	-	-	-	2,489	-	-	-	-
217307	Jamieson Oval - Courtyard /Amphitheatre Lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	-	-	-
217308	Jamieson Oval - Courtyard/Amphitheatre Stage	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	-	-	-
217309	Jamieson Oval - Water Features	-	-	-	-	-	-	149	-	-	-
217310	Jamieson Oval - Paved/Grassed Events Area	-	-	-	-	59	-	-	-	-	-
217311	Jamieson Oval - Playground Stage 2	-	-	-	-	221	-	-	-	-	-
217403	Ohineangaanga Stream Esplanade	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
217805	Cooney Reserve - Picnic tables, Seating, Signage and Viewing Platform	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217806	Cooney Reserve - Toilet and Carpark	-	-	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
225403	District Wide Reserves Minor Works	20	20	26	27	28	28	29	36	38	39

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
237104	Island View Reserve (Albacore Avenue) Upgrade Toilet/Carpark	-	-	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
244004	Paengaroa - Playground Upgrade and Walkway	-	-	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	-
244005	Paengaroa - New Sports Field	-	-	-	-	-	-	331	-	-	-
244006	Paengaroa - Exercise equipment	-	-	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-
244912	General Reserve Acquisition	200	205	210	216	221	228	235	242	250	259
245601	Spencer Ave - General Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	880	-	-	-
245602	Spencer Ave - Concept Plan	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-
245807	Broadlands Block Development	5	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
245906	Brighton Road Reserve - Playground	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-
246005	Pohutukawa Park	-	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
246506	Diggelmann Park - Toilet and Capital Development	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
246810	Midway Park & Pukehina Parade - Sportsfield	-	-	-	-	-	74	-	-	-	-
249201	Facilities in the Community Contribution	55	56	58	59	61	63	65	67	69	71
260101	Haiku Park - Walkway Extension	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260105	Haiku Park - Two Jetties	-	-	-	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
260106	Haiku Park - Mill Block Access	-	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260306	Kauri Point - Carpark	-	-	-	-	89	-	-	-	-	-
260307	Kauri Point - Walkway Development	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-
260313	Kauri Point - Operations & Conservation Plan Manual	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
260314	Kauri Point - Owarau Pa Planting and Restoration	-	-	-	-	117	-	-	-	-	-
260315	Kauri Point - Area Development	-	-	-	148	-	-	-	-	-	-
260316	Kauri Point - North Beach Development	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
260317	Kauri Point - Northern Lookout Fences for Pa	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-
260318	Kauri Point - Interpretation Design Guide	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
260319	Kauri Point - Lookout Interpretation Maps & Panels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-
260320	Kauri Point - South Lookout Palisades Entranceway	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-
260401	Anson Bush Reserve facilities	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260409	Minden Te Puna Neighbourhood Park	-	-	-	-	111	-	-	-	-	-
260415	Pahoia Domain Carpark extension	-	-	-	108	-	-	-	-	-	-
260431	Minden Scenic Reserve - Tables and seating	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260507	Maketu Ward Misc Old Coach Road/Pokopoko Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-
260511	Dotterel Point Reserve - Capital Landscape Development	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260515	Palm Park - Capital Development	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260520	Otamarakau / Rogers Road - Specimen Trees	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260522	Otamarakau / Rogers Road - Planting & Weed Spraying	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-
260523	Otamarakau / Rogers Road - Boat Ramp and Access	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
260524	Otamarakau / Rogers Road - Carparks	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	-	-	-
260613	Te Puke - Village Heights Reserve	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-
260702	Athenree Foreshore Reserve	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
260720	Athenree South Foreshore Reserves - Landscape and minor capital improvements	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
260721	Athenree South Foreshore Reserves - Seating and Bollards	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
260722	Athenree North Foreshore Reserve - New Walkway	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
260730	Tohora View and Brown Dr Reserve - Walkway Development	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260732	Two Mile Creek - Capital Landscaping	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
265803	Gilfillan Drive Accessway and Walkway	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265808	Katikati Foreshore Reserves Walkway Extension	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265810	McMillan Road Picnic Area Development	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-
265832	Tanners Point Foreshore Reserve - Capital Development	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265833	Tamawhariua - Capital Landscape Development	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265834	Tanners Utility Reserve - Capital Landscape Development	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265839	Woodlands Road Reserve - Car park and Capital Development	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
268707	Motunau - Shade Structure	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
268709	Motunau - Sandladder	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
268710	Motunau Reserve - Sculpture & Feature	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-
281002	Waitui Reserve - Toilet and Boat Ramp Extension	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294503	Omokoroa Sports Ground - Hardcourts	-	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294507	Omokoroa Sports Ground - Council Funded	-	123	434	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294508	Omokoroa Sports Ground - Development Community Funded	-	655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294701	Prole Rd Carpark and Jetty	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	-	-	-
294801	Te Puna Station Road Harbour Access	-	-	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
294802	Te Puna Station Road Harbour Carpark	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
295101	Skatepark - Jubilee Park	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
295305	Park Road Katikati - New Toilet	-	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
295306	Park Road - Carparks	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
295307	Park Road - Road Access	-	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
295308	Park Road - Capital Development	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311701	Ecological Development Impact Fees - Fencing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
311702	Ecological Development Impact Fees - Enhancement Plantings	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
312501	District Signage - Capital Expenditure	20	20	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	26
312502	District Signage - Operating Expenditure	10	10	10	11	11	11	12	12	13	13
318901	Subregional Recreation Financial Contribution share Sports and Exhibition Centre	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	42	43

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
320801	District Reserves Asset Renewals	355	440	388	399	521	649	469	545	450	705
321701	Adela Stewart Drive Reserve Hardcourts	-	-	-	-	-	104	-	-	-	-
321801	Waihi Beach Community Centre	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
322101	Wilson Park Development	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	-	-
322301	Waikaraka Drive and Stopped Road	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	-	-
322501	Maramarua Park, Pukehina Beach - Playground Renewal and Road Frontage Carpark.	-	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
322705	Pongakawa - Future Cricket Pavillion	-	-	-	-	199	-	-	-	-	-
322706	Pongakawa - Sports Field	-	-	-	-	498	-	-	-	-	-
330701	Tauranga Harbour Esplanade Reserves Management Project	25	26	26	27	28	28	29	30	31	32
330801	Panepane Point Reserve Development	30	31	31	32	33	34	35	36	38	39
331201	Tauranga Harbour Margins Project	25	26	26	27	28	28	29	30	31	32
342001	District Reserves Erosion Protection Works	200	205	210	216	221	228	235	242	250	259
163503	Te Puke Aquatic Centre Service Delivery Contract	100	102	105	108	111	114	117	121	125	129
165401	Dave Hume Swimming Pool Service Delivery Contract	70	72	73	75	78	80	82	85	88	91
326102	District-wide Swimming Pools	-	-	-	-	277	285	-	-	-	-
326104	Te Puke Aquatic Centre - Pool Painting	-	-	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	91
326105	Te Puke Aquatic Centre - Repairs & Maintenance	15	15	16	16	17	17	18	18	19	19
295201	Northern Harbour Boat Ramp	-	-	-	-	-	-	364	-	-	2,717

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		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
295203	Omokoroa Boat Ramp upgrade	-	-	367	-	-	-	-	3,028	-	-
321101	Coastal Marine Structures Renewal	184	242	587	331	791	295	292	357	496	639
322003	Tauranga Harbour Recreation Strategy Harbour Forum	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
322004	Tauranga Harbour Recreation Strategy Monitoring	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
*289808	TECT All Terrain Park - Public Infrastructure	100	102	105	108	111	114	117	121	125	129
*289815	TECT All Terrain Park - Roading (new & upgrades)	-	102	420	-	-	114	939	363	188	194
*289823	TECT All Terrain Park - Subhub & Park Signage	20	20	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	26
**289824	TECT All Terrain Park - Forest Replantings	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	144
***289828	TECT All Terrain Park - Event Space	-	307	-	323	111	-	-	-	-	-
**289830	TECT All Terrain Park - Visitor & Education Centre	-	1,229	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*289835	TECT All Terrain Park - Plans and Assessments	20	20	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	26
**289840	TECT All Terrain Park - Asset Renewals	53	61	43	82	46	31	221	73	90	58
**289843	TECT All Terrain Park - Road Sealing	350	358	367	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
**289844	TECT All Terrain Park - Campground	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*TECT All Terrain Park includes Western Bay of Plenty District Council & Tauranga City Council's (50% contribution)

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HOW OUR PLANS HAVE CHANGED

The timing and costs of some of our projects have been updated since we adopted our 2012 - 2022 Long Term Plan (LTP).

To see how our plans have changed click [here](#) for the complete list of the projects/programmes that have been revised or alternatively visit our website www.westernbay.govt.nz.

HOW WE WILL TRACK PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR GOALS

OUTCOME

Recreation and leisure facilities are well planned and safe to meet the diverse and changing needs of our community

GOAL	WE'LL KNOW WE'RE MEETING OUR GOAL IF	ACTUAL	TARGET				
		2014	2016	2017	2018	2019 - 21	2022 - 25
Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.	Total hectares of park land provided for recreation or conservation purposes per 1,000 residents.						
Provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excluding sub regional parks (TECT All Terrain Park and Huharua Harbour Park). 	26.6	≥25.0 ha	≥25.0 ha	≥25.0 ha	≥25.0 ha	≥25.0 ha
Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including Council's share of sub-regional parks. 	45.4	≥40 ha	≥40 ha	≥40 ha	≥38 ha	≥36 ha
Support provision of sub-regional recreation and leisure opportunities.	Please note: The decreasing trend is recognising population growth in the District and that facilities will be shared by more people.						
Protect important natural environment, cultural and heritage values.	Two-yearly survey of resident satisfaction with reserves and recreational facilities and amenities. Based on residents who are 'very satisfied' and 'satisfied'.	79%	≥75%	≥75%	≥75%	≥75%	≥75%
Ensure resources are secured to provide for future public recreation and leisure needs in response to population growth, changing recreational trends and the changing demographics of our communities.	Percentage of recreational facilities that have a condition rating ≤ 3 (1 excellent, 5 very poor as defined in the NZ Park and Recreation Asset Grading Standard manual).	95%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%
	Percentage of annual work programme completed as identified in the Recreation and Leisure Strategy and Action Plan. This identifies the total annual actions required for this strategy.	98%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%
	Percentage of reserve management plans that have been reviewed (3 yearly cycle) in accordance with the Reserve Management Act 1977.	100%	100%	No review	No review	100%	100%

HOW WE WILL TRACK PROGRESS - LEVELS OF SERVICE

NOTE: the level of service for the provision of cycleways is included in the transportation activity.

GOAL	WE'LL KNOW WE'RE MEETING THE SERVICE IF	ACTUAL	TARGET					
		2014	2016	2017	2018	2019 - 21	2022 - 25	
We will provide a basic range of public facilities across our District.	Number of hectares per 1,000 residents:							
	• Actively maintained parkland (excludes sports parks)	5.4	≥5	≥5	≥5	≥5.1	≥5.2	
	• Natural land	20.7	≥20	≥20	≥20	≥20	≥20	
	• Sports parks.	1.6	≥1.5	≥1.5	≥1.4	≥1.4	≥1.3	
	<i>Please note: this excludes the joint sub-regional TECT All Terrain Park and Huharua Harbour Park.</i>							
	Number of recreational facilities provided:							
	• Playgrounds per 1,000 children (under 15 years old)	3.1	≥3	≥3	≥3	≥3	≥3	
	• Skateparks/paths facilities	4	6	6	6	6	6	
• Boat ramps	18	18	18	18	18	18		
• All tide boat ramps.	2	2	2	2	2	3		
Number of Council funded swimming pools (Katikati and Te Puke).	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Number of toilet facilities provided.	66	67	68	69	69	69		
Level of reserve-user satisfaction as monitored by the two-yearly intercept surveys ('satisfied' or 'very satisfied').	86%	≥85%	No survey	≥85%	≥85%	≥85%		
<i>Please note: the decreasing trend is recognising population growth in the District and that existing facilities will be shared by more people.</i>								
We will provide sub-regional parks per the joint partnership with Tauranga City Council.	Achieve Green Flag accreditation for the TECT All Terrain Park on a three yearly basis.	ACHIEVED	No application	Achieved	No application	Achieved	Achieved	

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

ASSUMPTION	DESCRIPTION	RISK
Growth in visitor numbers	International visits are expected to increase from 278,000 in 2009 to 343,000 in 2016, representing growth of 23.5%. Domestic visits are expected to increase from 3.547 million in 2009 to 3.548 million in 2016 representing less than 1% increase. The impact of visitors will be concentrated on our District's coastal communities.	If visitor numbers grow faster than expected there would be pressure on infrastructure and visitor facilities.
Demographic impacts	<p>There may be less demand for sports fields over time and a greater demand for indoor sports and aquatic facilities.</p> <p>There may be more demand for walking/cycling recreation and transportation linkages.</p> <p>There may be less demand for birth -15 age play equipment.</p> <p>There may be more demand for arts/culture/heritage recreational facilities, in recognition of a less physically active age population.</p> <p>As the population ages, more disposable income may be available for recreational activity such as boating, freedom camping.</p>	<p>It is likely that there will be a surplus of sports fields.</p> <p>The provision of recreation and leisure facilities may not change in time to reflect the changes in recreation and leisure trends.</p> <p>Demand for all-tide harbour access structures (boat ramps, jetties) freedom camping areas and erosion protection structures may increase.</p>
Climate change	Provision has not been made to cater for additional projects as a result of climate change although we have projects that address existing coastal erosion issues.	Extreme weather events can cause significant damage to coastal reserves. We may not be able to remediate or actively respond to such events.
Asset lifespan	Expenditure forecasts are based on the latest condition assessments (for an asset or group of assets) and an estimate of the asset's useful life remaining.	Under-or over-estimation of useful life will result in errors in forecasting for replacing assets.
Capital costs	Forecast capital costs are based on best known information, i.e. recent projects and contractor costs.	If costs are higher than forecast the programme will be slowed unless the increased costs can be met elsewhere.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Provides space for physical activity, recreation and play; helps to provide for a healthy and interactive community. + A higher level of facilities and managed open space create an attractive place to visit/live and a higher level of social/cultural well-being. + Provides a location for community events. + Provides places of respite, retreat and connection to the natural environment. + Fosters a sense of civic pride. + Our District reserves network provides a smoke free environment. + Encourages community groups to work collectively on environment restoration projects (e.g. Coastcare). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential for negative impact on privacy, noise and loss of views. - Increased traffic congestion around peak activity periods. - Some uses affect neighbouring properties. - May attract anti-social behaviour (graffiti, drinking alcohol, bullying). - Littering and discarded rubbish. - Managing community expectations for local recreation opportunities. - Chemical use on parks (e.g. spraying weed killers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a process of public consultation through reviews of Reserve Management Plans on a regular basis. • Design active reserve space to meet anticipated uses and minimise impact on surrounding area. • Apply best practice urban design principles to minimise impacts of new development. • Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in planning for reserve space. • Signage is used to inform users of the chemical use regime.



DID YOU KNOW...

- Reserves account for 2,899 hectares of our District and we actively manage 1,129 hectares of those.
- Many of our most popular reserves border the harbour; residents and visitors are particularly keen to make use of the beaches and the water. The wetlands around Tauranga Harbour are recognised as regionally important and we have a responsibility to balance the demand for leisure with the need to protect sensitive environmental areas across our District.

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Provides a habitat for native fauna and flora. + Provides opportunities for people to access specific areas of open space and water and helps reduce impacts on areas which are more vulnerable to damage. + Prevention of pollution/health risks through provision of public toilets and rubbish bins. + May help reduce soil erosion. + Encourages local environment groups to support the development/restoration of reserve space. + Helps to sustain and enhance biodiversity within our District. + Contributes to landscape character and visual amenity. + Can be used to help manage or mitigate natural hazards and the predicted impact of climate change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chemical use on parks may leach into nearby water bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertiliser and spray programmes are kept to a minimum to maintain standards.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Reduces health costs associated with inactive lifestyles. + Potential to attract visitors/tourists. + Use of reserves/public open space for events can have significant local economic benefits. + Contributes to the vibrancy of a town centre/community thereby attracting business and investment. + Provides amenity to the built environment which in turn adds value to neighbouring properties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost of acquiring land. - Cost of developing and maintaining reserve land. - Managing community expectations for local recreation opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support local volunteer groups to provide voluntary assistance to maintain reserves. • Community consultation is a valuable element of all future planning work; this enables people to understand more about the options for future recreational opportunities including funding and management issues.
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Protects sites of cultural and heritage significance and educates the community. + Provides opportunities for cultural events/festivals. + Supports local identity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There may be concerns that access by the public is detrimental to the cultural values of some areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational material, including signage, is a key element of effectively managing reserves. Where appropriate it is possible to restrict access to areas with particular cultural sensitivities.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL FORECAST

RECREATION AND LEISURE

All information from 2017-2025 includes an annual adjustment for inflation.

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	FORECAST									
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Analysis of expenditure by activity												
District reserves	2,968	3,726	4,337	4,612	4,810	5,055	5,275	5,553	6,028	6,478	6,608	6,817
Motor camps	42	50	48	50	51	52	53	55	56	58	60	62
Swimming pools	356	339	293	290	269	277	725	574	327	297	319	452
Harbour structures	924	825	903	862	880	903	901	929	931	947	1,096	1,117
Sub-regional parks	826	925	965	1,004	1,250	1,576	1,678	1,710	1,721	1,862	1,952	2,014
Total operating expenditure	5,115	5,865	6,546	6,817	7,260	7,863	8,633	8,822	9,062	9,642	10,035	10,461
Analysis of expenditure by class												
Direct costs	3,811	3,437	3,628	3,703	3,722	3,926	4,480	4,422	4,214	4,361	4,433	4,748
Overhead costs	787	853	928	962	1,004	1,008	1,031	1,078	1,089	1,121	1,180	1,189
Interest	225	81	60	64	77	108	147	153	171	190	190	192
Depreciation	292	1,494	1,930	2,088	2,457	2,820	2,975	3,168	3,588	3,970	4,232	4,333
Total operating expenditure	5,115	5,865	6,546	6,817	7,260	7,863	8,633	8,822	9,062	9,642	10,035	10,461
Revenue												
Targeted rates	168	188	170	174	178	183	188	194	200	206	213	220
User fees	25	20	24	24	25	26	26	27	27	28	29	30
Financial contributions	1,327	1,766	1,554	1,585	1,662	1,939	2,005	2,056	2,125	2,229	2,216	2,292
Subsidies	274	285	20	655	-	-	698	2,489	-	-	-	-
Other income	763	698	688	672	695	737	767	777	781	794	821	842
Total revenue	2,557	2,956	2,456	3,111	2,561	2,885	3,684	5,542	3,133	3,257	3,278	3,384
Net cost of service - surplus/(deficit)	(2,558)	(2,908)	(4,090)	(3,706)	(4,699)	(4,978)	(4,949)	(3,280)	(5,929)	(6,385)	(6,757)	(7,078)
Capital expenditure	963	1,966	1,977	3,125	3,289	2,707	3,577	4,942	4,331	4,984	1,903	5,124
Vested assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other funding required	(3,521)	(4,875)	(6,067)	(6,831)	(7,988)	(7,685)	(8,526)	(8,221)	(10,260)	(11,368)	(8,660)	(12,201)
Other funding provided by												
General rate	4,297	4,425	5,211	5,432	5,682	6,300	7,049	6,929	7,685	7,270	7,484	7,768
Debt Increase (Decrease)	66	(10)	(10)	112	413	510	(100)	150	172	(148)	(157)	(167)
Proceeds from sale of assets	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves and future surpluses	(1,243)	460	866	1,288	1,893	876	1,577	1,143	2,403	4,246	1,334	4,600
Total other funding	3,521	4,875	6,067	6,831	7,988	7,685	8,526	8,221	10,260	11,368	8,660	12,201

COUNCIL'S ADDITIONAL ASSET REQUIREMENTS

RECREATION AND LEISURE

All information from 2017-2025 includes an annual adjustment for inflation

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$'000									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
To meet additional demand (capacity for future residents - growth)	942	1,900	1,472	1,465	1,882	3,658	3,017	611	528	3,372
To improve the level of service	270	276	283	291	299	308	331	369	338	349
To replace existing assets (renewals)	765	948	1,533	952	1,396	976	982	4,003	1,037	1,402
Total capital expenditure	1,977	3,125	3,289	2,707	3,577	4,942	4,331	4,984	1,903	5,124

Please note 50% of capital expenditure for sub-regional parks (TECT All Terrain Park, Huharua Harbour Park is recovered from Tauranga City Council)

WHAT WE'RE DOING TO IMPROVE THE LEVELS OF SERVICE

This is not a complete list of the projects/programmes we have planned for this group of activities. The full list is available on our website www.westernbay.govt.nz

- **330701 – TAURANGA HARBOUR ESPLANADE RESERVES MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

To address sedimentation issues control weeds and ensure livestock are excluded from adjacent streams

- **328201 – MCLOUGHLIN PARK HISTORIC BRIDGE SAFETY UPGRADE**

Upgrade bridge to improve public safety whilst maintaining this historically significant bridge (which was formally the State Highway stream crossing prior to State Highway 2 re alignment)

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

RECREATION AND LEISURE

COMMUNITY OUTCOME

Recreation and leisure facilities are well planned and safe to meet the diverse needs of our community.

GOALS

- Provide safe, healthy and appropriate facilities.
- Provide a basic range of public facilities across the District.
- Work and collaborate with the wider community including Tangata Whenua to provide and promote recreation and leisure facilities.
- Support provision of sub-regional recreation and leisure opportunities.
- Protect important natural environmental, cultural and heritage values.
- Ensure resources are secured to provide for future public recreation and leisure needs in response to population growth, changing recreational trends and the changing demographics of our communities.

DISCUSSION / RATIONALE

District reserves, harbour structures, recreational service delivery contracts

Reserves provide recreation and open space to the community as a whole and many residents value their existence and the option to use them for both passive and active recreation. Facilities are available for use by visitors and residents alike.

Communities are often proud of their reserves and even if they do not use them themselves, people may recognise a prestige value attached to a particular reserve area.

In many cases it is not practical or efficient to identify the individual users of reserves and recreational assets.

Sports and recreational clubs whose clubhouses occupy parts of our reserves can be identified and are charged rentals. Graziers who occupy reserves for grazing can also be identified and charged. While users of jetties and boat ramps are not charged there could be some commercial use of these structures that could be identified and charged for. Users of swimming pools can be identified and charged by the pool administrators. Income from users contributes to cost of running pools.

The level of provision of recreational assets is linked to demand, which is affected by population growth and development. Property developers can be identified and charged for the resulting consumption of reserves capacity when properties are developed.

Land has an infinite life with the life of improvements exceeding 15 years. Lives of coastal and harbour structures range from 15-50 years. The life of swimming pool assets is estimated at 75 years.

Actions identified that result in increased expenditure on this activity include vandalism, littering and inappropriate use of facilities which results in increased costs to ratepayers for maintenance and replacement of assets.

FUNDING APPROACH

District reserves, harbour structures, recreational service delivery contracts

Loans are used to finance significant reserve land acquisition opportunities. Loans are serviced (repaid) through recreation and leisure financial contributions when related to growth or from general rates, as appropriate.

General rates, fees for commercial use of boat ramps, rentals, lease fees, grazing fees, fines and reparation are used to fund operational expenditure including financing costs, renewals and capital expenditure relating to existing ratepayers.

The Environmental Protection Rate is used to fund coastal erosion projects relating to reserves.

The service delivery contracts for Council's swimming pools is funded from the Uniform Annual General Charge.

Financial contributions are used to fund capital development that is required to accommodate growth and to service loans where appropriate. Such capital developments may include expenditure on assets that are not in council ownership or on council land.

Council encourages communities and clubs to apply for funding from external sources for recreational facilities before approaching Council for funding. Only if communities are unsuccessful in obtaining funding will Council consider contributing funding to any recreation facilities beyond the basic level of provision of facilities outlined in this Strategy,

RECREATION AND LEISURE

DISCUSSION / RATIONALE

Camping grounds

While we do not run motor camps, we do lease property on a commercial basis to various motor camp operators. The lessees of the property have a legal interest in the land and use this for commercial gain. They are charged market rates for the right of occupation through a lease agreement.

The properties are either held as reserve land or as corporate property.

The public benefits from the existence of the camp ground as a community asset and public access to the property is protected by Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to any specific terms of the lease and bylaws.

The Reserves Act also requires that any financial surpluses generated from reserve land must be used for reserve purposes, providing a public benefit.

The land and improvements to the property revert to Council on expiry, surrender, breach or otherwise of each lease. No inter-generational benefits have been recognised as the useful life of the assets is not known.

Actions that result in increased expenditure on this activity include legal disputes which may arise with lessees and could result in increased expenditure such as increased compliance and monitoring costs.

FUNDING APPROACH

Camping grounds

Lease rentals fund operating costs, overheads and maintenance of the properties undertaken by Council.

Any shortfall will be funded from the General Rate.

Funding sources - Recreation and leisure 2015/16

