

## REASONS FOR OUR DECISIONS

Maintaining and upgrading the stormwater network and building new flood prevention works is expensive and must be balanced against the severity, risk and physical and social impacts of potential flooding.

Our decisions enable Council to meet the proposed level of service which sets a target of no more than three percent of habitable properties District-wide experiencing flooding in a 1-in-10 year rain event. We can also keep working with communities to address significant flooding issues at Waihi Beach and other low-lying coastal areas.

Funding stormwater from both targeted and District-wide rates recognises there are both private and public benefits gained from stormwater networks, and better management of stormwater debt.

We think this is fairer because stormwater networks benefit us all by keeping communities functioning in times of heavy rainfall, reducing stress in communities at risk of flooding, preventing the erosion of waterways and reducing the amount of sediment in stormwater

entering the Tauranga Harbour and coastal estuaries.

Increasing the targeted rate for urban properties by \$100 per property provides an additional \$865,000 in annual stormwater revenue that will be used for stormwater works and debt reduction.

### WAIHI BEACH

More than 70 percent of submitters supported additional works at Waihi Beach, with the vast majority of these in favour of Council's preferred option. This includes maintaining our current network, offering a house-raising consent fee waiver for at-risk properties and the additional works.

The work taking place over the next 10 years is a continuation of a collaborative process between Council and the Waihi Beach community - and in particular members of the Stormwater Action Team - SWAT.

We know we can't entirely remove the flood risk at Waihi Beach. However, we are confident this plan is the most sustainable and cost effective way to reduce the flood risk for as many properties as possible.

Please refer to the full Long Term Plan document on Council's website for more information on decisions regarding stormwater plans for Two Mile Creek, Shaw Road, Glen Isla Place and Didsbury Drive.

### MAKETU, TE PUKE AND KATIKATI

A number of people highlighted specific flooding and stormwater issues at Maketu, Te Puke and Katikati.

In response to this Council will do the following:

- work with the Regional Council to replace the Otumakoro Stream culvert at Spencer Avenue
- fund stormwater modelling for the urban settlements including Maketu
- upgrade stormwater management at King Street, Te Puke in the 2021/2022 financial year
- work with the Katikati Community Board to find an appropriate enhancement for the Highfields stormwater pond.

Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council continue to work collaboratively on a Regional Flood Risk Management Framework that will provide both councils with better tools to mitigate and reduce the impacts of flooding from future high rainfall events.

**In summary, we think these decisions will enable Council to continue improving stormwater protection throughout the District in collaboration with the community and funding partners.**



# WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROMOTION

We know Waihi Beach is a great place to live and visit. We'd like to have more events for locals and bring more tourists to the area to support local businesses and the community.

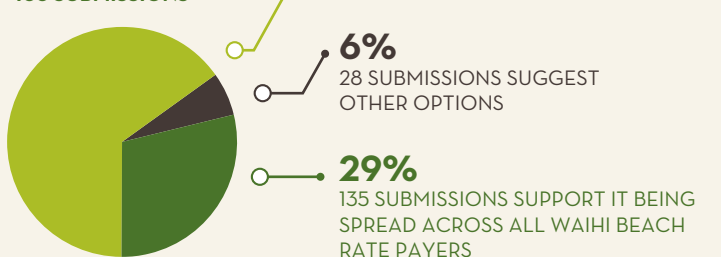
Through the LTP Consultation Document we asked for your feedback on the proposal to fund the Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotion Association.

We received 530 submissions.

## WAIHI BEACH PROMOTIONS: 530 SUBMISSIONS



## RATING FOR WAIHI BEACH PROMOTIONS: 466 SUBMISSIONS



*“Local businesses should pay for the service”*

*“Businesses that don't open on weekends shouldn't pay”*

*“Businesses that don't benefit from tourism shouldn't pay”*

*“Residential ratepayers should pay for the service”*

## WHAT YOU TOLD US

*“Costs should be shared between residential, commercial and industrial ratepayers”*

*“Business already contributes a lot to the community”*

## OUR DECISIONS

Having considered the feedback we decided to fund the Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotion Association at \$40,000 per year for the next 10 years.

This means the Waihi Beach community and local businesses will continue to enjoy the benefits of the association. In previous years this has included initiatives such as 'Charlie' the information caravan, and events like the Soundshell Music Series, Nugget

Multisport Festival and the Op Shop Ball.

Council opted for 25 percent of the funding to come from Waihi Beach businesses (\$149) and 75 percent from Waihi Beach residential ratepayers (\$10.12). This keeps the rate more in line with the amount local businesses pay for similar support from Katch Katikati and the Te Puke Economic Development Group.

## REASONS FOR OUR DECISIONS

The decision acknowledges the existing local business support for the Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotion Association. For example, the Waihi Beach Soundshell was recently upgraded by volunteers using cleaning products and paint donated by local businesses.

Nevertheless, Council believes the association provides greater benefit to businesses than residents and this should be reflected

through funding ratios. We support economic development and tourism across the District in many ways - similar services are provided in Katikati by Katch Katikati and Te Puke by the Te Puke Economic Development Group. We also make funding contributions to the economic development agency Priority One and Tourism Bay of Plenty.

While Council appreciates that not all businesses in Waihi Beach cater to tourists

and visitors, many businesses do benefit from the increased number of people in the area and not just on weekends. Exempting businesses that do not open on the weekend would also be very difficult to administer.

**In summary, we believe funding economic development activities in Waihi Beach is a good investment.**



# WASTEWATER

## ONGARE POINT WASTEWATER SCHEME

Council has been working with the Ongare Point community and Bay of Plenty Regional Council to find an affordable wastewater solution for that community.

A number of existing septic tanks at Ongare Point don't comply with current effluent treatment standards and about half of them can't be upgraded.

We need to either upgrade existing systems or install a community system to reduce nutrients and pollution entering the harbour.



### OUR DECISION

Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council will continue consulting with the Ongare Point community to determine their views and preferred solution. We have included in the budget funding for a community scheme based on contributions from property owners and both councils. Subject to agreement with the Ongare Point community, the agreed wastewater solution will be implemented in 2016 or 2017.

### REASONS FOR OUR DECISION

We believe this decision, in principle, allows consultation to continue with the Ongare Point community. The funding model includes a Regional Council subsidy, Western Bay Council funding and an owner contribution. This provides a cost effective solution for property owners. If they decide to proceed, the funding model is in place.

## TE PUNA WEST WASTEWATER SCHEME

Council has been working with the Te Puna West community and Bay of Plenty Regional Council in order to find an affordable wastewater solution for that community.

Most of the existing septic tanks at Te Puna West don't comply with current effluent treatment standards and about half of them can't be upgraded.

The residents need to either upgrade the existing systems or have Council install a community system to reduce nutrients and pollution entering the harbour. A new community wastewater scheme is the best long term solution.



### OUR DECISION

Council will work with the Te Puna West community over the next year to finalise the design and costing for the new low pressure sewer system that will connect to the wastewater pipeline that runs between Omokoroa and Tauranga. A formal agreement with each land owner is required as part of this process.

Construction of the scheme is expected to begin in 2016.

The scheme will be funded by the property owners, by Council and through a subsidy from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

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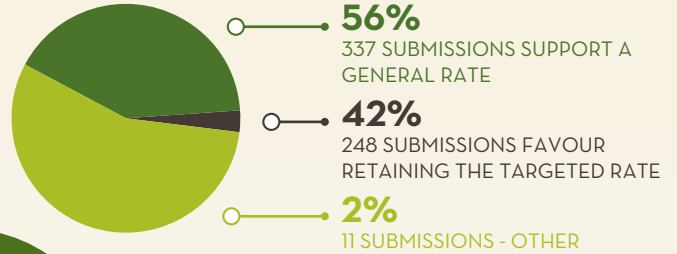
We believe this decision responds to the concerns expressed in the submissions. It also complies with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's OSET (on-site effluent treatment) requirements. As well as adding to the quality of life for the affected residents, the community wastewater scheme will improve the quality of the water in Tauranga Harbour. The funding approach includes a Regional Council subsidy, Western Bay Council funding and an owner contribution. This provides a cost effective solution for property owners.

# FUNDING SWIMMING POOLS

The Western Bay of Plenty District funds two swimming pools - one in Te Puke and one in Katikati - through targeted rates in those communities.

Through the LTP Consultation Document we asked for your feedback on a proposal to fund swimming pools through a District-wide rate. This is how we fund most of our other recreation facilities, such as sports fields, playgrounds, boat ramps, walkways and camping grounds.

## FUNDING OF SWIMMING POOLS: 596 SUBMISSIONS



### OUR DECISIONS

Having considered the feedback we decided to implement a District-wide general rate to fund swimming pools. This means all ratepayers in the District will pay an annual rate of \$8.40, which will be incorporated into the uniform annual general charge (UAGC).

## REASONS FOR OUR DECISIONS

Funding swimming pools through a general rate spreads the costs around the District more fairly than targeted rates. It recognises that ratepayers will use different facilities in different ways at different times. The decision also means swimming pools are funded in the same way as our other recreation and leisure facilities. It's important that people have access to public swimming pools for recreation and particularly learn-to-swim and water safety activities.

### PROPOSED TE PUKE AQUATIC ACTION CENTRE

The existing pool in Te Puke located at the high school is old and dated and in need of replacing with a modern aquatic facility. The Te Puke Aquatic Action Centre Group has requested funding to review the previous feasibility study. We will work with the group to investigate potential sites, options, feasibility and costings. At this stage Council has not committed any additional funding towards the project.

### PROPOSAL TO PUT A ROOF OVER THE DAVE HUME POOL AT KATIKATI

A group of interested locals asked Council to assist with investigating and funding a roof over the existing pool to lengthen the swimming season. We will work with the group to investigate the feasibility, options and costings for the project. At this stage no additional funding has been committed.

