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OVERVIEW

As part of the Communities Strategy, Community Facilities involves the provision of public spaces and community facilities. The strategy enables recreation, brings people together and creates a sense of belonging, all of which is essential for healthy and vibrant communities.

We are a key provider of indoor and outdoor community facilities, for example libraries, parks, playgrounds and halls. The Community Facilities activity includes community meeting places, housing for older people and cemeteries. See our Recreation and Leisure Strategy page 171 and the Libraries section page 135 of our Communities Strategy for information on our other community facilities and public spaces.

Māori, who represent approximately 17% of our District's population, tend to use their own community meeting places (marae) while also paying rates for the provision of our halls. For our Māori communities marae fulfil the same function as community halls. The marae is the turangawaewae and is the basis for traditional Māori community life. In some cases marae are used by the general public or in the event of a civil defence emergency.

In recognition that the use of marae by Māori reduces the demand on halls, we've created a fund to support the maintenance of marae that belong to iwi and hapū with land interests within Council boundaries.

COMMUNITY MEETING PLACES

The importance of community halls is reflected in local community ownership of 18 halls across our District. We provide the land for 15 of these halls and collect rates on behalf of the various hall committees for maintenance and capital development requirements. A wide range of activities and events is held in halls which support recreation, learning and social interaction within our communities.

As a result of the construction of a roundabout in Te Puna, the Te Puna War Memorial Hall is to be rebuilt in another location. The hall committee and the community wish to build a new facility, rather than relocate the former one. We are currently working with the hall committee and the community to determine the types of activities a new facility would need to accommodate, the design of the facility and the new location for the hall.

HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Local authorities have had a long standing role in providing housing for older people which enables those on low incomes to live in a safe, secure and well-maintained environment.

There has been a lot of discussion in recent years about whether Council should be in the business of providing housing for older people. Feedback from our communities signalled support for Council's ongoing involvement and we will continue to provide housing for older people while it remains a self-funding activity. However, we will investigate the implications of recent changes to legislation which excludes local government from subsidy funding arrangements.

Our District is seeing increasing numbers of older people living longer. At the same time, and largely as a consequence of population growth, there has been a decline in the affordability of housing across our District. As a result we are likely to see an increased demand for housing for older people on low incomes.

The challenges and opportunities that an ageing population present are being increasingly considered in planning for a sustainable future and we are actively considering ways to improve housing affordability (e.g. removing barriers to development/fast tracking development applications).

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries provide families, friends and visitors a place to remember their loved ones. We are legally required to provide cemeteries to ensure the burial and cremation needs of our District are met now, and in the future. We are confident that our cemeteries have sufficient capacity to meet current and future demand. No risks to public health are anticipated from our cemetery operations.

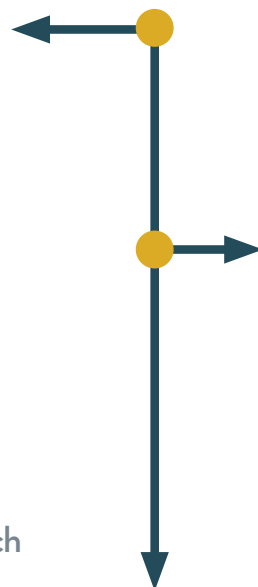
Our ageing population is a key driver in our planning for the future provision of cemeteries. As well as this the cultural diversity of our District's residents is changing, so there may be different burial and cremation needs which may require consideration in the future.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

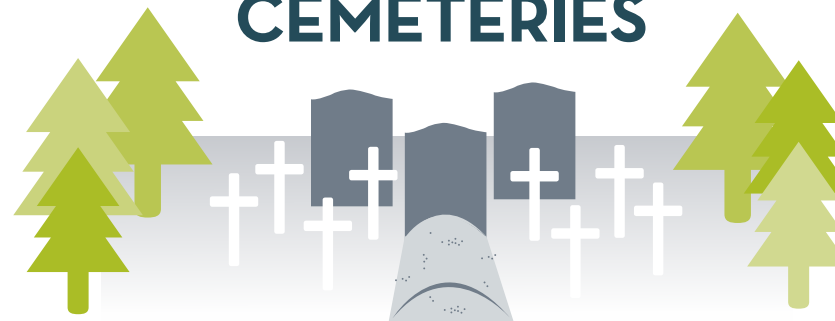
HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE



34 : **17** : **19**
UNITS : **UNITS** : **UNITS**
 in Te Puke : in Katikati : in Waihi Beach



CEMETERIES



KATIKATI : **MAKETU** : **OROPI**
 Cemetery : Cemetery : Cemetery



TE PUKE Cemetery
 (and old Te Puke Cemetery where further plots are unavailable)

HELP SUPPORT COMMUNITY HALLS

KAIMAI HALL
 KATIKATI WAR MEMORIAL HALL
 OHAUITI HALL OMANAWA HALL
 OMOKOROA SETTLERS HALL
 OROPI HALL

: PAHOIA COMMUNITY HALL
 : PAENGAROA HALL
 : PUKEHINA BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
 : PYES PA HALL
 : TE PUKE WAR MEMORIAL HALL
 : & Settlers Lounge & Pioneer Room

: TE PUNA COMMUNITY CENTRE
 : TE PUNA WAR MEMORIAL HALL
 : TE RANGA HALL
 : WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
 : WHAKAMARAMA HALL

WHY WE PROVIDE IT

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOME

Social infrastructure (the community facilities, services and networks that help individuals, families, groups and communities) meets the diverse needs of communities; communities are strong and can influence their futures.

OUR GOALS

- Communities are healthy and safe
- Communities are vibrant and diverse.

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOME

GOAL	OUR APPROACH	OUR ROLE
Communities are healthy and safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to own and maintain cemeteries at Katikati, Oropi, Te Puke (2) and Maketu • Retain ownership, maintenance and management of housing for older people across our District, while it continues to be self-funding and investigate the implications of recent changes in social housing legislation • Maintain partnerships with hall committees to provide community meeting places across our District • Work with hall committees to build their capacity in promoting the use of halls • Encourage local schools to provide community meeting places, particularly in rural communities. 	Lead Lead Partner Advocate Advocate

WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO

All information from 2020 – 2028 includes an adjustment for inflation.

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	\$'000									
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
280001	Pensioner Housing Capital Requirements	50	51	52	53	54	56	57	58	60	61
264315	Cemetery Land Purchase & Development - West	-	-	-	-	-	-	227	349	358	-
264316	Katikati Cemetery Berms	40	-	16	-	-	17	-	-	18	-
264402	Te Puke Cemetery Berms	-	-	16	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
299502	Oropi Cemetery Berms & Roadway	-	9	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
299602	Maketu Cemetery Berms & Rock Wall	50	20	-	-	11	-	-	-	12	-
280801	Katikati Hall Improvements	29	23	6	13	11	6	26	8	8	9
280803	Ohauti Hall Improvements	16	13	1	8	9	1	4	33	33	34
280804	Omanawa Hall Improvements	15	5	4	3	2	4	3	2	2	2

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	\$'000									
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
280805	Omokoroa Hall Improvements	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
280806	Oropi Hall Improvements	-	15	0	8	8	10	9	9	10	10
280809	Paengaroa Hall Improvements	31	7	4	18	13	16	40	5	5	6
280810	Pyes Pa Hall Improvements	5	4	6	1	6	3	14	2	2	2
280811	Te Puke Hall Improvements	35	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
280812	Te Puna Community Centre Hall Improvements	30	19	15	20	23	12	6	3	3	3
280813	Te Puna War Memorial Hall Improvements	-	-	8	7	13	6	1	9	10	10
280815	Waihi Beach Community Hall improvements	26	19	14	14	11	17	24	12	12	12
280816	Kaimai Hall improvements	5	2	1	6	1	4	18	2	2	2
280819	Pukehina Beach Community Centre Improvements	5	13	5	6	7	6	17	9	7	7
280820	Te Ranga Hall Improvements	6	2	3	3	4	3	3	9	8	9
280822	Whakamarama Hall Improvements	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
280830	Te Puke Hall Improvements Loan	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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COMMUNITY HALLS PLANNED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMMES 2018/19 (FIRST YEAR OF THIS TEN YEAR PLAN)

Please note: hall committees ask us to help them fund capital projects and major maintenance works on the halls. We levy a uniform targeted rate over the defined areas of benefit to help the hall committees fund their work programmes. Hall area of benefit maps are available on our website www.westernbay.govt.nz.

COMMUNITY HALL	CHARGE PER PROPERTY IN AREA OF BENEFIT	2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN	PROPOSED 2018/19 (FIRST YEAR)	WORK PROGRAMME
	NO. RATEPAYER	\$	\$	
Kaimai Hall	407	5.24	13.03	Maintenance and insurance costs.
Katikati War Memorial Hall	4,407	7.00	7.00	Fixed charge.
Ohauti Hall	267	16.17	59.21	Capital and maintenance works required.
Omanawa Hall	423	9.29	36.17	Capital and maintenance works required.
Omokoroa Settlers Hall	1,871	1.35	1.35	Fixed charge of \$1.35 as requested by Hall board.
Oropi War Memorial Hall	553	45.86	45.11	Loan repayment only for 2019.
Paengaroa Hall	677	17.05	45.99	Capital and maintenance works required.
Pukehina Beach Community Centre	817	3.16	5.62	Maintenance and insurance costs.
Pyes Pa Hall	533	4.23	8.71	Insurance costs included.
Te Puna Community Centre Hall	1,390	2.09	22.21	Capital and maintenance works required.
Te Puna War Memorial Hall	1,390	-	-	Replacement Hall Project underway.
Te Puke War Memorial and Settlers Hall	3,954	27.46	28.80	Insurance costs included.
Te Ranga Hall	140	14.78	42.84	Insurance costs included.
Waihi Beach Community Hall	3,019	2.64	10.00	Capital and insurance cost. Fixed charge.
Whakamarama Hall	499	12.95	20.00	Fixed charge of \$20.00 as requested by Hall board.
Otamarakau Settlers Hall	These halls are not located on Council-owned land and we do not collect rates on behalf of these hall committees.			
Pongakawa Hall				

HOW WE WILL TRACK PROGRESS - LEVELS OF SERVICE

GOAL	WE'LL KNOW WE'RE MEETING THE SERVICE IF	ACTUAL			TARGET		
		2017	2019	2020	2021	2022-24	2025-28
We will provide cemeteries at Katikati, Maketu, Oropi and Te Puke (excludes old Te Puke cemetery as there are no further plots available).	Number of cemeteries where plot availability is >30% of annual plot requirements or 5 plots at any one time.	4	4	4	4	4	4
Partnerships with hall committees will be maintained.	Number of partnership agreements in place with existing hall committees.	15	≥14	≥14	≥14	≥14	≥14
	Minimum number of notifications (per year) each hall committee will receive regarding annual budget and policy changes.	2	2	2	2	2	2
We will provide and maintain 70 pensioner units in Katikati, Te Puke and Waihi Beach.	Percentage of service requests actioned within agreed timeframes.	94%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%
	Annual housing occupancy rate of all available units.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Percentage of pensioner housing annual inspections completed.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

	ASSUMPTION	RISK
Cemeteries service demand	<p>The projected demand for our cemeteries is estimated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katikati Cemetery: 14 burials and 5 ash interments per year • Maketu Cemetery: 7 burials and 1 ash interment per year • Oropi Cemetery: 2 burials and 1 ash interment per year • Te Puke Cemetery: 26 burials and 14 ash interments per year. 	If actual demand exceeds forecast demand capital expenditure would be required earlier than forecast and income would need to increase.
Changing demographics Population ageing	<p>The number of residents aged over 65 years old is projected to double in our District from 9,000 in 2013 to 18,800 in 2033. This will increase the proportion of residents aged over 65 from 20% to 33% over the same time period. This may increase the demand for affordable housing for older people and increased cemetery usage.</p> <p>Young people aged 15-29 years old are substantially under-represented in our District and account for just 14% of the population compared with 20% nationally.</p>	<p>The increasing demand for community facilities for older people cannot be absorbed by existing community infrastructure.</p> <p>Lack of suitable community facilities for young people.</p>
Increasing cultural diversity	Our District is experiencing an increase in the number of residents from Asia, the Pacific and other ethnic groups. We need to consider different cultural customs regarding burial methods and possibly different housing requirements as they age.	Failure to plan for increased cultural diversity could result in unexpected additional expenditure required for alternative delivery methods for housing and burials.
Housing for older people funding	Central government funding arrangements for housing for older people may change.	Depending on the nature of the change, we may need to review our Housing for Older People policy.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY MEETING PLACES

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Halls and marae provide an important public space for social interaction, recreation and learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Halls may be in locations that are not accessible for some residents. ✗ Difficulty encouraging people to join hall committees. ✗ All ratepayers in the hall area are required to pay for hall maintenance but may not all use the hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with hall committees to assist them in promoting the use of halls.
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides a venue for learning about environmental sustainability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Many halls do not feature all of the sustainable initiatives (e.g. solar panels) that are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration is given to environmental sustainability as halls are replaced or renovated.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides a cost effective venue for events and recreation activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Difficulty in raising funds and encouraging the use of halls to support ongoing maintenance and capital development costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of rates on behalf of hall committees to support the capital development and maintenance of halls.
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provides venues for cultural and art events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ May not provide appropriate facilities for certain types of cultural and art events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of rates on behalf of hall committees to support the capital development and maintenance of halls. • Establishment of the marae maintenance fund to contribute to the maintenance of marae.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY - HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Our housing units provide safe, secure and affordable housing for older people. ✓ The grouping of the units encourages social networks to reduce isolation. ✓ Housing in the community supports 'aging in place'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Potential for increased demand due to the increasing proportion of older residents requiring affordable housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date there has not been a large waiting list, indicating the units are meeting demand. • Liaison with social housing providers and Housing New Zealand Corporation could occur in the future if demand increases.
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Insulation in pensioner housing units to reduce health requirements and improve the wellbeing of occupants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Inability to adequately maintain units could place occupants' health at risk. ✗ The pensioner housing units do not feature all of the sustainable initiatives e.g. solar panels that are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As sustainability initiatives become more affordable Council would be in a better position to investigate the use of sustainability features for pensioner housing units.

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Housing is affordable to low income older residents. ✓ Provision of housing is self-funding not requiring ratepayer funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Council will not be able to meet the demand for housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with social housing providers and Housing New Zealand Corporation should existing funding arrangements change.
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Many of the units are located in areas where residents are able to access cultural and art events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Occupancy does not reflect the ethnic make-up of our District's population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Māori and people from other cultures are aware of the availability of housing for older people.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY - CEMETERIES

WELL-BEING	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING THESE EFFECTS
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meets community needs for cemeteries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Māori provide their own cemeteries, i.e. urupa. ✗ May not meet the burial needs of our increasingly culturally diverse population. ✗ Potential for increased demand due to the increasing proportion of older residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the cultural diversity of the population when reviewing cemetery capacity. • Projected population ageing figures are considered in the planning of cemeteries.
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Relevant legislative and industry health and safety standards are complied with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not offer natural burials. ✗ Potential health effects. ✗ Potential air discharges. ✗ Potential groundwater contamination if monitoring inaccurate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We adhere to the legal, health and safety requirements to minimise the environmental impact of cemeteries.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Primarily funded by those requiring the service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ There may be some people or their families who struggle to pay to use the cemetery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the majority of cost is funded by the users of the service we contribute some funding to public cemeteries.
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Preservation of history. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Inability to meet some very specific cultural requirements may lead to customer dissatisfaction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social infrastructure planning guidelines require consideration of cultural diversity when planning for cemeteries.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Please refer to Chapter 5 'Policies, Summaries & Statements' for the Revenue and Financing Policy for community facilities.