

Katikati Solid waste Ongare Point Community building Meeting place
 Wastewater Omokoroa Playgrounds Pongakawa Urupa Aongatete
 Marae Stormwater Rogers Road Representation Te Kahika Friends
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COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Overview

Public spaces and community facilities enable recreation, bring people together and create 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. Please also see our Recreation and Leisure Strategy page 134 and the Libraries section page 106 of our Communities Strategy for information on our other community facilities and public spaces.

Māori, who represent approximately 18% of our District's population, tend to use their own community meeting places (marae) and cemeteries (urupa) while also paying rates for the provision of our cemeteries and 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.

The use of marae and urupa by Māori reduces the demand on public cemeteries and halls. Consequently there has been a call for us to consider making a contribution to the maintenance of marae and urupa and the options available to us will be explored during the term of this Long Term Plan.

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.

Housing for older people

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

There has been a lot of discussion in recent years about whether we should be in the business of providing housing for older people. Feedback from our communities has signalled support for our ongoing involvement and we will continue to provide housing for older people while it remains a self-funding activity.

Our District is seeing increasing numbers of older people living longer than ever before. 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.

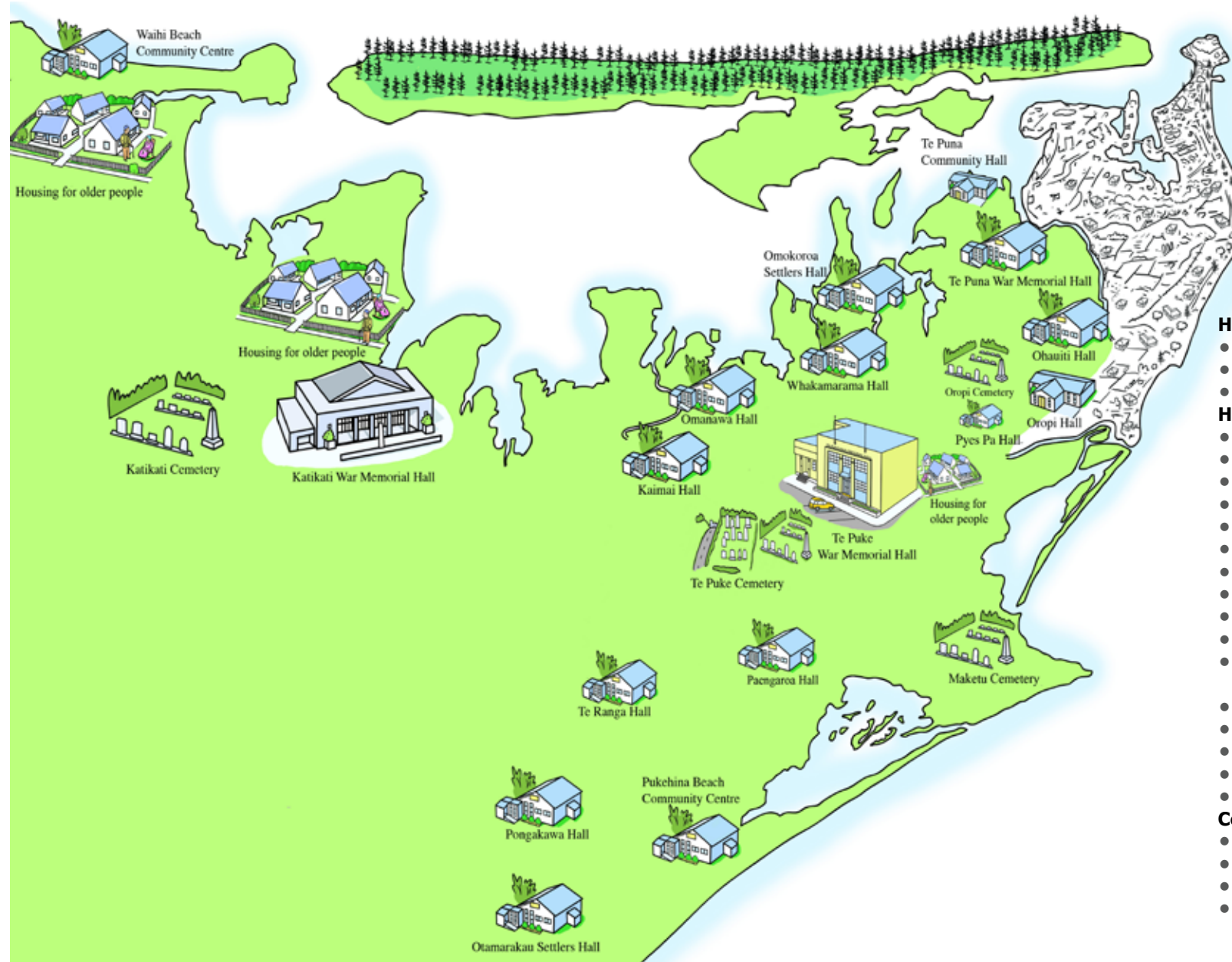
The challenges and opportunities that an ageing population present are being increasingly considered in planning for a sustainable future and we are looking to develop a housing affordability policy to identify what actions we can take to increase the provision of affordable housing in our District without the need to increase rates.

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.

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

- Katikati (17 units)
- Te Puke (34 units)
- Waihi Beach (19 units)

Help support community halls

- Kaimai Hall
- Katikati War Memorial Hall
- Ohauiti Hall
- Omanawa Hall
- Omokoroa Settlers Hall
- Oropi Hall
- Paengaroa Hall
- Pukehina Beach Community Centre
- Pukehina Hall
- 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

Cemeteries

- Katikati Cemetery
- Maketu Cemetery
- Oropi Cemetery
- Te Puke Cemetery (and old Te Puke Cemetery where further plots are unavailable)

Why we provide it

Our community outcome

Social infrastructure (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 future.

Our goal

- 1 Communities are healthy and safe
- 2 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 ▶ Investigate the concept of equity and its implications for the provision of our services ▶ Retain ownership, maintenance and management of housing for older people across our District, while it continues to be self-funding ▶ 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 	<p>Lead</p> <p>Lead</p> <p>Lead</p> <p>Partner</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Advocate</p>

What we are planning to do

All information from 2014 – 2022 includes an adjustment for inflation.

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

Project number	Project name	\$'000									
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
280001	Housing for older people capital requirements	50	53	55	40	31	34	38	63	65	67
280823	Te Puke War Memorial Hall and Settlers Lounge including Pioneer Room earthquake strengthening		268								

Community halls planned capital works programmes 2012/13 (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 annual charge 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			Work programme
	No of ratepayers	2011/12 Annual Plan	2012/13 (first year only)	
		\$	\$	
Kaimai Hall	362	-	1.75	Chemical cleaning the roof, walls, verandah and landing/ramp.
Katikati War Memorial Hall	4,161	5.00	5.00	Chemical clean the roof and walls.
Ohauiti Hall	236	6.80	2.20	Polyurethane the hall floor.
				Chemical clean.
Omanawa Hall	374	2.65	10.00	Chemical cleaning the roof and some walls, polyurethane the hall flooring and part fund the recladding work carried out in 2011/12.
Omokoroa Settlers Hall	1,437	5.70	1.45	Ad-hoc work that arises in the year.
Oropi War Memorial Hall	488	15.00	15.00	Rebuilding work.
Paengaroa Hall	616	30.00	18.60	Chemical clean. Polyurethane the entrance way floor. Pumping out the septic tank and part fund the deficit balance brought forward from prior years.
Pukehina Beach Community Centre	736	-	4.85	Pumping out the septic tank and polyurethane the hall floor.
Pukehina Hall	210	-	-	No work required in 2012/13.
Pyes Pa Hall	497	-	10.80	Replacing the roof spouting/downpipes and polyurethane the hall floor.
Te Puna War Memorial Hall	1,249	5.30	5.00	Chemical clean the roof and walls. Polyurethane the hall floor and part fund the deficit balance brought forward from prior years.

Community Hall	Charge per property in area of benefit			Work programme
	No of ratepayers	2011/12 Annual Plan	2012/13 (first year only)	
		\$	\$	
Te Puke War Memorial and Settlers Hall	3,790	12.65	12.00	Main foyer refurbishment including replacing sliding/folding doors into the main hall. Replacing carpets throughout.
Te Puna Community Centre Hall	1,188	2.00	-	No work required in 2012/13.
Te Ranga Hall	130	15.00	15.00	Chemical cleaning the roof and walls. Painting the entrance way ceiling, kitchen ceiling and kitchen wall. Polyurethane the hall floor.
Waihi Beach Community Hall	2,897	-	-	No work required in 2012/13.
Whakamarama Hall	464	6.00	11.20	Chemical cleaning the car port roof and walls. Polyurethane the hall floor. Pumping out the septic tank.
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				

Major projects planned for 2012 - 2022

- ▶ Earthquake strengthening of Te Puke War Memorial Hall planned for 2014 is expected to cost \$268,340 for investigations, strengthening assessment and work
- ▶ Ongoing minor capital works programme for halls \$1,729,583 over ten years (funded from a uniform annual charge levied over the area of benefit for each respective hall)

How we will track progress - levels of service

What we provide	We'll know we're meeting the service if	Actual	Target				
		2011	2013	2014	2015	2016 - 18	2019 - 22
Council will provide cemeteries at Katikati, Maketu, Oropi and Te Puke (excludes old Te Puke cemetery as there are no further plots available for purchase)	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. Three halls are not on Council's land so no agreement in place	14	14	14	14	14	14
	Minimum number of notifications (per year) each hall committee will receive regarding annual budget and policy changes	New	1	1	1	1	1
Council will provide and maintain 70 pensioner units in Katikati, Te Puke and Waihi Beach	Number of complaints regarding the maintenance of pensioner housing accommodation not responded to	New	0	0	0	0	0
	Percentage of pensioner houses available for occupation	New	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%	≥90%
	Percentage of pensioner housing annual inspections completed	New	≥95%	≥95%	≥95%	≥95%	≥95%

Key assumptions

Assumption	Description	Risk
Cemeteries service demand	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 These are estimates	If actual demand exceeds forecast demand capital expenditure would be required earlier than forecast and income would need to increase
Changing demographics population ageing	The number of residents aged over 65 years old is projected to double in our District from 8,000 in 2011 to 16,000 in 2031. This will increase the proportion of residents aged over 65 from 18% to 28% over the same time period. This may increase the demand for affordable housing for older people and increased cemetery usage 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	The increasing demand for community facilities cannot be absorbed by existing community infrastructure
Increasing cultural diversity	While our District is less well represented by ethnic groups other than European and Māori compared to the national average, there is 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
Implementation of the Dangerous, Earthquake-prone and Insanitary Building Policy	The policy was reviewed in 2010 and identified the Katikati Memorial, Pongakawa and Te Puke halls as requiring an assessment for earthquake-proneness. This assessment has determined that the Te Puke War Memorial Hall requires earthquake strengthening, which has been identified as a major project during the period of this Long Term Plan Further assessments of Katikati War Memorial Hall and Pongakawa Halls may determine that earthquake strengthening is required, funding for which will need to be given future consideration	If the halls are assessed as requiring earthquake strengthening there will be a need to consider potential funding sources and funding requirements may be substantial
Changes to the Building Act	The Building Act 2004 is being reviewed and may result in more stringent legislative requirements regarding earthquake-prone buildings, following the earthquakes in Canterbury. If this occurs we may have to review/revise our Dangerous, Earthquake-prone and Insanitary Buildings Policy	The revision of the Building Act could result in significant additional costs to us



















Significant effects of providing this activity - Community meeting places

Well-being	Positive	Negative	How we are addressing these effects
Social	<p>😊 Halls provide an important public space for social interaction, recreation and learning</p>	<p>☹️ Halls may be in locations that are not accessible for some residents</p> <p>☹️ Some groups in the community, for instance Māori, provide their own community meeting places, typically marae and may not use our facilities</p> <p>☹️ Difficulty encouraging people to join hall committees</p> <p>☹️ All ratepayers in the hall area are required to pay for hall maintenance but may not all use the hall</p>	<p>➡️ Consideration to be given as to whether we may contribute to the upkeep of marae</p> <p>➡️ Work with hall committees to assist them in promoting the use of halls</p>
Environmental			
Economic	<p>😊 Provides a cost effective venue for events and recreation activities</p>	<p>☹️ Difficulty in raising funds and encouraging the use of halls to support ongoing maintenance and capital development costs</p>	<p>➡️ Collection of rates on behalf of hall committees to support the capital development and maintenance of halls</p>
Cultural	<p>😊 Provides venues for cultural and art events</p>	<p>☹️ May not provide appropriate facilities for certain types of cultural and art events</p>	<p>➡️ Collection of rates on behalf of hall committees to support the capital development and maintenance of halls</p>

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 'ageing 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"> 😊 Better insulation has assisted in reducing heating requirements and improving the well-being of occupants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 😞 Inability to adequately maintain units could place occupants' health at risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ A maintenance programme for the next ten years will ensure the units are adequately maintained
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"> 😞 The downturn in the economy may lead to greater demand for housing and subsequent raised expectations that Council will provide more 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	 Meets community needs for cemeteries	 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	 Consideration to be given as to whether we may contribute to the upkeep of urupa  Projected population ageing figures are considered in the planning of cemeteries
Environmental	 Relevant legislative and industry health and safety standards are complied with	 Do not offer natural burials  Potential health effects  Potential air discharges  Potential groundwater contamination if monitoring inaccurate	 We adhere to the legal, health and safety requirements to minimise the environmental impact of cemeteries
Economic	 Primarily funded by those requiring the service	 There may be some people or their families who struggle to pay to use the cemetery	 While the majority of cost is funded by the users of the service we contribute some funding to public cemeteries
Cultural	 Preservation of history	 Inability to meet some very specific cultural requirements may lead to customer dissatisfaction	 Social infrastructure planning guidelines require consideration of cultural diversity when planning for cemeteries

Where the money comes from

Community meeting places

Who benefits from this activity

All community halls are available to the public. The community benefits from the existence of the halls and the options that they have to use them. Groups and individuals can use the halls for community and recreational use.

Funding sources

Uniform Annual Charges over areas of benefit fund of capital development and significant maintenance projects while general rates fund Council operating costs. Our operating costs include insurance, legal fees, rates and staff time associated with halls. Routine maintenance is undertaken by Hall committees which collect revenue by charging hireage fees.

Housing for older people

Who benefits from this activity

The tenants of the units primarily benefit from the provision of housing for older people. The general public derives some benefit from the existence of a service that supports older residents in accessing affordable housing.

Funding sources

The units are 100% funded from the rental revenue, including operations, capital and maintenance expenditure.

Cemeteries

Who benefits from this activity

The families of the deceased are the primary users of our cemeteries although the public indirectly benefits from the existence of cemeteries and the option they have of using them. The public also benefits from the heritage values of cemeteries and there are third party benefits associated with public health.

Funding sources

Funding of cemeteries operational, renewal and maintenance costs is 70% from fees and charges and 30% from general rates.

