



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

**Long-Term Plan
2024-2034
Hearings**

Thursday, 16 May 2024

Tabled information

LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-2034**HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS****Thursday, 16 May 2024**

Time	Zoom	Name	Organisation	Topic
9.30am		Housekeeping		
9.35am		Phill Haynes	Juno & Jupiter Consulting	
9.45am		Johannes Chans Vanderschantz		
9.55am		Alistair Fraser	Digital Inclusion Alliance	
10.05am		Colin Anderson		LTP, Development Contributions Policy
10.15am		Colin Anderson		Rates Remission & Postponement
10.25am		Paula Conder	Wanganui Harrier Club	
10.35am		Morning tea		
10.50am		Stephen Lee	Whanganui Food Security Collective	
11.00am		Bruce Osborne / Grant Scott / Des Lock	Aramoho River-Bank Enhancement Project	
11.10am		Fiona Donne		
11.20am		Rosemary Ansley		
11.30am		Alan Taylor		
11.40am		Peter Edmonds		
11.50am		Bill Simmons		
12.00pm		Keith Beautrais	Bushy Park Tarapurui Trust	
12.10pm		Lunch		
1.00pm		Helen Garner	Business Whanganui	
1.10pm		Nancy Tuaine	Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui	
1.20pm		Tina Baldwin		
1.30pm		Anthonie Tonnon		LTP
1.40pm		Anthonie Tonnon		Parking & DCs
1.50pm		Ben Zolno		LTP, Fees & Charges, Rev & Financing
2.00pm		Ben Zolno		Dvpt Contributions, Rates Remission
2.10pm		Break		
2.15pm		Tania Bailey	Putiki Emergency Reponse group	Speaking to two business cases
2.30pm		Ellen Young		
2.40pm		Shona Rush		
2.55pm		James Barron / Annette Scarfe	Progress Castlecliff	LTP & Parking
3.05pm		James Barron		Rev & Financing Policy; Rates Remission
3.15pm		Afternoon Tea		
3.30pm	zoom	Duane Emeny	Air Chathams Limited	
3.40pm		Tiffany Davies		LTP & Parking
3.55pm		Keith Ramage	Whanganui East School	
4.05pm		Bruce Murphy		
4.15pm		Graeme Holloway		LTP & DCs
4.30pm		Rosalie Irwin		
4.40pm		Break		
4.50pm	Zoom	Rachel Keedwell	Horizons Regional Council	
5.00pm		Robert John Oscroft		
5.10pm		Jason Kaye		
5.20pm		Holly Davies		Individual submission
5.30pm	Zoom	Arnja Dale / Dr Christine Sumner	RNZSPCA	
5.50pm		Hayden Potaka - withdrawn	Whanganui Māori Regional Tourism Organisation	
End of Day Three				

Reasons for a walkway across the reserve park at the end of Helmore st Wanganui east:

The numbers of persons out and about of all ages is increasing in Wanganui East and further afield that ARE USING THE RIVER WALKWAY FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

With the ever increasing traffic flow especially around Dublin street Bridge becoming more and more difficult to navigate safely, it's only a matter of time now that this will become a death trap with the ever increasing traffic flow.

The proposed pathway is away from the road hazard at the Dublin street roundabout crossings. Note the photos already presented. And please if this does not give you the full impact of the problem go for a walk and check for yourself the danger hazards.

From Helmore street there is a clear view both ways of the road leading into the proposed crossing and it is the straightest place on this part of Anzac parade well clear of any major driveways and other hazards mentioned previously.

Note from your photos there is already provision made for a crossing there, but for some reason it was not completed, and it's the only opening along this closed off area like that suggesting one was meant to go in.

There is a clear crossing here that people are already using as a direct line from the river walkway up to the shopping centre in Wanganui East, but is wet and mucky especially in the winter months.

This place is where the most highly used group of persons would use it and was not once disputed by any other signatory talked to for it to go anywhere else, so indicates high approval from this group of people in Wanganui East as an appropriate place.

The road coming off Helmore street into Anzac parade has already a compulsory stop making a crossing at this point safer than most of the other road entries into the Anzac parade.

This crossing here would be one point to access the whole of the city centre bypassing the Dublin street bridge area completely, utilising the town bridge which has a much safer more even access into the city.

The cost of doing this to make getting from A to B (being the city centre) is far more cost effective (suggested to be in the vicinity of \$10,000 to \$15,000) for the council at this present time than having to fix the hazards already addressed in my previous letter along this pathway from Helmore street to Dublin street bridge or as I said earlier, further down along past the garage on the Dublin street corner (being hundreds of thousands of \$\$\$) which clearly council can't afford at present or in the near future.

The chain that is there at present can be removed and used in a section further down that has been destroyed.

The footpaths past Helmore street going toward Upukonaro are wider, more visually open and smooth to navigate. From Helmore street down to the Dublin street bridge and past the garage on the corner going into town are the nightmare areas. Narrower, bumpier, covered in flora hiding driveway accesses, and all the afore mentioned issues mentioned in my past address to the council, reserves and roading departments.

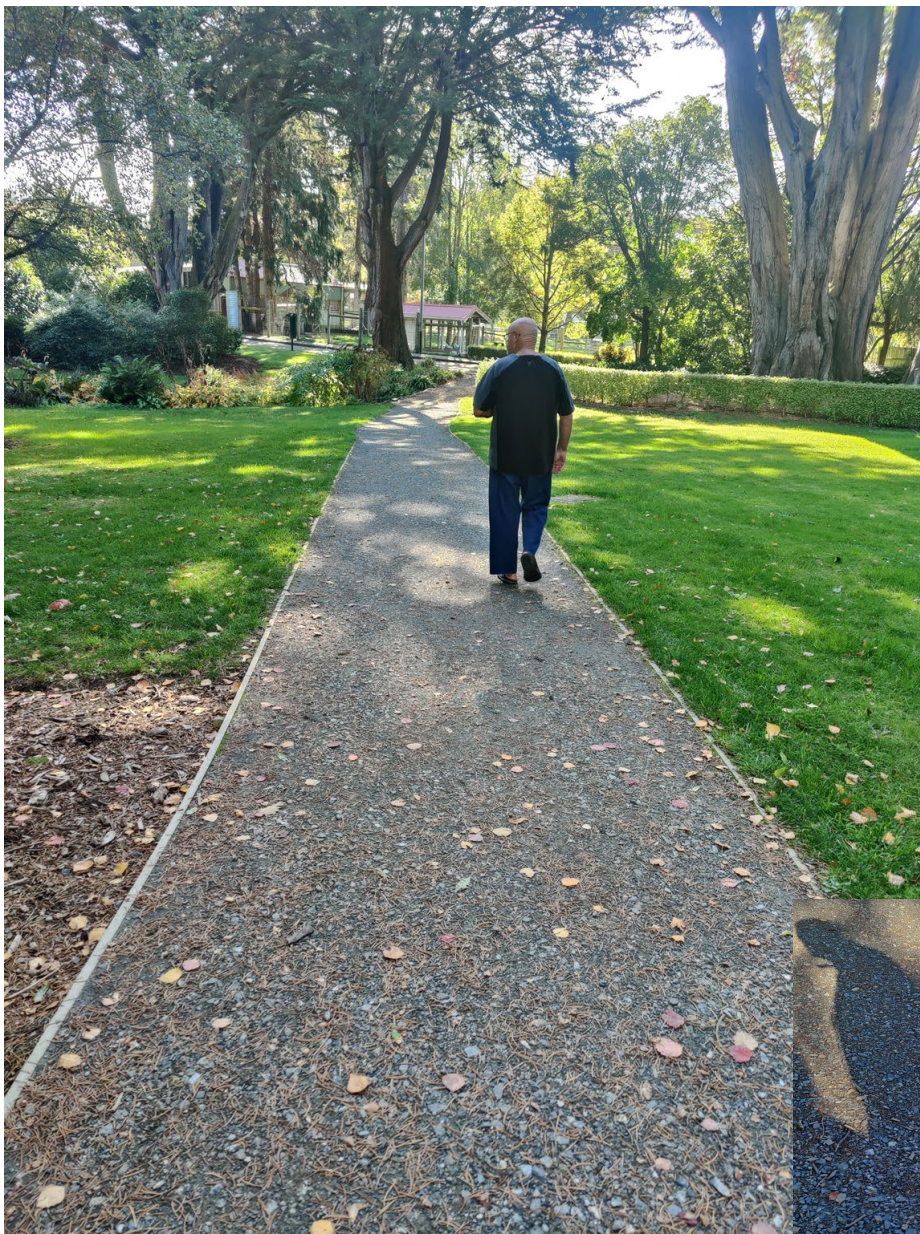
Most importantly it's a much safer option than what we have at present and with the increased numbers of persons using or wanting to use the river walkway to utilise the services this city

provides, that at present not all Wanganui residents and I might say here, the many others I have talked to using this walkway (from other areas in our city that use this opening, Helmore /Anzac intersection, from the river walkway) to enjoy without the fear and anxiety of traversing the present situation.

SOLUTION IF A PERMANENT WALKWAY NOT AVAILABLE TODAY:

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With that in mind can I suggest a less expensive option that could happen sooner, and perhaps more presentable to parks and reserves. That being while in the South Island this last couple of months the many walkways we noted were not unlike the photo presented to you today. It is from Invercargill Queens Park. This would be an easy less expensive, exceptable alternative. It would also be more asthetically pleasing from an enviromental view.



*Courtesy Queens Park
Invercargill*

The path is very simple in its layout.

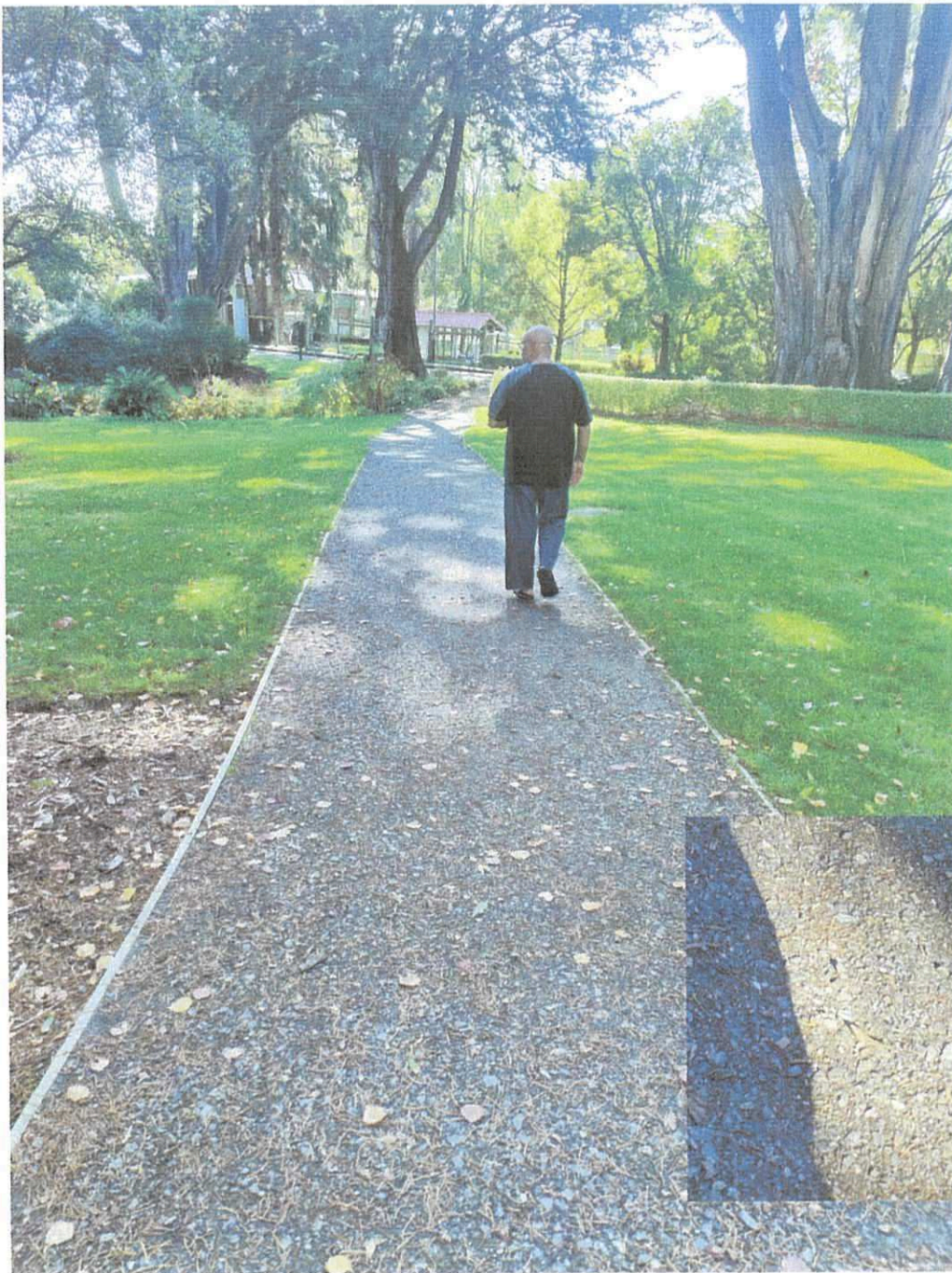
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*(Courtesy Queens
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Invercargill)*

The path is very simple in its layout:

Wooden edging with a foundation of AP20 crushed Dunite (no larger than 20mm in diameter)

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A traditional Māori waka (canoe) is shown on a river. The canoe is dark with red interior seats and a green strap. It is tied to a rope. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding environment. The background shows a rocky bank with some vegetation.

TE HEKE NGAHURU

KI TE AWA TUPUA

Tupua te Kawa

Ko te Awa te mātāpuna o te ora

e rere kau mai te Awa nui mai i te
Kāhui Maunga ki Tangaroa

ko au te Awa ko te Awa ko

ngā manga iti, ngā manga nui e
honohono kau ana

ka tupu hei Awa Tupua

He Awa Tupua, He Awa Ora
Mouri Awa, Mouri Tangata, Mouri Ora


A river of sustenance in perpetuity



Risk Mapping developed in one of many community hui

- Aligns with council strategic aspirations
 - Building capacity & resources
 - Strengthening relationships
 - Developing evidence-based adaptation plan
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Ngā mihi mahana kia kautou katoa!

- Ngā Tangata Tiaki – Hoani Ponga
- Pūtiki Community, Hapū & Marae Committee & Trustees, Pūtiki Vestry
- Whanganui District Council, David Langford, Andrew Tripe and Councillors
- Kritzo Venter & Nikki Ni – Infrastructure team
- Craig Pocock from Becca
- The Community Led Trust (TCLT)
- Massey Deep South Project – Bruce, Hilary, Huhana, Robbie
- Tupoho Social Services
- Tim and Ants from Civil Defence
- Lauren Tamehana Community Wellbeing Manager
- DIA
- Red Cross
- Waka Kotahi – Vanuka Nanayakkara



Ngā patai?





horizons where's Whanganui?

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Whanganui is the second largest city in the region with a now fast growing population of over 80,000 BUT Palmerston North gets 88,300 BUT Whanganui gets 9. WHY?

Whanganui is the primary gatekeeper for NZTA funding in this plan. Whanganui infrastructure needs they don't get funded.

Horizons has **IGNORED** Whanganui!

The Horizons RLTP did list two decrepit Whanganui bridges as priority work. They haven't happened and haven't been a Horizons priority since. The bridges are the only Whanganui priorities that are being ignored. Horizons full name is Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri o Manawatū-Whanganui. Why does it come to RLTP and priorities the last part of it's name is absent?

You can do better Horizons



3) Remissions for community, sporting and other organisations

Objective

To facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial (business), community services and non-commercial (business) recreational opportunities for the residents of Whanganui district.

The purpose of granting rates remission to an organisation is to:

- assist the organisation's survival; and
- make membership of the organisation more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups. These include children, youth, young families, aged people and economically disadvantaged people.

Conditions and criteria

This part of the policy will apply to land owned by the Council, or owned and occupied by a charitable organisation, which is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or community purposes.

The policy does not apply to organisations operated for private pecuniary profit, or which charge fees of any kind.

The policy will also not apply to groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting or community services as a secondary purpose only.

Rates Remission Policy

Applications for remission must be made on the prescribed form (available from the Council offices).

Organisations making application should include the following documents in support of their application:

- statement of objectives; and
- financial accounts; and
- information on activities and programmes; and
- details of membership or clients.

The policy shall apply to such organisations as approved by the Council as meeting the relevant criteria.

No remission will be granted on targeted rates for water supply, sewage disposal or stormwater disposal.



Analysis of the Current and Past Use of Council Rating Tools in New Zealand

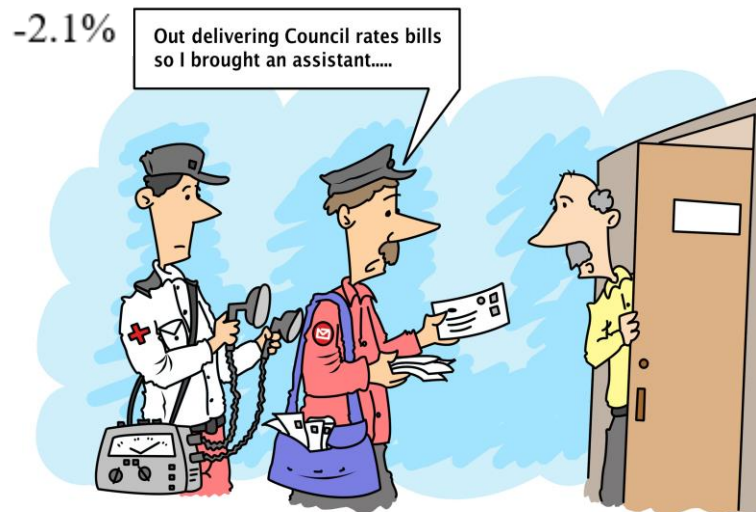
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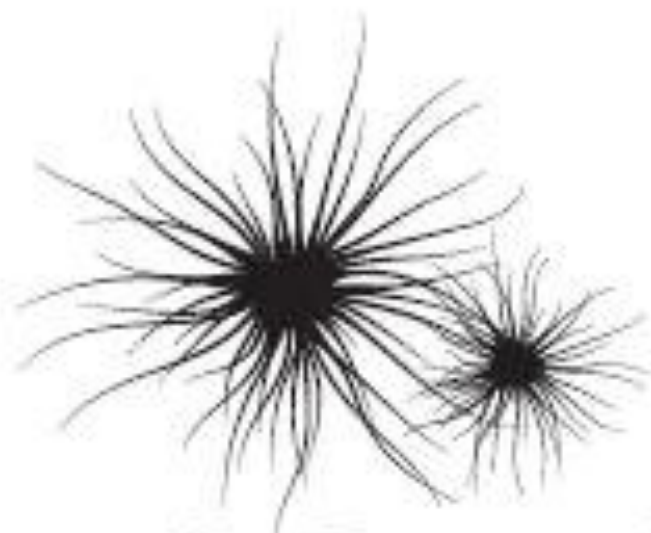
If WDC used CV for General Rates

Aramoho	-3.5%
Bastia/Durie Hills	8.0%
Putiki	
Castlecliff	-8.9%
Gonville	-7.6%
Springvale	7.6%
St Johns/Otamatea	8.9%
Whanganui Central	0.6%
Whanganui East	-2.1%



Development Contributions
Policy
Springvale Urban Expansion Area and
North West Growth Area
Whanganui District Council
As at 22/06/2011 (Revised from CMA/2011/00)





PROGRESS
CASTLECLIFF

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**15 MIN
PARKING
ONLY**





John Major Taurua was on his way back from the park with his older brothers when he was hit by a car.

“He’s your typical mischief 6-year-old boy. But he’s a tough nut too.”

The incident had left the close-knit whānau heartbroken and Major’s brothers who witnessed it “traumatised”.

Speeding in Castlecliff, Whanganui spurs petition to district council



By [Mike Tweed](#)

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Mark Harper says Manuka St is now "the main road" into Castlecliff. Photo / Bevan Conley

A serious accident last month was “the last straw” for Castlecliff residents

Service cuts that affect free or low cost activities and services available to all are regressive and will cost not save struggling household budgets.



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Ngā Ringaringa \ Vae vae

Questions



Answers



Ko Ruapehu tōku maunga, ko Whanganui tōku awa, ko ngā puhi tōku iwi, nō Whanganui ahau, ko Davies tōku whanau, ko Vance tōku matua, ko Tiffany tōku whāea, ko Holly tōku ingoa.

When I was fourteen I started going to the hospital multiple times a month. When I was fifteen, I kept going. I was getting the worst headaches I'd ever had, my stomach was stabbing and I felt like I was dying. The first time I had a stomach pain like that I thought I had appendicitis. Like in the movies where you clutch your stomach and you almost die because some unnecessary organ in your body has burst. I was tired all the time. I was anxious all the time, and I've always been anxious, but this time it was more than just being anxious at nighttime and when I was alone. I was anxious around people and the idea of anything just made me feel sick. My periods were awful, I slept almost all day one Christmas day and collapsed in the hallway. I took an ambulance to a hospital forty minutes away, just to be given morphine and to be told it was growing pains.

I had growing pains, but not in the sense he meant. I was faced with chronic pain and the growing pains that were emotional distress caused by growing up too fast, too slow and living in a world of activism and advocacy and feeling like I was too young, too dumb and like I couldn't do anything about it. My dad had just been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and at no fault of his own, my world was shifting and collapsing a little. I knew nothing of what I was going through, and would go through.

When I was fourteen and fifteen, I barely went to school.

At fourteen and fifteen, my friends kind of faded into just the photos of them that were bluetacked to my wall.

When I was fifteen, I moved back to the north island after my dad's diagnosis. I went to one school for a term and then started at Whanganui High School, where I was from Years 11-13. It took me a while to make friends. I sat in the bathrooms during the break, I ate my lunch in the bathrooms because I had nobody to eat with and also because even though it was gross, nothing was more embarrassing to me than eating in front of people and eating alone.

When I was sixteen, I joined the youth council, I made friends. I had met the girl with glasses in my French class, she and her friends adopted me. Thank you, Charlotte Hardy. Ever since the Youth Council, I've been able to be more confident, expressive and assertive in my values and self. Without the youth council, I'd be too scared to stand before you now.

When I was sixteen, a boy I went to primary school with asked for nudes over Snapchat *while* his girlfriend was in the room with him. He was nineteen, he begged me. I didn't. I blocked him and screenshotted the messages. His girlfriend and he messaged me on Instagram pleading to me not to go to the cops and that it was all just a joke. More of my friends have been harassed for nudes than the amount of friends that haven't. An account was made just last year with the full intent to share fight videos and students nudes from Whanganui High School. This is an epidemic, and yet, it's being ignored.

When I was seventeen, I attempted to take my own life (twice). New Zealand has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the OECD. This impacts rangatahi in Whanganui, too.

When I was seventeen, I fell for somebody who wasn't a boy. Times are better now and I'd liked girls before but there was always somebody looking at me weirdly, saying something indirect that sucked, or making assumptions about my future husband and children before they ever really knew me. The person outweighed all that, though.

Just the other night someone who advocates against rainbow people, including rainbow kids and rangatahi just held a little presentation down the road. Whanganui kids, alongside other kids in Aotearoa and across the world receive sex, puberty and relationship education that lacks certain aspects of the world and themselves.

When I was eighteen, I finished high school. I moved out.

When I was eighteen I was told the Youth Council was going to be disbanded. I was told that the very team that had made me feel included, safe, opened so many doors and somewhat changed the trajectory of my life, was going to be cut.

I'm not telling you all of this for pity, I'm telling you this to prove a point. If you disestablish the Youth Council and fail to consider something like a Youth Advisory Board - you're letting down the disabled kids, the kids with chronic pain, the girls who love girls, the boys who love boys, trans kids, non-binary kids, kids being harmed online, yourselves, your kids, your grandkids, and so on. Kids who feel so out of place and distressed that they consider taking their own lives. The youth council saved me, and I'm not saying you'd be responsible for somebody else losing their life, but I'm saying you'd be responsible in a way for them losing their voice.

Like I said to Councillor Michael, we don't need you. And we'll advocate without you. But the opportunity to work with and alongside the council is so great. It allows opportunities and pathways and education around civics that you can support.

Please consider being on the right side of history and the future by supporting your Rangatahi in more than an "informal" capacity. Consider us being involved in future decisions. Consider involving us in these decisions and a solution before now, which wasn't the case this time.

To Stace, to Jo, to Charlotte, to Harriet, to Anique, to Lauren, to Sasha, to the Democracy Team... I feel so empowered by all the wonderful wahine, the humans who have been around us and supported us.

To the Youth Council Members and Volunteers, god, every time I look at you I feel like I could cry. You are some of the most beautiful, empowering people I've ever met and I would do anything to see more Rangatahi join the Youth Council and watch them grow just as you have.

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Davies, Tiffany

Council Submission

2024







Changing Places NZ

<https://www.changingplaces.org.nz/>

2024;

- 7 Changing Places facilities in NZ. 23 in planning. Secure with fob entry that works on all facilities
- 24% of population identify as having a disability
- The 2018 census identified that approximately 9.7% of people living in Whanganui experience significant difficulties in daily activities due to disability
- Cost approx \$100k + building



Peter Edmonds (██████████4██████████)

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Whanganui 4500

The Mayor and councilors,

Whanganui District Council

When I presented my oral submission on Thursday 16th May in respect of "Have Your Say"

I was rushed due to time restraints, and am providing my whole prepared submission. I applaud the initiative of having your say through an open forum and am confident that the community can assist good decisions and progressive direction for our district.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Edmonds".

Good Morning, My name is Peter edmonds

Thanks for this opportunity to "Have My Say"

Initially my submission focused on the flower baskets, but particularly Paikatoire. I also questioned the lack of financial statements in respect of forward expenditures, and found some items of little or no cost consequence relative to the whole budget.

Following the closure of the "Have Your Say" submissions on 2nd May I then attended the full meeting of Council the 7th of May.

I was astonished when the CEO, through Mayor Andrew Tripe, tabled a motion to advance a prior conditional purchase agreement to unconditional with settlement the following 13th May 2024, to secure properties described as suited for a covered carpark and a hotel.

The purchase to be funded by a payment from council reserves of around 3.5 millions, the balance \$400,000-00 by a commercial loan. The CEO also stated that the return on capital to be around 5% or \$190,000-00, and a sound investment whether or not an hotel eventuated

The stated return on capital is incorrect. From the income of \$190,000-00 per annum, deduct the costs of borrowing (estimated by the CEO around \$40,000-00), insuring the buildings, estimated costs of repairs and maintenance and the cost loss of rating charges previously available the actual return to council will be pretty small.

I remain ashamed councilor's ignored the "have Your Say" consultation process, particularly the statement that "NO decisions have been made yet so your feed back is important" yet Option 1: Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to a detailed business case." was already progressing between the parties. In addition councilors voted down a motion proposing to delay the purchase until the submissions process was concluded. A majority vote passed the proposal for an unconditional purchase offer for the properties. I believe that the collective attitude to this council decision was/is cavalier and fiscally irresponsible. In my view this possible site, dependent on repurposing Wakefield Chambers with known seismic issues and a limited quasi art deco façade is a second rate starting point to develop a first class hotel. I believe that a business case could support conversion to social housing needs but the seismic issue would still be a determining cost factor.

The securing of a decent hotel could be readily achieved in the short term by shifting the NZ pilot Academy students from the Collegiate Motor Inn and refitting this as required. The site is great for visitors and has the required covered parking. Many other people think this is a sensible objective for council to pursue, particularly now that the flight academy is back within council. I would

however view this as a middle commercial hotel status, hugely suited to sports teams, tourist bus transits and some premium suites should be planned and included.

We need to be boldly visionary for Whanganui and hinterland, think big and yet bigger again and invest in and promote our opportunities far more ambitiously, Develop a branding unique and celebrating and enhancing this special place.

Currently the Whanganui I-Site needs a tart up and focus on our place This must highlight all that we offer, and celebrate our place, the Awa, our diverse attractions and radiate our special place – who can tell where the Joshua tree is? Visitors need to be wowed by Whanganui, visual and graphics must shout out our place. Make this a starting point on a journey to make this simply the best choice for a genuine kiwi immersion..

I am surprised council would prefer to not have hanging flower baskets on Mainstreet, Sorry, but this sort of penny pinching risks a real negative for locals and particularly visitors and the shopping experience. Make the flowers even bigger, fill the baskets with artificials in our winter, these little things make warm fuzzies!

Think big and even if the projected \$55million hotel budget was applied to progressing every facet of our place, accommodation will follow. Consider a landing fee rebate to support Air Chathams introducing a Whanganui-Nelson-Christchurch service, tapping into much increased tourist and business traveler opportunities. Explore the potential to put some signage on their planes, something simple like “ love Wongers”

Council should pressure government for increased highway improvements, particularly SH4 and agitate for rehoming some public services into our city.

Provide old Mabel with some decent tramlines within the CBD

Close the road entirely in front of Paikatoire, providing a river frontage, assist with and engage with Iwi to establish a world class marae, a waka ama docking haulout, a weaving and carving school etc' and especially a Te Reo school.

Develop a pilgrimage experience (similar to the Camino de Santiago journey) hiking from the city with marae hosted overnights, travelling up and immersed in the mighty Awa, and to Jerusalem.

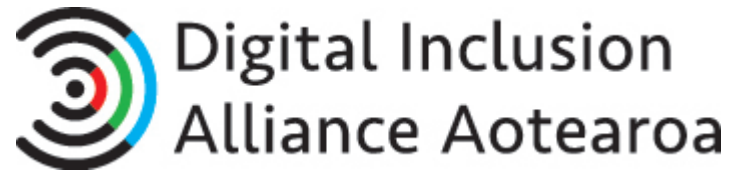
This journey and destination is really simple to conform and enormously connected to our whole reasons for being. Apart from the hugely significant "Jerusalem", this has a saintly presence and even a literary ghost, This is a knockout opportunity on all levels for our future.

I think the Ward observatory should be shifted from the present site to a more accessible place, perhaps adjacent to the Sargent. This is possibly the finest refracting telescope in the country, has heritage values and is most satisfying to actually use, everyone should share this experience.

I support covering the velodrome, partly to protect the facility, but to provide a multi use venue, both sporting and culturally, this is actually the sort of thing that in the long term, makes hotels viable,

We need to keep a focus on our support for every part of our community, especially commercial and industrial drivers of our economy, our excellent educational options, our primary producers, our port should look for supporting opportunities that will emerge as offshore prospecting for oil, gas and whatever resumes, there are proven gas reserves not more than 30 nautical miles from the port.

We are lucky to call this place home, but we need to remind the world just how lucky we are.



Submission on Digital Inclusion

Key Points to consider

1. As well as for compelling social wellbeing reasons **there are important economic benefits for investment in digital inclusion initiatives** such as subsidised internet connections like Skinny Jump, and digital skills education like our Stepping UP programmes. In Whanganui, there could be several million dollars economic benefit.
2. **Use digital inclusion as a unifying tool** amongst our community support, sport and special interest organisations. A council led initiative to encourage collaboration to become more digitally capable to support all local community-members would produce multiple beneficial outcomes for everyone.
3. **Use digital inclusion initiatives for council-owned social housing properties.** This includes all the existing pensioner flats plus any new social housing units invested in. We would like to see all social housing units have free or subsidised internet connections provided, plus free digital skills education for tenants.

Whanganui District Council Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission on Digital Inclusion

Scheduled 9:55 AM Thursday, 16 May 2024

Kia ora koutou

Mayor Andrew, Committee Chair Kate, and Councillors

This submission is made by me as a Durie Hill resident and as Whanganui Digital Inclusion Ambassador for the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa.

One of my most special mementos is a pair of beautiful black glass-blown “whispers” by our legend artist Katie Brown.

They were presented to me in 2013 by people I worked with including a Whanganui District Councillor and are inscribed “Maverick pioneer for Computers in Homes in Whanganui”.

Over 10 years on it is wonderful to stand in front of you and observe the huge positive transformation that the building of our ultra-fast fibre network infrastructure and the implementation of digital technologies and information systems has made to our district and our GDP.

Digital technologies have become ubiquitous, manifesting pretty much everywhere in everything we do, whether we acknowledge this directly or not.

Is this the reason you have decided to abandon our Digital Strategy 2019? That everyone can do their own thing adequately now without the Council intervening. Is this an expense we no longer need to pay.

We get that for the next few years the imperative is we need to save money, and everyone needs to contribute. These are difficult financial times for the council to balance the books.

We totally appreciate your endeavours and the democratic way you have made to present the best possible long-term plan.

We have made specific comments about digital inclusion and raised issues we request you to consider in our written submission which we know you will all have read.

We are grateful to Jo Buckingham for her assistance in writing the descriptions about our digital inclusion and equity sector and the impacts of neglecting to support it. You have many matters to consider for our long-term plan and digital inclusion is just one of these.

However, whilst the other three pillars of our digital strategy 2019 are able to survive and even thrive on their own without a council-led strategy, digital inclusion cannot. Council-led leadership and stimulation for digital inclusion is necessary so that initiatives have a strong label of their integrity and surety for other investors such as central government and larger corporate enterprises.

Today, we make three points which we would like you to remember about digital inclusion interventions.

Firstly, as well as for compelling social wellbeing reasons there are important economic benefits for investment in digital inclusion initiatives such as subsidised internet connections like Skinny Jump, and digital skills education like our Stepping UP programmes. In Whanganui, there could be several million dollars economic benefit.

Secondly, we would like you to consider using digital inclusion as a unifying tool amongst our community support, sport and special interest organisations. A council led initiative to encourage collaboration to become more digitally capable to support

all local community-members would produce multiple beneficial outcomes for everyone.

Thirdly, we encourage you to use digital inclusion initiatives for council-owned social housing properties. This includes all the existing pensioner flats plus any new social housing units invested in. We would like to see all social housing units have free or subsidised internet connections provided, plus free digital skills education for tenants.

Through our work with our partners such as the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust and many other social support agencies through Aotearoa we know there are considerable benefits not just for the tenants but also for the social housing provider.

We would like to congratulate you all for your impressive achievements in getting our long-term plan deliberations to this point and are confident you will make the best decisions for us all.

Whatever you decide we would like you to know we will remain committed to doing our best to support Whanganui by continuing to provide our free Stepping UP and heavily subsidised Skinny Jump programmes through our strong partnership with Whanganui District Library and other Whanganui-based organisations.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

Alistair Fraser

Digital Inclusion Ambassador - Whanganui



Submission 1: Be Bolder & Ask for More

*Simple Round-ups
& local Philanthropy*

1st: Option A – the preferred option, all the way 😊

Don't Only Just do the basics

In this environment giving options is all the more important than normal

Yes, be prudent, be careful, but don't be miserly,
many of us look for leadership, we don't want Scruge
- many are asking what should we do, what else can we do...



There's two things for sure in government, local or central:

- 1) You're always wrong
- 2) You're definitely wrong, if you believe there's only one way.....

Don't demand, don't force like nay-sayers,... ask for permission to do more
😊

It's good to Do the Basics Well.....

*But, it's irresponsible to **Only Just** do the basics*

We are in times when inflation & economic recession has been hijacked

The Cost of Living Crisis, originated in Europe & UK as political reasons to blame events not politicians or leadership, it's become the banner excuse to do nothing, to avoid a cost or investment, or for austerity.

Meanwhile None of it is targeted in any way to help those who need support most, always starting with cuts in benefits or services.



Submission 1:

There is an easy way for organisations to set an example. Start the ball rolling, kick off being different, to make a difference > no-one is asking the well-off to help



I suggest we **Ask them to contribute >>>**

It's good to Do the Basics Well.....

It can be irresponsible to *Only Just* do the basics

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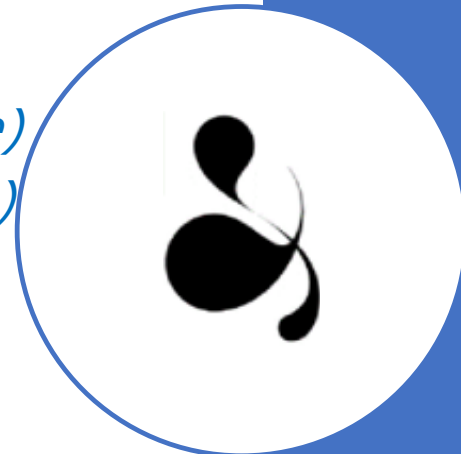
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My Submission 1

It's not hard, just *ask well*, too.....
ask for permission to do more, then ask for more



1. You & Your (*less of the we, or us, or the*)
2. Because (*we like reasons*)
3. Today (*urgency of action not thought*)
4. Thank-you (*acknowledge their role*)
5. Small (*start small, few, spare*)
6. Quick (*instant, act with us*)
7. Join (*social & community*)
8. 100% (*goes to the cause*)
9. Expert (*productive & ef*)



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Submission 2:
Park & Rides – PT & Active
*Whanganui &
Palmerston North*

The Responsibility to *Not Only Just* do the basics



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Park and Ride

We have five Park and Ride sites - three in Rangiora and two in Kaiapoi. These are to support the direct bus services providing peak hour commuters with faster trips into Christchurch City and parking for residents who wish to carpool.

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- > Park and Ride was also found to be more cost-effective than alternatives such as improvements to the local bus network or providing regional public transport, because it optimises existing bus capacity and infrastructure.



Start small – make the noise, pull demand

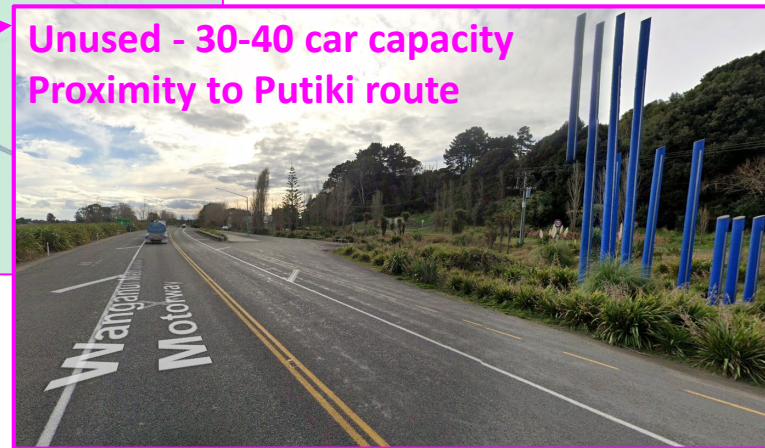
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Under-utilised capacity & close to bus route & new route proposals



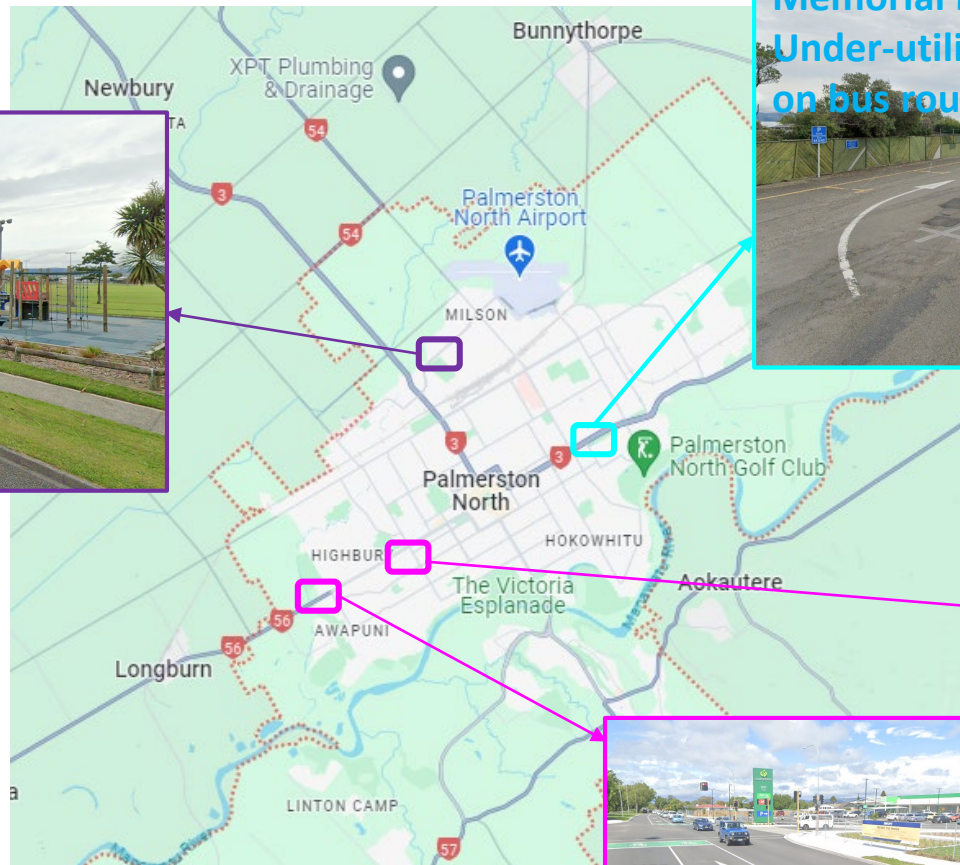
Under-utilised capacity
On bus route & local minor road overflow



Unused - 30-40 car capacity
Proximity to Putiki route

Start small – make the noise, pull demand

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Memorial Park roadside - Under-utilised capacity on bus route

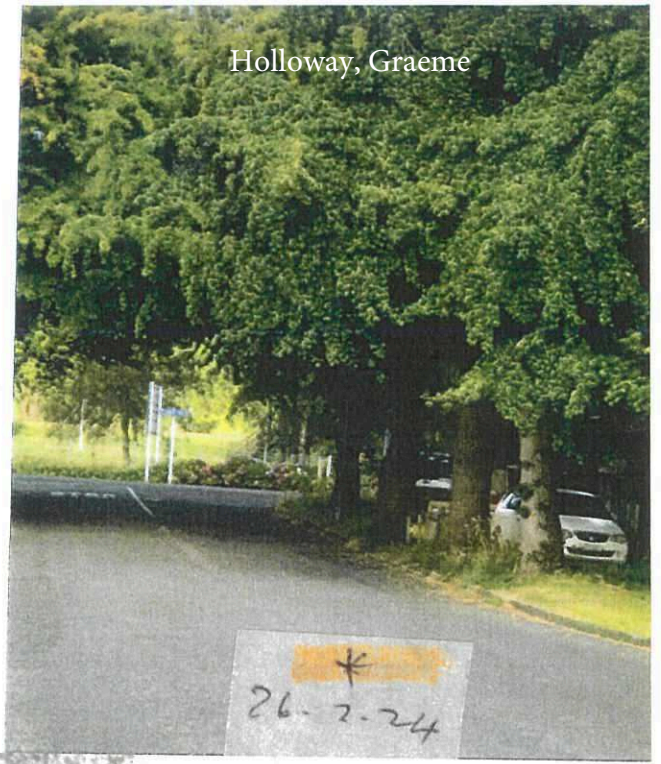


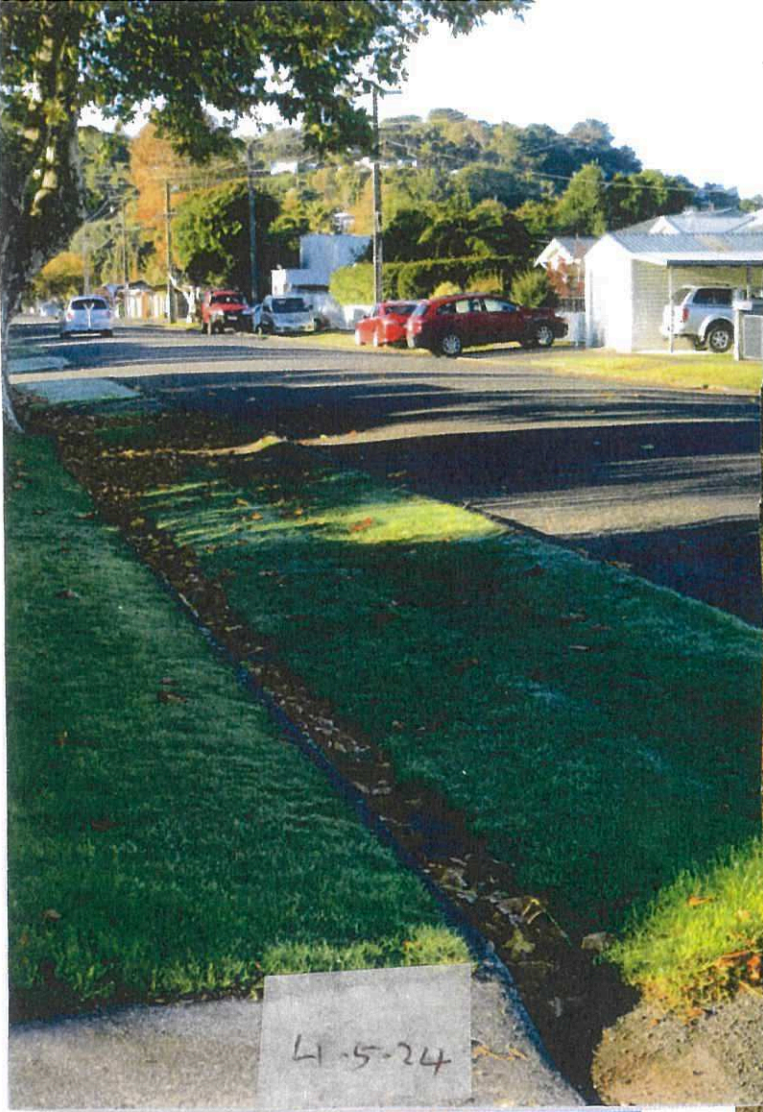
Colquhoun Park - Under-utilised capacity that could be expanded & on bus route (plus local minor road overflow)



Partner with business Parking capacity







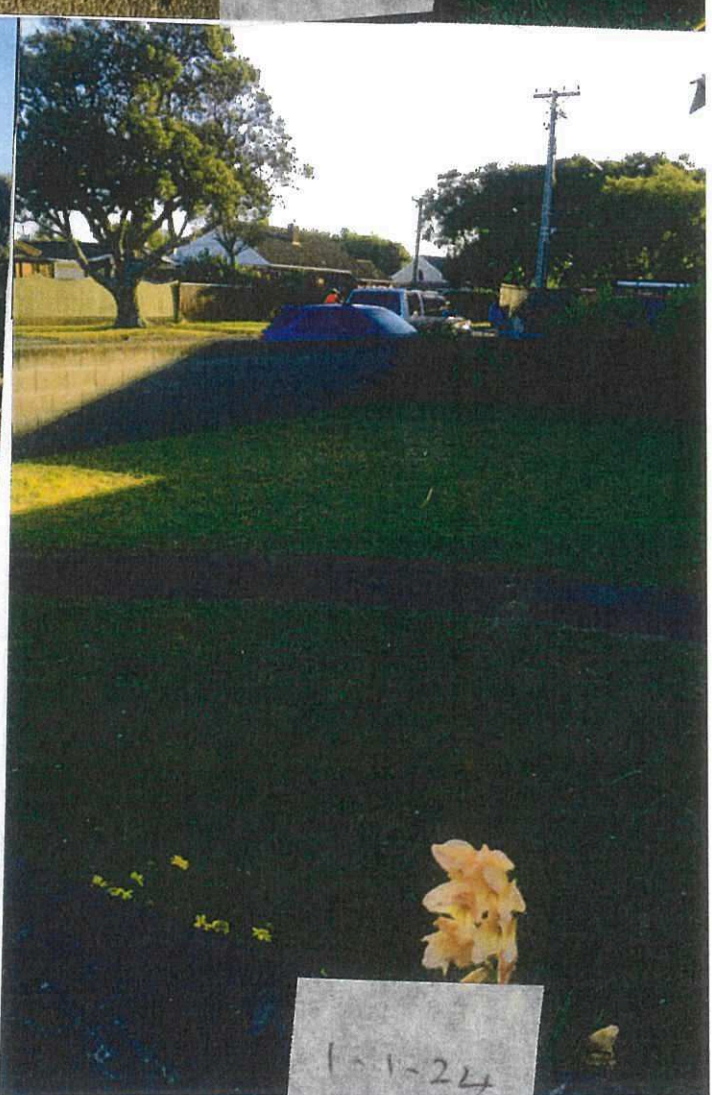
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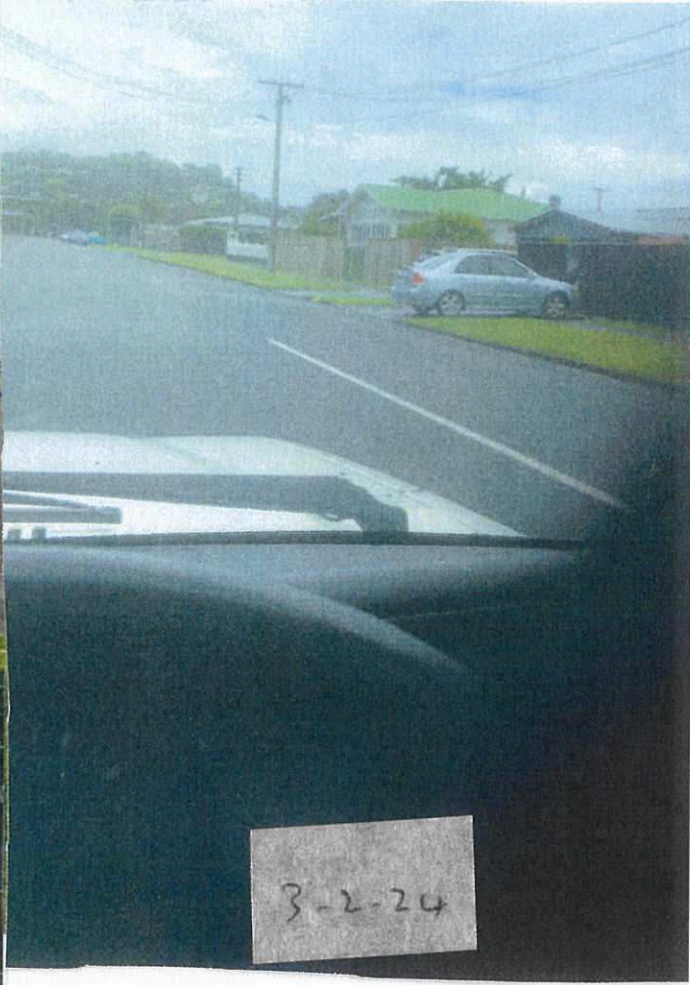
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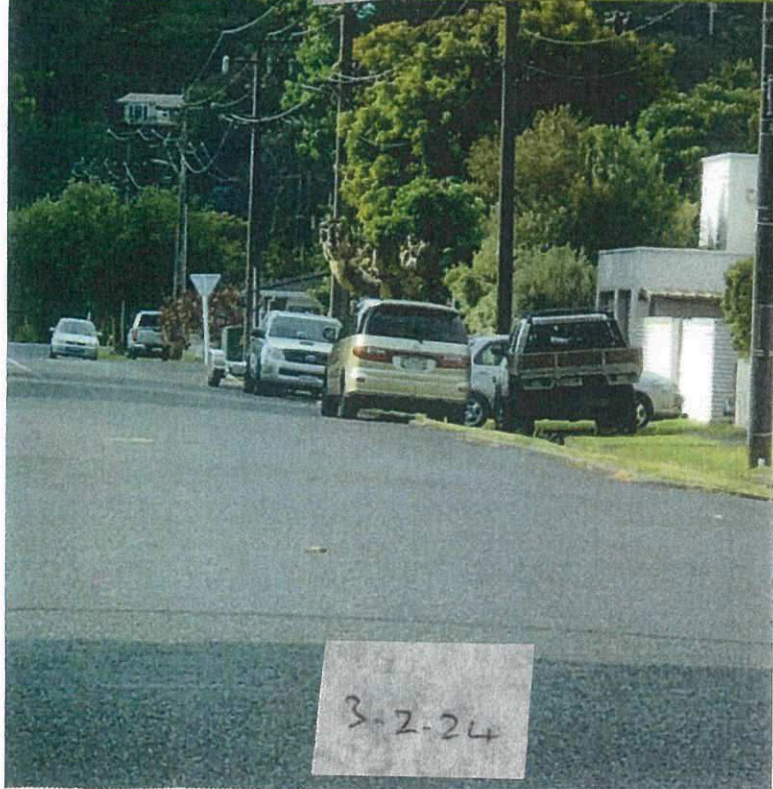
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Aramoho River Bank Enhancement Project

Bruce Osborne

On behalf of the Enhancement Committee

Background

The initiators of the Point of entry business case for the Aramoho River Bank Enhancement Project were firstly most appreciative that the WDC had given priority to the initiative and secondly by including the overall project in the draft Long Term Plan

Background - Project Scope

The range of investigation and consultation over two years by the initiators has been comprehensive, inclusive and challenging but rewarding and reassuring when the WDC acknowledged the significant benefits that will accrue with investment long term in a fully developed Aramoho Rail Bridge to Tutaeika stream and onwards to the TE AO HOU Marae.

Benefits

Enhancement of the river bank facade, safe access to the river, community toilets, improved flood resilience and optimisation of the area for Rowing, Waka and all water sport activities that will lead to greater financial returns into the local economy by attracting and retaining visitors over a longer period of time are all tangible outcomes and sources of benefit when considering Whanganui's attractiveness to all its stakeholders and communities.

Background

The Financial case as articulated in the point of Entry Business Case 29/09/23 described a staged investment over one to five years with estimated costs of 1.5 million whilst noting that a design concept and engineering analysis of 100k expenditure in 2024/25 was noted in the draft LTP. From this standpoint the Aramoho River Bank Enhancement Committee have identified and prioritised the scope of work that may assist WDC prioritise funding availability over a designated period of time.

Proposed Project Programme

1. Floating Boat Launching pontoons
2. Secure the riverbank to stabilise crumbling embankment
3. Further develop /concrete the Philippa Baker Walkway and shared pathway initiative
4. Develop the parking area for boat trailers and community recreation, at the Rowers Camp
5. Design and build public toilet facilities at the rowers camp
6. Design and build terraced spectator seating on the Somme Parade bank from the Rowing Associations finish tower to the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing clubs car park
7. Install 3 water hydrants on the river bank side of Somme Parade to aid flood relief clean up.
8. Bitumen/Concrete the Northern and Southern entrances to the river bank amenities.

Proposed Project Programme

1. Floating Boat Launching pontoons - concept design



Proposed Project Programme

2. Secure the riverbank to stabilise crumbling embankment



photo taken outside of Whanganui Collegiate Rowing Club Shed on 3/08/2023

Proposed Project Programme

3. Further develop /concrete the Philippa Baker Walkway and shared pathway initiative



Proposed Project Programme

4. Develop the parking area for boat trailers and community recreation, at the Rowers Camp



Proposed Project Programme

5. Design and build public toilet facilities at the rowers camp



photo taken at Canoe Club Whanganui East

Proposed Project Programme

6. Design and build terraced spectator seating on the Somme Parade bank from the Rowing Associations finish tower to the Aramoho Whanganui Rowing clubs car park



Example at Cooks Garden of terraced seating

Proposed Project Programme

7. Install 3 water hydrants on the river bank side of Somme Parade to aid flood relief clean up.



For proposed shared pathway upstream

Proposed Project Programme

8. Bitumen/Concrete the Northern and Southern entrances to the river bank amenities.



Northern entrance at Field St



Southern entrance at George St

Proposed Project Programme

Note: Proposed Shared Pathway Route (Philippa Baker Walkway)



Background

It is acknowledged that the initial indicative sum of \$1.5 million was more rough calculations than reality and in times of significant inflationary pressures a constant comment is to double or even treble ones initial analysis and maybe it's somewhere near? In making this comment the committee hopes to convey to the council that a staged investment in small realistic chunks is sensible and hopefully achievable.

Background

The River Bank Enhancement Committee has also mentioned previously that there is no shortage of volunteers to call upon with technical expertise, building, engineering, design ideas and muscle should aspects of the projects allow notwithstanding the fact that specifications and construction must comply with local body regulations and the employment of certified entities.

Background

Should the initiative acquire 100k seed funding 2024/25 to undertake concept design and engineering analysis the committee would undertake to implement the following process whilst also seeking guidance from the council at every stage.

Short-term Work Plan

1. Convene another meeting of all stakeholders seeking in particular their total commitment to each aspect of the initiative.
2. Ratify, amend or change the projects order of priority
3. Identify with whom the various projects responsibilities lie. I.e. Council, Doc, Horizons, Iwi/Hapu, Community organisations etc.
4. Obtain written support and commitment for each segment of the project within the bounds of reason.

Short-term Work Plan

5. Integrate each project into time lines for design, cost, consult, and comply, resource/fund towards build.
6. Work with Council in allocating a percentage of the seed funding to each segment of the project for design, costing, regulatory compliance, and community consultation where appropriate
7. Establish a blue print for the entire project to give tangible evidence of overall likely costs and where the likely source of funding could come from including proposals for the next LTP update.

Background

As identified above the number one priority for the project committee is to Design and Build one Floating boat launching pontoon at a location on or near the Whanganui Collegiate Boat ramp. The Collegiate Boat ramp has become undermined, threatened with collapse and is a safety concern. It is hoped that a portion of the 100k, if forthcoming from WDC, would be allocated towards a floating boat launching pontoon design with engineering specifications.

Background

As mentioned previously the committee has people resources willing to give of their time sometimes for free or for 'at cost rates' and along with the council's expertise it is believed possible that completed design /build and cost specifications could be undertaken as stage one to show at least some tangible outcome for money spent and one of the projects getting underway.

Background

Once stage one of the process is complete the possibility that grant money sourced by the various riverbank stakeholders, along with a council financial allocation, could well enable a prototype pontoon to be built which floats up and down on poles as tides and floods dictate. This would be a first for Whanganui of its type, highlighting to the Whanganui community a forward thinking WDC project initiated with significant community investment both in time and money in a partnership model.

Background

Into the future at least two further pontoons built to accommodate a growing river users cohort (rowers, waka, recreational users, boaties) is envisaged, noting that all projects as identified in the river bank enhancement will be seeded in priority.

Summary

The Aramoho River Bank Enhancement Committee is very cognoscente of the financial constraints facing the WDC. Notwithstanding this, investment in river bank beautification, linking connectivity to the mountain to the sea cycleway, improved river bank habitat and spawning areas as already identified, and safer entry to the Awa. Complimentary community services for all river users are all deemed to be in the wider community interests when appropriate funding is allocated with a long term vision in mind.

Summary

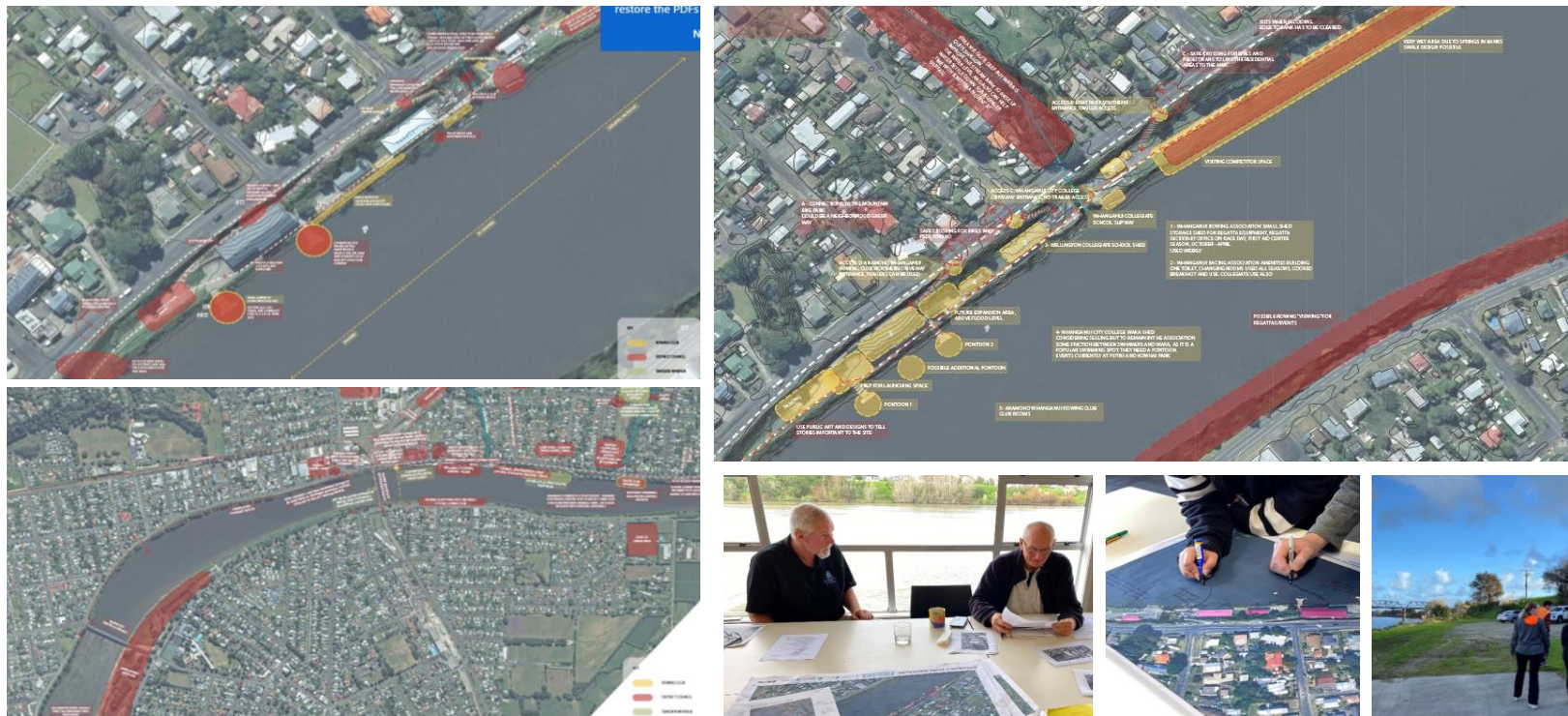
The River Bank Enhancement Committee is aware that Beca Consultants from Wellington have been engaged by WDC for an integrated plan of the Aramoho riverbank area from the Rail Bridge to and including Te Ao Hou Marae.

Our River Bank Project Enhancement Committee welcomes this initial investment and encourage WDC to integrate Beca Consultants funding with this proposal.

WDC taking ownership/leadership of the initiative and assisting pulling together the main regional entity stakeholders is viewed as an imperative for progress and ultimate success.

Beca consultants concept design planning

- 01/May 2024



WHANGANUI RIVER WORKSHOP NOTES



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Whanganui District Council
Te Kaitiaki Whanganui



Beca

DATE: 26.07.23

Thank You

Bruce Osborne

On behalf of the Enhancement Committee

May 2024

LTP Provision for consultation with rural communities on kerbside recycling.

Six weeks ago, I became aware of the District Council's plans to expand the proposed kerbside collection area to include properties from the rural zones, beyond the urban area agreed under the 2022 public consultation process.

For the sake of generating an additional \$90,000 or so in rates revenue, council has cherry-picked around 600 mainly rural lifestyle properties outside the urban perimeter, for inclusion in the kerbside collection area. This has completely blindsided the rural people affected.

The 2022 consultation document was explicit in defining the proposed kerbside recycling area as "**Residential households in the Whanganui city urban area and Fordell, Marybank and Mowhanau villages.**"

At no point did the community consultation document suggest that any rural area would be included in the kerbside collection area.

In fact, a news update by Cr Vinsen on 23 August 2021, which was repeated in a council press release 6 weeks later, specifically ruled out kerbside recycling rural areas because (quote) "the cost would be prohibitive".

With regard to kerbside recycling in the Whanganui city urban area, council has been given two clear mandates:

The first is the 2022 public consultation round where 70% of submitters agreed with introducing kerbside recycling in the urban area.

The second mandate comes from central government regulations yet to be introduced, requiring all councils to provide kerbside recycling for households in urban areas of 1,000 people or more. This is a pragmatic directive that follows the principle of "fishing where the fish are".

But neither of those mandates conveyed any requirement or endorsement for council to rush kerbside recycling into any rural areas. More cost-effective recycling options exist for rural areas.

Why did council think that it could change the 2022 proposal so significantly without offering the rural communities affected the same consultation opportunity that was given to urban communities two years ago; particularly given that there is no government or local mandate requiring kerbside recycling in any rural areas?

Rural areas differ from urban areas in many ways, and they have inherent values, sensitivities and risks that don't occur in urban areas.

It is therefore neither appropriate nor democratic to apply urban decisions to rural areas, without any consultation with the affected rural communities. The Whanganui District Council's intention to do precisely that is disappointing breach of its social licence that could seriously undermine the trust between council and its communities.

There is still time to recover the situation however, if council cancels its current kerbside collection plans for rural zones, and includes in the LTP, recognition that rural kerbside collection is a matter that needs careful consideration and consultation with the affected rural communities.

This raises a number of matters for elected members to consider:

- whether elected members believe that council currently has a mandate to introduce kerbside collection in rural areas
- whether the elected members were aware that council staff significantly changed the proposed collection area from that approved under consultation in May 2022,
- whether any tacit or explicit approval was given for council staff to bring rural areas into the proposed collection area, and
- whether elected members were aware that council had no clear plans to notify the affected rural residents, prior to the collection area changes being implemented.

The current council proposal to introduce kerbside recycling in the rural zones, must be annulled pending a full formal consultation with the rural communities affected.

Rural kerbside recycling is a matter requiring identification and resolution via the LTP, to ensure that the views of rural communities are fairly considered under consultation and robust debate, to produce sound and durable decisions going forward.

Finally, I agree with Cr Vinsen. Taking kerbside recycling to outlying rural zones where households are fewer and further apart can only increase the average cost per household of kerbside collection across the whole district. Strategically located transportable metal recycling tanks are a much better option for rural areas.

Neighbourhood Survey - April 2024

Pickwick Road and Dickens Lane - Rural Lifestyle Zone

During April 2024 I carried out a survey of residents the rural lifestyle properties off Pickwick Road and Dickens Lane, to assess local views on the council's proposal to introduce kerbside recycling in the area.

Input was obtained the residents of 29 of the 42 properties in the area (70%)

A total of 43 residents were contacted.

None of the residents spoken to was aware of council's plans to introduce kerbside recycling in this rural lifestyle area.

39 (90%) of the 43 residents spoken to, representing 25 (86%) of the 29 properties did not want kerbside recycling introduced to the rural lifestyle zone. Many of these said they would prefer to continue using the Resource Recovery Centre and would probably not use the kerbside service if it was introduced.

2 (5%) of the 43 residents representing 2 (7%) of the 29 properties said they would welcome kerbside recycling and would use the service.

2 (5%) of the 43 residents representing 2 (7%) of the 29 properties were unsure.

Comment:

These results contrast sharply against the results from Council's wider 2022 consultation for urban areas, where 70% of submitters supported the introduction of kerbside recycling. This highlights that there are significant differences between the urban and rural zones, especially with regards to the needs, wishes, and expectations of residents.

It also emphasises the importance of properly considering different zone characteristics and diverse community views before formalising decisions around kerbside recycling.

WJ Simmons

16 May 2024

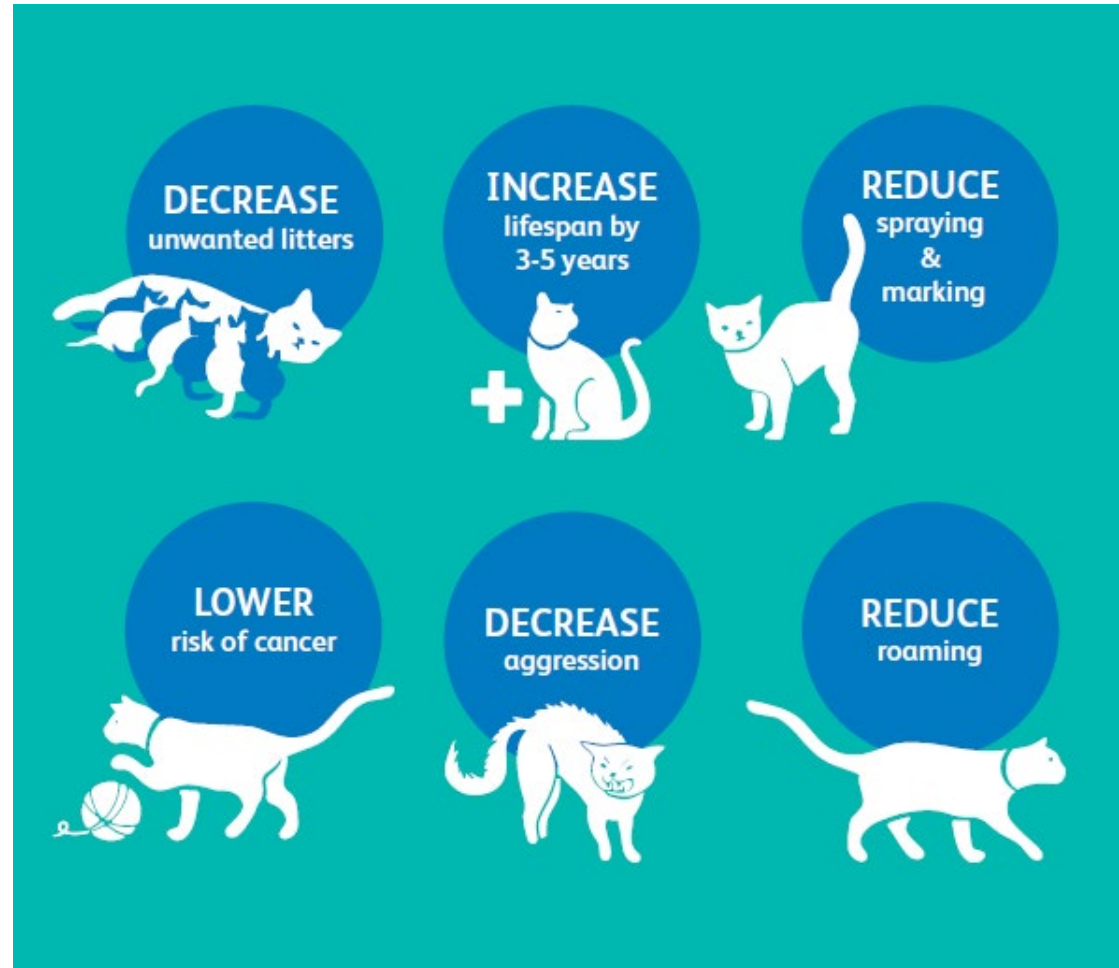


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16 May 2024



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- Rodney Local Board
- Waitaki District Council
- Whangārei District Council
- Dunedin District Council



Thank you.



Taylor, Alan

