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Date: Apr 12 24 04:03:55 pm

Name:

Matthew Burns

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I am concerned by the financial situation the Council is in, and I don't think the Council should be doing projects right now, considering that there is a lot of government legislation like 3 waters and foodwaste collection that will increase costs for the Council.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Look for ways to cut costs further by doing Option 1 but having the collection fortnightly rather than weekly. Could this halve the costs? We used to have foodwaste and greenwaste mixed, and this used to be a fortnightly service, and the people of the district were used to this option. A lot of people have compost bins and sort their food waste themselves. If people need more room in the bin they could pay for an additional service. Could this be considered to cut costs?

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

I am disappointed about the financial position of the Council. Back in 2022 we were told that rates increases would be capped at 6.93% for the next 3 years. This includes 2025. It is hard to have trust when we are misled like this. See your website here <https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say/closed-consultations/fees-and-charges-proposal-202223>. Ratepayer income is \$55 million yet wages costs alone are \$26 million and current interest on current debt is \$7.5million. That doesn't leave much for operating expenses and Council has already made large losses in the last 2 years. You need to find ways to cut costs and stop doing projects because ratepayers can't afford such big increases each year.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

See above. Do more with less. Reduce debt. Look for ways to make cutbacks rather than ask the ratepayers to keep funding extravagant ideas.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

I am disappointed with the way you are managing the finances. There have been Councils in Australia, UK and other parts of the world that have gone bankrupt. Please stop extravagant spending, reduce debt and reduce the financial burden on our community.

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Date: Apr 12 24 04:04:26 pm

Name:

Mark Ruiters

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Arrie Holdings LTD

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Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

The UAGC should be raised to 30%

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM**

Name\*: Mark Rutter [redacted]  
 Town/area of the district\*: Edgecumbe  
 Organisation (if on behalf of): Arrie Holdings Ltd.

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<p><b>How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub</p> <p><i>Please refer to pages 24-26 of the Consultation Document for approximate costs and ratepayer contributions.</i></p>	<p><i>Your thoughts</i></p>
<p><b>How should we manage foodwaste collection?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Separate foodwaste collection to all properties.</p>	<p><i>Your thoughts</i></p>
<p><b>How quickly should we close our funding gap?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Close the gap quickly (in one year) so we pay less in the future.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Close the gap in the short term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Close the gap in the medium term (in six years) to ease the burden now.</p>	<p><i>Your thoughts</i></p>
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**Need more space for your feedback?**

Please add more pages and make sure your name and organisation (if relevant) are at the top of each page.

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**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

I want to let you know I am very much against the massive spend proposal for the Rex Morpeth recreation hub. We are pensioners on fixed income and cannot abide the spend proposed on this facility we never use. We would far prefer to pursue a second river crossing out of town. I well remember the absolute circus we experienced when we were all advised to evacuate because of a potential tsunami threat. The majority of people would never have made it in time because of the bottleneck experienced at the bridge. We have been extremely disappointed at the lack of respect shown to Sandy Milne regarding his efforts with the heads swimming pool, plus the 10's of thousands of dollars wasted on consultation and absolutely nothing to show for it. We do support Mayor Lucas efforts to reign in some of the high flying projects, but disappointed not all counselors accept the need for spending restraint.

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Submission ID: 804

Date: Apr 12 24 04:05:18 pm

Name:

Arthur Dominick

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

Whakatāne District Council Employees Association  
Incorporated

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

n/a

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

See the attached submission document.

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n/a

**Supporting document**

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**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Please make Whakatāne District Council remuneration an ongoing area of high focus to ensure fairness and community cost of living needs are met.

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**Submitter:** Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.)

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Recipient:** Whakatāne District Council, Whakatāne District, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

**Submission for the Whakatāne District Council 2024 Long Term Plan**

**Subject:** Prioritising Fair Remuneration and Ensuring Affordability for Whakatāne District Council Employees

Dear Whakatāne District Council,

Many thanks for this opportunity to provide valuable feedback and commentary for the Whakatāne District Council 2024 Long Term Plan. We appreciate the genuine efforts of everyone involved who wishes to positively improve our district for the betterment of all the people.

**Summary**

On behalf of the Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.), we are writing to underscore the critical importance of fair remuneration for the WDCEA Inc. Membership and emphasise the need for effective budgeting to ensure its affordability in future Long Term Plans and subsequent Annual Plans. The purpose of this submission is to advocate for fair and reasonable compensation that reflects the skills, contributions, and dedication of our workforce, while also guaranteeing the affordability of such remuneration for the organisation.

**This submission requests that...**

- Sufficient funds are set aside (budgeted and allocated) by Whakatāne District Council so they are in a position to fully honour the remuneration terms of the Collective Employment Agreement (CEA) between the Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.) and Whakatāne District Council (WDC)—

## **Introduction: Our Socioeconomic Landscape**

Whakatāne District, nestled within the Bay of Plenty region of New Zealand, confronts distinct socioeconomic challenges that necessitate careful consideration in the formulation of the Long Term Plan. As evidenced by recent data from Statistics New Zealand and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, the rising cost of living in the Bay of Plenty region poses significant financial strain on residents, including employees of Whakatāne District Council. In light of this, fair remuneration must be prioritised and effectively budgeted for in every Long Term Plan, with affordability guaranteed through prudent financial management.

## **The Council's Responsibility for Fair Employee Remuneration**

It is the responsibility of Whakatāne District Council to ensure fair remuneration for its employees, reflective of their skills, experience, and contributions to the organisation. This commitment to fair compensation is not only a moral imperative but also a legal obligation under the Employment Relations Act 2000. As such, fair employee remuneration should be a non-negotiable aspect of every Long Term Plan, with adequate budgetary provisions made to support it.

## **Budgeting for Fair Remuneration: Affordability and Consumer Price Index**

The affordability of fair remuneration should not be subject to question or compromise. By effectively budgeting for employee compensation in every Long Term Plan, Whakatāne District Council can ensure that fair wages and salaries are prioritised without sacrificing fiscal responsibility. Moreover, the inclusion of provisions for annual adjustments linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) can safeguard against the erosion of purchasing power over time, maintaining the real value of employee compensation in the face of inflationary pressures.

## **Remuneration Trends at Whakatāne District Council**

This submission comprises several years of Whakatāne District Council remuneration information publicly available which has been consolidated and analysed for trends and insights over the last 9 years. The sources of this information include publicly published Elected Members' Remuneration information, as well as WDCEA Inc. Collective Employment Agreements and Terms of Settlement (ToS) documents between WDCEA Inc. and Whakatāne District Council.

The subsequent remuneration information, analysis, trends identified and insights gleaned are provided to you in this submission within the six appendices at the back of this document.

The ultimate insight is that WDCEA Inc. Membership has been the regular recipient of very poor remuneration offers from Whakatāne District Council for many years, especially of late, which has now led to many employees' wages and salaries being well below the cost of living.

**Submitter:** Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.)

### **Proposed Actions for Fair Remuneration and Affordability**

In addition to our submission request, and to uphold fair remuneration and ensure its affordability, we propose the following actions:

1. Embed fair remuneration as a core principle in every Long Term Plan and Annual Plan, with dedicated budget allocations to support it.
2. Implement provisions for annual adjustments to employee compensation linked to the Consumer Price Index, safeguarding against inflationary pressures.
3. Implement provisions for annual job market movement, ensuring the retention and attraction of quality staff.
4. Prioritise fair remuneration in budgetary decision-making processes, recognising its importance to employee morale, productivity, retention, organisational efficiency, and community wellbeing.
5. Collaborate with WDCEA Inc. to develop transparent and equitable remuneration frameworks that align with industry standards and best practices.
6. Ensure job descriptions are true and correct, and accurately sized in conjunction with industry standards and best practices.
7. Ensure offer letters clearly outline the related role, associated grade, the percentage of remuneration being offered, and the stated remuneration percentage conforms to the active Collective Employment Agreement (CEA) with WDCEA Inc.

### **Conclusion: Prioritising Fair Remuneration and Affordability**

Whakatāne District Council is urged to prioritise fair remuneration for its employees and to ensure its affordability through effective budgeting in every Long Term Plan. By upholding the principles of fairness, equity, and fiscal responsibility, we can foster a positive workplace environment and support the well-being of our workforce, ultimately contributing to the prosperity and resilience of our community. Fair remuneration is needed for positive employee morale, work productivity, staff retention, and a healthy and respectful working culture.

Embed fair remuneration as a core principle in every Long Term Plan and Annual Plan, with dedicated budget allocations to support it will go a long way to support effective and timely negotiations. Fair and reasonable employment conditions and remuneration combined with timely and good faith bargaining negotiations will increase Whakatāne District Council's reputation as being seen to be a responsible and attractive employer. Long Term Plan budgeting that recognises provisions for annual adjustments to employee compensation linked to the Consumer Price Index, safeguarding against inflationary pressures, is needed. By taking such an approach, the Whakatane District Council through its LTP can support and provide transparent and equitable remuneration frameworks that align with industry standards and best practices.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,

Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated

Submitter: Whakatāne District Council Collective Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.)

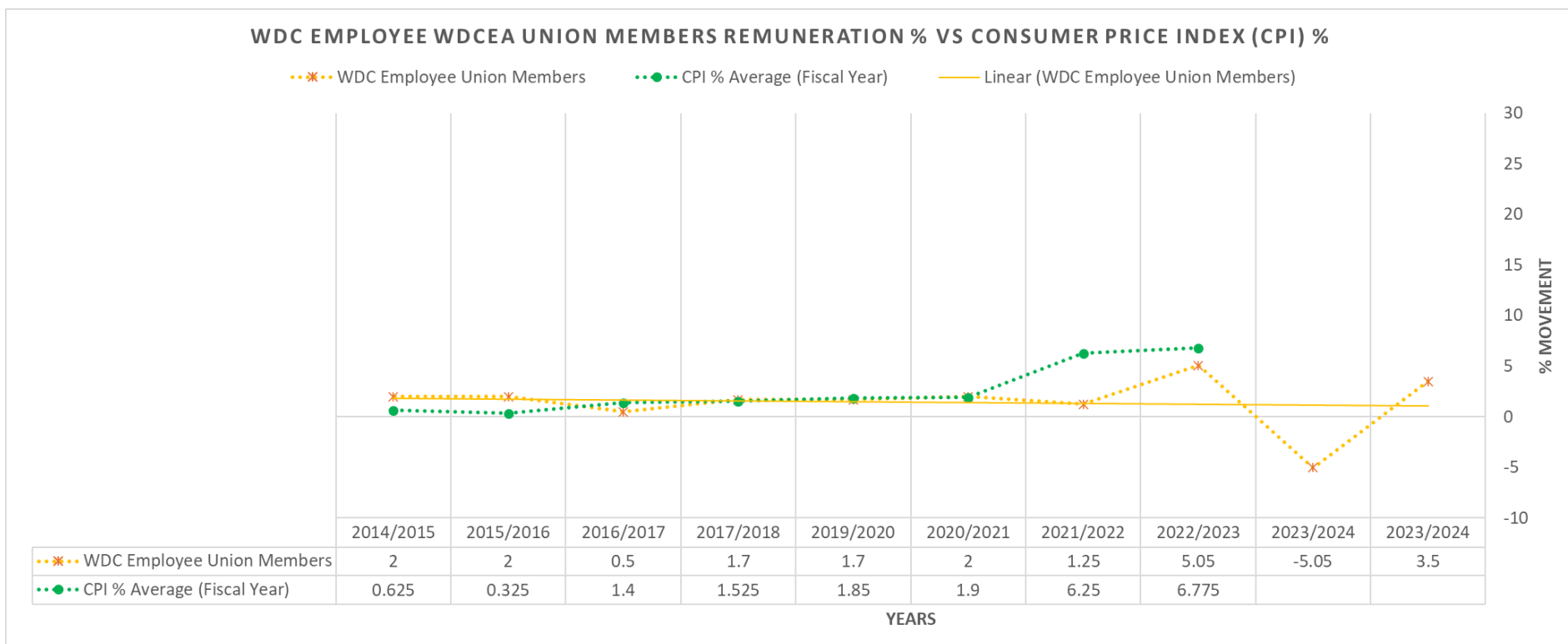
**Appendix 1 – Whakatāne District Council Employees Association Incorporated (WDCEA Inc.) Members' Remuneration vs Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

2019/2020 – Remuneration for WDCEA Inc. Membership drops below the cost of living.

2020/2021 – Remuneration continued to fall below the cost of living, which is presently still occurring.

2022/2023 – A base increase of 5.05% was received by all WDCEA Inc. Membership, plus market movement if applicable.

2023/2024 – The 5.05% base increase received in 2022/2023 was decidedly removed from the WDCEA Inc. Membership by the employer. A 3.5% remuneration offer replaced it resulting in the WDCEA Inc. Membership receiving a negative pay increase.



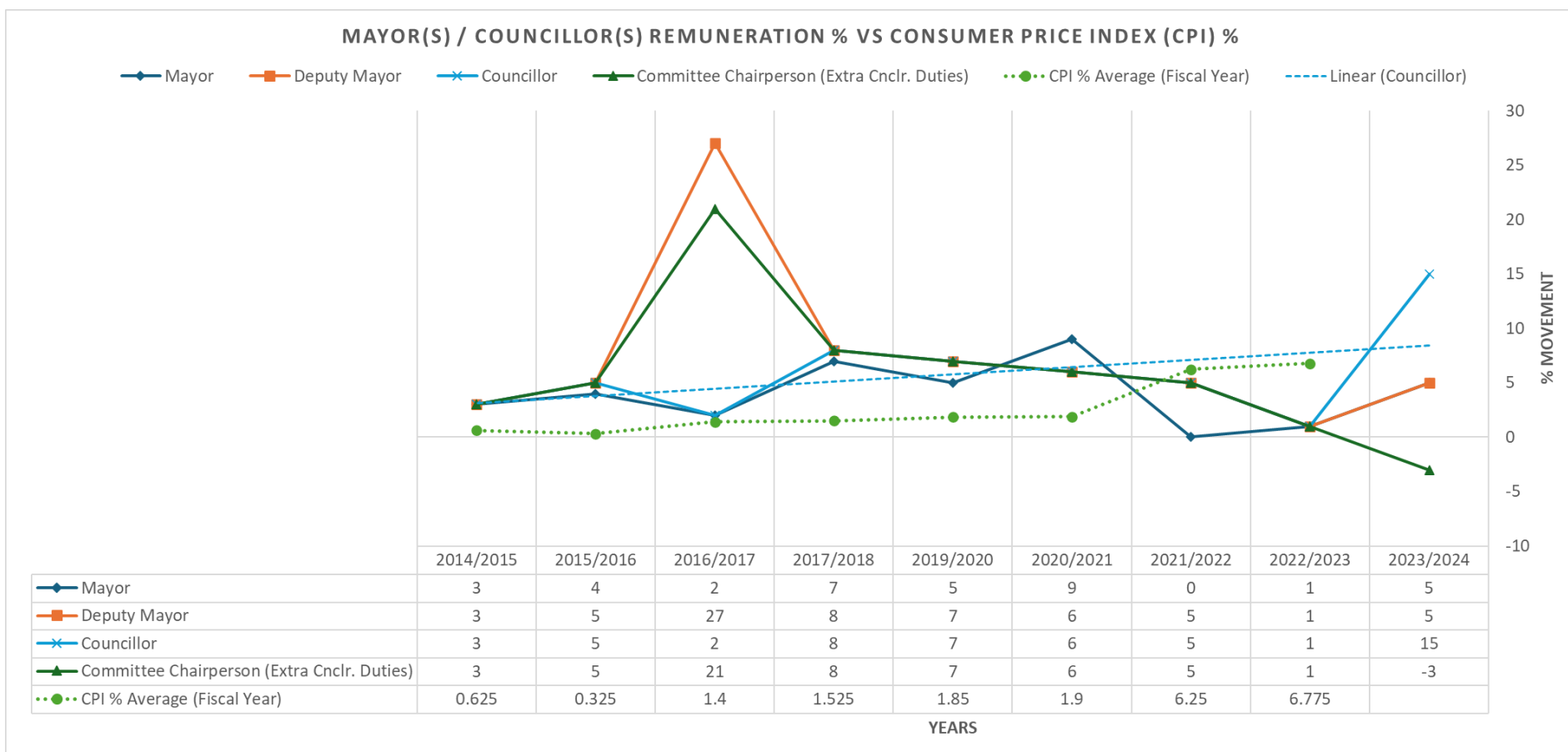
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**Appendix 2 - Mayor(s)/Councillors(s) Remuneration % vs Consumer Price Index (CPI) %**

2016/2017 – Remuneration spike occurs for Deputy Mayor role and elected members assigned Committee Chairperson roles

2021/2022 – Mayoral and Councillor roles drop below CPI

2023/2024 – Councillors receive a significant remuneration increase of 15% to move beyond CPI, and WDCEA Inc. remains below the cost of living (see Appendix 1)

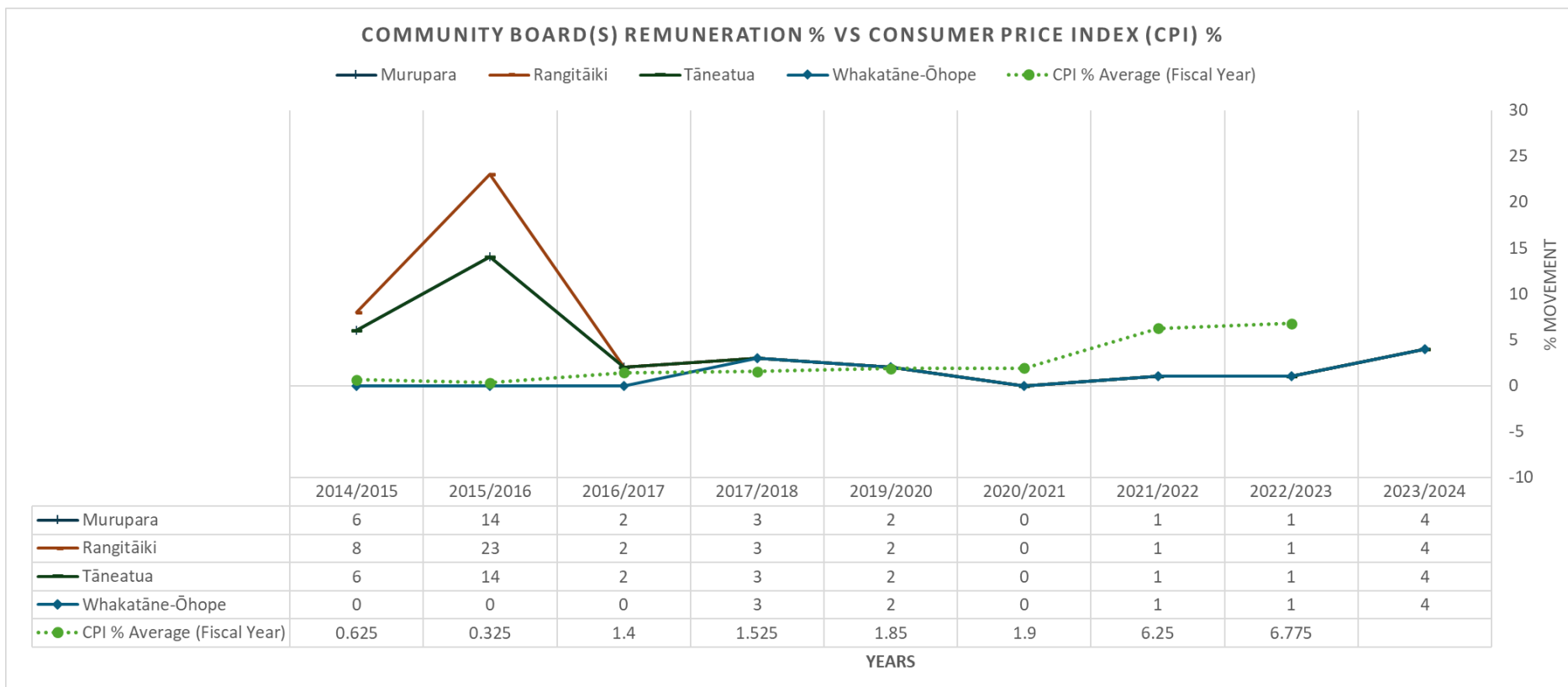


**Appendix 3 – Community Boards Remuneration % vs Consumer Price Index (CPI) %**

2015/2016 – Remuneration spike occurs for Murupara, Rangitāiki, and Tāneatua Community Boards

2019/2020 – All Community Board remuneration begins to drop below CPI

2023/2024 – Community Boards receive a remuneration increase of 4% (their 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in 9 years) but remain below CPI





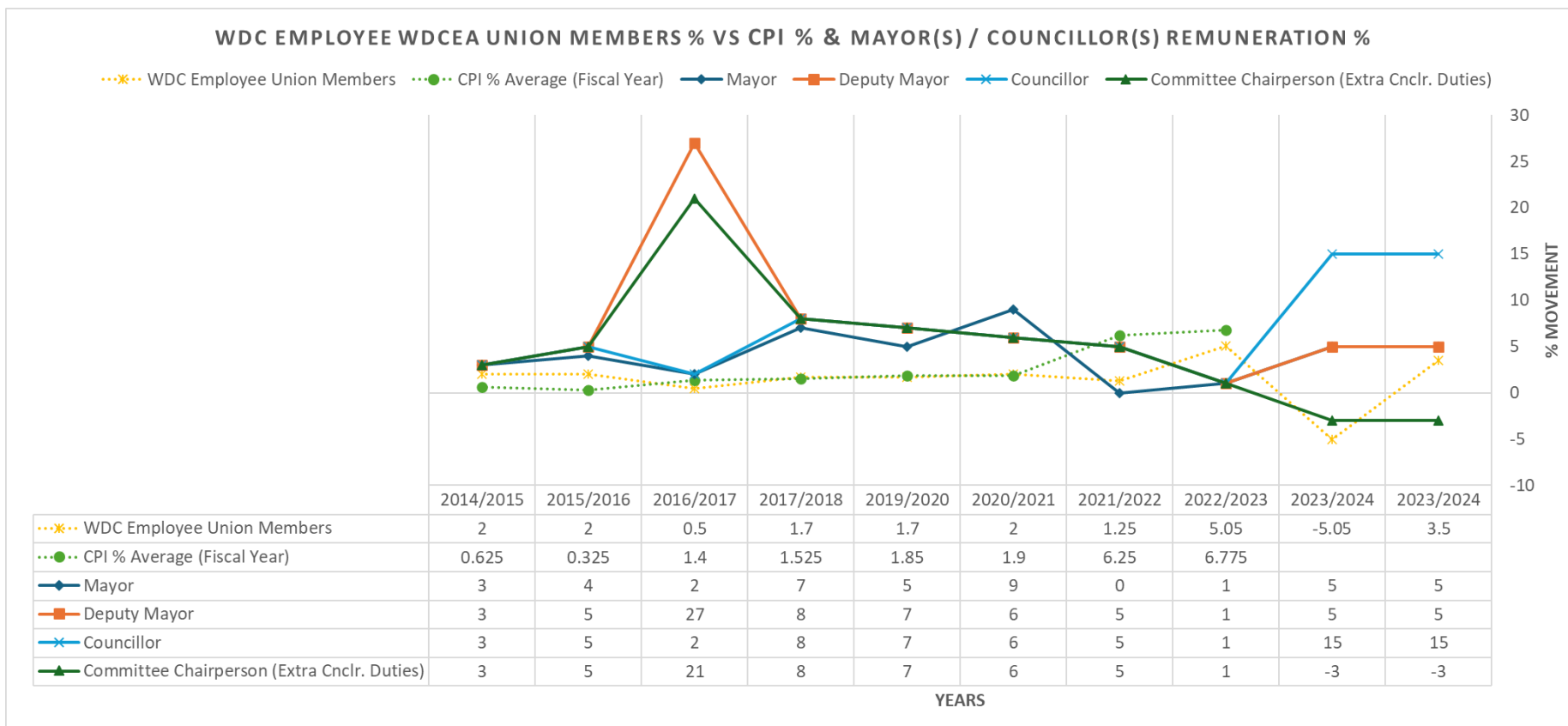
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**Appendix 4 – WDC Employee WDCEA Union Members % vs Mayor(s)/Councillor(s) Remuneration %**

2016/2017 – elected members receive a remuneration spike, WDC Employee Union Members drop below the cost of living

2017/2021 – Elected members stay above CPI

2019/2024 - WDC Employee Union Members fall below the cost of living and have remained there for the last 5 years

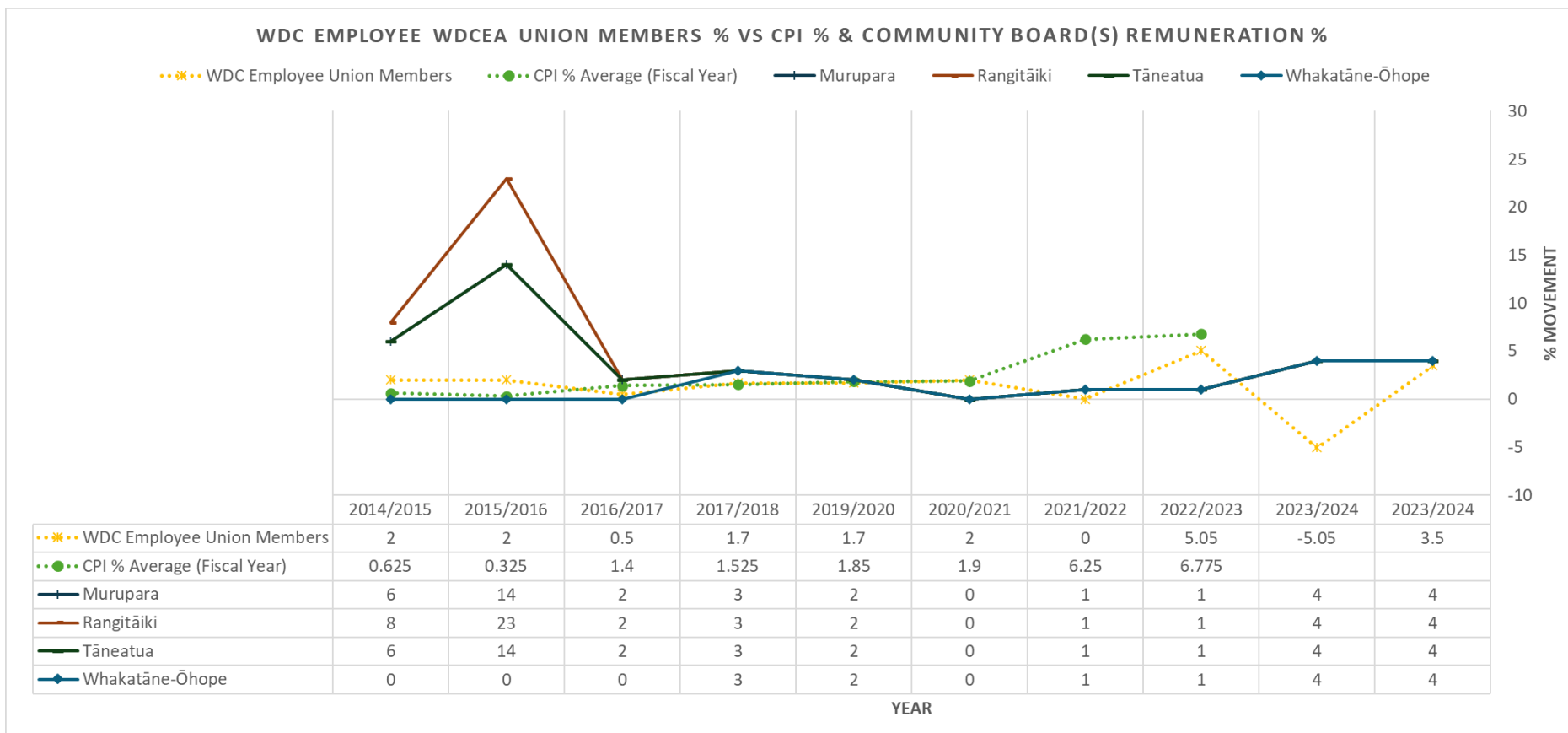


**Appendix 5 – WDC Employee WDCEA Union Members % vs CPI % & Community Boards Remuneration %**

2015/2016 – Remuneration spike occurs for Murupara, Rangitāiki, and Tāneatua Community Boards, WDC Employee Union Members drop below CPI

2019/2020 – All Community Board and WDC Employee Union Members' remuneration begins to drop below CPI

2020/2024 – All Community Board and WDC Employee Union Members' remuneration % remains well below the cost of living.



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Appendix 6 – Elected Members Remuneration Data 2018/2019

**NOTE:** The 2018/2019 Whakatāne District Council Elected Members remuneration data is not included as it was not publicly available.

<https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/about-the-council/governance/elected-members-remuneration>

Home » About the Council » Governance » Elected Members Remuneration

**Elected Members Remuneration**

Elected members are paid a salary as well as expenses. Expenses include things like mileage on council business.

Salaries and expenses are approved by the New Zealand Remuneration Authority. The Remuneration Authority has reviewed and finalised remuneration for local government elected members for the 2022-2023 financial year.

[Elected Members Remuneration Related Policy](#) - (PDF, 454 KB)

[Local Government Members \(2023/24\) Determination 2023-](#) (PDF, 3 MB) as approved by the Remuneration Authority is referred to in the Expenses Rules.

### Remuneration

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Mayor	98,150	101,300	105,400	108,035	115,849	121,899	134,000	134,000	135,876	142,977
Deputy Mayor	36,400	37,380	39,480	52,029	56,215	60,353	64,280	67,351	68,294	71,953
Committee Chairperson	32,500	33,375	35,250	43,358	46,847	50,296	53,567	56,126	56,912	55,300
Councillor	26,000	26,700	28,200	28,905	31,230	33,529	35,711	37,417	37,941	44,000
Community Board Members*										
Murupara	3000	3200	3700	3793	3,915	3,993	3,993	4,053	4,110	4,275
Rangitāiki	3500	3800	4800	4920	5,079	5,180	5,180	5,258	5,331	5,545
Tāneatua	3000	3200	3700	3793	3,915	3,993	3,993	4,053	4,110	4,275
Whakatāne-Ōhope	**	**	**	8225	8,490	8,660	8,660	8,790	8,913	9,270
District Plan Hearings Committee	\$116 per day for Chairperson \$93 per day for Member Total maximum payable for all Councillors must not exceed \$6705									

\* Chairperson receives twice the salary of the Board Members.  
 \*\* The Whakatāne and Ōhope Community Boards were amalgamated into the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board in October 2016.

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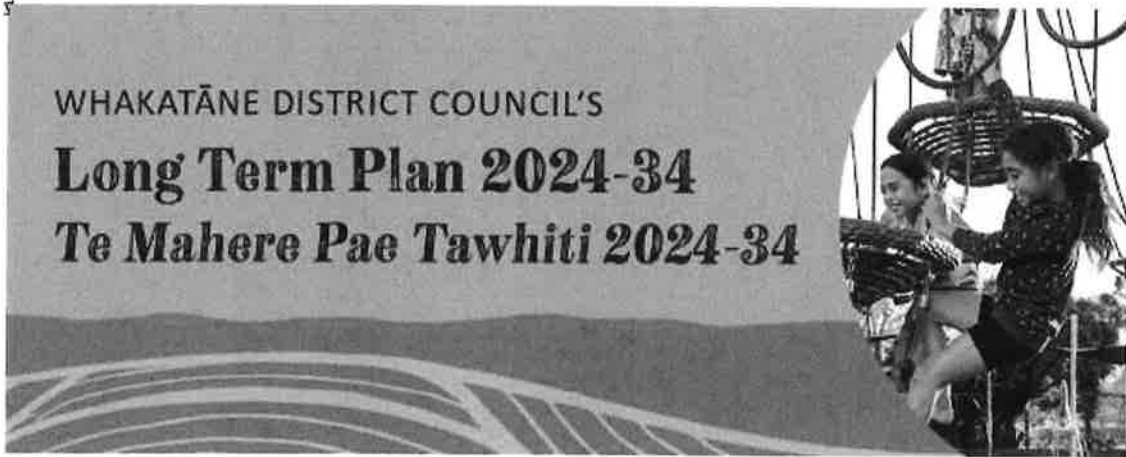
**Supporting document**

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Welcome to my submission for ...



On my concerns about NEW proposed Landing Fees ...

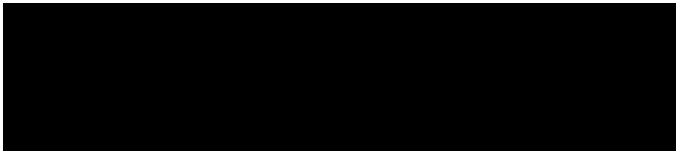
**Whakatāne Airport Proposed Landing Fees and Charges RPP – Effective 01/07/2024**

All Visiting Aircraft Including Helicopters - Ex GST				
MCTOW	2025	2026	2027	2028
0 – 600kg	\$7.00	\$7.35	\$7.72	\$8.10
601 – 1500kg	\$14.00	\$14.75	\$15.44	\$16.22
1501 – 3000kg	\$27.00	\$28.35	\$29.77	\$31.26
3001kg and above	\$46.00	\$48.30	\$50.72	\$53.26
Locally Based Private Aircraft Including Helicopters - Ex GST				
MCTOW	2025	2026	2027	2028
0 – 600kg	\$4.50	\$4.73	\$4.97	\$5.22
601 – 1500kg	\$9.00	\$9.45	\$9.93	\$10.43
1501 – 3000kg	\$15.75	\$16.54	\$17.37	\$18.24
3001kg and above	\$27.75	\$29.14	\$30.60	\$32.13
Annual Bulk Fee – Unlimited	\$200.00	\$210.00	\$220.50	\$231.53
Locally Based Training Aircraft Including Helicopters - Ex GST				
MCTOW	2025	2026	2027	2028
0 – 600kg	\$3.37	\$3.54	\$3.72	\$3.90
601 – 1500kg	\$6.75	\$7.09	\$7.44	\$7.81
1501 – 3000kg	\$11.81	\$12.40	\$13.02	\$13.67
3001kg and above	\$20.81	\$21.85	\$22.94	\$24.09
Locally Based Commercial Aircraft Including Training Aircraft and Helicopters Annual Fee - Ex GST				
MCTOW	2025	2026	2027	2028
< 600kg Unlimited	\$200.00	\$210.00	\$220.50	\$231.53
Over 600kg Unlimited	\$700.00	\$735.00	\$771.75	\$810.33
Regular Passenger Transport – By Negotiation				
First 24 hrs Period	2025	2026	2027	2028
Per 24 hrs Period	\$8.00	\$8.40	\$8.82	\$9.26

Please remove  
all these fees  
out of fairness

Please let me explain why ?

Written by ...



And in general agreement with...



## **One-Page Summary of this Submission**

### **Points**

1. Air Service to Auckland is generating almost all the costs/airport losses. So, why should other airport users be asked to pay extra to try and recover some of these airline's losses, which other airport users likely did not cause?
2. Per-landing fees will more than likely cost the ratepayers and the Ministry money, mainly because the cost to collect will probably exceed any income generated.
3. Per-Landing fees could have some knock-on effects. Although other airports do charge landing fees, our airport faces a handful of very-unique situations, which could lead to some very-unique knock-on effects.

### **In conclusion,**

While the Air Service to Auckland that operates out of our airport is not fully paying its way,

Why should other operators be potentially asked to pay for these Air Service's losses?

I'm not sure what sort of discrimination this could be called!

Especially considering that all other operators on the airfield already contribute to the welfare of our airport through ground lease rentals for their hangars, etc.

In other words,

**we are already paying our way!**

You all must admit that the only fair outcome here is that there should be..

**no "Landing Type Fees"  
at all for General Aviation Users  
at our airport  
until  
the Auckland Air Service  
is paying its way fully.**

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## **Point #1: Disproportionate Cost Allocation and Lack of Transparency**

In submitting this, I feel like I'm narrating a "TV - Fair Go Story."

The actual accounting figures are either unavailable or being withheld from most airport operators.

The Airport Management Team often cites losses as the reason for fee increases.

**Interestingly,  
if the Air Service weren't operating,  
these large losses might not even exist.**

It appears that the Airport Management has decided to increase fees for one group of airport operators while not fully charging the "larger cost-generating operator." This raises a question of fairness.

Without accurate accounting information, it's challenging for us to engage in a meaningful discussion with Council managers about what a reasonable fee should be. This lack of transparency seems somewhat unfair.

### **The Lion's Share of Costs / Airport Losses**

As you're all aware, compliance costs are exorbitant. Operating an aircraft like the Saab at our airport incurs compliance costs ranging from \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year. When you consider that we charge \$4.00 per passenger and collect around \$50,000, the shortfall is evident—it's hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Let's use conservative figures. If \$200,000 (4x \$50,000) needs to be covered by passengers boarding the aircraft, each passenger would need to pay around \$16 (4x \$4). However, realistically, considering the true costs, the fee should be closer to \$30-\$40 just for boarding!

I've heard industry rumours that nearly all operators who replaced Air New Zealand are facing challenges. The general-public might not realize that flying from smaller regional airports like ours should reasonably cost at least double that of flying from a major centre. For instance, the cost difference between flights from Tauranga or Rotorua compared to Whakatane.



### **Direct Subsidizing**

Based on hearsay, since exact information is not readily available, I understand the council's role in subsidizing the Air Service. However, it seems unjust to ask other airport operators to indirectly subsidize this service through increased fees, offsetting losses primarily caused by the Air Service.

### **Indirect Subsidizing**

There's also a concern of indirect subsidizing, where the council might not be passing the full compliance costs onto the Air Service. This approach could be seen as an indirect form of subsidizing, further skewing the financial burden onto other operators.

### **Purpose and Cost Allocation of the Airport**

Our airport plays a crucial role in providing air service in the Whakatane area and is vital for civil defence reasons. This leads to a fundamental question: Why is our airport here in the first place? The majority of the costs are directly tied to these key purposes. Hence, it's important to understand what additional costs I am creating by operating here. This is a question that even the Council Manager has failed to answer satisfactorily.

### **Conclusion of Point #1**

To address these issues, it would be beneficial to have a detailed breakdown of the expenses associated with the Air Service so that these costs can be specifically identified and ring-fenced. This would help in creating a clearer financial picture of our airport's situation.

In summary, one has to ponder the fairness of this situation. Is it just to redistribute financial burdens from larger, to smaller operators? The current approach raises questions about equity and the appropriate allocation of costs.

## **Point #2: The Financial Viability of Implementing Landing Fees**

### **Cost Implications for Ratepayers**

In considering the implementation of landing fees at our airport, it's crucial to understand that increased turnover does not necessarily equate to profit. Despite my multiple emails to various Council Managers, providing detailed spreadsheets and analyses, there has been a lack of engagement on their part. None have criticised the details I've provided, with most either sidestepping the issue or ignoring it completely. For reference, please see the detailed correspondence in Appendices 1 and 2 attached to this submission.

### **Comparing with Other Airports**

The pertinent question arises: many other airports charge landing fees, so why shouldn't we do the same at Whakatane? The answer lies in our unique situation. The volume of landings and take-offs at our airport is likely insufficient to cover the costs involved in charging per-landing fees. This is in stark contrast to busier airfields where such a system might not only be feasible but potentially profitable. (maybe!)

Our airport, due to its lower traffic volume, may end up costing the ratepayers more if we were to implement a landing fee system. It is imperative to consider whether the administrative and operational costs of implementing and maintaining such a fee structure would outweigh the revenues generated.

### **Conclusion**

The introduction of per-landing fees at Whakatane Airport needs a thorough evaluation, considering our unique operational scale and frequency. Without sufficient flight operations, there's a real risk that these fees could become a financial burden rather than a benefit, potentially impacting ratepayers negatively. It is essential to weigh these factors carefully before deciding on the implementation of such fees.

### **Point #3: Safety Concerns and Airspace Management at Whakatane Airport**

#### **Statement by Council Manager**

During a recent airport working group meeting, the Council Manager made a statement asserting that there is ***no correlation between air space incursion and landing fees and charges***. However, as an experienced pilot and flying school operator, I find this viewpoint concerning.

#### **Pilot Training Principles and Safety Models**

All pilots are trained in safety models like the SHELL Model and the Reason Model, also known as the Swiss Cheese Model. These principles emphasize that everything in aviation is interconnected, and even small changes can have significant impacts. The idea that there is “no correlation” in aviation safety contradicts these fundamental safety principles that every pilot is taught to respect. (See Appendix 4)

#### **Unique Airspace Structure at Whakatane Airport**

Most airports have Control Zones or Mandatory Broadcast Zones (MBZ) configured like multi-layered, upside-down wedding cakes, with the airport at the centre. "This structure typically ensures that aircraft on approach remain within the area.

However, Whakatane's MBZ is unique—it's a single layer, and the "wedding cake" is, figuratively speaking, skewed, with the airport in one corner. This configuration means that Air Services approaching from the East are outside the MBZ for most, if not all, of their approach, reducing the protective buffer for these aircraft. Refer to Appendix 3 for a visual representation of this issue.

#### **Potential Impact of Changes on Safety**

Given this unique layout, any changes in the operational structure or fee imposition at our airport could inadvertently impact safety. Both the SHELL Model and the Reason Model indicate that alterations in one area can ripple through the system, affecting other areas, including safety protocols.

#### **Concerns about Management's Response**

There's an added concern that current management may not be taking these safety considerations seriously or could be dismissive of my concerns. This attitude can lead to oversights in understanding the unique needs and safety protocols essential for an airport like Whakatane.

**Appendix 1:**

**Copy of email #1 Subject : Revisiting Per-Landing Fee Figures: From \$80K to \$2K**

Following our recent Airport Working Group meeting,

I've been reflecting on our recent discussions about the per-landing fees

and took the initiative to align your current profit projections with my analysis framework from 2016,

when per-landing landing fees were removed.

Per-Landing fees Summary		Now	2016
Income			
AC Visting 601-1500kg	\$ 22,680.00		
AC Above 1500kg	\$ 5,940.00		
AC Local 601-1500kg	\$ 1,701.00	\$ 30,321.00	\$ 18,000.00
Expenses			
Year cost	\$ 15,720.00		\$ 12,000.00
Required ADSB unit	\$ 8,000.00		
Setup Cost			
Est WDC Admin cost	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28,720.00	\$ 5,000.00
1st Years Profit		\$ 1,601.00	\$ -

The budget and case I put forward to the counsellors in 2016

There's a significant difference in the projected profits:

your figures suggest an optimistic \$80,000,

while my recalculated figures,

setting aside per-pax and bulk fees ....

— which do not necessitate per-flight tracking and are not per-landing by nature

— indicate a profit closer to \$2,000.

This key difference appears to stem from our varied methods of categorizing these fees.

Could you provide:

The total hours and associated costs your team has dedicated to this project so far.

An estimate of the time and cost required to complete the implementation.

This information is crucial for our upcoming user group meeting in a few weeks.

Your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

## **Appendix 2:**

### **Copy of email #2 : Subject : Landing fees could easily cost the rate-payers money.**

Let's start with a fresh piece of paper. I'm keeping this email introduction very generic in the hope of not clouding the issues.

New activity: is the re-introduction of the per landing fees due in July.

I believe when analyzing something, you first need to determine two things:

1. What turnover will this new activity generate, i.e., what amount of money will come into the bank account after implementing the new activity.
2. Then, deduct the setup expenses and the ongoing expenses attributed to the new activity.

Another key principle I watch out for is that turnover/income does not always equal profit.

You asked what I deducted from your spreadsheet.

I deducted the income that is currently coming into the bank account already, which probably can't be attributed to the new activity. In this case, as an example, I'm talking about the per-passenger charge related to Air Chathams. Per passenger probably isn't per landing. The annual operator per aircraft fee again probably isn't per landing.

The next part that will create a difference between our spreadsheets is that I've identified some setup and ongoing costs that didn't appear to be in your spreadsheet.

The aircraft tracking system has a basic version that meets the CAA tracking requirements, which is about a third of the price of the version that tracks to the point where you can charge off it. You haven't included the tracking of the transponders, the module required for invoicing, plus I heard a rumor that a new computer will be required to run this new software, and the costs for the council to conduct the invoicing, etc.

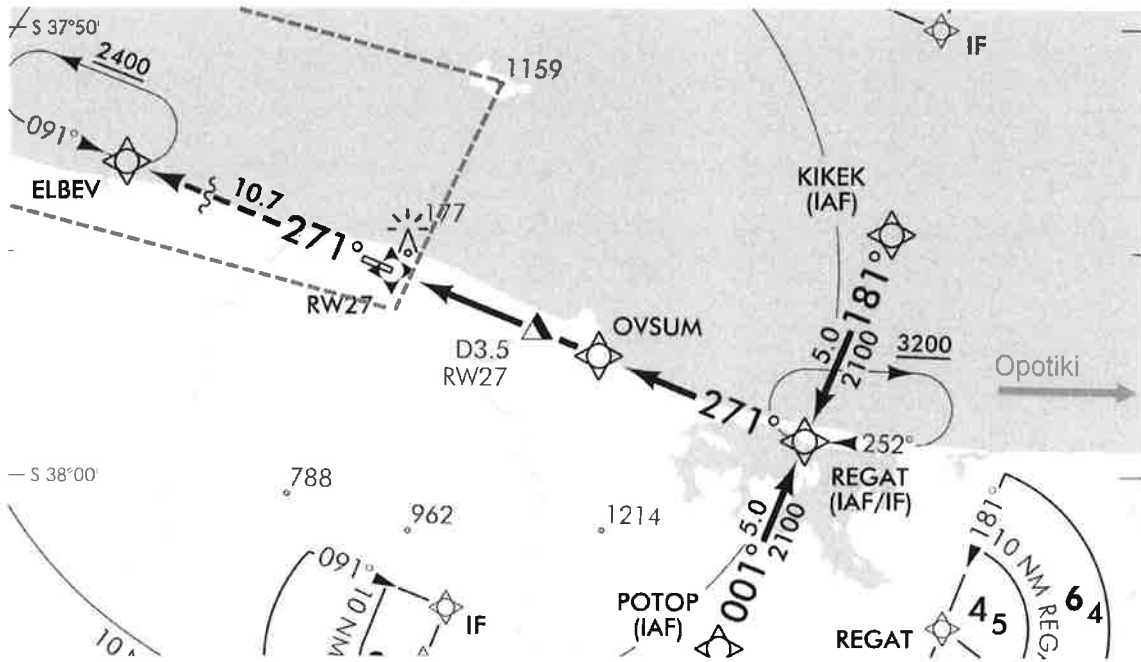
I believe it's a bit naughty when someone overstates the income and understates the expenses.

The big danger here is that people seeing this potential misinformation may miss the point that landing fees could easily cost the rate-payers money.

### Appendix 3: Unique Approach Path at Whakatane Airport and Safety Implications

#### Instrument Approach to Whakatane Landing Toward Tauranga

An analysis of the approach plate for an instrument approach to Whakatane, landing toward Tauranga, reveals a concerning detail: only the final approximately 1.5 kilometers of the approach falls within the airport's Mandatory Broadcast Zone (MBZ). This equates to the last 30-40 seconds of an airliner's approach, which is highly unusual compared to most other airports.

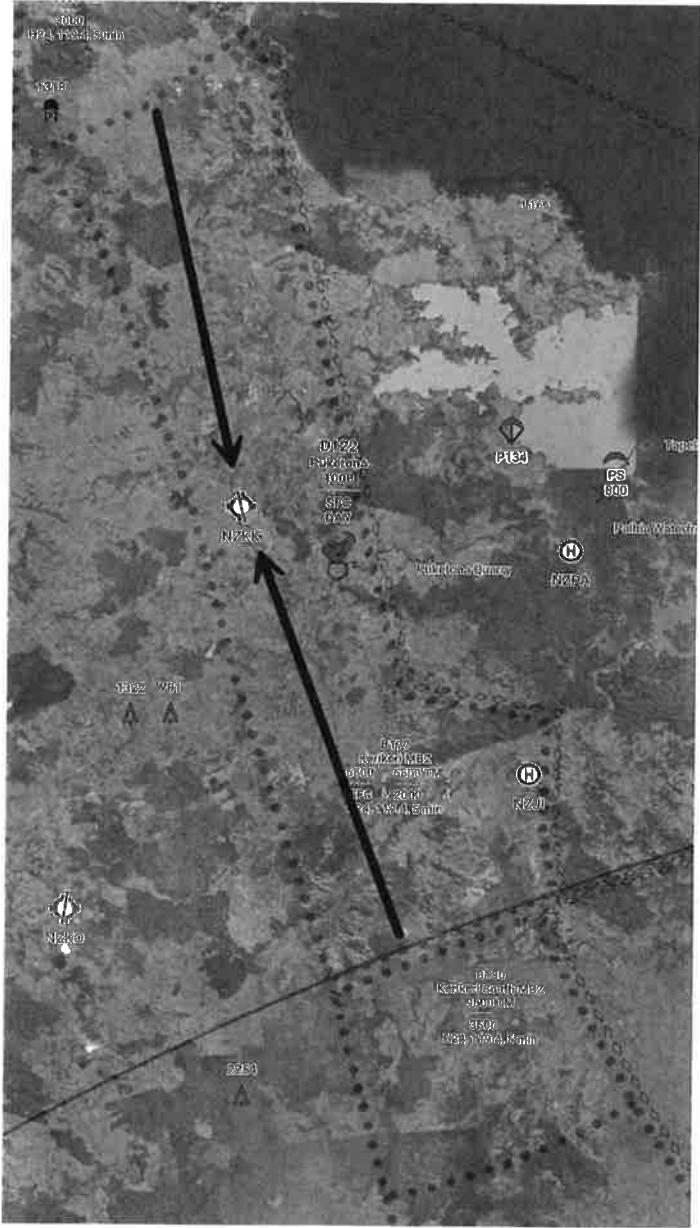




## Comparison with Other Airports

To put this into perspective, let's consider airports like Whangarei and Kerikeri. These, along with the majority of airports in New Zealand, have approach paths that are significantly more integrated within their respective MBZs. Whakatane stands out as an exception in this regard, posing unique challenges.





### **Safety Concerns and Management's Oversight**

The core of my concern lies in the fact that the unusual approach path at Whakatane Airport has not been adequately addressed in terms of aviation safety. The Swiss Cheese Model, a fundamental safety concept in aviation, highlights the importance of multiple layers of defence to prevent accidents. However, the limited coverage of our MBZ for approaches, especially from the east, indicates a potential gap in these defences.

### **Request for Hold on Changes Until MBZ is Addressed**

In light of these unique challenges, I strongly urge that any proposed changes to airport operations or fee structures be put on hold until the MBZ issue is comprehensively addressed. Implementing new policies without considering the possible implications on this critical safety aspect could lead to unintended consequences.

The short duration within the MBZ for incoming flights is not just an operational concern; it's a safety issue that warrants attention. Changes in operational procedures or fee structures, without a clear understanding of their impact on the existing delicate safety balance, could exacerbate potential risks.

**Overview of  
SHELL and Reason Models  
and Their Relevance to Key Points**

In conclusion, understanding the SHELL and Reason Models is essential to appreciate the concerns highlighted in this submission.

**The SHELL Model** (Software, Hardware, Environment, Liveware, Liveware) is a human factors framework in aviation, emphasizing the interaction between different components – the pilot, the aircraft, the environment, and other personnel. It illustrates how mismatches in these interactions can lead to potential safety issues.

**The Reason Model**, commonly known as the Swiss Cheese Model, offers another perspective. It describes how layers of defence against accidents, much like slices of Swiss cheese with holes, can occasionally align, allowing a trajectory of accident opportunity. It underlines the importance of robust and redundant safety systems to prevent such alignments.

**Linking Models to Key Points**

**Disproportionate Cost Allocation and Transparency:**

The principles of the SHELL Model call for transparent and fair interactions between all aviation stakeholders. The lack of transparency and disproportionate cost allocation raised in Point #1 conflicts with the 'Liveware-Liveware' interaction, potentially leading to an unsafe operational environment.

**Financial Viability of Implementing Landing Fees:**

In Point #2, the concern about the financial impact of landing fees on ratepayers and the operational efficacy resonates with the 'Environment-Hardware' interaction of the SHELL Model. Implementing a fee system without considering its economic feasibility and impact on the aviation environment could inadvertently create safety and operational gaps.

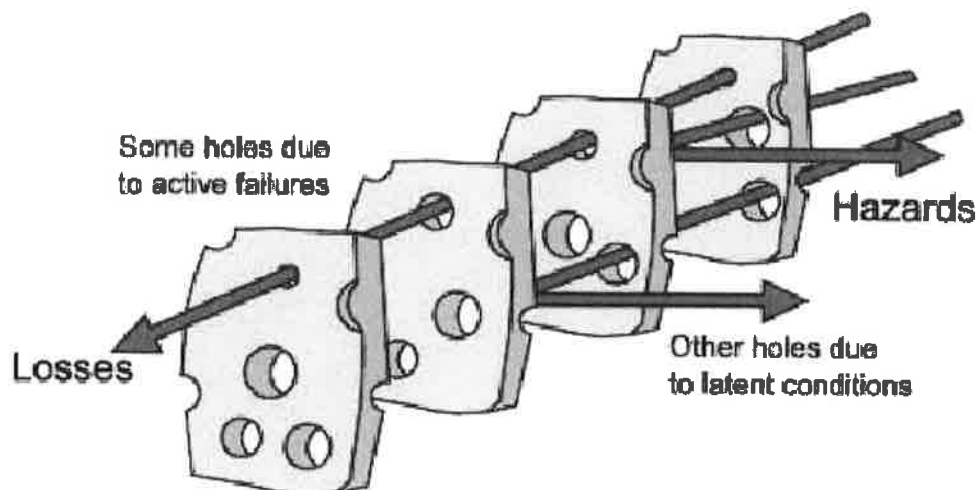
**Safety Concerns and Airspace Management:**

Point #3, focusing on the unique airspace configuration at Whakatane Airport, directly correlates with the Reason Model. The unusual approach path, much like a misaligned 'hole' in the Swiss Cheese Model, represents a latent condition that could lead to a safety incident. Without addressing this issue, we risk aligning the 'holes' in our safety defences.

By applying these safety models to the concerns raised, it becomes clear that addressing these issues is not just a matter of operational efficiency or financial management, but fundamentally a matter of safety. The unique challenges at Whakatane Airport call for a tailored approach in managing operations, finances, and safety protocols to ensure the well-being of all who utilize our facilities.

Ensuring the highest standards of safety and fairness at Whakatane Airport is a collective responsibility.

This submission hopes to shed light on these critical issues and pave the way for a more holistic and safety-conscious approach to our airport's management and operations.



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**Supporting document**

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**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34  
- REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POLICIES 2024**

Name\*: Gavin McGougan  
Town/area of the district\*: Te Urewera General Ward Taneatua  
Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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**Before each comment please specify which financial policy you are commenting on.**

NAME: Gavin McGougan

Te Urewera General Ward Taneatua.

I wish to make some general comments:

**BOAT HARBOUR PROJECT.**

The boat harbour will make little or no difference to the flow of water over the Bar.  
The cost of dredging should not be the sole responsibility of Ratepayers

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Horses are at the moment tied up along Awahou Road .  
Some are able to move onto the road becoming a hazard.  
They need to be removed before someone is killed in a collision.

There are roaming /wild dogs long both the Tauranga and Whakatane Rivers.  
The Council could provide landowners with traps to control them.

**RISK:**

It is almost certain that the Whakatane area will in the future suffer a major weather event which will result in the flooding of a large number of low lying houses and businesses.  
ALL New Zealand estuarine towns are exposed to this risk.

Our Council needs to look into sharing the raising of Development funds with other like minded Councils.

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I do not understand a lot of what the spending has to be on and I realise that costs are rising and rates will increase to maintain services for us but I do have a couple of concerns. I realise that money needs to be spent to upgrade and maintain the War Memorial hall BUT I do not think that the Croquet greens should be shifted. It would take a very long time to bring a new area up to the current standard of the greens. Croquet is mainly played by older people and they maintain the greens. It is unlikely that they would be able to set up new greens. It would also be a major job to move the facilities from the current site some of which are very new. Also I do not think that ratepayer's money should be spent on a boat marina. The small number of people who will use this facility are likely to be better off than a lot of rate payers;

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Date: Apr 12 24 04:07:57 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatane Yacht Club

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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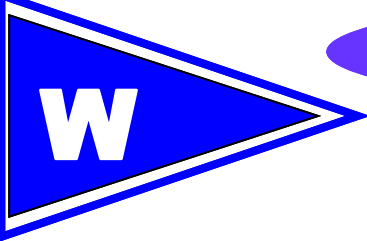
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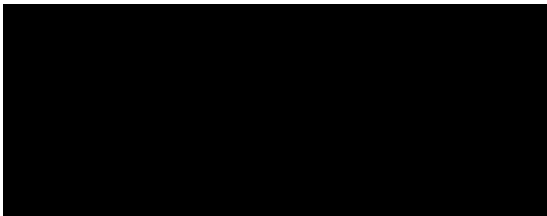
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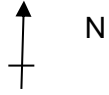
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Whakatane Harbour Navigation Channel Dredging


**MAINTENANCE DREDGING, WHAKATANE HARBOUR NAVIGATION CHANNEL**

The Whakatane Yacht Club requests that Council make provision in its long-term plan to undertake maintenance dredging in the Whakatane Harbour navigation channel, adjacent to the Yacht Club's marina basin, please. It is estimated that the maintenance dredging would be required approximately two yearly, provided that it is conducted effectively to the dredging parameters laid out in the Port Assets Management Plan.

The hatched area on the attached plan shows the area of particular concern. Within this space, the bed level is currently 0.20 m. below chart datum. Club members' vessels are grounding in this area in the lower part of the tidal cycle.





PLAN SHOWING AREA TO BE DREDGED   
ADJACENT TO WHAKATANE YACHT CLUB MARINA

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Date: Apr 12 24 04:10:19 pm

Name:

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**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

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**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Everyone deserves this service

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Avoid greater debt

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

We are lucky to have this facility for such a small town, especially a theatre. It would be fantastic if we could create a space to hold more events, bigger events and attract shows and concerts to our town, that we can not at present. It is always so frustrating having to go out of town for an event that could potentially be held here. Once but once the facility is redeveloped it will be a huge asset for generations to come, and I think that a lot of the people against it now, will in future see their grandchildren enjoy the wonderful benefits.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Being rural we do not find this necessary, and would not like to have the increase costs for something we just don't need.

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We all know the rating model is broken, and unfair in many aspects to a lot of the community. But making people pay more just because of the value of their property is unfair, and does not mean they earn more money. Not sure that there is an easy solution to this, but potentially increase the rates for a user pays system - Storm water, sewage systems. People living next door to each other should pay exactly the same for the identical service being provided.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Dog Control - This is one of the biggest issues facing our district (and the country). As a person who's dogs have been attacked at our beaches, and other public areas, I am now too afraid to take them for walks in public. It is awful. Our dog control team has a huge job, and do the best they can. That team needs to double in size, to make any meaningful effect on the roaming dog situation. Even if you employed a team of contractors for a year, anything to help them get those dogs off the street. The government also need to give dog control teams more power in the regulation of roaming dogs. Thankyou.



Submission ID: 811

Date: Apr 12 24 04:14:07 pm

Name:

David Milne

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) David Milne

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I 100% support this. We should be excited about planning for quality infrastructure for our community. External funding for this is critical to ensure affordability. Efforts should be made in initial stages to confirm access to sufficient external funding so as not to commit expenditure that may be wasted. Due to the nature of this topic in public forums, good communication and consultation at all stages of the project is going to be critical for community support.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Better solutions obviously are to focus on reducing foodwaste initially, and then home composting rather than requiring collection!!! I like to think I have low food waste level, and any food waste I do have, I compost - so I will be paying additional rates for no reason. But I get the point of rates in socialising these (and other) costs. So I would rather see initiatives also that help others to reduce foodwaste and move to home composting.

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

There is concern that the proposed rates rises will be unaffordable for low income earners. Assuming that low income earners will also have lower value properties, reducing the UAGC will make the proposed rates rises more affordable for low income earners.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

I appreciate the challenging decisions you all must face. When considering a long term plan, it is important to think long term. I feel that some of the concerns that have been raised publicly around LTP proposals are short term thinking. I think Whakatane is a great place to live, work and raise a family. So keep up the good work.

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Sports that PAY to use Rex.

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What sport is missing out when the development happens, because what you have drafted up will not cater for all the sports you are saying it will. Sports have to put on a feed for after game functions, how will all sports plus away teams fix in one space and how would this work. Sports are losing their own space to bond and have a culture as this can't happen in one combined for everyone space.

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**Supporting document**

N/A

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**Submission ID: 813**

**Date: Apr 12 24 04:14:57 pm**

**Name:**

Don Richards

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

Positive Money New Zealand

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**Supporting document**

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# PositiveMoneyNZ

## Submission on the Whakatane Long Term Plan 2024-34

My name is Don Richards. I am a resident of Whakatane and the National Spokesperson for Positive Money New Zealand Incorporated (PMNZ), an independent, non-profit group advocating for monetary reform in New Zealand.

This submission forms part of a proposal by PMNZ to provide a viable funding model for water infrastructure as funding for water infrastructure is going to be a significant budget item in the next ten years and beyond.

The [Local Water Done Well](#) document states that it will be up to councils to decide what model they opt for to achieve financial sustainability and we therefore put this model forward for councils consideration.

PMNZ will be approaching other territorial and regional councils, Local Government New Zealand, the Local Government Funding Agency, the Infrastructure Commission and Water New Zealand to build industry support for our proposed funding.

Our proposal is being submitted as part of the Whakatane Long-Term Plan as well as the Revenue and Financing Policy as we consider that it will open up opportunities in both areas.

Our proposal follows:

### Proposed funding model for water infrastructure

#### The Issue

The availability of finance has dogged meaningful water reform and this continues with the current Government's replacement for Three Waters, [Local Water Done Well](#).

It is difficult to understand how the following goals of Local Water Done Well will be achieved without a large injection of funding.

- Water services should earn sufficient revenues, either directly from users or from rates, to cover maintenance and depreciation of infrastructure
- Water services should not be a financial burden for councils. There should be sufficient levels of revenue ringfenced for investment in water assets. Councils shouldn't underinvest in water infrastructure to fund other services
- Pricing or charges for connection will be fair – for communities and councils.
- Councils will have to show they can meet the costs of infrastructure, including maintenance, depreciation and expected growth, so that pipes do not become a barrier to new development.

The Local Water Done Well document mentions borrowing from financial institutions as a way of funding repairs to water infrastructure. The issue is that some councils already have high debt levels.

The Local Water Done Well document proposes a model that would allow for three or more neighbouring councils to own a standalone entity. That entity would have the ability to access long-term borrowing to invest in long-term infrastructure, without it impacting council balance sheets (so-called balance sheet separation).

While the debt would be off the councils' balance sheets and onto the standalone water entities, councils will still be left with large debt levels to service.

## **The Solution**

The Local Water Done Well document states that it will be up to councils to decide what model they opt for to achieve financial sustainability.

Following is our model that will achieve the Local Water Done Well goals mentioned earlier and addresses the important issue of affordable public funding to support squeezed councils.

We propose using two trusted existing independent entities: the Infrastructure Commission (or a body similar to it, such as Crown Infrastructure Partners) and the Reserve Bank. Councils would submit projects to the Infrastructure Commission. The Commission's 10-year plan of priority projects would be sent to Parliament for review and approval, including a proposed 10-year funding contribution.

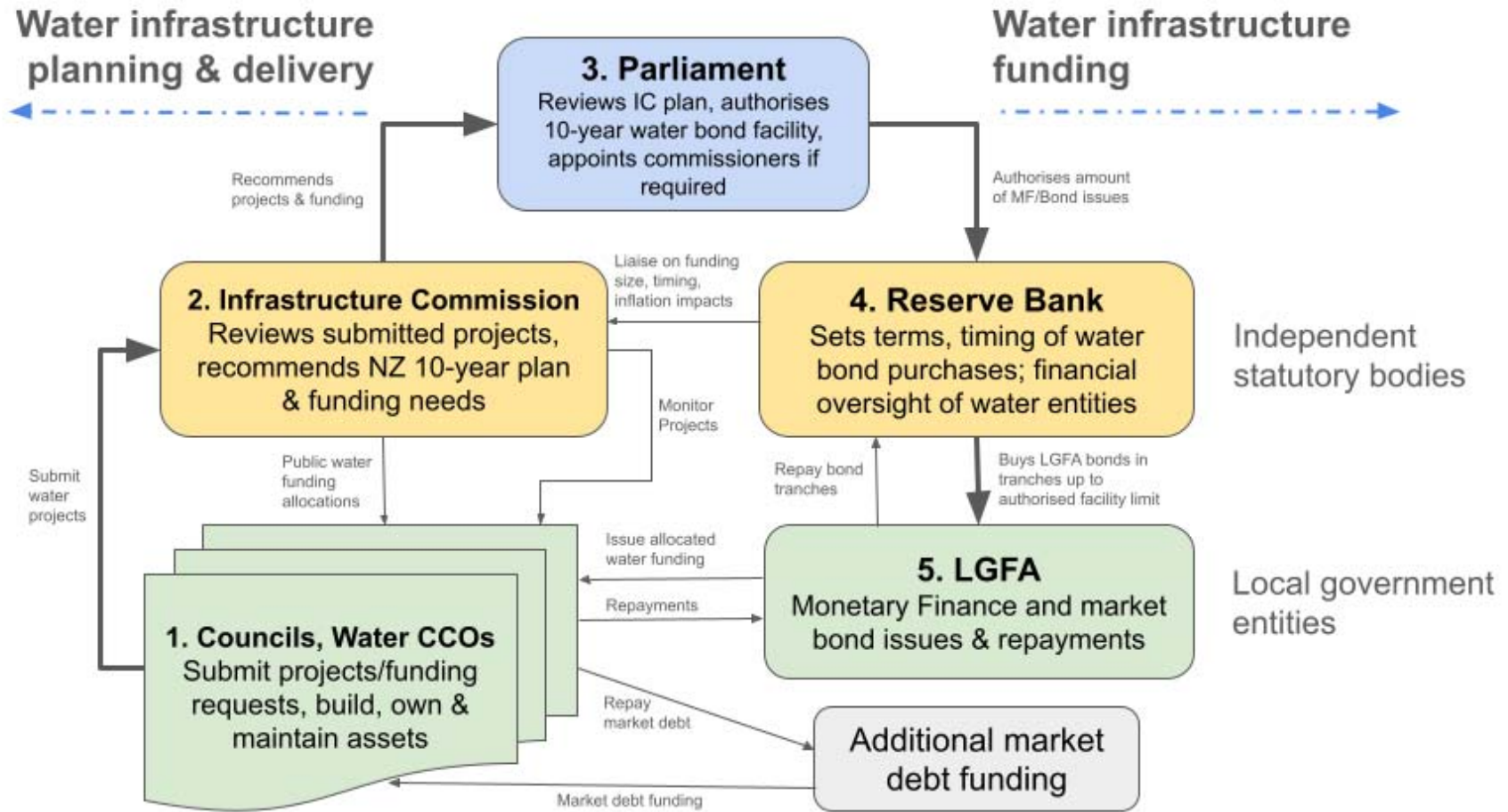
That funding contribution would be delivered to approved projects over the 10-year timeframe by the Reserve Bank through the purchase from councils of low interest bonds. This bond purchase would be similar to the Large Scale Asset Purchase (LSAP) programme during Covid where the Reserve Bank bought \$4 billion of Local Government Funding Agency bonds.

Councils would "top up" any shortfall via private market financing.

## **Benefits of the proposed model**

- It provides long term certainty of projects and funding
- It retains local ownership and control of water assets
- It allows decisions about merging council water assets to be made on the basis of efficient regional planning and delivery, not the security demands of finance
- It delivers public funding at little cost to taxpayers while protecting them from credit risk
- It provides a mechanism to use the public funding contribution to boost finance available from private sources

**Flow chart on how the model works**



Proposed institutional design to support monetary financing of water infrastructure (Source: Positive Money NZ)

## **Narration on how the model works**

1. Councils plan and deliver water at a local or regional level and own the assets – this is what most people want, other than private financiers
2. Local water plans are submitted to the Infrastructure Commission (or a body within or similar to it, such as Crown Infrastructure Partners), reviewed, and “scored”, taking into account local, regional and national priorities
3. Based on the resulting 10-year water infrastructure plan, the Infrastructure Commission sends a recommendation to Parliament which includes a proposed 10-year public funding contribution
4. Parliament accepts or modifies the funding recommendation and it authorises a 10-year “Water Bond” facility, e.g. \$50 billion
5. Councils/CCOs (Council-Controlled Organisations) then bid for a share of this public funding to deliver projects included in the authorised list
6. In consultation with the Infrastructure Commission, the Reserve Bank assesses the bids and agrees to fill or partially fill requests for public funding (i.e. the right to issue Water Bonds up to each council/CCO’s approved limit)
7. Using the facility granted by Parliament, the Reserve Bank directly purchases approved Water Bonds issued by the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) during this 10-year period on behalf of its member councils and water CCOs. Any public funding will be ringfenced to specific projects, and unlike traditional government bonds, repayments will come from council water charges, not taxpayers.
8. Councils/CCOs retain the ability to raise finance from other sources to “top up” shortfalls in public funding or fund rejected projects. This includes issuing bonds via the LGFA to the private market and using other private financing sources.
9. The public debt would be subordinated to private funding (i.e. it would be second in line) to assist councils/CCOs in obtaining private finance
10. Parliament would have the right to appoint a water commissioner with significant powers to step in in the event of a council/CCO default of either public or private financing
11. Optionally, the Reserve Bank could serve as the financial regulator for publicly-funded water entities, monitoring those entities to ensure prudent financial management and highlight problems that might lead to default. It can recommend appointment of a commissioner to protect the interests of both the Crown and private bondholders.
12. The Reserve Bank would set the terms of the bonds it will purchase. A useful byproduct of this arrangement is that the Reserve Bank would directly control a fiscal tool that would complement its other tools in meeting its inflation mandate, e.g. by timing bond purchases to the availability of physical resources or varying interest rates or repayments with OCR changes. It can potentially use part of any interest rate premium above the OCR to fund a debt default insurance scheme.

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Supporting document

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

I'm writing in this submission against the rates rise, 10% would be more than enough. It's ridiculous. You will be forcing the lower income home owners out of their homes. And I disagree with the 'new' War Memorial hall. There can be a lot less spent on it to tidy it up. Other wise it should be user pays. There is no way me or my family would use that facility for that amount of money out of our rates. The council spends way too much on them selves as well the, pink palace was a massive over spend. And the food they buy for the staff functions is over the top...not many business or companies pay for their staff lunch, morning or afternoon teas especially around Xmas/new year so why should the council spend out rates money on their flash morning teas and lunches. I hope this finds you all understanding.

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Submission ID: 815

Date: Apr 12 24 04:21:11 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Sustainability Options

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## Submission to the Whakatāne Council Long-term Plan 2024-34

### Sustainability Options



#### **Yes, I would like to speak to this submission.**

Sustainability Options is an altruistic business, established with a core purpose to work for the benefit of others with compassion and generosity. Community, social, and environmental concerns are our key priorities. We are purpose driven, therefore, any profit is directed back into our goals and the communities we serve, to our vision of doing good, and to our staff. Over the past 11 years we have worked on a variety of different projects including solar, electric vehicles, and sustainable housing and living advice. Our efforts to help others covers 4 key areas:

1. We give away our time and knowledge to advocate for and support local and central government to improve our housing conditions.
2. We give/install/supply solutions that help those in need.
3. We have initiated, developed, and supported a number of charitable services to help those in greatest need (e.g. the Tauranga Curtain Bank).
4. We visit any home who seeks our help to be warmer, healthier, more sustainable.

Central government has recently released Te Kore, Te Pō, Te Ao Mārama | Energy Hardship: The challenges and a way forward. 110,000 households in New Zealand cannot afford to heat their homes. Cold, damp housing leads to illness, hospitalisation, and death, costing the country over \$1 billion per year. Poor housing also leads to increased energy consumption. We recognise a need in the Bay of Plenty to address these issues and are asking for Whakatāne Council's support in this.

Our kaupapa helps support your vision of "more life in life", as we also strive to make living better for everyone. We are experts in home performance and assess both the physical condition of a home as well as behaviours driving it. We provide advice for anyone regardless of income or tenure, and our scope is large. We give independent and unbiased advice on how to operate a home more efficiently, provide guidance to those looking to improve the sustainability of their home through upgrades, and help identify issues leading to unhealthy living situations. We do this at no charge to the households, as we believe everyone is entitled to a warm, dry, energy efficient, healthy home. Our service is always free to the community. We do not sell any products.

In addition to our assessments, we also run a repairs and maintenance programme for low-income homeowners, 20 Degrees. It is our vision that every home in the Bay of Plenty can reach 20 degrees on a cold winter's night. We receive support for this from TECT, Rotorua Trust, Bay Trust, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Trust Horizon, and others. Energy hardship is most prevalent in low-income households, and until we address the behavioural and structural issues contributing towards this, it is hard to see how there will be any change. It is only once we release financial pressures on whānau and improve the condition of their homes that are making them sick, that we will be able to see real, sustainable, equitable, change.

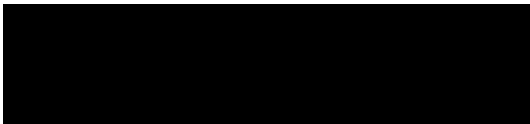
We are funded by the Rotorua Lakes Council to do home performance assessments on existing housing, to provide advice on new builds and renovations, and to run community workshops

for their constituents. In the Whakatāne rohe, we are funded by Te Whatu Ora to engage with households who are part of the Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI). This covers our time in the home carrying out the assessment. The whānau eligible for this programme must have tamariki under 5, which is an important focus, but does leave a gap for those without children, with older children, or the elderly.

We are seeking your support as part of the long-term plan. We are asking Whakatāne Council to either fund our time in the homes, to support households in the rohe who are not eligible for HHI, or to help fund our 20 Degrees repairs and maintenance programme. This would enable us to reach more whānau in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and help set whānau on a journey towards a warmer, drier, healthier, more energy efficient home. We are well networked across the Bay of Plenty to link whānau up with other service providers where our service ends.

We know that our mahi enhances wellbeing of whānau and, consequently, their communities. We strongly believe in building whānau and communities up under a “hand-up not a hand-out” approach and have successfully partnered with iwi. Improving housing conditions is vital for building resilient, sustainable communities. We see the health and economic benefits on whānau who are no longer living in conditions that were previously making them sick. As we improve the thermal envelope of households and educate on running a home more efficiently, we can help reduce household energy consumption, or shift their energy consumption to the things that matter, like heating, to improve health outcomes. We feel strongly that addressing housing issues is one of the key priorities to improve wellbeing of entire communities. Better housing makes things more equitable and is one of the greatest investments we can make now to support the future of Whakatāne. We hope we can work together to create a flourishing community now, and in the future.

Ngā mihi,



Sustainability  
Options  
*for ethical & sustainable living*



Submission ID: 816

Date: Apr 12 24 04:22:27 pm

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Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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**LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 – Consultation Document**

**Te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-2034 – He Tuhinga Uiuinga**

Congratulations to the Council on the five key priorities/*ngā take mātua e rima* identified as ‘the things we need to focus on most to take action on our ‘More life in life’ vision (pages 8 and 9).

I am broadly in agreement with these priority areas and focus actions. Here I want to add emphasis to some actions or propose more.

**1-Strengthening relationships with iwi, hapū and whānau**

*Me mātua whakawhanake I ngā kōtuituinga ā-iwi, ā-hapū, ā-whānau anō hoki*

- Actively support the retention of Māori wards at Whakatane District Council, without the necessity of the referendum proposed by government. Such referenda, while seen as ‘democratic’, inevitably work in favour of the Pākehā majority. And unfortunately, many Pākehā/*Tauīwi* in our area remain unaware and unconvinced of the benefits and necessity of Māori wards.
- Actively support efforts by iwi, hapū, whānau, government and community organisations etc to educate people of all ages and backgrounds in our district about:
  - Pre-colonial and colonial history of the district, and the country
  - Historical and continuing impacts upon local Māori of this colonisation
  - Te Tiriti O Waitangi – the primacy of the Māori text and the circumstances of its signing
  - Practical implementation of Te Tiriti in the district today.

**2-Building climate change and natural hazard resilience, including our infrastructure**

*Me mātua whakakaha I te aumangea ki te huringa āhuarangi me ngā tūraru matepā taiao tae ana ki te hangaroto*

- Take greater leadership (through media, social media, meetings/hui etc) in increasing community understanding of:
  - current and likely future impacts of climate change in our district, and
  - strategies to mitigate the effects of increasing natural hazards because of climate change.
- In particular, begin discussions about the future likelihood of managed retreat in areas of the district impacted by rising sea levels and flooding. Much better to start addressing this scary topic now, than in the wake of inevitable natural disasters in the future!

### **3- Shaping a green district**

#### **Kia toitū te rohe**

- Council can lead by example in shaping a green district, by urgently getting the environmental sustainability of its own house and all its district-wide services in order. Please give greater priority to the action that is listed last in your proposed focus actions: “Ensure Council’s decision-making and operations reflect our environmental priorities”.
- Minimising cost increases while increasing Council’s own sustainability measures will have to be addressed. Increased partnerships with skilled and knowledgeable people in iwi, hapū, local communities, other councils, agencies etc could assist with this.
- Council has a role to educate ratepayers and community members about the necessity and benefits of increasing its sustainability efforts.

### **4-Enhancing the safety, wellbeing and vibrancy of communities**

#### **Me mātua whakanui i te marutau, te oranga, me te wana o ngā hapori**

- Give higher priority to social wellbeing work with other agencies and community organisations – particularly to the issues of housing (including homelessness) and health which contribute to growing socioeconomic inequities in our district. Council is in a unique position to co-ordinate planning and advocacy to increase social wellbeing, on behalf of the district. This is particularly urgent at a time when central government is signalling major defaults on its social responsibilities.
- Continue to support and develop the Council’s excellent public library system, and its art gallery, museum and archives.

### **5-Facilitating economic regeneration and responding to development pressures**

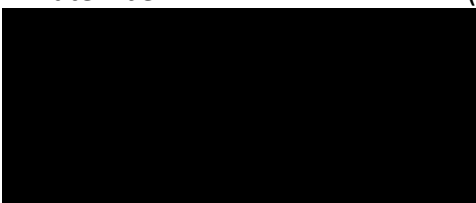
#### **Me mātua whakahaere i te tipuranga o te taiōhanga me ngā tonotono whare**

- Please, no more ugly The Hub-type developments, with all those homogenising global chains, in our beautiful town! Better instead to foster investment in local businesses providing affordable services, and a vibrant downtown area.

Thanks for considering my submission.

Kate Abel\*

(\*My name can be made public, but not contact details please)



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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I would like to put in strong support for an upgrade of the Rex Morpeth hub the faculties. the building well overdue for an upgrade and making it a current day state of the art facility will provide long term benefits to the region

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Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

N/A

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Please see our attached PDF submission which reflects the significant feedback from over 150 community members through recent community engagement survey undertaken for the development of our Matatā Community Plan. It outlines community priorities, key projects, our needs and aspirations and wish to form stronger partnerships with Council to celebrate our uniqueness culturally, environmentally, socially and progress our much-loved community, for all and future generations.

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To: Mayor, Councilors and Chief Executive  
Whakatane District Council

Submitted by: Matatā Community Plan Group

## WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION

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We, the Matatā Community Plan Group are presenting this submission to Whakatāne District Council's Long Term Plan to gain your endorsement and support for our community's development. This submission reflects the feedback we have received through a recent community engagement survey undertaken for the development of our Matatā Community Plan.

We want to acknowledge the support we are receiving from Council to assist us with this project and we look forward to completing our Community Plan and presenting our plan including survey results to the Council in the coming months.

The feedback received from our community to date shows alignment with Council's proposed LTP projects in the pipeline (Consultation Document page 18), the following projects that will help support our community priorities, and see improvements and benefits for our community:

### Matatā Wastewater Project

Te Niaotanga o Mataatua o Te Arawa, the co-design Governance Group made up of Council Elected Members and hapū representatives, continues to work together to find a solution for the management of mains wastewater for Matatā to address the current failing septic tank systems in Matatā. We're working with partners to prepare a cultural narrative and scientific analysis to support land-based options for the treatment and disposal of wastewater.

- This project has been a long time focus goal for the Matatā community.
- **It is vital to address long-term contamination issues and protect the health and wellbeing of our whānau, hapū and iwi and for future generations.**
- Moving away from the failing septic tank systems to a mains wastewater treatment system, also ensures no houses are lost due to some properties not being able to meet BOPRC OSET regulations at present. It is vital in the current housing crisis, to not only maintain the current housing levels in Matatā, but enable further growth and housing to be developed in the future.
- Our recently conducted community survey (see attached) has confirmed that this is a number one priority for our community.
- **We strongly support this Council project through its coordinated management on behalf of our community.**



## Town and rural communities' regeneration fund

- When communities develop local plans and strategies, they often seek funding from Council for new projects or to improve existing Council assets such as parks, pathways, and lighting.

## Accessible play spaces

- This project is to make improvements to existing play spaces to enable them to be inclusive, provide equal opportunities and accessible features for all users to play and interact.

Through the feedback from our community plan engagement survey, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight specific priorities that have been identified by our community and that we believe can align as projects for the above funding opportunities.

## Our current recreational spaces and facilities throughout our community need improvements, we would like to see more of a future focussed planning approach to address some of the key issues:

- An upgrade of our children's playground to make it more useable and accessible for all eg. sensory play spaces.
- A multi-purpose facility/multipurpose courts which include all codes i.e. tennis, basketball, netball and be located in one hub area (multi-purpose community and recreation centre).
- Support and enable the rugby club to access funding opportunities to improve sport field lighting.
- Existing public toilets require upgrade as they are no longer fit for purpose and are inadequate to meet the current demands. The toilets are well used with visitors through our town. We are the gateway to the Eastern Bay. More frequent cleaning (at least twice a day), and an increase in the number of toilets to meet the high demand. Maintenance and upgrades of the public toilets at Richmond Park is also required.
- A coordinated management approach by all parties (WDC/BOPRC/Iwi/DOC) to enable future development of our Lagoon (Te Awa o Te Atua). This may include but is not limited to more seating, BBQ's, a fitness track around the lagoon, maintenance plan, pest control, regular mowing around the lagoon.
- Matatā is the gateway to the Whakatāne District. We love our rohe. We want spaces that are welcoming to all. Spaces that celebrate our uniqueness culturally, environmentally and socially. We want to create entranceways that are welcoming and features the cultural characteristics of Matatā and the Eastern Bay.



**Matatā**  
Community Plan Group

### ***Environmental management:***

- Keeping our beaches clean and regular maintenance of our walking tracks are priorities that require a coordinated approach by all interested parties (WDC/BOPRC /Iwi/DOC) and stakeholders.
- Take a positive messaging approach through signage to encourage individuals to take responsibility e.g 'Thank you for taking your rubbish with you and helping us to keep our taonga clean and tidy'
- Promote and support the use of both English and Te Reo signage.
- Showcase our walking tracks to include local history and significant cultural sites through information boards along the tracks.

### **Other key priorities and goals that we would like Council to consider in the LTP process for Matata are:**

- Safer roads/reducing speed limits
- Safe crossing for pedestrians on main roads (Pakeha street and Arawa street)
- Safe pedestrian areas (footpaths) including crossing points to key town facilities ie. playground to rugby club and at both schools
- Council's Social Procurement Policy to include more employment opportunities for residents.

*We thank you for receiving our submission and we would like the opportunity to talk to our submission at the hearings.*

*Matatā Community Plan Group*



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**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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Submission ID: 820

Date: Apr 12 24 04:24:31 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Federated Farmers

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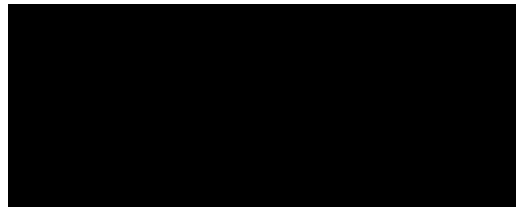
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To: Whakatane District Council  
By email: [submissions@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@whakatane.govt.nz)

Submission on: Long Term Plan 2024-34 - Consultation Document

Date: 12 April 2024

Contact:



**\*We wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

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## 1. OVERVIEW

While much of the content of this draft Long-term Plan is not encouraging it is nevertheless valuable to have an opportunity to comment, and it is appreciated.

As representatives of the farming sector, along with many others in the community, we have been stunned by the scale of the rate increases proposed over the life of this Plan. We appreciate council's claims on page 11 of the accompanying financial strategy that the rising demands of policies and legislation and substantial inflation and interest cost increases have led to this position. In our view however, and that of many, the appropriate response is to scale council's vision and key objectives back to a realistic place, rather than to remorselessly increase rate revenue.

Council concedes in this Consultation Document that the funding system isn't working and proves the point by proposing to reduce the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) thus pushing more rates onto farmland. This is short term window dressing that won't help council's financial sustainability problem – it is simply shifting money around.

This submission addresses the major issues set out in the Consultation Document, the key priorities, the commentary on the local government funding system, and the policy options.

A particular focus is the proposed reduction in the UAGC, and the failure of council to provide a reasoned argument for this measure.

## **2. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **That Council adapt its ‘more life in life’ vision to include an overarching goal of a lean and efficient council organisation, focussed financially on successfully delivering basic infrastructure and low rates to its community.**
- **That council review its ‘more life in life’ vision in the light of dramatically increased costs and the termination of the Three Waters reforms, which have rendered it unsuitable for the present financial environment.**
- **That council defer the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub initiative until issues with necessary infrastructure are dealt with and debt is at a more sustainable level.**
- **That council retain the UAGC at the status quo level of 24%.**

## **3. KEY PRIORITIES**

The Five Key Priorities set out on pages 8 and 9 of the Consultation Document do not relate well with the commentary further on suggesting that things are “really tough” for council and that the local government system of funding isn’t working.

We see little room to think about investing in the arts, for example, or shaping a “green district”, when ratepayers are staring down double-digit rates increases in a high inflation environment.

In our view it would be more realistic and appropriate for council to adopt an overarching priority of sticking to the essentials – accepting the challenge of increasing costs and committing to tailor council’s vision to fit the situation.

Council clearly has a role to play ensuring that the district’s infrastructure is resilient as the incidence of adverse weather events increases. This is council’s key opportunity to facilitate economic regeneration, along with lower rates on the people and businesses of the district.

The aspiration that is often forgotten - and is the best thing a council can do for its ratepayers in tight times - is to run a financially lean organisation that imposes the lowest rates and charges achievable on its communities.

**Recommendation: That Council adapt its ‘more life in life’ vision to include an overarching goal of a lean and efficient council organisation, focussed financially on successfully delivering basic infrastructure and low rates to its community.**

#### **4. WHERE WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW**

We understand that the present financial environment for local authorities is not ideal. For many years central government has demanded more of councils, particularly by restoring the “four well beings” to the purpose of local government in the Local Government Act. In a public policy sense, it is unsuitable to be responsible for such a broad role – the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities – while limited to a property value rating system that has remained unchanged for decades.

- **The funding system isn't working.**

Federated Farmers has long argued that the local government funding system is broken and failing communities: farmers experience that broken system every time they have to come up with thousands of dollars in general rates – not related to specific utilities such as water and wastewater – with little appreciable improvement in the services received.

Farmers pay huge general rates because of the land required to operate an agricultural business, which puts farmers at the sharp end of any council's funding equation.

Federated farmers participated extensively in the recent Future for Local Government review. Our points about the archaic funding system not reflecting the needs of modern local government were given emphasis in the final report. We pointed out that many councils – as this council is doing in this Long-term Plan – are resorting to reducing their UAGC as a means of shifting costs onto a smaller number of higher value property owners. As such, farmers are bearing a disproportionate share of the pain of this failing funding system.

- **Three Waters is back.**

It is important to note here that Whakatane District Council participated in the ‘Communities 4 Local Democracy’ coalition of councils opposed to the Three Waters reform. The commentary in the Consultation Document implies that, with the reforms defeated, council now faces unsustainable costs and can only factor in minimal maintenance and compliance for the next 10 years. Was this known to council when the decision was made to invest in opposing the reforms?

Also, we understand that Whakatane District Council received approximately \$6m in ‘Better Off’ funding that was paid last year by central government to assist council to transition its role away from water services provision. What happened to this money? Has it assisted financial sustainability? This really should have been mentioned in the commentary on Three Waters.

- **Getting used to higher rates increases.**

We see in the consultation document to evidence the absolute inevitability of consistently higher rate increases into the future. This reflects a cost-plus mentality that ignores the opportunity to scale council activities and find efficiencies for the district's ratepayers.



We agree that reform to local government's funding system is essential, however increased central government assistance cannot be relied upon in the meantime to resolve council's investment challenges.

**Recommendation: That council review its 'more life in life' vision in the light of dramatically increased costs and the termination of the Three Waters reforms, which have rendered it unsuitable for the present financial environment.**

## **5. FINANCES**

It is useful to know that council relies on rates for approximately 65.5% of revenue, and points to the immense challenge of funding the needs of a small but growing district.

For farmers this picture is concerning. Given that general rates are on property value, rates increases in double-digit percentages have a big cash impact on farm rates, which do not generally include water and wastewater as these services are provided privately.

Looking at the percentages of key activities that make up council's costs (shown on page 19 of the Consultation Document) there is little that directly benefits a farm outside of transportation/ roading network. This brings into focus the injustice of proposing to reduce the UAGC – resulting in farmers paying a greater share of the costs for activities such as arts and culture and economic development. What could possibly be the basis for this?

The graphs on page 21 show a very difficult situation as regards debt, with council almost at its tolerances. As significant ratepayers farmers are profoundly concerned at what is clearly an unsustainable situation.

Debt needs to be urgently brought under control, and certainly before council embarks on any major new programmes that do not relate to transportation or the three waters situation or arise from central government compliance requirements.

## **6. REX MORPETH RECREATION HUB**

Considering the above, in our view none of the options presented in the Consultation Document are appropriate until we have everything else order. While we have such problems as serious sewerage issues at Edgecumbe (decades old problem) and Matata, roads in poor condition, and the three waters issue, there just is no room for the nice to haves.

**Recommendation: That council defer the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub initiative until issues with necessary infrastructure are dealt with and debt is at a more sustainable level.**

## **7. CLOSING THE FUNDING GAP**

This question is made all the more difficult for farmers, given that the UAGC is proposed to be reduced which will increase farmland's share of the general rate.

We do not agree that these scenarios would be necessary were council to do more to scale back expenditure to a more realistic place for a provincial district council.

On balance, however, the preferred option, Option 3, presents arguably the more viable scenario for containing debt.

## **8. DISTRIBUTING THE RATE INCREASE**

As previously stated, we are strongly opposed to reducing the Uniform Annual General Charge. In our view this is a stop gap measure to contain rates increases on urban properties so that council's situation "appears" more manageable.

For lower income households – those where there is genuine need for support – central government has a rates rebate scheme available to assist them. This is rightly means tested on income, which is the accepted measure of ability to pay.

With council's preferred option the dairy farm average increase would be 21.1% - with a rates bill nearing \$8,000, which does not include utilities. This is a significant impost on the farming community in difficult economic times, and without any enhancement in levels of service or any good reason why one property should pay so much for public good services.

The truth is that, in a year or two, council will be back wanting to further reduce the UAGC. Reducing it now will not help fiscal discipline or financial sustainability, it simply improves the optics for council by pushing more general rates on to a smaller group of ratepayers.

Federated opposes any reduction in the UAGC from the status quo of 24% of total rate revenue. It is essential that the UAGC is maintained at least at this level, as farmers are already paying more in rates than other residents for general services such as parks and reserves and arts and culture.

The financial situation council finds itself in should not be pushed over to higher value properties that are not connected to utilities and do not directly benefit from urban services.

If council needs to reduce the UAGC to pursue its 'more life in life' vision and key priorities, it is demonstrating that its financial model is unsustainable.

### **Recommendations:**

- **That council retain the UAGC at the status quo level of 24%.**

Thank you.

Submission ID: 821

Date: Apr 12 24 04:25:26 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Edgecumbe Collective

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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**To:**

Chief Executive  
Whakatane District Council

**Submitted by:**

Edgecumbe Collective

**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION**

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The Edgecumbe Collective would like to make a submission to the Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan (LTP) on behalf of Edgecumbe's Community Plan. The Collective would also like to take the opportunity to thank Council for the support we have received for the following:

- Continued resource, technical and administration support for revisiting the delivery of our Community Plan. This support is vital and a help that is required for us to see success of achieving the goals in our plan.
- Support in the delivery and completion of our community plan goals, some of which include:
  - Upgrades to our playgrounds and reserves
  - Partnership with BOPRC to see the next stage of enhancements to Papa Taonga Reserve, planting of trees and gardens.
  - Development of our Community Evacuation Plan
  - Support for small waka and the waka ama club to have safe accessibility to launch waka into the Rangitāiki River (based in Edgecumbe).
  - Community Surveillance Camera Project across the district including more CCTV cameras in our CBD.
  - Support and funding towards the Rangitāiki river shared walkway from Edgecumbe to Thornton – stage one upgrade (and potential for stage 2 to Thornton).

As we continue with the delivery our community plan, and continue to seek opportunities for improvements in our community, we support Council's proposed "LTP projects in the pipeline" (Consultation Document page 18), the following projects that will help support our town and rural communities:

- **Town and rural communities' regeneration fund** - When communities develop local plans and strategies, they often seek funding from Council for new projects or to improve existing Council assets such as parks, pathways, and lighting.
- **Accessible play spaces** - This project is to make improvements to existing play spaces to enable them to be inclusive, provide equal opportunities and accessible features for all users to play and interact.

The following document is a snapshot of what the Edgecumbe community survey and engagement results identified as specific priorities, and these have been included in our community plan. The priorities have been ranked in order of priority by the community. We believe that many of these goals/projects align with the above funding opportunities. In particular, the following:

- Upgrade of our river walk/cycleway and support extensions to other communities.
- Shade, BBQ, basketball hoop and pump track at Edgumbe Domain.
- More seating in our CBD and playground areas.
- Public Toilet in our CBD area.
- Edgumbe Library to be more of a hub in the community and make it more accessible. It is in the perfect location in our CBD, with access to parking and playground, however it needs to be more relevant for our community i.e.
  - Accessibility of hours is limited (currently opened and run by volunteers for 2 hours 3 days a week), this does not cater for many in the community to utilise the facility.
  - There is a need for this service to be resourced by having a paid staff member and WDC not just to rely on volunteers only, this will also provide an opportunity of more activities to be delivered i.e. programmes, services, and activities daily.
  - Access to the reading room for community to run their activities and programmes (both during the day and evenings), options for accessing a key for evening activities and community meetings.
  - An overall revamp of the library is also needed i.e. aesthetically to brighten it up.

We thank you for receiving our submission and we look forward to hearing back the outcomes following the hearings.

Edgumbe Collective



# Edgecumbe Community plan



What is your relationship to Edgecumbe?



What community playgrounds, recreational parks, reserves and facilities do you or your whānau visit?



26.7%	War Memorial Hall
25.6%	Bill Orr Park
19.8%	Tūi playground
16.3%	Papatoanga
9.3%	Ratahi Reserve
2.3%	Go Kart track

Are there any other facilities you would like to see in our community?

- 1) Community BBQ's at skatepark and Riverslea playground
- 2) River walkway and cycle way extensions
- 3) Bike track

Do you have any ideas that could further improve the vibrancy of our town?

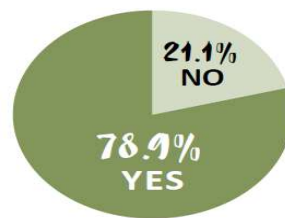
- More colour in the CBD, i.e. gardens
- More seating areas
- Public toilet in CBD



What do you think would make our community safer?

- More security cameras
- More police presence (patrolling)
- Road repairs and speed reduction throughout township

In the event of an emergency would you consider yourself and your household prepared?



What other business services do you think we need?

- A café where you can go to sit and have a meal



Fill empty shop spaces in the mall and CBD area

- Make the library more of a community hub space



Do you have any suggestions for how we can further improve community connection?

- Community events and activities
- Reinstate the library as a community connection point
- Community garden

Young people throughout the district have indicated what is most important to them, the top three are:



Is there any further info or support that would be helpful for the community to know more about?

- An evacuation plan
- Community info directory
- History of our town

## A vibrant community with great community facilities, parks and reserves



1 Upgrade river walkway, extending as a walk and cycle track to Thornton (other communities).



2 Community BBQ at skatepark and Riverslea playground.



3 Shade at the skatepark.



4 A pump and bike track.



5 Outdoor basketball hoop.

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

I don't really like the idea of mixing food waste and green waste (garden waste) as I think it will become smelly. However it is the most affordable option and may encourage people to compost or worm farm waste.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Times are tough right now. Families are suffering and rents are very expensive. I worry that big rates rises will push prices up further

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

It's time to maintain what we have. Keep new projects to a minimum

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Submission ID: 823

Date: Apr 12 24 04:28:22 pm

Name:

Karen Wealleans

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Carry out necessary maintenance and safety upgrades to Rex Morpeth Park only.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

The ideal solution is to encourage people to compost their own food waste. Alternatively, large food waste bins that do not have to be collected every week. Auckland Council having trouble with small containers that blow over in the wind.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Waste management seems to use a lot of the Council budget. With education, and better recycling, it should be able to be reduced to 1collection /fortnight. Better to intensify housing rather than using up valuable Agricultural land for new housing developments, which in turn increase the need for more roading, infrastructure etc. Also make for a better urban vibe, where people can walk and bike instead of driving everywhere.

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Submission ID: 824

Date: Apr 12 24 04:28:40 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatāne Housing Action Reform Enthusiasts

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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**Submission to the Whakatāne District Council's Long Term Plan. April 2024**

Our group's mission is to facilitate positive change for people wanting affordable, healthy and sustainable housing. Our vision is of a community where everybody's human right to housing is realised. We have been recommending changes to Whakatāne Council's policies and practices for nearly a year, and supporting people who have difficulty with the current regulations. We would like to see a continuing commitment to meaningful and ongoing consultation with the public and interest groups such as ours in order to ensure housing meets everyone's needs.

We believe the changes we recommend will not be costly and will make a real difference to the housing crisis and homelessness in our district.

They are:

**The introduction of inclusionary zoning:** a planning policy that requires a given percentage of units in a new housing development be affordable by people with low or moderate incomes. Queenstown is using this very effectively. Where a developer does not want to provide lower cost homes they can instead give a set amount to a community housing trust.

**An increased number of dwellings per lot as of right,** as is the case for Opotiki District Council.

**Policies that facilitate housing that enhances peoples support for one another.** With increasingly fragmented families, and individuals living alone it is very important to build community. Greater flexibility would enable more community support. This can be people wishing to have grandparents or grandchildren nearby, or people wishing to open their land to others who have tiny houses. It can be encouraging developers to have open spaces and small buildings where people can gather. Marlborough Council has a policy that enables land in a community trust to have multiple dwellings without the need to subdivide. We would like to see such a policy here.

**Reduced costs and speedier, simpler consent processes** where dwellings are not connected to services.

**Separate requirements for small, light and tiny homes** that do not need the same foundations as large heavier homes.

**A staff member with specialist knowledge** to support people gain consent for tiny and affordable homes

We would like to also give an oral submission but it depends on the date as to whether that is possible.

Submission ID: 825

Date: Apr 12 24 04:31:39 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Galatea Hall and Reserves Committee

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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Galatea Hall and Reserves Committee Inc



9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Long Term Plan

To Whom it may concern

Overview

The Long Term Plan Document concentrates on a number of issues considered by Council to be requiring special community consideration. The document however, lacks an incisive overview of why we are in the difficult situation we face. Lower productivity nationally along with WDC's rising staff numbers and an increasing focus on non-core business is leading to unsustainable burden on ratepayers.

This trend must be reversed.

Specific Proposals

Rex Morepath Recreation Park – we can only support normal repairs and maintenance.

Food Waste – we cannot support any proposals to collect food waste.

Funding Gap – with a disciplined return to core business there will be some short-term restructuring costs. On that basis we support Option 3.

UAGC – in the absence of any compelling rationale to change we support Option 1

## Other Matters

We wish to be heard in support of our submission. We will comment at hearing on the following subjects in addition to the comments above.

The five key priorities outlined in the consultation document.

“The key things we are thinking about” on pages 15 and 16 of the document.

Some initiatives important to our part of the district including:

- a) Murupara Recycling centre
- b) Animal Control Initiatives
- c) Recreational enhancements at the Lake Aniwhenua Campsite
- d) Civil Defence Capacity
- e) Councils role in Climate Change Resilience
- f) Recognition of “remoteness” from facilities in funding policies

We await your response and look forward to discussing these matters more at a formal hearing.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of Galatea Hall and Reserves Committee.

Submission ID: 826

Date: Apr 12 24 04:32:55 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive (WAI)

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## **Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive (WAI)**

Submission to Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan 2024

### **Introduction**

We are pleased to have now signed an MoU the Council staff, giving us an enhanced opportunity to work in partnership with them to improve accessibility and inclusion for seniors/pakeke and disabled people of all ages. We note the importance of the community development role held by Karen Summerhays as her community outreach enabled this agreement..

We believe that together we have an opportunity to make Whakatāne a leader in ensuring everyone has the opportunity to use their skills and abilities in our communities, both in our towns and in rural areas. This will ensure the Council's planned Diversity, Inclusion and Equity policy can make a real difference in our communities.

We understand that there are budgetary restraints and we would like to see rates kept as low as possible. Many people with a disability and seniors are facing extreme difficulty in managing their budgets, given rising costs. However some expenditure is essential to ensure inclusion. The recent exemplary work on the roads in Kopeopeo has made a real difference to people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters who can now much more easily access community places. This is a good beginning to ensure inclusion for all.

Some of the issues we would like to see addressed in the Long Term Plan are essential to the safety of vulnerable people. Please ensure efforts to cut costs do not put people at risk or mean they cannot easily attend community events. Three issues that must be funded are:

**Emergency Planning/Management.** We are working with the Council's Justin Douglas on this issue given the need to have special provision to ensure vulnerable people can evacuate to safe places that can cater for their needs. There is still much work to be done in this space and considerable community education is needed as soon as possible.

### **General accessibility issues**

We do not wish to take up too much of Councillor's time on details here but suffice it to say that there are still changes needed to ensure everyone can access all parts of our communities, in Taneatua/Edgecumbe/Te Teko as well as in town.

One proposal we would like to see advanced is for the Council to have a portable accessible toilet. Currently many people cannot attend community events as they are far from accessible toilets. A service club might be able to partner Council to provide some of the initial funding.

## Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive (WAI)

Submission to Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan 2024

**The Red Courtesy Crossings.** We applaud the Council's work to create safer walking and cycle ways in our district but are very concerned that some courtesy crossings installed fall well outside Waka Kotahi (NZTA) guidelines which advise:

*As courtesy crossings are not obvious to both pedestrians and drivers, their use is generally discouraged except where the pedestrian volumes are very high and vehicle speeds are very low.*

We believe some courtesy (red) crossings pose a very real danger to some of our members, other people with a disability and seniors/pakeke and other community members. There have been a number of near misses and urgent action is needed to avoid a serious accident.

We add more information on this in the appendix to this submission. Please ensure there is budget to enable red crossings to be made safer or changed to full pedestrian crossings before someone is seriously injured.

Please note that we would like our members the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Ngā mihi

Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive



## Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive (WAI)

Submission to Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan 2024

### Appendix: Information on red courtesy crossings

Some of the new crossings in Whakatāne are safe, such as those on the corner of Goulstone Road and Salonika Street, and meet the NZTA guidelines. The most dangerous ones are those without speed humps and in 50 km zones, as in Ōhope.

These go directly against NZTA guidelines<sup>1</sup> which advise

- ***“Vehicle operating speeds very low, at most 30km/h, ideally 20km/h or less. The lower the speed the more effective the crossing as vehicles are going slower so are more likely to be courteous to pedestrians wishing to cross.***
- ***Vehicle operating speeds less than 50km/h (the platform should be designed to slow vehicle speeds to 30km/h)***
- ***Ideally on a platform with steep approach ramps to reduce vehicle speeds.***

They pose a danger because they rely on people being able to know that a car is coming. With more electric cars on the road this is not possible for people who are visually impaired.

The guidelines also note that:

***Courtesy crossings are intended to facilitate eye contact between pedestrians and drivers resulting in a mutually negotiated position over who goes first. However, this can create uncertainty between road users as to who has the right of way, which can be very uncomfortable (or unacceptable) for some pedestrians.***

It is not only those with visual impairment but others such as children who use these crossings and people on mobility scooters, people with cognitive impairment. These people may find it hard to negotiate who goes first through eye contact, especially when the vehicle is going 50 km or more and does not need to slow down due to a hump being installed. We also know that in a 50 km zone many people travel at 60 km or more.

After a child was hit on a courtesy crossing in Richmond the newspaper reported:

*‘Richmond School principal Tim Brenton said he had been concerned about the three courtesy crossings located near his school for many years. He said it was difficult to explain how the crossings worked to students as the children were being given mixed messages by drivers when they went to cross.*

*“The kids are actually really confused about who gives way,” said Tim.<sup>2</sup>*

#### We would like to see:

- Existing crossings assessed and reworked to meet guideline standards ie speed reductions before approaching crossings and raised humps to decrease speed.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/walking/walking-standards-and-guidelines/pedestrian-network-guidance/design/crossings/non-priority-crossing-aids/courtesy-crossings/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/communities/7802314/Courtesy-crossings-under-scrutiny>

## Whakatāne Accessible and Inclusive (WAI)

### Submission to Whakatāne District Council Long Term Plan 2024

- Education to reduce the confusion over how red crossings operate, including specific education for schoolchildren who may mistake them for pedestrian crossings.
- Better signage. A small 'give way' sign for pedestrians is not enough to ensure pedestrians understand that these are not pedestrian crossings.

We appreciate the Council work to make walking and cycling safer, including the red crossings that meet the NZTA guidelines. We would like to see some installed on Ocean Road. Currently many seniors and disabled people cannot safely access the beach due to the lack of crossings.

#### Evidence from a rest home manager:

*As the Manager of Ōhope Beach Care, I would like to inform you that we have had 2 incidents concerning vehicles not giving way as our residents attempt to cross the road directly outside our facility.*

*As you may be aware, we are an Aged Care facility, and our residents have cognitive impairments, and limited road safety awareness.*

*On 2 occasions, as our residents attempted to cross Harbour road to visit the beach, vehicles have had to brake suddenly and swerve to the right, narrowly avoiding hitting an oncoming car.*

*On another occasion, a staff member was escorting 3 dementia residents across the road to the beach, and a Trade Vehicle narrowly missed hitting our residents as they were crossing the road.*

*I am aware of the communities' wishes to transform the crossings on Harbour Road to a legal and identifiable pedestrian crossings to aid the safety of all residents within the Ohope area.*

*I ask that the council consider the safety requirements within our community and change the existing road crossings along the length of Harbour Road to legal identifiable pedestrian crossings for the safety of all who use them.*

*Nga Mihi*



Submission ID: 827

Date: Apr 12 24 04:33:11 pm

Name:

Jennifer McGregor

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I don't agree with spending money on any upgrade or redevelopment of Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

House holds should be supplied with a compost bin.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Council needs to look at alternatives to secure funding and not impose it on the rates for rate payers to pay. It is councils job to find alternative funding

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Council should not be spending any money at all on non basis infrastructure. Council needs to wake up and realise that there is great hardship in our communities already and if council keeps on wanting extreme lalaland non priority wants (not needs), more and more home owners will have to sell their properties, get into more debt and hardship. What extreme arrogance from WDC.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Wake the F up WDC and look after your communities not yourselves and your own personal wants. WDC needs to look out of your square and create income and investors into our district, just like Kawerau is doing. Get off your butts and go out looking. All you are doing is relying on just rates to fund projects. Stop wasting our money. It seems that every time a new council or council staff start at the WDC they come with their own dream, their so called legacy and wants and from what I see is they get what they want at the expense of the rate payer. WDC was told by government that Matata was a priority for health reasons to get a waste water system installed. Why hasn't this happened, why does Matata miss out. I'm sure if any of the WDC staff couldn't flush their toilet, have showers, do washing or any other necessities every time it rains, something would be rectified and the problem would be sorted. We pay rates, we shouldn't have to pay an extra on top off our rates and extra \$1000 each year because the water table is too high or the ground is saturated which causes the field tiles not to work. I strongly disagree with the rate payers or WDC paying for any project apart from basic infrastructure. I strongly disagree with any marina being developed. I strongly disagree with any upgrades or redevelopment on Rex Morpeth Park. I strongly disagree on the walk/cycle way from Edgecumbe to Thornton

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Our household appreciated learning from the LTP that food waste contributed immensely to the collection of our district's waste. Although we live rurally, we support the notion of enabling urban properties should have the ability to have separate food waste collection. We do however have concerns and reservations about the intent to collect food waste fortnightly may raise rodent problems. Despite that, we agree with council that rural properties should be given compost/ worm farming options.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

We understand that closing the funding gap quickly is a priority, however the current recession and job losses at a national level also have implications to us locally.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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**12 April 2024**

Whakatāne District Council

Commerce Street

Private Bag 1002

Whakatāne 3158

**Tēnā koe,**

Thank you for the opportunity for our family to share our views on the Long-Term Plan 2024 – 2034. We mihi the staff who have pulled together this document and outlined the current situation for our district, the challenges and needs as to why rate increases are being proposed by the Whakatāne District Council. We also express our appreciation to the staff and councillors who attended the Ngāti Manawa Festival to raise awareness about the LTP consultation process and what's being proposed.

In particular, our tōno strives to cover two areas identified in the LTP that affect us:

- Murupara water treatment upgrade; and
- The Murupara Refuse Transfer Station

#### **Murupara Water Treatment update**

We are pleased to hear the council is proposing to upgrade the water treatment plant. We agree upgrades are needed but, like our wider community of Murupara, we oppose chlorine being added to the water supply.

#### **Murupara Refuse Transfer Station**

We do not agree with the introduction of fees for this Murupara service. We are a low socio-economic area that like other places around the country has a severe fly-tipping problem of illegally dumped rubbish. The proposed fee introduction for this service dramatically adds another layer of burden for an already overwhelmed community that's grappling to come to terms with how to maintain a good living standard because of issues including the recession and multiple government announcements such as the proposal to cut school lunches, cost of petrol, job losses and changes to requirements for beneficiaries.

We are also mindful that a proposed fee will mean that several families including ours will be less inclined to pick up illegally dumped waste that we see while frequenting local places including the bush and waterways many of which are tourism hotspots.



Name:

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I think the only work that should be done would be health and safety issues.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Close the gap by reducing staff numbers where they are not needed (Usually managers who actually have the staff underneath them do their work for them). Stop hiring consultants especially ones who were actually past employees who decided to go out alone as a consultant to be paid more. Hire staff that actually work the set hours and not take extended breaks or take an hour or so talking about tv shows and the like. Hire staff that can do the job they are paid for instead of needing so called consultants. Actually hire more hands on workers like dog control

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

I'm not sure. I'm flabbergasted at how much debt there is. But I do know people can't afford too much more. And if what I have heard is true, many people haven't paid rates for years, if so that should be a priority of getting that seen too and we shouldn't have to cover those who do this.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

If a project goes or looks like it's going over budget do you cut out the unnecessary nice things? E.g the roundabout definitely does not need some piece of art/sculpture that we can't afford right now when that doesn't stop the use of the roundabout. It probably doesn't need extra planting also. These things can wait. It's time to cut the unnecessary out. Also look within the workplace for cuts eg too much catering for staff meetings/events

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**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Whakatane-Ohope Community Board

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

O+G2: Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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## WHAKATĀNE-ŌHOPE COMMUNITY BOARD

### LTP Submission 2024-34

Kia ora koutou. The Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board welcomes the opportunity to submit on Whakatāne District Council's draft Long Term Plan.

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the hard work done by WDC staff in preparing the draft Long Term Plan. We also acknowledge the challenges of this time, and realise Council has had to be adaptable with changes in proposed reforms and priorities directed by Central Government.

We strongly encourage Councillors to respond to majority views following the LTP consultation period. Consultation and feedback from the previous LTP 21-31 showed a strong community preference for the minimum refurbishment option for the Civic Centre. This option was not chosen, and this decision has led to cynicism from many community members & residents. In short, please act on the majority response from the questions asked and please lead wisely on the issues raised by the community. We would also like to reflect concerns raised that the LTP submission document is a 'leading' document, as there are no tickboxes for other options such as 'status quo – do nothing'. This is particularly the case in the Rex Morpeth Hub response.

In terms of our own Board response to the four main questions asked:

1. As a Board we are in support of the Rex Morpeth Hub upgrade and are aware this has been in the pipeline for nearly a decade. We are mindful of the strong view from many in the community that see a Rex Morpeth Hub upgrade as a 'nice to have', however there are equally strong views from numerous sporting groups, dance groups, Theatre Whakatāne and the arts community who see the War Memorial Hall and Little Theatre as not fit for purpose any longer. As a Board we had a mix of views individually, but the majority support Option 2. This would enable the Rex Morpeth hub upgrade to be included in the planning cycle, and enable external funding to be a major driver.
2. In regards to the foodwaste collection options, we are aware of the mandate from Central Government to ensure a kerbside foodwaste collection is in place by January 2027 and are in support of starting a foodwaste collection as early as possible. Foodwaste collections are in place in numerous towns and cities across the motu and communities are generally positive about adopting this collection stream (eg. Tauranga). We are in favour of Option 1. It is less costly to residents and may be a more straight-forward transition than the other options.
3. In regards to closing the funding gap, we are in support of Option 3 – closing the gap in the medium term (six years). As a Board and as individuals we have had numerous



**Name:****Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)****How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

We recommend that the decision be made to delay any "upgrade" work to the Rex morpeth recreation hub. As per the meeting on tuesday the 9-04-24, the facts and figures related to any and all of the above options are inaccurate and unaffordable at this stage. The only work that should be undertaken as a priority is ensuring that this facility is watertight and that any issues with leaks is addressed in a economical and timely fashion. There is no excuse for the the facility to be in the state of disrepair, as evidenced from speakers talking on the night. Repairs and maintenance to negate any further damage should be performed urgently. Any and all issues relating to immediate health and safety risks, such as inadequate lighting backstage of the little theatre should also be addressed. If your own house needed need windows and a repairs to the roof to stop leaks and new lights to reduce risk-it would be done immediately- you wouldn't be considering ripping apart your old house and building a new one-just because it needs a few repairs. We the householder, work within our budget, if items NEED to be done to avoid further damage and to negate risk then they are prioritized- and done as the budget allows. We wouldn't goe to the finance company to get a loan that we cant afford to do work that is a NICE to HAVE. The rex Morpeth area does not need major development, It needs repairs and a scheduled maintenance plan. Spending 100's of millions- yes it would be 100's due to inflation--would not bring any economic benefit to the wider community- any short term benefits would be negated by long term financial stress's and lack of funds in households to support their whanau if they wanted to use the facilities. I am in the reliability and maintenance engineer and was concerned that basic repairs and small budget money items had not been addressed already. who is responsible- As from what i see they haven't meet there KPI's for their area of responsibility- It appears that there is a lack of accountability and these areas should be sorted out well and truely before spending 100 of millions on a major redevelopment. What guarantee do we the ratepayers have that if the major redevelopment went ahead that the same lack of basic maintenance and repairs wont happen again causing yet another major "upgrade" due to lack of care in a short time frame. My recommendation is that urgent repairs and maintenance to the existing building are undertaken in a timely and professional economic method, as highlighted above.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

As highlighted at the meeting this is not currently required by central government, only indicated as a possible consideration in 2027. The ratepayers don't need and cant afford to be taxed as part of a maybe/possible policy. A food waste collection service is not required. One good idea of what is required, is a separate soiled nappies disposal service which would be a better option for the reduction of environmental contaminants Every household utilizing a compost bin would go a long way to reducing food waste.

## How quickly should we close our funding gap?

### Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

Neither of the the options above relate to accurate representation of any figures in the documentation provided as information for the ratepayers affected by these proposed changes. Long term funding gap - not offered above (why was that)? Where is the long term/ minimal burden option- Why are the ratepayers being penalized and expected to help sort this funding gap not caused by the ratepayers.- This debt (funding gap) has been caused by the excess spending versus income of the last few years- The unplanned upgrade of the civic centre would have contributed adversely to this "funding gap" . Who is accountable for this spend, is their annual review and subsequent performance assessment negatively affected by this result-or is no'one accountable for this financial misuse of funds. If I dont meet my KPI's then I don't get a pay rise, is this the same for the personal concerned- The CEO and CFO being responsible for the actions and inactions of their staff resulting in over spending and the resulting Funding gap- normal language "overspend and resulting debt". Have the CEO and CFO recieved annual pay rises even though they are responsible for this debt through the actions and inactions of their staff. The ratepayers wallets arent to be seen as the never ending back stop for bad financial decisions and lack of accountability. Simple steps, will help bridge this gap. Cut back the spending on non essential services and continue with essential maintenance- this means no more catered meetings/smokos and miscellaneous spends trying to appease those that use the system to there advantage personally but not thinking of those that they represent. e.g. Simple household management, tidy up the house , reduce non-essential staff perks reduce company cars to those that only need them for their role- Driving to work is not part of the employees role!, If a person lives out of town then that is their choice- we dont need to provide a car and petrol for them to come to work. Use local providers but also keep them honest in there estimates, gone are the days that the councils have an open cheque book, after all we the ratepayers are paying. We recommend the above, neither of the options provided are acceptable. find other options

## How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

### Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Neither of these options are acceptable, We already pay approx 30% more in rates than 3 years ago, and now we are paying out of town rates (rates on rates) and how it is that we are paying for the water meter usage 2x a year now rather than the annual charge, is this a mistake? Any rate increase should be minimal if required- prove that to us the ratepayers that an increase is required/essential- show us the figures and the accountability and results from overspends. Ensuring that all the cost cutting options are put into place, to help in reducing the funding gap (Overspend/debt) are put into place. If council spending is reduced as recommended above are then the need for rate increases is minimised. The council cant keep spending money it doesn't have, act like it- pretend it is your money you are spending and that any overspends will affect your pocket/takehome wage accordingly. The CEO and CFO need to make some decisions around staff cuts and staff spending reductions, and their accountability and results from lack of performance. Simple business management KPI's, resulting in accountability for the performance of themselves and their teams related to any and all annual pay reviews directly affecting any annual increases and benefits.

## Supporting document

N/A

### **Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Who makes the decisions, the CEO (who was unwell?) the CFO who was also missing- both absent from the meeting on the Tuesday the 8th. That sends an interesting message, that they don't care what the ratepayers opinions are and/or that they feel that they are unaccountable for their actions and or inactions?!, and will make decisions outside the considerations of the consensus. The mayor and councilors, seem to be the marketing arm of the WHK district council business- but what other roles do they play. The mayor talked about a consensus opinion, do they have a say in what projects are pushed forward or not- I think the Ego of the CEO and CFO and other managers may have a part to play in whether these projects go ahead. In the current financial crisis (early days), there is no room for pet projects and egos, future sight is great but with every project there, is a time and place. As highlighted the figures in the discussion document were incorrect- which shows either the staff putting the document together aren't being managed very well and their work not proof read, or that the CFO doesn't care whether the figures are correct or not as it wont make a difference anyway. What is the answer to this? If the figures are incorrect then what confidence is there for the management of a major upgrade worth 100's of millions of dollars. Past projects and lack of good management and overspends are forefront in our minds, confidence has been lost over these MANY occurrences. Are you the Mayor and fellow councilors happy to contribute larger portions of your hard earned salary to big spend unprofessionally managed projects with huge overspends due to lack of experience and or skills. I am a professional with years of experience in managing projects worth millions of dollars and being accountable makes us check and double check figures and work being done versus money being spent. e.g. When we drop our car off to the garage for a service we expect a good result, everything being done in a professional and timely fashion and to budget. the councils past history with the kiddie pool at the heads being highlighted as an example, shows a lack of this experience and/or skills even though many highlighted issues well before completion only to fall on deaf ears.. One item that was conspicuous by its absence was any discussion about the condition of the bar. I work with a team of older, well learned and experienced boat operators, who highlighted past historical work that had been done on a temporary western wall which showed huge benefits to sand movement and workability for deep draft boats. Mount Maunganui had a different cruise ship per day last weekend- the mount CBD was buzzing . Improving the bar condition, with a possible western training wall would be greatly beneficial for the town and associated businesses. This option should be considered by all reading this, iwi considerations should tabled and worked through- we feel this would be a project worth spending money on for the greater good of the town, and future growth. The lwi consideration would be easily addressed as it has been before- back in the 70's when a western training wall was installed- with great results. This needs to be looked into, don't let the possible iwi issues be a barrier, they will be on board once the benefits are shown- lots of benefits to be realized. Any thoughts or continued spending on any Marina development up the river should be buried. There are no benefits for the town for any marina development in proposed location only continued costs due to river work and toxin removal, not to mention the small number of users. Look closely at who is going to benefit. The well connected wise crew I work with have told some stories and it sounds criminal- if you continue with this project then you are also implicated. Don't let the Rex morpeth park project distract you from the real achievable benefits from sorting the river mouth- talk to those wise souls who have been there done that-you dont need to spend millions on building a case for this real money making project. The Whakatane Bar is the gateway to the Bay of Plenty lets make it so. That would be a project worth putting you name to, wouldn't you like to be part of

the movement to sort this out once and for all. Time is short, for ease of success as the wisdom and those that have it are getting older lets utilize their years and years of knowledge and connections before they aren't available anymore. I am happy to be contacted to get you in touch with those with the knowledge to get you started with the at work. Just email

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Submission ID: 832

Date: Apr 12 24 04:38:35 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Ōtamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

keith@riverlake.co.nz

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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**To:**

Chief Executive  
Whakatane District Council

**Submitted by:**

Ōtamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust

**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION**

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The Ōtamakaokao Trust would like to make submission to Whakatāne District Council LTP on behalf of our community in reference to our Ōtamakaokao (Awatapu) Community Plan.

We would first like to take the opportunity to thank Council for the support we have received over the last few years for the following:

- Providing support in the development of our Ōtamakaokao Community Plan (through resources, technical and administrative support which helped with both the creation of our plan and consultation with our community and stakeholders).
- Collaborating with the Awatapu community to help establish the community garden, which was officially opened in 2023.
- Committing support and funding towards the restoration of Awatapu Lagoon.

We endorse Council's proposed LTP projects in the pipeline (Consultation Document page 18) and in particular:

- Awatapu Wetland Project. – Establishing wetlands are an important part of restoring the water quality and mauri of Awatapu Lagoon. We encourage Council to allow the scope of this project to be sufficiently broad to optimise wetland creation and lagoon restoration throughout Awatapu Lagoon. We can create better ecological outcomes for a lower cost by broadening the scope of this project to encompass a wider area. To this end we recommend removing specific reference to the southern lagoon.
- Town and rural communities regeneration fund. – Working with community groups is a smart and efficient way to get things done and will provide real benefits to local communities like Awatapu.

Through our community plan we would like to highlight specific goals and aspirations that we think could align as projects for the above funding opportunities:

- Installation of lighting along walking/cycleways
- Extend KooKoo Land through to the awa to include BBQ and picnic areas as well as other appropriate activities for that area i.e. Public Toilet
- Future development of walking/cycle ways that are accessible and connect our Awatapu Community to other walkway/bike tracks including along the banks of Ōtamakaokao.

Other key goals that we would like Council to consider in their LTP process for Awatapu are:



- A bus shelter along Awatapu Drive next to Ōtamakaokao south and the Reserve, especially needed for our Tamariki that catch the bus for kura.
- Harvesting of aquatic weeds from the lagoon.
- A community centre/hub for our community located in Awatapu as an opportunity for community to connect i.e. groups and services can utilise
- Support to develop our 'Caring for Communities Emergency Plan'.
- Council's Social Procurement Policy to include more employment opportunities for local residents.

Our 2021 LTP submission requested specific funding to provide for aquatic weed harvesting from Awatapu Lagoon and supported the implementation of the Active Whakatāne Strategy. Both of these remain important issues.

Pest aquatic weeds cause major problems in Awatapu Lagoon for water quality, ascetics and recreation. Harvesting is a key tool for managing this problem. Smart management of aquatic weeds using harvesting needs to occur in addition to wetland creation to provide both immediate benefits for water quality and long-term benefits by removal of nutrients and carbon from the lagoon. We would like to see funding allocated for weed harvesting and management.



Implementing the Active Whakatane strategy is important for providing safe and connected routes. We would like to recognise the work done to date (e.g. providing a foot path along the north side of Awatapu Lagoon, widening the path around James Street School and Intermediate School) and support this mahi continuing.

We appreciate the support we have received from the Council and would like to seek continued support on behalf of our Trust through the delivery of our Community's Plan.

We thank you for receiving our submission and we would like the opportunity to talk to our submission at the hearings.

  
on behalf of

Ōtamakaokao Kaitiaki Trust

Submission ID: 833

Date: Apr 12 24 04:39:46 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Bike Whakatāne Trust

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

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Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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## Bike Whakatāne Trust 2024-34 LTP Submission

Bike Whakatane Trust has been established to support and promote all things biking in the Whakatane District. Our members have been behind the development of Whakatane Bike Park, Bikes In Schools projects and events that promote safe cycling.



The Bike Whakatāne Trust would like to submit to the WDC's LTP 2024-34 consultation on three key areas.

The Trust fully supports the continued investment in Active Whakatane and in the development of trail network across the Rangitaiki planes and beyond. The investment seen to date has made considerable difference in improving the safety of cyclists, and other road users, however there are still considerable safety issues and other obstacles to cycling that prevent more people from taking up cycling. We continue to support investments in cycling infrastructure that enable school children, the elderly, commuters, and the mobility impaired to move around freely and safely while reducing climate emissions.

The Bike Trust and Mountain Bike Club have appreciated the support of staff and financial assistance that has been set aside for the development of a Mountain Bike Park through the last LTP period. While we are disappointed an appropriate site for the park has not been secured, the Trust would like to see continued support from Council as we get closer to securing access to suitable sites close to town. This includes for the continuation of the Community fund set up in the last LTP to assist with the development of a MTB park or other facilities for recreational cycling, and which will provide tourism opportunities for the district.

The Bike Trust supports the implementation of slower speed limits in the district in areas where cyclists and pedestrians are present particularly around schools and popular travel routes to schools. Lowering of speed limits not only provides a safer environment for cyclists but also helps creates an environment where new cyclists are more comfortable getting on a bike and where parents are more comfortable allowing their children to ride. We appreciate there is some uncertainty with central government signalling changes to how speed limits are adopted, however change will still be needed if we are to protect our most vulnerable road users.

We request to be speak to this submission.

Yours Sincerely

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**Name:****Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:****How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:****How quickly should we close our funding gap?****Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:****How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?****Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:****Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Please find attached the formal submission from Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust detailing our proposed initiatives to enhance the well-being and sustainability of the Matatā community. We are excited at the prospect of partnering with the Whakatāne District Council to bring various initiatives to life. Our main objective is to make positive contributions to the community's well-being and resilience through projects that promote environmental conservation, cultural revitalisation, and infrastructure development. Our proposal involves establishing a community garden and composting area on the currently unused top rugby field. We believe this initiative will help build a stronger community while also bringing tangible benefits such as waste reduction and food security. Furthermore, we emphasise the critical need for upgraded public toilet facilities in Matatā, particularly at the park and beach areas, to accommodate the influx of visitors, especially during the tourist season. We are committed to working alongside the Council to address this pressing issue promptly. In Matatā, we support bilingual signage to promote cultural inclusivity and recognition of te reo Māori. To ensure effective implementation and coordination of initiatives, we propose appointing an administrative liaison between our Trust and the Council for communication and project management. Finally, we request funding support for the next three years to fully realise our initiatives. We believe investing in these projects is an investment in the Matatā community's collective well-being and prosperity.

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12 April 2024

Whakatāne District Council  
Private Bag 1002,  
Whakatāne 3158

**Re: Submission to Whakatane District Council LTP**

Tēnā koe,

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust submits this proposal in support of the wider Matatā community. Through various initiatives, we aim to enhance community well-being and sustainability.

The community seeks permission to establish a community garden and composting area on the currently unused top rugby field owned by the Whakatane District Council. Additionally, we request assistance in waste reduction strategies and education, including workshops on recycling and composting.

To ensure effective coordination, we propose appointing an administrative person to project manage this initiative and act as the central contact between the Trust and the Council on any Council-related matters.

Additionally, we highlight the urgent need for an upgrade of public toilet facilities in Matatā, particularly due to the inadequate number of toilets at the park, which becomes overwhelmed during the tourist season. With the expected increase in beach visitors next summer, facilities at the beach are also necessary.

In line with our commitment to revitalising te reo Māori in the township, we request bilingual signage in Matatā.

This submission requests funding to support the implementation of these initiatives over the next three years, starting with a business case in year one and then implementing it in years two and three.

We look forward to working together with the Council to improve our community.

Nāku noa, nā

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[Redacted contact information]

Submission ID: 835

Date: Apr 12 24 04:43:29 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) MTB Working Party

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Arohamai - I've previously sent through an LTP submission on behalf of the MTB Working Party but would like to re-send with some minor edits. Can you please use the attached submission as the final version.

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## WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT MTB WORKING PARTY

### LTP Submission 2024-34

The Whakatāne District MTB Working Party group was formed in 2020 in response to overwhelming community requests for a MTB park and/or trails from numerous community groups and individuals. Council agreed to support the scoping and development of MTB trail opportunities with partnership facilitation funding of \$50K initially. In the LTP 2021-31 the Partnership Facilitation Fund was increased to \$100k per year. We acknowledge that this fund was not solely to support mountain biking opportunities however a good portion was aimed at mountain biking. The MTB Working Party meets regularly, and has and continues to actively pursue trail opportunities on several land parcels via conversations and hui with landowners.

We request that Whakatāne District Council continues to provide funding of \$100,000 per year over the next three years to enable the progression of these opportunities for developing recreational MTB infrastructure. This will directly support Council objectives for growing tourism opportunities in the Whakatāne District as well as health and recreational outcomes for residents.

This funding will enable:

1. The option of lease arrangements in suitable private land that is open to trail development by the landowners (We are currently in discussion with two prospective parties).
2. Necessary improvements to proposed land parcels to enable the proposed trails to operate safely and sustainably, such as the construction of safe access and the provision of carparking.
3. Funding for trail development and maintenance to supplement charitable grant funding obtained through community groups. Bike Whakatāne Trust is specifically set up to apply for funding to cover the costs of professional trail development and support community group's trail development operations, maintenance, and associated environmental enhancement works (e.g. plant and predator pest control or restorative native planting programmes).
4. The continued scoping of opportunities for off-road MTB trails in other land parcels.

As a District we are lacking in MTB trails, and we still have huge community demand for both recreational cycle trails and MTB trails. The awareness of the benefits from both recreational cycle trails and MTB trails is building as we see many other Districts around the motu obtaining strong economic returns on the back of investment in cycle infrastructure. On behalf of the MTB Working Party we strongly encourage Council to keep investing in this area, as we work towards the establishment of MTB trails in our rohe.

Thank you for considering our submission and we would be happy to speak to it in person.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Whakatāne District MTB Working Party



Name:

Mario

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)****How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Do the bare minimum to bring the building up to a compliant standard. Forget the bling! Sure modernize some of the building facilities. Beware that times are tough and it's not your money. Concentrate on only what really needs to be done and get that information from the ratepayers not your own interpretation.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

With no cost to ratepayers.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?****Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

NONE of them. If you have a funding gap it means your spending too much! Rein it in. Stuff the boat harbour and Rex Morpeth Recreational Hub. It's a nice to have not a necessity. Who exactly benefits from the boat harbour. Not the MAJORITY that's for sure. Who will pay for the constant upkeep and maintenance of it (I see a need for constant dredging to keep it workable.) Yip, the ratepayer of coarse.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?****Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

All the options above are to high. Wage increases over the last 3 years have not even come close to keeping up with inflation yet your rate increases exceed the hyperinflation we are seeing. Work within your means. It's not your money! spend it wisely. The MAJORITY of us are struggling.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Why don't council think about getting rid of some people instead of hiring more. Stephanie O'Sullivan needs to take a pay cut. Actually she needs to be sacked. She doesn't listen to what people in the community are saying. She thinks she's the boss. She works for us not the other way around. The tail has been wagging dog for far too long, That goes for all of you. Pull your heads in and open your ears! listen to the MAJORITY.

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

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**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Keep rates down

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**Name:****Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Waste Zero Whakatane**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?****Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:****How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

WZW supports the principal of diverting food waste out of landfill, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and making use of a what is a reuseable resource. We acknowledge that diverting foodwaste aligns with the Council's key priorities of Shaping a Green District and Enhancing Community Wellbeing. We support actions such as a proposed kerbside collection, supply of worm farms and compost bins, education programmes and supporting community/local/regional foodwaste processing initiatives where possible & appropriate. Council data indicates that foodwaste makes up approximately 36% of kerbside landfill collections in our district so, while many people in our district may already be home composting their foodwaste, there is clearly more that can be done to reduce this wastage of a reuseable resource. Our understanding is that kerbside collections tend to be more cost and emissions-effective for the overall community, with a greater likelihood of public participation in the key goal of diverting foodwaste from landfill, than individual user-pays type systems. We recognise any waste collection will generate emissions by nature of collecting and transporting the waste, that there is potential for counter-intended outcomes and challenges finding the right balance for our community. We encourage Council to assess any selected foodwaste collection option to ensure it a) achieves an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from our waste management and b) ideally achieves the best possible reduction in emissions while being mindful of affordability and other considerations. We also note the environmental importance of achieving reduced emissions as soon as possible and, if feasible, we encourage the Council to endeavour to adopt diversion of food waste from landfill earlier than the proposed July 2026 date.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?****Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:****How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?****Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:****Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

We think you should seek external funding, ie, lottery grants. Upgrade in stages. Maintenance of current building.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

If better information was given to the public, generally people will do the right thing.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Why do we have a funding gap? Is it because of mismanaged funds in the past? Like the cesspit swimming area in the river everyone could see would never work or painting the roads in Murawai drive and plant pots , that have disappeared. Don't know how the boat wash was funded but I would hazard a guess it cost a lot , I have never seen it in use once is yet another project that doesn't work much like the new improved roundabout at the landing road bridge. And all the new speed humps in roads where no one has been hurt in the past but all of a sudden it's a must for safety.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

In the 1st instance we need to ensure all parties are actually paying rates .How much are people actually paying for people that are not. To assume people that live in a million dollar property should be paying a greater amount is wrong, the occupants may not have the incomes to In there latter years to support the higher rates. ie, pensioners. I'm thinking you have no regard for those people and would probably say down size old people shouldn't have big houses they worked for.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Listen to the people that pay, you are representatives for us, not the other way around. Stop letting your egos rule, and power go to your heads. People are struggling now, need to put food on table and pay bills.

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Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 1: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

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Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Please keep investing in projects that bring more visitors to the Whakatane District. Things like wharfside in Ohope help bring more people and therefore more money into our economy which supports local businesses. More housing is also needed - staff often find it difficult to find rental properties which in turn affects local businesses ability to recruit staff.

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Submission ID: 841

Date: Apr 12 24 04:52:03 pm

Name:

Christine Simpson

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 1: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

We already attract regional and national sporting events and these could be more better if our facilities are better. At minimum upgrade, but facilities need to be fit for purpose. Don't forget the green park space fields needs to be well drained so sports do not end up a mudbath.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Households should pay for their own bin as those of us with compost bins do not need this service

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Christkie Simpson

Town/area of the district\*: Ohape / Whakatane

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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**Need more space for your feedback?**  
Please add more pages and make sure your name and organisation (if relevant) are at the top of each page.

**Submission ID: 842**

**Date: Apr 12 24 04:52:32 pm**

**Name:**

Diana & Brigid Ann

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

see attachment

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

see attachment

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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Diana & Brigid Ann

  
Whakatane

Whakatane District Council  
14 Commerce Street  
Whakatane

Attention: [submissions@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@whakatane.govt.nz)

**Re: Long Term Plan 2024-34; Climate Change Strategy Review, Financial Policies**

In regard to the above plan, review and policies, WE DO NOT CONSENT to the proposed rate increases or any additional borrowings.

In regard, to using our property Valuation Number: 07107 800 00 as collateral/security for any loans/debts WE DO NOT CONSENT.

Spending is extravagant. Economic times are hard within our District.

We DO NOT trust that Council/Council Staff are working in the best interests of ratepayers. Projects with cost over-runs, not being transparent, not managing properties correctly or project design errors.

There should be no race based policies; if it is good enough for one sector of the community it is good enough for all.

Development Levies – we should not have to pay for the pleasure to develop in Whakatane. Paying rates is enough.

Projects – if the people of Whakatane want a project badly enough, money should be raised privately by the people.

Population is on the decline with all cause mortality the highest NZ has known and birth rates have reduced significantly over the past couple of years. Based on current trends overseas we can expect all cause mortality to increase over the next few years.

Auckland City has joined Mayors worldwide in the C40 cities with ambitious targets by 2030 of 0kg meat consumption, 0kg dairy consumption, 2,500kcal per person per day, 0% household food waste, 75% reduction in supply chain food waste, 3 new clothing items per person per year, 0 private vehicles, 1 short-haul return flight (less than 1500km) every 3 years per person.

This could have significant impacts on our communities if it comes to fruition.

There is information out there that natural meat is very necessary for brain development and mental health. The fake meat being produced by Bill Gates collective has recently been found to have cancer cells, the risks to be identified. Fluoridation is found to affect mental cognitive abilities. We must not place 100% certainty on the narrative.

Climate Change policies should be reviewed on an ongoing basis and Council should be utilising their staff to seek knowledge and not just from Wellington. If one follows the narrative from Wellington, as per Covid, you may end up dead like a friend of ours after his third vax.

We as people are made of carbon, we need carbon to survive. Carbon which makes up 0.04% of the atmosphere is at 417ppm (June 2021), however if it reaches 200ppm the survival threshold for vegetation, that could be the extinction of man.

Yes the climate is changing, however it is not made by man in general but by geoengineering of a few to create fear, to steal from people. I call it 'designer climate' and there are over 1000 patents to modify weather. Council should be actively protecting our communities from the geoengineering that is occurring locally. Different states in the USA are now legislating against geoengineering, and the UN, WHO and WEF. If you want more information check out the documentary "The Dimming" and also "Climate: the Movie (The Cold Truth)".

We need a Council that will fight for the ratepayers and the community to ensure policies by unelected third parties are not taking over our country.

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Submission ID: 843

Date: Apr 12 24 04:53:45 pm

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

How should we manage foodwaste collection?

Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

How quickly should we close our funding gap?

Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?


Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?


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Date : 12 April 2024

Submission to : Whakatane District Council

Subject : 2024-2034 Council Long Term Plan  
Submission re: Whakatane Harbour Endowment Fund

Submission from : 

## **INTRODUCTION**

A recent press release from a member of the Council Executive indicates that Council is seeking to have modified the 1977 Order in Council provisions in respect of the Harbour Endowment Fund. The existing provisions specify that the Fund and related income be applied strictly to Harbour-related activities.

The Council executive appears to be seeking a modification which would allow for the Fund to be applied to a broader range of Council expenses and capital undertakings.

This submission seeks to encourage Council to desist from efforts to modify the 1976 Order in Council, and instead to focus itself on delivering its responsibilities under the Order and to respect the legacy that attaches to it from the days of the Whakatane Harbour Board.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Whakatane Harbour Board administered Whakatane Harbour from the early 1900's. It was responsible for managing the commercial affairs of the Port, and for managing the harbour for all users. Significantly, it also undertook the reclamation of tidal flats, the land upon which the bulk of the Strand CBD sits today. The Board became the landowner and administered the properties, for best return, to sustain the Port into the future. The rental on the commercial properties generates the bulk of the Harbour Endowment fund income.

Board minutes from the 1970's give the impression of a well-run organisation, with a focused and competent approach to its duties as a Port Operator, and with great financial rigor. In the lead-up to its winding-up in 1976, the Board clearly sought to ensure that the hand-over of its functions acknowledged that the maintenance and development of the Whakatane Harbour and the maintenance and improvement of the endowment lands were key priorities for its successor.

Local authority amalgamations in 1976 saw the Harbour Board, Borough and County Councils merge to become the Whakatane District Council. The transition was managed via the 1976 Order-in-Council (OIC) which specified the terms of the transfer of assets and responsibilities, from the Harbour Board to WDC, duly encompassing the priorities of the Board, noted above.

In addition, there was a requirement for WDC to *establish and maintain a committee of the council, to be known as the "Whakatane Harbour Committee"*. There is no evidence of any such committee in existence now. My observation over the last 15 years in particular, is that the harbour duties have been tossed from department to department. From my communication with the Council, on various harbour topics in the last 36 months, it appears that the necessary skills for, and understanding of, the Port Operator's duties are not present within the organisation.

Finally, the OIC noted that *"all harbour limits in force on the date of dissolution of the Whakatane Harbour Board shall become the harbour limits for the purposes of the harbour functions of the district council."* The harbour limits referred to, extend to just upstream of the Whakatane Yacht Club, some 1.50 km from the Harbour Entrance. This is an important part of the Harbour Board legacy, as it ensures that the maritime activity is closely co-located with the CBD. CBD properties pay the rents which, in turn, sustain the Harbour Fund. There is no doubt that the vibrancy of the maritime activity is a key feature of "downtown", in a coastal town.

We currently have a Council administration which doesn't appear to understand its legacy obligations. It regards the Harbour Endowment assets as an "inheritance", to be applied across a range of unrelated activities. For the definitive description of their intentions, an inquisitive reader could refer to page 49 of the business case submitted to MBIE in support of their PGF application in respect of riverfront and commercial boat harbour projects.

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/16358-whakatane-riverfront-revitalisation-business-case-pdf>

Among other things, it appears that it is Council's intention to:

- Unlock the value of the Harbour Fund for the wider District.
- Comply with, or seek dispensation from parameters on the use of funds.

Contrast those intentions with the legacy requirements of the 1976 Order in Council.

It is fair to say that the members of the Whakatane Harbour Board would have been unimpressed with this proposed change of course.

## **RELIEF SOUGHT IN THIS SUBMISSION.**

- Harbour Funds should be applied solely to Harbour and Endowment lands maintenance and improvement projects. Among other things, there is an historical offset to be observed, in the effect that reclamation has had upon the harbour. Desist from efforts to modify the 1976 Order in Council, and, instead, focus activity on discharging responsibilities of a Port Operator in a manner that is fit for purpose.
- The Whakatane Harbour is the centrepiece to the Whakatane community. It deserves better management. Council executive appears to lack the skills required to understand and implement the necessary and appropriate programmes. As is noted in the 1976 Order in Council, WDC is required to *establish and maintain a committee of the council, to be known as the "Whakatane Harbour Committee"*. An appropriately skilled group of individuals needs to be convened for this task.

- Safety of our boaties and visitors is being compromised by perilous state of Whakatane Harbour entrance. Action is required by the Port Authority, the Whakatane District Council. Include entrance improvement projects in 2024-34 Long Term Plans comprising maintenance and capital measures to improve navigation safety at the Harbour Entrance.



I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Submission ID: 844

Date: Apr 12 24 04:56:03 pm

Name:

Bob Austin

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Nice to have but low priority so just do minimum to prevent deterioration

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Worm farms available free to all who want them. Endeavour to convert as much waste into reusable form, i.e. compost or similar

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Due to current climate need to extend our debt out for longer despite high interest rates

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Option 2 due to current economic hardship faced by most of community

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Priority 1 should be ensuring our 3 waters are fixed for the long term priority 2 should be actively addressing climate change. Priority 3 should be a second bridge around Awatapu area. The proposed new marina is a "nice to have" but very low on the priority list. No more money should be allocated to it until the above are addressed and completed. The fact that extra funds will be needed to address the polluted diggings is another reason for not proceeding.

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**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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**Supporting document**

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**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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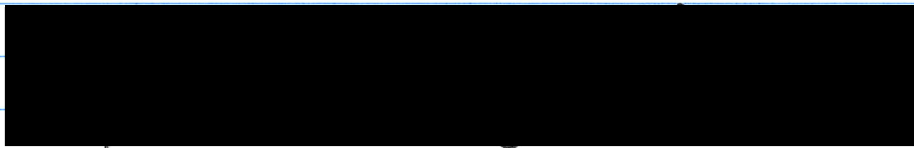


Dear Council,

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please destroy the liquor store  
+ also destroy the 4 square  
+ propose a Margaret Mahy  
Playground.

thanks,



**Name:****Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)****How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

- I am grateful for all the varied facilities available at the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub and fully support OPTION THREE - investing in necessary upgrades and maintenance to these facilities so that our community can continue to enjoy the opportunities these facilities offer.
- I have listened with interest to the reasons put forward for the proposed redevelopment but ultimately have come to the conclusion that now is not the time to be looking at redevelopment for the following reasons: a) The proposed redevelopment is approx. 15-20% of the whole WDC LTP 10-year -CapEx budget but there is little-no indication that it will provide any significantly greater community benefit than is already provided for by the existing facilities, and no indication there will be any tangible or real economic benefit to justify the significant spend. b) Both the Spatial Plan and the Town Vision are currently still in drafting stages and it does not make sense to plan to invest in a major redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Facilities without these two planning programmes being complete to provide a better, more informed, bigger-picture decision making. c) It has been stated that the Rex Morpeth upgrades have been in multiple LTPs and stakeholders have been waiting a long time for these to be actioned. Option 3 ensures the much needed maintenance and upgrades are delivered within the quickest timeframe. Whereas the two redevelopment options will delay progress to a later period and have the potential to delay further/may not progress at all if the minimum level of external funding is not successful secured. d) Intergenerational planning is important, but intergenerational planning is not just about planning facilities and infrastructure - it also includes responsible financial management and not saddling our future generations with extensive debt. e) Also query the development contribution in options 1 &2 (where are these coming from?), and note that these do not appear in the Draft Group Activities document in this group category.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Strongly support the commencement of food waste collection as soon as possible through whichever option provides for the best emissions reduction and public uptake for our community.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:****How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

## Supporting document

N/A

### **Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Heard a lot about the problems with our funding model but heard no real solutions proposed for this. Are WDC/councillors to exploring alternative revenue generating opportunities? Lobbying Central Gov for changes to the model? Why are Whk Holiday Park & airport operating at a loss?

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**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Only do necessary updates nothing beyond essentials

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Mix food waste in with green waste like other nz councils do. No extra collections, no extra costs

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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**Name:****Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)****How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Option 3 please! We don't see the need to focus on such an excessive project when carrying out necessary upgrades should suffice. We value the importance of doing necessary fixes to the rugby grandstand and to the little theatre. Just add some small pod like structures for changing rooms. We would like to see external funding contributing to at least %60 of the project and if this is not achievable in the next decade then push the work back to the next plan. Please limit emphasis on car parking. We are a flat and walkable town with value in free street parking. Parking spaces are one of the least utilised parts of this hub and only reach capacity maybe 5 times a year. Let's maximize our land for more sport area like you want. Once the grass is gone into concrete there's not really coming back from this. Why is there no middle ground option? When 2 of the options exceed 100 million we are a bit reluctant to accept this. Even though we see that the council has already made up its mind. Show us we are wrong and that you value the opinions of your constituents and the people who voted for a change and value in our community. We understand there are things we don't see that Council may. But then show us. For a town that is only set to rise by 5,770 people in the next 26 years, the emphasis on this project costing more than 20 million dollars just seems unnecessary. Please emphasise local contractors and architects to keep money in the pocket

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

We sort our own waste so this doesn't apply to us. Any option that is the most efficient and cheapest for council and home owners we will support

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

We appreciate the thoughts around present and future burdens. We will always have debt so a middle ground will be fine. Maybe spread across 5-6 years. Just as long as it doesn't coincide with large infrastructure projects

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

We don't really understand this

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

What about our 3 waters infrastructure? where is the question around our plans for that? We see this as

one of the most important parts of this plan. Save money on the Recreation Hub and use it for fixing our water struggles before it becomes even more expensive and puts lives in danger. Let's get on with it. A plan around extending retirement living in the district is important. Let's not lose everyone (and their rates) to Tauranga. We need a second lane on Pekatahi Bridge at least! this is an embarrassing situation for a highway and for a community that could be cut off by another serious flood at any point. We value the work the council does we just feel that from the outside our opinions are not being valued. We need a council that is focused on efficiency and making the most of what we have. We have a great district, a beautiful town and if we continue as we are for another decade I would be very happy. Show us you're listening.

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Name:

Vullings Family

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) na

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Kia ora Councilors. > Thank you Councilors for your leadership and for continuing to take on a difficult, underappreciated and increasingly challenging (but hugely important) role. > Our family is strongly in favour of full development of the Rex Morpeth Recreation hub. > We are supportive of options 1 or 2. > We are opposed to the minimal option 3 - this presents a lost opportunity and would likely commit us to another generation of underwhelming facilities, that although well used, are increasingly not meeting our community expectations. > Our family sees great benefit in the recreational, amenity, sporting, and events opportunities that will come from the project (for people of all ages). > Facilities such as these are a kind of social glue - bringing people together around sports, events, recreation. > We think the project will provide better opportunities for attracting and to host bigger and better events to keep our District vibrant and provide visitor economy benefits. > We note that these types of facilities provide lots of reasonably low cost activities and opportunities for a broad spectrum of our community. > Any main centre serving a population the size of Whakatane (and noting that Whakatane is a major hub centre for the whole Eastern Bay of Plenty) should have a modern facilities such as these. We are missing out. > We expect there will likely be opposition to the project from ratepayers largely on the basis of the rating impact. > We would remind councilors to 'please' consider all the public sentiment and feedback that has been collected/provided over the years to get the project to this point and that is strongly supportive of the projects outcomes, and be informed by a complete view. > E.g. Much of the historical feedback such as through Whakatane Ki Mua, previous LTPs, project engagement etc strongly supports outcomes related to this project (such desire for recreation, sports, events facilities). > There will likely be feedback that now is not the right time. We expect there will never be a perfect time - over the past 20 years this project has always sat in the outer years of the LTP and has always pushed back and not been delivered. > We would point out that the cheapest time to build is always now. Things only get more expensive over time with continued inflation. For example, the cost of building a house today is roughly \$3200 per m2, in 2020 this was \$2500. This would suggest doing the project sooner rather than later, which also means our District would receive the benefits sooner rather than later. > This project will deliver something that our family believe is much needed and has been missing from Whakatane - which otherwise is an amazing place to live. > Please keep the long term vision in mind when finalizing this decision rather than a short term reaction to the costs. > We can deliver an amazing project that is attractive, vibrant, inclusive, connected providing benefit for many people and for generations to come... Or... we could save ratepayers \$2.40 a week by taking the minimal option. Again, thank you, best wishes with the deliberations.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?****Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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Submission ID: 850

Date: Apr 12 24 04:59:55 pm

Name:

Donna Perese

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Toi EDA

### How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?

#### Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

Having an event venue of exceptional quality that accommodates various uses, sporting codes, and events is crucial for Whakatane and the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty region. Whakatane is a preferred destination for regional events spanning music, sports, culture, and the arts. Notably, it hosts the largest annual New Zealand Touch tournament, showcasing top-tier talent. Such events not only stimulate new business but also encourage families to consider settling in the sunny Eastern Bay of Plenty, where a balanced lifestyle of work and recreation is achievable. Toi EDA has frequently been approached to host significant events, ranging from sports to music. However, our current facilities limit our ability to fully engage in such opportunities, prompting us to support the upgrade and option 2. Additionally, it is worth exploring ways to bolster other venues and cultural destinations, such as Te Manuka Tutahi, to further enhance Whakatane's unique appeal. This collaborative effort can strengthen the regions distinctiveness and enrich its cultural landscape.

### How should we manage foodwaste collection?

#### Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:

The implementation of food/green waste collection in Whakatane, following the revised management of waste, is indeed an exciting development. It would be valuable to obtain an overview of the distribution of properties in the Whakatane region, distinguishing between urban and rural areas, considering the significant number of rural properties. Nevertheless, it is encouraging to witness this positive change taking place.

### How quickly should we close our funding gap?

#### Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:

### How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

#### Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:

### Supporting document

Attached

### Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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Name: Donna Perese

Town/Area Represented: Eastern Bay of Plenty

Organisation: Toi EDA

Section	Submission Points
<p>Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub</p>	<p>Having an event venue of exceptional quality that accommodates various uses, sporting codes, and events is crucial for Whakatane and the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty region. Whakatane is a preferred destination for regional events spanning music, sports, culture, and the arts. Notably, it hosts the largest annual New Zealand Touch tournament, showcasing top-tier talent.</p> <p>Such events not only stimulate new business but also encourage families to consider settling in the sunny Eastern Bay of Plenty, where a balanced lifestyle of work and recreation is achievable.</p> <p>Toi EDA has frequently been approached to host significant events, ranging from sports to music. However, our current facilities limit our ability to fully engage in such opportunities, prompting us to support the upgrade and option 2.</p> <p>Additionally, it is worth exploring ways to bolster other venues and cultural destinations, such as Te Manuka Tutahi, to further enhance Whakatane’s unique appeal. This collaborative effort can strengthen the regions distinctiveness and enrich its cultural landscape.</p>
<p>Management of Food Waste Collection</p>	<p>The implementation of food/green waste collection in Whakatane, following the revised management of waste, is indeed an exciting development. It would be valuable to obtain an overview of the distribution of properties in the Whakatane region, distinguishing between urban and rural areas, considering the significant number of rural properties. Nevertheless, it is encouraging to witness this positive change taking place.</p>

<p>How Quickly Should we close the funding gap</p>	<p>Given the options presented by the Whakatane District Council regarding the funding gap of \$14m as a starting point. After reviewing the details, it appears that Option 2, closing the gap in the short term over three years emerges as favourable.</p> <p>While option 1 offers the advantage of quicker resolution and potentially lower future costs, the substantial initial burden on ratepayers, with a 38.6% average rates increase per property, might pose significant challenges for many.</p> <p>Option 3 aims to spread the costs over a longer period to mitigate immediate impacts, the significantly higher borrowing costs of \$36million at the end of 10 years may outweigh the benefits.</p> <p>Option 2 strikes a balance between addressing the funding gap in a reasonable timeframe and minimising the financial strain on ratepayers. With an average rates increase per property of 22.2% in the first year and additional borrowing cost of 14.4 million over 10 years, this option aims to avoid accumulating greater debt while ensuring a more sustainable approach to closing the gap.</p>
<p>How should we distribute rates increases across the district</p>	<p>Option 3, with such a steep increase in rates during year one, targeting high value property may make homeownership unappealing to a highly skilled workforce</p> <p>Likewise, it will also push up the affordability of commercial leases and for businesses owners making the region a less attractive space to invest into</p>
<p>Other submission points</p>	<p>It is encouraging to witness the ongoing commitment to robust capital investment in infrastructure, transportation and economic development.</p>

	<p>Kudos to the Whakatane District Council for their commendable efforts throughout the consultation process, hearings to come and the provision of comprehensive information that was delivered, online, social media, newspapers and radio. The accessibility to events and opportunities for discussions with council members and councillors has been particularly commendable.</p>
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Name:

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I support building quality facilities for the town's future.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Option 1 makes sense to me. It doesn't change my decision but it's unclear to me where meat scraps go

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

I appreciate the effort that the Mayor, Councillors and Council workers put both into this work and communicating it to an audience that for the most part are working and don't have/make the time to get involved in the debate.

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Submission ID: 852

Date: Apr 12 24 05:02:14 pm

Name:

Peter McInnes

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) self

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Fund from rates, we do not need long term debt

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Some people will not bother with food waste bins. Collection would need to be weekly as with rubbish bins now otherwise holiday rentals will not know what days collections and waste will be left for rats to enjoy. Those of us who compost will continue and look out for rats.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

If we don't close the gap then our rates will be spent on paying interest. Maybe that is not so bad!!!

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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Submission ID: 853

Date: Apr 12 24 05:09:29 pm

Name:

Hone Patrick and Caroline Takotohiwi

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Ngai Taiwhakaea

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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**Whakatane Council Long Term Plan 2024-34, Te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34  
Submission: Hone Patrick and Caroline Takotohiwi, Ngai Taiwhakaea**

**Overall comment**

Appreciate the opportunity to comment on what is a solid plan, especially considering the prevailing economic headwinds and the “not fit for purpose” funding structure (in addition to large pieces like Three Waters being handed back to councils). While fiscal responsibility is understandably the core short to medium term consideration, our hope is that it doesn’t impact the Council’s engagement and development with hapū and iwi - as well as its obligations under Te Tiriti.

**Specific comments and questions**

*Iwi, hapū and whānau*

Under the strengthening relationships with iwi, hapū and whānau – page 8 (we see a reference to Te Toi Waka Whakarei – Council’s Māori Relationship Strategy on page 15) and the need to address inequities and amplify the voices of Māori on page 9:

- Good approaches but is there a specific and practical plan of how you will “enable iwi participation” in addition to consultation? Is this through TRONA or through hapū?
- “Work alongside Māori land owners to support and enable development of Māori land” – is this through PPP, grants, capabilities/capacity etc.?

*Tikanga*

- How will the Council integrate Māori lore that encapsulates tikanga and whenua into their legislative obligations?

*Rezoning*

- Where are the 98 hectares of land ear marked for rezoning?
- What is the impact on rates?
- What regional spacial plans with neighbouring councils are they impacting?
- Do these changes impact Māori Land titles - there appears to be 0.1% of rates distribution unallocated? (Pg19)



Submission ID: 854

Date: Apr 12 24 06:12:11 pm

Name:

Whakatane High school Interact club

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

Whakatane High school Interact club

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

It'd be nice to see changes to Rex-morpeth to make it more accessible to all especially the different/new sports disciplines and we'd like to see the changes bring more community events to town.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

We're not sure about which option is appropriate as food waste bins have a high chance of being contaminated but we would like to see an education programme run where people can properly learn about what to do with their food waste.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

We don't know enough about it to have an opinion.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

We don't know enough about it to have an opinion.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

We would like to see more water fountains around town, the pump track near the hockey turf upgraded, more pedestrian crossings to make it safer/easier to cross roads, more community walks/parks and a youth hub like the ones in Nelson and Gore.

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Name:

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 2: Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

1. Seek major business contributors/funder - Eastpak? Farmlands, Ngati Awa, or our local trust fund? to take over development, construction, allocation, charging users- a la Eastland Group/trust tairawhiti in Gisborne 2. Get major user groups to produce contributions based on their expectations of this complex - sports, arts, community, etc i.e user pays, NOT ratepayers, (who pay rates for essential community needs for all, e.g. water, sewage, roads, flood control, rubbish etc.) 3. Cut a quarter of WDC staff, and re-allocate this funding to our services.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only, but without the rates increase. Why is an increase in rates necessary?? when pickup reduces to one truck weekly instead of two, and transport of waste less! Has to be way cheaper. No cost increase to ratepayers!!! Focus again on household composting?

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Close the gap quickly - not from rate increases! But achieve closing the gap by decreasing staff numbers and avoiding unnecessary expenditure /wasted/less useful social expenditure - the inevitable outcome of having unnecessary council staff (or too big a public service) - lose sight/focus of the essential infrastructure council should be charging ratepayers. Get rid of staff focusing on social/cultural/information passing activities - that the community can do if they get organised - if they want them - e.g. arts coord, Iwi/hapu communications with council,

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Users should pay - lower value houses often have more people using services (free) and should pay through this charge. Example - poorly attended use of expensive consultation; and for expensive social / cultural /communication costs.

**Supporting document**

N/A

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Reduce council staff by many, with focus on only basic infrastructure needs - spend way less on consultation, and development of fancy social cultural plans. Thus reduce rates to cover only essential

community infrastructure needs - water, roads, sewage, rubbish, floods, aerodrome, port, mowing, weed control etc. Let the people/community take care of people - e.g. sports clubs, activity facilities, community halls, communication with iwi, etc. They do not need ratepayers to pay their coordinators, liaising etc - we are not that rich! We need to keep expenditure to what we can afford. Scandalous that council kept hiring so many over recent years when clearly we could not afford these, and we are now told we have been overspending for a period and need catchup - we could not afford these!! - hire and do only the things we can afford to pay for. To continue spending wastefully /ineffectively will result in our community being put into the terrible state our country's economy is - At some time we have to pay for chasing the wasted dreams/ideas, so keep expenditure only to what we have revenue for. Strong and vibrant communities arise from people getting involved with people and making plans that they can together see a way of completing. Big councils/govt are great at making grand plans/proposals/options and losing sight of the ability of tax payers to pay. We need to cut this all back to the important Council infrastructure, and let the people dream ..... and act if they can with the support/commitment of their interested community.

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Submission ID: 856

Date: Apr 15 24 08:33:13 am

Name:

Kay Ives

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

The stadium and Little Theatre urgently need upgrading these are facilities that are well used by a variety of organisations and should not have been left to deteriorate to the state they are now in.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 2: Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Too much food waste goes into landfill so it is important to deal with this. Many rural properties have the means to deal with their food waste (eg. feeding to animals)

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Rates are already high and will become affordable for many

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Kay Ives

Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane town

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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<p><b>How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 35% external funding for major development works in 2028 and 2029.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Carry out redevelopment of the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub as soon as possible. This requires us to secure 50% external funding for major development works in 2029 and 2030.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub</p> <p><i>Please refer to pages 24-26 of the Consultation Document for approximate costs and ratepayer contributions.</i></p>	<p>Your thoughts</p> <p><i>The Stadium and Little Theatre urgently need up-grading. These are facilities that are well-used by a variety of organizations &amp; should not have been allowed to deteriorate to the state they are now in.</i></p>
<p><b>How should we manage foodwaste collection?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Separate foodwaste collection for urban properties only.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Separate foodwaste collection to all properties.</p>	<p>Your thoughts</p> <p><i>Too much foodwaste goes into landfill so it is important to deal with this. Many rural properties have the means to deal with their food-waste (eg feeding to animals).</i></p>
<p><b>How quickly should we close our funding gap?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> Close the gap quickly (in one year) so we pay less in the future.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> Close the gap in the short term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> Close the gap in the medium term (in six years) to ease the burden now.</p>	<p>Your thoughts</p>
<p><b>How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 1:</b> (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 2:</b> 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Option 3:</b> 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.</p>	<p>Your thoughts</p> <p><i>Rates are already high and will become unaffordable for many.</i></p>

**Need more space for your feedback?**

Please add more pages and make sure your name and organisation (if relevant) are at the top of each page.

Kay Ives

Page 2.

I am totally against the continuation of the Boat Harbour project for the following reasons:

a) Contamination of the soil in that area is an issue.

b) The bad effect it would have on the river and its environs. (whitebait, bird life etc)

c) Creation of too much traffic on the river. Boats constantly travelling up & down would surely have a scouring effect.

d) Benefitting only a minimal number of people.

I believe there are far better uses for the Harbour fund such as:

a) Keeping the bar entrance clearer of silt

b) Enhancing and up-grading the wharf area which would make it more attractive for visitors and locals alike.

c) Addressing the issue of the dreadful tidal pool which is an embarrassing eye-sore.

Submission ID: 857

Date: Apr 15 24 08:36:43 am

Name:

Susan and Paul Jury

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

We think it is preferable to separate each facility and upgrade each one separately. This would provide clarity with costs.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

See attachment. Other places that are using this system find the food waste bin is abused eg. meat etc this encourages maggots and stench. We suggest the council offer free compost bins

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

We don't have any preference as long as it's paid in full the council offer a better discount would then get more money in advance.

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Susan + Paul Jury

Town/area of the district\*: Ohope

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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\* Foodwaste and rubbish collection. cont.

We suggest the Council change the rubbish bin collection to fortnightly. This should encourage households to better manage their waste.

Further Harbour access comments.

If the jetski and watercraft area is extended on the Ohewa Harbour we are concerned it could adversely affect the wildlife and specifically, the bird life. We would like to suggest that the Council investigate this further and consult DOC and other interested parties. We oppose this extension and believe there is enough access and area for watercraft already.

Priorities

We feel that a second bridge into Whakatane should be a number 1 priority.

Submission ID: 858

Date: Apr 15 24 08:38:22 am

Name:

Knowles, LJ (Les)

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Food waste mixed with green waste is going to cause health problems food waste in bins for fortnightly pick up is going to stink, maggots, roaming dogs.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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**Supporting document**

Attached

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See attached

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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Town/area of the district\*: [REDACTED]

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## Whitnash District Council.

With your way of thinking, NEW BRIDGE, NEW BOAT MARINA, EXORBITANT RATES, REX MORPETH PARK OVERHAUL. TALKS IN LOCAL PAPER & NEWS ALL SAYING NO TO ANY SPENDING. BUT NOBODY IS LESSENDING.

Grow some balls and stand up and say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THE JONES IN THE NEXT TOWN.

NEAR FUTURE I CAN SEE PENSIONERS SLEEPING IN CARS BECAUSE OF HIGH RATES AND SADLY A FEW WILL COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF IT. WHERE DO YOU THE COUNCIL STAND ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU DON'T ~~HE~~ CARE. MONEY STUPID SPENDING IS YOUR MAIN CAUSE, THATS ALL YOUR THINKING OF.

Submission ID: 859

Date: Apr 15 24 08:41:41 am

Name:

Murupara Community Board

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

"no" to improvements due to more important infrastructure needs. Fiscal restraints.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

"no" to increase of bins. Ratepayers can't afford extra costs

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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"no" increase, costs need to be cut starting at high end staffing

**Supporting document**

Attached

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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Town/area of the district\*: Murupara

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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- 1) Council Engagement. Communication lines need to be open, for community meetings.
- 2) Upgrades to Parks, Council facilities need to be put on hold due to living crisis.
- 3) Monitoring systems need to put audited. Are rate payers getting value for \$ with Staff appointments & can savings be made with Top End Management. Salaries continue up with no public input.
- 4) Increasing Staff numbers with ratepayer funds. Are all appointments needed.
- 5) "No" to second bridge in Whatkatane. This can not be financed by Rate payers.
- 6) Re-instatement of Netball Courts, better access to Community Hall.
- 6) "No" to Chlorination of drinking water. "Community sentiment" is Council are pushing this practise through, with a "CLOSED SHOP" initiative, & without the full concerns of community being considered.
- 7) "NO" to floodwalls plans at this time until other issues are addressed.
- 8) Council Engagement with all Stakeholders not just, Communities, Runganga, Schools, etc

9) No to improvements in Arts/Culture spaces.

10) Resource Consents need community input to improve outcomes.

11) ~~Class~~ Aniwhenua Shared trail Proposal ~~not~~ included in LTP.

12) Swimming Pool Facility

- Reviews of Management. Input.
- Timelines not enforced, opening, closing.
- Maintenance issues not dealt with efficiently.

13) Refuse Charges :

Token Systems, 4 per year.

- Free unlimited green waste
- Bulk verge collections (2 wks prior)



Submission ID: 860

Date: Apr 15 24 08:42:49 am

Name:

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

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Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:

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How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?

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Supporting document

Attached

Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POLICIES 2024

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**Before each comment please specify which financial policy you are commenting on.**

THOUGHT THE MEETING LAST NIGHT  
AN EYE OPENER.

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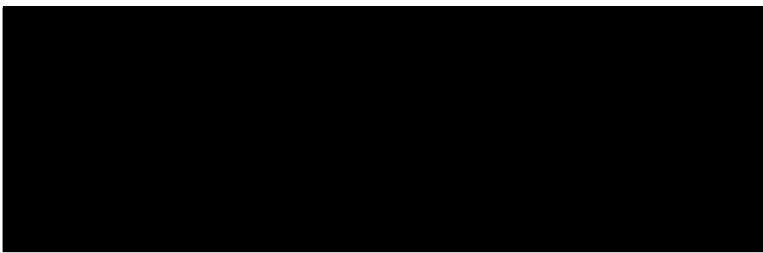
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THIS WAS FOUND DOWN PATHWAY FROM  
McGARVEY TO APANUI. 2 MATTRESS

THIS IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO PUT  
UP WITH IF YOU GO AHEAD AND PUT  
IN A WALKWAY AT THE BACK OF OUR  
PROPERTIES IN MCGARVEY, PEACE ST AND  
APANUI. NOT JUST THIS BUT MUCH MORE.  
NOT ONLY WILL IT DEVALUE OUR PROPERTIES  
BUT ALSO WE WILL BE VUNERABLE FOR ALL  
THAT GATHER DOWN HERE. OUR BEDROOM  
IS ONE METRE FROM THIS WALKWAY.

WE SENT IN 30 SIGNATURES OPPOSING  
THIS TO AIMEE THUMATH.

IF YOU LIKE TO COME DOWN TO LOOK  
OUR FENCE IS NOW LEANING AND CRACKING  
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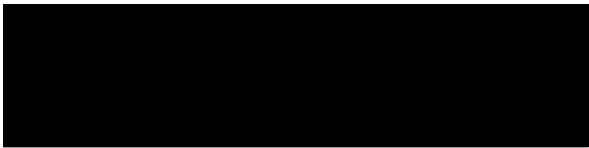




opposing walkway between peace st  
and apanui ave.

Spending money on walkway with fancy  
lighting and native plants

What a waste of money mis  
management of funds and encouraging  
anti social behaviour, something that is  
not even required, would turn into a  
untidy, unsightly area in no time  
enclosed photo of pathway at apanui ave.



# Whakatane Action Group a.k.a. WAG

March 2024

## IN DECEMBER 2023

Whakatane District Council said the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan would require rates rises of up to:

**28.7%.** Would this have been affordable to you?

Many angry and bewildered homeowners and renters told us they could simply not afford such huge increases. In January 2024 WAG commenced efforts to talk to the Mayor and Councillors and to senior WDC staff. **Some listened and some changes have been made.**

*WDC Chief Financial Officer* says a Rates increase of 11% would only maintain us as we are now.

***So, we now have a draft Long-Term Plan that may have reduced the average rates by about 10%. But the midpoint is still around 17%. That's still far too high!***

## COUNCIL 'STILL TO BE CONFIRMED' SPENDING PLANS INCLUDE:

Rex Morpeth Park Project	\$ ?? million
Boat Harbour	\$ ?? million
Staff Increases	\$ ?? million

## DO WE NEED WHAT WDC IS PROPOSING TO SPEND IN THIS LTP ?

NO NO NO! The Rex Morpeth Park, Boat Harbour and Staff increases are all outside what it should cost to maintain basic services and infrastructure.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SUCH 'NICE-TO-HAVE' SPENDING ?

Now is the time to put in your signed submission.  
You can use the form prepared by Whakatane District Council.  
You can use plain paper for your submission – just be sure to add your name, address and signature.  
You can do any submission 'on-line' via the Council website.  
You do not have to be a Ratepayer. Renters' submissions are equal to homeowners.  
You can use any paper you prefer.  
You can do as many submissions as you wish but they must be on different subjects.

**MOST IMPORTANT:  
GET YOUR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL ON OR BEFORE  
FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**



Submission ID: 861

Date: Apr 15 24 10:51:55 am

Name:

Sally Durham

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Do the necessary maintenance of the complex which sadly has been lacking. "We even have Graffiti now!" It won't take a lot of money to upgrade the existing building fix the walls, new toilet block, a good paint and revarnish of the main hall. Maybe update the carpet "please" use local tradesman and businesses.

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What happened to promoting composting you used to supply compost bins. They way the price of food is going up I suspect there will be little waste.

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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A lot of people can not afford a substantial Rate Increase. We no longer get the Winter Power subsidy either. 16% will cause hardship/ Will there be a decrease in the next year??

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

See attachment regarding Emergency Management Plan

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Sally Durham

Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane

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## Sally Durham

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 April 2024 4:14 PM  
**To:** Sally Durham  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Emergency plan

A few years ago I submitted an evacuation plan to your then Emergency Management representative, who has long gone.

At the time I was working as facility Manager of Ohope Beach Care the resthome in Ohope.

Part of the requirements for the resthome was to have an updated Emergency plan in the event of natural disaster, be that Tsunami earthquake etc.

We had MOU with other rest-homes in the district for quick evacuation if required.

I attended many Emergency Management meetings some held at the council and some held at Rural Fire. These meetings were attended by Resthome Managers, StJohn, Fire, Marae Kaumatua, Majors and Councillors.

My plan was forwarded to the Emergency management team for consideration but was obviously binned!!

Now we don't have one at all!

Sent from my iPhone

Submission ID: 862

Date: Apr 15 24 10:56:23 am

Name:

Irene Clarke

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

upgrades only

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Be interested to know cost of sculpture on the new office wall??? Very unnecessary

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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**Supporting document**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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Town/area of the district\*: Ohape

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Submission ID: 863

Date: Apr 15 24 11:04:31 am

Name:

Rebecca Wright

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I'm happy to carry out necessary upgrades immediately. Then have the redevelopment proposal in the LTP so future funding can be applied for. This project is a "nice to have" so must come after other council obligations are taken care of first. Water infrastructure is a priority!!

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Ensuring kerb side collection continues is a priority. Sorting out the tiny home issues is a priority. Streamlining development to get houses built faster is a priority.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Getting locals and Waka Kotahi onboard to get Pekatahi Bridge rebuilt as our towns 2nd bridge is great idea. I don't believe that the boat harbour development is a good idea at the location, find something better to spend the Harbour Funds on.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Rebecca Wright

Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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Submission ID: 864

Date: Apr 15 24 11:06:16 am

Name:

Ann Whyte

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

See attached submission

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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See attached submission

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**Supporting document**

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*Submission attached*

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The proposed rate % increase

Council should be running as a business – not just have a “let’s spend ‘cause we can” mentality.

If a business can’t afford a desired project it doesn’t do it.

WDC on the other had just carries on and pushed the burden onto rate payers.

Rates increased 9.5% last year. This year you are proposing 17.1%.

THIS IS NOT AFFORDABLE to most of your property owners. That represents 26.6% over the 2 years.

I doubt any person received a 26.6% increase in their income – times are tough for everyone.

Rate payers can’t afford your planned extravagance.

Get back to the basics of running a business and look after your constituent’s mental health – budgeting is stressful.

Consider just confirming the 1-year plan with minimal rate increase and leave the LTP budgets to next year when there will be more certainty from the Government – just like Kawerau Council and other councils around the county have.

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When you thought of this proposal, did you consider the following:

Many property owners have lived in their home for 30+ years and bought them cheaply but are now valued much higher like most Ohope properties.

WDC is perceiving a high rated valued homeowner as rich. They may be asset rich, but they may not be cash rich.

They are likely to be on a pension. How are they going to afford your rate hike?

The majority of properties received the same services from WDC. To inflict a huge hike on some owners is discrimination. Why should some owner’s subsidise others when both get the same services.

Lower valued home are likely to be rental properties. These owners would not only benefit of a subsidised rate bill as they are very unlikely to pass the reduction on to their tenants but they also get to expense the rate cost in the financial accounts.

Stick to the right rule – 1 rule for all. If you get a service, you get the charge.

Rex Morpeth Hall

Your maths on it costing rate payers 3 cent a week for this coming year and more over the next 10 years is floored. The project is going to cost \$107.5 million with ratepayer’s contribution over the 10 years \$19m. The debt increase and interest charge on that debt is not affordable. Change the plan for this building to be just the essentials to have it compliant.

Food Waste

Recently we were allowed to recycle plastics 1, 2 & now 5. I mostly seemed to have no5 in my rubbish. This is now recycled.

The rubbish rules are not coming in for a few years – no need to do a knee jerk reaction now in this cost of living crisis.

In my general rubbish I have a small amount of soft plastic (gladwrap) and a meat bones. The rest of my rubbish is either recycling, green waste or composted. We don’t need another bin for meat scraps.



Submission ID: 865

Date: Apr 15 24 11:10:13 am

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

No confidence in Council

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

No confidence in Council

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

No confidence in Council

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

No confidence in Council

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

No confidence in Council

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Dallas de Raad

Town/area of the district\*: [REDACTED]

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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Submission ID: 866

Date: Apr 15 24 11:11:00 am

Name:

Gordon Dickson

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatane Action Group

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Own submission attached

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Own submission attached

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Own submission attached

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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Own submission attached

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Own submission attached

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**WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

**Dated 12/4/2024.**

Personal Submission of Gordon Dickson Ratepayer, environmentalist, and supporter/volunteer secretary of the Whakatane Action Group from Ohope Beach

Introduction

#When I received the Minutes of our Greypower meeting from our President Victor Luca our rates were shown as becoming compounding to 42% over the next three years. I was appalled

For anyone to be voting for this level shows a level of unconscionable behaviour never to be expected of a group of elected and some in effect selected on the bias of their race. It reminds me of my time in apartheid South Africa and Rhodesia/Zimbabwe

You will be able to be seen as placing a debt around the neck of children still to be born.

Substance of my submission follows.

#I do require the opportunity to speak in support of my submission [To this end with you allow and provide submitters with zoom facilities please?]

#No to the Rex Morpeth Park development till we can afford it without extensive additional borrowing

# Legal services should be sent out for tender and an aggregate rate per hour sought

#I would expect that we do not borrow more than we have already However it has been explained to me that we must strike a rate of 11.5% just to maintain the status quo This is what I require you to do as an absolute maximum

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#I support the completing the business plan for the second bridge and understand an application has been lodged for this sum and purpose [The does seem to be the same wording coming out of regional council Kindly ensure we are not duplicating the same task]

#Unless tangible benefits can be shown I do not support the provision of funding for Local Government New Zealand

# I object strongly to the imposition of unrelenting incantations and other like words upon untold numbers of meetings at the commencement and ending be it council or community boards. This is a secular country. Time is money being from both ratepayers and borrowed and this foolish behaviour will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars over the ten years of the plan. *noun*

1. a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or another deity:

This is money we cannot afford for no fit and proper purpose.

Please levy rates on each and every church property. The ratepayers can no longer afford to subsidise properties like churches and schools even. Schools can get extra money from central government. Please backdate the rates invoices for the churches to the time they first started getting free services from Council but paid for by myself as an unwilling ratepayer.

#Please appoint a committee of three to investigate employment complaints formally levied at the chief executive and do not foolishly and in an unprincipled manner pass this and like tasks to staff who actually answer to the Chief executive again

#We must promote tourism and investigate if is possible to develop a role in the Tauranga to Whakatane to Rotorua and back to the Tauranga based cruise ship even if it involves light plane and helicopters

#Please investigate if we have a collection of only three workers who report to a team leader who reports to a team manager with a view as to whether or not we need and indeed can afford the intermediate role at all

# We must ensure there is not duplication of services with the Regional Council

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# All Council buildings built in future wherever possible must be built much higher so they will survive tsunamis and floods Also they can then act as civil defence, emergency housing facilities, emergency hospitals, morgues, and the like

#All Councillors and staff to be required to take random drug testing as part of the voted in ten-year plan. Results to be published without fail on council's website and inside the council foyer These are public servants, not public, and their personal privacy must be waived in their amended and any new employment contracts issued.

#When it comes to retaining Building Inspectors can we consider this. Mature tradesmen have back etc problems but have qualifications and skills. Often on ACC Please liaise with ACC and get them educated and on board. Additionally enter into joint apprenticeship venture with private construction companies and bond young employees to council to combine office work, practical work and study. Then if properly bonded we will have continuous staff to ensure building quality

#On the subject of the reserves in Ohope Beach. Currently the Ohope Lions Club International Incorporated who have a lengthy history of unapproved development undertaken on Maraetotara Reserve without council permission and current and previous police involvement. They must be told in no uncertain terms that they are not to drive around and park on the reserves in Ohope, not to construct any developments, not to erect white crosses to their passed on members etc etc etc More importantly is the Ohope Lions Clubs current refusal to resupply [NOTE RESUPPLY] copies to N Z Police of as many as ten statements given to N Z Police by their members. Due to an incident that took place on the Maraetotara Reserve. For clarity, Police for the most part deal with criminal matters. This shows disdain for the laws of New Zealand and the unprincipled Whakatane District Council applauds this. Remember a small innocent child was run over and suffered a painful death by the Ohope Beach Fire Brigade on the Maraetotara Reserve in front of a many children, infants, parents, and grandparents alike. Should you show and take some personal individual responsibility resolve and have a look at the Councils file to see who arranged for the Ohope Beach Fire Brigade to be driving around amongst young innocent children whist all the time remembering I am compiling legal

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documentation with the view of utilising the revocation provisions of the Reserves Act to have the reserves currently vested only in the WDC and given back to the rightful owners being the Department of Conservation who have greater oversight on behalf of the people of all New Zealand. It is simply not safe for me to walk on the reserves anymore. Unrelenting shame on Council. I believe it is your roll to direct the Ohope Lions Club to resupply yes resupply copies of the statements that as many as ten of their members were required to supply to Whakatane Police Why because they are wanted by police as they have an Official Information Act 1982 request for information from me which includes legally supplying the Lions Club statements to me for subsequent use This is an Incorporated Society

The losing of the vesting of the reserves should be hugely embarrassing to the council but I doubt it. All of N Z will be watching this errant council. Please notify your insurer.

# For example, there were 11 vehicles inside the fenced off area for the health and safety for the playground facilities users present on the Maraetotara Reserve on New Year's Day including a business vehicle belonging to Beulah Concrete Ltd. And for long periods of time

It should be recalled that our previous and in disgrace WDC Mayor Tony Bonne advised that there would be no more developments on the Maraetotara Reserve until after full consultation with local residents.

# Your financial incompetence and unprincipled governance can be shown by paying in effect twice for one Aquatic Centre

# Please get legal advice defining the word "development" and give it to the Chief Executive for surety going forward. With a copy to me to please under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987

# With a view to keeping costs down and I have heard no councillors discuss the establishment of a Unitary Authority like Poverty Bay has and has had for many years

# Start the process of finding our own landfill as it is this territorial authorities responsible as their ratepayers cause the problem. Stop turning the province of Waikato into a dump site.

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#Consider employing in house lawyers for simple matters

#Please obtain facilities to enable Maori when spoken at council meetings to be translated into English onto a large screen visible to the attendees

#It is clear that there were some concerns raised about council financial accuracy at the public meeting. This meeting was instigated by the volunteer's leader of the Whakatane action Group on our behalf and not Council as our misleading Mayor Luca claimed and so this is my interim submission with more to come when financial clarity and other matters are finally achieved.

#I would like you to ensure no retailers will be operating before 11 am on Anzac Day this year. Additionally, no workman will be allowed to commence working on Council buildings this year until after 11 am also.

#When I see the state of the War Memorial Hall on Tuesday night it was clear that that word "respect" is something you all place very little value on

# The Whakatane District Councillors by their actions bring new meanings to the words: incompetent, unprincipled, disrespectful [to our fallen men], racism, financial miscreants, pro violence, etc



Gordon Dickson, Environmentalist, Ratepayer, Concerned Citizen Ohope Beach  
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P O Box 3015, Ohope Beach, 3161 Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

P s It needs recording that I recently attended a meeting of the Whakatane & Ohope Community Board and asked them one or all to pick up their phones at any time and join me for a nationwide discussion on radio talk back on 0800 801080. I can confirm they have all cowered away from this opportunity to date to defend their abhorrent [as a minute] pro violence position. I do not consider it fit and proper to be represented by a group of so called "elected representatives" like this. There is a plain English word that describes groups of "cowerers". They are additionally confused as to whether they should be representing the ratepayers, who pay their fees or family members or incorporated societies who foolishly manipulate the democratic process in collusion with other incorporated societies.





Submission ID: 867

Date: Apr 15 24 11:11:55 am

Name:

Mark and Cheryl Latham

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Only "URGENT". We are not a wealthy town, people are struggling with day today costs - spend money on necessary improvements only for now --> accessible playground etc safe grandstand. Promote our natural resources eg beach/rover for rowing, Waka Ama, sailing on harbour etc for foreseeable future.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

All options crossed out. \*Give urban properties the choice to opt out of a bin collection (only pay for bin and owner to take them to recycle centre and dump). We should be looking at reducing service costs not increasing them - people should take ownership of foodwaste as expected of rural properties (options 1 and 2) - stop wasting \$\$ by constantly changing bin sizes - plastic pollution

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Service levels need to be based on the communities ability to pay not first world services in our area/region which suffers from social and economic challenges.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

OR revisit rate model! You do not state what this was prior to 2012 properties have increased drastically through no fault or improvement by owners - how do you justify benefiting by this - to say capital value is indicator and insulting. To those who have lost a partner/bread winner, retired \_\_\_\_\_, working, struggling to meet financial

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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Your thoughts  
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**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

GIVE URBAN PROPERTIES THE CHOICE TO OPT OUT OF BIN COLLECTION (ONLY PAY FOR BIN + OWNER TO TAKE THEM TO RECYCLE CENTRE + DUMP)

- Option 1:** Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.
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Your thoughts  
 We should be looking at reducing service costs not increasing them - people should take ownership of foodwaste as expected of rural properties (options 1 + 2) -> STOP WASTING \$\$\$ by constantly changing bin sizes -> PLASTIC POLLUTION

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

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Your thoughts  
 SERVICE LEVELS NEED TO BE BASED ON THE COMMUNITIES ABILITY TO PAY NOT FIRST WORLD SERVICES IN OUR AREA/REGION WHICH SUFFERS FROM SOCIAL + ECONOMIC CHALLENGES.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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Need more space for your feedback? TO PAY IS A FALSE ASSUMPTION + INSULTING

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Mark Latham - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Cheryl Latham – [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- Booklets and Pamphlets issued by WDC contain too much written information, glossy pics and design! This becomes overwhelming for a lot of people who then withdraw/disengage from giving feedback. Having worked with people with disabilities, poor literacy etc. more care and consideration need to be taken so people do not feel isolated and marginalised. Example: The pamphlet sent out asking for feedback regarding Plan Change 8 - future residential development at Huna Road did NOT show a Map of the Lots to be rezoned. A map would have been a simple and effect method of communicating the information to the public.
- Make giving submissions and feedback easier – information regarding adding pages should be at the top of page not at the very bottom in tiny letters as an afterthought.
- Yes, we have a broken funding system but what is being proposed to resolve it?
- 3 Waters was previously Council's responsibility – **what was planned and budgeted for in the previous LTP 2021-2031?** I am sure the \$4 Million plus costing put forward when 3 Waters was going to be placed with a new entity was a project 'dream/wish list' which our council would never have considered if having to fund it themselves. Unfortunately, many councils across the country did the same thing and it then became a no go for the new government.
- Things that have led to this broken financial situation have been happening over a long period – what does this say about the performance of WDC over the years! Councillors and Mayors come and go due to elections but are the core council staff/employees being productive, working on and delivering projects that are achievable?

Mark Latham - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Cheryl Latham – [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- Are their strengths, experiences and abilities being used for best advantage of the community or are their responsibilities being undermined by contracting out to expensive private companies for decision making and review? Is restructuring an option? Can current vacancies be put on hold for a period.
- Why is it that foreseeable, major issues continue to arise after months of planning and consultation – e.g., Soil contamination at Marina; land disputes regarding Coastland residential development/ retirement lifestyle village?
- Can Council Bonds be issued so that the community can invest in projects they are passionate about?
- When will cycle way to Coastlands be repaired as it has been grossly neglected and constantly put on the backburner by being linked to the proposed marina? The section from Bunyan Road to Baptist Church should be prioritised asap.
- People who have low maintenance gardens often only put out their green waste bin once a month – if Option 1 is enforced and they are required to place their food waste in the green waste bin, they would have to put it out for collection weekly to prevent smell and it would mean having to wash bin out every week. Cleaning the large bins is not easy for elderly people. Having larger bins for general waste and moving them to fortnightly collection will be an issue for families with babies/children who use disposable nappies. Last summer we had nappies put in our bin (which was empty due to collection having taken just taken place) smell generated by the end of the next week was awful – we believe it may have beachgoer as our kerb is near a public beach access way and we only able to bring in bins after work hours.

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Just spend enough to tidy up and do roof. If you spend all that money then the cost of hire will go up substantially then Club subs have to go up. Parents struggle to pay now. Lots of children can no longer afford to play sport.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

A lot can change before this becomes mandatory if it does.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Learn to budget like any family when you have bills you budget to pay them not go pickpocket someone

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Rates should never be increased by more than the rate of inflation. It is a measure used world wide.

**Supporting document**

Attached

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: DARRY MUIR

Town/area of the district\*: town

Organisation (if on behalf):

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**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Minimal maintenance spending for next 3 years then review

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Waste of money

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Spread over long term review when economy is better

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

No to double digit rates increase

**Supporting document**

Attached

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Adrian de Raad

Town/area of the district\*: Karewa Road,

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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de raad



Submission ID: 870

Date: Apr 15 24 11:13:57 am

Name:

Norman Izett

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Whakatane Astro Society

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Own submission attached

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Own submission attached

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Own submission attached

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Own submission attached

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Own submission attached

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TEN YEAR PLAN SUBMISSION  
FROM WHAKATANE ASTRO SOCIETY 12/04/2024

My presentation here today is to urge you all to set in motion the very first steps on the journey to establish an internationally recognized 'Dark Sky' reserve, not only for Whakatane, but the wider area as well so we can join with the likes of the other already established Dark Sky Reserves here in New Zealand and start to share the very positive benefits these areas are already enjoying. There is ample evidence of this on the Internet.

In every country there are ever decreasing dark sky areas due to the constant human need to expand every town and city as a result of our uncontrolled population explosion. The unmistakable example of this is clearly demonstrated by the images of the once 'Dark', night time side of our planet you may have already seen taken by the crews from International Space Station showing the glowing masses of light from the towns and cities on virtually every continent and country, including New Zealand. All this light has been generated at a great cost to the environment by us Humans, who obviously, are not a nocturnal species.

Here in Whakatane, and the surrounding towns, the level of light pollution has grown like wise as the town has grown to the recent past when it became apparent that the previous, costly to operate sodium vapor lights were better replaced with the more energy efficient LED technology, and the change over to the new harsh white, 4000 K (Kelvin) lights was initiated. The AS/NZS1158 code is entitled, *Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces*, and was published in 2005/ and Lighting Engineers hired by any local council to install street lighting have to adhere to these standards. but my personal view (and by many others) is that the installation of this type of lighting has been far too generous across the country. All this in the age too, when car lights have never been better.

These new lights, and many others, on their extra high poles have been installed Willey-nilly everywhere, with not the slightest consideration as to the amount of light that was actually required, beaming down to everywhere it was not really required, and most importantly, with not the slightest consideration of the effect of this light on the natural habitat and nocturnal life of the environment. If they were able to communicate with us, I just wonder what the message we would be getting about the blinding glare we have created from the myriads of insects, the skinks the lizards, the native bats, the Rurus with their large eyes and dilated pupils that enables them to hunt their prey in total darkness and the other nocturnal bird life, including the sea birds we share our planet with. All have been seriously affected by the continued erection of these lights which shine all night long just for us humans, the majority of whom in the towns and cities pull the blinds, (to keep out the light!) go to bed and turn off the lights by mid evening usually, or a bit later!!! How absolutely bizarre?

As a result, there are many powerful lights with very poor shielding that allows the light to spill in all directions from where it was intended. This is called 'Light Trespass' and I can demonstrate this with the various photos I have taken of some of the worst offenders, if required.

The International Dark Sky Association was formed in 1988, (and to which I have belonged for many years now) out of my deep concern as to just what has been happening globally. It is an organization that has been campaigning for better lighting and fittings ever since, now actively promoting an array of the best type of lights and fittings to reduce the light pollution caused by us careless humans.

There is a marvelous example in the South Island town of Naseby, where the authorities there, on their own common sense initiative, have embarked on a policy of replacing those harsh white 4000 Kelvin lights with

the far better and warmer 2900 K and lower versions in complete disregard to the New Zealand current lighting code with a very positive outcome there.

I recalled in one of the IDA bulletins quite some time back, an article about the managers of a college in America being driven out of their wits by the constant vandalism, graffiti and damage suffered over the hours of darkness in spite of constantly increasing the lighting to combat it. In the end, out of sheer frustration they turned off all the night time lights and, remarkably, end of problem!!! The recent Beacon News Paper report of the same situation at our local Allandale School and the damage this is costing them is an exact replica of the bother that school in America went through, which proves that brilliant night lighting does not always bring security and safety. Those are just two examples of the failed bright light fallacy.

That factor is more pertinent nowadays with the availability of sensors to turn on any required lights to reveal any unauthorized activity that may be occurring and can be a distinct advantage for the police, along with the advent of security cameras to record this activity. The need to have brilliant lighting in every quarter all night long for security is greatly diminished now.

So I'm appealing to you all to really put your shoulder to the wheel and work hard in an earnest endeavour to make this happen much earlier in the Ten Year Plan, I sincerely hope. The most positive thing about this of course, is that you will be creating history here for us all by putting the Eastern BOP on the International Dark Sky Map and all here in the proposed area will benefit from the immeasurable prestige and attraction that will definitely flow on as result.

Quite apart from the environmental benefits, it is our human right to be able to see as much as possible of the night skies without any interference, just as our ancestors did and we are so lucky we live in the southern hemisphere where by far the best view of our Milky Way, our home galaxy to which our sun and family of planets belong, can be viewed, the heart of which passes high overhead in the autumn and early winter. This is the priceless attraction for all those from the northern hemisphere who are absolutely stunned whenever they finally get the opportunity to come to the southern latitudes to view the majesty of this sight on a dark night for the very first time in their lives, leaving them with a profound impact this experience gave them. I am one of the two remaining Foundation Members of the Whakatane Astronomical Society Inc. founded in Sept 1960, and our hard work right from the start enabled us to open the very first Observatory in the Bay Of Plenty in March 1964 which has developed significantly in the new millennium and is the longest and continually operating tourist attraction in Whakatane, now in its 61st year.

And finally, I believe this adoption of project will have very little demand on the towns Ratepayers

Norman Izett, [REDACTED] Z  
Former President, WAS Inc. Founded 15/09/1960.

**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

No money to be spent except money from rentals. Council should introduce a citizens tax to spread the load of the rates in this area.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Most economical way of no increase in cost to rate payers

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

It appears to me that the finances have been misused and it is time that the councillors agree to tighten their belts. The labour govt have left us in a mess. Stop the marina project immediately. The harbour fund will only help few in numbers

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Under the present circumstances of NZ there should be zero to an absolute increase of 4%. Cut staff numbers and overheads. Interest will only kill the golden egg.

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: MICHAEL ORCHARD

Town/area of the district\*: TOWN CENTRE

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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Submission ID: 872

Date: Apr 15 24 11:19:02 am

Name:

Scottie and Jill McLeod

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Fix and maintain the hall to a safe standard only.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Keep rate increase to below 10% this year. Inflation is only 7.2%. Reduce high salaried staff.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 1: (Status quo) – 24% UAGC – \$927.50 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

User pay

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

Own submission also attached

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Scottie & Jill McLeod

Town/area of the district\*: Poro Poro

Organisation (if on behalf): Self

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Submission to the WDC Long Term Plan 12/04/2024

WDC needs to limit the rate rise to 10%. High rates do not attract new businesses and people. Inflation was 7.2% last year.

COSTS -Cut Costs and wasteful expenditure straight away.

FINANCE-Don't borrow to keep rates down and think you are looking all good. It's a false perception.

The Hall – just repair and maintain it to a safe standard. Now is not the time to do this project.

If a new Hall complex is designed, where will the parking be?

2<sup>nd</sup> BRIDGE- The Town needs a 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge before a new Hall complex.

Promote a New 2 lane Pekatahi bridge- This needs replacing at the cost to the Govt. No cost to Ratepayers.

The Harbour Project Proposal- this should be deferred so as to sort out a new site closer to the river mouth. Not 2km up a river that will need constant maintenance dredging.

The figures in your tables do not add up to reality. They seem to be 20% inaccurate.

In conclusion reduce costs and bring the Council Rates down from what is being proposed.

Thankyou for taking the time to consider these suggestions.



Scottie and Jill McLeod

Ratepayers



Submission ID: 873

Date: Apr 15 24 11:20:27 am

Name:

Faye Pearse

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 3: Separate foodwaste collection for all properties.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Not applicable to rural ratepayers we have to dispose of our rubbish

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

More debt with current financial climate puts extra pressure and stress on ratepayers.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Evenly over all properties regardless of where properties are in our district

**Supporting document**

Attached

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See attached letter / form.

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Faye Pearce

Town/area of the district\*: 114 Macdonald Rd RD2 Whakatane

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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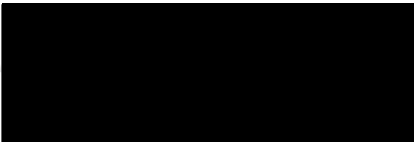
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## A SECOND BRIDGE

A second bridge is required for the lifeline of Whakatane. Should we suffer another earthquake or tsunami Whakatane would become isolated.

As a rural ratepayer we try not drive into town early morning or late afternoon as the time getting into and out of town is diabolical with the amount of traffic all trying to get across the bridge.



Submission ID: 874

Date: Apr 15 24 11:24:05 am

Name:

Lyn Henderson

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) Danbro Family Trust

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

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Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

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It will be a money sinkhole, always needing more poured into it! A second bridge is much more important.

**Supporting document**

Attached

**Do you have any other feedback for your Mayor and Councillors?**

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Own submission attached

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## Further Notes:

### The Heads 'Pool'.

- In my opinion there is nothing wrong here.
- It has a sandy bottom and is returning to its natural state.
- Many years ago <sup>(60 or 70 yrs)</sup> this whole area was used for primary school swimming. The children walked or were bussed there for their swimming time.
- We go passed this area regularly and see happy children playing there. It is safe.

### The Boat Harbour.

Not really in favour of this but I can see that it will provide employment, as long as it is not out of rates. We have been told by one councillor that NONE of our rates will be used for this project.

However I see in your brochure LTP that "it allows Council to undertake some projects at little or no cost to ratepayers"

- 'at little' - what does this really mean?
- Doesn't the Bar need to be sorted out first if more boats will be using this area?



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**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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## Introduction

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a concerned ratepayer - I am also semi-retired, an accountant of [REDACTED] years standing, a motoring enthusiast, a software developer, a small business owner, a parent and I was the top student out of 100 for my two year full time MBA degree. My perspective as regards the LTP, etc and council's interaction with the community on the matter is likely unique.

In my view the issue with the community's perception of council's performance and the LTP is a problem of communication. After only ten days research I conclude that the community rucus over council's performance, the LTP, the Rex Morpeth Hub redevelopment and the proposed 2025 rates increase (The Big Four Items) are all attributable to poor communication. It is my view that poor communication has led to anger within some sections of the community based on their lack of understanding which drives their lack of trust.

In this submission I will outline my perspective about the lack of communication as regards the four key questions that the community has been specifically invited to comment on. After that I will make additional commentary about the proposed rates increase and some observations about council operations generally and communications issues that I perceive. I will keep this submission to two pages because I do not want to contribute to council's communication difficulties (and councillor's excessive reading times) by waffling on about everything I can think of.

**Rex Morpeth Hub Redevelopment** – I understand that council has been addressing this issue off and on for many years – but I have not been involved in past discussions so I find it difficult to get up to speed OR ACCEPT a blunt choice between \$12.5M and \$100m plus. As regards the \$100M plus proposals I want to see a cost break up covering the War Memorial Hall (perhaps broken further into the Little Theatre, Sports Hall, Lounge and other facilities), the proposed Rugby Pavilion and all the other things related to playgrounds, toilets, croquet greens, car parking, aquatic centre, sports ground changes, etc. For me I think the pathway is clear – we need to address the issues in stages beyond \$12.5M but the community may not want to get to \$100M plus within the current LTP year range. Please, more communication (financial and staging) to allow the community to understand the issue better and guide council through the redevelopment.

**Food Waste Collection** – Don't waste time on this please. It is just a twinkle in central Governments eye that may never come to fruition. For this item I think the community is suffering from over communication – is this key question a diversion?

**The Funding Gap** – Wow, a \$14m problem for the community that I think is unrelated to "the costs to deliver our day-to-day services". In the Finance and Performance Committee Agenda of 29 February 2024 it states on a page numbered "19" that the full 2023/24 year forecast is for a \$5.2M surplus on operating activities. The agenda for the same committee on 24 August 2023, on a page numbered "105" states the for the full 2022/23 year there was a \$6.7M surplus on operating activities. In both reports there are \$30m plus deficits listed on net capital expenditure and despite an apparent slashing of capex for 2023/24 from \$85.1m to \$43.3m. If the funding gap is real, and if the community pays for the gap (which seems to be related to capex), then how much more will Council ask the community to stump up in future years to cover major three waters and the Rex Morpeth Hub redevelopment. Council may have a issue with lending constraints but it cannot ask the community to throw it extra millions every now and then. If there is a capex/asset renewal funding gap go back to central Government (with other councils) and demand change (or follow Wellington City's example and let the tap water bubble up from underground run away in the gutters).



**Rate Increase Distributions** – On this one there is good communication. My thoughts are to lower the UAGC and distribute general rates charges more based on capital value. I know this not what elderly long term home owners on fixed incomes want – but if they are fortunate enough to live in a million-dollar house they should consider moving to a more manageable property closer to services for the elderly.

**Proposes Rates Increase** – The community needs more information about the proposed \$3.0m increase in the general rate, the \$4.5m increase in three waters and the \$2.7m increase in waste disposal. These account for most of the proposed 2023/24 rates increase. Assuming that none of the increases are capex driven (which I think by definition is the case) then where are the increased costs coming from? In a Whakatane Beacon article on 3<sup>rd</sup> April councillor Tanczos mentioned substantial cost increases for cement and bitumen (and other things) – but the targeted roading rate increase for 2023/24 is not much more than the current published CPI rate of inflation.

#### **Living Together Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

I attended the above meeting and came away disappointed with council processes. My disappointment is driven directly by what I perceive as communication issues on the day.

**Port Ohope Wharf Plan \$500k Spend** - During the debate councillors were divided but a discussion about the potential profitability of the project seemed to sway the undecided. It was not made clear that the anticipated future \$40K revenue from renting out the upgraded wharf shed was only a \$25K increase over the \$15K revenue received over the recent summer period. The \$40K (should be \$25K) revenue increment was compared with an estimated \$25K ongoing cost for depreciation and financing (interest) charges (for only half of the project). No mention was made about other costs of the wharf shed operation such as maintenance and additional utilities costs (if tenant metering is not put in place). It is my view that council should follow a far more disciplined approach to all Capex projects. Capex proposals must be well considered, explicit, clear and written. I also note that up to half of the proposed Port Ohope Wharf project had nothing directly to do with possible future income generation at the wharf shed and should have been delayed for restaging at a later date.

**Mitchell Park Upgrade Project** – Having approved the Port Ohope Wharf Plan project the councillors were more of a mood to not approve or to delay the Mitchell Park upgrade – perhaps to save some face in the community. I have a couple of issues with the outcome of council's considerations.

Firstly, there was some agreement that there was a flooding - I say who cares? The Sunday market sets up on the adjoining carpark if the ground is wet.

Secondly, there was robust debate about the construction of a new toilet block at Mitchell Park. A new toilet block there would only be of benefit to the market operator who has the right to shut down or move the market at any time. A new toilet block at Mitchell Park would be used effectively for just four hours per week and become a haven for undesirable activities at other times.

#### **In Summary**

It is my firmly held view that communications to date about the LTP and proposed 2025 rates hike are insufficient for the community and council to make informed decisions. I feel, just like in most corporate environments, information is being suppressed (perhaps unwittingly) by council management. I am not proposing any delay in the LTP process – I am only asking councillors to step up to the mark, to review the contribution that they are making, to be more questioning, to dig a little deeper and to force spending proposals put in the front of them to be better considered, more explicit, clear, well written, with robust financial information and definitely shorter.



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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I think this is a vanity which we cannot afford at the moment. Basic infrastructure is more important. I think if this is to advance external funding to 100% should be investigated. There has been comment about the hall being in poor condition. Why? Has council been neglecting with maintaining it? What trust can we have that Council will manage a new and bigger hall any better?

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

This is only indicated that central govt will require councils to do this. Lets wait and see what is mandated and when. Pressure central govt to assist with costs we already have issues with contamination in our recycling. Lets get that sorted before venturing into another problem.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

How did council get us into such a position. Stop spending on vanity projects. Our essential needs are around infrastructure. Council office refurbishment project was extravagant. Stop supporting the proposed marina. Put an end to the swimming pool saga at the heads.

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Submission ID: 879

Date: Apr 15 24 11:31:51 am

Name:

Janice de Raad

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

None of these options: repair the leaks and minimum maintenance until a few years down the track when the council can learn to balance the budget

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Continue with the status quo. Request a delay from Central Govt wasted money.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

None of these, close in the longer term when council can prove that they can present and balance a budget.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

No consent to rates being in double digits the council has been irresponsible in their financial planning and spending.

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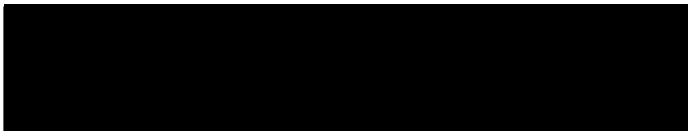
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- 6) E.V. charging stations will soon be a thing of the past. Major car manufactures are not producing them any longer e.g. Toyota or General Motors. Has the Council done any studies on safety of EVs that easily burst into flame? This is wasteful spending.
- 7) Climate Change - Yes perhaps you're right - it is caused by humans - those who fly planes spraying chemicals into the stratosphere, operate HARP, and the Antarctic Ice Cube Neutrino technology that was responsible for the Christchurch earthquakes. Our weather is Geo-engineered, ~~not~~ no less than 323 Patents exist for weather modification.
- 8) Walkway ~~to~~ Edgcombe to Thornton - uncalled for wasteful spending. More costs involved with maintenance.

Currently I have a 'Vote of No Confidence' in the Council.

I wish to speak on my submission





**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM**

Name\*: Janice de Raad.

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1) All projects should be put on hold due to the Council's failure to curb their spending and in spite of ratepayers publicly voicing concerns they still approve unnecessary projects that could wait.

2) The Council needs to produce a readable budget that balances, the one shown in the LTP cannot even be fully understood by a seasoned accountant. Figures are missing thus making this whole submission process a farce and fraudulent.

3) The Council and CEO have lost the trust of the people.

Why do they wish to employ MORE people?

Is it to accommodate commitments to SMART cities? Which the Mayor and Nandor Tancos lied and denied knowledge of. If they didn't know, they have failed in their duty.

4) The Council needs to produce a workable budget (putting every project on hold (except for absolutely necessary) for the next 3 years, then review the situation.

5) Necessary spending, could include water, and building maintenance.

Submission ID: 880

Date: Apr 15 24 11:33:49 am

Name:

R M Burgess

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Worm farms are great. Urban people should be encouraged to use them.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 2: Close the gap in the short-term (in three years) to avoid greater debt.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

I think that Central Govt is the problem. Over prescriptive requirements and GST on rates are two burdens we don't need, there are many others.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 2: 20% UAGC – \$741.31 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Offer people in hardship a scheme whereby rates are secured on a property and payable on sale or transfer of the property something like a reverse mortgage perhaps.

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Town/area of the district\*: Awakeri

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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Submission ID: 881

Date: Apr 15 24 11:34:06 am

Name:

Lesley Fitzgerald and Jenny Oliphant

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

All options crossed out. We feel that we have not been here long enough to comment on the Rex Morpeth etc but please consider our comments. We love Whakatane but what we don't like is: \*the drinking water \*the smelly poo ponds \* beautiful hills covered in privet \*dependence on a single bridge

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Delay any decisions on this until more details and precise timing for this are received by central govt. Need to investigate better methods for disposal of different items currently going to landfill to curtail costs.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Has council looked in the mirror to see what they can cut back on in terms of head count, expenses, vehicles, improved efficiencies, travel, entertainment etc? Selling assets may not be wise but could be an option. After all that may be what some rate payers have to do.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Name:**

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Whakatane Arts Society

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Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

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Name\*: Katiana Allison

Town/area of the district\*: WHAKATANE

Organisation (if on behalf): WHAKATANE ARTS SOCIETY

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**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Cut back spending during a recession. Only essential repairs and maintenance.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Not needed

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Take back to parliament needs hard negotiation

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

More negotiation with parliament. Dont overburden ratepayers.

**Supporting document**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Stop borrowing

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Tim Woodley

Town/area of the district\*: [REDACTED]

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I don't think there is a will to take on more debt for full upgrades. However I think maintenance upgrades as required should be carried out with consultation of users and the public. Projects to keep staff employed is not a good use of Council money.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

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**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Provided the gap is closed and continues to be so we do not need this rushi rushi scenario.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Prudent pruning of senior salaries would be a good start. Ratepayers should not fund those staff who see Council as their retirement option. Encourage these 65 to retire to let younger, fitter, enthusiastic staff move up. Too many management roles, project people. Move these on and stop providing for them when they are more than able to manage. Projects are a nice to have but not essential. Infrastructure and 3 Waters should be a priority.

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Date: Apr 15 24 11:39:04 am

Name:

Kathryn Coyle

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

At this present point in time, I feel it is prudent to stick with maintaining the Rex Morpeth as we are currently in a recession. Common sense really.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Definitely not do this, expense that is unnecessary.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

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Please consider putting money into a.s.a.p our water system. We need good quality water.

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Defer spending for the next 2 years until the economy improves and the interest has reduced.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

2027 wait, this is only a recommendation from central govt. Not yet legislated

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Medium term - why the urgency when economy is in recession?

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Reduce expenditure by 10-15% across the board.

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: ANDY STRETTON

Town/area of the district\*: WHAKATĀNE

Organisation (if on behalf): \_\_\_\_\_

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Submission ID: 889

Date: Apr 15 24 11:43:40 am

Name:

Chris Jones

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Do essential work now - upgrade when we can afford it.

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane

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Date: Apr 15 24 11:45:28 am

Name:

T R De Raad (Roely)

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

None of the options maintenance only.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Waste of money people can compost.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Extend in the long term and review then.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

No consent to rates above 9%. The Council needs to trim spending.

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**WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM**

Name\*: J R de Raad

Town/area of the district\*: Kawerau Road

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Submission ID: 891

Date: Apr 15 24 11:54:06 am

Name:

Sheena Jones

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

It's a no from me. Not at this time. Ratepayers are hurting, it's a non-essential upgrade. If anything must be done, concentrate on Health & Safety standard work only.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

With foodwaste accounting only 4% of total greenhouse gas emissions, I don't see the need to burden ratepayers with another \$35 - \$45.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Debt is a bad thing and to burden the next generation with our debt, plus accruing debt in their time is not fair.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

I personally would like WDC imposing cost cuts to itself. Just adding more to rates yearly when in fact you haven't worked out if it's money well spent. Are you doing things the right way. Be fiscally prudent.

**Supporting document**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Sheena Jones.

Town/area of the district\*: Murupara.

Organisation (if on behalf): -

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Submission ID: 892

Date: Apr 15 24 11:58:02 am

Name:

Malcom Whitaker

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

why not use the \$6.4m of development contributions allocated in option 1 (2028 option 3?) otherwise where will the \$6.2m be spent? Rugby park grandstand how many days a year is this used if the risk is minimal leave it.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

This is a good pragmatic approach. Start a worm farm sell the residual back to residents which would mean less compost brought into our district.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

Option 3: Close the gap in the medium-term (in six years) to ease the burden now.

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Council needs to become more fiscally responsible reduce excess staff keep the rates affordable; higher rates will mean higher rents for poorer people.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

Option 3: 16% UAGC – \$559.13 (GST exclusive) in year 1.

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

(3) is fairer. (1&2) dairy farms 21-29% horticulture 10.2-35% u will have a revolt even industrial high \$1,199.73 weekly? or \$1,574 weekly if UAGC drops to 20%!!!

**Supporting document**

Attached

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WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: MALCOLM WHITAKER

Town/area of the district\*: OHOE.

Organisation (if on behalf): ME & ALL RATEPAYERS

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OR \$1574 WEEKLY IF UAGC DROPS TO 20%!!!

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April 11, 2024 at 3:02 PM

## to the Whakatane District Council.

Council should include food waste in the one bin. Import worms site. Make compost, Sell this back to residents. Whakatane then, sort compost by the truckload. Less lorry trips, less fuel used. Better for our roads.

as advertised that they would not take dried green waste. Like we have seen these regularly taken by our council trucks. Also some two Green Waste bins outside. Yes I am subsidising those second green bin. Twice a year. Green waste gets. Masticated by the lawn mch. Food waste goes into Two Worm farms and four compost

ites still dump all their waste into a skip. There is often usable and go to Crew and be recycled. Smashed concrete that could be loading.

elling bins outside the Warehouse. This may teach users, to think goes. There is no cost as this comes from the Waste levy.

I still see food, sold in polystyrene containers. Ban these for nes.

money on a solution to Matatā's sewerage?

ked around for the past 12 years, or more years. Two years ago, he then. It would cost \$19 million. It's probably up to \$25million, ernment, fund it.? I doubt it.

ne, for treating. Then bringing the liquid waste back to

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improved over this last 10 years. You know the "Hotspots". Regional Council has identified these. Get on with it please.

You have allocated \$6 Million to develop an Intergrated, Urban design response. This should come from the Harbour funds !!! This seems like an exorbitant amount of money; for design, meeting flood and construction work. Although the Regional Council should re- instate any, damaged pathways.

I believe you have 7 people working in Coms.20 years ago there may have been 1. Why so many now ? Surely the Mayor,CEO and group managers could handle this.

You are worried by Central Government request: That future growth must align with a District Spatial Plan.This is Bureaucracy gone mad.There are already numerous Plans that Council must comply with.Central Government and Regional Council.

I believe that turning some of the Airport Land into a Solar Generating Farm would provide an income for Council. Such an enterprise generates twice as much electricity, as what, Solar Roof Panels would.This is a No Brainer,if Council can get their head around it. Electricity, Carbon credits.

Local people could buy shares in this and the return would be guaranteed and quicker than the Boat Harbour.

For Infrastructure funding.Why doesn't Council explore a BOND issue.5%per \$1 bond.? For five years.Reset these after five years.Those who wish to exit could sell on to others.

Also ,why not offer \$4% off rates if paid in one sum.?This would mean Council gets a lots of money in one hit. Only issue one Invoice.Thats a saving on Time, postage, paper.

People may say."You cannot run a Council,like a business.That may be the case. But you can run it on smart business principles.Maybe take a leaf out of those investors who bought and Saved the Board Mills. By repairs,upgrading and running the machines at maximin capacity.

Malcolm Whitaker

Submission ID: 893

Date: Apr 15 24 11:58:42 am

Name:

Felicity Holden

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

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**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Option 3 Keep upgrades to the bare minimum.

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Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

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**Supporting document**

Attached

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Submission ID: 894

Date: Apr 15 24 12:00:46 pm

Name:

Janet Brake

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

I object to all 3 options.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

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**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

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**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

Do not agree how UAGC is broadly used to charge higher capital value properties more.

**Supporting document**

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Janet Brake

Town/area of the district\*: Whakatane / Thornton

Organisation (if on behalf of): n/a

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Submission ID: 895

Date: Apr 15 24 12:01:59 pm

Name:

Fabian Wellauer

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Option 4 No spend on this not essential. Spend on water upgrades this is essential.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Option 4 No Change!

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Option 4 No increase! We will lose our home, can't afford it.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

No increases we can't afford it!

**Supporting document**

Attached

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Own submission attached.

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# STOP RECKLESS SPENDING!!!

*We the people will not continue to bow to the constant demands for more and more \$\$\$\$ for unnecessary expenditure!*

Endless consulting fees and nothing gets done! So many non-essential projects, and yet the water infrastructure is sub-standard.

These huge increases are crippling – we work very hard to keep a roof over our family’s heads and food on the table.

Why should we have to choose between putting petrol in our car, and paying ever-increasing council taxes?

Our wages have not increased and yet everything in society has increased dramatically.

Every household has a budget. Then there’s an essentials column that’s non negotiable, there’s also a “nice to have” column.

Many (sometimes all) items are crossed off the “nice to have” list, to align with the budget.

It’s not rocket science, but it seems to be a concept that council is not aware of.

Maybe you could get a consulting team together to talk about it?

## **The extortion must stop!**



# WHAĀTĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

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Town/area of the district\*: ..... Whakatane .....

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Submission ID: 896

Date: Apr 15 24 12:03:21 pm

Name:

Raewyn Kingsley-Smith

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Maintain these facilities properly then it won't need upgrading stop letting them run down.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

make it law to deal with our own food waste. appoint 1 or 2 of your many staff as waste police inspectors - sniffers, impose fines.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

There is no more. We gave you rates you overspent fix your debt learn to budget.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

I can't follow this. I think an annual general charge should be uniform.

**Supporting document**

Attached

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i have run out of time. next time can you not simply list what's on LTP eg. rex morpeth = \$\$ we can tick or cross it. All that is left for me to do is pray that you will heed these submissions - this year! Opt 4 maintain properly I wish to be heard at official hearing.

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# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 SUBMISSION FORM

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about the big issues and  
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If you'd like to know the final decisions following consultation, please provide your details below – we will only use this information to communicate with you about your submission. Information about the final decisions will also be available on our website.

First name: Raewyn

Surname: Kingsley-Smith

Org: [Redacted]  
Ema: [Redacted]  
Post: [Redacted]

\*  **Yes**  
**Do you want to present your feedback at a formal hearing or meet the Councillors to chat about your thoughts? If so, get in touch by 5pm, Friday 12 April.**

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Next time - Please can you not  
Simply list whats on L.T.P.  
e.g! Rex Morpeth = \$\$\$  
We can tick or Xross it -

**Opt 4**  
**MAINTAIN**  
**PROPERLY**  
 I wish to be heard at official hearing

All that's left for me to do  
is 'Pray' that you will heed these  
Submissions - This Year!

Submission ID: 897

Date: Apr 15 24 12:04:51 pm

Name:

Kevin Allan

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)**

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

Option 3: Carry out necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

minimal capex & maintenance spend only

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

Option 1: Mixed foodwaste and greenwaste for urban properties only.

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

minimise collection costs

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**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Supporting document**

Attached

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Name\*: KEVIN ALLAN

Town/area of the district\*: OHŌPE

Organisation (if on behalf): SELF

NOTE: Please place my name among others who wish to be heard in an oral submission.

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Submission ID: 898

Date: Apr 15 24 12:06:30 pm

Name:

Paul Young

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)

**How should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub?**

**Your thoughts on how should we scale, fund and stage necessary upgrades to the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub:**

Option 4 No spending on this, it is not essential. Spend on water upgrades this is essential.

**How should we manage foodwaste collection?**

**Your thoughts on how we should manage foodwaste collection:**

Option 4 No change.

**How quickly should we close our funding gap?**

**Your thoughts on closing our funding gap:**

Option 4 No increase! We will lose our homes, we can't afford it.

**How should we distribute rates increases across the properties in our district?**

**Your thoughts on how we should distribute rates increases across the properties in our district:**

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**Supporting document**

Attached

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Own submission attached.

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# STOP RECKLESS SPENDING!!!

*We the people will not continue to bow to the constant demands for more and more \$\$\$\$ for unnecessary expenditure!*

Endless consulting fees and nothing gets done! So many non-essential projects, and yet the water infrastructure is sub-standard.

These huge increases are crippling – we work very hard to keep a roof over our family’s heads and food on the table.

Why should we have to choose between putting petrol in our car, and paying ever-increasing council taxes?

Our wages have not increased and yet everything in society has increased dramatically.

Every household has a budget. Then there’s an essentials column that’s non negotiable, there’s also a “nice to have” column.

Many (sometimes all) items are crossed off the “nice to have” list, to align with the budget.

It’s not rocket science, but it seems to be a concept that council is not aware of.

Maybe you could get a consulting team together to talk about it?

## **The extortion must stop!**

# WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 - SUBMISSION FORM

Name\*: Paul Young

Town/area of the district\*: [REDACTED]

Organisation (if on behalf): .....

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**Submission ID: 899**

**Date: Apr 15 24 12:06:45 pm**

**Name:**

Suzanne Williams

**Organisation (if on behalf of organisation)** Grey Power

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**Supporting document**

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Name\*: SUZANNE WILLIAMS

Town/area of the district\*: WHAKATANE

Organisation (if on behalf): WHAKATANE + DISTRICTS GREY POWER ASSN.

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WHAKATANE GREY POWER  
SUBMISSION to the LONG TERM PLAN

Many of our members have expressed despair at the High Rate Rises.

Grey Power committee members have all said that most of our members are upset and angry at Council's apparent lack of understanding of the economic stress in our community.

The ongoing plans for big spends in times of high inflation and uncontrolled cost of living increases are hard to fathom.

People are living longer. For many, the super is their only income; some also manage a mortgage on that limited income. Many will be forced to give up their family homes. Council no longer provides low end pensioner flats, so where to now? For some it will be trying to find an affordable flat to rent (impossible in the present climate), for others, it will be begging family for a home.

So high rates force us out of our homes. You've taken our money, and left us few choices.

You may ask: "Why didn't you save?". N. Z. was cash-poor after the wars; volunteering was high, wages were low; folk raised their families on a shoe-string and hard work. However, communities were strong and together they built a N. Z. that we were proud of.

Today's wasteful, throwaway attitude of "demolish and rebuild" is an extravagance we cannot afford right now.

This council's job is to get the best value for the community's income and services – now – not to build a debt on an uncertain future.

If you think that the youngsters will save, most can barely stay afloat now; they are already stressed and struggling; more and more, they are reliant on WINZ rental top-ups and food hand-outs. What tomorrow's young people will need most is work!

Soon our council will be the biggest employer in town, offering high wages, while black mould invades the buildings which are allowed to run down to validate their demolition – at a large cost to tax- and rate-payers.

Shame on you! Spend the money on the maintenance it was gathered for! not your inflated wages.

Utilise the buildings and assets we already have, in this period of uncertainty. You are there to manage the rating income according to today's needs, not tomorrow's dreams.

We rely on Council to cut back intelligently in hard times.

Our suggestions:

- 1/ How about lowering the staffing level and making sure that the remaining staff is pulling its weight??
- 2/ How about lowering the rates?? Or at least starting from a point of a manageable rate hike and working backwards from that to work out what essential work is affordable??

Instead, you continue to plan Big Spends in the L.T.P., taking us headlong into a Wall of Debt. Many of your community are hurting – PLEASE STOP IT!

FOR the FUTURE:

THE BRIDGE:

Another river crossing has to be a priority, for well-established reasons.

It will take a collaborative and cooperative approach from both WDC and BOPRC to convince Government and Waka Kotahi to take this need seriously. If the time, energy and funding spent on the Rex Morpeth Hub over-the-top plans had gone into building the case for the bridge, it may have been in this LTP! Please get on with it!

Alternatively, put a supermarket and gas station at the Hub and possibly cut the bridge traffic in halves – but we are still left with the problem of evacuation in an emergency.

WATER:

Do we have to be drinking putrid or salty water before we get the urgently-needed alternatives? The sewage ponds, with the highest emissions of all WDC services, are obviously a potential problem, as well.

GROWTH:

Why are we not preparing for the future? We should be building into the hills, not the sand dunes! Why have we had next-to-no progress on emergency planning, when we all know disaster could strike tomorrow? What are the staff doing with themselves?

NEXT TIME:

For the LTP: can you please provide us with a list of everything in the LTP with costs and a small amount of explanation, without all the sales talk/waffle/ cotton wool; then we can cross off the ones that we don't think should be there, or ranked as to urgency, so that you would have the feedback from the community that you need; it would be more efficient and a whole lot cheaper.

PLEASE CAN WE SAVE MONEY and LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS!

Submission ID: 900

Date: Apr 15 24 12:11:29 pm

Name:

Mate Heitia - Executive Chairperson of REKA

Organisation (if on behalf of organisation) REKA (Charitable Trust)

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See letter and attached Consultation Document - highlighted throughout

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long Term Plan Submissions  
Whakatane District Council  
PO Box 1002  
Whakatāne 3158

11 April 2024

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for the opportunity to place a submission to the Whakatane District Council Long-Term Plan. I would like to speak to this submission at a formal hearing.

I am submitting as Executive Chairperson of REKA (Charitable )Trust, a Landowner and Trustee of Ahu Whenua Trusts in Poroporo and the focus of this submission is on an eco-economic development opportunity. We have applied for funding to undertake a full feasibility study. It is envisaged that this feasibility study will support the future development of a project plan and business case to support implementation.

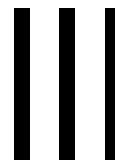
The scope of the feasibility will include an Eco-tourism venture, River Walks, Marae Visits, Kai Tours and a Nursery built on Whenua Māori in Poroporo to grow all the plants needed to clean our Taiao , and all offering new employment opportunities for our community. Papakainga will also be needed for all our Landowners who are living in Whakatane paying high rents and mortgages despite being Landowners. Support with spatial planning will be required on all the Whenua Maori in Poroporo that is underutilised and not serving the needs of our people and communities.

With a view to strategic Maori Partnerships and strengthening relationships with Iwi, hapu and whanau, the benefits of this project will be felt across the whole region as we have plans to partner with neighbouring iwi. More visitors mean more jobs, which means more money and more opportunity for the people of our district.

Ngā mihi,

Mate Heitia





Whakatāne District Council  
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## Would you like us to let you know about the final decisions?

If you'd like to know the final decisions following consultation, please provide your details below – we will only use this information to communicate with you about your submission. Information about the final decisions will also be available on our website.

**First name:** Mate

**Surname:** Heitia

**Organisation (if on behalf):** R.E.K.A Charitable Trust

**Email address:** [Redacted]

**Postal address:** [Redacted]

***Do you want to present your feedback at a formal hearing or meet the Councillors to chat about your thoughts? If so, get in touch by 5pm, Friday 12 April.***

***Email [info@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:info@whakatane.govt.nz) or phone us on 07 306 0500.***

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