



Attachment B

Submission Attachments

LTP & POSS **CONSULTATION** **2021-2031**

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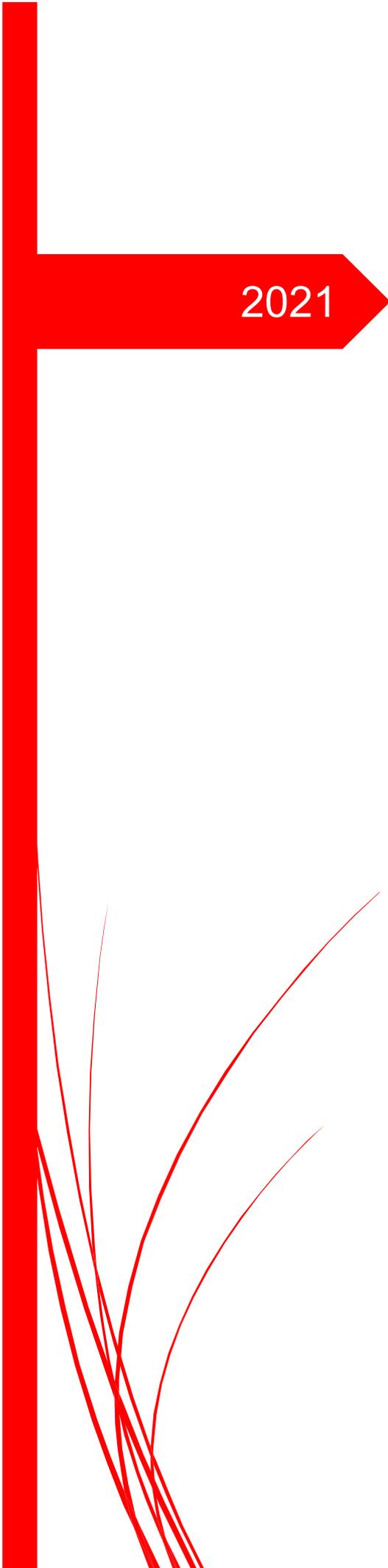
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2021

Matamata Piako District Council

Long Term Plan Submission

James Brodie
SAWIT INCORPORATED

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ABOUT ME



My name is James Brodie, and I am a proud citizen of the Matamata-Piako district. Currently, I reside in Morrinsville, but home is Te Aroha where I was born and raised most of my life. I am 24 years of age and I have achieved a lot in my life. It would not have been possible without learning (through trial and error) how to use my voice with purpose and developing essential leadership skills that have led me to where I am today.

CURRENT ROLES:

President/CEO: SAWIT Incorporated (May 2020-Present, after sitting on the Executive Board since 2016)

Seat Holder: NZUSA (New Zealand Union of Students Associations) Executive Council (May 2020-Present)

Advisor: Rangatahi Voices Youth Forum (November 2020-Present)

Member: Various Wintec Boards

Musician: Ivy Blue and The Stanley Ave Band (2013-Present)

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YOUTH VOICE:

As part of the long term plan, one thing that I have noticed is alarmingly missing is room for development in youth voice and leadership. Young people are the leaders of tomorrow and are our future mayors, councillors, prime ministers, student leaders, business leaders, teachers, and community leaders. And as a council, MPDC should support these future leaders through their educational department by developing low-cost but high-impact education programs that specifically target youth leadership and developing these young leader's skills and potentials to be able to serve their community at a later point in life.



Me as I was starting to use my voice in 2014



Me meeting with Hon. Chris Hipkins MP (Minister for Education, 2020) as the only student leader in attendance at the launch of Te Pukenga in September 2020).

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YOUTH VOICE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN MATAMATA PIAKO
PREVIOUSLY:

Youth Action Plan (2013-2014- Leadership around Events Organization)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROVIDERS IN MATAMATA PIAKO:

Future Te Aroha
Starfish Social Services
One8 Youth
Matamata College
Morrinsville College
Te Aroha College

RANGATAHI VOICES:

A new youth program in Hamilton (but far-reaching to include the entire Waikato Region) designed to educate and engage youth on local politics and advocacy for matters that concern the young people of the Waikato region. Currently in the design phase, the central point of the Rangatahi Voices program is a Forum (which I am currently helping the young people to design and put together) that will consult with youth around the region (Matamata-Piako, Thames/Coromandel, Waipa, Hamilton, etc). This is one opportunity that MPDC could utilize to develop leadership and youth voice qualities significantly. As this would be a multi-council initiative (overseen by WRC) it's one way to existing present partnerships with existing councils to help young people learn about local politics and how to partake and participate in advocating for the matters that matter to them.

SUMMARY:

I could not have gotten to where I am without developing my voice and while it was a struggle; it is something that I more often than not had to develop on my own. As a council and governing body, we know we won't be in these roles forever. But if we don't actively engage with youth and young people in developing these skills and young voices; who's going to be there next? Therefore, I would like to put this proposal forward to develop channels for youth voice and leadership opportunities through MPDC in some way, shape, or form. As I mentioned earlier, young people are the future leaders that haven't found their voice yet, or if they have they're unaware of how to use it. And as leaders ourselves it's part of our moral responsibilities to develop those voices of the next generation. The question I now pose to you is Are we ready to take those steps and in one way or another put those forums for youth voice into place for the youth of the Matamata Piako district?

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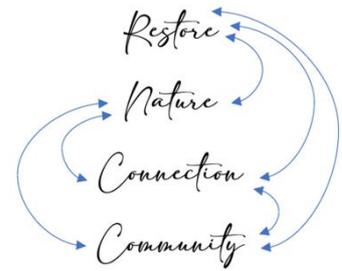


For More Information About SAWIT, please visit [Sawit - Student Association of Wintec | Facebook](#) (Website in progress for launch mid-year)

For more Information about NZUSA, please visit: [New Zealand Union of Students' Associations](#)

For more Information about Rangatahi Voices, please contact Meshweyla Macdonald at Meshweyla.Macdonald@waikatoregion.govt.nz





Matamata-Piako District Council Long Term Plan, Parks and Open Spaces Strategy and the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan

The Piako Catchment Forum (PCF) is a community group in the heart of Matamata Piako and Hauraki Plains.

The Forum is focused on the restoration of the Piako Catchment and its local communities. We are interested in developing and maintaining open communication, networking and education which supports the restoration of our whole catchment and communities.

As we look into the future of our community and catchment, we are working towards collective action through connection to space and communities. This will be through successful representative nature restoration collaborations and advocacy, but always ensuring manaakitanga for those involved, whilst thinking of future generations who would inhabit this space.

Our Steering Group is made up of a diverse range of volunteers from our community. These individuals have many skills, knowledge, and lots and lots of passion for our community and the natural environment that we live in. Helping coordinate the Steering group is the PCF Chair and Coordinator.

We are also very privileged to have regular support from Waikato Regional Council and NZ Landcare Trust along with others that make up both our PCF Steering Group and Connecting the Waitoa sub-Steering Group.

As a Forum we would love to see the Matamata-Piako District Council champion the way we treat and interact with our natural environment. We would encourage the MPDC to take an active seat on our forum, both working with the PCF and the community it represents, as we advocate for the health and biodiversity of our waterways and surrounding countryside. Increased active help and funding for communities, groups, and individuals, could enhance the way we restore nature in our district, with MPDC taking a centre role in this, advising and uniting those who work within our district.

When considering any project in the district, we urge the Matamata-Piako District Council to think broadly about the impact that can occur on the biodiversity of an area and have an active management plan in place. We encourage that one of the councils high priorities is developing restoration plans for nature spaces, but we also would like to see active management plans in place for all reserves, which include rigorous weed and pest eradication programmes, as well as successional suitable planting.

Programmes of work we wish to see in the Piako Catchment:

- The support of increased restoration of biodiversity within and around our waterways.
- Rigorous planning around water management to ensure the health of waterways and biodiversity.

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- A pest animal and plant eradication programme – Within our urban towns, as well as rurally and in our reserves.
- To have a seat at the Piako Catchment Forum and actively work with community groups in the Matamata-Piako District.
- Increased support for volunteers working in our district on nature restoration projects.
- Environmental restoration plans for parks and open spaces within Matamata-Piako District.
- To actively connect the communities they serve, to the nature that surrounds them.
- To be the council that recognises, connects to, and restores the natural environment around them.

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Following is an overview of what we do.

Background:

Until late 2018, Utilise was a tier one NZ electricity retailer with a small generation asset (Opunake Hydro), putting us alongside the likes of Contact, Genesis, Mercury etc, except that we were much smaller, with a boutique focus on NZ multi-site businesses i.e. Toll NZ, Barfoot & Thompson, Subway NZ, Hallenstein Glassons, etc who were all clients.

After five years of electricity retailing, and realising how badly broken the NZ energy market was, we made the decision to exit retailing electricity and subsequently sold our client base to Trustpower. We then began looking at ways in which we could reinvent ourselves whilst removing ourselves from electricity retailing, and that is where our partnership with SolarKing began. Following +two years of research and a great deal of modelling, we finally relaunched Utilise as a solar PPA company in January of this year.

Solar Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's):

Solar power purchase agreements (PPA's) have proven to be extremely effective in Australia and we are now introducing our solar PPA model into the NZ business market to drive the uptake of renewable solar energy use by businesses because NZ lags behind comparative countries in solar use, and also because conditions in NZ now support a solar PPA model i.e. very high electricity prices and a government committed to Sustainability action and driving NZ to become a user of 100% renewable energy.

NZ businesses can significantly benefit from the Utilise solar PPA model through these Key Benefits;

1. **No investment required** – with our PPA model there is no cost to you for anything other than the power consumed; all costs are covered by Utilise including the capital cost of the system, the system installation, monitoring and maintenance
2. **Long term cost savings on your power** – under the terms of the PPA model, our solar energy rate (c/kWh) is set at a discount to your market retailer energy rate at the beginning of our solar supply and stays that way
3. **Sustainability** – using our solar PPA model will enable you to reduce your carbon footprint, and add to your Sustainability story through demonstrating a commitment to 100% renewable solar energy

I attach our Customer brochures which together with information on our website (available via the link below) provides a good overview of our PPA opportunity.

I also attach a copy of our License To Occupy Terms & Conditions which I have found aids property owners / managers to understand the commitment we make to the Property Owner in protecting their property, as we clearly understand the importance of our treating other's properties as we would our own, hence our providing the assurances necessary to deliver peace of mind. And the following link will take you to our **Solar Standard Terms &**

Conditions: [UtiliseSolarStandardTermsandConditions.pdf](#)

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I also recommend having a look at these short video clips – the first from a recent 100kW solar installation funded by Utilise under the PPA model at Solway College, Masterton featuring Janine Tupaia (principal). The second is an installation at Mitre10 Te Kuiti featuring Vaughan Wheeler (owner), and the third is a state of the art 'no export' system installed at Mainfreight (Note that SolarKing are our solar engineering partners <https://solarking.co.nz/>).

- Solway College: [Commercial Solar | SolarKing - NZ Solar Specialists](#) (Utilise funded PPA)
- Mitre10: <https://youtu.be/1r3yVBp5pGk> (owner ended up funding due to the short return on investment timeframe)
- Mainfreight 170kW no export system: [SolarKing - Mainfreight Commercial Solar Installation - YouTube](#)

We currently have installations about to commence at Quest Whangarei and Flat White Café & Weddings on the Beach (Waihi Beach) with many other PPA opportunities currently being analysed to see if they stack up as not all sites meet our required PPA criteria, and in excess of a dozen proposals awaiting external sign-off approvals.

Utilise understand that many people, businesses & organisations are anxious or unsure about how to address climate change sensibly and this is where Utilise can help businesses play their part and make a better energy future; one that is good for both the environment and your finances as we deliver you clean, sustainable solar electricity at a lower cost than what you currently pay, with no capital outlay required.

I welcome the opportunity to have further discussion with you re our solar PPA offer for NZ businesses where we can reduce their energy costs & lock in a lower rate for years tied into the lease renewal cycle, let alone the green credentials our PPA's check all the boxes for.

Kind regards

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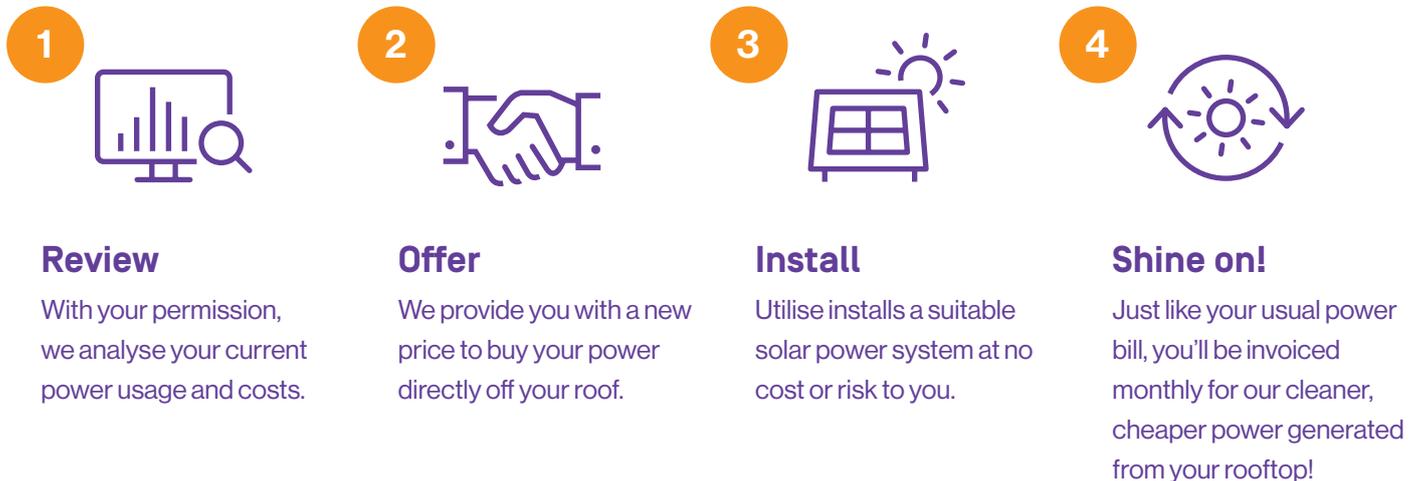


Solar energy has never been more accessible.

Now you can benefit from clean, sustainable solar energy, at a lower cost than what you currently pay, with no capital outlay required. You're simply paying for lower cost power.

- ✓ **Cleaner energy**
- ✓ **Lower cost power**
- ✓ **No capital outlay**
- ✓ **No brainer**

How it works



Lock in lower cost power

Utilise brings you the benefits of buying renewable energy directly off your own roof at a lower cost than mains power. There is no capital cost to you. You simply commit to buy your power at a rate that is guaranteed to be cheaper than mains power.

Turn one of your essential but variable business overheads - which has been subject to price increases nearly every year¹ - into a long term reduced fixed overhead.

Improve your business image

Many companies are recognising the benefits of being sustainable and including sustainability as a core value, or moving to become carbon neutral. Committing to renewable energy shows your customers you care and sets you apart from your competition.

1. <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-statistics-and-modelling/energy-statistics/energy-prices/electricity-cost-and-price-monitoring/>



FAQs

Will my power always be cheaper?

Your power cost will be locked in at significantly less than your current power cost for a long term - between 5 and 10 years. At the end of this term the power price is again locked in at a discount for another 5 to 7 years. You get to lock in one of your major business overheads and avoid the cost of inflation on your power price.

What if I move premises?

Should you move premises then there are several options available to you.

- 1) Take the system with you. We are happy to remove and reinstall the system at your new premises. This would involve entering into a new agreement and may incur some costs.
- 2) The incoming tenant may want to keep the system and buy their power from Utilise.
- 3) We can offer the system for sale to you or your landlord at a depreciated value. Often building owners appreciate the extra revenue off their roof.

What about my landlord?

In our experience many landlords have no issue with the installation of a solar power system on the roof. Standard leases allow for tenants to make alterations and additions such as installing HVAC systems, refrigeration units etc on the premises provided that the property is reinstated to its original condition at the end of a lease. We are happy to talk to your landlord on your behalf and to assist with reinstatement when the time comes.

What happens if there is very little sun?

We ensure your system can access the mains power, if required. On average Utilise can supply between 50% and 80% of your total power use, depending on your specific situation, trading hours, roof size etc. If we're experiencing low sunshine hours, additional power needed will be seamlessly drawn from the mains grid. Provided the mains power is uninterrupted you will never run out of power.

What if there is a power cut?

If there is a power cut then your solar power will also be cut as the system must turn off if connection to mains power is interrupted for any reason. This is necessary to protect the system and any lines people working on the mains power. If emergency power supply is a requirement, we can discuss installing battery storage for an additional fee.

Am I covered for any problems that could occur?

Utilise will cover the costs of insuring the solar panels against damage, and also carries public liability insurance to cover any third party impacts. We will sort this out with your landlord.

Are there any risks to my business with solar?

Solar power is a proven, safe form of power generation. All the components that we install are world class, rated to the highest international standards. The installation is undertaken by specialist master electricians. Solar power is one of the cleanest and safest forms of power available.

What about power I use at night?

Initially our systems will only provide power during daylight hours. In due course, in some circumstances, we can add battery storage to offset even more of your power requirements.



About Utilise Solar.

Utilise is owned and run by seasoned industry professionals who have more than 30 years of direct experience in the New Zealand electricity retail market, including as a full market participant. They also have considerable experience as Directors in some of the key businesses in the New Zealand electricity distribution and supply industry. Utilise has a co-operation agreement for the supply and installation of solar panels with SolarKing.

About SolarKing.

SolarKing are specialist solar engineers with ten years of experience in all aspects of solar power system design, engineering and installation. SolarKing specialises in commercial, residential, hybrid and standalone solar power systems with over 2000 systems installed throughout NZ.

Let's talk.

For an obligation free discussion about how we may be able to help you buy cheaper, cleaner energy, call or email us today.

0800 63 93 63 [0800 new energy]

enquiries@utilise.co.nz



**UTILISE SOLAR
LICENCE TO OCCUPY
STANDARD TERMS
AND CONDITIONS**

JANUARY 2021

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1. STATUS OF THIS AGREEMENT

- (a) **Specific Terms:** A contract between you and us is formed on these terms and conditions and the Specific Terms accompanying these standard terms
- (b) **Defined Terms and Interpretations:** The definition and interpretation of terms used in this agreement can be found at the end of this agreement.

2. GRANT OF LICENCE

- (a) **Grant:** Landowner grants to the Licensee and the Licensee accepts a licence of the Property for the Initial Term beginning on the Commencement Date and ending on the Termination Date at the Annual Licence Fee:
- (b) **Equipment:** to construct and install on the Property, and to operate, test, erect, place, maintain and (subject to clause 6) renew, replace, substitute, upgrade, alter, redevelop, expand, access, store, use and remove the Equipment attached to the Property, to be positioned and/or attached in the manner shown in the plans attached as the Second Schedule for the purposes of generating electricity;
- (c) **Access:** to have access at all times to the Property with workmen and any necessary vehicles implements and machinery, for the purposes set out in clause 2(b) and for any purpose incidental to those purposes. The Licensee will minimise disruption to lessees, licensees and other affected occupants of the Property when exercising its right of access, having regard to the nature and urgency of the work being undertaken together, the 'Permitted Use'.
- (d) **No Lease:** The Licensee acknowledges and agrees that the rights conferred on the Licensee by this licence rest in contract only and will not create in or confer upon the Licensee any tenancy or any estate or interest in the Property, and that the rights of the Licensee are those of a licensee only.

3. RIGHT OF RENEWAL

- (a) **Preconditions:** If:
 - (i) **Notice to renew:** at least three months before the expiry of the then current term the Licensee has given the Landowner written notice of the Licensee's wish to renew this licence (Notice to Renew); and
 - (ii) **Compliance by Licensee:** there is no subsisting breach of the terms of this licence;

then Landowner will renew this licence at the Licensee's cost for the Renewal Term beginning on the day following the expiry of the then current term.

- (b) **Terms of Renewed Licence:** The renewed licence will be on the same terms as this licence but will exclude this present term for renewal unless further Renewal Term(s) are specified in the Specific Terms.
- (c) **Holding Over:** If, other than under a renewal of this licence or the grant of a further licence, the Landowner permits the Licensee to remain in occupation of the Property after the end or earlier termination of the Term (or Renewal Term as the case may be), that occupation will be on a monthly basis only, and otherwise on the same terms as this licence. Either party may terminate that licence on one month's notice in writing to the other at any time. These holding

over provisions will be deemed to apply to the periods during which the Licensee continues to occupy the Property after the relevant Renewal Date.

4. LICENCE FEE

- (a) **Annual Licence Fee:** The Licensee must during the Term pay the Annual Licence Fee, if demanded, as set out in the Specific Terms.
- (b) **No Deductions or Set-Off:** All licence fees and other money payable by the Licensee under this licence must be paid to Landowner on demand (if demanded) without any deduction or set-off, by direct bank payment or as Landowner may direct.

5. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

- (a) **Payment:** The Licensee must pay to Landowner all Goods and Services Tax payable on the Annual Licence Fee and other money payable by the Licensee under this licence. The Licensee must pay Goods and Services Tax:
 - (i) **Annual Licence Fee:** on the Annual Licence Fee on each occasion when any licence fee falls due for payment; and
 - (ii) **Other Money:** on any other money payable by the Licensee on demand.

6. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF LICENSEE'S EQUIPMENT

- (a) **General Obligations:** The Licensee must, at its own cost:
 - (i) **Installation:** install the Equipment;
 - (ii) **Maintenance:** maintain the Equipment in a safe, good, clean, and substantial state of repair, with visible portions of the Equipment appearing to be new or near new; and
 - (iii) **Resource and Other Consents:** obtain a resource consent and/or bylaw approval, if required, for the installation and operation of the Equipment and comply in all respects with the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991, and the terms of any the resource consent and bylaw approval. The Licensee will also obtain any building consents, code compliance certificates and annual warrants of fitness required for any work it undertakes and make copies available to the Landowner upon request.
- (b) **Compliance with Statutes:** The Licensee must ensure that at all times the operation of the Equipment complies with all relevant statutes, regulations and bylaws.
- (c) **Licensee's Property:** Subject to Clause 9.1, the Equipment installed on the Property will remain the property of the Licensee and no part of it will become a fixture on the Property.

7. USE OF PROPERTY

- (a) **Restriction on use:** The Licensee will use the Property only for the Permitted Use on the terms expressed or implied in this licence.
- (b) **Restrictions on Use:** The Licensee must:
 - (i) **Noxious Activities and Nuisances:** not carry on any noxious, noisy or offensive business or activity in or about the Property or do anything

which is or may be a nuisance or annoyance to any person, but the carrying on of the Permitted Use by the Licensee will not of itself be a breach of this clause;

- (ii) **Resource Management Act:** not do anything which is or may be a breach of any duty imposed on any person by the Resource Management Act 1991;
- (iii) **Health and Safety in Employment Act:** not do anything which is or may be a breach of any duty imposed on any person by the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992; and
- (iv) **Acts, Bylaws etc:** comply in all respects with all acts, bylaws, regulations, rules, and requisitions relating to the Property and the Licensee's use of the Property.

8. REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT

- (a) **Remove Equipment:** Within a reasonable period after the Final Expiry Date or earlier termination of this licence, the Licensee will remove all of the Equipment from the Property, repair any damage caused to the Property by that removal, and leave the Property in a clean and tidy condition. Notwithstanding any termination of this licence, the Licensee will have access to the Property with workmen and any necessary vehicles implements and machinery, for the purposes set out in this clause 8.1 and for any purpose incidental to those purposes.

9. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLICENSING

- (a) Control of Assignment and Sublicensing: Except as provided in this section 10, the Licensee must not:
 - (i) **Assign:** assign the Licensee's interest in this licence; or
 - (ii) **Sublicense:** sublicense or part with possession or share occupation of the whole or any part of the Property.
- (b) **Related Company:** The Licensee may assign the Licensee's entire interest in this licence to one of that company's related companies, as defined in the Companies Act 1993, and the same right of assignment will apply to any such company to whom that interest is assigned, provided:
- (c) **No Breach:** there is no subsisting breach of this licence;
- (d) **Covenant:** the assignor delivers to Landowner a duly completed deed of covenant.

10. RIGHT TO PURCHASE

- (a) The Licensee grants to the Landowner an option to purchase the System. The option to purchase the System may be exercised by the Landowner providing notice in writing to the Licensee.
- (b) If the Landowner gives an exercise notice under this clause 9, the Landowner will purchase and the Licensee will sell the System to the Landowner on the date which is 30 days after the date of the Landowner's exercise notice ("Settlement Date").
- (c) On the Settlement Date:

- (i) The Landowner must pay the purchase price calculated in accordance with clause 9 €; and;
 - (ii) The Licensee will transfer the System to the Landowner. The transfer of the System will be on an 'as is where is' basis and the Licensee will not make any warranties as to the condition or fitness for purpose of the System, though will provide all reasonable information sufficient for the Landowner to undertake it's due diligence before exercising its option to purchase the system. The System will be transferred to the Landowner or its nominee free of all encumbrances.
- (d) The Landowner acknowledges that the counter-party to the Power Purchase Agreement associated with the System, has a similar right to purchase the system, and if so performed, the rights under this clause will lapse:
- (e) **Purchase price:** The purchase price payable by the Landowner on exercise of the option will be calculated based on the following formula:
- the calculated System Cost adjusted for a depreciation schedule as below. That is, Purchase Price = (C x N) – D
- Where:
- C = The price per kilowatt specified in the Specific Terms
- N = number of kilowatts at date of installation
- D = depreciation calculated in accordance with a diminishing value methodology, at the rate per year specified in the Specific Terms from the day on which the System has successfully completed all testing and commissioning requirements and is able to generate electricity.

11. TERMINATION

- (a) Termination by Landowner: Landowner may on written notice to the Licensee terminate this licence, without compensation if:
- (i) **Failure to Perform:** Landowner gives the Licensee notice in writing of Landowner's intention to terminate this licence for a breach by the Licensee of it's obligations specified in the notice, and the Licensee fails to remedy the breach within 40 Working Days from the date of the notice;
 - (ii) **Licensee a Company:** the Licensee:
 - (A) is or is deemed to be unable to pay its debts under section 287 of the Companies Act 1993;
 - (B) goes into liquidation (other than voluntary liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation approved in writing by the Landowner);
 - (C) is wound up or dissolved;
 - (D) enters into any assignment or other compromise or scheme of arrangement with its creditors or any class of its creditors; or
 - (E) has a receiver, manager or receiver and manager appointed relating to any of its assets.

A notice from Landowner under this clause may be combined with a notice under section 245 or section 246 of the Property Law Act 2007.

- (b) **Termination by either Party:** Either Party may on written notice to the other terminate this licence without compensation being payable by either party if:
 - (i) **Damage to Property:** any part of the Property to which the Equipment is attached is so damaged as to render it unusable by the Licensee for the Permitted Use; or
 - (ii) **Statutory or planning changes:** the use of the Property by the Licensee is rendered illegal or unnecessary by reason of any statutory or planning changes.
- (c) **Termination by Licensee:** The Licensee may on written notice to Landowner terminate this licence without compensation if there is any alteration in the Licensee's operational requirements which makes it necessary for the Licensee to terminate this licence.

12. LANDOWNER'S COVENANTS

- (a) As long as the Licensee pays the Annual Licence Fee and any other fees and charges payable under this licence and observes and performs the covenants on its part contained or implied in this licence, the Licensee may, subject to the covenants and conditions contained or implied in this licence, enjoy the rights and privileges contained in this licence without interruption from Landowner or any agent or employee of Landowner.
- (b) Landowner will co-operate with the Licensee in the Licensee obtaining any consents and/or bylaw approval under clause 7.1(c)6(a)(iii) (including providing Landowner's consent to any resource consent and/or bylaw approval).
- (c) The Licensee may remove or trim any tree, shrub or plant on the Land that obstructs or interferes with the operation of the Equipment, or the Permitted Use.
- (d) Landowner must at the request of the Licensee, obtain an acknowledgement and consent to the terms of this licence from any mortgagee or encumbrancer of the Property.

13. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- (a) Disputes: Any dispute, difference or question arising between the parties about:
 - (i) **Interpretation:** the interpretation of this licence;
 - (ii) **Matters Arising:** anything contained in or arising out of this licence;
 - (iii) **Rights, Liabilities or Duties:** the rights, liabilities or duties of Landowner or Licensee; or
 - (iv) **Other Matters:** any other matter touching on the relationship of Landowner or the Licensee under this licence (including claims in tort as well as in contract);

will be referred to as a dispute for the purposes of this clause.

- (b) **Mediation:** Any dispute which is unable to be resolved directly by the parties will be referred to mediation on the application of either party. The parties will agree on a suitable person to act as a mediator or will ask the President for the time being of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand Inc to appoint a mediator. The mediation will be in accordance with the Mediation Protocol of Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand Inc.
- (c) **Arbitration:** If mediation is unsuccessful, the dispute will be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator under the Arbitration Act 1996, on either party's

application. The parties must try to agree on the arbitrator. If they cannot agree, the President for the time being of the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand Inc will, on either party's application, nominate the arbitrator.

- (d) **Action at Law:** The parties must go to arbitration under this section before they can begin any action at law (other than an application for injunctive relief).

14. NOTICES

- (a) **Service of Notices:** Any notice or document required or authorised to be delivered or served under this licence may be delivered or served or sent by facsimile to the parties at their respective addresses listed in the Specific Terms unless an updated address is advised in writing to the other party.
- (b) **Time of Service:** Any notice or other document will be treated as delivered or served and received by the other party:
- (i) **Delivery:** on personal delivery;
 - (ii) **Registered Post:** three days after being posted by prepaid registered post; or
 - (iii) **Facsimile:** on completion of an error free transmission, when sent by facsimile.
- (c) **Signature of Notices:** Any notice or document to be delivered or served under this licence must be in writing and may be signed by:
- (i) **Attorney etc:** any attorney, officer, employee or solicitor for the party serving or giving the notice; or
 - (ii) **Authorised Person:** any other person authorised by that party.

15. INTERPRETATION

In this licence unless the context indicates otherwise:

Definitions:

- (i) **Annual Licence Fee** means the annual licence fee for the attachment, installation and operation of the Equipment on the Property specified in the Specific Terms;
- (ii) **Authority** means and includes every governmental, local, territorial and statutory authority having jurisdiction or authority over the Property or its use;
- (iii) **Equipment** means the solar power panels, battery, structural supports and cables, conduits, lines and all associated items to be installed on the Property for the purposes of the Permitted Use;
- (iv) **Goods and Services Tax or GST** means tax levied under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985 and includes any tax levied in substitution for that tax;
- (v) **Invitee or Invitees** means and includes each and every servant, employee, agent, contractor, sub-contractor, licensee or invitee;
- (vi) **Licensee** means Utilise Limited and includes the Licensee's successors and permitted assigns and the Licensee's agents, employees, contractors, and invitees;

- (vii) **Notice to Renew** means a notice to renew this licence given by the Licensee in accordance with clause 3(a);
- (viii) **Property** means the land described in Schedule 1 and includes any structure on the Property to which any part of the Equipment is to be attached as identified on the plans attached in the Second Schedule;
- (ix) **Permitted Use** has the meaning given to it in clause 2(a) of this licence;
- (x) **Term** means the term of this licence and includes the Initial Term and (if this licence is renewed) the Renewal Term and (if this licence is further renewed) any further Renewal Term(s);
- (xi) **Utilities** means all utility and other services connected and/or supplied to the Property, including water, sewage, drainage, electricity, gas, telephone and rubbish collection; and
- (xii) **Working Day** has the meaning given to it in the Property Law Act 2007.

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In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 15.2 **Building Act Terms:** the terms Building Work and Code Compliance Certificate have the meanings given to those terms in the Building Act 2004;
 - 15.3 **Calendar Month:** any reference to a month will be deemed to refer to a calendar month;
 - 15.4 **Defined Expressions:** expressions defined in the main body of this licence have the defined meaning in the whole of this licence including the background and Specific Terms;
 - 15.5 **Specific Terms:** the terms Commencement Date, Default Interest Rate, Final Expiry Date, Initial Term, Land, Licence Fee Payment Date(s), Renewal Term(s), Renewal Date(s), Property, Expiry Date, and any other terms specified in the Specific Terms, will have the meanings given to them in the Specific Terms;
 - 15.6 **Headings:** section, clause and other headings are for ease of reference only and do not form any part of the context or affect this licence's interpretation;
 - 15.7 **Negative Obligations:** any obligation not to do anything includes an obligation not to suffer, permit or cause that thing to be done;
 - 15.8 **Parties:** references to parties are references to parties to this licence;
 - 15.9 **Persons:** references to persons include references to individuals, companies, partnerships, associations, trusts, government departments and local authorities in each case whether or not having separate legal personality;
 - 15.10 **Schedules:** the schedules to this licence and their contents have the same effect as if set out in the body of this licence;
 - 15.11 **Sections, Clauses and Schedules:** references to sections, clauses and schedules are references to sections and clauses of and schedules to this licence; and
- Statutes and Regulations:** references to a statute include references to regulations, orders, rules or notices made under that statute and references to a statute or regulation include references to all amendments to that statute or regulation whether by subsequent statute or otherwise.

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SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

REQUEST FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTRE, LE QUESNOY, FRANCE

Background

In the closing days of the First World War, our soldiers on the Western Front, exhausted survivors of battles on the Somme, Messines, Passchendaele and from halting the 1918 Spring Offensive, had one last wall to climb – literally.

The small town of Le Quesnoy in northern France had been under German occupation since August 1914 and this was November 1918. Surrounded by a moat and a 17th century wall complete with ramparts, the medieval town was like a fortress that had survived many an invasion in the preceding centuries. It had one more force to reckon with. The New Zealand Division had arrived to liberate the town from the German occupiers, who continued to defend the ramparts using howitzers, machine guns and rifles. Orders had been given to the New Zealand troops not to shell the town, to avoid any casualties among the 1600 civilian inhabitants.

Instead, some 300 flaming oil drums were fired onto the ramparts to create a smoke screen obscuring the assault by New Zealand infantry using long ladders to scale the outer walls and inner ramparts. The liberation of the town was completed with the capture of over 700 German soldiers, against just on 500 New Zealand casualties including 142 dead - the liberation was achieved without

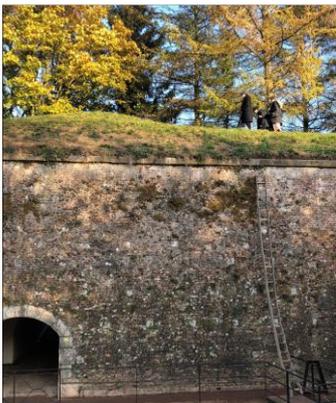
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the loss of a single civilian life. This is an achievement which the town and its people have never forgotten, even today - over 100 years later - which is now beyond living memory. They speak of the liberation with awe, still amazed that men would come from the far side of the world to free their town and citizens, to rescue them in their darkest hour.

The liberation of the historic walled town by the New Zealand Rifle Brigade just one week before the end of the Great War was a demonstration of Kiwi ingenuity and an act of courage. The story of Le Quesnoy is different from that of many other World War One sites – the town was liberated without being destroyed, and the residents were not displaced, and in that respect, it is a story of hope. The town was preserved intact and stands as a place where memories are lived and relived to tell the story to all who will listen; of the price that was paid for freedom in a war that stole much from our world.

The Project

The NZ Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy (a non-profit charitable trust) believes it is time to build a permanent memorial to our soldiers who perished on the fields of Flanders and France in the “war to end all wars”. Indeed, it did not end all wars and many more New Zealanders lost their lives on European soil in the Second World War. Over 12,400 New Zealanders are buried in France and Belgium. It is appropriate that the sacrifice of a significant number of New Zealanders, who will remain forever in a place far from home, is acknowledged and remembered.



The Trust has had the opportunity to purchase a heritage property, the former Mayor's residence and Gendarmerie (military police headquarters), in Le Quesnoy, which is directly connected to New Zealand's World War One experience in Europe.

The Trust is working towards the vision of creating “a Kiwi place in France where memory and relationships are alive”. We are working towards this goal through the establishment of a Museum and Visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy where our story will be told across multiple platforms – through artefacts, interactive activities, movies, audio stations, an app and other media.



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The museum itself will include space for exhibitions and interactive activities, both digital and manual, designed to encounter and explore the stories of New Zealand's liberation of Le Quesnoy, New Zealand's contributions to the war in Europe, the history of the town of Le Quesnoy, an introduction to New Zealand's culture and heritage to Europeans, and the unique relationship that has developed between New Zealand and the French in Le Quesnoy.

Our Objective

Through this project we seek to celebrate:

Freedom – which inspired our people to go to war

Friendship – the unique bonds which developed between the people of Le Quesnoy and New Zealand which are still strong 100 years on

Future – the opportunity to create a better future with a focus on how to avoid war

Our Partners

To fully realise the link between past, present and future, we have engaged New Zealand's most respected professional museum experts to help shape and guide the concept through strategic planning and interpretative masterplanning. We have recently approved the Internal Experience Design Brief for the Museum and Visitor Centre prepared by museum experts Lily Frederikse, Tim Walker and Karl Johnstone. The Feasibility Study prepared by French company, Lamaya, was signed off last year and our Māori Advisory Group has provided a Māori cultural framework to inform the overall visitor experience.

We are in discussions with the French government about a potential partnership. They are very supportive of the project.

We have raised \$8M to date towards the \$15M total. Most of this has come from private individuals and businesses, who are on board with the vision of establishing “a Kiwi place in France where memory and relationships are alive”. This is not just a project about remembering the past but focuses on the future, developing an experience which is cross-cultural, connecting across nations, through educational experiences and exchanges, offering an opportunity to reflect and learn from the past as we step into the future. As it is so beautifully expressed in Te Reo:

Ka mua, ka muri

We walk backwards into the future.

Our Request

We have previously presented to your Mayor at the Regional and Provincial Council Sector meeting. We wish to request that you consider a funding commitment to this project as part of your Long-Term Plan.



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Our submission is to request that Matamata-Piako District Council supports the project to build a Museum and Visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy with a donation equivalent to \$1 per resident of your district, to remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars to give us freedom.

The funds are not required immediately and can be paid over the next three years. We are seeking a commitment from you towards the project at this point in time.

Soldiers came from this district as evidenced by your War Memorials. Their names stand in perpetuity here in our country. Their descendants live here and maybe even sit in this Council Chamber. Soldiers came from cities, towns and villages across New Zealand, not knowing what they were going to face on the other side of the world but stepping forward with a courage and belief in what was right and just and good for our country and our world. They went with a belief that tyranny and injustice threatened the very essence of our lives, threatened the freedom, friendship and future which, because of their sacrifice, generations that came after them have been able to enjoy.

In this day and time, we cannot even imagine what they must have faced on the battle grounds of Europe, but we can remember and honour them.

The NZ Memorial Museum Trust asks that you do just that through support of our project.

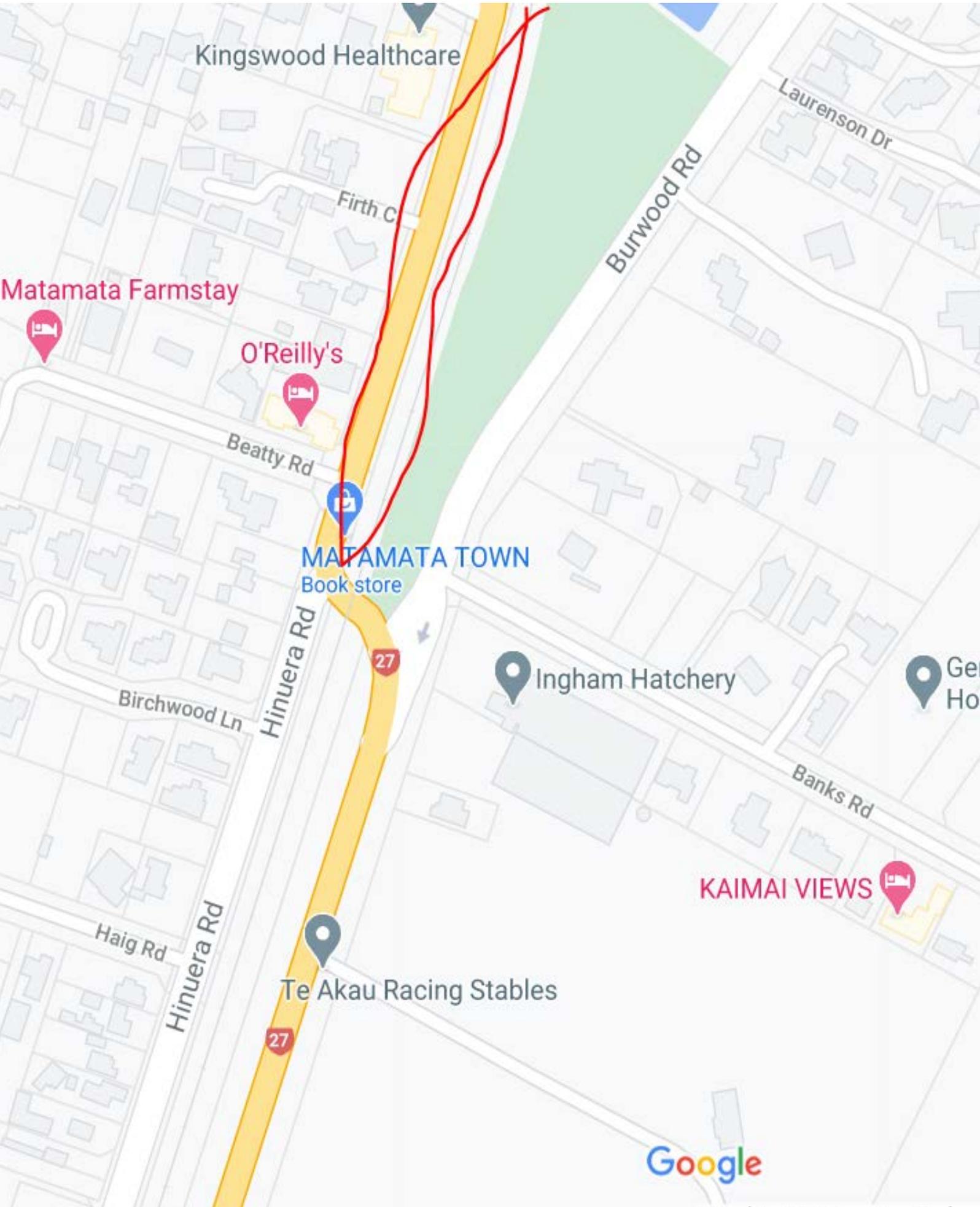
Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission which we hope will be favourably considered.

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Submission to the Matamata Piako District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Who we are

Bike Waikato is an incorporated society run by volunteers and funded by an active membership.

We believe providing safe and convenient cycle facilities means our cities, towns and villages can function efficiently and provide a catalyst for vibrant communities. We advocate on behalf of our members in the community to seek change.

Our goal is simple. To get more people on bikes, safely.

Why we are submitting on the Matamata Piako Long Term Plan

There has been a groundswell of support for cycling in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 and the need for communities to maintain and improve their well-being. Communities realised that recreation opportunities were easily obtained by cycling when lockdowns provided an environment of low traffic.

With the increase of people on bikes, there is a dawning realisation that current transport infrastructure is inadequate for those that choose two wheels over four.

The Long Term Plan has a prime opportunity to signal to the community that traditional transport funding does not allow all members of a community to participate using their chosen form of transport.

For too long councils have provided insufficient funding, and in turn priority, to encourage cycling and active travel modes. Recent central government policy regarding climate change and greenhouse gas emissions now makes the identification of low-emissions transport a priority. There is now the demand for an increase in cycling infrastructure in our towns, villages and rural areas to provide for those that choose to ride bikes.

What we like

We acknowledge the good work that has gone into developing cycle trails across the region and support the plans to extend these further from Matamata to Piarere and Te Aroha to Morrinsville.



We support the walking and cycling improvements proposed in the Long Term Plan to enhance the accessibility and safety for active modes users. Many towns and cities around the world have shown that 'if you build it, they will come' when building cycling infrastructure.

We support the Te Aroha Mountain Bike Club's mountain bike skills park development. The mental and physical health benefits of cycling extends from commuting all the way through to mountain biking. By providing such a facility riders also get the opportunity to develop their own bike riding skills which in turn allows them to become safer and more confident riders on the road.

Where there could be improvements

Budget to widen footpaths benefits areas that have an increase of pedestrians. The Long Term Plan identifies that the 60 years and above age group is the fastest growing age group. While footpath widening will increase accessibility, there will be a decrease in safety for the more vulnerable users when pedestrians and cyclists are expected to mix. In high traffic, or high risk, areas it is ideal to provide dedicated facilities for each mode; walking, bikes, vehicles to reduce the risk for soft and vulnerable users.

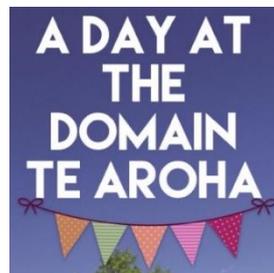
Now is the best time to start providing safe infrastructure for people on bikes. As the existing transport network and town centres are maintained and redeveloped, bikes and multi-modal use should be at the forefront of all plans. Whether it be allocating space to encourage and facilitate safe bike riding or measures that reduce vehicle speeds to allow users of all ages and abilities to move around our transport networks. Starting to implement these infrastructure changes now makes the 2051 goal achievable.

Bike Waikato would like the opportunity to speak in support of our submission.

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A Day at the Domain: Te Aroha

Waste Report March 2020



The community run 'Day in The Domain' Te Aroha was held on Sunday 23rd February 2020. They received funding from MPDC event fund to help manage the waste of the day. This included supporting workshop presentations on waste Streams, the 'average' household rubbish bag and easy composting at home. MPDC has a focus of waste minimisation as part of their support for Enviroschools programme.

Engaging with Community Education

This year the Domain Day Committee approached Ruairi Kelly, the local facilitator for the Enviroschools programme supported by MPDC, to support the 'Zero Waste' focus of the day; To help the community understand about waste streams and the current recycling facilities within the district. As this was a synergy between the council aims, community desire and school focus a plan was formed...

In preparation for the day, Ruairi had approached all the local Enviroschools during their Annual reviews in November-December the previous year. The work between schools and this community day brought together many of the Guiding Principles:

Sustainable Communities, Empowered students and Learning for Sustainability.



G: I really liked how I got to help the environment and tell people in Te Aroha facts about recycling in our town.



i L: I enjoyed working together and helping people learn about sorting rubbish.

Of the four local Enviroschools, both Stanley Avenue and Manawaru Schools, were keen but not at a place to dedicate the time due to the craziness that is the beginning of the school year. All the schools used the Zero Waste Theme Area Resource to inform their own practise and Ruairi worked closely with Te Aroha Primary and Elstow-Waihou on the key concepts of Enviroschools Zero Waste. They worked with Ruairi to conduct their own waste audits of their schools, to kick start their programme for the year and give themselves some measurable baseline data to monitor how any changes they put in over the year may have an effect.

Students were offered the opportunity to volunteer to work with the community, manning the bins. As this was the first time for this partnership and it being so close to the start of the school year, 15 children and 2 teachers volunteered. These volunteer students came from Te Aroha Primary, Stanley Ave and Manawaru -unfortunately there was only enough students for one shift in the afternoon.

The kids were great at talking to the public, with Ruairi both manning the bins and supporting students where needed – there were many great discussions around the issue of waste. It was noted that this made a huge difference to the contamination of waste streams in the afternoon.

People were clearest about the plastic bottles and tin cans, less so on the mixed plastics. However, even with the children there we found that the public were still very confused over which bin was used for what waste, and how contamination is such a big deal -especially when it came to cardboard and food waste. 'A: I learnt that you can't recycle dirty plastic and enjoyed sharing information with our community.' A lot of people were very disappointed that the compostable coffee cup they had just used, could not be composted and would go to landfill, due to lack of facilities in our area.

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Waste Audits

Ruari conducted Waste Audits with Te Aroha Primary and Elstow-Waihou, linking this with key concepts of Enviroschools Zero Waste:

- Waste is a modern human product
- Looking after Papatūānuku – how our current waste management creates problems
- Designing for Zero Waste

All three concepts were discussed and teachers will use further activities from the Theme Area resource with students along with the data and findings from each audit.



Elstow -Waihou

Waste Audit Sheet		Elstow-Waihou School							
class	kg	area	kg	waste	kg	one day	kg per yea	tonnes pe	% total weight
Lab	0.8	Bus	0.5	Paper	5.6	1.4	280	0.28	40.57971
WS	2.1	Hub	0.9	Card	1.1	1.1	220	0.22	7.971014
LH	0.2	Court	2	Comp Pap	0.5	0.5	100	0.1	3.623188
BH	0.6	Playgroun	0.1	Recyc Plas	1	1	200	0.2	7.246377
GC	0.7	Library	0.1	Food	3	3	600	0.6	21.73913
ST/H	0.1	Office	3	Cans	0.1	0.1	20	0.02	0.724638
RS	0.8	Staff	0.5	Glass	0	0	0	0	0
		Outside	1.4	other	2.5	2.5	500	0.5	18.11594
Total	5.3		8.5	Total	13.8	9.6	1920	1.92	100
		Total	13.8						

Waste Type	Percentage
Paper	40%
Food	22%
Other	18%
Recycling Plastic	7%
Recycling Paper	4%
Hazardous Waste	8%
Card	1%
Compost Paper	0%

Elstow-Waihou School will produce nearly 2 tonnes of landfill in 2020 based on 200 'normal' days.
 Over 82% of which could be diverted leaving 250kg of hazardous and 'other' waste!
 This could be even higher due to contents of 'other' waste being an unusual mix. As per note above.
 Over the course of a 'normal' year this would probably be higher as only 'school days' 200 of 365 was counted.
 Based on 150 students and teachers each person is creating **12.8 Kg of waste per year**

Measures to move to zero waste:	Percentage
Litter free lunch boxes to minimise recyclable plastic esp soft plastic and yoghurt pottles	8%
Water only school to minimise/eliminate any tetra pack juice cartons or water bottles	5%
Compost to eliminate Compostable paper and minimise food waste	10%
Worm bin to minimise food waste	7%
Bokashi System to eliminate remaining food waste	7%
Efficient Goos Paper and compost remaining Paer/card	25%
Investigate other ways of reducing, reusing & recycling paper - reduce catalogues in office, shred paper for compost/chickens, make paper bricks for sale	25%
Consider what remaining can be diverted from landfill by STEAM	5%
Percentage that could be diverted from landfill	92%

Waste Type	Percentage
Paper	27%
Food	27%
Other	11%
Recycling Plastic	8%
Recycling Paper	8%
Hazardous Waste	5%
Card	5%
Compost Paper	9%

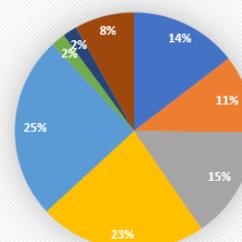
1766.4 kg diverted

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Te Aroha Primary

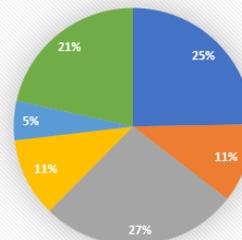
Waste Audit Sheet		Te Aroha Primary							
class	kg	area	kg	waste	kg	one day	kg per year	tonnes per year	% total weight
1	0.9	Jnr	3.9	Paper	4.5	2.25	450	0.45	14.56311
2	1.1	Mid	1.1	Card	3.3	1.65	330	0.33	10.67961
3	0.6	Snr	6.8	Comp Pap	4.7	2.35	470	0.47	15.21036
4	0.6	Playground	0.01	Recyc Plas	7	3.5	700	0.7	22.65372
5	1.8	Library	0.25	Food	7.7	3.85	770	0.77	24.91909
6	1.8	Office???	0.01	Cans	0.6	0.3	60	0.06	1.941748
7	1.5	Staff	1	Glass	0.6	0.3	60	0.06	1.941748
8	2.8	Court	2.2	other	2.5	1.25	250	0.25	8.090615
9	2.7								
10	2								
Total	15.8		15.27	Total	30.9	15.45	3090	3.09	100
		Total	31.07						

TAPs Waste Streams Feb 2020



Te Aroha Primary school will produce over 3 tonnes of landfill in 2020 based on 200 'normal' days. 92% of which could be diverted leaving 250kg of hazardous and 'other' waste!
Over the course of a 'normal' year this would probably be higher as only 'school days' 200 of 365 was counted.
Based on 240 students and teachers each person is creating 12.875 kg per person

TAPs Potential diversion from landfill



Measures to move to zero waste:

Litter free lunch boxes to minimise reyclable plastic esp soft plastic	23%
Water only school to minimise/eliminate tetra pack juice cartons, water bottles and tin cans	10%
Compost to eliminate Compostable paper and minimise food waste	25%
Worm bin to minimise food waste	10%
Bokashi System to eliminate remaining food waste	5%
Efficient Goos Paper and compost remaining Paer/card	20%
	93%



Students from Class 9&10 work with Ruairi on the Key Concepts of Zero Waste, culminating in a Waste Audit. This waste is from two school days.

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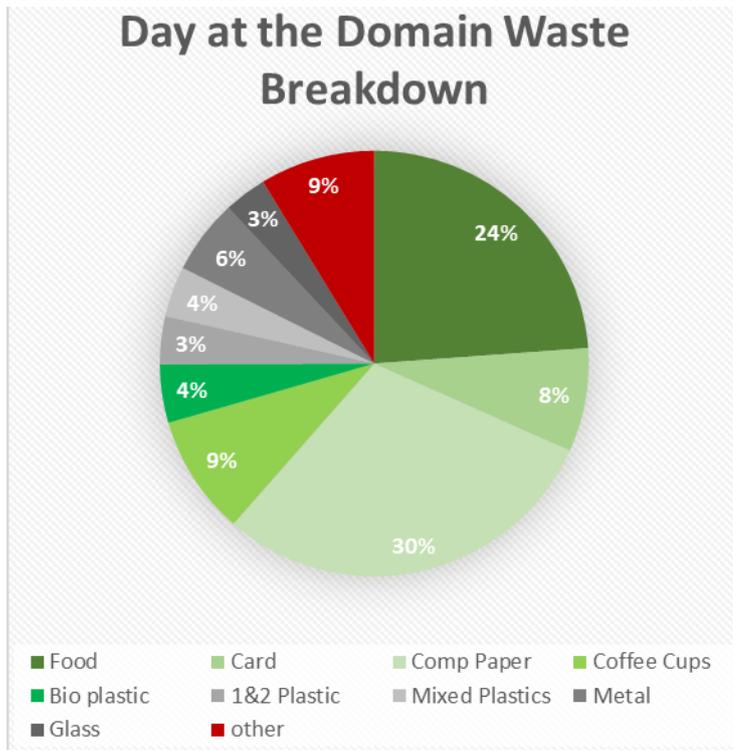
Day at the Domain Audit

As part of the Enviroschools assistance to the Domain committee, Ruairi conducted a waste audit of the day using the Enviroschools 'Zero Waste' Theme area resource. To help accuracy for the waste audit, all the existing bins in the Domain were capped, so there was a 'true picture' of the waste produced for the event. On the day we measured by weight rather than volume, although, we recognise both measurements have impact on landfill.

At 2.30pm we collected all the bins and uncapped the Domain bins again. The waste audit was a mammoth task and here are the findings.

waste	kg	% total weight	Categories	kg	% total weight	Potential diverted	% MPDC diverted
Food	11.8	23.8	Home compostable	30.4	61.4	91.3	
Card	3.9	7.9					
Comp Paper	14.7	29.7					
Coffee Cups	4.5	9.1	Commercial Compostable	6.7	13.5		
Bio plastic	2.2	4.4	Recyclables	8.1	16.4		16.4
1&2 Plastic	1.8	3.6					
Mixed Plastics	1.9	3.8					
Metal	2.8	5.7					
Glass	1.6	3.2					
other	4.3	8.7	Landfill	4.3	8.7	8.7	83.6
Total	49.5	100.0		49.5	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table showing Day at the Domain waste streams by weight & percentage



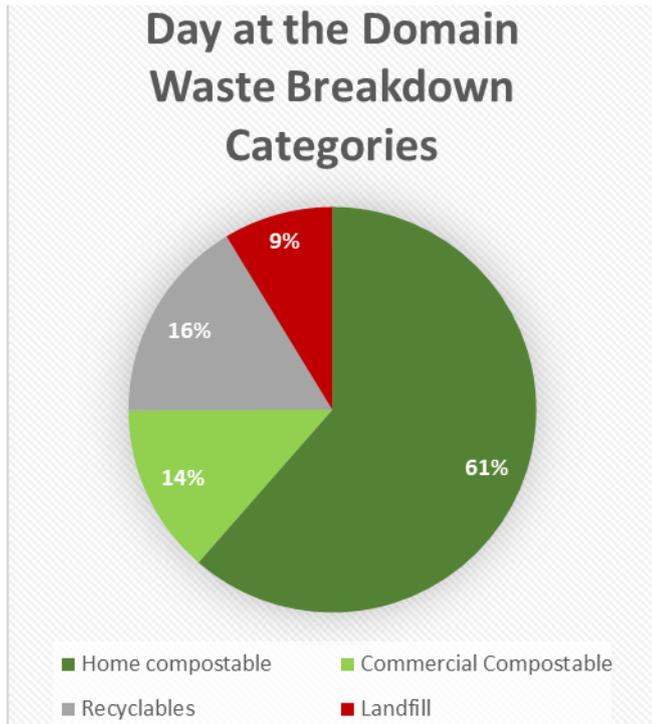
Initial sort from bins



All the waste from A Day at the Domain: Te Aroha 2020 – ready to be sorted

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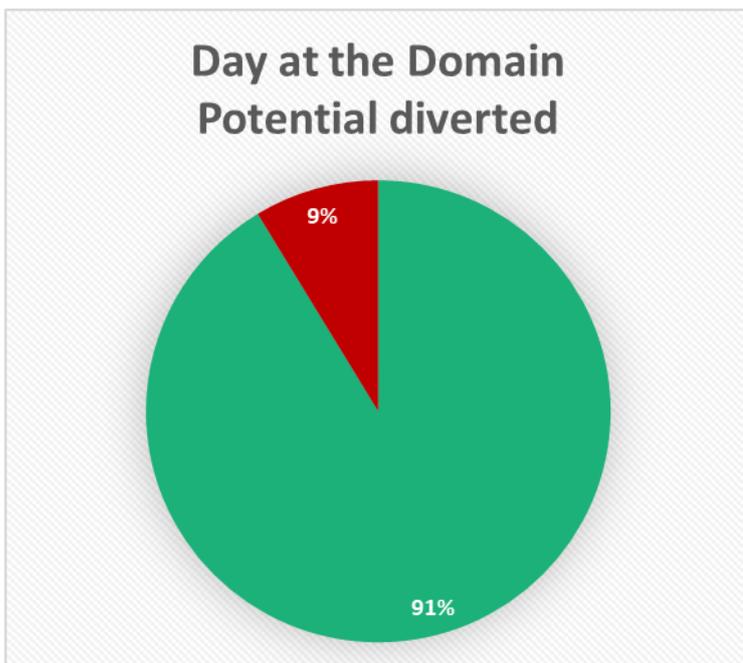
Most of our waste (by weight) was compostable waste (29.7%)– e.g. napkins and cardboard food containers and food waste (23.8%). Commercial compostable coffee cups also made up a large proportion of weight at 9.1% but a greater amount by volume of the waste as a whole.



Example of the compostables collected

Breaking this down in waste categories, 61% could be composted in home style system, 14% needed a commercial composting system, while 16% could be recycled in some way....

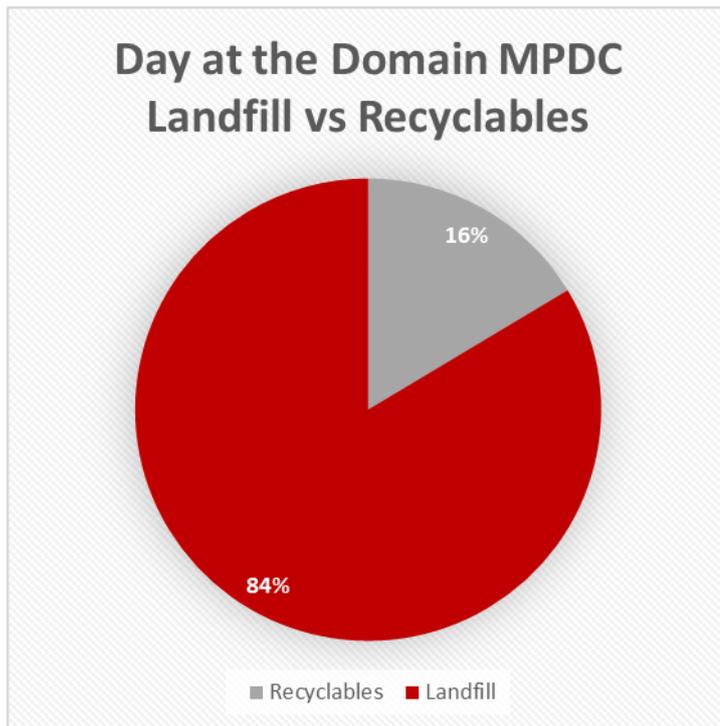
....only 9% of the total waste needed to be taken to landfill.



The Landfill bags – the front is the only one that really needed to go to landfill

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There was a potential opportunity to divert 91% of our waste to other sources rather than landfill. However, on the day this did not happen.



Commercial compostable coffee cups

Due to lack of composting facilities in our district, 84% of the waste the event produced went to landfill and only 16% got diverted into recycling streams. The home compostable waste that was produced was too much for even the most ardent home composter.

Next steps

A Day at the Domain: Te Aroha will be on the 28th February next year. They will be continuing their waste journey with MPDC, Enviroschools and now a local community group 'Transition Matamata' would like to be involved - further development of 'Sustainable Communities'.

With the support of MPDC and Enviroschools, the committee will aim to have enough adults and school children monitoring the bins and would like to improve the signage to something similar to Hawkes Bay events (see pic). It was found that meaningful conversations on the bins work better than workshops – engaging the public in a real situation, when they are making those real waste decisions.



Within the schools, discussion has been had around using the Zero Waste Theme Area Resource to continue the conversation of how to minimise the waste that each school and community produce. These next steps for reducing what comes into the school range from; litterless lunchboxes being the norm within schools -including this information in enrolment packs, nude food lunchbox days, beeswax wraps to minimise soft plastic wrapping, working with parent community on the economics of bulk buying. Along with school practise of reduction of photocopying, GOOS (Good on One Side) paper being used in all practises -office, and classrooms.

This alongside systems that can manage waste, keeping these streams on site -Composting, worm bins and bokashi, could deal with a good deal of the waste produced.

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The sad truth, however, is that there is not currently the facilities for composting for events in our district, a similar position will be the case for most districts within the Waikato Region.

Having a commercial composting facility that serviced our district & region would most certainly benefit not only events held in the region, but school, household and business waste. Household waste is usually made up of 69% possible compostable materials (Gregg Broadmore *'Waste Wise Organic Recycling Programme – Classroom Resource Manual'* 2016 – taken from the Enviroschools Zero Waste Theme Area). It is a lot of waste that could be diverted into commercial opportunity.

Ultimately the aim is to have all community and events making as little waste as possible. For events there are other ways to approach this other than waste stream diversion. Such as having a policy for all vendors to have recyclables, however this only works if there are the facilities to deal with them. Alternatively, services such as Silver Service, who provide a plate, cutlery and washing up service for Gourmet in the Gardens at Hamilton Gardens, is an option – but their service is costly, and already booked when Domain Day is happening. It would seem they are the only service for all eleven districts within the Waikato Region. A community set up could be possible – but manpower already is stretched in the community, and someone would need to grab hold of this idea and run with it.

We would love to see our district and region move forward with waste reduction and diversion; Education can only work if there is the infrastructure to compliment it.

We hope this information provided helps guide other school and community events.



Hospitality New Zealand

TO MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL

**SUBMISSION ON
LONG TERM PLANS 2021-31**

13 APRIL 2021

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About Hospitality New Zealand:

1. Hospitality New Zealand (“Hospitality NZ”) is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation representing approximately 3,000 businesses, including cafés, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, commercial accommodation, country hotels and off-licences.
2. Hospitality NZ has a 119-year history of advocating on behalf of the hospitality and tourism sector and is led by Chief Executive Julie White. We have a team of seven Regional Managers located around the country, and a National Office in Wellington to service our members.
3. Hospitality NZ has a Board of Management, made up of elected members from across the sectors of the industry, and an Accommodation Advisory Council, made up of elected members from the accommodation sector.
4. We also have 20 local Branches covering the entire country, representing at a local level all those member businesses which are located within the region. Any current financial member of Hospitality NZ is automatically a member of the local Branch.
5. This submission relates to the Long-Term Plan 2021-31 (“the Plan”).
6. Enquiries relating to this submission should be referred to Melissa Renwick, Regional Manager – Central North Island, at melissa@hospitality.org.nz and 0275 072 771.

General Comments:

7. Hospitality New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to comment on Matamata-Piako District Council’s Long-Term Plan 2021-31. We have a number of general concerns on issues that we believe will rear their head in the next ten years. These include infrastructure funding, local alcohol policies, short-term rental accommodation, and responsible camping.

Rates

8. Hospitality NZ urges caution around rates increases. While we are supportive of many of the key projects noted as ‘Things we think we should focus on’ and ‘Things we want to investigate’ namely the Te Aroha day spa, the revitalising of town centres and the development of further linking cycleways, we are wary of in many cases, businesses being asked to carry an unfair proportion of the rates bill.
9. We note that small businesses are not being targeted specifically with any unfair commercial differentials and we wanted to record our appreciation for the position of council being willing to work with and support businesses in the hospitality sector.

Infrastructure Funding

10. Local Councils in some parts of the country have recognised infrastructure funding is a significant issue and are working towards change, some Councils are looking at targeted rates while others have openly criticised the funding investment options put forward by the Government.
11. In 2019, Productivity Commission undertook its report into Local Government Funding and Finance. The report recommended that “Better use of existing tools and central

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government funds should be enough to close the tourism funding shortfall. Given the small scale of the funding gap, introducing new funding tools would incur significant implementation, administration and enforcement costs and is unlikely to result in a net benefit to councils.”

12. We endorse those sentiments – rather than introducing new tools that target specific sectors, councils should make better use of existing tools to achieve their goals.
13. Hospitality NZ believes a consistent and fair nationwide approach to the funding of core infrastructure needs to be introduced.
14. Hospitality and accommodation sectors are viewed by local councils as an easy source of funds, via targeted rates on commercial businesses, or implementing bed taxes. Hospitality NZ opposes the introduction of bed tax as it targets only those people staying in commercial accommodation.
15. If a targeted rate or visitor levy is deemed necessary, Hospitality NZ believes these must be broad based taxes, and ensure that they are appropriately designed, are fair and equitable to those contributing, have community support, and are used solely for initiatives that benefit the visitor economy. Alternatively, those funds raised must be ring-fenced and used for the benefit of those contributing to the fund. However, Hospitality NZ’s preference would be for any funding of tourism infrastructure to come from a centralised pool.
16. Hospitality NZ recommends further consideration is given to implement the Productivity Commission’s report findings.
17. Prior to COVID, tourism was struggling to maintain social license in communities – in part given the infrastructure pressure tourism growth was placing on some regions. We recognise that tourism and hospitality use and benefit from a wide variety of mixed-use infrastructure. We now have a real opportunity to resolve some of these infrastructure issues and prepare for the rebuild of the sector.
18. Targeted rates and ‘tourism’ or ‘bed taxes’ concern our members, who assert:
 - These unfairly place the burden of funding infrastructure or promotion on just one part of the tourism/hospitality industry;
 - As ratepayers, businesses oppose increased rates to fund basic infrastructure they may not receive a direct benefit from i.e., infrastructure for freedom campers;
 - We would prefer to see Central Government funding of infrastructure, where local councils are unable to fund it themselves; and
 - If new funding schemes are required, there needs to be an emphasis on broad-based levying. They need to be fair and equitable and all businesses who will benefit from further infrastructure development should contribute.

Local Alcohol Policies (LAPs)

19. Hospitality NZ has and continues to be actively involved in developing LAPs, ensuring the sector, local communities and the viability of our members have the best fit settings and rules governing the sale and consumption of alcohol.
20. Hospitality NZ has actively contributed by submitting on all draft LAPs throughout the country. Some Councils have opted not to introduce a LAP and instead used the national default rules set out in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (SSAA).

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21. Since the implementation of SSAA 2012 Act it has become apparent that some Councils often attempt to include rules within an LAP that are beyond their authority. This is a timely and expensive process.
22. The wider hospitality industry would like the process of LAPs to be either repealed or significantly amended.
23. Within the current District Licencing Committees system, there is the ability for each licence to have appropriate restrictions placed on it if deemed necessary by the committee. A shift in the system whereby DLCs administer appropriate restrictions would render the LAP process unnecessary.

Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA)

24. The significant growth in short-term rental accommodation (STRA) through providers such as AirBnB or Bookabach, has raised a number of concerns for the sector, including:
 - Peer to peer accommodation providers, particularly if they are operating in a highly commercial way, are often not meeting the regulatory requirements under the Building Act, taxation, health and safety or local government district plans that commercial accommodation providers are required to adhere to. Some of these regulations incur significant costs to businesses and this can create an imbalance in competition.
 - In some parts of the country, the preference for rental property owners to convert to AirBnB or similar, is resulting in a lack of available long-term rental accommodation for workers and families.
25. Traditional accommodation operators are seeking a fairer playing field with regard to commercial vs non-commercial rates and regulation. Hospitality NZ acknowledges that NPDC have recognised this and have made first steps by rating those with 6+ bedrooms as commercial properties but do not believe this goes far enough.
26. STRA operators do not require the same building and operational compliance and therefore do not attract the associated costs that commercial accommodation providers do. However, they do benefit from things like tourism promotion which is often funded from the tourism and accommodation sector. STRA operators also have an impact on the communities they operate in, contributing to housing shortages, noise impacts and loss of community.
27. There is a growing inequity in the regulation of short-term and long-term accommodation. Stats NZ estimated that for 2018, STRA gross revenue was between \$550-\$700 million, with guest nights between 6-10 million.
28. The STRA sector operates mainly in residential areas, only pays residential rates, operates with less regulation, and often escapes appropriate taxation. Where councils have tried to regulate STRA operators, barriers for regulation include identification of STRA properties, lack of cooperation in data capture from operators and booking platform providers, and consistent regulation between local councils.
29. As more people look to non-traditional STRA, safety standards, hygiene standards, and contact tracing becomes significant guest care factors and priorities post-COVID-19. We face negative impacts of an unregulated and substandard product offered to both local and international visitors.
30. Hospitality NZ alongside other sector associations submitted a letter to MBIE in July 2020 recommending a compulsory registration/data sharing system that allows for information collection from all operators of STRA and a consistent national regulatory framework.

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31. Hospitality NZ would welcome the opportunity to work with you and related parties to:
- Define commercial accommodation in your area in a way that captures people who are benefiting from STRA house letting on a commercial level;
 - Ensure rates are appropriately collected from these businesses;
 - Ensure appropriate health and safety and compliance requirements on peer-to-peer house letting is set at a national level, removing the need for local councils to come up with the rules; and
 - Advocate to Central Government to create a national register of short-term rental accommodation properties, moving towards fair regulation of STRA operators.

Responsible Camping

32. Freedom camping has been a part of New Zealand culture for many years. However, in recent years, freedom camping has attracted more attention as international tourism numbers have grown, and communities have expected higher standards from both domestic and international tourists. The proliferation of non-self-contained freedom campers parking up in non-compliant spots around the country has increased to the detriment of local's perception of visitors, the environment and to other visitors using these facilities.
33. The number of international visitors who did some freedom camping in New Zealand has been rising recently, from 54,000 in the year ended 2013 to around 123,000 in the year ended 2018. This followed a period of moderate growth from around 10,000 visitors at the beginning of the 2000's. Total estimated spending by visitors who did some freedom camping has also increased significantly in this period, from \$210 million in 2013 to \$540 million in 2018. The growth in numbers and spending from this group of visitors followed a similar pattern to that seen for total international visitors. However, even with this increase, only 3.4 per cent of visitors to New Zealand did some freedom camping in 2017 and 2018.
34. The definition of "self-contained" now means freedom campers wanting to stay in restricted areas will need a toilet that can be used inside the vehicle even when the bed is made up.
35. The wider industry feels their local councils need to do more to control this issue and are also concerned about the damage being done to scenic spots due to lack of appropriate facilities. When left unmanaged it effects the amenity of an area negatively through rubbish, waste and congestion in public areas.
36. Direct effects can be seen on smaller accommodation providers where freedom campers have the ability to stay in areas where no clear local rules have been established. Therefore, having the ability to stay centrally in their vehicles as opposed to staying at small to medium sized accommodation.
37. The Tourism Infrastructure Fund put public bathrooms in many popular tourism spots, and unintentionally created places where people could freedom camp – some of which were only a few kilometres from a holiday park. We do not believe this contributes to the type of high value visitor we want.
38. Businesses primarily impacted are holiday parks as these freedom campers would traditionally have stayed in these facilities. Currently issues for holiday parks include freedom campers using facilities without paying.
39. Hospitality New Zealand wants local government to develop and strengthen appropriate regulations for responsible camping, and create infrastructure cost support for the future.

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40. Hospitality NZ would welcome the opportunity to work with you and related parties to:

- Take greater leadership in managing the locations where freedom campers can operate;
- Implement freedom camping bylaws through clear, honest, pragmatic consultation and feedback during its development; and
- Lobby to ensure Central Government has a strategy to acknowledge the growth in freedom camping – accommodating responsible camping but not to the detriment of other visitor experiences and other accommodation providers (i.e., Motels and Holiday parks).

Conclusion:

41. We thank Matamata-Piako District Council for the opportunity to provide input into the consultation.

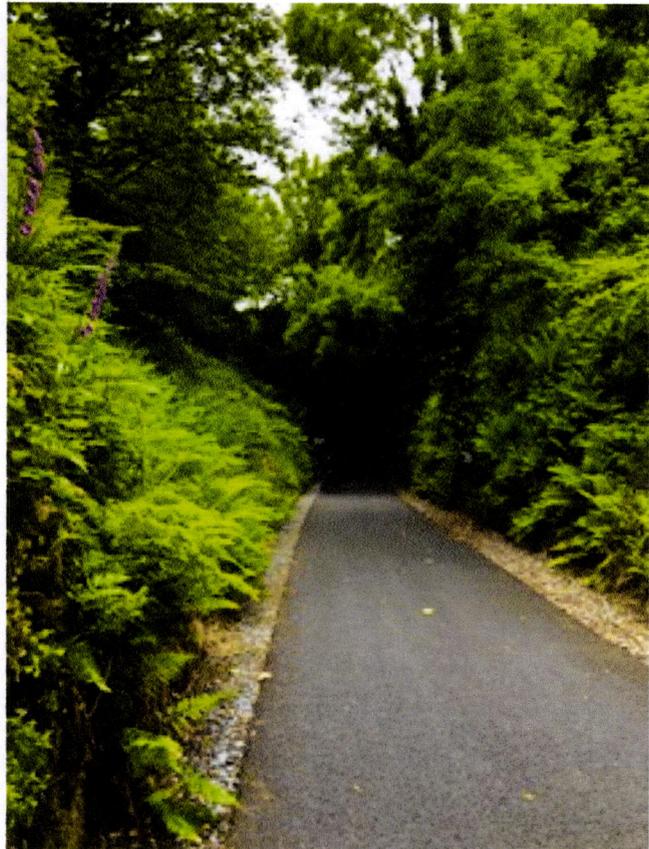
42. We would be happy to discuss any parts of this submission in more detail, and to provide any assistance that may be required.

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TO: MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL
RE: A MILK TRAIN TRAIL FOR MORRINSVILLE (MV)

Background

In 2019 my husband and I were in Ireland where we rode some cycleways, including the "Greenway" from Waterford to Dungarvin, shown in the photographs (rail line is unused), and I thought to myself, 'Why can't MV do this along the MV-Waitoa rail corridor? The more I thought about it, I realised it would bring alive some local history I was working on with a sub-committee at the MV museum. When mentioned in general conversation, the idea receives very positive feedback as it has with the Council.



This document is to outline to the Council the background to the project.

Opportunities

If the route begins behind the Events centre (making a good bike-hire business base close to town), passes the Murray Oaks reserve, the Tatua dairy company, and ends at Waitoa (following the "Milk Train trail"), it creates a potential tourist attraction, business opportunity, plus 'safe' off-road exercise area and alternative transport opportunity for residents.

A. As a potential tourist attraction it:

1. Captures several main phases of the town's/area's history en-route such as:
 - a) the settlement of the village of Morrin around the junction of two rail lines (the government-funded Thames line and Thames Valley Rail Company's Rotorua line)
 - b) the era of large sheep station owners (Murray of Murray Oaks, Morrin, Gould) or Colonialists (including T Russell who invested in and organised the No.1-8 road drainage scheme & Thames Valley Rail Company)
 - c) Pre-european use (tbc),

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- d) the development of the dairy industry on the wet, low-lying areas, least-suited to sheep
- e) the unique survival of three (originally 4) dairy companies within 11 km (and Greenlea Meats are comfortable - subject to confirmation of what is proposed to go there - with putting a picture or sculpture on their property to identify the location of the fourth dairy company -1949).

2. Offers some good photograph opportunities, such as, from the Murray Oak reserve looking back under the road bridge and up Annandale's tree-lined driveway, or licking the cream off the Can of Dairy Whip at Tatuani.

3. Is a comfortable (20-22kms-return) distance for the recreational cyclist (as a non-cyclist I found the 42 kms to Dungarvin a bit far, even on an electric bike!).

B. Business Opportunity: While NZ doesn't have the tourist numbers of Ireland and MV not a mecca, in Waterford there were three bike-hire firms, each providing a shuttle for the return trip, with the owner of the hire company we chose saying that, "he makes (employing a couple of students) enough over the summer to live on (single guy) and pay for an overseas trip each year". Combined with the Wallace gallery, cows and museum, the cycle way (especially if promoted the right way) would give MV another activity and tourist destination.

C. Safe place:

- a) for walkers (people, at present, avoid walking out of, or into, town because it is too dangerous crossing the Piako Bridge),
- b) walkers with dogs (currently having to drive out to the Murray Oak reserve to walk or run their dogs) and,
- c) cyclists (people put their bikes in their cars until they're out of town).
- d) off-road to exercise; even advanced cyclists from MV are fearful of the area's narrow roads - often without shoulders - and the open-road speed of vehicles plus wind gusts that large vehicles create.

D. An alternative method of transportation for staff employed at three-or-four of MV's biggest companies along the route. Cycling to work would improve both their and the planet's wellbeing.

Issues

The first obvious problem is the twice-a-day (most days Oct-Mar) running of the Milk Train (Waitoa-Hamilton). I was told that there is a large rail corridor with plenty of room to put the trail alongside the existing lines but, with further consideration, I now believe this only happens for a short part of the line (Tatuani) as elsewhere en-route property boundaries encroach and they would be too difficult to move. So, apart from researching Fonterra's intentions regarding the "Milk Train", the project cannot proceed along this route at this stage.

Even if the rail line becomes available, the second problem could be accessing the corridor at the end of Ron Ladd Place where the Thames & Rotorua rail lines separate, or Canada street where Lockerbie has a siding. A possible solution could be to start the trail at the end of Allen street where it appears MPDC or the "Lockerbie" dairy company has a pumping station (see photo below)? Many local users would connect at Strathmore/Allen street rather than in town.

Below are the Guidelines given to Users of the Waterford-Dungarvin "Greenway" (somebody might be able to come up with an alternative but still apt name for our trail).



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LTP Submission

Dog Park, Swap Park
Matamata

Hendrik Hilhorst

The case for a fenced dog training / exercise compound on Swap Park (2 metre high mesh fence, 5,000m² or 1.25 acres in area, preferred option Business Case, Sept 2020) has not been adequately substantiated, effects assessed, nor options fully analysed. My submission is that provision in the LTP for funding as an immediate project is premature.

I make the following points in support of my submission:

Council's Open Space Strategy 2021-51 is currently draft and refers to 'investigation' only in respect of dog parks. The current Asset Management Plan 2018 is still to be adopted and only makes oblique reference to dog parks but no reference to Swap Park. The operative Council Open Space Strategy 2013 makes no reference, the operative Active Reserves Management Plan 2009 with particular references to Swap Park, makes no reference.

District plan map 34 (Plan Change 47) maintains a reserve zoning over the area of the preferred option 2 location (Business Case, Sept 2020). The proposal is clearly a Non-Conforming activity and its effects are likely to be more than minor, requiring a resource consent process inclusive of affected parties.

The referenced business case does not appear to fully assess the potential costs or risks which may fall upon Council if it allows the proposal to proceed:

Capex

- Admin costs of specific consultation, resource consent; likely hearing, commissioners/ committee time, potential appeal
- Water connection, rubbish containers, drainage from entry area hard surfaces
- provision of shade and landscaping buffer
- Potential contingencies arising from a voluntary group construction effort, CPTED standards, health and safety liabilities.

Opex

- Maintenance of grass with significant surface degradation over time due dog scraping, urine and uncollected faeces leading to weeds, bare ground, smell and dust (Swap Park soils are dusty when dry and exposed).
- Fence and gate maintenance, water usage, bin clearance.

Risks

- Public complaints from activity
- The flight path landing zone of the helicopter pad is directly affected by any structures (preferred option 2 location, Business Case)
- Council having to take on health and safety issues and public liability for incidents
- Potential demand for more parking (incl maintaining provision for emergency vehicles), public toilets, or
- Under-utilisation by public

Note; Reference the current BMX track which was intended to be managed from 2011 onwards by the community; utilisation (low) and maintenance quality (poor).

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The proposal does not adequately differentiate between public use of the facility and a private dog training business which, with others, is promulgating use of this facility according to public information. How will the priorities of a public use reserve and all users predominate; what commercial arrangements are being proposed, where do financial and public risk liabilities fall between the parties.

I respectfully urge the Council to:

1. Delete this project from the LTP.
2. Complete the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy and then revise the current relevant reserve management plan(s) with respect to Swap Park;
 - There are a number of valuable initiatives forthcoming from the community including local Iwi, that should be considered and formulated into an overall master plan.
 - Until such time do not allow ad-hoc projects to proceed which have the effect of compromising significant areas of the reserve. The location for the fenced compound indicated in the preferred option, Business Case, is on the most prominent 'public face' of Swap Park, providing a high level of amenity and staging area off Burwood Rd for many of the casual recreation activities which currently take place.
3. Implement the 'mandate' in the Active Reserves Management Plan 2009 to gazette the land of Swap Park as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 to protect the public interest and enable Council a wider pool of funding sources for park development.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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1.0 Long Term Plan 2021 Summary.

Key issues - No planning for Morrinsville Events Centre or civic facilities for the next 10 years

Investigation only of the rec ground development

3 year Plan

Te Aroha Spa - \$18m – first tranche \$5.3m 2022/24

+ \$500,000 Swim Zone

+ \$750,000 Te Aroha Domain

Agree

Rubbish

Need to full service with rubbish – bins and food bins (like Invercargill (Yellow, green and red bins)

This is a core Council service for a healthy community. Vermin and random dumping would become an issue.

Resource recovery centres must be built to support growth towns.

Morrinsville Water

Complete Lochebie and Wisley park to mitigate single source risk and cater for growth.

Revitalising Town

Urban planner required (qualified) must be engaged first then complete streetscape on recommendations.

20 years since last done in Morrinsville. End of depreciated life anyway and needs upgrade

\$3.2m over 3 years is not enough for three towns

Need improvements to main street storm water first then develop streetscape.

Te Aroha Mountain bike and Dog park

Most popular idea with feedback – Agree.

Walkways

Morrinsville River walk - \$278,000 20122/23 + \$346,000 2024/25 – Agree.

Matamata Dog Park

No cost – done through bylaws - Agree

2.0 Things to Investigate

Morrinsville Rec Ground - \$1.2m over 7 years

Pool redevelopment \$12.3m

There must be Morrinsville event centre and civic centre planning included in LTP.

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Te Aroha Civic Facilities

\$4.6m upgrade of Museum and i-site – defer if doing the Spa upgrade.

Cycleway to Morrinsville

\$53,000 investigation - Agree

\$6.3m to construct - Agree

Housing for the Elderly

109 social housing units owned by Council across the district. (age 1959 – 1985)

\$617k 2022/23 and \$1.6m, 2024/25 – low investment (is it enough? And Lockerbie doing it anyway given demand)

Not core a Council activity – is central government responsibility if more are required to be built.

Stage for Matamata Civic Centre

Do not agree - rent is cheaper for amount of times used. ie \$7k to rent. Can fund raise locally to get one if essential. Matamata has a top class civic centre already and enough spent on this.

3.0 Looking Further Ahead (10 years)

Agree with :

- Waiorongomai carpark
- Upgrade wastewater treatment plants
- Upgrade Te Aroha civil of falling main
- Treatment water storage for Matamata
- Tower Road pump station and rising main

Need to add

- Morrinsville Event Centre to be considered in the rec ground review lie new sport centre with a rehab unit
- Morrinsville civic facilities - i.e. a library in Council offices
- Needs to be a decent events Centre in town

Financial Goals

Allocating \$119,000,000 over the 2021 to the 2031 period for the above. Need 11.8% rate increase to maintain services especially around rubbish collection – noting a deficit last year.

Normal Council debt limits are 150% of total revenue. MPDC is 42% of total revenue now. Debt peak assessed at \$110m in 2028/29 with planned spending which equates to 126% of revenue. Growth will dilute rates increases over time if get amenities and services right as above.

Key Message – Audit report

Ref p29. The government intends to make three waters reform decisions during 2021. The effect of those reforms may have significant impacts on long-term plans given revenue and assets in regard to stormwater, drinking water, and wastewater will be stripped from councils and therefore affecting debt Caps and ability to deliver on items within this long term plan.

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1)

The MATAMATA ROTARY CLUB supports the extension of walkways around Matamata We would like to see further extension from STANLEY FARM LANE (which was a Rotary project) joining the Neil Algar Walkway, James Ave ,Everad Ave, Furniss Park etc through to Station Road, then Eldonwood and Peakdale subdivision.

Ultimately back into town connecting to Centennial Drive, Tom Grant Drive and onwards We understand the Council has this in mind but we as a club would be willing to work with council to develop this project. (We understand there is a initial development process in place for another resthome/retirement establishment, that could make continuance of the Stanley Farm Lane walkway a good worthwhile project. If that is the case, possibly some serious community negotiation with KiwiRail for an underpass or an alarmed pedestrian / bicycle crossing to say about opposite 57 Waharoa Road East. KiwiRail Web pages show themselves to actively get involved on walkways /bicycle paths on Rail corridors.

2)

We acknowledge the Community initiative for a specific off leash canine area on Swap Park. Our Club will consider any request for Service Club working bee type support in that construct. We assume the rotary wing air ambulance aircraft approach and departure paths to the helicopter pad have been considered, as to fencing height and location .

3)

Our club still has a stage three plan to complete to the Skate Board amenity . As a courtesy to the Rotarians who initiated that Club project and a well observed use , families and young people. If Council could keep that in mind. We also enquire as to a proposed upgrade to town Camera security system, our Club has considered a contribution to a replacement security camera that is specific to that Skate Board amenity area.

4)

Club members note the increase in family and young people use of the BMX Track Burwood Road. Appreciate the speed limit reduced to 50km past Rotary Grove on Burwood Road. If families/interested users ever become a structured Club, a Matamata Service Club may be able to work in with Council on a starting gate, that would be an essential requirement for fair club/competition use, A gender neutral sport, as an example,(Rebecca Petch. 2020 NZ Womens champion, pandemic stalled possibly being a part of a NZ BMX team to Olympic Games , Tokyo 2021) BMX is a recognised sport.

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You can view the impact of the proposed increase on your own property at mpdc.nz/ratessearch

	Property value	Rates bill 2020/21	Proposed increase for 2021/22	Average annual increase for next ten years
Urban property connected to services 	\$350,000	\$2,285	\$200 (8.7%)	\$173 (5.8%)
	\$550,000	\$2,516	\$235 (9.3%)	\$188 (5.8%)
	\$850,000	\$2,862	\$288 (10.1%)	\$211 (5.7%)
Rural Lifestyle property not connected to services 	\$600,000	\$1,423	\$124 (8.7%)	\$74 (4.3%)
	\$1 million	\$1,885	\$195 (10.3%)	\$105 (4.5%)
Commercial property connected with two toilets 	\$500,000	\$3,755	\$230 (6.1%)	\$294 (6.0%)
	\$800,000	\$4,101	\$283 (6.9%)	\$317 (5.9%)
Rural property not connected to services 	\$5 million	\$6,502	\$903 (13.9%)	\$405 (5.0%)
	\$8 million	\$9,965	\$1,434 (14.4%)	\$631 (5.1%)

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LTP submission by KTAB

1. Keep Te Aroha Beautiful (KTAB) is concerned about the condition of the forest and various tracks along the lower slopes of Mnt Te Aroha, in reserves managed by Matamata Piako District Council (MPDC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC). These reserves are located between Tui Road in the north and Princess Street in the South.
2. These areas are invaded by many weed species, significantly compromising the biodiversity values and users' experience of the reserves.
3. The domain reserve, which is part of this area, is considered the "Gateway to Mnt Te Aroha" and is intensively used by residents and visitors. The area is infested with many pest plants and some tracks are degraded.
4. Plant pest control, forest restoration, upgrading of tracks and maintenance need to be a priority for Council and adequately funded.
5. The various reports supporting the new Day Spa development recognize that the appearance of the domain and surrounding areas need to be improved and the draft LTP has allocated funding (\$750,000 from 2021-2026) for these improvements. Although it is not clear what these improvements are, KTAB recommends that, if the new spa development goes ahead, part of this funding should be allocated to upgrading the upper domain area.
6. If the proposed new Day Spa development does not go ahead the restoration work should become a project itself and be sufficiently funded by Council through the LTP for implementation and continued maintenance.
7. KTAB's concern and resulting submission was prompted by recent clearing of pest plants (weeds) behind the spa and around the geyser, in an area that was cleared and planted some 10 years ago when various community service groups were involved.
8. We understand that this work, 10 years ago, was based on a forest restoration plan prepared for MPDC in 2009 by Wayne Bennett from Forest Flora. It appears that this plan was not followed through and initial clearing and plantings not maintained resulting in reinfestation of weeds.
9. Council staff have forwarded the Forest Flora report to KTAB and we consider the recommendations in the plan still largely valid.
10. KTAB recommends Council review the report as many more weeds have established and control methods may need to be adjusted. Other works may also be required/desirable such as track upgrades/ cultural/plant information signs etc.
11. KTAB proposes to work with Council such as providing suitable plants from their community nursery and help facilitate planting and weeding if required.
12. There are also volunteer community members who are keen to set up a so-called Weedbusters group under the KTAB umbrella. This group would draw information and technical support from the national Weedbusters organization.
13. Involvement of primary schools and college could be facilitated through Enviroschools and other programmes such as the William Pike challenge programme (Te Aroha College).
14. Restoration of the upper domain however, is considered a priority as this area is the gateway to Mnt Te Aroha used by many residents and visitors. Together with the other facilities in the domain, significant improvement of this area would further enhance the experience of users and promote Te Aroha as a tourist destination.

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15. KTAB is also submitting to the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (POSS) regarding the management of the larger reserve area along the foot of Mnt Te Aroha and possible collaborations between councils, Iwi and the community.

Keep Te Aroha Beautiful

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My name is Richard Print, I live at 734 Mangawara Road.

This road has been recognized by council as of non viable farming district and yet there a many of us up here enjoying the country life and lifestyle that the valley gives us? The blocks of land will no doubt slowly be broken down to lifestyle properties as a lot have already been sub-divided along the whole 8.5 k's

I am forwarding an application for the long term Council plan to include tar-sealing part of Mangawara road, Hoe-O-Tainui - from the end of the present tar-seal to just after the second one way bridge. This area is around 3k's and is the worst part of the metal road and is always is a state of disrepair due to corners, drop offs down to the river, rain water cuts across it in places, its quite windy in places and it rises and falls.

After the second one way bridge the road flattens out and widens and has no drop so stays in pretty good condition.

There is at present 14 families living on the metal end of the road and bare blocks frequently visited by their owners. So there is a potential for 31 traffic movements each day from these households and bare blocks. A traffic movement is both ways.

We also have the post-man 6 days a week, stock trucks throughout the week, people accessing the reserve bush walk, a new bus run that starts next term and visitors.

At the moment there is a lot of activity with the removal of the forestry at the end of the road, so more trucks.

I have tried to have the maintenance of the road kept up by phoning when the road becomes bad but I feel with the lack of response recently we now have to look at the big picture as the roads condition is very poor condition and becoming dangerous.

I have had a lot of issues with my cars in the respect of repairs that are due to vibration which in normal circumstances wouldn't occur. Example all the electronic sensors fell off the wheels on my car and wrapped themselves around the axles, the exhaust system fell off my truck and that is just me.

A petition was presented to the council wanting the maintenance stepped up quite some time ago, the whole road signed it. The council did repairs in the following days and that was it. It has been random repairs ever since. I am not going to waste my time and energy getting signatures of the affected users to present to the council as you will be fully aware that they will sign it.

I wrote a letter to the council 16 February reference number 41305, before this I phoned both Neil and Mike, your roading managers, about grading the road. A truck did come out, after the phone call and filled a couple of pot holes and that was it. The reply to the letter was "submit a submission to the Long Term Plan about the tar-sealing".

Oh by the way the road has still not been graded.

For example Reay and Watson road used to get graded about every 9 weeks before it got tar-sealed. Mangawara road appears to get graded once a year if we are lucky - is that because there are no cowshed's on it?

We have lived up this road for 4 years and in that time on the metal road only, there has been 4 properties sub-divided and 3 building consents for new homes and still there is potential for 2 more houses on 2 of the bare blocks that were sub-divided. That's more rates for the council and obviously more traffic on the metal road and yet the maintenance on the road has declined.

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Submission to the Matamata Piako District Council Long Term Plan

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Topic: *Long Term Plan* – Waihou Recreation Reserve

Summary

This submission is on behalf of three non-profit sport and therapy groups that are three of the primary users of the Waihou Recreation Grounds (WRG):

- Te Aroha and Districts Riding for the Disabled (RDA);
- Morrinsville Te Aroha Dressage Group; and
- Te Aroha Hack and Hunters.

The above groups will be forming a joint venture (Joint Venture group) to, if supported by Council, construct an all weather outdoor arena on the Waihou Recreation Grounds. The fourth user of the grounds, Waihou Rugby and Sports Group, supports the all weather arena proposal.

The construction of an outdoor all weather area has been discussed with the Council's Coordinator for Operations and Projects and is provided for in MPDC's current Sport and Recreation Plan.

The purpose of this submission is to ensure that development of the all weather arena is supported by the LTP, by ensuring sufficient amounts of the forecast \$3.013M surplus of Community Purposes Reserve is put aside in the the 21/22 – 23/24 financial years to support construction of the all weather arena. The Joint Venture is separately submitting an application for grants to support this project, which we hope will receive some of the Multi-Year Community Grant as \$20k, \$10k, and \$10k amounts from 21/22 through to 23/24.

Proposed community benefits associated with construction of an all weather arena

The arena would directly benefit three of the four user groups and indirectly benefit the fourth group, and has the potential to increase the number of users of the reserve.

The building of the arena would also benefit Council as it would provide the topsoil necessary to complete the designated resurfacing work on the front paddock. The resurfacing work was previously provided for in the MPDC 19/20 Annual Plan but rescheduled to autumn 2021 as a result of Covid.

- RDA: A purpose built, fenced outdoor arena with good footing would greatly benefit RDA riders. The indoor facilities for RDA riders are limiting as they have 10 poles

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interrupting the riding space hence where possible the RDA riders benefit from riding outdoors. However the current designated outdoor riding space does not meet RDA safety specifications. It also has a graveled thoroughfare through the centre. This is a safety issue and is uncomfortable for the ponies as most are not shod.

- Hack and Hunters: An all weather outdoor arena would provide good footing for jumping in all weathers ie a safer environment for all riders. A fenced arena with a good footing would encourage younger riders to participate and build confidence.
- Dressage group (MTDG). Level, stable, footing is essential for horse welfare and safe riding.
- Waihou Rugby and Sports Group (indirect benefit). Provision of an all weather arena will reduce potential damage to the rugby surface.

Submission to Matamata-Piako District Council Long Term Plan 2021

Creative Waikato:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the MPDC 10 Year Plan.

Key points – Creative Waikato -

- Supports opportunities that enable communities to thrive, engage with the district and improve wellbeing.
- Request Council consider outcomes outlined in follow-up brief regarding post-recovery arts solutions (attached) sent to Councillors on 11 December 2020, as part of its decision-making process.
- Seeks endorsement of the Waikato Arts Navigator strategy (strategy attached) and a commitment to work with Creative Waikato on developing an Arts Action Plan for the Matamata-Piako district.
- Seeks commitment of \$10,000 per annum as ongoing engagement in the implementation of the Waikato Arts Navigator.

Introduction

We commend Council in its vision, to be ‘the place of choice – for lifestyle, opportunity, home’ and support projects that enable your community to become a more vibrant, thriving place. More detailed responses on specific projects are outlined below.

LTP Focus areas Years 1-3

Te Aroha Spa

Turning Te Aroha Spa into a health and wellness hub will provide a key asset for both residents and visitors. As indicated, proposed investment in surrounding areas is also important, as this will extend the overall experience. There are opportunities to incorporate arts and cultural activity, which also contribute to health and wellbeing. It can play a major role in placemaking, providing an understanding of cultural identity and promoting social cohesion.

Revitalising town centres

We support the proposal to revitalise your town centres, including immediate measures, such as bins and lighting as well as long-term initiatives such as developing master plans, which will provide an overall design and vision for town centres.

Councils’ roles combine statutory functions such as planning, housing, buildings conservation, public transport and parking with strategic coordination and innovative intervention and economic development with partners.¹ Local authorities can take a leading role or be important partners in sustaining communities through town centre revitalisation.

¹ ‘Revitalising town centres – a handbook for Council leadership’
http://www.ngdp.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/5.33%20Town%20Centre_04_web.pdf

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Town centres post-covid

One of the biggest lessons post-Covid is an acknowledgement that we have a human desire for connectivity, for culture and meaning – because having a strong sense of place really resonates with people. Town centres have a personality and a pulse. Social contact is a vital part of our wellbeing, so the connectivity that town centres can offer is irreplaceable. It's critical to retain that sense of place, because it matters now, more so than ever before.

Moving forward town centres will need to be create environments where innovating, creative-thinking start-ups and businesses can grow and thrive. A long-term, coordinated approach to town centre revitalisation will be required.²

Artists and creative practitioners are particularly skilled in designing and delivering innovative, strategic and cost-effective solutions, and we encourage the Council to look at ways to involve the arts community in the redevelopment of town centre master plan(s).

Years 4-10

Destination playgrounds

Destination playgrounds are unique in that they are designed with a community in mind. It can be a gathering place for community events, engage civic dialogue, attract attention and provide economic benefit.

Arts can have an integral role in the design of these playgrounds. Incorporating local history or other elements that represent your community, they can become an asset that is truly unique. They can also enhance public appreciation of arts and connect artists with communities.

We would encourage Council to involve artists and creative practitioners in the design phase of this planned playground. This will provide an interactive and engaging experience for the community.

Things to investigate further

Te Aroha civic facilities (library, i-site, museum)

Libraries and Museums are integral assets for communities, they act as community catalysts. Both institutions promote continuing education and lifelong learning. Libraries and Museums can revitalise communities, act as a safe haven for community members, and also as a resource for individuals of all backgrounds and ethnicities.³

As part of its investigation, we would encourage Council to consider -

- how to ensure these facilities include spaces that are accessible to artists and community-based arts groups, where they can make and show their work to audiences
- if there's opportunity to work with mana whenua to identify how these facilities can grow the broader public's understanding of and engagement with local stories and histories, mātauranga Māori and te reo Māori
- how to work with local artists and practitioners to create a strong sense of cultural identity

² 'Reviving and sustaining our town centres in a post-covid 19 world'

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/prosper/advice/122498999/reviving-and-sustaining-our-town-centres-in-a-postcovid19-world>

³ Rosales, R 'Museums and libraries work hand in hand' <http://publiclibrariesonline.org/2017/02/museums-and-libraries-work-hand-in-hand/>

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A stage for the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre

The Civic and Memorial Centre is a key asset for the district and would be further enhanced with the addition of a stage. A stage could be a focal point for community events and festivals.

Community events and festivals have direct and indirect impacts on communities. They provide opportunities for participation, skills development, volunteering and social, cultural, economic and environmental developments. Community events and festivals can attract tourists and visitors at regional, national and international level.

Events could involve local people and suppliers in provision of services, food, beverages, and attractions, increasing the economic benefit to the district. Local vendors, artisans, artists, restaurateurs and hoteliers may make a large portion of their annual income during the course of an event.⁴

A stage would provide opportunities for community connection and participation, that have impacts that go well beyond what can be measured in economic terms. It would help contribute to the quality of life across the district by strengthening communities, providing unique activities and events, building awareness of diverse cultures and identities and acting as a source of community pride.

The benefits of investing in arts and culture – wellbeing outcomes

The arts community are uniquely positioned to deliver outcomes across social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing. Providing residents and visitors can benefit many aspects of their wellbeing.

Cultural

- Enabling diverse communities to express and celebrate their cultural identity
- Helping communities to understand and accept cultural differences
- Supporting the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori
- Growing knowledge and value of the stories, values and places of importance to mana whenua
- Increasing understanding of Pasifika communities and Aotearoa's place in the Pacific

Environmental

- Creating spaces and places that people value and want to care for
- Addressing and growing understanding of complex environmental issues
- Building communities' connection to the whenua
- Creating a sense of place, belonging and civic pride

Social

- Creating a sense of belonging, connectedness and greater understanding between communities
- Supporting good physical and mental health outcomes
- Enhancing a community's ability to deal with social challenges
- Growing people's knowledge and providing opportunities to learn

⁴ Impacts of community events and festivals on rural places'

[https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/csi13702/\\$FILE/Community-events-and-festivals.pdf](https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/csi13702/$FILE/Community-events-and-festivals.pdf)

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Economic

- Creating jobs and opportunities for local businesses – artists and arts organisations, and the aligned sectors of hospitality, tourism, education and manufacturing – and providing valuable work skills
- Creating vibrant towns and cities people want to live, work and plan in
- Supporting a stronger sense of connection to place for both residents and visitors by providing and promoting distinctive stories and experiences unique to a rohe
- Supporting recovery from unexpected shocks or disasters through supporting social cohesion and opportunities for people to share experiences
- Making your town or city an attractive place for tourists.⁵

Impact investment funding

The arts is a sector that can build the economy and revitalise communities.

With Council leading the way, there are real opportunities for other partners to deploy capital for creativity. Partners that value the arts, storytelling, creativity, art lovers, art collectors, and artists themselves are looking for opportunities to align their capital with their priorities.⁶

For businesses it is commercially beneficial; it can help reach new customers, enhance their brand and give them a competitive edge – but also provide a valuable source of creativity, inspiration and innovation.⁷

Pathways to support the arts through investments aren't always obvious. Yet the positive effects are profound. Investing in the creative economy isn't just about benefiting artists. A thriving arts scene often breathes life into communities by attracting new businesses, creating jobs, and drawing traffic. Creative Waikato encourages Council to build on this initiative and invest more - it's not only an investment in art, it's an investment in people.

⁵ Creative New Zealand 'Arts and culture, part of your communities future'

⁶ UpStart Co-Lab – Creativity, investment, impact - <https://www.upstartco-lab.org/research/>

⁷ 'Why invest in the arts' Creative Partnerships Australia - <https://creativepartnerships.gov.au/for-supporters-and-investors/why-invest-in-the-arts/>

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We seek Council endorsement of the following:

Waikato Arts Navigator – Regional Arts Strategy

Background

Creative Waikato knows that the work we do has an impact in our region and beyond. This knowledge has been developed through the past 8 years, and is informed by our stakeholders, and our engagement in the community.

Creative Waikato has established connections with the 10 territorial authorities in the Waikato Region. This is further strengthened through the establishment of the Waikato Arts Navigator – a regional arts strategy that is strength-based and provides an understanding of the service provision within the arts and creative sector throughout the region.

Since 2020, Creative Waikato has been talking to Councils about opportunities to utilise arts solutions for post-covid recovery.

Waikato Arts Navigator – Regional Arts Strategy

The Waikato Arts Navigator (WAN) creates a shared framework, including a vision and strategy, for supporting and strengthening our arts and culture in the region. It guides planning and decision making.

In using WAN as our common strategy, we can all track in the same direction and cross-regional efforts will support, complement and strengthen one another.

The vision

The Waikato prospers with diverse and transformative creativity activity

Arts and creativity are integral to who we are as a dynamic, inclusive and transformative region. When arts and creativity is strong and visible, communities are strong and visible.

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Five threads of the Waikato Arts Navigator

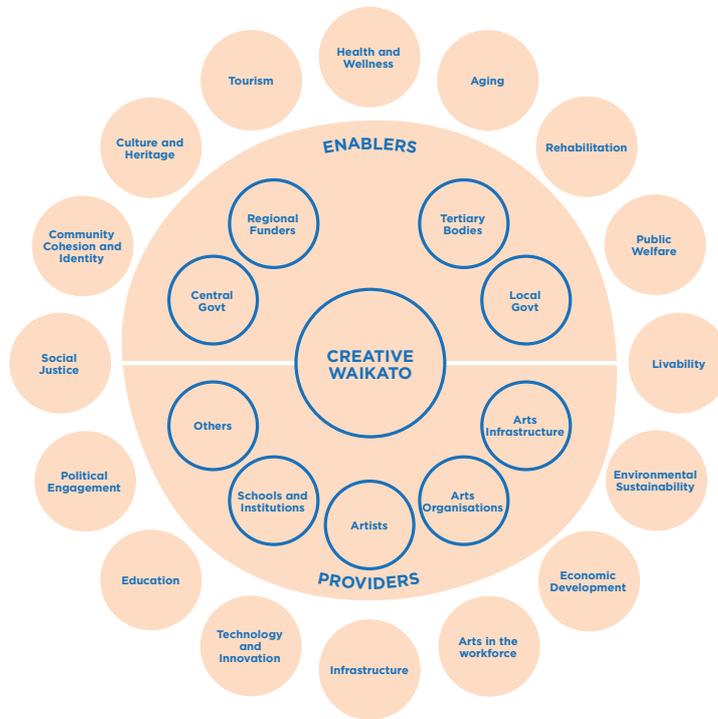
The ultimate objective of WAN is to have all Councils in the region making decisions with the following outcomes in mind. The effect of this would be transformational for the Waikato.

CREATIVE WELLBEING	CREATIVE PROSPERITY	CREATIVE EXPERIENCES	CREATIVE EDUCATION	CREATIVE INNOVATION
Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing	Creative economies	People experience local, national, international arts	Participatory art projects	Business partnerships
Positive collective & individual identities	Attract & retain residents	Community & cultural expression	Upskilling creative professionals	Informing local government decision making
Create, grow & strengthen communities	Tourism opportunities	Recreation & interaction	Community art classes & projects	Local problem solving
Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19	Positive national perceptions	Community engagement & connection	Youth development	Distinct local expression
Strengthened connection to place	Increased investment from regional & national funders	Local pride	Audience development	Creative export opportunities

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Arts as part of our community ecosystem

The arts can be, and should be, embedded in all facets of our community. They feed into a broader understanding of the ecosystem in our community and place. When we collectively use arts-based approaches we move forward in an inclusive and engaging way.



It is important for local government, industry and sector leaders to see artists as a more embedded component within the rest of society. This encourages a collaborative space where the value of the artists in society can be better recognised and utilised. As part of this, it would include a diverse but interconnected ecosystem of arts infrastructure (both hard and soft) that would provide clear pathways for artists and community members at any stage of the journey.

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Arts and culture – where are we now

By investing in the creative sector to deliver creative and cultural activities, local government can deliver long-term value to communities. We already know that the arts help improve New Zealand society, make us feel more confident and contribute positively to our economy.

As a region, we value the arts –

- 78% engaged with the arts by attending or participating in at least one art form in the past 12 months, similar to the national average of 80%
- 67% attended at least one arts event or location in the past 12 months, compared to 73% nationally
- 1 in 5 people have attended a Ngā toi Māori (Māori arts) even in the Waikato region in the past 12 months
- 56% agree the arts help create connection between different people in the community
- 47% agree the arts activities available in the Waikato give young people an opportunity to express themselves
- 38% agree that the arts and culture are very or extremely important to the region's identity.⁸

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the arts and cultural sector. There was an increase in creative activity throughout the lockdown, but in-person participation (as audience, as performers, as members of groups, societies and classes) ceased, causing major challenges for arts organisations in the Waikato region.

Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021 –

- Sector employment is forecast to decline by 11.7% versus 9.8% across the New Zealand economy
- Sector GDP is forecast to decline by 16.4% versus 8% across the New Zealand economy. This decline is driven by decreased household incomes and tourism spending, and changes in audience behaviours
- About 1/3 of workers are self-employed and many work part-time. Two key sources of secondary employment for creatives – hospitality and construction – will be the hardest hit sectors.

A 10-year outlook

WAN provides an aspirational vision to see our region become a place with a vibrant arts and cultural sector that thrives with diverse and transformative creative activity. This means that there is the ongoing sustainable development of a wide range of artistic and cultural activities. The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities with robust and flourishing pathways from participation and audience engagement, training and capability development through a range of practical activities culminating in having a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to live and thrive.

'The most defining aspect of the next age is that it is a creative age – the world will be shaped by creatively minded citizens developing creative processes and ideas'⁹

⁸ Momentum Waikato—Waikato Vital Signs 2020 'Culture and Arts' report (other ref Creative New Zealand, 'New Zealanders and the Arts 2017)

⁹ Gardiner, R 'The Future of New Zealand is creative', <https://brownbread.co.nz/the-good-stuff/issue-1/rob-sue-gardiner>

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A strategic framework with a long-term view point, recognises that transformational change takes time. There are many elements that must coincide to enable such transformation – hard and soft infrastructure, arts activity, regeneration, supporting artists and arts organisations, valuing creativity and creative thinking. Proactive collaboration and strong advocacy from Councils and other leadership organisations such as philanthropic funders, tertiary organisations, regional leadership organisations, Iwi and other regional networks will inevitably empower the broader community to work towards a common vision.

There is an opportunity to continue to make this change with a strategy that is forward in its intent but localised in its action.

Long-term focus areas

Embedding arts and creativity

The extent to which our communities can see the arts in their places and spaces, in the activity around them and in the interactions with others, is a reflection of how embedded the arts and creativity is in their community.

The arts can have a transformative effect in how people see themselves and the world. It contributes hugely to overall wellbeing as well as creating employment. By embedding the arts in our soft infrastructure (people and services) and hard infrastructure (physical assets) we will really start to see transformation.

Ongoing sustainable investment

Investment in the arts is an investment in communities. Investment over an extended period of time allows for a more strategic consideration of how this can be used – to have broader visions for activity because there is more time to plan, opportunity to collaborate with both the arts and cultural sector and wider communities because there is more time and scope to create meaningful relationships.

Collaboration to foster and grow creative activity

To strengthen and grow creative activity, a collaborative approach recognises that all sectors make an important contribution to the cultural wellbeing of our region. These partners form part of an interconnected eco-system that can support a regeneration of ideas, cultivate new connections and realise transformative ideas.

Supporting artistic pathways through capability building

Supporting artists and arts organisations, with capability building, ensures the arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.

With robust and flourishing pathways - from participation and audience engagement, to training and capability development through to a range of practical activities, we will have a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to thrive.

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Recent initiatives

Elevate programme

Previously known as the PACE (Pathways to Arts and Cultural Employment) Scheme, Creative Waikato secured a two-year pilot programme, now known as 'Elevate', from the Ministry of Social Development. This programme is to support people in the creative arts sector to find or retain creative careers. Participants will be supported to develop business skills and knowledge that will help them to sustain a career in the creative sector. The initial target will be 120 participants (Waikato region) per year for two years.

Huber Social

Creative Waikato is currently working with Huber Social, a social impact agency, to conduct a social impact investigation into the Impact of Arts, Culture and Creativity on our region's wellbeing. The project consists to two distinct parts -

- Regional measurement – a collective, data-driven approach to demonstrate the impact of the arts, providing evidence of impact of arts, culture and creativity on the wellbeing of Waikato people
- Community toolkit – production of an arts-focused community toolkit to build capability in the sector regionally, empowering and enabling community organisations to understand and articulate the impact of the work they do from a wellbeing perspective.

Creative Waikato engagement with Matamata-Piako

Creative Waikato has been working with Matamata-Piako District Council since mid-2020, to look at ways the arts can be used as solutions to post-recovery issues facing the district.

Subsequent to our presentation to Council on 22 July 2020 and hosting Councillors in Hamilton in early August on an 'art tour'. A proposal was submitted to Councillors in late August, which outlined potential opportunities within each town (Te Aroha, Matamata and Morrinsville) and associated costs. The purpose of this was to provide a conceptual picture as to how these could be implemented as well as the overall benefits.

At Council's request, a workshop was held with the Te Aroha arts community, on 17 November, to get their perspective on how Te Aroha's creative community has been affected during Covid-19 and whether the arts can help embed a sense of community belonging and shape how Te Aroha looks.

A Council workshop was held on 2 December 2020, to discuss feedback from the Te Aroha arts community consultation and to look at next steps.

A visioning exercise was conducted with Councillors which focused on what big creative project for Te Aroha they are most excited by, what impact this would have for local people as well as the benefits and outcomes this would encourage.

We would encourage Council to revisit the follow-up brief that was provided (attached) and consider ideas that were put forward, based on community and Councillor feedback.

Local government fund

Creative New Zealand has recently opened the Local Government Arts Fund to assist Councils to support the resilience and recovery of local arts organisations affected by Covid-19. Councils can apply for support for arts activities or for the development of a post-covid arts strategy. We would encourage

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Council to work together with their arts community to explore this as a potential avenue for funding. Creative Waikato would be happy to support this application. *This fund closes on 14 May 2021.*

Working with Council – next steps

Continuation of WAN investment

In the past three years Matamata-Piako District Council has financially committed each year to the development of the Waikato Arts Navigator. We ask that this commitment is continued through the next LTP cycle with \$10,000 per annum investment in Creative Waikato for ongoing engagement and connection with the MPDC Council and community with regards to the implementation of the Waikato Arts Navigator.

Arts Action Plan

The purpose of developing an Arts Action Plan, is to help focus Councils' efforts, using the five threads in the WAN to create a common language and purpose that can be used across many areas to align direction and decision-making.

It will also be useful for communities to see themselves in the plan and how the outcomes will affect them.

The Action Plan will help prioritise goals and measurements for *how* the outcomes in the strategy will be achieved pertinent to what is deemed important within each community.

Creative Waikato looks forward to working with Matamata-Piako District Council to develop your own Arts Action Plan.

MPDC Workshop

2 December 2020

Follow-up brief



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Arts community consultation

The arts community consultation included representation from performing arts (theatre), library, museum, glass, creative studio and sculptural arts (see Appendix 1 for full list of attendees). Some background about the Waikato Arts Navigator strategy and utilising the arts solutions to address post-recovery issues was discussed. The following four questions were put to the group for discussion in groups –

1. What impact has Covid-19 had on you as an artist/arts organisation?
2. What are the main issues for you moving forward?
3. What art solutions could be implemented in your community?
4. What does this look like (resources, collaboration, etc)

Feedback

The main issues regarding the impact of Covid-19 included cancellation of shows, uncertainty regarding future planning, and mental health including morale of actors and stress experienced by children.

The issues moving forward included potential for more lockdowns, funding uncertainty, morale and sustainability of volunteers, need for better coordination [between arts groups] and developing partnerships and engagement with other groups.

The arts solutions suggested included the formation of an umbrella group to assist with rebuild (recovery), an Arts Festival which included different genres and groups i.e., choir, country music, interactive artist trails, visual displays in shops and involving children. It was felt that Te Aroha had a lot to offer in terms of natural assets, being artist retreat and the potential to build on its heritage as well as look to the future.

There was consensus around establishing an arts umbrella group consisting of representatives of different arts groups, Iwi etc and that an Arts Coordinator could assist with coordination of activities, funding, promotion and getting something going to build on in the future. A full summary of the responses to these questions can be found in Appendix 2.

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Council workshop

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Visioning ideas

Ideas that Councillors discussed included building on ideas that were already established such as the Adrian Worsley gallery or were in the process of being considered such as the Te Aroha Spa, Domain and Skatepark. Art trails were also discussed as something which could be built upon.

A brief summary of these ideas can be found in Appendix 3.

Councillors also discussed the impact and potential benefits that they could see stemming from these projects, these included –

- Economic development
- Social wellbeing and healing
- Increased tourism and jobs
- Establishing a creative and social hub
- Growing performing arts
- Community engagement
- Te Aroha becoming a destination

In terms of impact, the above also aligns well with community feedback in terms of establishing an Arts Festival that could achieve these outcomes and the need for a Coordination role, not only for the Festival, but for the ongoing sustainability of the arts sector.

Potential scenarios

In considering feedback from the community and Council ideas, Creative Waikato also discussed potential scenarios which could enable this to happen. These included -

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Arts Festival Coordinator	
Description	Short term contract Te Aroha focus Coordinator delivers a festival or arts project. This could be a performing arts festival, series of public artworks etc. A hands-on operational role to achieve a specific outcome. Some advisory support from Creative Waikato
Advantages	Immediate outcome and impact 1 off cost Lower cost than ongoing support
Disadvantages	Limited or no long term impact Often public is looking for follow up or continuation

Arts Coordinator – long term	
Description	Longer term contract or ongoing position District-wide focus Arts coordinator works with local arts community, council, and other key stake holders to increase the capacity and capability of the local arts sector. Focused on longer term strategic development for community based outcomes. A support/strategic role rather than operational. Potential for close partnership with Creative Waikato
Advantages	Greater longer term outcomes A more sustainable arts sector More arts events and projects occur (in the medium and long term) Increased skills in the arts community Higher awareness of the arts in the town Arts investment goes further
Disadvantages	Less short term impact More expensive than short term project delivery

A hybrid model of an Arts Coordinator was also put forward, for instance, a long-term coordinator could begin their role with a project delivery as a way of connecting with the arts community and support organisations. They could then transition out of project delivery into a more strategic support role.

Cost

The financial cost of the Festival Coordinator role would depend entirely on the size and complexity of the festival (or arts project).

The Arts Coordinator (long term) role could be a full time salary, or part time. This person could work across numerous districts if neighbouring councils were interested in sharing costs of the salary. There would be some associated costs to support this role (mobile phone, computer, travel, etc). Specific costs for any of these scenarios can be determined once scope is known.

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Proposal

Moving forward Council will need to decide how they might proceed and what they wish to invest, however, it is essential that any investment is proportionate to the outcomes Council and the community have conveyed.

Below is a summary of potential ideas, associated outcomes and costs. This is a rough indication only and is based on the Arts Festival idea put forward by the community, which includes a variety of different mediums and genres, and an opportunity to celebrate all that is unique to Te Aroha with locals and visitors.

It would be prudent to ensure that a curatorial approach be taken to any event organisation, as this would ensure the Festival is planned with an overall cohesive structure and programme.

Idea	Outcomes	Cost
An arts afternoon that brings locals together to experience local arts. Strengthening communities.	Economic development Social wellbeing and healing Establishing a creative and social hub Community engagement	\$20K+ spend
A local focused event that draws some people from neighbouring areas. Includes local acts as well as bought in acts from elsewhere.	Economic development Social wellbeing and healing Increased tourism and jobs Establishing a creative and social hub Community engagement	\$50K+ spend
A transformational event that builds local pride and draws larger amounts of people from outside of the area. Brings more money into the local economy with people staying overnight. Includes local and national acts including significant headline acts. Generates national press coverage. Creates a reputation as a significant regional event.	Economic development Social wellbeing and healing Increased tourism and jobs Establishing a creative and social hub Growing performing arts Community pride and engagement Te Aroha becoming a destination	\$100K+ spend

Next steps

Creative Waikato is happy to discuss these ideas with you to support and enable arts activity in your community. These ideas have the potential not only for the arts community, but the whole community in supporting and promoting economic, social and cultural wellbeing. We look forward to working with you in the future.

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Appendix 1

Arts community workshop attendees

Who	Organisation
Carol Dutton Alison Ward	Domain Day Committee
Adrian Worsley	Adrian Worsely Gallery
Michael Barker	Te Mara Studio and Gallery Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu
John Watson Ron Handford Murray Whittaker Ian Harrop	Te Aroha Little Theatre/Dramatic Society
Helen O'Carroll	MPDC District Librarian
Rosalie Williams Jenny Davis	Te Aroha Arts Centre
Dermott Kelly	Glass Creative
Tamara Kingi Michelle Staines-Hawthorne Niall Baker	Matamata-Piako District Council
Rebecca Lee	Plain Jane (creative studio) (didn't attend workshop, but met with Creative Waikato on 18 Nov)

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Appendix 2

Summarised feedback

<p><u>What impact has Covid-19 had on you as an artist/arts organisation?</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cancellation of shows• Closure of Museum for 6-8 weeks• Uncertainty affects future planning• Loss of revenue, staff morale affected• Provided an opportunity for artists to refocus• Tourism limited to local, more people shopping and visiting locally• Art in New Zealand is taking off – Covid makes us think differently• Kids have picked up stress from family life, art is great therapy
<p><u>What are the main issues for you moving forward?</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding uncertainty• Creative opportunities• Maintaining public interest in theatre• Potential for more lock-downs• Morale and sustainability of volunteers – loss of momentum• Art Centre being utilised as a benefit to community i.e., night classes• Signage• Developing partnerships and engagement with other groups• Events – need better communication, promotion and coordination of what's happening
<p><u>What art solutions could be implemented in your community?</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Umbrella group to assist with rebuild• Arts Festival<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Involving art mediums– Community choir– Country and western– Artist trails – see artists working– Involve musicians and performing arts– Using shops for visual displays– Involving children in the festival• Te Aroha arts weekend• Storytelling – historical and contemporary• Murals• Build on Edwardian heritage• TABA photo windows• Te Aroha has natural assets that attract people to town• Some artists have moved to Te Aroha as a retreat

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Aroha needs its own unique offering i.e., Thames has steam punk
<u>What does this look like?</u> <u>(resources, collaboration, etc)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts Coordinator and x1 representative from all groups, Iwi etc• Coordination of activities• Funding• Promotion• Need to get something going and build on that• Keep it simple and let it grow

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Appendix 3

Brief summary of Council visioning ideas

Idea	Impact and benefits
Te Aroha Spa	Economic development Social wellbeing and healing Increased tourism and jobs
Domain Establishing a creative and social hub	Inclusion of different performing arts i.e., theatre and violin, burlesque, pole dancing
Art trail	Inclusion of public art Art Trail including galleries and Adrian Worsley sculptures Interactive art workshops (creating and teaching)
Skatepark Inclusion of revitalisation stage	Becoming a focal point and place of 'opportunity' Enriching minds Community pride and engagement Growth of performing arts
Adrian Worsley Build on existing reputation	Unique offering Position Te Aroha as 'home of art' Te Aroha becoming a destination

31 March 2021

E te kaipānui, tēnā koe

Long-term Planning 2021–2031

Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa, responsible for encouraging, promoting and supporting the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. One of our key strategic outcomes is greater public engagement with the arts, as shown by New Zealanders participating in the arts and New Zealanders engaging with high-quality arts.

Creative New Zealand is aware of the considerable work that Creative Waikato has undertaken to develop the **Waikato Arts Navigator**, a regional arts strategy that provides local authorities, regional enablers and the arts community with a collective vision for supporting and strengthening arts and culture in the Waikato – and, in turn, enhancing the wellbeing of Waikato communities.

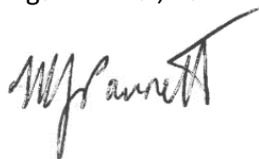
Creative Waikato plays a vital role in providing a diverse range of opportunities for Waikato residents to engage with and participate in the arts. They also provide important support and training for artists, practitioners and arts organisations. They have a proven track record of developing initiatives and projects that meet the needs of both the arts community and audiences.

As you plan for the future, we encourage your Council to work with Creative Waikato to explore how you might develop a plan to support arts and culture in your community. The Waikato Arts Navigator provides a strong framework for how councils can best engage with their local arts community.

By creating a plan of action, councils are not only supporting their arts whānau, but also delivering important social, cultural and economic wellbeing outcomes to their wider communities. Participating in arts and cultural activities builds inclusive and resilient communities, increases social cohesion, offers a way to express our unique cultural identities, attracts and accelerates economic activity, and can equip people with the skills needed for the workforce of the future.

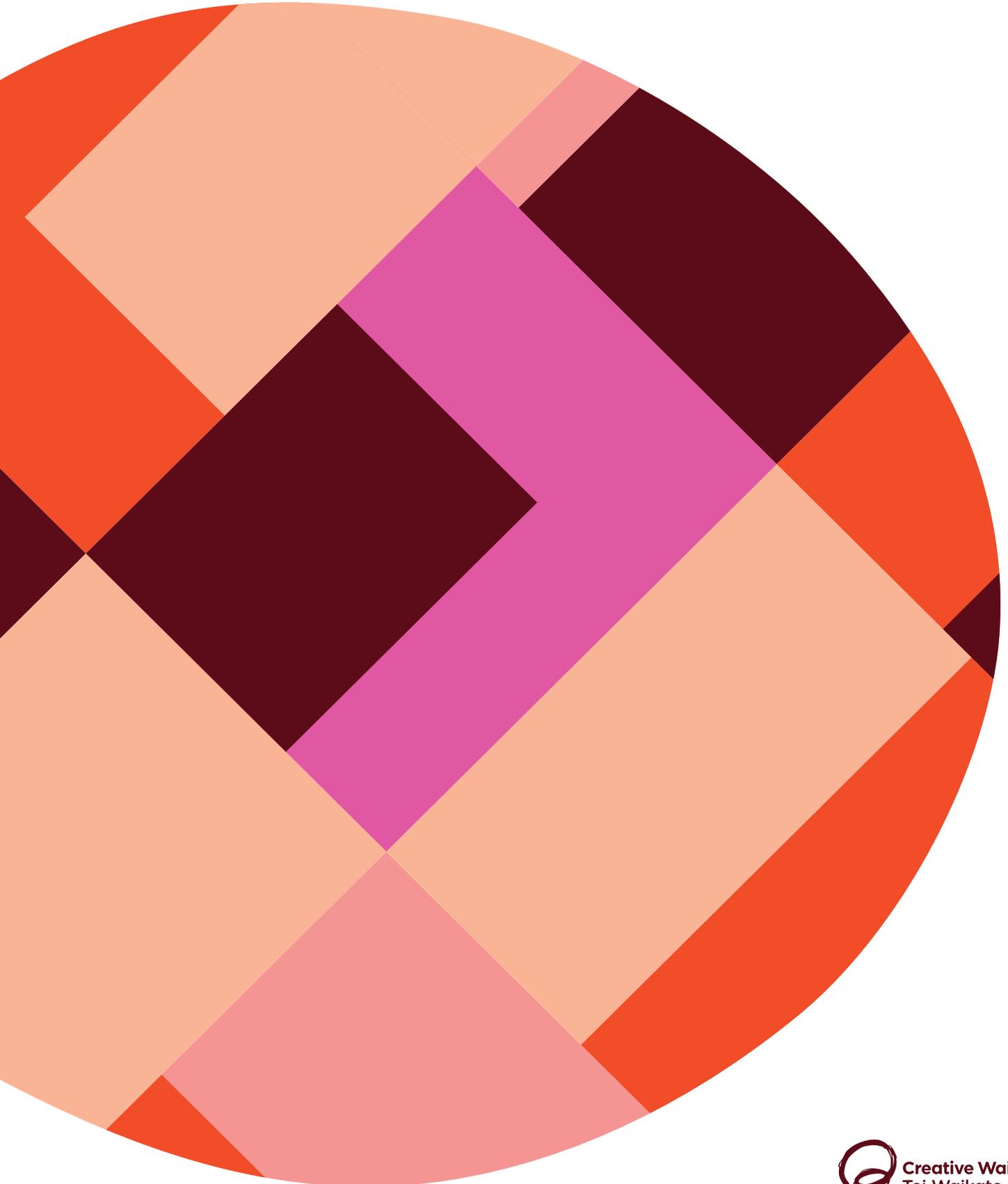
The Waikato Arts Navigator offers a unique opportunity for councils in the Waikato to work collaboratively and undertake collective action that will deliver greater impact to their communities. Creative New Zealand hopes that Creative Waikato will be supported in its role as a vital link between the Council, its arts whānau and the wider community.

Ngā mihi nui, nā



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Regional Strategy 2021



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Introduction

Creative expression simply makes life better. It helps to build resilient and diverse communities and improve our quality of life.

Great art and culture inspires learning, boosts our economy, enhances wellbeing, builds our region's reputation, and more. The arts can also be used as ideal problem solving tools to help us with major challenges such as Covid-19 recovery.

It is important that there is an ongoing framework to support how creative people work. Having access to a thriving arts and cultural sector makes for an exciting and engaging city/town/region — there is great strategic impact from setting things in motion to make this sector sustainable and active, as it has a substantial contribution to the broader Waikato Region — not only through the lens of cultural wellbeing, but also social, environment and economic wellbeing.

Blueprint for the future

If all of our local authorities, in partnership with regional enablers, shared a single, simple blueprint for arts aspirations and planning, the impact for our communities would be significantly greater.



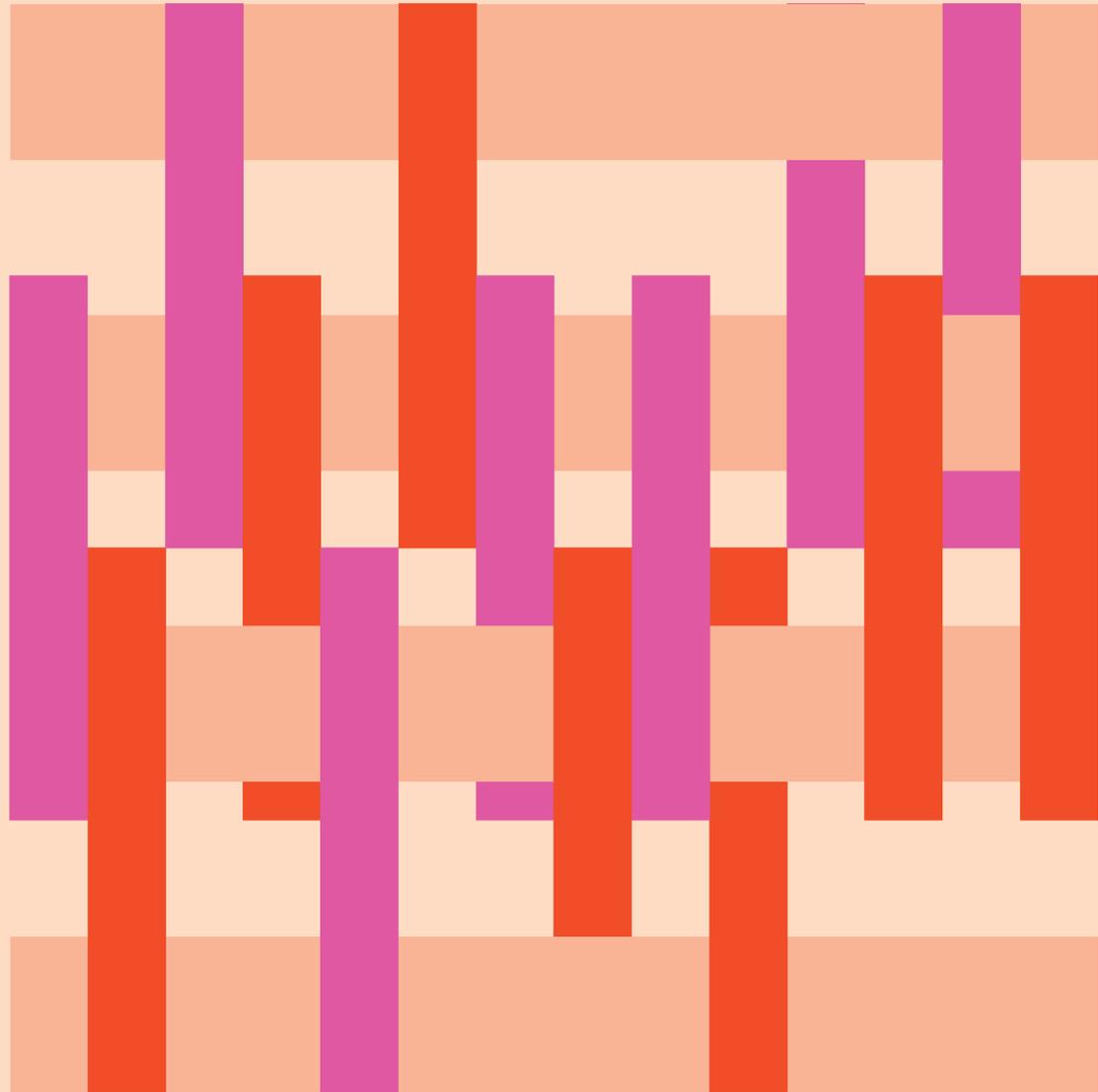
We all want the same things for our communities – wellbeing, prosperity, shared experiences, and regional excellence. So let's align our actions to get there.



Creative Waikato are your local arts experts. We have been working extensively across the Waikato since 2012. We are here to support your efforts. We want to partner with you to realise exciting and successful outcomes.

Creativity is essential to a thriving humanity. It is how we understand who we are and how we connect to one another. It is interwoven through all facets of our wellbeing.

Creativity and wellbeing



This intricately woven cloth is our collective experience. And in it, we can see the horizontal threads as arts and culture, and the vertical threads as everything else. When both work together, arts and culture touching each strand of all other aspects of society, the interlocking strands become beautiful, strong and inspiring.

This fabric represents our capacity to live healthy and fulfilling lives by allowing us to identify who we are, how we engage with each other, and how we think and feel. This is our wellbeing.

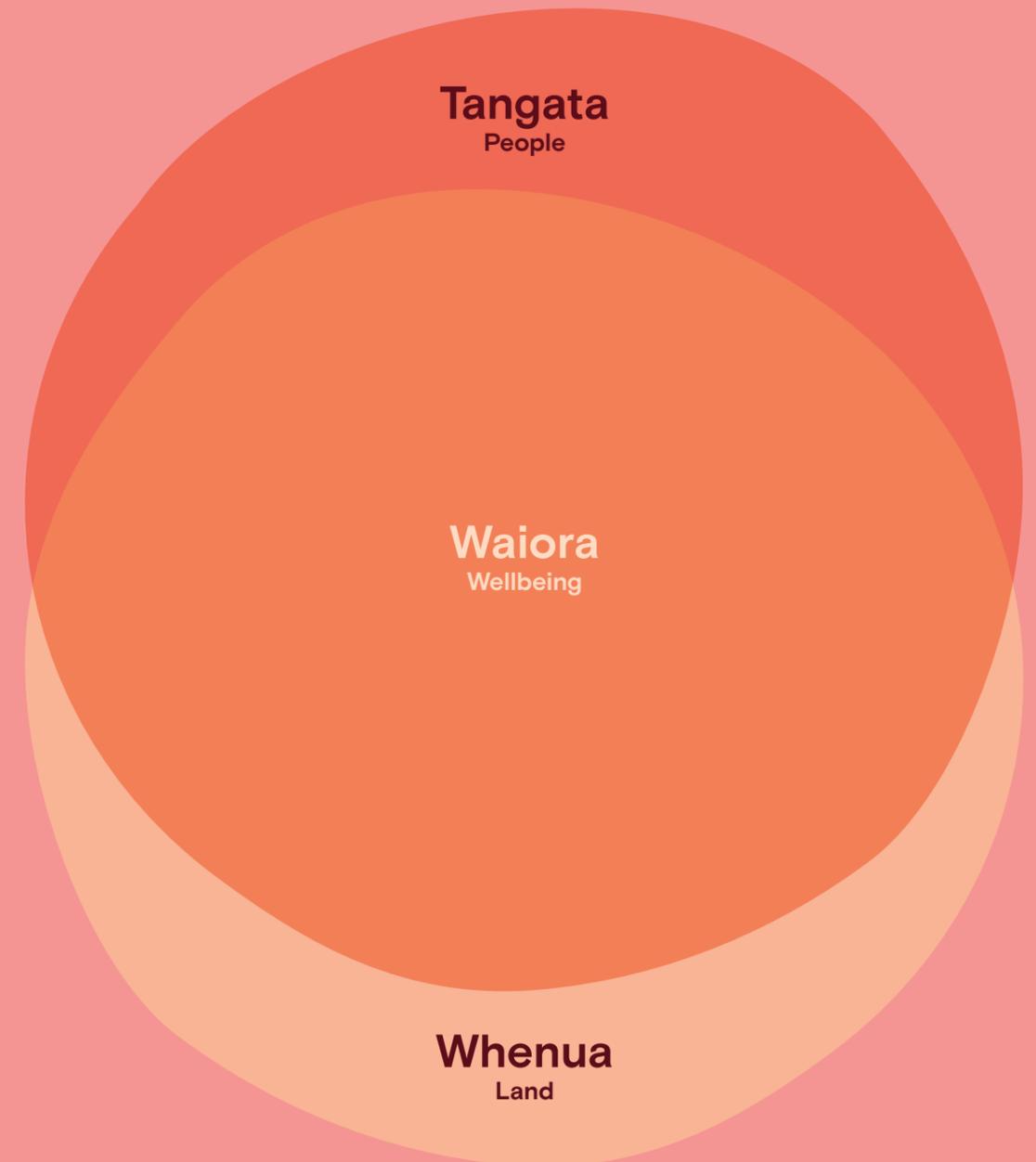
Wellbeing looks different within many different cultures, and needs to be addressed as such. It is a living and holistic thing that is intrinsically connected with who we are. This is connected to the many diverse communities in this region, but also as we are based in Aotearoa, at the core of this work we must acknowledge the wellbeing of tangata whenua and understand wellbeing from a Te Ao Māori perspective as integral to wellbeing in Aotearoa.

Te Ao Māori lens

It is vital that we embrace a Te Ao Māori lens in the way we operate and build our collective vision for a shared future.

We must acknowledge the wellbeing of tangata whenua and understand things from a te ao Māori perspective as being central to our understanding of wellbeing in Aotearoa.

A Te Ao Māori (the Māori world-view) lens provides a unique opportunity for us to think and act in a distinctive way. A way that sees the interwoven experience of things. A way that sees creativity as a core part of life and existence. A holistic wellbeing.



Māori values are informed through an indivisible relationship alongside and within the natural world. There are patterns, stories and connections between all living things, and these elements serve to provide clarity and understanding. There is a plurality of

existence where things are connected. The concepts are inclusive and holistic. They let us share and value our human experience and to engage with one another in an empowering way. To give mana to each other and to acknowledge our individual and collective mauri.

What is the Waikato Arts

Navigator?

The Waikato Arts Navigator (WAN) creates a shared framework, including a vision and strategy, for supporting and strengthening our arts and culture in the region. It guides planning and decision making.



In using WAN as our common strategy, we can all track in the same direction and cross-regional efforts will support, complement and strengthen one another.

Arts and creativity are integral to who we are as a dynamic, inclusive, and transformative region. When arts and creativity is strong and visible, communities are strong and visible.

**The Waikato
prosperes with
diverse and
transformative
creative
activity**



Five Threads of the Waikato Arts Navigator

The ultimate objective of WAN is to have all Councils in the region making decisions with the following outcomes in mind. The effect of this would be transformational for the Waikato.

CREATIVE WELLBEING	CREATIVE PROSPERITY	CREATIVE EXPERIENCES	CREATIVE EDUCATION	CREATIVE INNOVATION
Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing	Creative economies	People experience local, national, international arts	Participatory art projects	Business partnerships
Positive collective & individual identities	Attract & retain residents	Community & cultural expression	Upskilling creative professionals	Informing local government decision making
Create, grow & strengthen communities	Tourism opportunities	Recreation & interaction	Community art classes & projects	Local problem solving
Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19	Positive national perceptions	Community engagement & connection	Youth development	Distinct local expression
Strengthened connection to place	Increased investment from regional & national funders	Local pride	Audience development	Creative export opportunities

These threads represent key areas of focus that connect across our broader societal ecosystem.

CREATIVE WELLBEING

Creativity can open our minds, relax us, lift our wairua (spirit) and give us hope.¹ The arts provide connection to ourselves, our communities and our sense of place. They help define who we are and who we want to be.

The arts make a huge contribution to the wellbeing of individuals and communities. They are a source of national pride, a chance to learn about different cultures and an opportunity to provide life-enhancing experiences. Creative expression and experiences have a big impact on our mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

An arts response for Covid-19 recovery. This could be an ideal way to restore and protect the wellbeing of your local people.

Ensure that any arts festivals and programmes are actively inclusive of Māori – both for artists and audience.

Support your local arts organisations who are working for the health of local people. These could include youth programmes and other community development programmes.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Don't assume that the people who are visible and vocal are the only ones with wellbeing needs. Often those who aren't engaged and visible are of the highest need.

Try to avoid any unnecessary red tape or complications that might stand in the way of public programmes.

¹ 'Using the arts and creativity to imagine wellbeing' <https://www.creativenz.govt.nz/blog/using-the-arts-and-creativity-to-reimagine-wellbeing> Moynahan, M (Chairman of the Arts Council of NZ)

CREATIVE PROSPERITY

According to government figures from 2020, the creative sector contributes a massive \$11 billion a year to NZ's GDP and employs 90,000 people nationwide. Many people in the Waikato rely on the arts for some or all of their income. The potential to grow the economic activity of this sector in the Waikato is huge.

As well as generating income for people working in the arts, the creative sector creates tourism opportunities, supports innovation and collaboration, and can promote towns and the region as creative and innovative places.

For our towns, the arts can help attract new residents, retain youth, and create positive national perceptions.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Target funding and development support to start-up creative businesses.

Invest in local arts events and organisations that will encourage tourism and local spending.

Look for opportunities to involve artists in innovative collaborations.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Make sure artists are properly remunerated. Their sustainability and the success of your projects depends on you valuing what they do.

CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

Creative experiences add to our quality of life. Whether it's watching something at home, listening to the radio in the car, or getting out to a gallery, theatre, or music venue, experiencing and participating in the arts supports our understanding of ourselves and of others.

The arts allow us to intelligently reflect on our communities and the wider world. They provide moments of joy and recreation. Local arts can build local pride in our people and places.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Ensure that local venues are accessible.

Support the promotion of local arts events to increase participation.

Distribute funding so that people have the opportunity to experience the arts without having to travel out of your area.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Work to ensure that there are a wide range of arts experiences available for the different cultures, ages and walks of life in your communities.

Strike a balance between supporting local creatives, and bringing in fresh new content and skills.

CREATIVE EDUCATION

Artistic literacy is making meaning through the arts as a way to connect with our own humanity and the humanity of others.²

Enabling audiences to engage or be co-creators of art, provides a sense of pride in who they are and their place in the world, as well as their connection with others.

As well as engagement with the arts, upskilling creative professionals and providing community art classes and projects is important. Artists and creatives provide unique ways of looking at the world and help to develop design-thinking, creativity and critical thinking – all skills important for our future workforce.³

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Valuing new ways of thinking and problem solving.

Encouraging and supporting arts vocations as a feasible career pathway.

Providing access for all communities to connect with art.

Support for mentoring and development programmes.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Lack of recognition of how the arts can facilitate critical thinking and problem solving.

² What is artistic literacy? <https://artistic-literacy.institute>
³ Arts-based teaching of literacies – www.aare.edu.au
⁴ Ibid

CREATIVE INNOVATION

Creativity and innovation are two concepts which are increasingly becoming more synonymous with one another.

Creativity provides the inspiration and idea that something is possible. Innovation takes this idea and transforms it into a practical reality.

Creativity can be the spark and innovation the gas to the pedal that produces results.⁴

Creative innovation considers ideas, processes and turns these into action. There are endless opportunities to use this to inform local government decision making, assess potential export options, foster business partnerships and encourage unique ways of local expression.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Providing environments in which opinions, new ideas and thoughts are valued and encouraged.

Embracing diverse experiences, different perspectives on difficult questions and a willingness to embrace creativity to find new and better solutions.

Adequately funding local arts to help create innovative opportunities.

Involving artists in decision-making processes across different areas of work.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

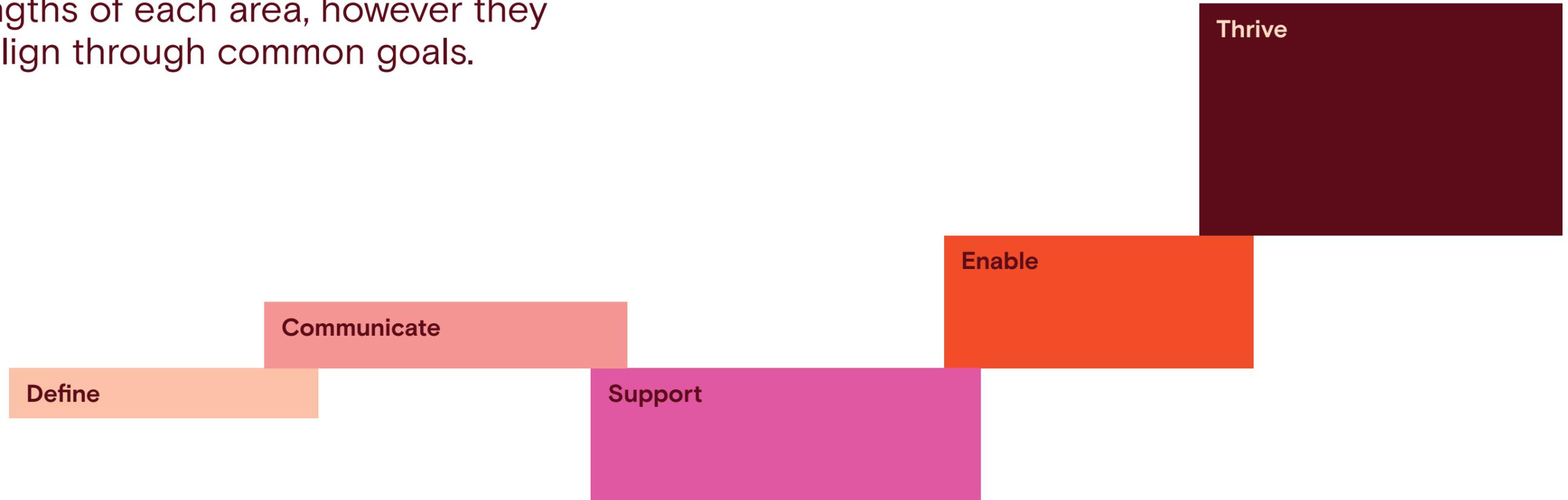
Lack of recognition for the skills and insight artists can provide across a variety of different areas.

Leaving input from artists as an after-thought rather than integrating critical problem solving solutions at the start of a project, when it has more impact.

How does the Waikato Arts Navigator

work?

Councils can utilise WAN to develop simple and practical plans that support arts and culture in their community. The plans can be tailored to the unique strengths of each area, however they will align through common goals.



By aligning local actions within these key threads, the result for the Waikato will be regional synergy which will magnify collective efforts. Additionally, when we grow a common understanding of the benefits of the arts and culture we will be in a better position to support regional progress.

- COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO**
- Clearly see their communities within the plan
 - Agree with the priorities and understand how they can benefit their communities
 - Identify elements within the plan that they can support or action, thus contributing to the realisation of the vision
 - Recognise the importance of relationship between stakeholders and other communities in order for the vision to be realised

Creative Waikato’s goal is to support and enable our arts communities to thrive. We are here to provide a creative lens to guide and enable decision-making that leads to the best possible outcomes, not only for the arts sector, but for all communities.

Arts and culture

—

where
are we
now

By investing in the creative sector to deliver creative and cultural activities, local government can deliver long-term value to communities.⁵

We already know that the arts help improve New Zealand society, make us feel more confident and contribute positively to our economy.⁶

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the arts and cultural sector. There was an increase in creative activity throughout the lockdown, but in-person participation (as audience, as performers, as members of groups, societies and classes) ceased, causing major challenges for arts organisations in the Waikato region.

⁵ Creative New Zealand, "Supporting Your Arts Community through Covid-19 - He Waka Eke No", June 2020
⁶ Creative New Zealand, New Zealanders and the Arts 2017

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As a region, we value the arts⁷

56%

agree the arts help create connection between different people in the community

47%

agree the arts activities available in the Waikato give young people an opportunity to express themselves

38%

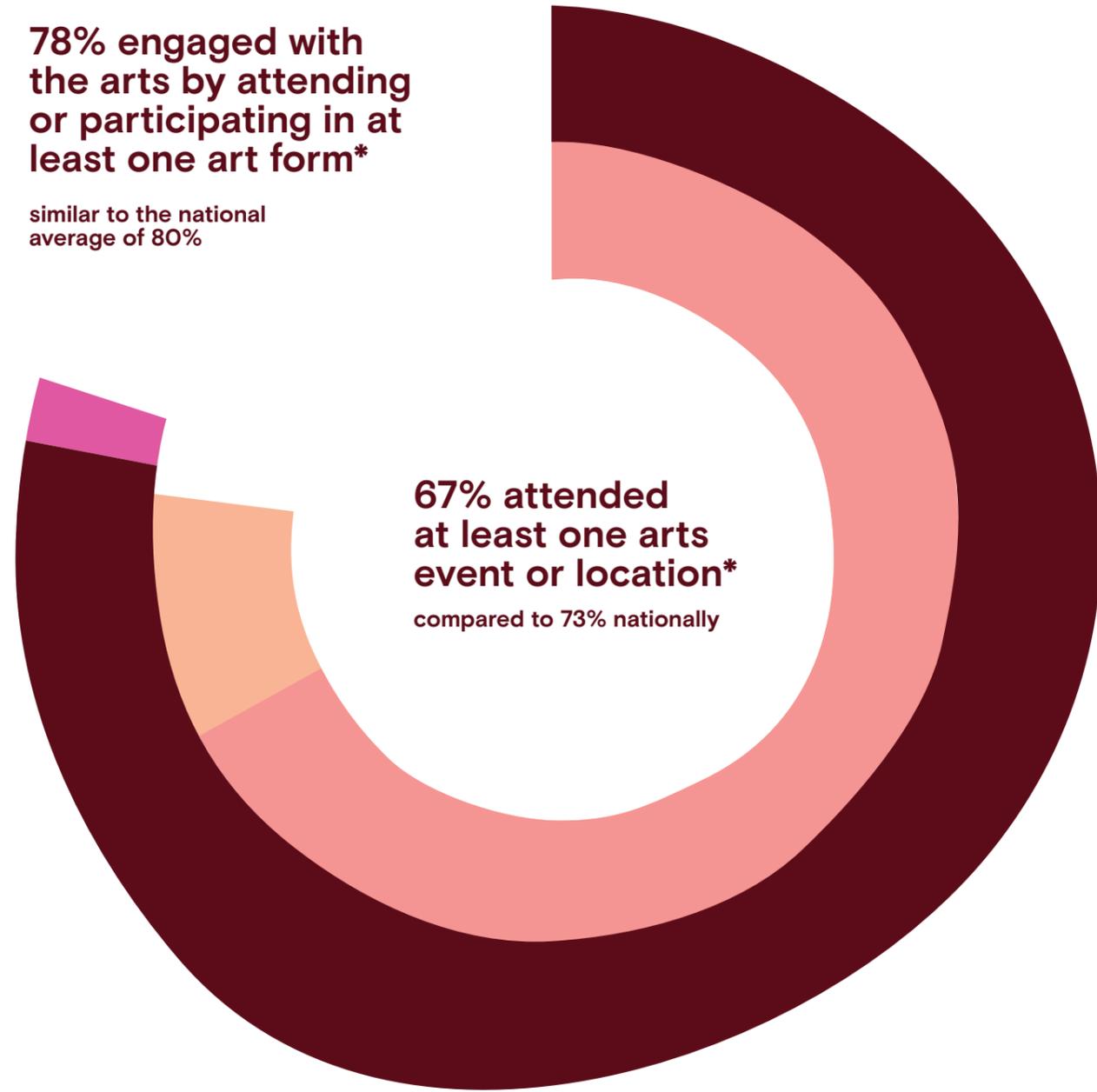
feel the arts and culture are very or extremely important to the region's identity

⁷ Momentum Waikato - Waikato Vital Signs 2020 'Culture and Arts' report (other ref Creative New Zealand, 'New Zealanders and the Arts 2017')

As a region, we value the arts

78% engaged with the arts by attending or participating in at least one art form*

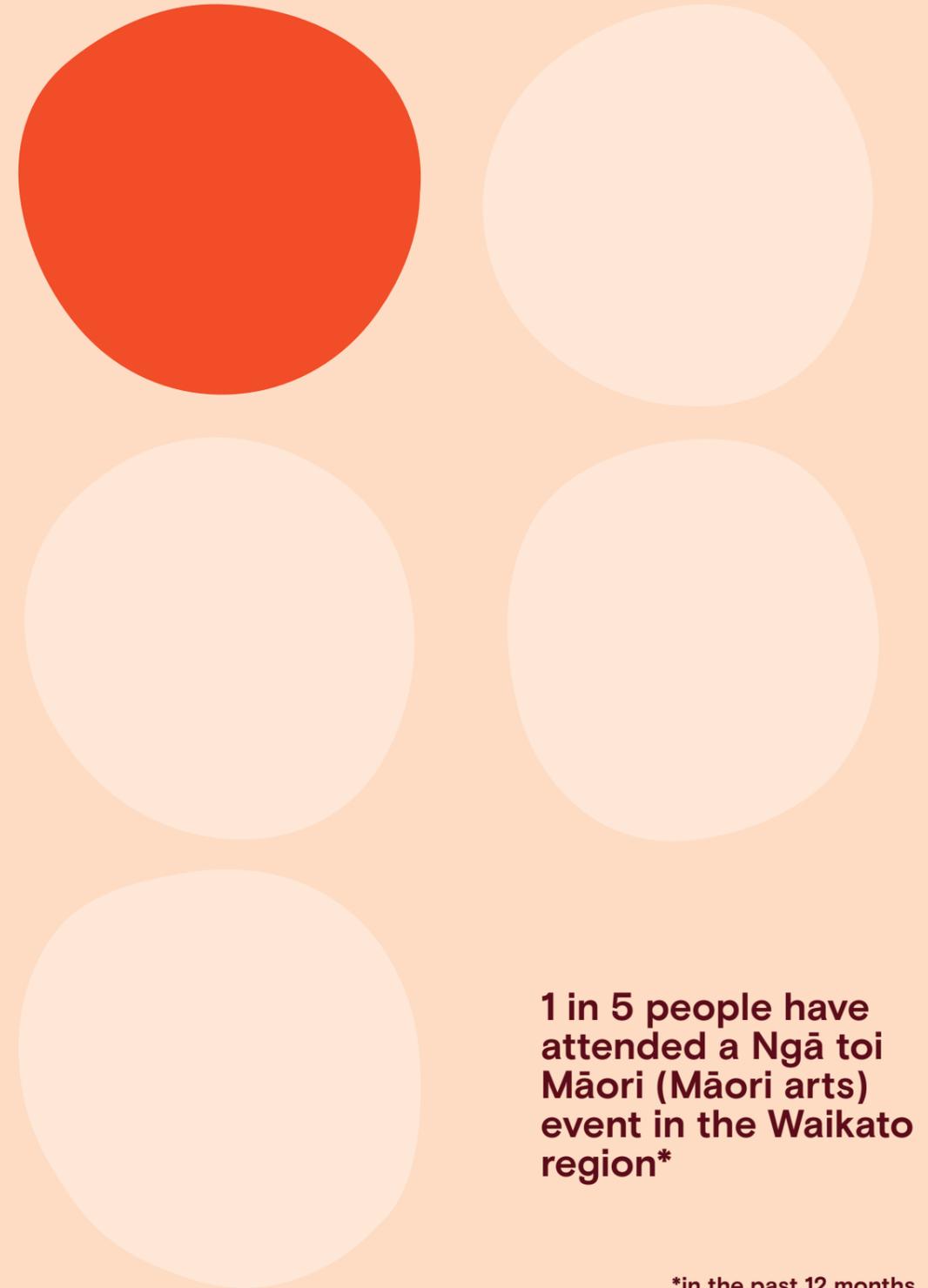
similar to the national average of 80%



67% attended at least one arts event or location*
compared to 73% nationally

*in the past 12 months

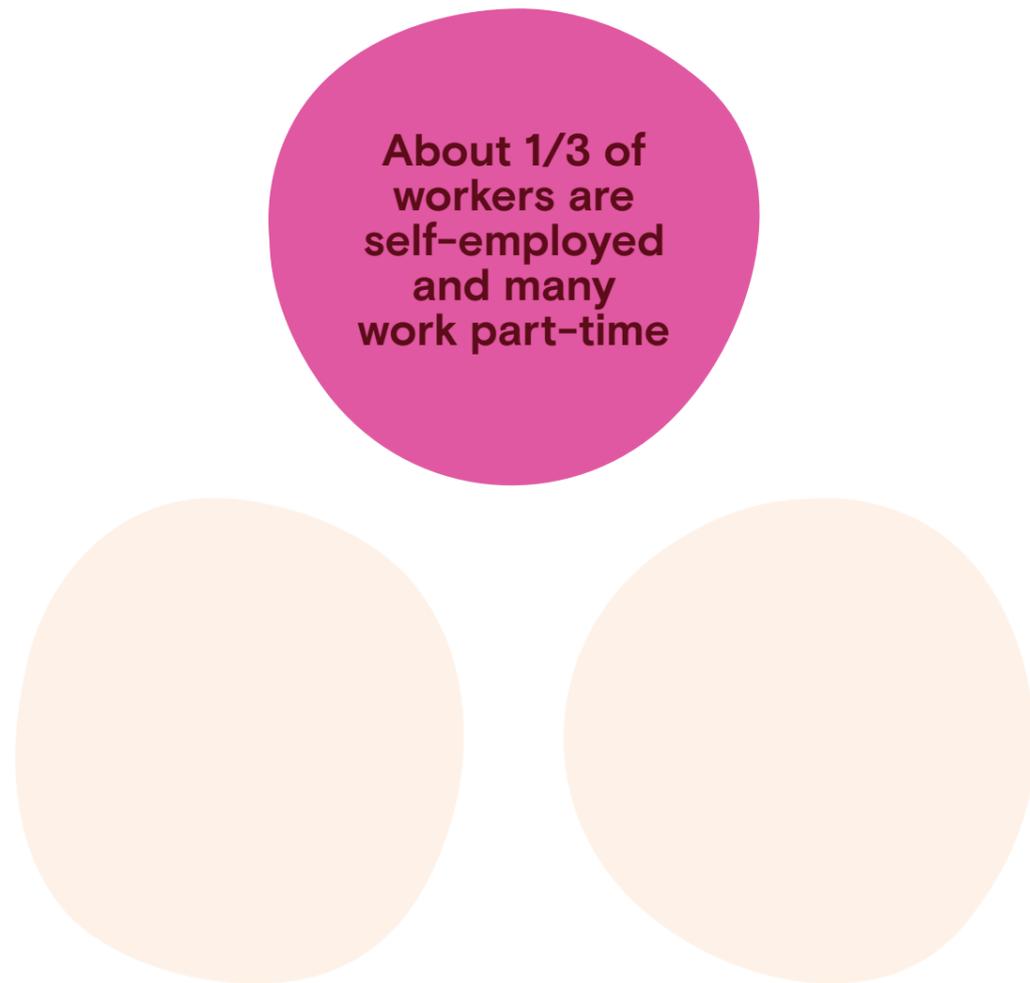
As a region, we value the arts



1 in 5 people have attended a Ngā toi Māori (Māori arts) event in the Waikato region*

*in the past 12 months

Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021

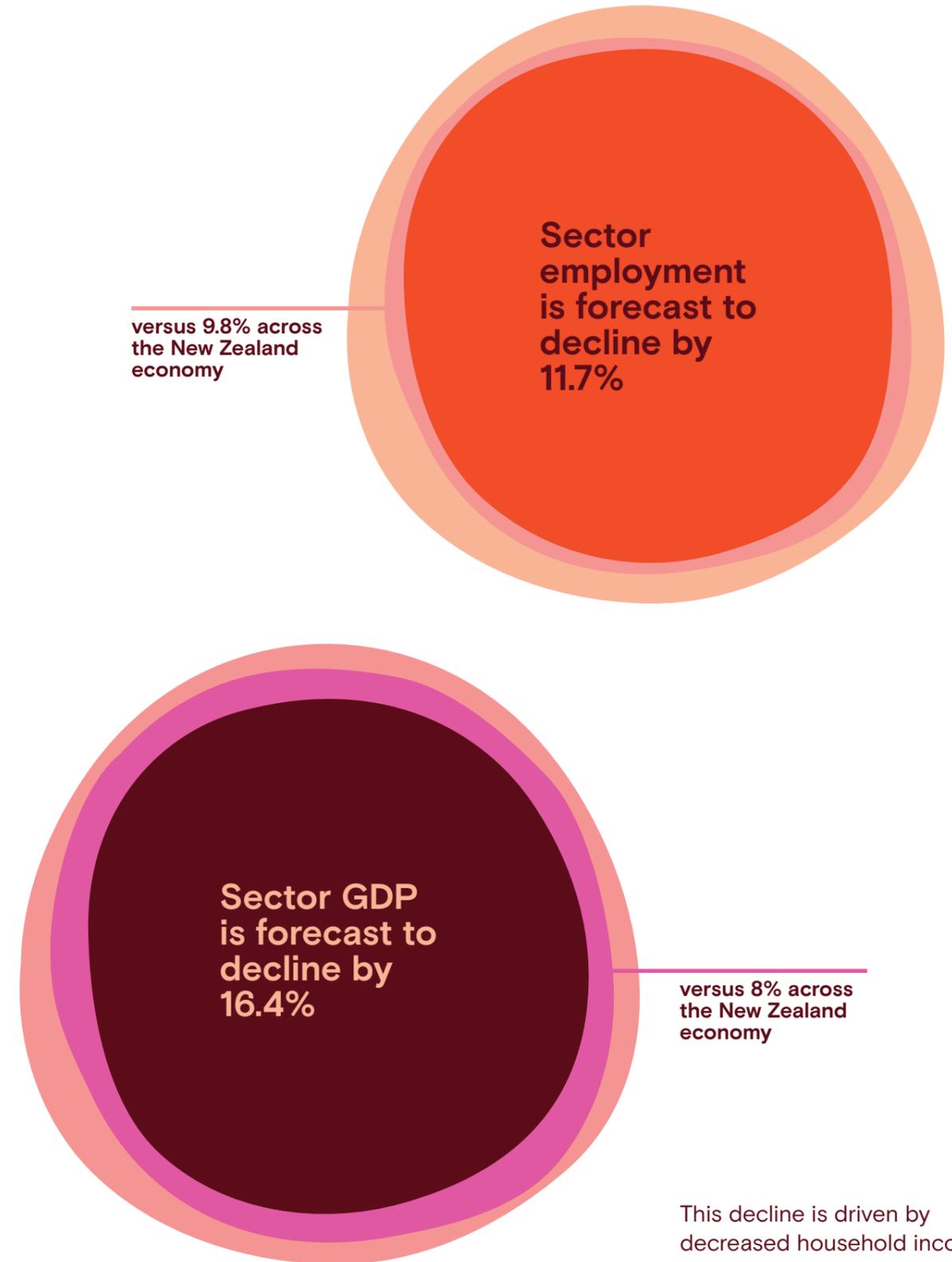


About 1/3 of workers are self-employed and many work part-time

Two key sources of secondary employment for creatives – hospitality and construction – will be the hardest hit sectors.

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Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021



versus 9.8% across the New Zealand economy

Sector employment is forecast to decline by 11.7%

Sector GDP is forecast to decline by 16.4%

versus 8% across the New Zealand economy

This decline is driven by decreased household incomes and tourism spending, and changes in audience behaviours.

Challenges

and

Opportunities

This time of uncertainly forced the arts sector to pause and reflect on how it would respond. We all know that there will always be a need for arts and creativity.

Global catastrophes change the world. Pre Covid-19, the labour market was already undergoing a significant transformation, driven by automation but also other factors such as climate change⁸. The impact of Covid-19 has also amplified challenges that already existed, such as social inequality, mental health and economic fragility.

Arts and cultural activities serve as a coping mechanism for humanity. They help us to adjust to new conditions. They help us find clarity around who we are and how we connect. Because of this, post Covid, we saw creativity on a level never before seen in human history. An appetite for culture was shown around the world. Online concerts, virtual galleries and musical performances not only provided entertainment and cultural uplift, but served to remind us of our humanity. What is needed now is to translate this into a broader understanding of the concept of value for the arts in the wider community.

⁸ Culture Lab 2030 'Voices of the City', p 4 – https://en.unesco.org/creative-cities/sites/creative-cities/files/16_pages_villes_creatives_uk_bd.pdf

EXAMPLES OF ARTS BASED COVID-19 RECOVERY

Public murals can encourage people back in to our towns, uplift spirits and stimulate economic activity.

Transform empty shop windows into temporary gallery spaces to showcase local artwork and installations. If your town saw an increase in vacant shops, this can transform depressed areas into spaces of pride.

Run an arts festival. This can bring people back together, strengthen the bonds in our communities, and support a sense of belonging.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

When investing in local arts initiatives, make sure you have the right people behind these projects to ensure success. Sometimes that means bringing in expert knowledge.



The power of art to restore some wholeness to psyches and souls shaken by disaster has emerged as a major theme in artist-led recovery efforts.⁹

Artists have been the first to respond to disasters and crises. They have galvanised efforts to connect communities in providing post-recovery solutions. Artists have shown they are able to take initiative and create innovative forms of leadership and local governance to provide necessary services and amenities in their communities,¹⁰ this has been in spite of the fact they are not always supported monetarily.

The arts can be, and should be, embedded in all facets of our community. They feed into a broader understanding of the ecosystem of our community and place. When we collectively utilise an understanding of arts-based methodologies there is a way to ensure that we can move forward in an inclusive and engaging way.

⁹ Forecast 'How artists help communities heal' – <https://forecastpublicart.org/how-artists-help-communities-heal-after-disasters/>
¹⁰ 'Gauging the Impacts of Post-Disaster Arts and Culture Initiatives in Christchurch' - <https://www.eqrecoverylearning.org/assets/downloads/2045-Gauging-the-Impacts-of-Post-Disaster-Arts-and-Culture-Initiatives-in-Christchurch-main-document.PDF>

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Supporting projects that support and raise awareness of psychological and emotional wellbeing.

Celebrating local identity and using arts to bring communities together.

Using the arts to reframe how we respond to crisis.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Not taking advantage of artists critical thinking and creative skills to be able to bring communities together.



Arts-enabled decision making

It is vital for government, sector leaders, and strategic organisations to acknowledge the role that arts can play in terms of wider sector engagement, communication, creative thinking, and the reimagination of what our world could be.

By definition artists are innovators and lateral thinkers. They see ideas and solutions where others may not. They are masters at problem solving as this is a core part of their creative work.

There is strength in applying an arts-informed framework to decision making, and strategic development in all facets of community leadership. By engaging in an artistic and creative process we are embracing vulnerability, opening our minds and tapping into what makes us human.

Creative thinking is vital to thriving communities. Artists should be involved wherever possible in decision-making processes, as they look from different angles, engaging imaginations, testing new ideas, and shaking and prodding wherever they can.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Artists can be instrumental in contributing to civic projects and developments i.e., infrastructure projects, spaces etc.

Artists ability to think laterally and innovatively can make connections across-sectors i.e., health care, community development and civic engagement

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Leaving artist input as an after-thought, when ideas have less impact.



Arts, culture and creativity are powerful levers for positive social change. They show us that we make the world rather than simply inherit it.

A 10-year

outlook

WAN provides an aspirational vision to see our region become a place with a vibrant arts and cultural sector that thrives with diverse and transformative creative activity.

The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities with robust and flourishing pathways from participation and audience engagement, training and capability development through a range of practical activities culminating in having a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to live and thrive.

A strategic framework with a long-term view point, recognises that transformational change takes time. There are many elements that must coincide to enable such transformation – hard

infrastructure (physical assets) and soft infrastructure (people and services), acts activity, regeneration, supporting artists and arts organisations, valuing creativity and creative thinking. Proactive collaboration and strong advocacy from Councils and other leadership organisations such as philanthropic funders, tertiary organisations, regional leadership organisations, Iwi and other regional networks will inevitably empower the broader community to work towards a common vision.



This means that there is the ongoing sustainable development of a wide range of artistic and cultural activities.



There is an opportunity to continue to make this change with a strategy that is forward in its intent but localised in its action.

'The most
defining aspect
of the next age
is that it is a
creative

age –
the world will
be shaped by
creatively
minded citizens
developing
creative

processes and
ideas'¹¹

¹¹ Gardiner, R. 'The Future of New Zealand is creative', <https://brownbread.co.nz/the-good-stuff/issue-1/rob-sue-gardiner>

Long-term focus areas

To ensure arts and creativity becomes integral to who we are as a region, we need to understand the environments in which we operate, how we connect, work and play together.

This requires a consistent, collaborative approach to ensure the arts and creativity can inform and in turn, enhance what we do and how we do it.

This vision is a long-term one, however, there are some focus areas that can lead us on the path toward a dynamic, inclusive and transformative region.

Embedding arts and creativity

The arts in our society is like an iceberg floating in the ocean. The visible bits above the water are the tangible products of culture – paintings, sculpture, music, dance, theatre, poetry, etc. Then extending down beneath the water we discover the foundation and ephemeral, intangible elements of the arts – the values, beliefs, thoughts, and emotional responses that are essential in our understanding of ourselves and each other.

The extent to which our communities can see the arts in their places and spaces, in the activity around them and in the interactions with others, is a reflection of how embedded the arts and creativity is in their community.

The arts can have a transformative effect in how people see themselves and the world. It contributes hugely to overall wellbeing as well as creating employment. By embedding the arts in our soft infrastructure (people and services) and hard infrastructure (physical assets) we will really start to see transformation.

Surface Culture
Tangible elements

Deep Culture
Values, beliefs, thoughts and emotions

Ongoing sustainable investment

To be truly transformational there must be ongoing sustainable investment into the arts sector. Investment is not only monetary, it is also supporting and enabling arts activity to become integrated into the lifeblood of our region.

Sustained, long-term investment ensures key infrastructure is entrenched, spaces and places are activated, arts activity can flourish and pathways for employment are supported.

This strategy provides key threads as areas of investment to ensure our region remains dynamic and strong moving forward.

Investment in the arts is an investment in communities. Investment over an extended period of time allows for a more strategic consideration of how this can be used – to have broader visions for activity because there is more time to plan, opportunity to collaborate with both the arts and cultural sector and wider communities because there is more time and scope to create meaningful relationships.

Many arts organisations in the Waikato region rely on a range of funding sources, and a lot of time is spent finding and securing funding. There is a need for more sustainable funding streams for arts and cultural activity. If we see investment as people focused we can then look at opportunities to explore the way our community and arts funding models work.

Collaboration to foster and grow creative activity

There is a whole ecosystem that is required to keep a functioning and beneficial artistic culture alive; having spaces to present work, having people to help make work, having access to materials and technology to craft work, and having audiences to engage with the work. Many times, each of these elements are running on volunteer hours and goodwill.

To strengthen and grow creative activity, a collaborative approach recognises that all sectors make an important contribution to the cultural wellbeing of our region.

These partners form part of an interconnected eco-system that can support a regeneration of ideas, cultivate new connections and realise transformative ideas.

A stronger region is a collaborative one, where we are all working toward a common purpose and believe in the power of the arts and importance it has for humanity.

Supporting artistic pathways through capability building

Art is a strong manifestation of culture, and having sustainable and accessible arts activities are fundamental for strong cultural identity. Making, sharing and enjoying art is foundational to our collective cultural life. It engages our creativity and allow us to experience the world through someone else's reality. The arts encourage us to tell our stories, and allow us to share ideas.

Supporting artists and arts organisations, with capability building, ensures the arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.



With robust and flourishing pathways – from participation and audience engagement, to training and capability development through to a range of practical activities, we will have a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to thrive.

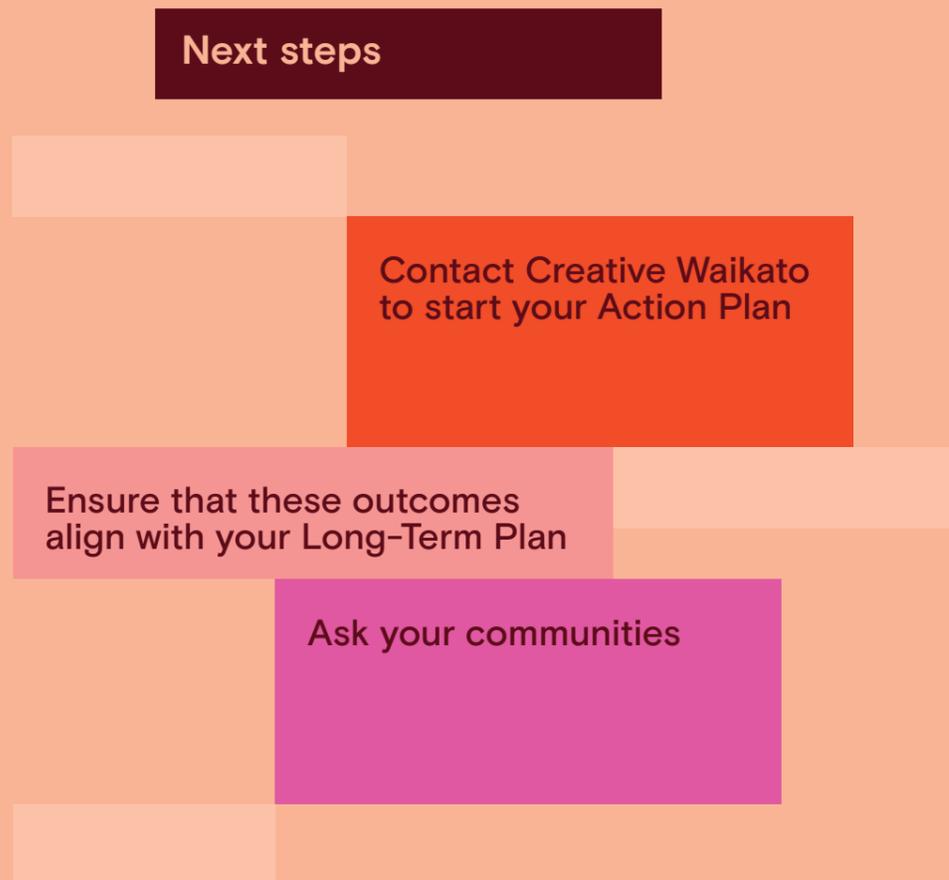
Where to

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A call to action

Creative Waikato will work with Councils, funders and other partners on their specific plans, to help focus efforts, while creating a common language and purpose that can be used across many areas and align direction and decision-making.

We look forward to working with you to devise an action plan to enable your communities to prosper.



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Creative Waikato is the regional arts organisation for the Waikato region, which includes 10 local authorities – Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Waikato, Waipa, Hamilton, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Ruapehu. Our region also spans four Iwi – Waikato, Hauraki, Raukawa and Maniapoto.

We provide creative capability development for artists and arts organisations, strategic direction and support for sustainable arts, culture and creativity in our region.

Our vision is that

‘The Waikato prospers with diverse and transformative creative activity’

What does this mean

The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.

Our region has robust and flourishing pathways for participation and audience engagement and our creative and artistic professionals.

Ongoing sustainable development of a range of artistic and cultural activities throughout the region.

The arts, artists, arts and cultural organisations and arts activity is seen as a being a vital part of the Waikato region and the wellbeing of its people.

Our purpose is

We are navigators who lead the elevation of creativity in our region and collaborate to provide opportunities for cultural well-being.

Our role is

To help navigate our connections with our community and guide the way we work with artists, arts organisations and other key stakeholders.

We have four key pou that support our work

ENABLE

We help you to succeed through advice, training and support.

CONNECT

We connect you with people and places for stronger creative outcomes.

AMPLIFY

We share stories far and wide and drive engagement with creative activity.

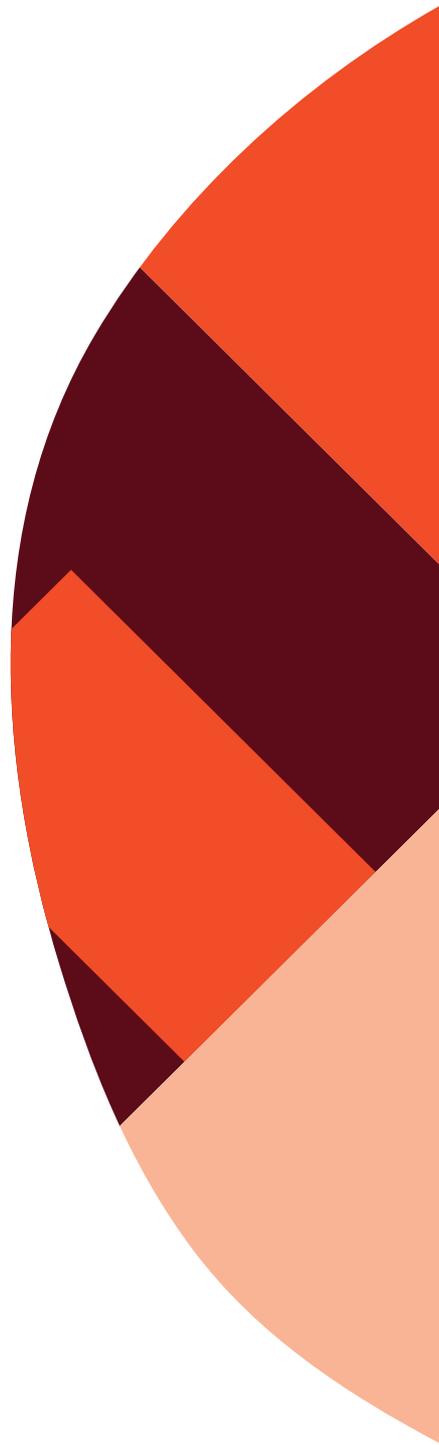
ADVOCATE

We stand up for the arts as they are essential to the wellbeing of our region.

This is a time
for vision.

A time for
collaboration.

A time for
creativity.





A polo handicap is a persons ticket
to the world.

— *Winston Churchill* —

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3 proposals for Matamata Piako Council:



1. After 86 years, The Morrinsville Polo Club can not continue with the status quo and relinquishes all rights to the Morrinsville Recreation Ground. We have a quote from Kaimai Valley Services that states they can maintain the ground for about \$20000 per annum.

2. The Matamata - Piako District Council pay the Morrinsville Polo Club \$10,000 per annum and we will continue to the maintain The Recreation Ground to the high standard that we have done. We will be included in all future discussions regarding the use of the ground. And tenure will be on a yearly basis.

3. Council come on board completely and invest in the regrassing of the Recreation Ground which will guarantee a lovely green grass surface for the majority of the year. This investment would fit in nicely with the 10 year plan.

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Photos



The field in
Spring time



The field mid
Winter



The field in Summer
time



The potential outcome
of hosting an event
and the crowd that
shows up



Submission to Matamata-Piako District Council

Executive Summary

1. Preventable drowning fatalities costs the NZ economy around \$320 million per year. WSNZ wants to reduce the number of preventable drownings in the Matamata-Piako district and believes this can be achieved by ensuring more drowning prevention activity is undertaken, and there is better coordination and direction of the water safety effort. Ultimately, WSNZ wants residents of the Matamata-Piako district to be safe in, on and around water.
2. The focus of the first part of this submission is to draw to the Matamata-Piako District Council's attention the need for drowning prevention and water safety and highlight the relevant legislation and strategy.
3. This submission then comments on some of the key issues in the Long Term Plan Consultation Document 'Making Matamata-Piako the Place of Choice' including the:
 - relevance of water safety and drowning prevention to the Matamata-Piako District community's well-being – social, economic, cultural and environmental;
 - need to invest in the on-going maintenance of waste and storm water infrastructure to ensure water quality (swimmability and manoeuvrability) in the Matamata-Piako district aquatic environments;
 - need to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on aquatic environments in the Matamata-Piako district; and
 - possibility of working with Council (and other stakeholders) to expand the awareness of Māori water safety issues, and potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in the Matamata-Piako district.
4. What WSNZ wants to achieve from this submission is:
 - to work with the Matamata-Piako District Council to help broaden Council's approach for reducing drowning fatalities and improving water safety awareness – a broader approach that is focused on community well-being;
 - Matamata-Piako District Council to consider water safety and drowning prevention a key component of maintaining the community well-being of its residents;
 - Matamata-Piako District Council to continue to invest in water safety and drowning prevention activities;
 - Matamata-Piako District Council to continue to work with WSNZ (and the broader water safety sector) on water safety and drowning prevention issues, including expanding awareness of Māori water safety issues, and potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in the Matamata-Piako district;

Introduction

5. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Matamata-Piako District Council Long-Term Plan Consultation Document 2021-31 – ‘Making Matamata-Piako the Place of Choice’.
6. Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is the leadership agency for the water safety sector and wants to reduce the number of preventable drownings in the Matamata-Piako district. We believe this can be achieved by ensuring more drowning prevention activity is undertaken, and better coordination and direction of the water safety effort by all responsible parties.
7. It is towards these objectives that the following submission is made. Further information about WSNZ can be found in *attachment 1*.

Context

8. The World Health Organisation characterises drowning as a serious and neglected public health threat and a highly preventable public health challenge.
9. Drowning is a growing public health and well-being problem with drowning being the number one cause of recreational death and the third highest cause of accidental death (behind road accidents and falls) in New Zealand. ¹ From 2010 to 2019 there were 965 preventable drowning fatalities in New Zealand and injuries are increasing sharply; in 2018 alone there were over 36,000 claims for water related injuries (an average of around 100 a day).²
10. It has been estimated that preventable drowning costs the NZ economy around \$320 million per year. (Based on an average of 80 fatalities per year at \$4.0 million per fatality). In 2016 the economic cost of water related hospitalisations was \$83.6 million. In addition, a drowning incident may require a response from several agencies including: Police, NZ Search and Rescue responders or ambulance and medical service. Intervening early, or preventing the need to respond to a drowning, will provide cost savings to the New Zealand economy.
11. In 2019 the Government-appointed Water Safety Working Group concluded the responsibility for water safety, drowning prevention and frontline rescue services is shared between central and local government, the community, and water safety NGOs. In essence, their message was that central government has a partial responsibility for water safety and further effort is required to ensure all responsible parties are actively involved in the prevention of drowning.
12. In response, through Budget 2020 the Government provided multi-year funding for frontline rescue services, and to grow WSNZ’s capability to lead and support the wider water safety sector. The Government is now looking to other parties responsible for water safety, such as local government, to see what role they can play. To this end WSNZ recently briefed the Minister of Local Government on the state of the water safety sector, Wai Ora Aotearoa (our new Water Safety Sector Strategy 2025), and our intentions to work with local government to improve water safety and prevent drownings.

Wai Ora Aotearoa – Water Safety Sector Strategy 2025

13. WSNZ recently launched Wai Ora Aotearoa which is the result of a year’s collaborative work by water safety sector leaders. The strategy represents a consensual view of the best way forward for drowning prevention in New Zealand. Moreover, the strategy reflects the need for a step change in the way the sector operates. This change will enable the sector to meet the major challenges it is facing over the next few years.

¹ WSNZ Drowning Report, 2018.

² ACC, 2020

14. Key actions for the sector to implement over the term of the strategy include:

Develop a water safety sector local government engagement strategy that focuses on relationship building and engaging with local government planning.

Complete the Implementation of the Regional Strategy pilots and develop a Freshwater Strategy for the sector.

15. Both these actions are relevant to WSNZ's relationship with Matamata-Piako District Council and are reflected in the content of this submission.

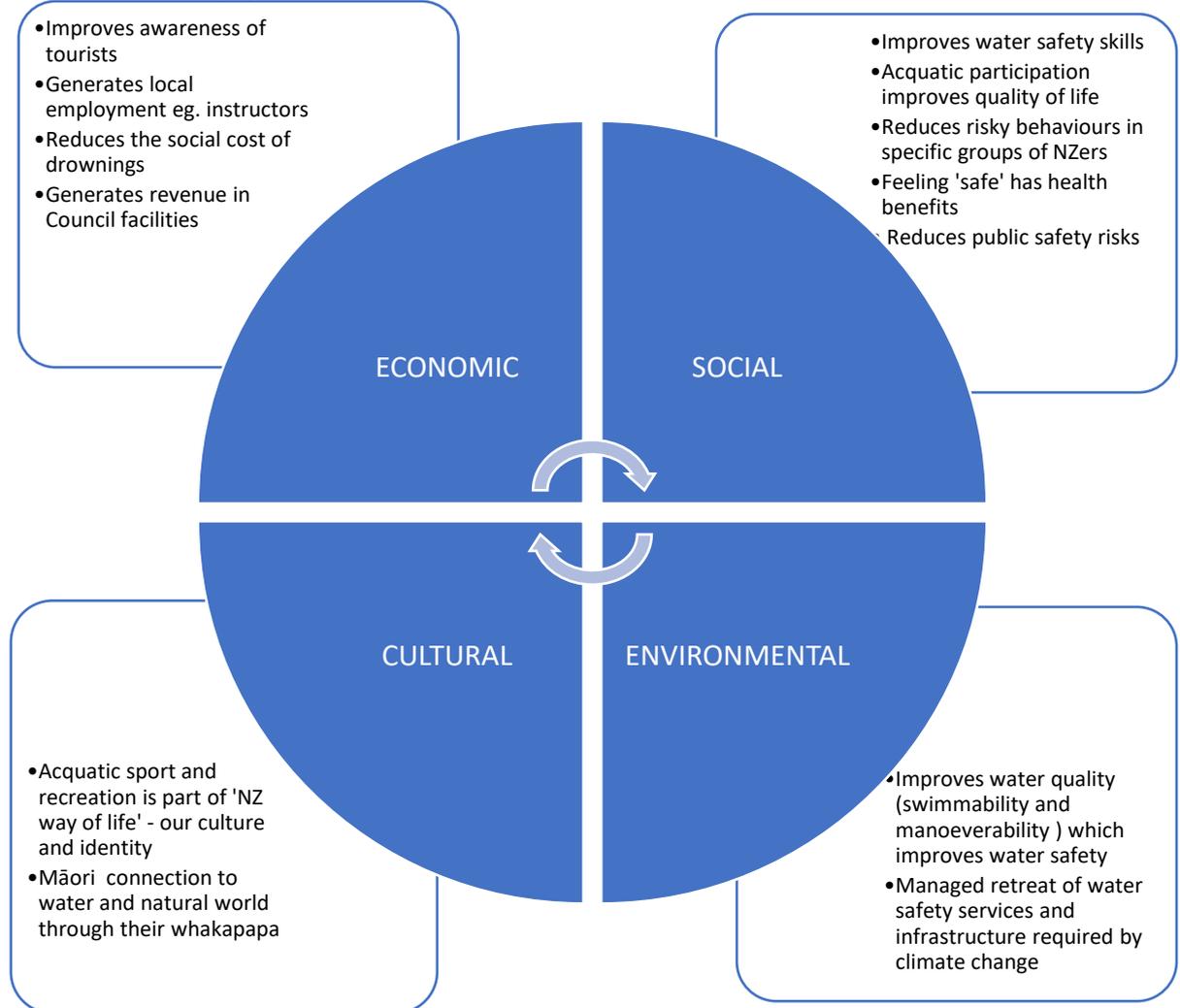
Community well-being

16. The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 restored the promotion of social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being to the purpose of local government.
17. The amendments to the Act are intended to enable local authorities, and ensure local authorities are responsible for, playing a broad role in promoting and improving the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities-the four aspects of well-being.³
18. The Minister for local Government, Nanaia Mahuta, stated that this emphasis on well-being will engage councils and communities in an intergenerational approach to improving quality of life outcomes in towns and cities.⁴
19. As shown in figure 1 below, water safety and drowning prevention connects with all four components of community well-being – economic, social, cultural and environment.
20. A fuller discussion of the connections between well-being and water safety, that is consistent with the SOLGM Community Well-being indicator framework, is included in *attachment 1*.
21. What this means is to fully contribute to the well-being of their community, local authorities must place greater importance on, and dedicate resources to, a wider range of initiatives relating to water safety and drowning prevention in all aquatic environments (pools, beaches, rivers, lakes, and the sea).
22. Local government needs to broaden its approach of providing community facilities and infrastructure, such as swimming pools, to a focus on community well-being. For example, focusing on providing and supporting water safety services to help reduce the social cost of drowning and allow New Zealanders to develop skills to feel safe in, on, and around the water. Other examples include a focus on managing the retreat of water safety services and infrastructure from the foreshore (required by climate change), and reducing public safety risks, particularly for high-risk groups and environments (under-fives; underwater activities; males aged 15-35 Years; Asians and male boaties aged 50+).
23. WSNZ wants to work with the Matamata-Piako District Council (and its partners and stakeholders) to help broaden their approach and reduce drowning fatalities and improve water safety awareness in the Matamata-Piako district.

³ SOLGM, 2020

⁴ Mahuta, 2018

Figure 1: Water safety and community well-being



Key issues and opportunities WSNZ would like Council to address in their 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan

24. Reducing preventable drownings, and improving water safety, will improve the well-being of Matamata-Piako district residents. WSNZ wants Council to consider the following points in the development of its long-term plan.

Water safety and drowning prevention - ensuring your communities well-being

25. The Matamata-Piako district aquatic environment is diverse with an abundance of rivers and streams, and lakes (like the Waihou and Waitoa Rivers and the reservoir at Te Miro Mountain Bike Park) for residents and visitors to enjoy for sport and recreation purposes. This means Council's water safety risk profile is also variable as users carry out activities with different risk profiles (such as swimming, kayaking, boating, fishing, or diving).

26. To ensure your communities well-being (which as shown in figure 1 includes the concept of water safety and drowning prevention) a broad approach to water safety and drowning prevention is therefore required. An approach beyond the provision of aquatic facilities such as swimming pools and the enforcement of swimming pool bylaws. Council's broader approach must address water safety and drowning prevention in freshwater (pools, lakes, rivers and streams), and in, on and around vessels (boats, yachts, surf skis, kayaks etc). This broader

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approach needs to reflect the needs of your local community and provide local solutions for local needs.

27. In addition to a broader and deeper approach, WSNZ wants Council's approach to compliment the investment we make into water safety sector partner organisations (like Surf Life Saving NZ), or the funding we give to other providers through our contestable funding process.
28. WSNZ supports Council's existing investment in water safety and drowning prevention and wants Council to continue to work with WSNZ (and the broader water safety sector) on the broader and deeper approach needed to ensure the community well-being of the Matamata-Piako district residents.

Water safety and drowning prevention, a correlation of water quality

29. Water quality, whether it be in pools, beaches, rivers, lakes, or the sea has a direct relationship with recreation and sport activities. This is because contaminated water, or water filled with weed or floating objects impacts on both the 'swimmability' and 'manoeuvrability' of people and vessels in various aquatic environments.
30. Poor water quality may cause or impact on water safety risks and/or drownings. To maintain water quality Council must advocate for (and in partnership with others) and carry out a number of activities such as maintenance/improvement to waste and storm water infrastructure; erosion control, and better understand and monitor the current state of the region's water health.
31. WSNZ wants to see Council's continued investment in these activities as this investment is essential to help maintain the quality of water for recreation and sport users.

Adapting and mitigating climate change

32. Climate change may result in rising temperatures and sea levels, changes in wind patterns, storm tracks, and droughts and the frequent heavy rainfall events. These changes may require:
 - an increasing demand on water safety services (rescues, medical support) from higher temperatures;
 - a need for better monitoring of river conditions to identify changes in water safety risks attributable to climate change-related phenomenon; and
 - an increasing requirement for the effective communication of the risks to the public from the changing conditions.
33. WSNZ believes preparing for climate change requires a collaborative effort and we (and the broader water safety sector) would like to be kept informed about (and participate as appropriate) in relevant climate change initiatives.

Māori Water Safety strategy

34. Drowning rates for Māori are high and reducing and preventing Māori drownings are one of WSNZ's strategic priorities.
35. Working with a group of key Māori stakeholders, we recently refreshed *Kia Manu, Kia Ora* strategy. Our new sector strategy (Wai Ora Aotearoa) also includes a focus on improving the connection to water for Māori as well as supporting greater use of a kaupapa Māori approach to water safety for tangata whenua.
36. WSNZ wants to work with Council, and your other stakeholders to expand the awareness of Māori water safety issues, and potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in Matamata-Piako district.

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37. WSNZ does want to be heard at Council's long-term planning hearing. Please liaise with Neil McInnes, WSNZ's Manager Capability and Investment at neil@watersafety.org.nz.

Ngā mihi

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Paul Verić

Interim Chief Executive
Water Safety New Zealand

Attachment 1: About Water Safety New Zealand

Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is the water safety sector leadership organisation for Aotearoa, New Zealand. We work with water safety sector organisations, individuals, and the public to reduce the incidence of drowning and injury. Our work contributes to the reduction in drownings by ensuring evidence-based water safety policies, investment funding, initiatives and aquatic education are delivered throughout the country.

WSNZ is an incorporated society with charitable status that was established in 1949. Our membership structure comprises 37 general members, 3 core members (Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, and Swimming New Zealand), and a partially elected board. The WSNZ Board includes delegates from each of our core members.

The WSNZ annual operating budget is funded by Sport New Zealand and ACC. We provide both agencies with accountability reports half-yearly. Thus, while we are an incorporated society, Sport New Zealand is the 'government home' for water safety policy and our reporting agency. Sport New Zealand oversees our governance appointments.

The New Zealand Lotteries Grants Board, via Sport New Zealand, provides WSNZ with funds to distribute to water safety providers through our annual funding round. We also provide funds received from charitable trusts and foundations, commercial sponsorship, and other funding partnerships.

In 2020/21 we distributed \$2.5 million across New Zealand to water safety providers. These providers included: drowning prevention and rescue NGOs, professional and national sport and recreation organisations, child and youth support organisations, Māori organisations, swim schools, local authorities, and regional sports trusts.

This partnership funding is focused on two main areas - water survival skills training and water safety awareness raising and behaviour change. Water Skills for Life (WSFL) is WSNZ's flagship water survival skills program and it reaches over 200,000 primary school children each year. A range of water safety behaviour change initiatives are funded by WSNZ with emphasis placed on reaching demographic groups with high drowning risk (eg. males aged 15-34).

Attachment 2: Community well-being and water safety and drowning prevention

WSNZ community well-being statement

WSNZ has, at the heart of its operations, a commitment to enabling the community well-being of all New Zealanders participating in aquatic sport and recreation or living near bodies of water. Our leadership, advocacy, policies, initiatives, and funding of programmes work to reduce the incidence of preventable drowning and injury in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Our work strives to contribute to a thriving society for individuals, families, and communities. A society where local communities inter-connecting economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being needs are all met.

The Four Well-beings in the Local Government Act

Most definitions of well-being focus on the quality of life, a healthy human condition as well as happiness and prosperity. Social science research suggests that well integrated individuals with shared community goals have better health and well-being outcomes. Research also indicates the four domains of well-being are all interconnected, and all connect in some way with water safety.



The following outlines how water safety and drowning prevention infrastructure, services and activities provide local government with several opportunities to improve the community well-being of their community.

Cultural Well-being and Water Safety

Cultural well-being is defined by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage as:

'The vitality that communities and individuals enjoy through:

- *Participation in recreation, creative and cultural activities; and*
- *The freedom to retain, interpret and express their arts, history, heritage, and traditions'⁵.*

Water is at the heart of our culture and identity as New Zealanders. New Zealanders have important connections to water through their history, experiences and practices that are important to them. Whether it is a connection to places that people swim, or swam as children, regular camping spots or mountain streams that people have encountered on tramps or hikes, many people have particular bodies of water that are important to them. These bodies of water can be important to a person's sense of identity, and from a Māori perspective, people are connected to water and to the natural world through their whakapapa. Aquatic recreation is a large part of the kiwi culture with many

⁵ Te Manatu Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (date unknown)

*families and individuals enjoying spending time at their local beach, river, or lake and being able to safely enjoy taking part in aquatic activities such as, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, or boating is hugely important to New Zealanders.*⁶

Water safety knowledge and skills, gained from WSNZ's aquatic education programs, promote New Zealanders cultural well-being by allowing individuals to participate in aquatic recreation in a safe, enjoyable, and culturally sensitive way. This sense of feeling 'safe' is also relevant to New Zealanders social well-being in that it benefits our physical and mental health.

Environmental Well-being and Water safety

*Environmental well-being promotes interactions with nature; for New Zealanders to be able to enjoy and maintain their connections with water throughout New Zealand it is important that the quality of the water is maintained. The benefits of improving water quality of lakes and rivers throughout New Zealand benefit many activities from swimming to kayaking to mahinga kai. Environmental wellness can inspire individuals to live a lifestyle that is respectful of their surroundings and this in turn results in them assisting in maintaining and caring for waterway.*⁷

*Protection of mauri (life force or essence) is a principal issue for freshwater management, Māori throughout New Zealand are increasingly concerned with the integrity of waterways. A healthy body of water that has healthy mauri sustains healthy eco systems and supports a range of cultural environmental activities (mahinga kai or waka ama for example) and reinforces the cultural identity of the people.*⁸

Aquatic water, free from hazards such as bacteria, weeds, and floating objects, benefits New Zealanders well-being as it allows them to safely swim, dive, boat and gather food. Environmental well-being and water safety are interrelated, one does not exist in isolation of the other. Environmental well-being also re-enforces New Zealanders cultural identity.

Economic Well-being and Water Safety

Over the past ten years preventable drownings and injuries have incurred social and economic costs of over \$5 Billion. However, this financial figure does not illustrate the real cost in pain and suffering and disruption to families and work.

*Social costs of fatal preventable drownings and water related injuries can be difficult to isolate and measure. The individual victim is usually the person most directly affected; however, accidents can potentially impact on family members, coworkers, medical care providers and a host of other individuals. Socio demographic differences potentially modify the type and extent of a fatal preventable drowning or injury's social costs. An individual's age, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, education, and their socioeconomic status all can influence the responses of the individual as well as others in their social circle. Multifarious impacts are possible and may include vocational, psychological, behavioral, social, economic, and functional effects. These costs and their impacts are varied, wide reaching and include both direct and indirect costs, costs at the micro and macro levels.*⁹

Water safety and drowning prevention services, activities and infrastructure reduce the social cost of drowning. Preventable drownings save the economy costs in terms of reduced hospitalisations, ongoing medical attention, and the attendance of police, ambulance etc. at events. Preventable

⁶ Ministry for the Environment, Manatu Mo Te Taiao, 2020

⁷ U C Davis, 2020

⁸ Tipa and Tierney, 2006

⁹ Dembe, 2001

drownings also reduce family and whanau economic, social, and cultural costs resulting from loss of household income, a primary care giver, and that person's broader contribution to their community. Reduced social costs benefit the economic well-being of local communities.

WSNZ's awareness and behavioral change programs also provide economic well-being benefits to international visitors, who unaware of the risks in some of our popular aquatic environments, are often included in New Zealand's drowning statistics.

Water safety and drowning prevention services, activities and infrastructure also benefit the economic well-being of local communities. These benefits can be seen in the revenue generated through fees and local employment (which has an economic multiplier effect).

Social Well-being and Water Safety

*Social connections play an important role across many aspects of people's lives, from employment opportunities and advice on important life decisions, to receiving support during hard times and having someone to enjoy life and relax with. There is a growing body of evidence supporting the notion that healthy social networks are important for health and well-being.*¹⁰

*Aquatic activities are often undertaken as social activities and allow for social connections to be formed and maintained. Aquatic recreation is both a means to an end (contributes to health and fitness) and an end in itself (enjoyment and satisfaction). Recreation is a useful tool for social connection and social well-being.*¹¹

WSNZ's awareness and behavioral change programs allow individuals (and their families) to be able to safely partake in aquatic recreation activities. These programs equip them with water safety skills to ensure they can keep themselves and their families safe in, on, and around the water. Community education, and the use of safety/warning signage, also promotes awareness of the risks and dangers inherent at popular aquatic recreation spots.

Social well-being can also be enabled through the concept of safe communities. Safe communities are a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept that recognises safety as a universal concern and a responsibility for all. A safe community is a livable community where people can go about their activities in an environment that is without fear, risk of harm, or injury. Twenty-two communities in New Zealand are accredited as Safe Communities by the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ). A further five are currently working towards accreditation which is based on the WHO endorsed Safe Communities model. The safe community's website states:

*Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and violence. It is about well-being, building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities. Homes, the roads, public spaces and the workplace are safe for everyone to enjoy. This is exactly what the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) does for community development, through leadership and collaboration, to create safer communities to work, play and live. The majority of community-based injuries and accidents are preventable and predictable – it is this premise that forms the basis for everyone's safety. Each community or local area is different - each safety approach meets the unique needs of the people, their goals, and the community values, working together for better outcomes. SCFNZ specifically supports communities to adopt the Safe Community model to increase well-being and become effective advocates and enablers of injury and violence prevention*¹².

¹⁰ Frieling, Krasso, & Cording, 2018

¹¹ Recreation Aotearoa, 2019

¹² Safe Communities Foundation NZ, 2020

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This approach to community safety encourages greater co-operation and collaboration between non-government organisations, the business sector, and local and central government agencies. It increases community well-being by creating an infrastructure in local communities to increase action by building local partnerships and collaborative relationships. Currently, some Councils in New Zealand incorporate water safety and injury prevention into ensuring the well-being of the community. WSNZ encourages all councils to consider the benefits to the well-being of their communities of becoming an accredited safe community. WSNZ also encourages all existing accredited communities to place greater emphasis on water safety in their regions.

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Submission 371

The government has to have an in depth investigation into RUBBISH and minimize the types of plastic grades out there. If there were only 4 grades of plastic available that went into households it would make recycling easier and cheaper.

Manufacturers need to look at the whole process of packaging as that is where all the disposable rubbish starts

Make amendments to the laws around plastics grades - so fewer grades are made and less bins used for disposal of plastics. EG- Only have say grades 1 – 4 , so people would find it easier to recycle them correctly.

Encourage retail shops to do away with plastic bags.

If plastic bags are used, use compostable ones

Have available somewhere that soft plastic bags can be disposed of – supermarkets in Hamilton have this service.

If plastic bags are used for say food only – this would make less dump related rubbish

Plastic containers – like the ones for storing biscuits, cakes, frozen items, etc , to be done away with.

They weren't around years ago and we did not need them then. Griffins Gingernuts don't have them!

A place where ALL plastics could be put sorted into the various categories . If the plastics were washed (and this could be done when people(did their dishes) wiped down their benches. This could be put in an area where people can easily access them, and as they were clean, there would be no smell from them.

People CAN recycle more efficiently. We put our recycling bin out once in a 4 week cycle. This includes all copies of the Herald, Waikato Times and both local and advertising paperwork too.

Our rubbish is put out in 1 plastic bag which would be only ½ full fortnightly. We store one week in the freezer and add this the following week. Sometimes the rubbish can go out after 3 weeks. We still have to pay the same rates, even though we are only putting less rubbish out?

Submission 371

Lindale Avenue Park

This park has become an utter eyesore. Long grass, weed covered waterway, and only the slide and swings to play on. It was once a wonderful park with children always in attendance and having fun. Some of the play equipment has disappeared and some of the equipment is not at all suitable. The park was used by people who were "carers" and had up to 4 children coming and using the park, as well as the local children. *It was nice to sit under the trees, and people would go there and read. The kowhai trees have died and replacement Kowhai trees of a different species have not replaced them. Some of the other trees have grown very tall; and this could prove to be a problem, as they hide the properties, which could be a target for burglaries.*

We used to border the park, and went back there when on my walks, and to just sit and enjoy some special time. Sadly, I don't like doing that now.

To encourage more people back, could the lawn be mowed a little lower, so younger children and senior people can walk on it and not trip over.

This is such a beautiful park and just needs a little TLC

Submission 371

Make Morrinsville Recreation Grounds a MUST GO TO place.

Beautify around the area off Avenue Road entrance, where the trees are
Organise a volunteer group – maybe with emphasis on retired people/ and others to help maintain this area (to save council expenditure.) Retired people are more active now and could help some people of this age to engage with others that have a like minded interest.

Cover the pool.

The playground is a great area, but for the older children, make an area with a hop scotch and 4 ball game, available (or other type of games) This would entertain children staying in the camping ground area – and others visiting for the gardens and other interests at the Recreation grounds.

Shift the rose garden from town up to the Recreation Grounds.

An area for only self- contained campervan/caravans.

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Congratulations to the locals who are doing a great job with the walking track – and build more visitor related areas close by them. Seating – tables – so people can enjoy some relaxation. Some sort of art/ feature/statue type of interest.

This would leave the present Rose Garden for parking.

PARKING

1. Put the Rose Garden up in Howie Park.
2. Put the Rose Garden up in the Recreation Grounds in Morrinsville

This would mean more parking closer to town.

Parking in Moorhouse Street

This should be an area designated for “Shoppers Only” and a time limit attached.

Prominent signage to be displayed.

Maybe have some sort of qualified persons to police this.

One way road in main street – from Lorne Street to Canada Street. Access along Anderson Street

There could then be angle parking which would allow more parking too.

Retail persons not to park on Thames Street. This would allow more parking for shoppers

I think the council should continue their role for rubbish disposal, leaving it to the individual could result in far more fly tipping & more confusion about collections.

While I understand the wish to do away with rubbish bags, I do have some concerns. How will the council ensure that single dwellers & small households do not pay significantly more for their rubbish collections? I only need to put a bag out about every 3 weeks, sometimes a month. If I have a bin & am charged a standard weekly rate it could cost me about \$100 per year more than it does now. I am happy to pay my share of rates but do not wish to subsidize larger households by paying for more than I need. What will households do if they have too much rubbish for their bin? Currently it is simple, an extra bag can be used & most people can easily buy them with their groceries.

Tauranga council is to use small, food scrap bins which I think could be prone to become smellie & attract flies. Most town dwellers' would struggle to find room to store them in their freezers, which is what the council has suggested households do. I have a separate compost collection so would not need this service. How will Council ensure I do not pay for it.

Please be mindful of the space needed for multiple large bins, many smaller properties could have trouble storing them & residents would not appreciate having them round their front door, in the garage or cluttering the driveway. I have seen this in the UK & it can be very inconvenient.

The current system works well on the whole, we all know our when our rubbish will be collected & it is a reliable service.

On another matter which I know is difficult, the number of cats in town. Dog owners are required to clean up after their pets but how do we cope with cats? I like cats but do not appreciate having to constantly clear up cat poo from my garden when I do not own one. To track down the offending smell & then dispose of the disgusting mess, before being able to enjoy my time in the garden, is quite soul destroying. Grabbing an unexpected handful when weeding is even worse!

Some of my neighbours keep their cats shut in at night with a litter tray, which is brilliant so, please can this be pushed as the considerate & appropriate way to act for cat owners? It would help to prevent the fights that occur as well.

Many thanks

Cathy Robson

I would appreciate some reply to my concerns please.

thanks

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Cathy Robson

Things we want to investigate:

- Morrinsville Recreation Master Plan (rec grounds, library, pool)
- Te Aroha civic facilities (library, i-SITE, museum) *All old*
- Morrinsville to Te Aroha cycleway
- A stage for the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre
- Expanding our housing for the elderly

Looking further ahead (years 4-10):

- Waiorongomai carpark ✓
- Destination playgrounds
- Upgrade of the Te Aroha sewer falling main ✓
- Treated water storage in Matamata
- Upgrade wastewater treatment plants *house connections*
- Matamata to Piarere cycleway *How*
- Tower Road pump station and rising main

Things we're compromising on:

- Matamata Bypass
- Morrinsville civic facilities
- Morrinsville Office and Library

about a toll to pay for it

UNDERSTANDING RATES: WHERE IS EVERY \$100 OF YOUR RATES SPENT?



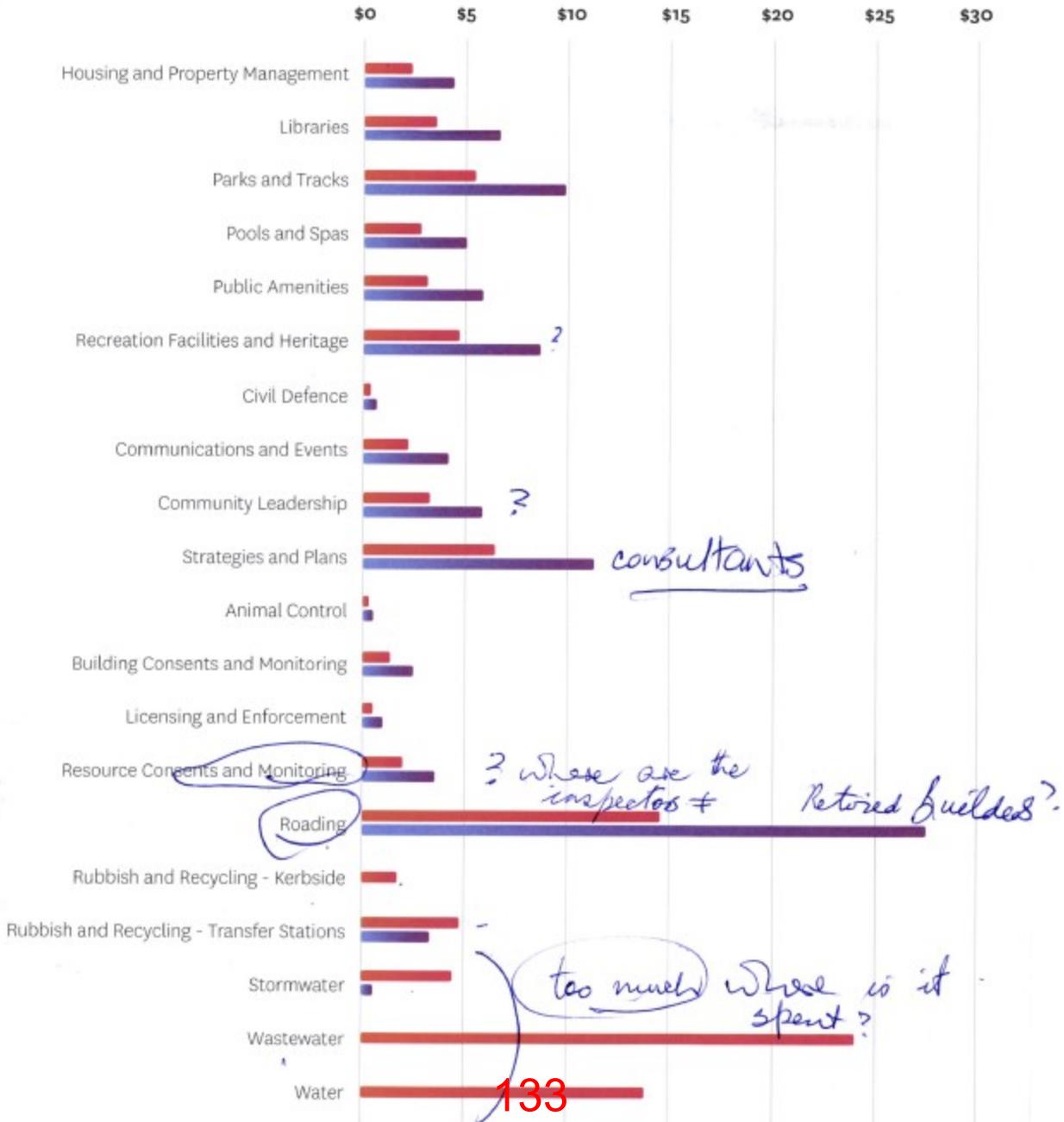
\$550,000 urban property

Connected to services (e.g. water, wastewater, rubbish collection)



\$8 million rural property

Not connected to services



Submission 433

Looking further ahead (years 4-10):

- Waiorongomai carpark
- Destination playgrounds
- Upgrade of the Te Aroha sewer falling main ✓
- Treated water storage in Matamata ✓
- Upgrade wastewater treatment plants ✓
- Matamata to Piarere cycleway
- Tower Road pump station and rising main

Things we want to investigate:

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Things we're compromising on:

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- Morrinsville civic facilities
- Morrinsville Office and Library

Submission 433

REVITALISING OUR TOWN CENTRES

OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND

I write now only of Te Aroha as I have not looked at the problem in either Morrinsville or Matamata.

Before we spend a single dollar on revitalising our town centre, Council must cause its ratepayer-funded inspectors to get out of their air-conditioned offices and cars and **walk** around the back entrances of our town centre. It is disgusting and a health hazard.

A walk along Rewi Street and Church Street, ^{to} ~~along~~ the back entrances of the various shops, will put you off ever buying anything in Te Aroha, especially food.

No inspector has set foot in this area in years! Are they afraid or just too lazy?



Howard Harrison
34 Clarke Avenue
Te Aroha

Submission 434

SUBMISSION FOR LONG TERM PLAN 2021 – 2031

A PEDESTRIAN MALL FOR TE AROHA

Thank you for allowing us to submit ideas about the future of our town. We are encouraged by a Council that is thinking in the long-term.

The submission I hand in today is a creative, bold and innovative suggestion for the future of Te Aroha as the tourist centre of the region. As such, this town has the potential to attract visitors to our area for the financial benefit of the whole region. At present the Council does not do enough in the town to attract visitors.

It is time to think boldly.

Attractions

We have the mountain with its walks and cycle tracks. There are the 4-wheel mountain tracks just out of town. Our spa pools are a major feature. We are on the Rail Trail. Adventure tourism has been established in our area and attracts visitors to the town but could attract many more. There are also hidden attractions that are not yet being exploited. For example, Te Aroha has a large number of extremely talented artists and crafts people who could add to the attraction of the town – given the opportunity.

Changing the face of Te Aroha

It is our belief that, with tourists in mind, the area of Whitaker Street between the clock tower and Boundary Street, should be turned into a **pedestrian mall**.



Launceton Mall Tasmania

In this mall

- A country-wide competition could be launched in order to find the best, brightest and most innovative design in keeping with a theme chosen by the people of Te Aroha.

Submission 434

- ⑩ There should be a consistent theme, e.g. harking back to our Edwardian, Victorian or gold mining past.
- ⑩ There would be space for cafes and restaurants to expand into the open area.
- ⑩ Flower beds or hanging gardens and trees placed at strategic places plus perhaps a water feature to create a feeling of calm and tranquility.
- ⑩ A small playground for children which would provide a safe area for children of parents who are enjoying a meal in the mall.
- ⑩ There could be small moveable kiosks or barrows for arts and crafts displays and sale as a way of encouraging the large number of artists in Te Aroha. More of Adrian Worsley's statues could be a prime attraction.
- ⑩ We could encourage buskers and musicians to perform.
- ⑩ We already have a number of craft shops, cafes and restaurants in that part of Whitaker Street. We could attract more if the venue is right. We have too many empty shops in Te Aroha as it is, we need to encourage owners to rent out these properties.
- ⑩ A bold step would be to relocate the clock tower to the entrance of the proposed mall as well as the World War I memorial statue to the Boundary Street side. This would free up valuable parking space.



Launceton Mall Tasmania

Traffic

Heavy traffic already moves along Centennial Avenue and down Kenrick Street to continue to Stanley Road South Road and on to Matamata or down Waihou Road to Morrinsville. This would also solve the ever-present traffic problem at the top of Kenrick Street. Delivery vehicles could operate from the far side of Whitaker Street opposite the old Post Office. And at specified times.

Parking

One of the challenges would be the need to find other areas for parking. There is the opportunity to innovatively use Rewi Street with more angled parking.

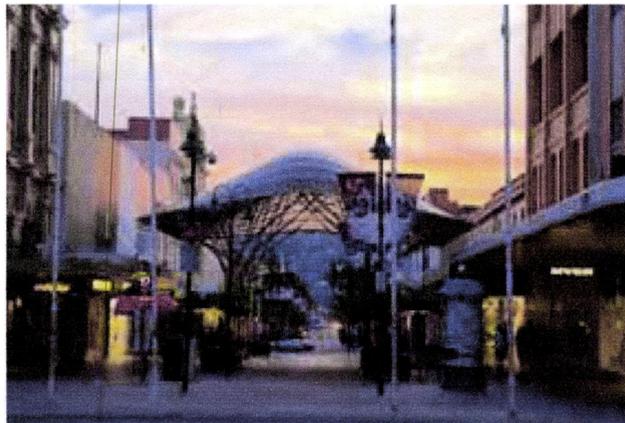
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Brisbane Mall

Presently ...

Many of the shops in Whitaker Street are downright tawdry. At the back of the shops, especially in Rewi Street the area is a series of unsightly trash dumps. This signifies that not only shop owners are being careless but the Council as well. Being in a Pedestrian Mall with greater foot traffic would encourage present shop keepers to renovate and thereby attract more custom. I suspect that many shop owners feel they have been ignored by the Council for too long and have allowed standards to slip. Creating a Mall with an historic theme would inspire shop owners to do the same.



Conclusion

This is the time for the Council to think ahead and think boldly. We need to visualise a tourist hub that would compete with any other tourist attraction in the country. This is a bold plan but appealing and possible.

Jennifer Harrison
34 Clarke Avenue
Te Aroha

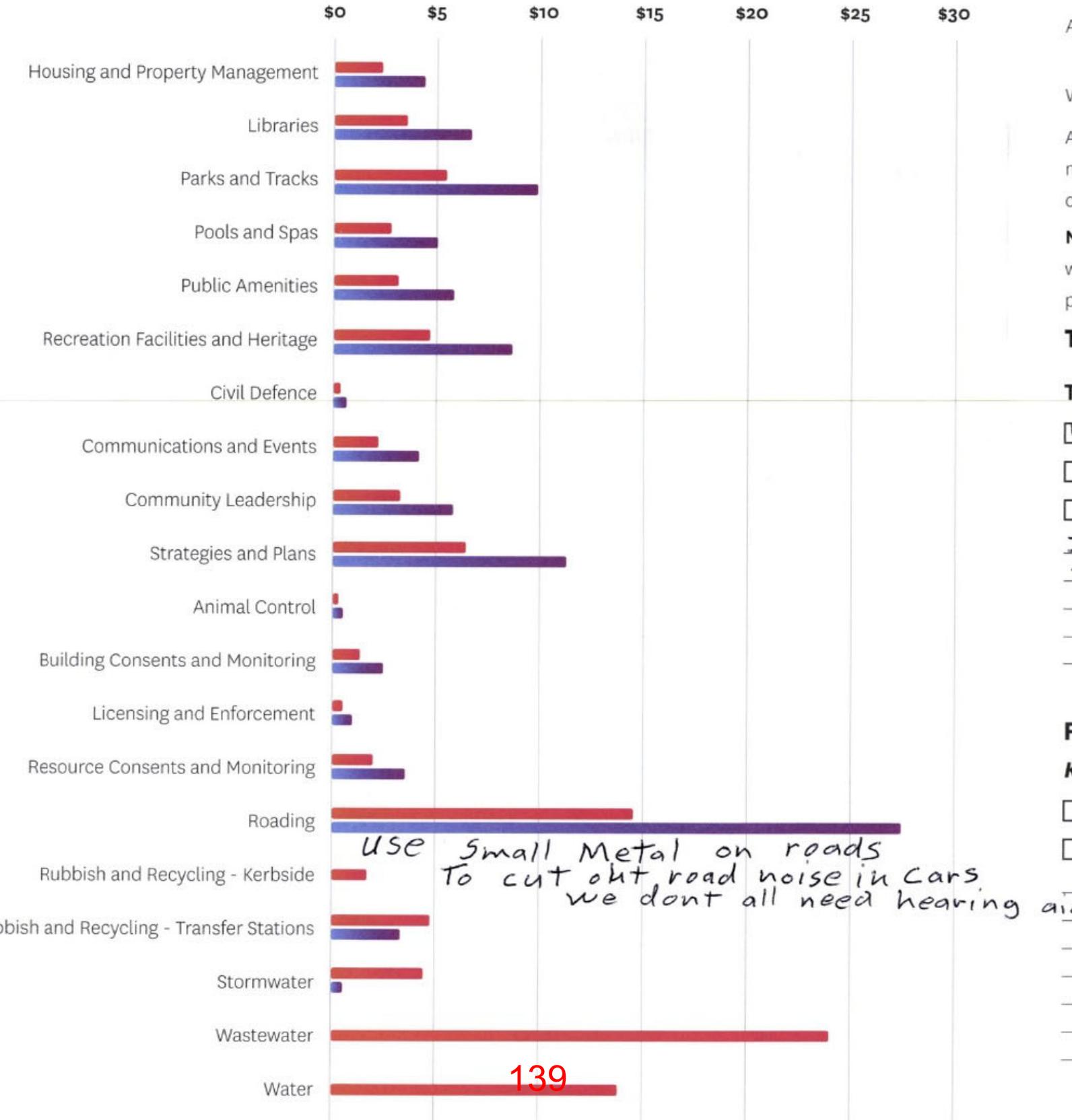
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\$8 million rural property
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Submission 446

Submission to Matamata Piako District Council

April 14th 2021

Name: Kevin Kent

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Address: 24 Pohutukawa Place, Matamata 3400

Ratepayer: Yes

Age Group: 65+

I do not want to speak about my submission at a Council Hearing.

Dear MPDC

Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission.

As I live in Matamata I will focus my comments on Matamata only.

It seems to me quite incredible that the only two Matamata related projects presented are the Dog Park at Swap Park (at no cost to MPDC !!!) and to "investigate" a stage for the Memorial Centre. Both these projects have my full support.

May I suggest some other projects for Matamata that you could consider.

1. Complete the planned walkways on the western side of the town.
2. Improve the standard of children's playgrounds in the town.
3. Complete the 3rd stage of the skateboard park.
4. Upgrade the security lights in the CBD to make the town a safer place after dark. This is part of "revitalising our town centres" as in your published document.
5. Improve the state ("smoothness and access to and from") of our pedestrian pathways for those who use mobility scooters.

The Matamata Swim zone is a good facility but the small children area needs upgrading to make it a more enticing place - foot pressure fountains for example. The opening times of the pools especially at weekends and during public and school holidays need to be looked at (example: closed 3pm on Easter Saturday). The maintenance schedule needs better planning - the indoor warm pool is closed for the first week of the school holidays !!!! The re-introduction of a reasonably priced season ticket for families would bring better patronage. Current prices make it almost impossible for families to use the pools regularly.

16 APR 2021

Submission 446

I support the 2023 waste disposal suggestion. Let's look after our planet.

I understand that the Council can only operate on its rates revenue and so improved services can only happen with increased rates. It seems that the indicated increases are necessary but must be held to those levels suggested.

Thank you for considering my submissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kent', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

Kevin Kent

Submission 449

Things we want to investigate:

- *yes* Morrinsville Recreation Master Plan (rec grounds, library, pool)
- *yes* Te Aroha civic facilities (library, i-SITE, museum)
- ~~Morrinsville to Te Aroha cycleway~~ *no*
- ~~A stage for the Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre~~ *no*
- *yes* Expanding our housing for the elderly & disabled

Looking further ahead (years 4-10):

- Waiorongomai carpark *Move toilets to carpark only*
- ~~Destination playgrounds~~
- Upgrade of the Te Aroha sewer falling main *Well yes*
- Treated water storage in Matamata
- Upgrade wastewater treatment plants
- ~~Matamata to Piarere cycleway~~
- Tower Road pump station and rising main

Things we're compromising on:

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- Morrinsville civic facilities
- Morrinsville Office and Library

should only need maintenance

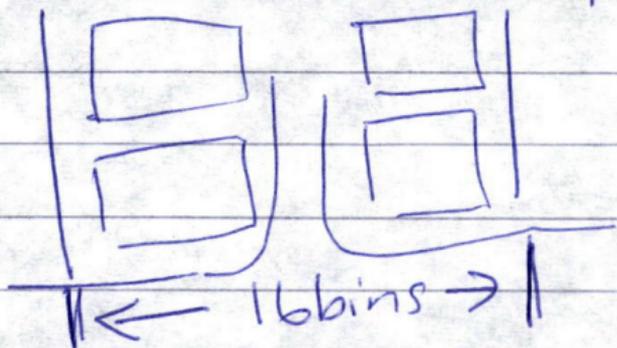
Submission 449

Resource recovery

Setup a site in town as an "opshop type" facility * see suggestion for assisting new industry to repurpose/recycle unwanted stuff.

Submission 449

Has council considered the effect of each house having to put out 4 bins every fortnight. Consider the logistics of a 4 home retirement block eg



There should be an opt out for private bin users

MPDC LTP Consultation

16 April 2021

Hello!

I think our Council is doing a wonderful job. Thanks for all your efforts. My main concerns are the domain, historic aspects of the town, and rubbish.

The domain and spa are ^{some} of the best assets of Te Aroha. Please don't change it too much. The Spa is fine where it is. I have no trouble booking a space. If it gets "too big", it will ruin the beauty of what is there. Getting rid of the "weeds", too many plants have been taken out. Luckily, there are many people in town that would like to help with maintaining the tracks and planting. It shouldn't cost much. Keep Te Aroha Beautiful has a great group of people. I was surprised to see the gardeners pulling out all the (marigold?) flowers from the rose beds and throwing them into a truck. Many people would love those in their garden. What a waste if they are just thrown away. The gardeners do a great job to make our town look beautiful.

The town centres are fine. We have all we need, except a larger Countdown and a new hardware store to replace Bunnings. The historic old buildings need cleaning and painting, but keeping the town authentic and "real"; not touristy where you lose the friendly old style. Te Aroha is a rare town that hasn't been ruined by modern changes. I enjoy going to the library, great location and helpful staff. Don't change it please.

I don't create much waste but I'm sure it costs Council a lot to dispose of it. The ones creating it should pay for it, like buying bags. The idea of a re-cycle wheelie bin is good, we do that already. Many people are just lazy. More education needed to reduce waste. Compost green waste and sell it. Make something like park benches, buckets, etc. from plastic. Would create new jobs. Food scraps in crates - no - dogs will get into it. Composting at home is easy and creates new soil to grow your own veggies. Resource recovery - create jobs to recycle usable items.

Thanks for making our town a special place to live.

Regards,

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UNDERSTANDING RATES: WHERE IS EVERY \$100 OF YOUR RATES SPENT?

\$30 - where is the rest going



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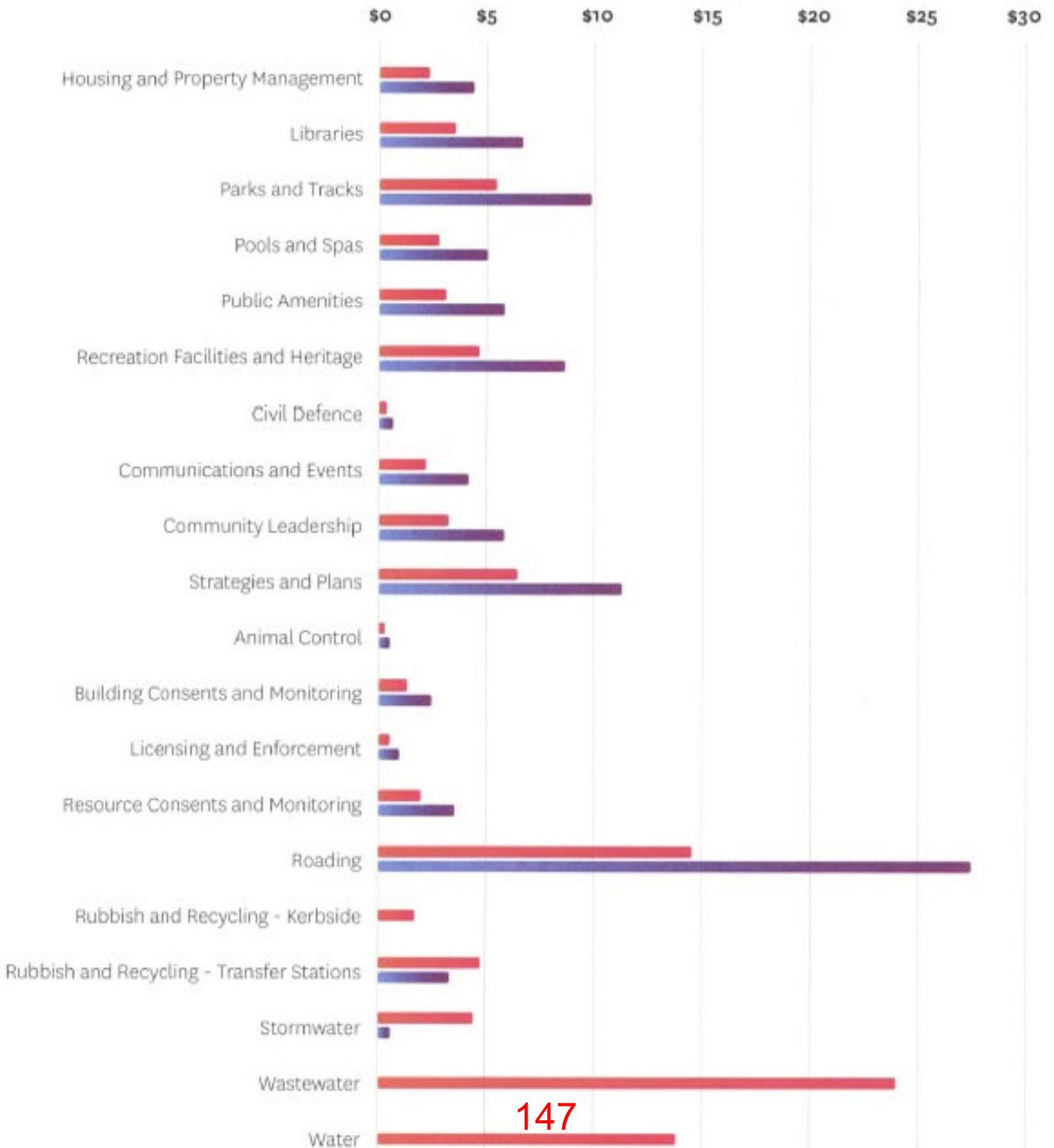
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Not connected to services

this only goes to \$30 not \$100



Submission 454

/Submissions To Matamata- Piako District Plan

15 April 2021

Mapuna Turner

Tangata Whenua Perspective

Ngati Rahiri

I wish to speak to my submission

The perception is that Te Ao Pakeha is the better of the two Treaty Partners. These children of Adam and Eve claim superiority supreme over Te Ao Maori; intellect, physique, capacity, technology and the self given right to sovereignty rule.

The reality is they are unaccountable and unaccepting individual and collective weapons of mass destruction. Destruction of land, water and wildlife let alone the attempt to destroy the language and culture of Tangata Whenua Te Ao Maori.

Such arrogance is deserving of the pestilence facing the global world currently with Covid 19 and such. One hundred and eighty years of rejection of Te Ao Maori contributions always ensuring Te Ao Pakeha plans and policies triumphed. Harrumph!

Maori have their cultural beliefs versed in the Cosmology Creation that our world started with the long dark nights from out of which came Ranginui and Papatuanuku who were separated by Tane Mahuta one of their children.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata he tangata he tangata. Why?

They are teina to all other forms of life on earth. Respect for elders, caring for elders, epitomises **manaakitanga, whakawhanaungatanga lores and values.**

au.....I,me

Whanau.....family

Whanaunga.....relation

Whakawhanaunga.....make connections to relations

Whakawhanaungatanga.....relationship building

Conservations set the rules in all relationships of the world meaning that the language reflects the connections. Tui the bird isa leader in the dawn chorus but the word means ti sew. Bind people and things together. The word for forest is ngahere -the ties, birds, trees, insects Tangata is the hub that plugs into the life of the world, water, land and wildlife.

Just like technology connects us to our devices to communicate as a tool. Tangata, man is the connector, the conduit.

To sae the world top of my wish list is that asteroids will destroy every existing satellite, that the world will default to the long dark night

The world of man is the greed for money.

Submission 454

Not until the last fish has been caught, the last river has been poisoned, will you know that money cannot be eaten **Cree prophecy**.

Tapu was the controlling factor on threat of death for pre European Maori. Therefore controls were self imposed. A return to self discipline after decades of forced techniques such as Police and Laws controlled by self perpetuating group affiliates, is ideal.

Farming practices have and are causing the worst damages. **Taxes should be per beast** at the farm gate. Nothing should pollute water ways, land or habitat of wildlife. How can it be changed from a mindset of ME to WE/US

To start again from the Treaty, 50/50 decision making. The relationship with the Treaty was signed by Maori and Pakeha to include all other immigrants

Land sales over seas must stop too. People have been conditioned to be lazy in that everything has been handed over on a gold plate

Perhaps the Traffic light system in operation by the government for Air Flights could be adapted to fixing the water and waste practices of local and regional councils.

1, Household waste 3 xbin collections

Food scraps - composting for use on farmland

Paper/Bottle- recycling

Other- methane plants

No further landfills from out of district as at Tirohia

2. Return to Septic Tanks per household

Composting Toilets

3. A rain tank per household

No further discharges into waterways

4. Earthship styled homes, off grid own water and waste

5. Tesla styled electricity ie: FREE

6. Rates are not for play grounds developments. Rate payers should vote for projects concerning methodologies for clean green practices by the community check lists

- Clean water supply to drink 75%
- No discharges into waterways at all
- Recycled waste tires to housing , containers to housing
- Discharges to air discontinued
- Monitoring against pollution
- No more Police. The army trained military. Wardens for Maori
- No more Prisons
- Special Schools for Maori
- No more Meat eating
- More Microbiome eating for health

Off grid living to be encouraged. Back to basics, home cooking, grow gardens Eat GBoms

Profiteers should pay taxes to enable pensions for the retired

Tax Evasion, white collar crime penalties like asset confiscations.

The Spa Development; NO

No 7 Bath House a consideration for up grade? Hasnt been used since Vercoe was Mayor

Submission 454

What about the agreement for free swims for Maori

No more fork tongued stuff

First priority should be clean waterways and no discharges

Can we have accountability for the past ten years of spending? Why should the rates rise without justification

What can I remember?

2002- adoption by MPDC of Mana Whenua committee. Rahiri manouvred with Council assistance Vercoe and Barnes Out of contention. Members for Hauraki all live away from the District. What benefits to the marae and Tui Pa have eventuated? Meaningful? Tumutumu is not a Hauraki tribe. Read Papers past for the full true story. I would be remiss if I allowed Taylor and Scott to deprive my mokopuna of their heritage like they have touted for the past ten years.

Ten years on No change not even a successful Treaty Settlement. How could it be when their knowledge of TeAroha is based on grand ma and grand dad's day for the. Hearsay. Not valid in a court of law but acceptable for MPDC. NO reports at all at marae hui. Why was that acceptable? No accountability period not even a copy of the minutes fo evidence.

Will MPDC make Maori wait till 2022 for seats on the council? There are three towns therefore one Maori seat per town at least No more insider trading to benefit the Councillor Tatou i a tatou in the name of Aroha Whakapono, Tumanako.

Submission 454

Submission to Matamata District Plan.
Mapuna Turner supplementary paper

Long Term Plans format- columns to see what has been completed at what cost,

1 sewer plant upgrade? Still discharging into river!

failed to create appropriate solution:

2. Rail trail: usage, frequency: numbers passing thru?

3. Signage?

4. Tui Park development: waste of existing rec areas mindset of ownership of lands eg Herries Park to be historic Maori site.

5. Domain spa sales shared with Maori marae at Tui Pa

6. Housing development on Housing Corp land on between Tui Roan and Hamilton Street for Maori Papakainga.

Tourism is gone for internationals

Mpdc to set up a town card to charge for ambulance, fire, lost in bush etc for sightseers
mpdc card for ratepayers residents for services: ambulance, fire, civil defence.

Add this part to earlier submission. Honour Environment Court decision Aroha mountain is waahi tapu.ion please

Above all the decision-making should be 50/50 as per the Treaty of Waitangi 1840

I personally dont agree there needs to be a Maori Electorate Ward unless all policies will be spilt into Treaty Partner and Maori under the Maori for Maori by Maori: Time to stop trying to turn us into brown pakeha. The joke is that you want to be brown like Maori in Summer.

I predict 2022 as the year for the Maori Party subject of course to no further rigging of Electoral Boundaries and numbers of seats in government There too many The 50/50 TOW Principle should apply at Parliament Level to start with. We did have a Maori House of Parliament . Matamata Piako could have 18 Councillors for the District 9 Maori /9 TOW seat, 2 extra seats for WRC.

There is a top heavy balance in Management. WRC should buddy with MPDC and every other District to make overlapping projects less wasteful The lines have been drawn but the prospect of housing by WRC using Crown lands is appealing.

How many roads do we need to the same place? Another wasteful project, Land grabbing payments to non Maori only? Farmlands/

Non reira kaore he kakau roroa o te paipa.

He aha e mea nui o te ao. He Tangata, he kai, he mahana te tinana, te noho kainga he wera te whakawhanaungatanga he maroke te moenga i te whare?

NaMapuna Turner

Appendix Peter Volker

If more people come into our District, we should cater for these. But no planning for any other type of growth that requires material extra resources for the sake of more wealth and/or comfort.

An enormous amount of added costs comes from additional capital and operational expenditure for "growth", which is called "sustainable" and is not raised by yourselves for comments. These are "must-do's", but are an elephant in the rise of rates projected.

I ask you:

- Keep looking for ways to achieve goals more economically (at lower cost).
- Reduce standards to reduce costs. E.g. Lower standards for roading, accepting lower traffic speed and comfort.

Rising expenses of drinking water because of higher standards.

Please give explanation why our water quality (drinking water) needs to be raised.

Fluoridation may be imposed and cause extra cost.

Fluor use must be an individual choice. Council to provide resistance where possible against such a policy.

Would be helpful if a pie chart had been put in the documentation, showing the percentages of total rates for each subject. 152 otherwise: good presentation, thank you.

Submission 461

I make this submission as co director of Swap Park Community Group. We oppose the use of Swap Park for a purpose built off-lead dog exercise area. To have such a structure in the Park is unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. Swap Park Community Group has 327 members. Our membership does not include Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo and Iwi. Our membership comes from people who enjoy the park, want to see more walkways developed and fully support the Masterplan concept Matamata's Iwi have to develop the main entrance to the Park in the spirit of a Community Park dedicated to Te Oranga o te Hapori.

2. Swap Park Community Group do not want to see this special park, one of the main entrances to Matamata, become like the Swap Park BMX track, where Council spends money on developing a facility for an enthusiastic group, which overtime becomes an eye-sore. All dog parks over time become dog urine burnt requiring resurfacing, dusty, smelly and fly attractant in summer and muddy in winter and faeces, parasite loaded. A dog Park does not fit with Swap Park's prominent position as a showcase for Matamata's outer green-space.

3. The MPDC 'Business Case – Swap Park Dog Exercise Area' lacks due diligence in many areas:

- 1000 dogs are registered in Matamata urban area, not 1500 as stated.
- Safety issues regarding aviation for Matamata's medical rescue Helipad and also the wellbeing of confined dogs when the Helipad is in use are ignored.
- The opening paragraph describes Swap Park as "under used" without any reference to survey results, which should at the very least include Matamata's four 'dog off leash' Parks such as Founders & Furness.
- The substantial Matariki Tu rakau fund invested into Swap Park and its significance to Matamata is ignored.
- The hundreds of maintenance hours invested into the Park by Swap Park Community Group and Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo is also ignored
- The list could continue, but this is not our area of responsibility.

Of more importance is the obligation and responsibility Council and Swap Park Community Group have to the gift from Te Uru Rakau of a Matariki Tu Rakau Fund. A fund stepped in History and honor. With this gift comes the obligation to use the area for the purpose of the gift.

Matariki Tu Rakau funded Matamata's Covid19 Commemorative Event. To receive this fund was significant for Matamata. The fund was to honor the memory of people in NZ, and the world over, who died and suffered with the Covid19 global pandemic. It was an event to also bring the Matamata community together, in unity, to acknowledge Matamata's essential workers who kept the town operational throughout New Zealand's historic Lockdown.

Council acknowledged the voluntary work of Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo and Swap Park Community Group who together organised the substantial Matariki Tu Rakau Fund and Matamata's Community Covid19 Commemorative Event: The clearing of the site, digging

1120 holes, sourcing and transporting 1120 trees, printing Aotearoa & 198 nations flags, stakes & tree guards, Kaumatua Karakia, 900 Matamata Butchery sausages, Matamata brass band etc. etc.

Te Uru Rakau's substantial funding into Swap Park with the Matamata Community Covid19 Commemorative Event and planting, has a legal contract, which binds MPDC and Swap Park Community Group. Unfortunately this has been overlooked in the due diligence and consultation process for the MPDC Business Case, which puts forward four site options for a dog park that all impact on Te Uru Rakau, MPDC, Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo and Swap Park Community Group's development in Swap Park. One of these options (Option3) has the removal of the entire Covid19 Nations memorial stand of 198 Kaihikatea. The other two options (Option 1&2) impact the Titoki lining the remembrance walkway, and the kowhai planted by the Matamata family as a tribute to their father who died of Covid19 during Matamata's third largest virus cluster in New Zealand.

Swap Park Community Group is a key financial and maintenance investor in Swap Park. On a singular, monetary, valuation level key government personal involved in the funding process value this investment in Swap Park, for MPDC, at approximately \$80,000.

The Matariki Tu Rakau fund for Matamata's Community Covid19 Event was an investment into Matamata's spiritual, cultural and ecological wellbeing and values. We are alarmed to see the "community group" advocating for a dog park in Swap Park demonstrate a blatant disregard for these spiritual, cultural and ecological values, by putting forward to the MPDC the areas in Options 1, 2, 3, as viable options for a dog park.

Furthermore Mayor Ash, in 2020, endorsed Te Waiarani Wharawhara & Te Rau Kohanga Reo's initiative for Iwi to place a Pou Whenua in Swap Park on the site that is now Option2 for a dog park. In 2020 Ngati Haua took this initiative to Iwi and a subsequent hui has been held with Ngati Hinerangi & Ngati Raukawa, where there was discussion from Iwi to develop a Masterplan for this special place to become a Community Park for the whanau and community health and wellbeing, that is become a Park for the people of the world. The substantial materials required for a Pou have been gifted to the Matamata community by Hinuera Quarry & local farmers.

Iwi: Ngāti Hauā, Ngāti Hinerangi, and Ngati Raukawa, Matamata's essential workers: St John, Matamata Medical Centre, NZ Police, NZ Fire Service, Countdown & New World staff, NZ Postal staff, Matamata Resthome staff, Rubbish and Water treatment staff, school children. Etc. Etc. came together with Mayor Ash, Kaumatua Mokoto Gillett,, MP van de Molen & Councillors to create a lasting and united memorial to the millions of victims of COVID19. It does not fit to have fenced, confined dogs and people with dog training business interests juxtaposed with this multipurpose area of reflection and recreational enjoyment

Looking forward:

Because Swap Park is the only Matamata Park MPDC has put forward for a dog park in the 'Consultation Document Long-term Plan 2021-2031', we propose MPDC develops a dog park in Option 4. This is the only option that can overcome the obligations outlined above and the spiritual and cultural mana invested in Option 1,2,3.

With a dog park development in Option 4, we request the trees planted in this area (1) over the past two years by the community, be removed by the dog park developer or MPDC to another area in Swap Park, with a guarantee of replacement for trees lost in the process.

(1) MPDC Business Case- Swap Park Dog exercise area - Option 4

- a. The planting in site Option 4 have been funded by Te Uru Rakau, Matamata community & Kaimai Valley Services, and is fully maintained by the community.
- b. This planting is an ecological development to conserve the Rotary Kauri grove displaying stress signals. (Kauris require the support of other species for optimum health and longevity.)
- c. The Planting provides a spatial & physical barrier to the rail-line & SH27 and is now regularly used as a picnic site by people traveling to Taupo District & Bay of Plenty.
- d. The planting beautifies what was a bare, underused area, where parents safely off load children's bikes for the BMX track. The planting has not hampered this safety factor for children.

In closing. If Council decides to develop a dog park in Founders Park, I would offer my design consultancy skills, free of charge, to design a dog park that embraced all the design features that make for a successful investment. This Park offers the opportunity to have no 90degree angles, mature trees and contour, all features which successful dog parks require.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Craig Campbell
Mrs. Ezra Campbell

To the Councilors, Matamata Piako District Council
13.4.2021

From, co Directors Swap Park Community Group
Dr Craig Campbell & Mrs Ezra Campbell

Dear Mayor & Councilors

We have watched with concern the self interested, promotion in the media of Swap Park as the only site for a Matamata dog park. As part of the invitation for submissions the Council has promoted its own argument for a dog park in Swap Park with its Business Case, which is inaccurate and deficient in details and specifications. Both elements create a bias and emotive stance, at the expense of the goodwill within the community, and with Council, that has taken place in the development of Swap Park over the past year.

Council was aware and supported the legal obligations to Tu Uru Rakau and the Matariki Tu Rakau fund. Council knew and acknowledged the involvement of the local Iwi in the project and acknowledged the opportunity to bring all three Iwi together with the Matamata Community Covid19 Commemorative Event in Swap Park. The Event was fully funded by the Matariki Tu Rakau fund, such is the spiritual, cultural an ecological significance of the project.

Council participated fully in the concept that the Covid19 planting was to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of our frontline workers through our historic Lockdown, and to create a memorial to the millions who died of Covid19 infection, with a special tree for Matamata's Covid19 victim. The 680 meter walkway Council installed two days after the community event has been referenced as a "remembrance walkway" by our Mayor. All of this unified our community

Council has demonstrated its support for Swap Park to be a place of special significance for the people of Matamata and the world over, by the grant of \$2,500 as a seed funding for Iwi's Pou Whenua in Swap Park. This grant has been acknowledged by local Iwi and they have donations of local Totara & Hinuera stone, bringing the Pou closer to being carved.

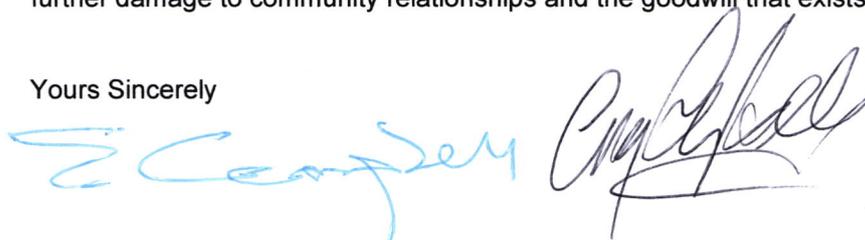
We respectfully acknowledge the enthusiasm of the 27 people who supported the concept of a dog park in Matamata. Promoters of a Matamata dog park have been offered by Council staff other sites and parks where dogs can exercise off lead, but have turned these down. They have alternatives that can accommodate their needs without infringing on the commitments of others. We encourage the development of alternative locations for a dog park,(we are dog owners ourselves) but not at the expense of the goodwill that has taken place in the development at Swap Park over the past year.

Council has also committed itself to the hundreds of people involved in Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo, Ngati Haua Iwi, Ngati Raukawa Iwi, Ngati Hinerangi Iwi, and will be aware of its cultural obligation to local Iwi. The Mayor last year was made aware of the objections of Ngati Haua and Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo to the concept of a dog park being located in Swap Park. It is wrong for this project of a dog park in Swap Park to proceed when it demonstrates complete disrespect for the cultural, spiritual and ecological values represented in Matamata's community coming together to create their Covid19 Commemoration and memorial.

It is wrong that a project of a dog park in Swap Park should put the goodwill of the existing project in jeopardy by the disrespect of even considering it. The existing project in Swap Park has far reaching effects on peoples lives, it has advanced relationships between people in our community, who looked on this as a meaningful memorial where we stand as one.

We urge Council: Swap Park as a site for a dog park be nipped in the bud before it causes further damage to community relationships and the goodwill that exists between all parties.

Yours Sincerely



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Before any work can be carried out by the Matamata Piako District Council.

They have to remove certain staff out of the Council, Those include the CEO, Executives, The Town Planner, Animal Control Officers, and Staff who are incompetent. When these people mislead and are untruthful.

While they are still there nothing gets done properly.

When staff come to clean the grates for the storm water they leave behind half of the materials on the road and on the berm.

There are Footpaths which residents have been waiting for well over sixty plus years in Morrinsville which have constantly been put aside by a certain person in the council whom seems to have a grudge against the area.

Over the past few years just about everything the Council has done has been a balls up. This includes the street scape of Thames Street Morrinsville. Planting certain trees around town which needed to be cut down, trees growing into the sewer pipes, Trees lifting up foot paths.

With regards to Morrinsville Thames Street they need to remove all seats and tables off the foot paths. Fix Thames Street Morrinsville properly. This includes removing all the raised footpaths crossing and all the cobble stone footpaths crossing and be made out of Hot Mix and Coloured in Terracotta.

It may help to cut the speed down to 30 km hour in Thames Street and some other Streets in Morrinsville.

The roundabouts in Thames Studholme and Studholme Allan Streest Morrinsville and to be fix properly

All these problems seem to stem from when Matamata, Te Aroha and Morrinsville formed the Matamata Piako District Council. As a lot of the workers don't live in the area they have this attitude problem about certain areas.

Is it time for Matamata to go and join Tokoroa, Te Aroha joins Paoroa and let Morrinsville go back how it was before on its own.

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NAR # 55977.

Grey Power
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To: Matamata-Piako District Council – Submissions

Date: 19 April 2021



Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the committee and members of Te Aroha Grey Power Association we wish to give our support to the attached LTP submission by Keep Te Aroha Beautiful.

We believe in the principles and recommendations in the submission and it's inherent importance not only to the local environment but to the local community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wandabrittain", with a horizontal line underneath.

President

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LTP submission by KTAB

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Keep Te Aroha Beautiful

from: WANDA BRETTAIN
As a local resident concerned with
our local environment I support
this submission.

Wanda H. ~~Brettain~~ (Mrs) 5 Emerson St
Te Aroha.

18.4.2021.

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April 19, 2021

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13 April 2021

Submission on Swap Park, Matamata

I am writing to voice my absolute support for the pathway and tree planting that has occurred over the past year in Swap Park, Matamata. For years this area has been an underused and uninspiring 'paddock' but, with the vision, perseverance and hard work of Ezra and Craig Campbell, it has truly become a green and pleasant reserve now used by many people in the community. The 198 Kahikatea trees planted by the community to honour, in particular the difficulties our town faced during 2020 pandemic will, in years to come, become the 'Centennial Drive' (a place that our forebears had the vision to plant so many years ago, that hundreds of residents now enjoy on a daily basis) of our generation; a place to reflect on not only the sadness and suffering caused by the global pandemic but also our strength and resilience during this unprecedented time. I look forward to seeing them grow strong and proud. The walkway and trees planted along side it have made the park accessible to many and it has become a popular path for walkers, dog walkers and families. Most of the trees are growing well (again thanks to the continuing work of the Campbells) and will provide welcome shade and beauty in the years to come. It seems to me that this new pathway is a welcome addition to, and will connect well with other walking/cycling pathways through our beautiful town (namely Centennial and Tom Grant Drives) and provide great opportunities for families on cycling excursions around town and walkers enjoying the benefits of exercise and the great outdoors.

It is my understanding that the Campbells would like to further extend the pathway so that a circular loop around the park can be achieved and further tree planting undertaken. I am hugely supportive of this idea and look forward to it coming to fruition. How privileged we are to have such people in our town willing to give so much for the benefit of, not only our residents, but the planet in general.

However, I would have liked to see the current path laid in a smaller stone chip or other compacted surface as the present surface is difficult for my dog to walk on and I would think it is also difficult for those on mobility scooters. I would also like to see easier access for those with mobility devices as, at present it is mostly blocked off by chains across entrance ways. And, while it perhaps goes against the cost-cutting thinking of councils, I believe a rubbish bin (or doggy-doo bin) at the entrance near Rata Street is a must as many dog owners use it as a walkway and being able to dispose of doggy-doo is important if we want to encourage dog owners to be responsible.

Because I am making this submission about Swap Park, it seems appropriate to add my comments to the present debate swirling about a future dog park being located here. I am opposed to this idea for a number of reasons. Although I do not consider Matamata nor the wider Waikato area 'dog-friendly' (I cannot take my dog on any of the tracks in the Kaimai, regardless of how well behaved she is, nor is she allowed in the town centre.), I do believe there are many places to walk a dog. While it is true that some of our streets are very busy (namely Broadway and Firth Street) and consequently noisy, frightening and polluted for our pets, most are not and provide ample sniffing and widdling opportunities so loved by canines. Centennial Drive and Tom Grant Drive are brilliant off-leash areas though they would benefit greatly from being vehicle-free (more about that in another submission) but I do concede that, as they cross many roads, are not ideal for dogs that are yet to learn commands or dogs that have 'cloth ears' or a mind or nose of their own! I do not consider Furness Park to be a great off lead area as it is little but a paddock and the bordering neighbour on one side is not fully fenced off. We also have many parks/reserves which are well used by dog owners, the vast majority of which are responsible both for their dog's behaviour and picking up their waste. Certainly a more urban/city landscape would necessitate the installation of a dog park, I do not think that

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Matamata fits that brief. In looking at the document titled "Business Case—Swap Park Dog Exercise Area" (29 September 2020), I see that they have proposed 4 options. Their preferred option is the second which encompasses much of the area in the higher level of Swap Park (next to the water treatment facility and helicopter pad). I am appalled that they even submitted Option 3 which is to remove the trees planted to commemorate Covid 19 (the funding from which came from a government agency I think).

While my dog certainly enjoys the company of, and plays with other dogs, she also seeks my company and participation in her activities. Therefore I am concerned that this proposed dog park becomes a place where owners unleash their dogs, then sit back and scroll their phones/enjoy the company of other dog owners thus leaving their dogs 'to their own devices'. While this may seem 'a safer' option for some dog owners, I'm wondering just who or what is 'safer'. It would certainly not be a safe place for my dog as she is frightened of many larger dogs as they are too intrusive. She would end up being trapped and cowering up against the fence! I'm also concerned about 'pack-mentality' by which I mean that several dogs together can unleash a more aggressive behaviour in some dogs. As an example: My dog was attacked and ended up shaken about in another dog's mouth because that dog 'perceived' her as a threat when in actual fact she was being approached by another dog who knew her and was moving to greet her. Unfortunately the attacking dog was not able to interpret this correctly and thus she was badly injured and traumatised.

While I would like to see a dog agility area, I do not think this fits well inside an area where dogs are roaming free.

Situated beside a designated helicopter pad also does not seem ideal for a number of reasons. While the helicopter pad appears to be used less frequently than in years gone by, it is still a safe and accessible place for this rescue service to land. If the dog park was situated there, would it still be so accessible when needed or would there be cars parked on it or dogs scared by the sudden noise and turbulence?

If I had no choice but to accept a dog park here in Matamata, I would choose Option 4 which is the largely unused area south of the BMX track. It provides an area of parking for owners, some seating is already available and many trees are already well established.

And on a final note: It appears that this debate (certainly within the media) is edging more toward big personalities in the town and emotive language, namely Jonathon Swift who appeared in both our local papers pleading for the dog park or "I'll move town". Pakowhai dog park in the Hawkes Bay is indeed a great dog park but is very different from what is being proposed here. Pakowhai also services both Napier, Hastings and surrounding areas which is a huge area compared with our small town.

Yours sincerely

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Matamata

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16 April 2021

Submission on Making Centennial Drive Vehicle-free

During my more than 30 years of living here in Matamata, I have savoured my frequent excursions through Centennial Drive. There! The truth is out and my compulsive obsession is laid bare! Whether it is by running, cycling or walking (latterly with my dog) it has been a constant in my time here; no day is complete without at least one section traversed.

Around seven weeks ago I happened to be sharing a space with one of your councillors, James Sainsbury. I must admit I was feeling tired and a little stressed as it was a hot day and I was sitting in the sun. At the end of this 'meeting', conversation turned to other things and James asked the gathered group what we thought about Centennial Drive being vehicle-free.. Apparently a neighbour of his had suggested it. It was like a shot of adrenaline for me; suddenly the heat and tiredness was forgotten! I knew that Kevin Stanley was an advocate for the Drive being vehicle free (from your online forum last year "Your Vision for the Places you Play") and while I do not know him well, I do occasionally see him while we are both walking our dogs and thus I suggested to him that the time might be 'right' for this idea to gain wings and take flight. However, in doing so I seem to have ruffled a few feathers!

In my years of enjoying my wanderings through the Drive, I have seen a steady decline (sadly, I am unable to run any more and my cycling ability is not much cop either these days!) in the beauty and serenity of this wonderful amenity. Much of the grassed areas are filled with weeds, the surface is very uneven in places making it difficult to walk across and a certain sector of society seems to find enjoyment in torturing the grass even further by performing wheelies in their vehicles. Gravel areas have to be laid alongside the 'road' through to allow vehicles to park without churning up muddy areas. Vehicles have become bigger, heavier and some of the drivers very careless about where they park and the damage they do to the plants (including the grass). All plants require nourishment from the soil; if the soil is too compacted (by vehicles regularly parking over it), the soil will lack oxygen which is vital for plant health. Compacted soil also makes it difficult for rainwater to soak through to where it is needed. Grassed areas which are regularly used as parking areas will instead become weeds, then simply muddy areas requiring more gravel. The plants alongside these 'parking spaces' also struggle. Many of the hydrangeas which are planted along the fountain section of the Drive are not doing well even though they are planted in shade. I imagine the fumes from the vehicles is adding to their burden.

While in years gone by it may have been true that vehicles travelled through the Drive to allow their occupants to admire the scenery and perhaps stop and picnic, it is naïve to think that this is still the main reason for vehicles in the Drive. I would estimate that for around $\frac{4}{5}$ of the vehicles that are parked in the Drive, the occupants do NOT get out of their cars. This is not to say that they are not appreciative of the beauty around them. I sat in the Drive one weekday afternoon around six weeks ago for a little over an hour to observe. It is by no means a busy time with schools about to let out. During my time 6 vehicles drove straight through this section without pause. I have no doubt that each of these vehicles was using it as a way of getting from A to B. Three other vehicles stopped at the fountain end (by Tainui Street). Each of these vehicles was waiting to pick up a child from school. This was just a convenient and shady parking space for them while they waited for their children to appear. NO vehicles stopped were there for their occupants to 'commune with nature'.

Which leads me onto my next point; while conserving nature is a compelling argument, surely preserving mankind has to be foremost. And getting out of our vehicles is the first (and for some, the most arduous) step, even if it is only to walk to the picnic table or seat under the trees. We need to be using our finely-tuned bodies to walk, run, cycle or, sure-as-eggs, we will be clogging up our hospitals and cemeteries. It's strange but I have been teaching one of my tutoring ~~167~~ students about the Evolution of Man. Sixty six million

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years ago the first primates appeared on Earth. Around three million years ago apes evolved to walk upright and 150,000 years ago *homo sapiens sapiens*, from which we are all descended, appeared. It took us such a loooooong time for Man to finally 'grow up'. Is becoming completely sedentary the next step in our 'evolution'? I hope not. We (and by this I mean councils, schools, businesses, families and other organisations) need to be ACTIVELY encouraging all of us, young and old, able-bodied and disabled, to exercise for not only our physical health but also our mental well-being. Of course, many of them are but we refuse to listen. Walking is so easy especially as our town is so flat. Currently MANY people use Centennial Drive in their routine of daily exercise. How much nicer would that be if we didn't have to regularly move over to the side to allow vehicles to go past.

Advocating for the Drive to be vehicle-free is simply a response to the changing times. This submission should never be seen as a denigration of what has happened prior to this. I am responding to the initial response by Dave Dawson (committee president) to, I presume Kevin Stanley's submission, which appeared in the Scene which he and perhaps his committee members seem to take so personally. The sterling stewardship by the volunteers on the Centennial Drive Committee is to be applauded. They have maintained this avenue of green tranquillity with dedication and commitment and I hope they will continue to do so for many more years to come. I am saddened that they seem to see this idea as a rejection of all they stand for.

There are many more reasons why I think Centennial Drive and the community would benefit from it being vehicle-free:



Less rubbish dumped. While there seems to have been a lessening of large items such as mattresses and other furniture dumped (particularly near the native section) since your wonderful signs appeared (though they have since gone), there is still the ongoing detritus of the McDonald's, KFC, Dominoes or PizzaHut meals that have been carelessly tossed out of the windows/dropped out of the doors of vehicles that have been parked in the Drive. A team of morning walkers ensure that much of this rubbish is placed in a bin. If vehicles were not allowed in Centennial Drive much of this careless littering would not happen.



Loss of plants through theft or vandalism. My understanding is that quite a number of plants are lost because of theft. Sometimes newly planted trees are vandalised though this also seems less of a problem at present. While closing Centennial Drive to vehicles would not solve this problem, I certainly believe it would lessen the situation.



Safety for all using the Drive. Vehicles and cycles are never a great mix. I believe that by making the Drive vehicle-free, it will encourage families to cycle through and perhaps do something as audacious as picnic in these beautiful spaces. (I would like to see the seating and picnic tables updated with an emphasis on more places to sit. If we want our lunchtime workers to get out of their vehicles and really enjoy the Drive, then they need the places to sit.) With the speed humps removed it would make it more user-friendly for those on mobility scooters, bicycles, wheelchairs and walking frames. Those whose mobility is compromised, whether through old age or disability would be able to move at their own pace and sit and enjoy nature. This brings me to another point Dave Dawson made which was that if the Drive was closed off, the elderly would suffer. I believe that each section of the Drive is accessible for all. With more seating, it CAN be enjoyed by all, just in a different way. Most do not like change but once we get our head round it we can find ways that may even be better than those we clung onto in the past. As an example: the section of the Drive between Rata Street and Tamihana Street (which can also be accessed from Hohaia Street). I envisage that the Hohaia St entrance (the 'roundabout' round the chestnut tree) would still be open and allow several vehicles to park beside the Viola Bell Magnolia Area. This would be ideal for allowing those from Pohlen or Country Lodge to walk by whatever means or be assisted in wheelchairs. There is already seating in the Viola Bell Magnolia area but with other additional seating throughout the Drive, I believe this provides plenty of rest spots to enjoy all the Drive has to offer.

While I wish to stop Joe Public from driving through Centennial Drive, I fully realise that it cannot be completely closed off to vehicles. Emergency vehicles such as Ambulance, Fire and Police may still need to

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access it. Vehicles associated with tree pruning or removal, and delivering of mulch will still need access as will Council vehicles for mowing and collecting rubbish. I do not know what sort of barriers will be needed, however I cannot think that this is an insurmountable problem, nor should it stop us from seriously considering this idea.

I appreciate that some people will feel this is a retrograde step, that it is not necessary. I think it is. To do nothing means we will not be protecting our green spaces, nor caring for own health. The fast-food lover will shout loudly if we close all fast-food outlets, those who use their vehicles heavily will decry the idea of a vehicle-free day per week (as some of you may remember we had), the gamer or tablet user will grizzle and whine about being asked to leave these devices for an hour. What we want and what is good for us or the environment are not always the same thing. Just because there have been those who may be shouting loudly for this not to happen, does not mean it is not THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole

PS I wrote to the Mayor last year about this very issue. I received no acknowledgement nor reply though I think you may have a copy of this letter. If not, I enclose a copy.

As a side note, I would also like to see Tom Grant Drive vehicle-free as well but I will not push this issue. However, it saddens and annoys me that a number of the residents who live fronting Tom Grant Drive choose to park their vehicles in the Drive as though it were some carport or extension of their section. It is NOT. It is a reserve (as far as I know) and as such, should NOT be a permanent parking space for their vehicles. I enclose a part of a letter I wrote last year (24 June 2020) on this issue (no reply received). I also note that there has been a car without wheels left there for several months! Incredible.

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'24 Rāfa Street
Matamata 3400

22 June 2020

Dear Mayor Tanner

It was with a sinking heart that I read this section of your 'Welcome to the District' address in last week's issue of Scene:

Or, if you would prefer to go for a relaxing drive, there are two beautiful, scenic drives right through the middle of Matamata - Centennial and Tom Grant Drives.

It seems rather sad that our *homo sapiens* species have lost (or are rapidly losing) our ability to use our legs apart from foot actions on an accelerator or brake (or for those of us old fashioned enough to still have a clutch!). Surely the best way to enjoy nature is by **walking** amongst it, enjoying the birdsong, taking the time to stop and savour it all, both for our physical and mental wellbeing, and breathing clean air (that's if those vehicles that have parked in the drive have not left their motors running, as many do). And surely, both for the health of our planet and that of all living things, we should be encouraging Shanks's pony.

I have lived in Matamata for 30 years and have always enjoyed exercising along its many flat footpaths, or through its parks and reserves. We have a town that is (or should be) a pedestrians' paradise. Our CBD is centrally located and, although we do need to address the number of crossing points over the railway line and their safety, I believe our council, along with the businesses of Matamata, should be promoting and applauding those who choose ecologically-friendly ways to negotiate/traverse our town. Centennial Drive, in particular, is a great treasure and one that should be preserved with its impressive mature trees which provide welcome shade in the hot (and becoming hotter) summer months, and, more recently its underplantings. It would be even nicer if there were more picnic tables and seating. Many dog-walkers, parents or care-givers with pushchairs with toddlers on bikes or scooters, as well as those seeking gentle exercise frequent Centennial Drive every day and a large number of these users are not happy to be 'sharing' this space with those who see it as simply another thoroughfare; a way of getting from point A to point B. Many of these users pay little heed to the 25kph speed limit. Others get their kicks from destroying the grass areas such as these photos show which I took today. This is a frequent occurrence. The grass they tear up will not grow back; what will grow back are weeds. The bulbs they skidded through will also give up the fight.



However, I will not; The Drive is NOT A PLACE FOR VEHICLES. If vehicles are stopped from entering it will be a more restful place, less rubbish dumping will occur and areas given over to gravel parking spaces for vehicles, could, once again, be regenerated with grass or other plantings. The hydrangeas recently planted, instead of being crushed under the wheels of thoughtless vehicle users, could bloom as they are meant to. Newly planted trees, instead of being vandalised, might stand a greater chance of reaching maturity and the theft of shrubs and smaller natives (which I understand is considerable) will be reduced and may even cease altogether.

During my 30 years of living here, I have witnessed the slow decline of Centennial Drive despite the heroic efforts of the Centennial Drive committee. It is easily remedied; STOP VEHICLE ACCESS. Preserve this treasure for generations to come.

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole

07 888 4094

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24 Rata Street
Matamata 3400

24 June 2020

To Whom it may Concern

Our mayor, Ash Tanner, writes of the beauty of Centennial and Tom Grant Drives in Matamata, encouraging new residents to embrace them. I couldn't agree more, though both are quite different. Centennial Drive hosts many mature trees and although many properties abut the Drive, few of these properties enjoy vistas over it. And none of these properties use the Drive as a permanent parking space for their vehicles. Tom Grant Drive is less well established with far fewer trees. The grass areas are expansive. Most properties adjoining it have views over the Drive. And it appears that several residents in these houses feel entitled to use these grass areas as regular parking spaces for their vehicles.

I have already contacted the Council with regards to one of these residents (16 Cedar Crescent). They have two vehicles which park on the grass area fronting their property almost directly across from the children's playground in Tom Grant Drive. I'm unsure why either vehicle needs to be there as they appear to have a driveway into their property from Cedar Cres. One of the vehicles has no warrant or registration and has not had for the entire time it has parked there (at least 6 months). It does not seem to move from this spot at all! The other property is a Lockwood house (14 Wrigley Place - down a shared driveway?) in the westerly section of Tom Grant Drive (between Tawari and Ngaio Streets). I do not have occasion to pass this as often as the other property as it is not a regular (by that I mean at least weekly) walk for my dog and me. However each time I have walked this section (in the past year) there has always been at least one vehicle parked on the grass area outside this property. During Covid Lockdown I did not walk this section at all, so was rather appalled when I walked it last Saturday at around lunchtime. There were 5 vehicles parked outside it! Not having a camera with me at the time I thought I would return the next morning to photograph it. The site that greeted me made me feel rather despondent: 10 vehicles sprawled across this grassed area!



I returned on Monday morning at midday to take the fourth photo to illustrate the fact that it is not just 'party overflow' that causes vehicles to be parked here. As you can see, even on a weekday, and during the middle of the day, this has become their (14 Wrigley Place) default carparking area. I am sure that neighbours could attest to this fact. While I'm am not going to be pedantic about the many vehicles that visit each Drive and park for a short space of time (though I would like to see vehicles barred from using Centennial Drive), nor the occasional resident fronting Tom Grant Drive who parks temporarily on the grassed area to perhaps load things onto a trailer or some such activity, what I do object to is those who use these grassed areas as their regular parking space. Make no mistake, the damage to the soil structure is immense. Over time, the compacted soil will not sustain grass growth. Instead weeds will take over and, of course, in the wetter months some areas will become muddy and will not support anything in the future except weeds. This is not acceptable to me and should not be to you.



I refer to your bylaws with regards to Public Amenities. It states that a park or reserve is a Public Amenity. I would presume that Tom Grant Drive is either a park or reserve. In section 3.1.3 your bylaws state that ...vehicles in public amenities park only in designated parking areas...

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24 Rata Street
Matamata

888 4094

16 April 2021

Submission on Footpaths

Rather than sit and write another epistle, I will instead refer back to letters I have previously written to the council on this issue. As a keen walker and knowing that going into my elderly years I will have to rely on my legs to carry me as, once my car gives up the ghost, I will not be able to afford another one, I am forceful on the issue of ensuring that footpaths are safe and accessible to those who legitimately use them.

I will begin with my letter to Mayor Barnes. Though I forgot to date it, I wrote it in May 2018. I believe it is crucial that there is some sort of footpath connecting Burwood Road and Firth Street at the southern end of town. At present it is a choice between edging round on the roadside of State Highway 27 (very foolhardy and impossible for my dog unless I carry her) or clambering through the grass near the BMX track. The reply I received is less than satisfactory; of course I know there is a railway line! I do not want an overbridge ANYWHERE in Matamata and nor should anyone be encouraged to get in their car instead of walking! Not satisfactory at all. Since writing this letter, development at the southern end of town continues apace making it even more important. I also note in your plan for green spaces (available online) there are many future walkways planned connecting the new subdivisions. Surely getting across State Highway 27 and the railway line has to be paramount.

I have also been engaged in a largely fruitless battle with regards to keeping a decent accessway on our footpaths in the CBD of Matamata. While I certainly agree that cafes having tables outside on footpaths adds ambience to our town and is driven partly by customer demand, I believe it has gone too far. I enclose my first letter to the council (dated 11 April 2019) which includes photos taken. Your current bylaws state that a minimum of 1.5 metres needs to be kept clear as a walkway on the footpath and this must be under cover of verandas. The reply to this letter says that quite clearly these bylaws are being flouted and "our monitoring officer will call on these businesses". Either this happened and the businesses did nothing or the monitoring officer did not call. I wrote again on 22 June 2020 (letter enclosed). No reply this time.

I can produce photos again illustrating that the situation with the same cafes has not improved (in fact it has worsened) but it seems pointless. In doing nothing, the overall situation in the Matamata CBD with regards to the eateries who have outdoor dining, has become worse. Those who did follow the bylaws before, now don't and I cannot say I blame them. If others get away with it, why not. I see we are to have another new eatery on Broadway Will this be another establishment that will clog up our footpaths? Perhaps you might take to charging these establishments a daily 'rental' for each table set out on public footpaths. Ten dollars per day per table sounds good! Could be quite a nice money-earner. I note that in your plans for Hetana Street, there is much about making it 'pedestrian-friendly'. Rather pointless if the rest of the CBD is not.

While some of our footpaths are in a poor state of repair and I imagine that there are many issues for mobility scooters that I am (as yet!!!) unaware of, I am also concerned at the increasing numbers of vehicles who are now encroaching onto and over footpaths. The increasing popularity of parking ones vehicle on the berm has led to some of them carelessly taking up some of the footpath as well. It is disheartening that neither the council nor the police seem inclined to do anything when vehicles are regularly parked where they shouldn't be. I have enclosed some photographs I took on one afternoon in late February 2021. I have written to Jenni Cochrane recently in regards to this matter and it was nice to see a reminder to the public about this issue appear in your Council page in the local paper. I would like this to be repeated several times each year as well as asking rate-payers to please ensure that foliage from trees and other plantings also does not overly encroach onto footpaths. Perhaps a notice twice per year could be sent with the Rates Bill. There are also an unfortunate few who think it is their right to have vehicles blocking the footpath;

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I have had my run-ins with Bridgestone Tyres on Arawa Street and I thank the council/Police for some action there. Perhaps it is time for a parking warden to be employed????

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole

Parking across/on Footpaths

All photos taken on Sunday 21 February along routes where I normally walk my dog. As you can see by the 4 photos below, Tetley Street well-and-truly takes the award for "F***** Pedestrians, Vehicles Rule!".



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24 Rata Street
Matamata
888 4094

Dear Mayor Barnes and other councillors

I see in the latest edition of the Chronicle several articles encouraging us to be active: the World Challenge Day (an admirable idea and I shall be happy to lend my fifteen minutes on the day), and the ongoing debate about the proposed new sports stadium versus an upgrade of Headon Stadium. However, I need little encouragement to daily partake of the simplest (and cheapest) option: walking! My dog and I greatly enjoy our twice-daily ambles around our town and enjoy both the physical and mental/emotional benefits of it.

However, if we walk towards the southern side of town, a LARGE problem arises; there is no footpath linking Burwood Road to the southern end of Firth Street. There are only two options that we alternate between depending on the weather and the intensity of the road traffic. We can either trudge through the uneven turf beside the BMX track, slither down the bank to cross the railway line, then cross the berm before crossing Firth Street to the safety of the footpath (wet and sometimes muddy) or we can play Russian Roulette with the traffic hurtling round the railway crossing at the southern end. This option can be very scary for my dog (and myself at times especially if there is a confused tourist navigating their way to Hobbiton!).

In light of the fact that Banks Road is now sporting several housing developments, it seems that a footpath linking them and two schools (Matamata Intermediate and the College) is a no-brainer. In fact I am rather amazed that this has not happened some time ago. I realise that walking has become a bit of a lost art but due to the myriad health problems afflicting our modern society, I feel you not only need to encourage but also make it easy for EVERYONE to enjoy this easiest of exercise.

While I have been meaning to bring this footpath issue to your attention for some time, it was an incident yesterday that prompted this letter. On our midday walk my dog and I chose the former option to traverse the southern end of town and after carefully navigating the bank to the railway crossing I noticed an older gentleman sitting/sprawling on the grass berm under a tree ahead of me. As I approached him I could see he needed some help. Perhaps he had fallen on the uneven ground (one of his shoes was off). Like me he was trying to get from one side of the southern end to the other though he was walking from Firth Street to his home in Banks Road. While he was not injured, I needed the help of two other ladies who stopped in their cars (seeing our struggles) to get him to his feet and one of the ladies kindly transported us to his home.

Please, pretty town plots are attractive to the eye and leaf-blowers clearing the plantation carpark make life easier for those that park there but a safe method of traversing the southern end of town is a MUST and therefore, to my eyes, requires urgent attention!

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole

Our Ref: NR - 14093 - 2012415
Your Ref:
Enquiries to: Raymond Short



25 February 2019

Ms Jocelyn Cole
24 Rata Street
Matamata 3400

Dear Jocelyn

Burwood Rd and Firth St Footpath

Thank you for supplying assistance to the elderly gent, and thank you for your letter of concern and your proposal to create additional footpaths.

I will just draw your attention to the railway line that divides Burwood Rd and Firth St.

The rail infrastructure is not a Council asset and Kiwirail who own and manage the railway do not encourage people crossing the railway line.

Council in partnership with New Zealand Transport Agency propose to construct a safe opportunity to get from one side of the rail crossing to the other at the Northern end of Firth St. Somewhere in close proximity to the roundabout at the intersection between SH24, SH27 and Peria Rd.

This has had \$ 250,000 budgeted for 2020/2021 for pedestrian connectivity, potentially an over-bridge over the railway line.

As you can appreciate these items are not quickly or easily funded all of this has to come from rates and taxes. Therefore it is unlikely you will be able walk a circuit in the near future.

To minimize risk to yourself and to vulnerable people everybody needs to understand that there is limited funding available and to minimize crossing the rails until there is a pedestrian over-bridge in place. Once the over-bridge is in place people should return on the same route they used before reaching the railway line.

Please note there are considerable number of voluntary agencies that will assist with transport if that is the issue.

Thank you for your concerns.
Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Short", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Raymond Short
Roading Asset Engineer

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24 Rata Street
Matamata

07 888 4094

11 April 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my annoyance at the steadily increasing encroachment of cafes and other eating establishments into the footpaths of the Matamata CBD. It has been a concern to me for several years now as trying to navigate the footpaths around these businesses can be difficult. While I am not adverse to al fresco dining, it seems that a number of cafes in particular have obviously 'forgotten' that first-and-foremost the areas outside their establishments ARE FOOTPATHS.

I have been online and found a copy of your council's policies and bylaws. The section on Public Safety - Schedule 2 - Annexure A very clearly states that a continuous clearway shall be maintained for pedestrian access of at least 1.5 metres. As you will see from the photos I have enclosed, this stipulation is not being met.

The photo of O'Del'emz café on Arawa Street (taken late March 2019) shows a screen/shelter they have installed (I presume with council permission?) from the veranda cover. Tables are positioned on both sides of this screen. As a pedestrian I have either to wend my way through the tables on the left of the screen (quite clearly not suitable) or navigate around the tables/chairs of the café and the streetscape-tree and seating surround. Neither option offers a clearway of even a metre.

Continuing further up Arawa Street I include a photo of Osteria Restaurant (again taken in March/April 2019). Tables are usually pushed against the outside brickwork and seat four people and do not usually encroach out into the pavement but this particular time the table had been pulled out to allow six to sit at the table and, as you can see, a pushchair was added. Again, accessway is not sufficient.

The final picture is taken on Broadway on the northern side. The several eating establishments here have steadily been increasing their 'ownership' of the footpath for several years. Redoubt bar, I believe is the worst. The sandwich board they use leans out into the accessway and, at times, there is not enough room for a mobility scooter to traverse between the seating and the board.

I am hoping that by Spring 2019 this situation will have been resolved. These are our footpaths; not extensions of said cafes!

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole



O'Del'emz
Arawa Street



Osteria
Arawa Street



Redoubt Bar
Broadway

Our Ref: NR - 14093 - NR 14093
Your Ref: Increasing Encroachment of Cafes
Enquiries to: Raymond Short



6 May 2019

Ms Jocelyn Cole
24 Rata Street
Matamata 3400

Dear Jocelyn

Footpath Clearway

Thank you for your letter dated 11th April re footpath encroachment.

We have been allowing Al fresco dining as it adds ambiance to our townships and the business owners are responding to clients needs. Although as you rightly point out the footpaths are there to serve a purpose and the business owners have been advised that there is a requirement for footpaths to have a clearway.

The clearway zone of 1.5m if the frontage is less than 3.5m or 2m if greater than 3.5m. This is a Matamata-Piako Bylaw.

With your supply of photos it appears these businesses are not fulfilling that requirement.

I will request our monitoring officer call on these businesses ask them to adhere to the bylaw requirements. To avoid inhibiting pedestrians and mobility scooters journeys.

Thanks you.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Short".

Raymond Short
Roading Asset Engineer

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24 Rata Street
Matamata 3400

22 June 2020

To whom it may concern

Once again I sit to pen a letter expressing my annoyance and frustration at the cafes and other eateries in the Matamata CBD flouting the council bylaws in their alfresco dining arrangements. Your bylaws state that a minimum of 1.5 metres needs to be kept clear for pedestrians on the footpaths fronting these establishments. Here are two photos taken on Sunday 21 June:



The photo on the left was taken at 8:15am and the photo on the right, at around 12:30pm. As you can very clearly see, even in the setting out of the tables (before patrons arrive) there is NOT a decent clearway (unless you are a 'Flat Stanley' and can slip into a chair without the need to move it away from the table!). And (surprise, surprise!), once patrons are seated, there is barely room for this gentleman to squeeze through.

Despite regularly addressing this issue through letters and phone calls to the council, phone calls and emails to George Ridley because he was/is involved in the new Streetscape plan, it seems that my complaints fall on deaf ears. I refer to my letter dated 11 April 2019 in which I wrote of my concerns (including photos). I received a reply from Raymond Short (6 May) agreeing with me that "...these businesses are not fulfilling that requirement. I will request our monitoring officer call on these businesses to ask them to adhere to the bylaw requirements." From this I must conclude one of two things:

Nothing was done.

A monitoring officer did call but said businesses did NOT comply and no follow up checks were made.

Either way, the outcome is the same.

At the Hetana Reserve 'Open Day' I again expressed my concerns to George Ridley and showed him one of the cafes (O'Del Emz) which very clearly makes a mockery of the bylaw.

In my letter last year I stated that I hoped the situation would be remedied by Spring of that year. I thought this was a reasonable time frame. Little did I realise that more than another year would pass in which the situation has, in fact, worsened; other businesses have also 'jumped on the bandwagon'. I can't say I blame them. They see their competitors attracting more customers with extra outdoor seating. Those that did once comply with the bylaws are now following suit and pushing their businesses out further into the footpaths.

It seems very simple, not rocket science at all: Please enforce your current bylaws! And, NO, I do not wish to wait until the new Matamata Streetscape is implemented.

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Cole

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Submission to Matamata Piako District Council Long Term Plan

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Introduction

1. Tēnā koutou. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission in relation to the Matamata-Piako District Council 2021-2031.
2. The Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust is the Post Settlement Governance Entity for Ngāti Hauā Iwi, established following the signing of the Deed of Settlement with the Crown in July 2013. The Trust has been ratified to receive, manage, administer and apply the Trust's Assets (derived through the Settlement) on behalf of and for the benefit of the present and future Members of Ngāti Hauā.
3. We represent 5598 (Census, 2013) tribal members and five marae, three of which are situated within the Matamata Piako District Council boundaries – refer map on Page 3.
4. Part of the Ngāti Hauā rohe is located within the Waikato Raupatu Claims Area established in 1995. The five Ngāti Hauā marae are part of the Waikato Tainui tribal parliament Te Whakakitenga o Waikato.

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Our submission addresses the following matters:

- **General Comments on Council Priorities Years 1 - 3**
 - Dog Park in Matamata
 - Revitalisation of town centres
 - Te Aroha Spa
 - Additional water sources for Morrinsville

1. General Comments on Council Priorities Years 1 – 3

We understand that Council undertook the Your Voice Your Vision process in 2020 calling for ideas for the future of the community and that people were then asked to vote on their preferred ideas with the top three being taken through to business case phase.

We know that a large majority of our people and in particular our youth do not engage or participate in these types of consultative processes and so we do question the effectiveness of this process and the outcomes and options arising. As an example, we note that there is no direct investment in, or funding allocated to culture or heritage within the Long-Term Plan. We believe that Māori wards will increase not only voter turnout but Māori participation overall in Council processes such as the above.

2. Dog Park in Matamata

Ngāti Hauā are strongly opposed to the idea of establishing a Dog Park at Swap Park, Matamata.

Our view is that a masterplan should be established for the park which establishes a vision and long-term direction for the future of the park that takes into account the views of mana whenua, community and any other relevant stakeholders.

Moving ahead with a dog park in isolation of wider long-term planning and broader engagement would be a mistake in our view.

3. Revitalisation of town centres

Ngāti Hauā support the revitalisation of town centres, and welcome the opportunity for mana whenua to partner with Council on these projects. We acknowledge Council for the recent approach taken whereby working groups inclusive of mana whenua representatives have been established which enable a mana whenua voice to contribute on specific Council projects.

We urge Council to continue with this approach and to ensure that resourcing is allocated accordingly. The revitalisation of town centres provides an important opportunity for mana whenua histories and stories to be told and for cultural symbolism that is more reflective of our diverse community to be introduced.

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4. Te Aroha Spa

Ngāti Hauā support the proposed Te Aroha Spa development subject to mana whenua partnership and participation at all levels of the project. We support a staged approach with proper due diligence and comprehensive planning to ensure the development is successful and cost-effective.

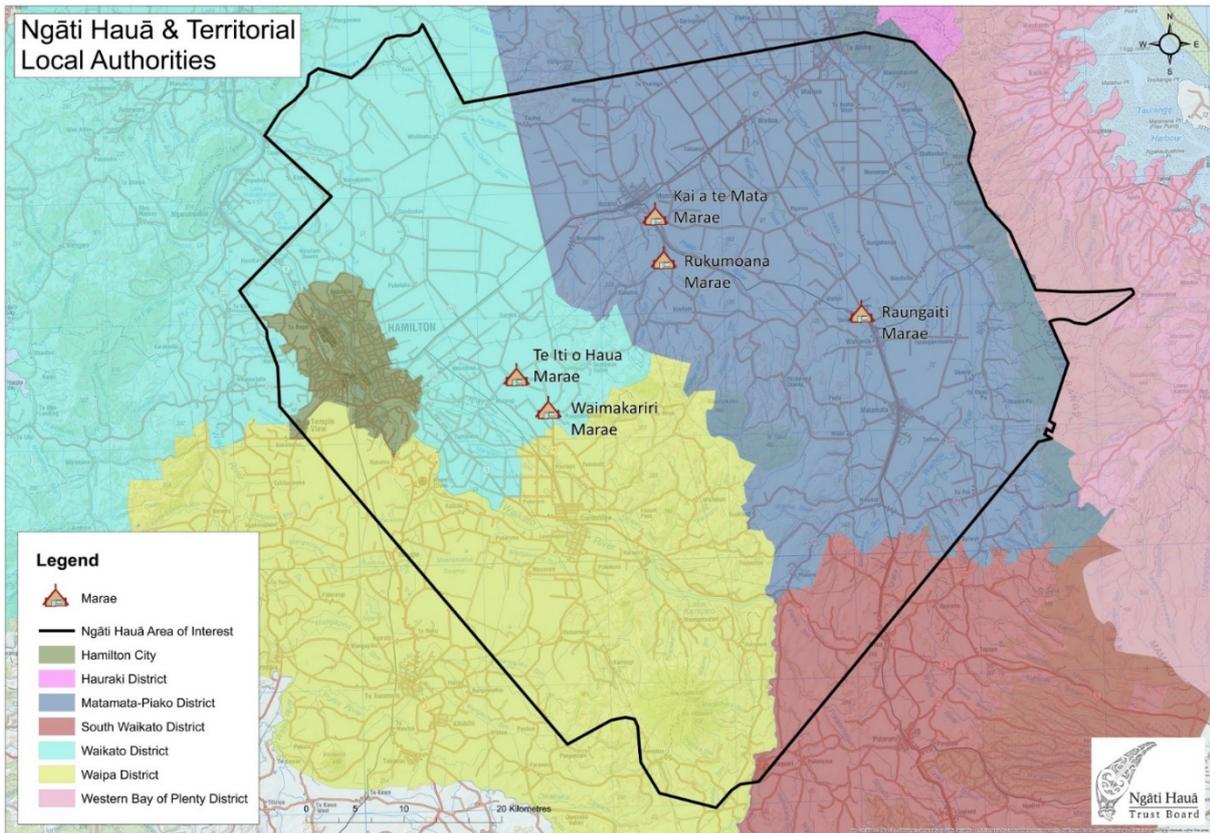
5. Additional water sources for Morrinsville

Ngāti Hauā understands that additional water sources in Morrinsville are required to meet growing demand to ensure there is enough water for essential use all year round. We are also acutely aware that there is a limited amount of water within our rivers, streams and aquifers. In addition, there are increasing pressures on water resources to sustain a wide range of users such as for rural development (irrigation) and urban development (drinking and hygiene). In some catchments, this creates an imbalance where overallocation occurs affecting other users and potential users.

We would not want to see this occur in Morrinsville and we ask that Council engage early with Ngāti Hauā to ensure a collaborative approach to dealing with water issues in Morrinsville is taken.

Conclusion

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's Long-Term Plan and for the attendance of the Mayor, Councillors and staff at the consultation hui held on 30th March at Raungaiti Marae.
2. We wish to be heard in support of this submission.



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Matamata Piako District Council – Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Submission, Gord Stewart, 19 April 2021

New Zealand has international obligations under the 2016 Paris (Climate) Agreement. The Central Government has passed a Zero Carbon Act, established a Climate Change Commission, and declared a climate emergency. The climate crisis is an existential threat, recognised and addressed in all of the above.

Shouldn't MPDC's LTP acknowledge and be driven in part by this challenge? Shouldn't it also be driven by broader sustainability issues? (Climate change is but one of them, though a very important one).

Sustainability is referenced once in the Consultation Document, which notes: *"Planning for sustainable growth and managing demand is another one of our key challenges."* Nowhere is 'sustainable growth' defined.

To its credit, Council has taken positive steps – LED street-lighting, solar on the Matamata Civic Centre, and now action on solid waste among them. But historically Council's approach has been piecemeal and incremental, nibbling around the edges of major problems. Because of delays and dabbling, urgent, transformative change is necessary.

Council can do this. Its operative 'Sustainability Policy 2012' has as one of its objectives to *"position Council as a leader and supporter of sustainability within the community."* Let's do it! The policy calls for, among other things, a water management plan to promote efficient use, sustainable procurement, a carbon neutral policy, and monthly reporting on sustainability action by the CEO. None of this has been done. This can be rectified now through a bold and timely LTP.

Climate change gets special attention in Council's signing of the 'Local Government Leaders' Climate Declaration'. In signing on to it, Council committed (in 2015) to *"develop and implement ambitious plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support resilience"* within council and for the community. Promoting active and public transportation, improving resource efficiency and the health of homes, and encouraging renewable energy and uptake of electric vehicles are all cited as important steps. Let's take them! This can be done through education, regulations, infrastructure improvements, and building consent policies and practices. Let's do this now, by including action steps in the LTP for all to see and for Council to honour.

The Consultation Document proposes *"improving walking and cycling connections"*. This is a welcome step (given a commitment to active transportation has appeared in the District Plan since at least 2009). Bike paths/lanes in our towns, welcoming signage for cyclists (including visitors coming in off the Hauraki Rail Trail) and suitable bike racks around town centres are essential to encourage cycling. The Trail is here. How much longer until this infrastructure is provided?

Solid waste has been an intractable problem, so Council is to be commended for tackling it head on. But is 'Zero Waste – Para Kore 2038' bold enough? Why not 2031? And, as another submitter has noted, concentrating on *solid* waste risks not doing enough in other areas of potentially greater concern (e.g. CO₂ emissions, energy waste and industrial waste water).

What about water use? Fifteen years ago a nearby council was facing a \$1million-plus upgrade to one of its schemes. One councillor said, *"Shouldn't we use the water we have now as efficiently as possible before we spend money to get more?"* Perhaps MPDC should ask the same question, starting with Morrinsville. Council has acknowledged it is *"aware of the need to assess longer term security of water."* Climate change – with droughts predicted to become both more prolonged and more severe – is the biggest unknown. NIWA is starting to study the impact on water supplies. Meanwhile, the district is growing by leaps and bounds without Council having sufficient knowledge of what the future will bring. Is this 'sustainable growth'?

There are many sustainability actions Council can take that are good for the environment, good for the economy, and good for residents and ratepayers. Embedding practical sustainability steps in the LTP would show commitment, allow accountability, and assist in monitoring progress. Council says we need to *'Stop Failing Our Planet!'* in its information about reducing kitchen waste. This is advice Council itself should follow to help live up to its *'We Care'* slogan.

Sincerely,

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Kia ora Ezra and Ash,

I am unable to make a formal submission, given that I don't have full access to details surrounding the proposed dog park at Swap Park.

On behalf of Te Uru Rākau I ask the Council to consider minimising the impact on the plantings as much as it can – noting councils's earlier strong support for the project and that its early into the proposed 5 year term of the agreement. Also, given the commemorative nature of the plantings, please respect the intention surrounding the planting to commemorate those that have been affected by Covid19 and that the trees symbolise a living memorial to them.

Te Uru Rakau has provided significant funding for trees in this park, and we would ask that whether the dog park goes ahead or not, the trees remain.

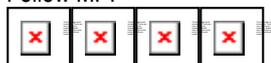
Many thanks,

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Waikato Federated Farmers and our respective Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Matamata branches ('Federated Farmers') appreciate this opportunity to submit on the Matamata-Piako District Council draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 ('LTP').
- 1.2 We would like the opportunity to speak to Council about our submission.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We submit to Annual Plans and Long-Term Plans throughout New Zealand and make constructive proposals every year to almost every council. We also submit on central government policies that affect local government revenue and spending, with the aim of ensuring that local government have the appropriate tools to carry out their functions.
- 1.4 We base our arguments on the considerable cost of rates to farm businesses, in terms of the value and relative accessibility of farmers to ratepayer funded services, the rates levels on farms compared to other residents and businesses, and the failure of property value to reflect the incomes of farmers and their relative ability to pay.

2. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Consultation information for Long Term and Annual Plans continue to include detailed and itemised tables of benchmark properties as rating examples and maintain a high level of transparency with regards to how services are funded and the subsequent rates impact.
- 2.2 That Council is mindful that rates are not 'just another tax', GST is applied to good and services - not other taxes.
- 2.3 That Council continues high use of UAGC and commits to increase to full extent of the 30% cap.
- 2.4 That Council use the opportunity provided by the LTP review to implement relevant local government recommendations of the 2019 Productivity Commissions report such as introducing a more sophisticated use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to reduce reliance on the capital value general rate and ensure the rates burden is shared more evenly.
- 2.5 That Council utilise alternative funding mechanisms such as targeted rates, differentials and fees and charges to reduce the capital value general rate contribution required to fund the Te Aroha Spa.
- 2.6 That Council continue to fund the waste management facilities using a General Rate 35%-55% and Fees & Charges 45%-65%, split over the life of the plan.
- 2.7 That Council takes on board the community call for a conservative approach to debt and focus projects on the core role of providing affordable infrastructure and essential public good services. The other 'nice to have' options can be reconsidered in three years once we move beyond the uncertainties created in 2020.
- 2.8 That Council identifies Federated Farmers as an interested stakeholder when climate change strategies, that extend beyond in-house Council adaption and mitigation actions, are being drafted.

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3. GENERAL COMMENT

Consultation

- 3.1 We congratulate Council on the consultation process. Communication has been well worded and useful, the interactive website components were interesting and engaging, there have been regular notifications and the feedback process has been made as easy as possible.
- 3.2 Federated Farmers was encouraged to note the new and improved services council is seeking feedback on included information on costs and funding sources. This detail enables a submitter to critically assess the merits of the proposal and reach a much more informed view.
- 3.3 All these factors combined should help to generate a good response rate with regards to the proposed projects and spending priorities associated with the draft LTP consultation and we commend council for these efforts. However, Council has not been quite so transparent and explicit about the opportunity to provide feedback on funding policies - the policy settings which directly affect how the rates are determined and explains why different property types pay more for the same services.
- 3.4 Transparency for Federated Farmers is about laying out the practical impact of council's funding and rating policies – so total rates on example properties can be compared and some indication of the cost of services to those properties provided. The 'Understanding Rates: Where is every \$100 of your rates spent' graph provides this useful benchmarking information. Knowing what a person pays for specific council activities like roads, libraries, parks and tracks, pools and community leadership is a powerful tool for giving them a clear understanding of the value for money they get from the council.
- 3.5 The Revenue and Financing policy ('R&F') is directly related to this 'who', 'why' and 'for what' and for this reason we consider it to be a crucial part of the consultation for a draft LTP. In our opinion the Statement of Proposal for R&F does not provide enough information for a submitter to fully appreciate the importance of the policy nor to understand why those the three options are specifically being consulted on. This matter will be discussed in more detail below.

“Just a tax”

- 3.6 Federated Farmers uses this opportunity to remind Council that farmers ability to claim a GST deduction from their rates should not be used to justify the disproportionate amount of rates farmers pay when compared to their urban and commercial counterparts. Commercial businesses can also claim GST back and Council has no idea how many urban residents are running businesses from their homes and could, partly or wholly, do the same thing. It is likely this option could be increasing utilised in this post covid 'work from home' environment.
- 3.7 It is also worth noting that rates attract GST because they are considered a payment for goods and services. Rates are not 'just another tax' and we ask council to resist using this relatively dismissive response when asked to justify why the rates land so disproportionately on rural properties .

Rate increases

- 3.8 Federated Farmers is concerned to see the significant disparity between rural and other property types that has been created by the spending priorities and funding policies proposed in the draft LTP. The average rural property will experience an increase next year of 14.15% against the average commercial of 6.5% and urban of 9.37%.
- 3.9 The consultation document attributes these increases to a large catch-up being required to get rates back to a sustainable level and necessary to meet pressures relating to compliance and

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growth – particularly for water and wastewater, roading and rubbish and recycling, which has meant these areas have been underfunded over recent times.

- 3.10 With the exception of the COVID-19 impacted year last year Federated Farmers understands there is little merit in keeping rates artificially low and follows the reasoning for this upcoming 'spike'. However, the way the rate increases are playing out across the different property types does not correlate with the reasoning given. Water, wastewater, rubbish, and recycling are primarily funded by targeted rates and fees and charges that are not applied to a rural property - by virtue of not being connected to or receiving the service. Any catch-up to address underfunding in these areas should surely result in a greater percentage increase on urban and commercial properties not rural, as is the case.
- 3.11 The only explanation is that the capital value general rate must be being used to fund this catch-up which is inconsistent with the reasoning given, given the usual funding streams for those activities. Whilst Council has made some gains in how they are engaging with their ratepayers, there is still opportunities to improve transparency going forward. There is good information provided as to 'what' funding is required and generally good information on 'who' is paying for it but not 'why' Council is comfortable with the current policy settings which allow such a disparity between the property types.
- 3.12 Federated Farmers thinks that equity is better provided when there is a direct link between what services you use, what benefits you receive, and how much you pay. Any concerns around affordability can be achieved by innovative use of the rating mechanism toolbox for the benefit of all ratepayers.

4. REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY

- 4.1 Whilst the consultation document for the new and improved services and rating impacts is transparent, the information relating to the supporting documents which are also being consulted on at this time, do not meet the same standard. The Revenue and Financing Policy (R&F) is fundamental in terms of setting how an individual's rate bill will be affected by spending priorities and is the primary policy document Council can use to defend how those rates land. To quote the Statement of Proposal ('SOP') at page four:

*At their most basic level, funding and financial policies show who pays, for what, when. The Policy is a device for recording and **explaining the decisions we have made regarding the funding of our activities. Transparency in this document is especially important to demonstrate the link between dollars and value to the ratepayer.** [emphasis added]*

- 4.2 Unfortunately there is no transparency in the actual SOP, no information which demonstrates the link between dollars and value to the ratepayer. The three options Council is seeking feedback on provide no modelling or detail to figure out what the actual rating impact may be or enable a submitter to understand why the options are being considered. Using Option 3 as an example:

Option 3

We would decrease our reliance on fees and charges, development contributions and move towards a more rates-based system whereby rates fund services and facilities.

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<i>The cost of services and facilities is spread over all ratepayers</i>	<i>We will need to recover our costs through rates</i>

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This is all the information submitters are given on a proposal which could have significant implications for their rates bill and a significant impact on whether equitable outcomes are improved or diminished.

- 4.3 It raises more questions than anything else. It is difficult to know why this option is being considered in the first instance, why would Council consider decreasing the use of fees and charges and development contributions – two legitimate and appropriate funding sources. It is difficult to follow how spreading the cost of services and facilities over all ratepayers has been assessed as an advantage – that surely depends on a number of variables such as whether the costs will be spread **evenly** across ratepayers, what the costs would actually be and what issue the option is trying to fix? Given the UAGC is close to the 30% cap already, how would Council implement this proposed policy option?
- 4.4 The review of the R&F policy is being undertaken during this draft LTP consultation; however, we believe the feedback on this policy will be limited and not as constructive as it could and should be. Most submitters will not appreciate how important the R&F policy is, many will not look beyond the SOP to the actual draft LTP and full R&F policy. Those that do will still not appreciate the how the different levers, such as targeted rates and differentials could be applied to offset the disparity created by property based rating system and achieve a more equitable allocation of funding for its services as outlined in section 101 of the Local Government Act 2002 ('LGA').
- 4.5 The SOP states that differentials are not supported because they can create 'winners and losers', we remind Council that not using the suite of funding tools available under the LGA, such as differentials, also creates winners and losers – the losers in this case are rural properties paying on average **14 times more** for activities that everyone in the district benefits from equally. Federated Farmers considers that outcome to be a compelling argument to utilise differential rating for General Rates.
- 4.6 Federated Farmers asks Council to reconsider its preference for a simple rating structure, simple only benefits Council's internal operations, it does not make things easier to understand from a ratepayer perspective. Council is reluctant to introduce more targeted rates or explore other options because it complicates the 'system' and seem comfortable dismissing the disproportionate impact this has on higher value properties, like farms, as just being the outcome of a 'tax' rather than owning the disproportionate impact as being a product of their own decisions to not make better use of funding tools available to offset the impact of a property-based rating system.
- 4.7 It is accepted that from a submitter's perspective equity and fairness are subjective terms, but from a Council's perspective they are outcomes of decisions made. The draft LTP lands much more heavily on rural rate payers than any other ratepayer group – the things council is focusing on and looking ahead to, do not benefit rural property owners any more than any other group and arguably less and yet the proposals impact farmers **14 times more** in most cases. This is not acceptable to our members and identifies an issue with the current R&F which promotes an over reliance on the capital value general rate.
- 4.8 In 2019 the Productivity Commission ran an inquiry into local government funding and financing in which Federated Farmers was significantly engaged. Some good recommendations came with the Commission's final report and we urge Council to implement the recommendations where they apply to local government. In particular the following recommendations, in summary, lend powerful support to long held Federated Farmers positions:
- *R7.1 In choosing among funding tools, rating bases and whether to charge rates as a percentage of property values or as uniform charges or some other targeted feature, councils should give close and explicit consideration to:*
 - *promoting economic efficiency;*

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- *fairness in who pays; and*
- *keeping compliance and administration costs low.*

Sometimes these three goals will conflict, in which case councils must be clear and transparent about the reasons for their choices. Regarding fairness in who pays, councils must strike a balance between charging in line with who benefits from the service and basing payments on ability to pay. Again, it is important for councils to be transparent about their reasons for striking the balance they choose.

- *R7.11 Section 45 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 should be amended to require councils to provide indicative itemised rates assessments that show ratepayers the dollar amounts they are contributing to each activity funded from each rate. Even so, councils should retain their current budgeting flexibility and should not, as a result of the amendment, be required to hypothecate the dollar amounts for particular activities.*

4.9 Federated Farmers considers that Council needs to introduce a wider range of options available under the Local Government Act to ensure more equitable funding outcomes are reached. Federated Farmers strongly supports the use of targeted rates and fees and charges to fund services which have a high level of direct and identifiable benefits. We ask for wider consideration of how targeted rates and fees could be applied to reduce the heavy reliance on the general rate. We were concerned to note the Funding impact statement for whole of Council, projects a relatively minor 13% increase in fees and charges over the life of the plan.

4.10 Recommendation: That Council use the opportunity provided with the LTP review to implement relevant local government recommendations of the 2019 Productivity Commissions report.

Targeted differentials

4.11 Given Council seems to be making good use of uniform annual general charges and is reluctant to introduce differentials to the general rate, another alternative could be to introduce targeted differential rates. It could fully or part fund many of the new or improved services which are locally focused, like the Te Aroha spa, resource recovery centres, revitalizing town centres and the walking and cycling connections in support of the general rate and UAGC. They would show as a line item on the rates demand, to improve transparency and accountability.

4.12 Rates targeted to specific zoning or property types on a uniform but differentiated basis would mean that portion of the rate take is not included under the 30% cap.

Uniform Annual General Rate

4.13 Federated Farmers understands the current Council policy is for the Uniform Annual General Charge ('UAGC') to be set at a range between 75-100% of the maximum. Council can review the policy at this time and we urge Council to increase the range upwards to between 95-100% of the maximum. There are a number of activities, both existing and proposed, which are relying on capital value general rate contributions and would be more appropriately funded by general uniform charges.

4.14 Recommendation: That Council amend the policy to increase the range to between 95-100% of the maximum.

5. DEBT

5.1 Federated Farmers understands the intergenerational benefits associated with using debt to fund long term assets, however we are concerned that debt is proposed to double over the course of the next five years. The debt limit of 150% of revenue may be acceptable to

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independent experts, but it is hard to reconcile that as taking a conservative approach to debt, which is what your community asked Council to do last year.

- 5.2 Whilst it is stated the percentage of debt against revenue is a limit not a target the doubling of debt in a very short space of time doesn't really support that position. There is also concern the debt headroom which gets created as revenue increases just creates more opportunity to adopt a 'buy now pay later' mentality. If nothing else the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the importance of having as many options as possible to draw on when the unforeseen and uncontrollable happens.
- 5.3 The very low interest rates are unlikely to be sustained over time, with any increases having the potential to put serious pressure on the ratepayer base.
- 5.4 Federated Farmers considers it prudent for Council to review and reconsider all the capital projects prioritised for delivery in the next five years which do not meet a core business test. For Federated Farmers that means providing and maintaining investment in roading, three waters and solid waste services.
- 5.5 **Recommendation: That Council takes on board the community call for a conservative approach to debt and focus projects on the core role of providing affordable infrastructure and essential public good services. The other 'nice to have' options can be reconsidered in three years once we move beyond the uncertainties created in 2020.**

6. OTHER

- 6.1 **Te Aroha Spa** – Federated Farmers remains relatively neutral on the merits of the proposed Te Aroha Spa complex, we consider it more appropriate for individuals to register their personal views on this type of development. The staged approach seems appropriate given the current economic uncertainty. It is however an example of where a much more sophisticated funding model needs to be used. A stated purpose of the spa is to tap into significant tourism potential, for that very reason there is no justification for farming businesses to pay 14 times more for this development than any other rate payer type, nor for properties much further way from Te Aroha to pay the same as local communities who will receive a much more direct benefit.
- 6.2 **Recommendation: That Council utilise alternative funding mechanisms such as targeted rates, differentials and fees and charges to reduce the capital value general rate contribution required to fund the Te Aroha Spa development.**
- 6.3 **Waste Management facilities** - Federated Farmers is concerned to note a proposed increased reliance on the capital value general rate to fund waste management facilities over the next ten years. We are unclear why this significant change is considered appropriate and do not support this shift in funding streams.
- 6.4 **Recommendation: That Council continue to fund the waste management facilities using a General Rate 35%-55% and Fees & Charges 45%-65% split over the life of the plan.**
- 6.5 **Climate change response** – Federated Farmers was encouraged to note Council's approach to climate change, in particular the main challenges identified for the next three years ahead. We ask to be identified as interested stakeholders as any strategies to implement emissions reductions are developed and caution Council against including unwarranted goals relating to agricultural emissions.
- 6.6 **Recommendation: That Council identifies Federated Farmers as an interested stakeholder when climate change strategies that extend beyond inhouse Council adaptation and mitigation actions are being drafted.**

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Federated Farmers thanks the Matamata-Piako District Council for considering our submission to the draft Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.



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Matamata Piako District Council,
By email

Dear Mayor Tanner and Councillors,

RE. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON DRAFT 2021-2031 LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Matamata Piako District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021/31 (the Plan).
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
3. As Matamata Piako District Council (the Council) already appreciates, well cared for and promoted historic heritage has the potential to be a considerable draw card for tourism and people wanting to move to, or remain in, an area. Heritage plays an important role in creating an engaging and vibrant region, which in turn, fosters local identity and helps build the economy. Support and incentives that councils provide, can often be the difference between a historically significant resource falling into disrepair, or it being preserved for present and future generations to engage with and learn from.
4. The Matamata Piako District contains a number of significant heritage items and areas located in public Council land that are recognised through both HNZPT listings and heritage scheduling's in the Matamata Piako District Plan. It is important that the Council lead by example as they undertake works in and around these heritage items to utilise best practice in the preservation and conservation of heritage items and areas.

Things that we think we should focus on: Te Aroha Spa

5. The Plan proposes a focus on the proposed Te Aroha Spa development, and to allocate money towards the development, stating that the *"first step will be to develop a comprehensive plan that will allow us to progress the development in a cost effective way..."*. The draft Plan also states, *"Over time as demand increases the spa complex could be added onto with more spas and treatment rooms and the domain further developed."*

HNZPT considers that the development of a comprehensive plan, that includes the consideration of the historic heritage values, in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Te Aroha domain to accommodate the proposed Spa, is critical to its successful development. The Te Aroha Domain is a listed HNZPT historic area. The HNZPTA 2014 defines historic area¹ as follows:

¹ HNZPTA 2014-s6-Interpretation-Historic Area

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Historic area means an area of land that—

- (a) contains an inter-related group of historic places; and
- (b) forms part of the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand; and
- (c) lies within the territorial limits of New Zealand.

HNZPT suggests that careful consideration has to be given to the scale, location and nature of the development proposed for this historic area so as to not compromise these important historic heritage values. HNZPT welcomes the opportunity to participate in the development of the comprehensive plan to ensure that any staged development maintains the historic heritage values of the Te Aroha Domain.

HNZPT also considers that the Council may need to retain specialist heritage conservation, heritage landscape and archaeological advice as part of the development of the comprehensive plan for the proposal and seeks that the funding that is sought for this proposal includes retention of this specialist advice.

HNZPT **seeks** that the investigation proposal is retained and includes funding for historic heritage assessments including archaeological and heritage conservation and heritage landscape assessments.

Things that we should focus on: Revitalising our town centres

6. Many of the town centres in the Matamata Piako District contain either listed or scheduled heritage buildings. HNZPT considers that consideration and retention of historic heritage values is required as part of the proposed town centre revitalisation and the development of associated master plans. To assist in the retention of heritage values consideration should be given to funding exterior painting of main street heritage and character buildings as part of this process. Not only does this improve the appearance of these buildings it also assists to maintain the buildings and assists with water tightness.

HNZPT seeks that the funding for the town centre master planning process is retained and includes painting of recognised heritage and character buildings.

Things we want to investigate-Te Aroha Civic Facilities (library, I site and museum)

7. The draft Plan indicates that a strategic approach is required for the consideration of the future of the historic Te Aroha library, I site and museum buildings as part of the Te Aroha civic building reorganisation. HNZPT is very supportive of a collective future planning process for these heritage buildings. HNZPT would support the appropriate adaptive reuse of these buildings as this can assist to ensure that longevity of the buildings. HNZPT would welcome being part of the discussions around the future uses of these buildings. HNZPT can also offer advice and information related to earthquake strengthening.

HNZPT **seeks** that funding is retained for the development of a plan to collectively consider the future of the Te Aroha Civic facilities. HNZPT seeks that this funding includes consideration of the historic heritage values of the building in the context of earthquake strengthening and adaptive reuse.

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Ground disturbance works including improving walking and cycling connections

8. The draft plan outlines a number of proposals for consideration and investigation either now or in the immediate future that will require ground disturbance, such as the Te Aroha Spa, Morrinsville to Te Aroha cycleway and the Matamata to Piarere cycleway and Town Centre revitalisation as just a few examples of ground disturbance. NZPT considers that professional archaeological advice from a local archaeologist/s needs to be sought prior to the development of these projects to ensure significant archaeological sites are avoided. HNZPT would welcome the opportunity to be involved at the very early stage of development to advise on the most appropriate heritage management measures for each situation.

HNZPT seeks that the provision for these and similar ground disturbance projects is retained subject to including the provision for obtaining archaeological advice including for comprehensive archaeological assessments to determine the need for archaeological authorities, and for works to ensure the preservation of the most important sites as required.

9. Heritage New Zealand wishes to speak to this submission at a hearing.

Yours sincerely



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**SPORT WAIKATO'S SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE
MATAMATA PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Long-term Plan 2021-31

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1. ABOUT SPORT WAIKATO

Sport Waikato is one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts in Aotearoa/New Zealand, responsible for supporting Central Government and Sport New Zealand’s focus on getting more New Zealanders physically active. There is widespread and global evidence that physical activity enhances people’s physical, social, emotional and mental health, education outcomes and general wellbeing - and makes for a more cohesive society.

Founded in 1986, Sport Waikato’s vision is to have “**everyone out there and active**” so as to achieve a healthy, vibrant, physically active region through play, active recreation and sport.

OUR APPROACH

Sport Waikato is guided by Moving Waikato – the region’s unified strategy for physical activity through play, active recreation and sport. The strategy seeks to prioritise partnerships with other key agencies to influence key outcomes, including to increase the provision of opportunities for both participation and quality experiences for the people of the region. We believe that by working together we can achieve the ultimate goal of 75% of all Waikato adults and young people meeting the physical activity guidelines by 2030.

Moving Waikato is guided by a Strategic Advisory Group comprising representation from Health, Education (primary, secondary and tertiary), Local Government, Iwi and Sport NZ. The strategy has three key pillars each providing a lens that provides direction on how we work: **Our People, Building Communities, and Regional Leadership.**

The graphic features a blue background with a white Maori pattern. At the top left, the text reads 'MOVING WAIKATO' in large white letters, followed by 'A STRATEGY TO GROW PARTICIPATION IN PLAY, ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT IN THE WAIKATO REGION'. To the right, a dark blue circle contains the text 'ONE VISION EVERYONE OUT THERE AND ACTIVE'. Below this are three vertical panels, each with a circular image at the top and text below. The first panel is titled 'OUR PEOPLE' and shows two people cycling; the second is 'BUILDING COMMUNITIES' with a soccer ball; the third is 'REGIONAL LEADERSHIP' with a group of people. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'ACHIEVING SUCCESS THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER'.

MOVING WAIKATO
A STRATEGY TO GROW PARTICIPATION IN PLAY,
ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT IN THE WAIKATO REGION

**ONE VISION
EVERYONE OUT
THERE AND
ACTIVE**

OUR PEOPLE
A focus on the provision of opportunities that meet the needs of the people of our region
MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE TAMARIKI, RANGATAHI AND WHAANAU

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
A focus on quality local delivery of play, active recreation and sport experiences
HELPING COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP
A focus on regional and national partners working together to lead change and enhance outcomes
LEADING AND DELIVERING CHANGE

ACHIEVING SUCCESS THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER

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We are now into Horizon 2 of Moving Waikato, following its launch in 2016 and subsequent successes, including significant developments in the collection of key insights, sector capability work, the Waikato Regional Sports Facilities Plan, targeting participation among women and girls and the development of a regional cycle strategy. This next period (2020-25) will see a focus on Rangatahi (12-17 years) and Tamariki (5-11 years) with the inclusion of Tamariki Mokopuna (0-4 years) alongside specific commitment and attention to enabling participation among targeted populations, including: Maaori; deprived communities; women and girls; and those with low participation levels.

Alongside the development and review of Moving Waikato, Sport Waikato has recently undertaken significant transformational change of our organisation, and particularly, how we work. This change has seen us step away from delivery services (volunteering at events, supporting the running of sport and physical activity initiatives and delivering exercise programmes), to a focus on working closer with key partners to provide high-value strategic regional leadership in play, active recreation and sport via a strategic, collaborative (partnered), regional approach to influencing the system – Sport Waikato not necessarily doing the delivery but influencing those who do.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNCILS TO OUR APPROACH

Councils play a key role in the work that Sport Waikato does and are an important partner and investor in enabling play, active recreation and sport to happen for people and communities.

We also wish to take a moment to thank Matamata Piako District Council for their support of and investment in Sport Waikato. This includes via the Regional Facilities Plan (now Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan) since its launch in 2014 and now revised as an expanded 2021 iteration. Additionally, we wish to acknowledge our longstanding partnership with Matamata Piako District Council through our historic District Sports Coordinator role and Council's recent support for our new way of working through the Regional Connectivity Coordinator model, and importantly, our desire to leverage joint outcomes as they relate to your own play, active recreation and sport priorities.

Sport Waikato would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Matamata Piako District Council on the formation and adoption of the **Matamata Piako District Sports Facilities and Development Plan**. This plan not only demonstrates a commitment by the Council to support sport and active recreation projects in the Matamata Piako communities, but it also emphasises a strategic direction for decision-making and investment that is informed by both relevant demographic and participation data *and* community voice.

Sport Waikato are excited to work alongside you to continue to deliver on the plan outcomes to ensure a range of opportunities for people to engage in physical activity exist across the Matamata Piako District. In particular, we look forward to providing support for the planning, investment, and operation of the facilities and open spaces which enable play, active recreation and sport, as well as increasing collaborative and cross-sectorial partnerships that open up opportunities for increased levels of movement in the district.

2. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waikato region is comprised of ten districts, all with different community profiles, which are growing or decreasing at various rates. Across all communities within the Waikato, the population is aging. Recent Active New Zealand data shows that sport participation decreases over the lifetime, and people typically choose more active recreation and less formal sport activities.

It was projected that the Matamata Piako District will have a relatively static population in the coming years, but recent developments (including the housing market in Auckland and Hamilton, alongside the impacts of Covid-19P) have seen an increase in housing developments in the district.¹ Actual and projected growth brings with it several challenges in relation to the provision of play, active recreation and sport opportunities – in particular, how to meet demands. A change in the distribution of population in each Waikato district also brings with it changing participation preferences. Traditional high participation sports can change, creating an increased preference for people to be active through play and active recreation. To keep up with ever changing participation preferences, it is critical that facilities are flexible, with the ability to offer a range of play, active recreation and sporting opportunities. The challenge lies in supporting changes to populations, demographics and participation trends in a smart/strategic manner to ensure sport and recreation opportunities, and the spaces and places for participation are accessible to all and that barriers to participation are removed. In particular, this requires strategic, long-term planning and collaborative provision with partners such as education, and the capacity to extend and repurpose facilities.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Sport and recreation opportunities are essential if the district is to effectively manage and enhance its community's overall wellbeing and minimise any negative social issues. Research has consistently demonstrated the value of sport and recreation in the lives of people and communities (Sport NZ 2018 – The Value of Sport):

- 92% of people believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy, and helps relieve stress
- 88% of people believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence
- 84% of people believe sport brings people together and creates a sense of belonging
- 74% of people say sport help builds vibrant and stimulating communities
- Sport and physical activity can reduce rates of many physical health related disorders and improve health outcomes as a result
- Evidence indicates a positive association between children's physical activity participation and academic achievement
- There is a link between sport participation, improved social capital, feelings of social cohesion and community identity

Of course, an understanding and appreciation of participation trends, preferences and barriers is essential to enabling communities through sport and recreation.

Active New Zealand (2018) shows that 53% of adults (18+) and 59% of young people (5-17 years) in the Matamata Piako District currently do enough physical activity to positively impact their health. This research also highlights a significant appetite among the district's population to do more – 70% of adults and 68% of young people have a desire to do more physical activity. The results also show

¹ At the time of writing population projections were not available from the 2018 census. This combined with immigration changes due to Covid-19 may mean that population projections will need to be updated as more information becomes available.

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that recreation is a top priority for New Zealanders with the top five activities having a recreational focus, such as playing, walking, jogging, swimming and cycling. Indeed, 78% of the Waikato Region's adults believe that being physically active in the great outdoors is an important part of New Zealanders' lives (Active NZ, 2017). Physical activity in natural settings has been linked in some studies to have more positive influence on mental health and wellbeing than physical activity in an indoor setting. The affinity that New Zealanders have with the outdoors and the rising popularity of outdoor recreation (e.g. walking, tramping, cycling) needs to be considered in future planning and suggests that a focus on improving neighbourhood walkability, the quality and quantity of recreational tracks and trails, the quality of parks and playgrounds, and providing adequate active transport infrastructure is likely to generate positive impacts on activity among adults and young people, including in urban settings.

As the cost of living rises, it is also important to consider the effects of social (in)equity and deprivation on physical activity participation. Almost one quarter (24%) of the Waikato region live in a deprived area, with 12% of the Matamata Piako population living in highly deprived areas. Those in high deprivation communities have lower levels of participation in physical activity through sport, active recreation and play, with many struggling to prioritise time and finding access to opportunities difficult. With this in mind, provision should reflect district demographics and support participation in play, active recreation and sport among high vs. low deprivation communities with the focus being on equitable provision of services (vs. equal). This may mean a higher level of provision with appropriate programming to better meet the needs of those in high deprivation areas.

Finally, there is a need to consider the impacts of Covid-19 on people's activity levels and preferences, as well as on fiscal resources and in the presentation of ongoing challenges across the sector. The pandemic saw increases by both young people and adults in participation across activities such as walking and cycling and almost half of the NZ population starting or restarting physical activity through active recreation (Sport NZ 2020 – Covid-19 Insights Report) – a trend that it is important that we continue to nurture through appropriate infrastructure, provision and messaging. Equally, we saw strain placed on the sector, and particularly sporting codes, with increased need for sustainable funding mechanisms, collaborative approaches between and across codes and innovation in 'product' delivery and development being high priorities for the future.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE MATAMATA PIAKO DISTRICT

Waikato communities, including those of the Matamata Piako District, and their participation preferences are changing rapidly. Therefore, those that plan and provide facilities, spaces and places will need to consider the following:

- **Demand:** The location and types of facilities, spaces and places where play, active recreation and sport take place need to adapt to match and meet changing community needs (including areas of deprivation, social inequity and increased ethnic diversity)
- **Multi-purpose:** Design and modification need to focus on multi-purpose use and be flexible to allow future adaptation. There needs to be a focus on more than sport, as play and active recreation continue to become increasingly important domains of movement.
- **Collaboration:** It is increasingly important for all stakeholders to work collaboratively to improve delivery of programmes, facilities, spaces and places (including for the purposes of increasing sustainability) where play, active recreation and sport take place. There is an opportunity to expand relationships with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and the District Health Board, and consider participation in the use of appropriate facilities, spaces and places as an enabler of better health and wellbeing outcomes and decreased health sector costs.
- **Rationalisation:** Where repairs and maintenance costs exceed utilisation, particularly with local facilities, rationalisation needs to be considered. Asset management plans are an important feature of future planning.

3. OUR FEEDBACK ON YOUR LONG-TERM PLAN

In response to the draft 2021-31 LTP consultation document, we wish to comment on the following:

1. **Thank you:** On behalf of the people of the Matamata Piako District, Sport Waikato thank you for your significant contribution to play, active recreation and sport. As highlighted on page 4, district and city councils are key enablers of physical activity who drive the desired 'value of sport' outcomes expressed on page 5 and your effort and investment is duly noted and sincerely appreciated.
2. **Proposed to be Funded:**
 - **Swim Zone Te Aroha refurbishments:** Sport Waikato supports the proposed aquatic refurbishments to Swim Zone Te Aroha, regardless of the outcome of consultation on the Te Aroha Spa. Pools continue to be a significant asset supporting the activity, safety and wellbeing of people across the region, therefore, it is imperative that these be maintained for long-term future use. This is a priority according to the Waikato Regional Aquatics Plan (2017).
 - **Mountain Bike Skills Park in Te Aroha:** Sport Waikato supports the proposed Mountain Bike Skills Park at Tui Park in Te Aroha. Improving cycling opportunities in the Waikato region is a recommendation of the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021)**, **Waikato Regional Road Safety Strategy** and it forms part of the **NZ transport Agency and ACC's National Cycling Education System (Bike Ready's)** winning formula. Cycling is in the top 10 activities (recreation) and sports for tamariki (children aged 5-11 years), rangatahi (young people 12-17 years) and pakeke (adults 18+) and thus it sits as one of the most participated in activities in the region with involved being at least once a week among these groups. Investment in this type of infrastructure has benefits for both physical activity levels and safety outcomes among people and communities.
 - **Improving Walking and Cycling Connections:** Sport Waikato supports the formation of better walking and cycling connections, including 'inner' and 'outer' walkways and cycle routes in and across the district's towns. Increasing the Waikato Cycle Network is a key priority in years 1-5 of the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021)**, therefore support is provided for a 'slow but steady' approach should this be preferred.
 - **Destination Play Opportunities (versus Playgrounds):** Sport Waikato supports the investigation of destination play opportunities in the Matamata Piako District. Play is an important movement and learning opportunity for tamariki (5-11 years) and with reduction in sizes of backyards due to changes in urban planning, playgrounds have an important role to play in facilitating physical activity among children and families. We would encourage inclusive options to be considered as part of play opportunity planning – such as access for children with disabilities and impairments (physical, sensory etc). We would also encourage Council to consider more than just traditional 'playground' infrastructure and look to spaces and places that encourage free play.
 - **Matamata to Piarere Cycleway:** Sport Waikato supports the extension of existing cycleways in the Matamata Piako district to contribute to the New Zealand cycle trail (Nga Haerenga). This is a key regional priority in the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021)**.
3. **Proposed to be Under Investigation:**
 - **Morrinsville Recreation Master Plan:** Sport Waikato strongly supports the formation of a Morrinsville Recreation Master Plan to help guide investment and decision making about how spaces and places in Morrinsville can be best utilised and therefore maintained. While funding has been tagged to improvements, we recommend some robust planning and feasibility analysis

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be undertaken in accordance with the principles of the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021 – see Figure 2)**.



Figure 2. Key principles of the Plan. Adapted from The New Zealand Sport Facilities Framework (Sport New Zealand, 2017a).

It is recommended that these key principles be applied to the Master Planning process:

- **Meets Needs-** Facilities should meet an identified need and be fit-for-purpose. There is often insufficient rigour applied to this fundamental question. The best outcomes are achieved when all of the potential facility users are identified and a deep understanding gained of their range of needs.
- **Sustainable-** Facility sustainability requires consideration of the ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the facility and how these will be funded. The best outcomes are achieved when the ‘whole of life’ costs of the facility are considered at the outset and how it is intended that these costs will be met. Often, upfront investment in, for example, facility features that enable greater energy efficiency, can deliver huge dividends over the life of the facility.
- **Collaborative-** Historically sports facilities have tended to be planned and built in isolation. The best outcomes are achieved when partnerships are developed with education, health, iwi, and/or the private sector. This increases the likelihood that facilities will be used to their full potential, maximising the return on investment and utilisation.
- **Integrated-** Facilities need to be fit-for-purpose, and sustainable. The best outcomes are achieved by sharing. Creating multiuse facilities or hubs, or co-locating with other sport and recreation, community, education, or transport facilities and infrastructure is an effective approach.
- **Flexible-** No one can predict the future, but what we can predict is that things will change. Facilities should be designed to accommodate changing community profiles and associated trends and needs over time. The best, long-term, outcomes are achieved by designing facilities in ways that enable them to be adapted, developed and extended in response to future demands.
- **Inclusive-** Most people would agree that society is more inclusive than it once was. Experience shows, however, that barriers remain for many in the accessibility of sport, recreation and physical activity pursuits. This principle requires us to consider the needs of a wide range of our community when making decisions. Focus should be given to ethnic, financial and ability barriers including but not limited to age and disability. Principles of inclusion should reflect the **Government’s Women and Girls in Sport and Active Recreation** strategy, and the **Sport NZ 2019 Disability Plan**.

Sport Waikato is happy to support the development of the Master Plan via advocacy as part of the Morrinsville Recreation Ground Advisory Group and any other ways deemed suitable and necessary by Council.

- **Morrinsville to Te Aroha Cycleway:** Sport Waikato supports a feasibility/business case for this project. It aligns with a key priority in the **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan (2021)** as well as

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participation trend data that highlights the popularity of cycling among people in the Waikato, as well as nationally.

4. Unfunded:

- **Morrinsville Events Centre:** Sport Waikato supports a delay to upgrades to the Morrinsville Event Centre as part of the Morrinsville Recreation Master Plan process.

5. Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan: The Regional Sports Facilities Plan was first established in 2014. Designed to guide the development of facilities the community needs (versus wants) at a Regional and Sub Regional level, Sport Waikato is the lead agency guiding the joint implementation of the plan. An initiative of the Mayoral Forum, with partnership from all 10 Local Authorities in the region, the Plan offers local authorities the following key concepts:

- Advocacy with funders and investors for facilities, spaces and places that reflect the principles of the plan.
- Provision of peer reviews for facility development concepts e.g. Feasibility Projects, Business Case Assessments and Concept Designs.
- Assistance with investment negotiations in facility development and utilisation.
- Sharing of knowledge including resources specific to sports facilities and the sport sector.
- Partnering to optimise facility utilisation by way of fostering sport organisation relationships to attract events and collaborative working.
- Advice and assistance in the development of “Community Hub” concepts (co-location of organisations in sport and in a broader context).
- The provision of training opportunities and information sharing.
- Increasing regional understanding and management of facility utilisation data to understand demand and enable informed decision making.

In 2020, the regional plan was reviewed and expanded to include a broadened scope of play, active recreation and sport spaces and places to ensure its continued relevance to the network and in line with changing participation patterns and trends. The 2021 **Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan** has been endorsed by the Waikato TLA CE Forum and Waikato Mayoral Forum for adoption and continued support by the region’s 10 Territorial Local Authorities as at March 2021.

The plan has a history of guiding successful facilities initiatives in the district, including the school/community partnership for the indoor court facility in Matamata.

We recommend: that Sport Waikato continue to be funded to lead the implementation of the Waikato Regional Active Spaces Plan in partnership with Matamata Piako District Council and our region’s 9 other TLAs. The proportional contribution of this regional programme is **\$9,020 plus GST per annum** with the total regional budget valued at **\$100,000** across all local authorities.

6. Regional Connectivity Coordinator (East): Sport Waikato’s Regional Connectivity Coordinator team partner with all 10 Local Authorities across the greater Waikato region and this team includes a Coordinator who works across the Matamata Piako, Hauraki and Thames Coromandel districts. The Coordinators serve as support for Council technical staff across play, active recreation and sport projects, as well as conduits between the local sector and local government providing, support, advocacy and strategic leadership around investment and decision-making. Sport Waikato would like to thank Matamata Piako District Council for the productive and supportive conversations had around our change and desire to increase our impact in the district via this new way of working.

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Services under this model, include:

- Support for local play, active recreation and sport strategy development and planning – including for LTP and annual planning processes
- Implementation of local play, active recreation and sport strategies – including driving, in collaboration with Council staff, key priority projects as outlined in the district Sport and Active Recreation plan
- Facilitation of local spaces, places and facilities projects – e.g. hubbing, facility optimisation initiatives in the district
- Support for the local play, active recreation and sport sector – including support for improving attention to strategy and innovation with the aim of increasing inclusivity, accessibility, diversity and sustainability of opportunities for participants
- Increasing collaborative partnerships between key organisations to strengthen play, active recreation and sport systems and outcomes for the district
- Connection of specialist Sport Waikato staff to the district (e.g. coaching, women and girls, Health and Physical Education Curriculum specialists in Primary Schools)
- Regular connection with Council staff to track play, active recreation and sport outcomes

We recommend that Council continue to fund Sport Waikato, under the new and reduced funding quantum of **\$50,000 plus GST per annum**, to provide this important service and work in partnership with us to leverage quality play, active recreation and sport outcomes for the Matamata Piako District.

*A separate submission to the LTP has been created that outlines further this request.

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15 April 2021

To the Mayor and Councillors

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 – Submission

Firstly, we want to commend the efforts of Councillors and the wider organisational team who have developed Matamata-Piako's Long-Term Plan (LTP). Your time, energy and thoughtfulness will leave a legacy for the district and community.

Te Waka – Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency, recognises the role that Matamata - Piako plays in regional growth, prosperity, and connection across the region and its sub-regional relationships.

While Te Waka exists to lift economic performance across the region; support and enable industry growth; and attract business and investment, this can only be done in partnership with our local government partners such as Matamata-Piako District Council (MPDC), and for that, we thank you for the ongoing financial support and contribution to our organisation.

Our work, from gathering intelligence, sharing insights and advocating for the region can only be driven through strong connections and collaborations, so we also wish to acknowledge Council's willingness to work collectively to advance the district's wellbeing.

There are key functions that Councils hold that enable economic development and it is evident that the MPDC LTP 2021-2024 has clearly taken account of your Council's role and considered potential drivers for growth –

- Infrastructure and assets
- Land use planning
- Supporting businesses
- Collaboration/networking
- Lobbying and promotion
- Strategies and plans
- Business case development, evidence and information

We support the intent for quality investment in infrastructure to enable Economic Development such as the Te Aroha Spa Development of \$5million and supporting infrastructure such as the Domain redevelopment and footpath renewal. The opportunity to capitalise on this tourism product will position Te Aroha as a significant visitor destination to complement Matamata's offerings.

Also recognising the value of Town Centre revitalisation is something to commend, while enhancing visitation benefits it will rejuvenate many local businesses.

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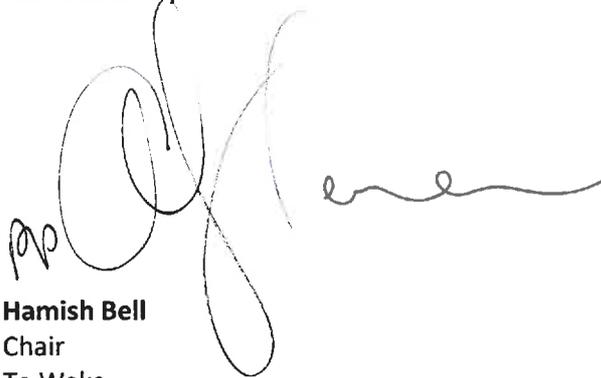
MPDC has managed to recognise key projects of significance that will offer future prosperity for the communities it serves. We also acknowledge the commitment to address land use opportunities through District Plan changes.

Beyond the above considerations it is evident that Council has also recognised through its LTP, that post-Covid drivers for economic recovery include improving business resilience and supporting priority sectors (eg. Tourism). Te Waka is committed to being a strong partner for MPDC in these areas and will continue its support of the Matamata-Piako business community.

In summary, collaboration is critical and while MPDC continues to lead the district, Te Waka is very happy to partner with initiatives, projects and ongoing business engagement to enhance economic growth and wellbeing priorities.

We thank you for the support and ongoing financial contribution committed to Te Waka.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hamish Bell', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hamish Bell
Chair
Te Waka

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From: [Amanda Hema](#)
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Hi Ann-Jorun

Thanks for the chat yesterday and for reaching out to seek clarity.

After discussions with local authority leaders last year, Te Waka recognised that although the need for additional funding was substantial to make material improvements to regional Economic Development outcomes, the ability of many Councils to increase financial support was limited.

One critical consideration for the Te Waka Board at the time, was the desire to ensure an equitable funding base going forward. As a result, it was accepted that the priority was to maintain the baseline level of funding from Councils (as already agreed to in 2018).

It is, however, important to note that a number of partners have recognised the complexity in aligning Te Waka's income with the strategic intent for the organisation and in turn, they have presented a willingness to increase funding support. In these scenarios, we are encouraging Councils to put additional funding into Economic Development internally through staff and projects to help advance Te Waka's goals and activities on the ground. We know that a well-resourced Council can leverage the activities of Te Waka to have meaningful Economic Development outcomes for its community.

Te Waka is, however, very open and eager to engage in further funding discussions outside of the LTP process, with local leadership in acknowledgement that this will form part of a necessary ongoing dialogue between Te Waka and all of its funders and supporters.

Ngaa mihi nui
Amanda

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Good morning Amanda and thank you for your submission to our Long Term Plan.

Would you be able to please confirm whether you are seeking additional funding or if the

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current level of funding Te Waka receives from MPDC is still appropriate?

Kind regards
Ann-Jorun

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Please find attached the Te Waka LTP Submission.

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1)

The MATAMATA ROTARY CLUB supports the extension of walkways around Matamata We would like to see further extension from STANLEY FARM LANE (which was a Rotary project) joining the Neil Algar Walkway, James Ave ,Everad Ave, Furniss Park etc through to Station Road, then Eldonwood and Peakdale subdivision.

Ultimately back into town connecting to Centennial Drive, Tom Grant Drive and onwards We understand the Council has this in mind but we as a club would be willing to work with council to develop this project. (We understand there is a initial development process in place for another resthome/retirement establishment, that could make continuance of the Stanley Farm Lane walkway a good worthwhile project. If that is the case, possibly some serious community negotiation with KiwiRail for an underpass or an alarmed pedestrian / bicycle crossing to say about opposite 57 Waharoa Road East. KiwiRail Web pages show themselves to actively get involved on walkways /bicycle paths on Rail corridors.

2)

We acknowledge the Community initiative for a specific off leash canine area on Swap Park. Our Club will consider any request for Service Club working bee type support in that construct. We assume the rotary wing air ambulance aircraft approach and departure paths to the helicopter pad have been considered, as to fencing height and location .

3)

Our club still has a stage three plan to complete to the Skate Board amenity . As a courtesy to the Rotarians who initiated that Club project and a well observed use , families and young people. If Council could keep that in mind. We also enquire as to a proposed upgrade to town Camera security system, our Club has considered a contribution to a replacement security camera that is specific to that Skate Board amenity area.

4)

Club members note the increase in family and young people use of the BMX Track Burwood Road. Appreciate the speed limit reduced to 50km past Rotary Grove on Burwood Road. If families/interested users ever become a structured Club, a Matamata Service Club may be able to work in with Council on a starting gate, that would be an essential requirement for fair club/competition use, A gender neutral sport, as an example,(Rebecca Petch. 2020 NZ Womens champion, pandemic stalled possibly being a part of a NZ BMX team to Olympic Games , Tokyo 2021) BMX is a recognised sport.

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SUBMISSION TO MATAMATA PIAKO DISTRICT LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

Thank you for the opportunity to give my views and CONGRATULATIONS for spreading the word to the people, that their opinions are needed for our District to move forward.

Te Aroha Spa: In favour of further development, but be mindful that the funding is from the General Rate, which is very unfair to ratepayers with high value rural properties. The beneficiaries of more visitors to the town, will be the business sector in Te Aroha. Please consider this, and move to part Targeted Rate and part General Rate.

Additional Water Sources for Morrinsville: Water is an essential service and must be provided at all times for residents. I support additional water sources. Maybe encouragement to install water tanks by a grant toward the installation. Garden, house cleaning, toilets, and car washing don't need chlorinated water. Collected rain water will save on chemical treatment and fluoridation and reduced run-off into the waste water systems.

Rubbish: We must move with the "times", rubbish woes will only increase unless people change their ways. Recycling is still the best for glass, cardboard, tin cans etc and some plastics. I am not in favour of a food scraps bin. There are dogs and cats that roam and can dig out the scraps when they are left unattended. Encourage worm farms and compost bins. If the end product is not required for their own use, it would be welcomed at the community gardens provided it was completely processed.

I support having a Resource Recovery Centre. A place for people to drop off good quality items that they no longer need and could be on sold is a good way to go. Not necessarily including clothes as there are other places for them.

Before making a decision to close the Waihou transfer station, consider the distance for people to travel to either Matamata or Morrinsville. Some towns have an area where there are large containers for recycling the common items. I know these places can be unsightly but it could be better option than travel to the other centres.

There is a place for small wheelie bins, especially for the needs of the elderly.

As we are not living in town, we arrange our own private rubbish collection and visit the transfer station to recycle as much as we can.

Town Centres: Like everything, town centres can get a little shabby. I don't think this is high priority at this point in time as our towns are looking very well cared for. This is another cost from the General Rate with the beneficiaries being the business sector. Revitalise only where needed.

Mountain Bike Skills Park in Te Aroha: I don't believe another bike facility is needed at this point in time.

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Dog Park in Te Aroha: Bored, barking dogs will always be a problem, so maybe a designated park would work. I am disgusted every time I see roaming and unleashed dogs on the grounds of Boyd Park and around a children's' playground. There are still many owners who do not pick up after their dogs, evidence is all over the towns.

While on the subject of dogs, I have noticed many are walked in the prohibited parts of the towns, it is especially annoying when they are passing through, or accompanying their owner, in the cafe areas where other people are eating outside. I have had a bushy dog tail flicked over my table; I was not happy.

Improving Walking and Cycling connections: Yes, for safety and No, because they are not high priority. It is important for people to exercise for their well being and they are able to do that with what already is in place. New subdivisions are an opportunity to make provisions for these connections.

Morrinsville to Te Aroha Cycleway: Part of the structure of this is already there, I think it is low priority as there are ample places to cycle now and facilities for visitors like accommodation, restaurants, cafes and toilets must be considered as more and more people will visit the towns when there are more places to cycle.

Housing for the Elderly: As we are living longer, there is more need for suitable housing. Not high priority for rate payers to fund.

To Summarise:

Most of what we have been asked to submit on, will be rated from the General Rate. To be fair to all Ratepayers the UAGC Rate must be at the maximum 30% and in some places a Targeted or a part Targeted Rate should be considered.

Maori Seats on Councils:

I am against a Maori Ward in our District Council because we need the right people to make the right decisions on behalf of all Ratepayers and this is a proposition to force Maori Culture on to all residents. We have lots of different nationalities of people living in this district, a good proportion of them are also indigenous New Zealanders. We all have aspirations to better our communities and our environment and there are many Councillors in this country of Maori heritage that have gained their position because the people elected them, they were the right persons to work for everyone.

The passing of the Law to make Councils consider a Maori Ward was deviously presented by Nanaia Mahuta-Ormsby. It was sneaked through Parliament without consultation from New Zealanders. A "Partnership" is a dumb description when we are all New Zealanders. This was Democracy being undermined and allowing privilege to one section of people, it is called RACISM.

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16 April 2021

Don McLeod
Chief Executive
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Te Aroha 3342

Dear Don

Waikato Regional Council Submission to Matamata-Piako District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Matamata-Piako District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan. Please find attached the Waikato Regional Council's submission regarding the draft plan. The submission was formally endorsed by the council's Submissions Subcommittee on 13 April 2021.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this document please contact Anthea Sayer, Senior Corporate Planner, Corporate Planning team directly on (07) 859 0512 or by email anthea.sayer@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Regards,

Russ Rimmington
Chair

Chris McLay
Chief Executive

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Submission from Waikato Regional Council on the Matamata-Piako District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Introduction

1. We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission on the Matamata-Piako District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan (LTP).
2. We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Biodiversity

3. As part of our own draft LTP, WRC is proposing a significant increase in biodiversity investment based on the urgent need to tackle biodiversity decline and to respond to the imminent release of the NPS Biodiversity. We suggest that Matamata Piako District Council (MPDC) also considers a sufficient level of funding to support the planning and delivery of local biodiversity programmes or projects.
4. We consider that this investment could best be targeted to a project called 'Connecting the Waitoa' being led by the Piako Catchment Forum (PCF). This is a project that seeks to protect and restore rare lowland forest remnants and wetlands along the Waitoa River, between Waharoa and Waitoa. This site has been recognised by WRC as an ecological priority and has funding available from our natural heritage priority sites programme.
5. The PCF is undertaking active management at sites on private land (weed control, monitoring and planting) and on public land (for example at Hawes Bush). They are also undertaking landowner and stakeholder engagement and increasing awareness and interest from the community in undertaking biodiversity restoration activity. Many of the remnant stands of bush on private land in this location are likely to be significant natural areas (defined as Significant Natural Features in the MPDC District Plan).
6. There are two sites within the 'Connecting the Waitoa' project that are MPDC reserves. These are Hawes Bush at Waharoa and Harold Caitlin reserve. Both of these sites have high ecological values. There is an opportunity for MPDC to take an active role in leading the restoration of these sites, alongside the community. This could take the form of providing sufficient investment to support:
 - Appropriate classification of these reserves under the Reserves Act;
 - Development of a Reserve Management Plan;
 - Operational budget to implement the Reserve Management Plans (especially weed and pest control and restoration planting);
 - Funding and other support to build capacity and capability of the PCF to continue and expand their excellent work;
 - Expanding the level of funding available to landowners with significant biodiversity values (MPDC SNF fund).

Three waters reform

7. WRC recognises the pressures local authorities have in relation to three waters and compliance with their water take, wastewater and stormwater consent obligations. We encourage councils to invest to ensure full compliance with RMA obligations as it relates to three waters infrastructure.
8. WRC supports the funding allocated for investment in wastewater plant upgrades in the outer years of the LTP.

Morrinsville water supply

9. WRC supports the investment MPDC is undertaking to provide additional safe, secure and sustainable sources of drinking water for Morrinsville. We also support alternative sources of drinking water for Morrinsville so that the environmental impacts of the surface water abstraction from the Topehaehae Stream can be reduced.

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10. We acknowledge MPDC's preparation for new drinking water legislation which will also see the creation of a new water regulator Taumata Arowai, to ensure New Zealand communities have access to safe drinking water.

Public transport

11. WRC notes that townships within the district have poor quality bus stop infrastructure. We request MPDC increases investment in bus stops and shelter infrastructure over the life of this LTP as a means of making bus services easier to access and to maximise benefits from WRC's and MPDC's joint investment in public transport services.
12. We understand funding has been allocated to enable introduction of the Total Mobility scheme within the district. WRC strongly supports this initiative and looks forward to partnering with MPDC to roll out the scheme.

Climate change

13. MPDC is to be congratulated for considering climate change adaptation and increasing resilience when planning for growth, noting the relationship of resilient networks and linkages to community and environmental health.
14. The draft LTP also recognises changing weather patterns and increasing droughts in the upgrade of Matamata, Morrinsville, Te Aroha, Te Poi, Tahuna, Hinuera and Te Aroha West water supplies. This is supported along with the need to address water use efficiency and incentivising storage at property scale to harvest rainwater, reducing the use of potable water for irrigation and car washing.
15. Revitalising town centres is supported as this will allow alternative, within township mobility via cycle paths and will reduce the need to travel between towns. Improvement of walking and cycling options is also strongly supported as this should increase the associated health and social wellbeing co-benefits. Any construction associated with town centre revitalisation should be of low carbon design and construction. User safety should also be a key consideration when developing infrastructure for active modes of transport.
16. The investigation of selected matters (pages 20-25) should be scoped to include design for low greenhouse gas emissions and construction of low carbon embodied materials (e.g. construction form engineered timber (as carbon sink) rather than concrete and steel, with high embodied CO2) to future-proof initiatives as we move into a carbon constrained future).
17. WRC encourages MPDC to develop a corporate emissions reduction plan to lower greenhouse gas emissions. As WRC has recently undertaken this work at both a regional and local scale, we are happy to offer assistance or advice on the preparation and implementation of this.

Waste management

18. WRC supports the suite of proposals MPDC has proposed to deal with the complex issue of waste management. Specifically we support MPDC's introduction of food waste collections. Food waste is a major source of waste to landfill as well as a contributor to carbon emissions.
19. During future research and consultation we encourage MPDC to consider how food waste is processed and can have greater improvement over the status quo. This includes looking at transport to processing sites, processing method and what the resulting material will be used for and benefit.
20. We also support the development of a resource recovery site at Matamata and Morrinsville and see these sites as possible local sites for organics processing. Local processing options reduce transport costs and create employment. In addition, there is the opportunity to bring community along the

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resource recovery site creation as well as create meaningful employment through waste prevention and diversion.

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MPDC PRESENTATION: May 2021

Matamata Chamber of Commerce

Background

The organisational structure has changed over the past two years. With Matamata Business Association having previously worked alongside Matamata Public Relations Association as an independent entity, a decision was made to merge the two into one incorporated society. The merger means members have an opportunity to be part of the decision-making regarding Matamata CBD upgrades/improvements that were previously completed by the PRA as well as business growth opportunities through the MBA services. One board of representatives, one point of contact, same objectives for our community, service groups, tourism sector, CBD presentation and of course growing good business.

Operation

The Matamata organisation officially became a Chamber of Commerce at the Northern Hub annual meeting in last October. The hub includes Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga.

Matamata Chamber of Commerce also overarches the Matamata iSITE, as was the case with the former PRA.

This is similar to the Morrinsville scenario, with the PRA and BA merging previously and ultimately joining the Chamber of Commerce and likewise overseeing the town iSITE.

The Chamber is a non-profit organisation which does not receive any Government support.

While the organisation received the staff wage subsidy during Covid, as an incorporated society it could not claim any Government funding relating to the tourism sector.

The fall-off in international tourism has been well-documented, particularly the effect on the Hobbiton Movie Set – 650,000 visitors a year to 70,000 - and consequently a huge drop in iSITE income from processing bookings and sales of merchandise.

To put this into context, Hobbiton merchandise sales have gone from almost \$140,000 in the financial year from July 2018-June 2019 to just over \$6600 from July 2020 to March this year.

In the same time periods, retail shop sales at the i-SITE fell from almost \$275,000 to less than \$17,000.

While domestic tourism has offset the massive hit taken in international visitor numbers to a small degree, the effect on the Chamber's financial stability has obviously been seriously eroded.

Staff numbers at the iSITE have been reduced and office hours cut (9am-3pm) in an effort to cut costs.

Funding

The only other funding sources for the i-SITE and Chamber of Commerce are an annual grant from Matamata-Piako District Council and membership fees from supporting businesses.

Current membership of the Chamber sits at 90-plus, from about 70 last September. The organisation is making a concerted effort to attract more members, but the COVID scenario has obviously seen businesses look at areas where they can reduce costs.

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It is therefore requested that the annual grant from council to the Matamata i-SITE/Chamber of Commerce be increased to \$125,000 for the 2021/2022 financial year and following two financial years. This will enable the Matamata Chamber of Commerce to operate solvently and meet the council's Service Level Agreement.

With international tourism unlikely to return in the next two years, the organisation more than ever before needs council support if it is to continue to nurture business growth and economic development in Matamata and the surrounding rural area.

Future

Some i-SITES around the country have already closed.

i-SITE New Zealand Paul Yeo says while visitors might start online, they don't always stay there.

"They find there's so much choice they actually want to come into a physical centre and browse for information.

"Most importantly, they want to talk to people."

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism CEO Jason Dawson also noted that i-SITES are a pivotal part of the tourism and visitor experience.

The Matamata office – Gatehouse – is of course iconic and one of the most photographed attractions in the country.

With the movie set, it puts Matamata on the map in this country and around the world.

The Chamber also has a responsibility to lead business and community initiatives, making Matamata attractive to investors, developers, business operators, visitors and residents.

Activities

In the past financial year this has included new Christmas lights in the CBD (\$40,000) and new town banners (\$2600), while also running a Twilight Market and Christmas Parade (collectively recording a \$2000 loss).

This year's project is a community Christmas tree, set to cost around \$30,000, plus associated installation/electricity/removal/storage expenses.

The Chamber has ongoing relationships with local and central government, plus agencies and organisations including Te Waka, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism, Hauraki Rail Trail, local iwi, Matamata Futures, Transition Matamata and Keep Matamata Beautiful.

Post-COVID, the Chamber believes it has never been more important for the council to support Matamata and the surrounding rural community.

Businesses, particularly in the travel/tourism and hospitality sectors, are hurting.

A "band aid" approach by council, based on perceived equity for the three wards rather than real need, will not stop the bleeding.

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It is time for council to take decisive action, in partnership with community groups and agencies such as the Matamata Chamber of Commerce, rather than continuing to “carry forward” ward funding.

Council Support

The Chamber was disappointed to learn that \$750,000 had previously been budgeted (2019/2020 LTP) for Matamata Beautification, but there is no evidence to suggest this was ever actioned.

A council report in November 2019 showed this included significant community/business consultation, planning and costings for Arawa St and Hetana.St.

Taking into account the associated council manager’s health issues and COVID, there still seems to have been an extraordinary period of inactivity in bringing the plan to fruition.

In the meantime, third party contributions (\$400,000 from the NZTA for Hetana St streetscape and another from an associated business in Arawa St North) seem to have made these projects top priority for council.

The perception is then that Matamata Beautification projects (and I include security cameras in this) are actioned if funding comes from outside council rather than the actual needs and wants of the community.

A recent response from council is that there is “no residual funding” for Matamata this financial year, which seems at odds with council documentation.

Clarification is needed on this, particularly with regard to the section covering Revitalising Our Town Centres in the draft Long-Term Plan.

While million dollar “proposals” make great reading, the community is interested in the here and now. Talk is cheap.

The most high-profile example of the “Carry Forward Carry On” is the Chamber’s request for council to cover full funding – in the current financial year - of an upgraded security camera system for the Matamata CBD, as per neighbouring local authorities.

A submission/application was lodged with the mayor and Matamata Ward councillors on February 3.

In the meantime the i-SITE office and associated public bus shelter in Broadway have been subject to six incidents of vandalism – costing thousands of dollars – along with a separate window smashing spree in Hetana and Arawa streets, plus two ram raids of Broadway businesses on the same evening.

The Chamber feels that protection of people and their property is top priority for the Matamata community and surrounding rural area.

However, the Chamber has been advised by council staff that the most immediate plans for the Matamata CBD include new rubbish bins, revamped seating, pavement patching and weed spraying/water-blasting of street furniture.

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Long-Term Plan

The Chamber also wishes to comment on aspects of the draft Long-Term Plan outside its immediate role and responsibility.

Given the demographics of the ward and demand for a retirement village, the Chamber believes Housing for the Elderly needs to be given a higher priority by council. This could be by way of zoning and consultation with property developers and rest home providers.

The Chamber believes the Te Aroha to Matamata extension of the Hauraki Rail Trail is a tremendous asset to the area, with a Matamata to Piarere leg the obvious next step to link with the Waikato River Trail.

While the Chamber realises other agencies are involved, the Chamber sees this project running in parallel with the proposed Piarere Roundabout project.

What may seem a relatively minor issue on the Te Aroha/Matamata section – but one attracting more and more comment at the i-SITE – is the lack of directional signage for cyclists at the Tower Rd entrance to Matamata (Gull Roundabout).

There is currently no indication of the “Town Centre”, however there are signs in the other direction to Te Aroha/Paeroa/Kaiaua outside the i-SITE.

Council’s response has been that this is “not a priority” and cyclists will “find their own way into town”. This would seem to be a rather naïve attitude, which then begs the question why have signs for cyclists heading out of town if they already know the way?

Given there are two theatre organisations in Matamata, both operating in rather obscure locations, the Chamber believes a stage for the Civic Centre should have been included in the original design. Costs will no doubt increase the longer this project is delayed.

Conclusion

The Chamber’s financial situation, as discussed, is precarious at the very least.

This is at a time when our work has never been needed more.

It is very much united we stand, divided we fall.

As well as businesses supporting each other via the Chamber, it is a time to nurture the existing partnership between the council and the Chamber for the greater good.

We know that tourism will return, and the i-SITE return to profit, but the timeframe for this is of course unknown.

I am acutely aware of the financial pressure council is under in developing its budget for the next financial year

However, I believe it is time for the best possible collaboration and co-operation between the Matamata Chamber of Commerce/i-SITE and Matamata-Piako District Council.

STEVE EDWARDS

GENERAL MANAGER

MATAMATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MATAMATA i-SITE

Following M.P.D.C. option to 'provide feedback' 3/4/2021 regarding 3 options for future household rubbish disposal/ collection, my observation would be any of the proposals will result in the bad problem the district has with FLY TIPPING.

One suggestion against that would be to instruct K.V.A. rubbish pickup trucks to attend to FLY TIPPING as the drivers come across it, not to simply drive past as happens frequently in the Morrinsville Recreation Grounds. Also, ALL M.P.D.C. staff, overalls 'n suits, who are provided with ratepayer paid for vehicles, from McLean head honcho upwards, should have utes only (no saloons) and they also be obliged to stop and pickup fly tipping as they come across it in their work day, thus making best use of these ratepayer taxis.

FLY TIPPING, left unremoved even for a short time, seems to attract additional rubbish accrual, making the situation worse than it already is.

cc. Morrinsville News.

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Stephanie Hutchins

From: Sunia Haunga <lofitu77@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 09:54
To: Ann-Jorun Hunter
Subject: Re: FW: Fwd:

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Morning Ann. Thanks very much for your response this morning.

Our project began from our own backyards. But now we are looking for a long term gardening as I have mentioned before.

We are a Church Community non Profitable organisation, plus our Tongan people living in Te Aroha.

As I have said before, we applied for a community resilience fund for \$5000 and it was approved.

However. If the covid-19 come to a time of no marketing, we can still produce our own food like what we did back home.

These are some of the photos as an evidence.

Kind regards Rev. Sunia Haunga

On Wed, 24 Mar 2021, 9:31 AM Ann-Jorun Hunter, <abronstad@mpdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Good morning Sunia

Thank you for your email enquiring about access to land to grow food.

I recommend that you make a formal submission to our Long Term Plan, providing further details about your project such as ;

- Are you looking for one large area of land or multiple smaller lots?
- Is your group set up as a charities organisation or incorporated society or other community trust/organisation? If so, it would be beneficial if you could supply your organisation's financial statement and position
- Who will benefit from the food you would grow?
- How many volunteers and paid employees are involved in your project?

As Council administers public land and monies, it is important that they consider the wider community benefit of projects like yours before making a decision.

To make a submission to our Long Term Plan, head to mpdc.nz/planningahead

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Many thanks

Ann-Jorun

Ann-Jorun Hunter | Policy Planner

Matamata-Piako District Council 35 Kenrick Street, PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342
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From: Sunia Haunga <lofitu77@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 March 2021 4:51
To: Records <Records@mpdc.govt.nz>
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From: Sunia Haunga <lofitu77@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 10 Mar 2021, 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd:
To: <info@mpdc.govd.nz>

Piece of land for gardening.

My name is Rev. Sunia Haunga from Te Aroha Waikato with our small Tongan Community, under 30 families, who applied and approved for \$5000 from the covid 19 Community Resilience Fund, to help us in our gardening. We already bought our Rotary hoe for \$2590, as on the photo, but now we are still looking for a bigger piece of land like 3 acres or more to grow more gardening. We can't afford to lease or buy a piece of land, because the rest of the money is decided to buy topsoil, seeds and others. This is the main reason why we are looking for help.

My phone number is 0272367897 and my address is 4 wyatt av. Te Aroha. If you need some more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that this letter will be suitable for your consideration. I am looking forward to hearing from you, I remain. Kind regard, Sunia Haunga

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Stephanie Hutchins

From: Ann-Jorun Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, 20 April 2021 09:44
To: lofitu77@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Reminder - Your submission on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan
Attachments: Re: FW: Fwd;; FW: Fwd:

Good morning Sunia
I'm sorry I missed your call last week.

I refer to earlier correspondence and the photos you sent through to me with regards to your request for land to use as community garden, would you like to include these in your submission? I can enter these for you.

If you would like to present / talk in front of Council, you are welcome to do so on Wednesday 12 May. I note you mention that you have a language barrier. You are welcome to bring any support person(s) to the Council meeting (Hearing) on the 12 May. Alternatively please let us know if you require any assistance.

Thanks
Ann-Jorun

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From: Sandra Harris <sharris@mpdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 9:56
To: Ashton Lye <alye@mpdc.govt.nz>; Ann-Jorun Hunter <abronstad@mpdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Reminder - Your submission on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Thanks Ashton, Ann-Jorun can you please add this to the original submission in the back end if poss
Cheers

From: Ashton Lye
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 9:54
To: Sandra Harris <sharris@mpdc.govt.nz>; Ann-Jorun Hunter <abronstad@mpdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Reminder - Your submission on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Hi guys,

Think this might be more in your wheelhouse than mine...

Cheers

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From: Sunia Haunga [lofitu77@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Webmaster

Subject: Re: Reminder - Your submission on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

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Hi there. My name is Rev. Sunia Haunga was looking for a piece of land for our tongan community to grow kumara and vegetable for our own fresh food like what I have harvest to day.

Unfortunately I have a language barrier. So I see no project in this long term plan will fit our needs.

However, I have no idea what to do now.

Kind regards, Sunia Haunga

On Mon, 19 Apr 2021, 11:04 AM Matamata-Piako District Council, <webmaster@mpdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear Sunia Haunga,

Thank you for your submission on the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 and/or other proposals we are consulting on. We have not received a complete submission from you on any of our proposals, but don't worry - you still have time to submit.

More information on all of our other proposals is available at mpdc.nz/planningahead. You can add to your submission by clicking the 'continue my submission' button, and entering your email: lofitu77@gmail.com and your pin: **7196**. Submissions close Monday 19 April.

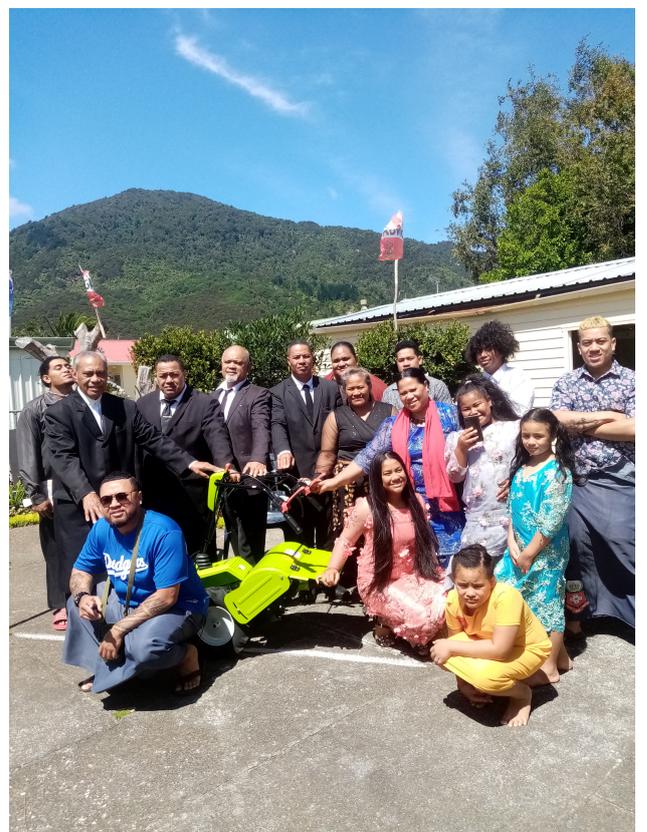
A hearing will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street Te Aroha. The hearing may also extend to Thursday 13 May 2021 if required (the number of days and time required will depend on the number of submitters who wish to present).

At the hearing Council will hear from submitters who wish to present their submission in person. If you indicated on your submission that you wish to speak at the hearing, we will contact you to confirm your time slot. If you chose not to present your submission at the hearing or did not specify a preference but would now like to, please contact our Committee Secretary on 07 884 0060.

If you are interested in speaking, but have a disability or language barrier that makes this difficult for you, please let us know as soon as possible as we may be able to provide assistance. If you would like to speak in person but are unable to attend the hearing, we can arrange for you to present your submission via Zoom video call or phone conference call. If this is the case, again please let us know as soon as possible.

The hearing is a public meeting and you are welcome to attend, regardless of whether or not you are presenting. Copies of all submissions will be made available for viewing at all Council offices and libraries and on our website prior to the hearing. We will advise you of Council's decisions following the hearing.

If you have any queries regarding the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 or any of the other documents we are consulting on, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07 884 0060 or email submissions@mpdc.govt.nz.



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Swap Park Submission
Open Spaces and Parks
Email: rangikaukau858@gmail.com
Code: 4262
No to a Dog Park
To the Councilors, Matamata Piako District Council
13.4.2021

From, co Directors Swap Park Community Group
Dr Craig Campbell & Mrs Ezra Campbell
and supported by Rangitonga Kaukau

Dear Mayor & Councilors

We have watched with concern the self interested, promotion in the media of Swap Park as the only site for a Matamata dog park. As part of the invitation for submissions the Council has promoted its own argument for a dog park in Swap Park with its Business Case, which is inaccurate and deficient in details and specifications. Both elements create a bias and emotive stance, at the expense of the goodwill within the community, and with Council, that has taken place in the development of Swap Park over the past year.

Council was aware and supported the legal obligations to Tu Uru Rakau and the Matariki Tu Rakau fund. Council knew and acknowledged the involvement of the local Iwi in the project and acknowledged the opportunity to bring all three Iwi together with the Matamata Community Covid19 Commemorative Event in Swap Park. The Event was fully funded by the Matariki Tu Rakau fund, such is the spiritual, cultural and ecological significance of the project.

Council participated fully in the concept that the Covid19 planting was to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of our frontline workers through our historic Lockdown, and to create a memorial to the millions who died of Covid19 infection, with a special tree for Matamata's Covid19 victim. The 680 meter walkway Council installed two days after the community event has been referenced as a "remembrance walkway" by our Mayor. All of this unified our community

Council has demonstrated its support for Swap Park to be a place of special significance for the people of Matamata and the world over, by the grant of \$2,500 as a seed funding for Iwi's Pou Whenua in Swap Park. This grant has been acknowledged by local Iwi and they have donations of local Totara & Hinuera stone, bringing the Pou closer to being carved.

We respectfully acknowledge the enthusiasm of the 27 people who supported the concept of a dog park in Matamata. Promoters of a Matamata dog park have been offered by Council staff other sites and parks where dogs can exercise off lead, but have turned these down. They have alternatives that can accommodate their needs without infringing on the commitments of others. We encourage the development of alternative locations for a dog park,(we are dog owners ourselves) but not at the expense of the goodwill that has taken place in the development at Swap Park over the past year.

Council has also committed itself to the hundreds of people involved in Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo, Ngati Haua Iwi, Ngati Raukawa Iwi, Ngati Hinerangi Iwi, and will be aware of its cultural obligation to local Iwi. The Mayor last year was made aware of the objections of Ngati Haua and Te Rau Aroha Kohanga Reo to the concept of a dog park being located in Swap Park. It is wrong for this project of a dog park in Swap Park to proceed when it demonstrates complete disrespect for the cultural, spiritual and ecological values represented in Matamata's community coming together to create their Covid19 Commemoration and memorial.

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Yours Sincerely



Matamata-Piako District Council
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Te Aroha 3320
Attn: Mark Naude

16 April 2021

By email

Dear Mark,

SUBMISSION OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA TO THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY 2021-2051 DRAFT FOR MATAMATA PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2021-2051 draft (the Plan) for Matamata Piako District Council.
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead historic heritage agency.
3. Many of the parks and open spaces included in the Plan contain scheduled and listed heritage as well as unrecorded heritage and there is an expectation from HNZPT that the methodologies selected for the management of these parks and open spaces should contribute to the on-going protection and preservation of the historic heritage contained within them and not be at odds with existing historic heritage recognitions.
4. HNZPT is concerned that while the text mentions heritage in general terms there is no specific mention of listed /scheduled heritage items or areas. HNZPT considers that it is not sufficient to just rely on the district plan provisions for the management of the scheduled heritage items or areas. As the Council owns and operates the parks and open spaces and manages the activities within them, the operational and management documents should be clear about they can contribute to the protection and consideration of these items and areas within these environments.
5. The attached table (1) outlines specific concerns that HNZPT has regarding this document. HNZPT welcomes the opportunity for further dialogue with Council staff regarding the points of submission.
6. **HNZPT does wish to be heard in support of our submission.**

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Yours sincerely



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Attachment-page 144 –Manual of Policies (Operative from December 2018) Upper Hutt City Council

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	Proposed Plan Provision	Support or Oppose	Reasons for Submission	Relief Sought Strike: abc = delete Underline: <u>abc</u> = addition
Chapter				
Pg. 5	Executive Summary Our Vision Vision statement	Support in part	HNZPT seeks that the vision statement: <i>"Our parks and open spaces network meets the recreation needs of our community and protects our natural and cultural heritage."</i> is amended to correct the spelling mistake in the word "protects", .i.e. change to "protects" and that it is further amended to recognise historic heritage. This proposed addition is important given that some of the parks and open spaces within the Matamata Piako District Council area contain significant historic heritage which could be inadvertently adversely affected by parks and open space activities.	That the vision statement is retained and amended as follows: <i>"Our parks and open spaces network meets the recreation needs of our community and protects <u>protects</u> our natural, and <u>and</u> cultural, <u>and</u> historic heritage."</i> And this amendment is made throughout the Plan as required, for example the vision is repeated again at page 6 and throughout the document.
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Pg.6	Strategic Goals	Support in part	HNZPT seeks that the cascade of provisions (vision/principles/strategic goals) retain the consideration of historic heritage throughout to ensure that the strategic approaches, placed based strategies and action will give effect to this consideration and ensure the heritage is considered and protected at the time of all works. HNZPT seeks that the strategic goals are amended to reflect this concern.	That the strategic goal goals are retained and amended as follows: <i>"Our parks and open spaces protect and celebrate our cultural <u>and</u> historic heritage and identity."</i>
Pg.7	Principles	Support in part	HNZPT seeks as per the previous submission that the principle is amended and that the related provisions are also amended to better reflect the amended principle.	That the related provision is amended as follows: <i>"Protect and enhance our cultural <u>and</u> historical heritage."</i>
Pg.10	2.2 Why are Parks and Open	Support in	HNZPT considers that the benefits listed on pg. 10	That the benefits list is retained and amended as follows:

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	spaces Important?	part	<i>"Protect natural, and historic heritage "</i> should be amended to reflect that cultural heritage is an important benefit of the parks and open space.	<i>"Protect natural, <u>cultural</u> and historic heritage "</i>
Pg.15	3 The purpose of the Strategy	Support in part	HNZPT supports in part the inclusion of the statement: <i>"Protecting and enhancing significant environmental, cultural and historic spaces."</i> As with other parts of this submission HNZPT seeks that the reference to "historic" spaces is amended to "historic heritage" for consistency throughout the document and thought may also be given to the use of the word "enhance", which in the context of historic heritage is somewhat ambiguous, as discussed elsewhere in this submission.	HNZPT seeks that the statement is retained and amended as follows: <i>"Protecting and <u>conserving</u> enhancing significant environmental, cultural and historic <u>heritage</u> spaces."</i>
Pg.16	Councils Role Cultural wellbeing	Support in part	HNZPT supports in part the inclusion of the statement: <i>"Protection of important historic & cultural sites."</i> As with other parts of this submission HNZPT seeks that the reference to "historic" spaces is amended to "historic heritage" for consistency throughout the document.	HNZPT seeks that the statement is retained and amended as follows: <i>"Protection of important historic <u>heritage</u> & cultural sites."</i>
P18	Tangata Whenua	Support	HNZPT supports the statement: <i>"There are opportunities for Tangata whenua to express kaitiakitanga (guardianship) over the land including the restoration, protection and enhancement of natural areas, biodiversity and cultural heritage."</i> It is important that the relationship that Tangata Whenua has with parks and open spaces is acknowledged and is part of the park's management process. HNZPT notes that the use of the term "enhancement" which has an improved context with the use of the word's restoration and protection.	HNZPT seeks that the following statement is retained: <i>"There are opportunities for Tangata whenua to express kaitiakitanga (guardianship) over the land including the restoration, protection and enhancement of natural areas, biodiversity and cultural heritage."</i>
Pg.19	6.Context	Support	HNZPT supports the reference to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 as a relevant piece of legislation related to the management of Parks and Open Spaces. This is particularly important given the pre 1900 status of some of the parks and open spaces, in particular the Te Aroha Domain and the many HNZPT listed heritage listed items within parks and open spaces in the Matamata Piako District.	That the reference to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 is retained.
Pg.30	8.6 8.6.1 Tangata Whenua	Support	HNZPT supports the statement: <i>"There are many opportunities to improve storytelling. Historically, interpretation signage, monuments and public art have predominantly focussed on people and events associated</i>	That the following statement is retained: <i>"There are many opportunities to improve storytelling. Historically, interpretation signage, monuments and public art have predominantly focussed on people and</i>

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			<p><i>with European settlement of the area</i></p> <p>It is important that the relationship that Tangata Whenua has with parks and open spaces is acknowledged and becomes part of the Parks and Open Space management process.</p>	<p><i>events associated with European settlement of the area</i></p>
Pg.43	9. Vision	Support in part	<p>HNZPT seeks that the vision statement:</p> <p><i>“Our parks and open spaces network meets the recreation needs of our community and protects our natural and cultural heritage.”</i></p> <p>is amended to correct the spelling mistake in the word “protects”, .i.e. change to “<i>protects</i>” and that it is further amended to recognise “<i>historic heritage</i>”. This proposed addition is important given that some of the parks and open spaces within the Matamata Piako District Council area contain significant historic heritage which could be inadvertently adversely affected by parks and open space activities.</p>	<p>That the vision statement is retained and amended as follows:</p> <p><i>“Our parks and open spaces network meets the recreation needs of our community and protects our natural, and cultural, and historic heritage.”</i></p> <p>And this amendment is made throughout the Plan as required, for example the vision is repeated again at page 6.</p>
Pg.45	10. Principles Protect and enhance our heritage	Support in part	<p>HNZPT seeks that the principle:</p> <p><i>“Protect and enhance our heritage”</i> is retained and amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to use the word “<i>conserve</i>” rather than “<i>enhance</i>” as “<i>enhance</i>” has an ambiguous meaning and could have adverse impacts on historic heritage to recognise historic heritage. The word “<i>conserve</i>” can be used and should have the same meaning as “<i>conserve</i>” as used in the ICOMOS Charter NZ², and to insert the work “<i>historic</i>” before heritage to cover built, cultural and archaeological heritage, all of which are represented within the parks and open space system within the district. <p>And the same changes are made in the related statements under the principle.</p>	<p>That the principle “Protect and enhance our heritage” is amended as follows:</p> <p><i>“Protect and enhance conserve our historic heritage.”</i> And That the related provision is amended as follows:</p> <p><i>“Protect and enhance our cultural <u>and</u> historical heritage.”</i></p>
Pg.46	11. Strategic Goals Tangata Whenua have meaningful opportunities to input into how our parks and open spaces are planned, developed and managed.	Support	<p>HNZPT supports the strategic goal related to Tangata Whenua having meaningful opportunities to input into parks and open spaces processes.</p> <p>HNZPT particularly supports the related statement:</p> <p><i>“We work with tangata whenua to identify, protect, preserve and manage wahi tapu site and other sites of significance located at or near parks and open spaces.”</i></p> <p>HNZPT supports the identification protection and preservation of wahi tapu and other sites of significance as this will assist in the retention of the sites in the long term.</p>	<p>That the strategic goal:</p> <p><i>“Tangata Whenua have meaningful opportunities to input into how our parks and open spaces are planned, developed and managed”</i> and the related statements are retained, and</p> <p>The Plan is amended to state how formal protection of these sites would be achieved.</p>

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			<p>However, HNZPT would appreciate more information relating to how sites will be protected, for example will identified sites then become scheduled in the District Plan is an appropriate formal mechanism for protection of these types of site.</p>	
Pg.46	11. Strategic Goals Our Parks and Open Spaces protect and celebrate our cultural heritage and identity.	Support in part	<p>HNZPT supports the inclusion of the strategic goal: <i>“Our Parks and Open Spaces protect and celebrate our cultural heritage and identity.”</i></p> <p>In particular the use of the word <i>“protect”</i>, as this will assist to ensure the long-term preservation of heritage values. In addition, as the explanation refers to a multi-cultural heritage the goal should be amended to reflect this.</p>	That the strategic goal is retained and amended as follows: <i>“Our Parks and Open Spaces protect and celebrate our <u>multi-cultural</u> heritage and identity.”</i>
Pg.46	11.Strategic Goals	Support	<p>HNZPT supports the strategic goal of: <i>“Our parks and open spaces are enhanced by community partnerships”</i> together with the supporting statement: <i>“We work with other agencies, community groups or individuals for the greater good”</i></p> <p>These statements recognise the interagency approach, of which HNZPT is a part. The partnership approach will enable all interests in the parks and open space network to be recognised.</p>	That the strategic goal and related statement: <i>“Our parks and open spaces are enhanced by community partnerships”</i> and the supporting statement: <i>“We work with other agencies, community groups or individuals for the greater good”</i> is retained.
Pg.57	12.1.1 Response 12.1.2.1 Parkland	Support in part	<p>HNZPT supports in part the statement: <i>“We will</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protect and enhance our natural and cultural heritage.”</i> <p>However as with other parts of the Plan HNZPT considers that reference should also be made to the more comprehensive term <i>“historic heritage”</i> to ensure all historic heritage is considered.</p>	That the following statement is amended and retained as follows: <i>“Protect and enhance our natural and cultural <u>and historic</u> heritage.”</i>
Pg.58	12.1.2.5 Management categories: Community park	Support in part	<p>HNZPT is concerned that the Te Aroha Domain has a management category of <i>“Community Park”</i>, that is completely devoid of any reference to heritage, in contrast to the <i>“heritage park”</i> management category.</p> <p>The Te Aroha domain is unique having been set up as a park in the 1880’s and is still used as a park, and still retains much of its original layout and early heritage buildings. The historic heritage values of the park form an intrinsic part of its character. A similar spa domain, the Government Gardens in Rotorua, is a HNZPT listed historic area and has a Historic reserve status under the Reserves Act. The Government Gardens has a huge range of facilitates and activities ranging from</p>	That the Te Aroha Domain management category is amended to a heritage park, or in the alternative the community park management category is amended to reflect the inclusion of the historic heritage significance of the Te Aroha Domain for example Community Park-Heritage with suitable explanatory text.

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			<p>informal recreation, formal recreation, and commercial activities. "Woodlands" in the Waikato also has an historic reserve status.</p> <p>HNZPT considers that the park management category assigned to the Te Aroha domain must recognise the important historic heritage values of the site that include cultural, built heritage and archaeological values. It is important to recognise these values within the Plan (Parks and Open Space Strategy) as this document drives the development of the Park into the future and provides a focus point. Not putting an historic heritage focus in the Plan for the Te Aroha Domain will result in uncohesive development and therefore a loss of historic heritage values. It is important to state that the recognition of historic heritage values does not preclude future development, it does however ensure that the development is sympathetic. To not recognise the heritage values of the Te Aroha Domain management is a flawed approach.</p> <p>In a related matter HNZPT notes that the Appendix 2-Action Plan spreadsheet, includes "Realign reserve management plan framework to the park management categories"</p> <p>HNZPT considers that the Te Aroha Domain should be recognised as a heritage park in terms of the Plan management categories and then become an historic reserve under the Reserves Act.</p> <p>In the alternative the Community Park category is amended to reflect that fact that the Te Aroha Domain is included within the category for example it could be called Community Park-Heritage and that the category includes similar text to that found in the heritage park category.</p>	
Pg. 58	12.1.2.5 Management categories: Heritage Park	Support	HNZPT supports the inclusion of the Heritage Park management category and the associated guidelines.	That the heritage park management category is retained in the Plan.
Pg.68	Strategic Approaches and Placed Based Strategies 12.2 Matamata	Oppose in Part	HNZPT is concerned that while the text mentions heritage in general terms there is no specific mention of listed /scheduled heritage items or areas. HNZPT considers that it is not sufficient to just reply on the district plan provisions for the management of the scheduled heritage items. As the Council owns and operates the parks and open spaces and manages the activities within them, the operational and management documents should be clear about they can contribute to the protection and consideration of these items and areas within these environments.	That section 12.2 is amended to include consideration of HNZPT listed and MPDC scheduled heritage within the parks and open spaces and how this is provided for within the park's management regimen.

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Pg.84	Strategic Approaches and Placed Based Strategies 12.4 Te Aroha	Oppose in part	HNZPT is concerned that while the text mentions heritage in general terms there is no specific mention of listed /scheduled heritage items or areas. HNZPT considers that it is not sufficient to just reply on the district plan provisions for the management of the scheduled heritage items. As the Council owns and operates the parks and open spaces and manages the activities within them, the operational and management documents should be clear about they can contribute to the protection and consideration of these items and areas within these environments.	That section 12.4 is amended to include consideration of HNZPT listed and MPDC scheduled heritage within the parks and open spaces and how this is provided for within the park's management regimen.
Pg. 110	Appendix 2 Action Plan Spreadsheet	Support in part	HNZPT supports the approach: <i>"Use a design approach e.g., using a master plan or landscape development plan to guide significant redevelopment of existing parks"</i> However, HNZPT considers that the action should be modified to recognise the collaboration required at the time of a significant redevelopment of an existing park. HNZPT supports the approach of developing a master plan to guide development. This type of development is the best method to ensure the consideration of historic heritage values. This approach will assist ensure that ad hoc development and its often-detrimental effect on historic heritage values is avoided.	HNZPT seeks that the action is retained and amended as follows: <i>"Use a collaborative design approach e.g., using a master plan or landscape development plan to guide significant redevelopment of existing parks"</i>
Pg. 110	Appendix 2 Action Plan Spreadsheet	Support in part	HNZPT supports the action: <i>"Work with Tangata Whenua and other groups e.g., historic societies, Heritage New Zealand, DOC etc to map sites of significance on or near our P & OS."</i> However, HNZPT thinks that the action needs to be expanded to include the outcome this information will be used for. HNZPT considers that the best outcome would be for the sites that have been mapped to then be included into the heritage inventory schedules and subject to a protective rule framework.	HNZPT seeks that the action is retained and amended as follows: <i>"Work with tangata whenua and other groups e.g. historic societies, Heritage New Zealand, DOC etc to map sites of significance on or near our P & OS and to include these sites into the District Plan Heritage Schedules and be subject to a protective rule framework."</i>
Pg.110	Appendix 2 Action Plan Spreadsheet	Support	HNZPT supports the action: <i>"Work with Tangata Whenua to identify stories/themes that can be celebrated at our P&OS."</i> It is important that the P&OS recognise the stories and themes of Tangata Whenua and work with them to tell these important stories.	HNZPT seeks that the action is retained.
Pg.110	Appendix 2 Action Plan Spreadsheet	Support	HNZPT supports the action: <i>"Identify and fund signage improvements especially wayfinding and interpretation."</i>	HNZPT seeks that the action is retained.

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Pg.110	Appendix 2 Action Plan Spreadsheet	Oppose in part	<p>HNZPT is concerned at the proposed action: <i>"Realign reserve management plan framework to the park management categories"</i></p> <p>As currently the Te Aroha Domain is not recognised as a heritage park within the management categories. HNZPT considers that before this exercise is undertaken that the park management category for the Te Aroha Domain is revised to that of a Heritage Park, or a new category is developed such as Community Park-Heritage, and that the reserve management category is changed to an historic reserve.</p>	<p>That the proposed medium-term action: <i>"Realign reserve management plan framework to the park management categories"</i></p> <p>is only undertaken when there is improved recognition of the historic heritage values of the Te Aroha Domain within the Park management categories.</p>
Pg. 111	Appendix 3-Park management categories and Associated Quality Standards Community Parks and Heritage parks.	Oppose in part	<p>HNZPT is concerned at the "Community Park" management category that has been assigned to the Te Aroha Domain, particularly when there is no reference to historic heritage within that management category.</p> <p>The Te Aroha Domain is an HNZPT listed Historic Area, which is of particular importance in the park setting as the historic area category recognises a number of interrelated historic places. This includes the buildings and the spaces" in between them. In addition, the individual buildings have their own individual listings category. As the site is a pre-1900 site it is recognised for its archaeological values and the site also has very strong cultural values.</p> <p>Therefore, it is critical that the park management category acknowledges this important fact. All park management actions should contribute to the retention of the historic heritage values of the Domain, otherwise there is the potential for the loss of historic heritage values.</p> <p>HNZPT considers that the park management category for the Te Aroha Domain is revised to that of a Heritage Park, or a new category is developed such as Community Park-Heritage, and that the reserve management category is changed to an historic reserve.</p>	<p>That Plan is modified to place the Te Aroha Domain in the Park management category that will ensure the retention of its historic heritage values in both day-to-day management activities and at the time of alteration or redevelopment. It maybe that a new park category -Community Park-Heritage can be developed for a specific circumstances of the Te Aroha Domain.</p>
Pg.114	Appendix 5 Development Standards for Park Management categories	Oppose in part	<p>HNZPT is concerned that Appendix 5 does not contain any development standards for Heritage Parks. If the development standards are contained within specific park management plan this should be specified within Appendix 5 to ensure that the plan user is following the correct information.</p>	<p>That Appendix 5 is amended to include development standards for Heritage Parks or include a reference as to their location.</p>

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Open Spaces and Parks
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Code: 4262
No to a Dog Park
To the Councilors, Matamata Piako District Council
13.4.2021

From, co Directors Swap Park Community Group
Dr Craig Campbell & Mrs Ezra Campbell
and supported by Rangitonga Kaukau

Dear Mayor & Councilors

We have watched with concern the self interested, promotion in the media of Swap Park as the only site for a Matamata dog park. As part of the invitation for submissions the Council has promoted its own argument for a dog park in Swap Park with its Business Case, which is inaccurate and deficient in details and specifications. Both elements create a bias and emotive stance, at the expense of the goodwill within the community, and with Council, that has taken place in the development of Swap Park over the past year.

Council was aware and supported the legal obligations to Tu Uru Rakau and the Matariki Tu Rakau fund. Council knew and acknowledged the involvement of the local Iwi in the project and acknowledged the opportunity to bring all three Iwi together with the Matamata Community Covid19 Commemorative Event in Swap Park. The Event was fully funded by the Matariki Tu Rakau fund, such is the spiritual, cultural and ecological significance of the project.

Council participated fully in the concept that the Covid19 planting was to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of our frontline workers through our historic Lockdown, and to create a memorial to the millions who died of Covid19 infection, with a special tree for Matamata's Covid19 victim. The 680 meter walkway Council installed two days after the community event has been referenced as a "remembrance walkway" by our Mayor. All of this unified our community

Council has demonstrated its support for Swap Park to be a place of special significance for the people of Matamata and the world over, by the grant of \$2,500 as a seed funding for Iwi's Pou Whenua in Swap Park. This grant has been acknowledged by local Iwi and they have donations of local Totara & Hinuera stone, bringing the Pou closer to being carved.

We respectfully acknowledge the enthusiasm of the 27 people who supported the concept of a dog park in Matamata. Promoters of a Matamata dog park have been offered by Council staff other sites and parks where dogs can exercise off lead, but have turned these down. They have alternatives that can accommodate their needs without infringing on the commitments of others. We encourage the development of alternative locations for a dog park, (we are dog owners ourselves) but not at the expense of the goodwill that has taken place in the development at Swap Park over the past year.

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