

Councillor report July 2023 by David Whyte

Changes to district plan – notable trees. It takes a long time for any proposed changes to work their way through the system but I've learned the process, and we need to log some so that they eventually come up. Thus I would propose the following motions:

That (a) HCB recommends that the Ted Smith Oak tree on edge of lake Hakanoa be designated a Notable tree.

And (b) that the oak tree next to this tree planted by children from Kimihia school also be considered for notable designation.

Neither of these two trees are on the register. The council [document](#) around notable trees states:

Notable Trees Criteria for Listing. In order for all trees to be assessed on an equal basis and against objective criteria, the New

Zealand Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) has been adopted. Three major aspects of tree character are identified, each being divided into units that can be separately valued against a hypothetical perfect score of 30 points for each unit, as follows.

Condition evaluation

o Form o Occurrence o Vigour and vitality o Function o Age (years) o Stature (m)

Amenity evaluation

o Public accessibility o Visibility (from 1kilometre) o Proximity o Role o Climate

Notable evaluation

o Stature - Feature - Form o Historic - Age 100+ - Association - Commemoration - Remnant - - Relic

o Scientific - Source - Rarity - Endangered

The threshold for determining if trees will be classed as notable trees is a minimum of 170 points. These trees are considered to be healthy and stable and have some outstanding features that contribute to the amenity and heritage of a neighbourhood and make a positive impact on the district.

Notable tree in Huntly ward.

Group of radiata pine 442 Hetherington Road, Huntly

Gum, redwood, blackwood, chestnut and poplar - Vincent Aspey Place/ Burke Place, Huntly

London plane - Riverside rest stop/ viewing site, State Highway 1, Huntly

Norfolk Island pine - 129 Russell Road, Huntly

10 London planes, 6 English oak and 1 liquidambar - Huntly Domain, Park Avenue, Huntly

English oak - small reserve, Tainui Bridge Road, Huntly

Macrocarpa - 21 Russell Road, Huntly

2 Pin oaks - 26 Harlock Place, Huntly

Tulip Tree - 22 Harlock Place, Huntly

Kahikatea - Hillside Station, Tregoweth Lane, Huntly

2 kahikatea - Hillside Station, Tregoweth Lane, Huntly

1 pear - Ashwell Mission site, Hakarimata Road, Taupiri

1 bull bay magnolia - Ashwell Mission site, Hakarimata Road, Taupiri

1 Haliar cypress - Ashwell Mission site & Hakarimata Road boundary, 732 Hakarimata Road, Taupiri

1 eucalyptus - road reserve, Hakarimata Road, Taupiri

Change to historic overlay.

Would recommend either of the following:

That HCB recommends that the historic overlay be removed from 43, 45 and 47 Harris Street

Or

That HCB recommends that the historic overlay be removed from all the Harris street homes especially 43, 45 and 47.

As previously discussed in the HCB the historic overlap on Harris street was designed to protect the heritage of the rail houses as one continuous block. This overlay has a [guide](#) and restricts building activity.

The problem is that homes have burnt down and this overlay restricts rebuilding. Hence #43 and 45 are now empty and #47 is out on its own close to a non railway house. Thus this end of the overlay now looks ugly and has lost its character. So the overlay no longer serves its purpose in this area of producing character.

As for the overlay itself HCB needs to determine if it supports the overlay or is an hindrance to the town. The overlay protects the special character of the area, which is unique to have so many railway homes in row in the Waikato. However the down side in a economically depressed town adding additional cost to maintenance and renewal can result in derelict buildings.

Mayoral Award due Friday 11th of August.

The HCB can nominate someone from the community for this recognition. I have nominated someone, and suggest we fill out the form on the night / make a decision who to award. Move motion that

HCB nominate <insert name> for the 2023 Mayoral awards

Blueprint / LTP.

The LTP is the only chance for council expenditure to be created for the next 3 years (start June 2024). The reality is between roading and waters there isn't going to be much to go around. (see roading info near end of this document.

We need to update our blueprint asap and include in it the projects that council funds (eg street lamps, speed control measures) as well as projects that council may not fund (eg waka ama or league type things). This is so we create a paper trail so have a strong position to argue from.

Update on new health hub for Huntly

- Based at 135 Harris street where the gym / fields are
- Be done in conjunction with mata whanau trust, who will have offices there as well
- No longer used class rooms / building coming in from ? (missed this info)
- Build time is scheduled for 46 weeks (aka a year before opening)

- Current hold up is consents but hoping to start August
- Not sure of the services that will be offered, but will be a range of rooms and thus I suspect a range of services

I compiled a list of food banks / rescue for the DHB, and thought should include here, let me know if I have missed anything:

- Huntly West Hub – local countdown food rescue
- Huntly Social Services (mainstreet) – Kiavolution food rescue, other food rescue, community gardens and support
- Friendship House – food parcels
- Community Police – food parcels
- Lakeside Church – food staples

Projects, including carry forwards (~2 years work) as well as projected 2023 work. This does not include 3 waters investment, nor developer lead projects. Developer lead projects are where developers do public works as part of their development although council pays for this (may be part payment, depends on the developer agreements) as this is more efficient to deliver infrastructure / projects by the developer as they have the contractors on site doing work, and also manage the project.

The break down is by ward (listed by Maaori ward) and in the larger wards broken down by area / community that the project is focused on.

Can see that the larger towns have approximately 10 projects each except for Pokeno that has 16, but many of these have been carried forward from previous years.

Projects by Ward and Phase					
Ward	CLOSE	DELIVER	INITIATE	PLAN & DESIGN	Total
Awaroa-Maramarua			1		1
District		4	4	8	16
Huntly	1	4		4	9
Newcastle-Ngaruawahia	1	5	4	9	19
Tamahere-Woodlands	1	4	2	1	8
Tuakau-Pokeno		6	10	11	27
Waerenga-Whitikahu	1	2	1	1	5
Western Districts		3		5	8
Whaingaroa		2	1	3	6
Total	4	30	23	42	99

Tai Raro Takiwaa Wards		Tai Runga Takiwaa Wards	
Maori Ward	#	Maori Ward	#
<input type="checkbox"/> Tai Raro Takiwaa	49	<input type="checkbox"/> Tai Runga Takiwaa	34
<input type="checkbox"/> Awaroa-Maramarua	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Newcastle-Ngaruawahia	19
Mangatawhiri	1	Horotiu	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Huntly	9	Horsham Downs	2
Huntly	9	Ngaruawahia	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuakau-Pokeno	27	Rotokauri	1
Pokeno	16	Taupiri	1
Tuakau	11	Te Kowhai	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Waerenga-Whitikahu	4	Whatawhata	2
Meremere	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Tamahere-Woodlands	8
Tahuna	1	Gordonton	4
Te Kauwhata	2	Tamahere	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Districts	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Waerenga-Whitikahu	1
Port Waikato	2	Whitikahu	1
Pukekawa	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Whaingaroa	6
Ruawaro	1	Raglan	5
Te Akau	2	Te Kowhai	1
Te Kohanga	1	Total	34
Total	49		
Wards TBC			
Maori Ward	#		



The details of the Huntly projects are shown below. These would have all been LTP projects.

Delivery Category	Phase	Project Status	Code	Project Name	% Compl	Overall Status	Risk	Issues	Scope & Quality	Sched
WDA Managed	PLAN & DESIGN	Not Started	PR-22048	Open Spaces / Sports and Recreation / Carparks / Huntly - Tumate Mahuta Carpark	0%					🔴
WDC Managed	PLAN & DESIGN	In Progress	PR-1663	Sportsfield Lighting - Paterson Park & Huntly West Sports Complex	56%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
WDC Managed	PLAN & DESIGN	In Progress	PR-21111	Huntly Resource Recovery Centre	31%	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🔴
WDC Managed	PLAN & DESIGN	In Progress	PR-21116	Council Facilities / Aquatic Centres / Huntly / Boiler replacement	10%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🔴
WDC Managed	PLAN & DESIGN	Not Started	PR-21282	Hakarimata road minor improvements - unsubsidised	0%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🔴
WDC Managed	DELIVER	In Progress	PR-1686	Huntly Historic Rail Station – Building Relocation	87%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
WDC Managed	DELIVER	In Progress	PR-21103	Huntly transfer station Hard Stand of unpaved areas	1%	🟡				🔴
WDC Managed	DELIVER	In Progress	PR-21292	Huntly rail amenities stage1B	27%	🟢	🟡	🟡	🟢	🔴
WDC Managed	DELIVER	In Progress	PR-21332	Open Spaces / Sports and Recreation / Huntly Tennis courts	92%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
WDC Managed	CLOSE	Completed	PR-21191	Venues and Events / Campground / Hakanoa Campground Improvements	100%	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢

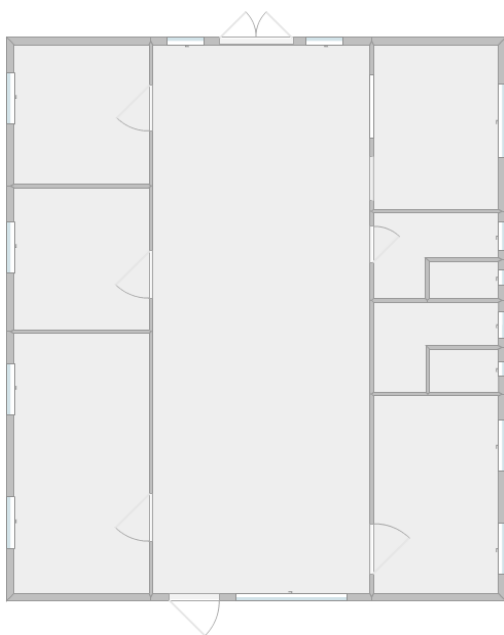
Propose that HCB submit in on the following two proposals. Scout building at West Side Hub.

Scout Building Proposal 2023

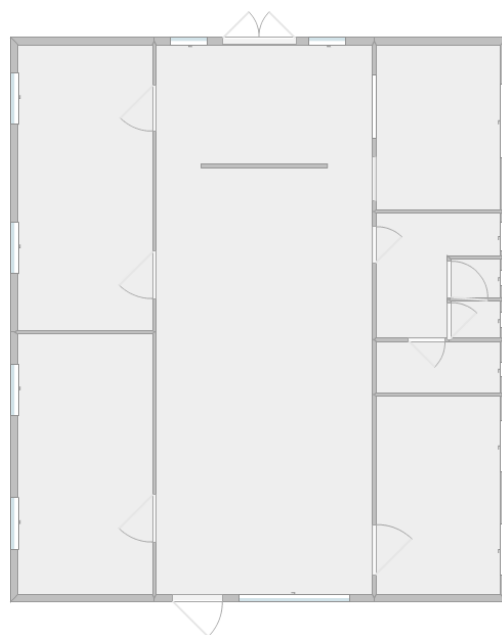


17 Park Ave, Huntly - The Huntly Scout building has not been utilised in many years and in this proposal we wish to show you how this space can be used and benefited by the community.

Due to the lack of use, the building is in need of some maintenance and updating for the community to fully utilise the space. For example, wheelchair access -The first image is the original floor plan for the hall and the second image is the revised floor plan we are proposing.



Original Floor Plan



Revised Floor Plan

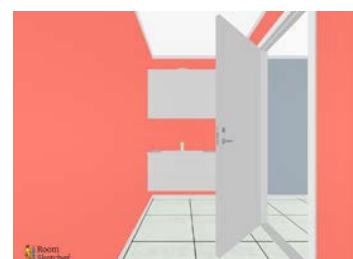
As you can see in the revised floor plan, we propose removing the wall between the offices to create one communal office space. We have also added a partition wall near the entrance to create a front desk area where visitors can be greeted and signed in. Lastly the bathroom has been changed to open it into one space with two stalls and one disability toilet that also can act as a parental room.



By opening up the office space and making it a communal office - it creates a more productive workspace for all involved and creates an opportunity to utilise the space more.



By adding a partition wall a new space can be created to make a reception or front of house area, where people can be greeted and sign in.



The bathroom is currently in two parts - but if it can be combined into one large bathroom, it can be opened up to include a disabled stall that also has space for a parental changing station along with two standard toilet stalls.



The kitchen will also need some updating, as many community events will require the use of a kitchen.



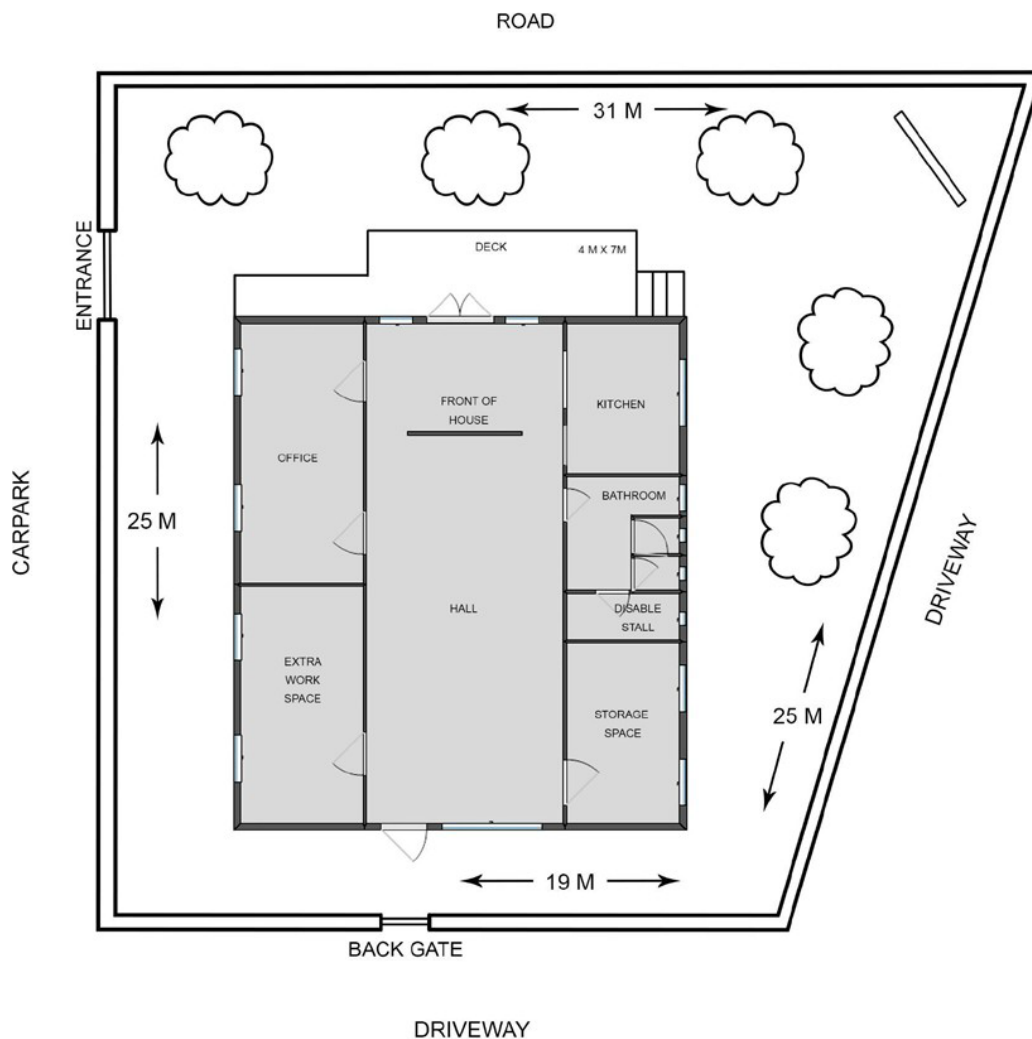
The main hall space will be utilised for community workshops, activities and events. Leaving this space open and accessible to the whole community.



There is an extra office space that would be ideal to convert into an artist studio and allow community members to book it for personal use.



In the last room - this would be utilised as a storage space, being a community organisation and art centre there are always plenty of resources and never enough space to store them. There is also a sink included as a clean up station.



Using this building in a community capacity would mean fencing it off as it is situated in a high traffic area within the park reserve. This is necessary for the health and safety of the community as a whole.

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The proposed lease will be a 3-year term land and building lease with two rights of renewal of 3 years each. The proposed lease area is approximately 625 square metres.

The rental will be set in accordance with Council's Leasing of Reserve Land Policy. Service charges / lease outgoings will be paid by the Friendship House and Friendship House will be responsible for all internal maintenance of the building. Council will be responsible for structural matters and external maintenance of the building and this will be included in the next LTP.



Huntly West Hub. Thanks to hard work of Michelle Brown, Strategic Property Manager and the strategic property team the location of the Huntly West Hub has gone out for consultation – being on reserve land it needs public consultation before it can be leased to Friendship house (the umbrella organisation that includes Huntly West Hub). The Huntly Community Board need to put an submission into this!



Reserves managed by council in Huntly. Pulled these from the Huntly ward dataset. The first part of the table relates to HCB area. The second for completeness is reserves outside the HCB boundary but within the Huntly ward boundary.

This list may be helpful for filling out service requests or locating areas that WDC have jurisdiction over.

Garden Place	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 2 DPS 31269	953
Huntly Information Centre	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 10 DPS 305	6,069
Huntly Cemetery	Huntly	Cemetery	Lot 3 DPS 3800	3,252
Huntly Cemetery	Huntly	Cemetery	Lot 1 DPS 11977	9,761
Huntly Cemetery	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Part Allot 14B Taupiri PSH	44,206
Huntly Cenotaph & Carpark	Huntly		Lot 1 DPS 81963	14,159

Huntly Museum Grounds	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Lot 22 DPS 22512	4,343
Burkes Plantation – name given to greenspace between Burke Pl and Rosser St	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Lot 158 DPS 26940	14,627
Hartis Ave Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 95 DPS 50883	10,803
Huntly Campground	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 1 DPS 88393	10,583
Lake Hakanoa Plantation	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 5 DPS 60305	16,736
Lake Hakanoa Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 5 DPS 26700	2,440
Land Information Owner – This is section of Tumate Mahuta reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	River Bed Survey Office Plan 42100	11,423
Puketirini	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Section 22 SO 374718	1,038,995
Reserve at Rayner Rd	Huntly	Public Recreation	Lot 51 DP 4124	39,641
Rotowaro Rd Reserve	Huntly	Public Recreation	Section 1 SO 372242, Lot 1 DP 33828	144,413, 1267
Tumate Mahuta Park	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Secs 1 SO 370957	22,819
Willow Lake Rd	Huntly	Community Title	Lot 101 DP 355176	2,655
Bailey St Reserve	Huntly	Crown Land Recreation Reserve	Lot 324 DPS 25983	1,383
Bond/Hall Street Reserve (Walkway)	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 258 DPS 26056	4,690
Fairfield Park (Baker Block)	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Allot 43 Pepepe PSH	60,186
Hall/Fairfield Walkway	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 257 DPS 27892, Lot 273 DPS 27894	
MacDiarmid Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 116 DPS 27896	3,547
Meadows Lane Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 256 DPS 24502	10,509

Rayner Rd Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 39 DP 23986	3,601
Riverview Rd Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 2 DP 28811	1,593
Rosser Street Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 373 DPS 26579	40,578
Russell Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 40 DPS 25279	3,392
Smith Ave Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Lot 14 DPS 1010	14,528
Tamihana Walkway	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Lot 3 DPS 47698	293
33 Blundell Place	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve (Drainage)	Lot 54 DPS 22939	3,869
Great South Road Huntly	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 3 DPS 55260	470
Great South Road Huntly	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Part Lot 6 DP 18261	525
Great South Road Huntly	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Allot 830 Taupiri PSH	2,705
Hakanoa Street	Huntly		Part Lot 90 DP 4860	280
James Henry Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 69 DPS 22843	464
Kimihia Road	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Lot 17 DP 347582	1,004
Reserve at Emmanuel Place Walkway	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 8 DPS 34401	3,124
Reserve at Parker Road	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 36 DP 345524	3,355
Reserve at Semple Street	Huntly		Lot 92 DPS 858	261
Reserve at Waikato River Esp	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 43 DPS 90218	16,252
Rotowaro Road	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Section 1 SO 372242, Lot 1 DP 33828	144,413,
The Boatie Reserve: Waikato Esplanade - RB	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Lot 1 DP 22976	5,548
Waikato Esplanade Huntly - Left Bank (Parry St)	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)	Lot 19 DPS 37694	4,253

Waikato Esplanade Huntly - Left Bank (Riverview Rd)	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)	Lot 17 DPS 7656	12,057
Waikato Esplanade Huntly - Right Bank - Venna Fry Lane	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Allot 828 Taupiri PSH	2,059
Willow Lake Road	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 101 DP 355176	2,655
Huntly Domain	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 3 DP 23824, Lot 14 DP 28935, Part Allot 50 Taupiri PSH, Part Allot 540 Taupiri PSH. Allot 776 Taupiri PSH	100,009
Huntly West Sports Complex & Grounds	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Allot 9 Pepepe PSH, LOT 57 DPS 5951, Part Lot 1 DPS 7970, Lot 1 DPS 18335	76,529
Outside of HCB boundary but in Huntly Ward				
Mangawara Recreation Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Allot 787 Taupiri PSH	8,372
81 Orini Road	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Lot 4 Deposited Plan 412217	13841
Great South Road Taupiri	Huntly	Local Purpose Reserve	Lot 2 DPS 86475	1,755
Reserve at State H/Way 1 Taupiri Esp	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Lot 3 DPS 60535	26,724
Ohinewai Lake Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Allot 656 Taupiri PSH	290,845
Ohinewai Recreation Reserve	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Part Lot 2 DP 8993	30,360
Lake Waikare Esplanade Sth	Huntly	Esplanade Reserve	Lot 3 DPS 64543	2,081
Ohinewai Road	Huntly		Closed Road Survey Office Plan 42277	23,590

Ohinewai Road	Huntly	Crown Land	Part Lot 13 DP 23455	109,707
Hakarimata Road	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 1 DPS 32513, Lot 3 DPS 32513	12,212
Hakarimata Road	Huntly	Recreation Reserve	Lot 4 DPS 90218	1,656

Waters update: It would appear that the cleaning truck that was supposed to arrive in NZ hasn't and is possibility it will not. Significant flushing on the pipe network occurring early in the year which resulted in few complaints. However they are back on the rise again. A solution is proposed (see end of this section) that should prevent future rust / scale build up in the pipes.

- Management of the Raw Water Intake screens continues with the dive team's removal of logs and tree debris. This ensures the uninterrupted supply of raw water to the treatment plants. Increasingly we have been required to dredge sand from underneath the screens to improve water flow and reduce the amount of sand being drawn in by the pumps. This is due to the increasingly turbulent and fluctuating nature of the river.
- The Huntly portion of the CCTV project has now been completed. In June, 12.3 km of WW [waste water] line and 2.1 km of SW lines were surveyed. This was the final portion of the network to be surveyed in the 21/22 FY, as inclement winter weather makes CCTV of WW and SW [storm water] lines particularly challenging. The CCTV work will recommence in late August / September (weather depending).
- Huntly Wastewater network model - Consultants have assessed the asset data, and Magflow meter installation at two key pump stations is progressing (one is installed). The regauging flows through the network at specific sites for three months is underway with inspections of sites. This month, draw-down tests on pumps to check operating capacity will also be undertaken.
- The final package of the network renewal programme has been strategically bundled to enhance delivery efficiencies, and we anticipate evaluating and awarding the projects in early August..... In **Huntly**, a pipeline replacement and upsize on Riverview Road to address firefighting shortfalls in the western area is proposed. By bundling this project with the final package of the network renewals programme, we aim to optimize delivery efficiencies.
- Huntly WWTP Upgrade – An options review is planned to assess the appropriate location and arrangement of the future WWTP Upgrade. In parallel, the concept design of an interim return stream upgrade is underway.

Going forward the following Huntly assets are being considered for the LTP ie not yet approved but hopefully through the LTP expenditure will be approved. There are of course concerns that with the new waters entities that projects might not go ahead. As who knows how they will rank importance and affordability.

Wastewater (WW):

Huntly WW Treatment Plant consent renewal (2029).

MBR plant (2024- 2028) - Site consideration / Optimising design and cost estimate. This is the expensive flash plants that are at meremere soon to be operational in TK and a large one at Pukekoe.

West Huntly rail bridge rising main renewal. You can see the pipe on the exterior of the rail bridge rising out of the ground on Vienna Fry lane next to the bridge pile.

Lignite road Pump Station rebuild plus gravity trunk

Huntly Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). Huntly experiences a 600%+ increase in waste water flows in rain. Other townships have a lot less than this. It could be that more Huntly homes have connected storm water / house gutter to the sewer network. But given Huntly housing stock is of similar age to most other Waikato towns these seems unlikely. Then it could be water flowing in from ground water. Ie broken and damaged piping that allows ground water to flow into the network.

Te Ohaaki low pressure system pump renewals.

Water Supply:

Huntly Water Treatment Plant upgrades – This would decrease the suspended iron / manganese and hopefully eliminate any new scale build up in the pipe networks.

Pump station installation/upgrades for Upland road pump station and a new Kimihia Booster Pump station.

Network extensions and upgrades to enable firefighting ability within residential areas

Facebook updates. These are copies of what I have updates folks on facebook

Roading update:

A very sobering discussion in council the other day around road conditions. If you think the roads are getting worse, they are. Waikato District Council has 1900 km of sealed roads, which is about the same length as SH1 from the very top to very bottom!

A proportion of these roads are driven by an automated measuring machine that uses lasers and a standard tire to measure skid resistance, texture of road, roughness and rutting. All of these are getting worse in the district. Over the last few years they have got worse by 70 – 100km so 4-5% of the network has got more rough, or worse skid resistance etc.

The reason for this is that money is doing less. So WDC brings in 85 million in rates, and once fees, charges, development contributions, grants etc. etc. the total income is 150 million.

The council spend 60 million on roading (all things to do with roads including footpath, gutters etc). Half of this comes from rates (so 30 million from total of 85 million in rates) and half from NZTA / Waka Kotahi which comes from your petrol tax / road user charges (over half of the price of gas is in taxes).

An example of how this 60 million is doing less is shown in the attached graph. This graph shows a budget of 30 million, and how it isn't producing what it was in 2015. You can see over time the actual work being done is slowly decreasing. Basically costs are up, and regulations (traffic control) are reducing efficiency. The red line shows how much is required to just keep things the same as 2015 levels.

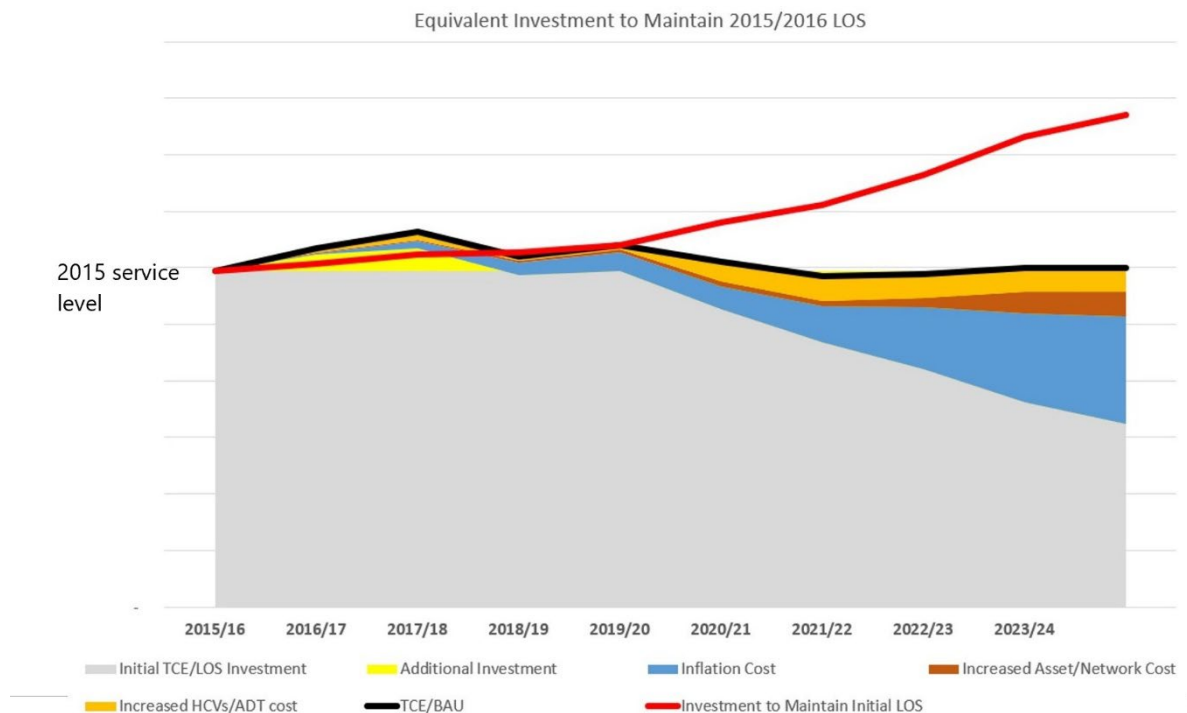
So just to keep things at 2015 levels 90 million is required to be spent. So you can see the issue! Assuming 50:50 split to NZTA (not a valid assumption NZTA can decide not to come to the table) WDC need to spend 45 million or 15 million more (50% more) than we currently do. This would have

a massive impact on rates. It would require a 20% in rates just for getting roading back to 2015 levels.

Needless to say this post is making none of you happy 😞 We either have to have a deteriorating road system which causes accidents etc. Or a massive jump in rates which are already eye wateringly high.

I don't have a solution, but wanted to give you'll a heads up about the real issues facing WDC. And I suspect many other rural councils (urban ones have less roads distance and more rate payers).

The obvious statement is to make the council more efficient or cut unnecessary services. Which on the surface seem correct. However how does one make a council more efficient? Bureaucracies by their nature are not as efficient as businesses, and even businesses when they get large get inefficient. So I don't see any simple nor straightforward way to make things magically more efficient. Secondly cutting services, what one person sees as unnecessary others see as essential. Just look at Auckland thinking about cutting library services. And how the public reacted. Many of the things that appear unnecessary are in fact mandated by central govt, so do we tell central govt that we are just not going to do what they have told us to. Again no clear unnecessary services.



Explaining graph colors.

Red line is how much should be spent to achieve the same output as 2015/16.

Black line is dollar spend.

Orange-brown is increased wear on the road due to more heavy vehicles.

Brown is the increased length of road that we are getting from new subdivisions / new roads. Every new km of road increases the total load on the network eg more gutter to clean, catch pits to empty, roads to inspect etc.

Blue area is the impact of inflation and cost increases. So cost of truck load of gravel going up, costs of wages and also costs of decreased efficiency eg more traffic control, and more paperwork.

So **grey** is the real spend (compared to 2015/16). So can see currently the real output is half of what it was.

Pavement Condition

Roughness

Poor and Very Poor length has increased by 70 km since 2016



Rutting

► Poor and Very Poor length has increased by 75 km since 2016



Surface Condition

Skid Resistance

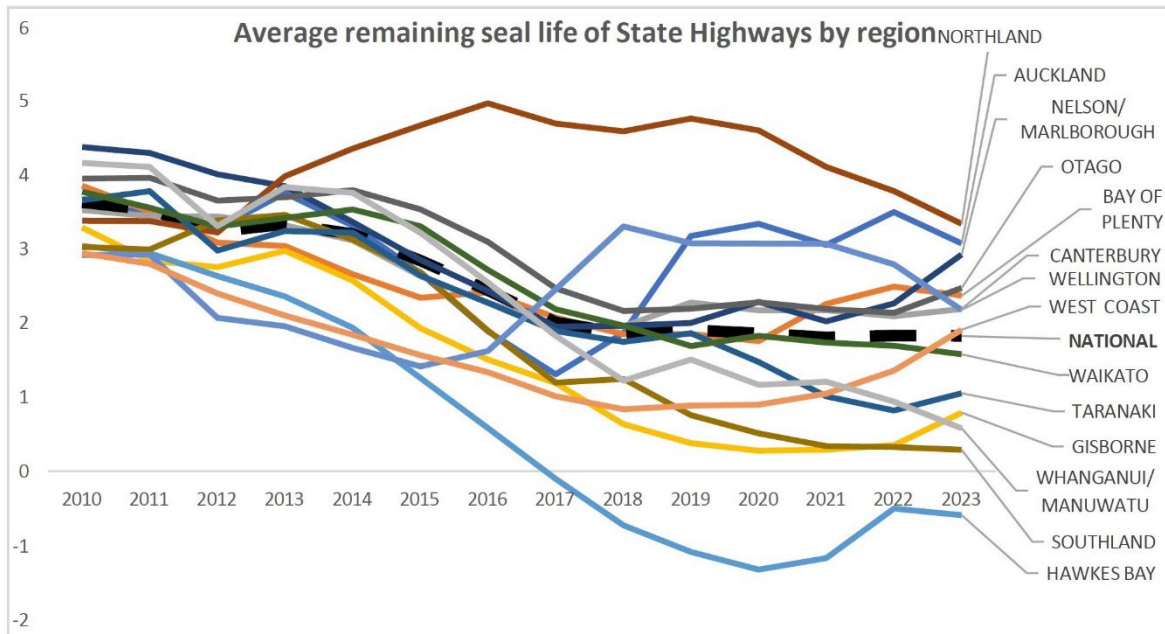
Poor and Very Poor length has increased by 100km since 2016



Texture

► Poor and Very Poor length has increased by 80 km since 2016





This is NOT council roading but I have put this here for interest. It is the state highway condition, broken down by region across NZ. So this the section of the following highways which is in WDC area: SH 1, 1B, 1C, road to Raglan (23 and 39) and to Morrinsville (26) . Waikato is buried in the lines but is very close to the national average. NZTA / Waka Kotahi look after these roads and you can see how the condition is degrading – which I am sure you all have been aware of. So not just local roads caught in this issue.

Ballpark is that seal should last 10 years, so for the average length of seal life to be down to 2 years for Waikato means that we about to see radical degradation of state highways as surface unless something changes.

Stolen tables. It is really cool to see stuff around town being upgraded.

Unfortunately I was in a meeting today about the new tables about town. And how nearly 10 have been been stolen! And how the council doesn't have money to replace that many. Since budget for replacing stolen tables is very low! Staff that could be working hard to make our town better are now looking at options for more secure attachments (although that is pricey so less stuff for same rates).

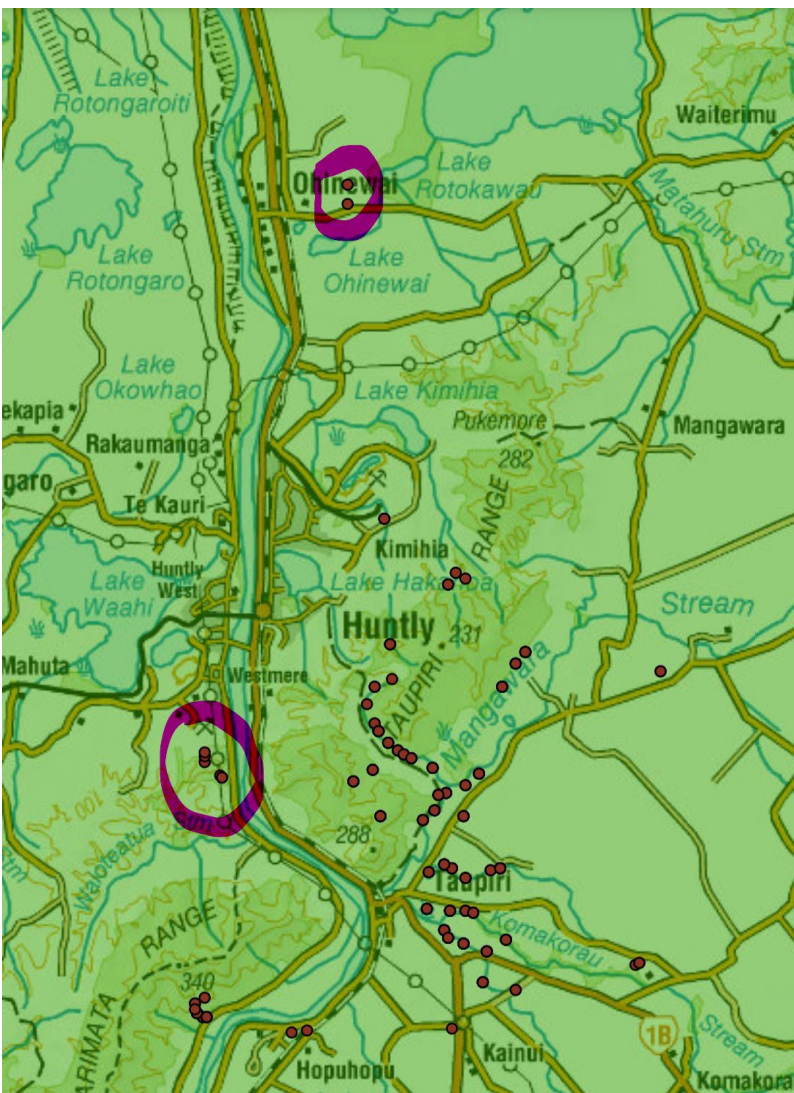
I know that overwhelming number of folk will be shocked that nearly 10 have gone, and would never think to remove them or buy something from a mate.

However the only reason that crim's can get away with this, stealing for their own gain or to sell to fund meth habit, is if they have a network of supporters who turn a blind eye. So call out those who have a council outdoor seat at their place. If they paid for it they are funding someones meth habit, if they stole it they are helping rise your rent to pay for increased rates. If you laugh, joke and shrug it off, you are actually part of the problem of why Huntly doesn't have nice stuff. Also long term you can't build a healthy, long, happy life built on a foundation of stealing stuff. What you sow you reap, over the long term there is no escaping that.

So we all have to be part of the solution, if we want Huntly to grow into the place it has the potential to be.



Bats Did you know long tail bats hang out around Huntly. The dots on the map showing the points where bats were observed (using some cool tech). And the whole area of huntly is part of where they hang out as they travel a fair distance. I am told that they use the river corridor to moved up / down the land.



They are small, and very hard to observe, but think I might have seen them flitter around the streetlight outside our place in warmer months feeding on the bugs.



Update: Forgot to thank the sponsors **Resene** and **Citycare**. Resene supplies a range of standard colors (white, cream, grey, brown and green) and Citycare provides the graffiti removal wipes for tags on signage etc.

Stoked that finally had some fine days and they lined up with meeting free days. So managed to clear some tagging Fri & Sat. Instead of giving glory to the taggers, some clean fences shared instead. Big thanks to all the folks who paint out the tagging on their own fences and buildings. Know many of you do this thankless task on a regular basis. Also shout out to Rob Staines, Paul McKenzie and also hard working lass from west side (whose name has suddenly disappeared from my contact list) who work hard on the tagging in the community. It really makes a difference.

Also pleased to see that Onslow street has been resurfaced. This is an issue that Red and I raised at the start of being on the community board, 4 years ago. Learned the other day there is 3+ years of this type of resurfacing / reworking on the books at the council. With new ones being added regularly. So hence it takes a while for a job to work up the list!



A few things about the place..... the big bad news 🙄🙄 is that the water cleaning truck is no longer coming over from Australia to clean our pipes. So we are back to calling the council every time, so that they know how bad it is. Once the bad news came through Watercare worked hard on flushing the pipes and complaints (on facebook and to them) dropped almost to zero for a couple of months. Now back up. So keep the pressure on, as I do every time I am able to.

Visited the other week a number of waste treatment plants. The photos is of the small meremere unit, which hopefully Huntly will have a larger unit operating under same principles before the end of the decade. Is an excellent example plant, which uses technology to produce water that is completely clear and more importantly free of nitrates, so not polluting when discharged. It is very expensive, but is the way of the future and great to see Huntly is next in line for an upgraded plant.

Thanks to the council's contractor, City care for taking care of Huntly. They have put in a new planting on the side of the bypass / overbridge which will grow up and beautify that space.

They also cleared out the the alley way in town, I think it was actually Rosemary Fletcher from Huntly college that raised it with the council. Good to see the rubbish and weeds gone. Also pleased that the rubbish transfer station getting some love. The plastic is cleaned up, recycling gone and the other day ditches being cleaned up by the council. S

Also attended the Genesis Energy stakeholders group hui, and attached are a couple of slides that folk might find interesting I will comment more under each slide.





Station Activity

Community Strategy

Ngā Ara Creating Pathways Continues

- 5 young local people completing apprenticeships at the Station.
- 9 students worked on the Unit 4 Outage during their summer break.
- 9 summer internships for University of Waikato students placed across Genesis.
- 17 STEM Scholarships provided to Huntly College & Te Wharekura o Rakaumanga.
- Work experience placements for Huntly College, Te Kauwhata College & Te Wharekura o Rakaumanga.
- Genesis team facilitating workshops at Pūhoro Waikato Wananga STEMM Academy.
- Hosting site tours for students & kaiako.
- In the early stages of scoping a scaffolding competency program with Pou Ltd.

Funding

- Support to community-led initiatives focused in Raahui Pookeka, including Duffy Books in Homes, House of Science Membership & support of Oho Mauri.



Station Activity

Coal Supply & Ash Reuse

Coal Supply

- Coal deliveries (sourced locally & from overseas) help ensure security of supply of electricity, particularly during low hydrology
- Currently, have a healthy stockpile of coal at the Station.
- There are no planned deliveries by either: overland conveyor via West Mine or truck.

Ash Reuse

- Genesis has teamed up with Fletcher Building to reuse the pond ash as an alternative raw material in cement
 - Similar to what already happens with the fly ash
- Up to 20,000T/year of pond ash will be transported north to Golden Bay
 - ~5-10 trucks a day Mon-Fri with the season for transport Oct to May
- Diverts the ash from landfill – consent updated to allow for the re-use rather than disposal at Hampton Downs Landfill





Station Activity

General update

Roles:

- New Site Manager, Mark Hanes started Nov 22.
- New Chief Executive, Malcolm Johns started Mar 23.

Major Outage Works:

- U4 Outage Cold Survey undertaken between Oct & May 23.

Biomass Trial:

- Completed a successful biomass trial burn in Feb 23.
- It was a small scale trial as a proof of concept exercise.
- Next steps are to look deeper at trial findings & if a local & sustainably produced biomass supply chain is feasible.
- Genesis has joined Fonterra to explore the viability of a sustainable, reliable & economic biomass supply chain in NZ.

Celebrated 40 years

- Events for the celebration of this amazing milestone included an open day & family tours in September 2023.

