

Long Term Plan 2018-28

Late Submissions

17 MAY 2018

Waikato District Council

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ECM Project # LTP PR891-10

ECM # 1945137

Submission # _____

Customer # _____

LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028

Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: _____

PETRA & JANICE WILKINSON

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Postcode: _____

Email: _____

janice.wilkinson@gmail.com

Phone: _____

07 824 1033

Hearings will be held between 15 and 18 May 2018. (Venues TBC)

Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing?

 Yes No

Preferred method of contact:

 Email Post

Age: (optional)

 16-24 25-35 36-50 51-65 66+

Ethnicity: (optional) _____

PAKEHA / MAORI

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ECM # 1940354

Submission # _____

Customer # 130604

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Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: Gary Rae

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Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing? Yes No

Preferred method of contact: Email Post

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Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: S. Denver

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Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing? Yes No

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Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: WATERS FAMILY TRUST

Address: 385 Hautapu Rd, RD3 Postcode: 3283
Hamilton

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ECM # 1937251

Submission # _____

Customer # 64725

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Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: Rhonda M S Parry / RMSP Trust

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Phone: 021 963 793

Hearings will be held between 15 and 18 May 2018. (Venues TBC)

Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing?

Yes No

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Email Post

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Ethnicity: (optional) Pakeha

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 ECM # 1937252
 Submission # 55503
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Please provide your feedback by **9am, Monday 16 April 2018**.

Name/organisation: Fiona McNabb
 Address: 13 Rakauri St Raglan Postcode: 3297
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Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing? Yes No

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Time 10:50am Initials LG

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ECM# 19372²⁰
Cust# 109694

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Name/Organization Virgil Robinson

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The War Memorial Hall to be bought up to a standard acceptable to the Waikato District Council for public use and re-opened for the community to use.

ECM# 1937326
Cust# 109693

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Submission

Name/Organization Amy Robinson

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ECM # 1937327
CUST # 44547

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Name/Organization Heather Payne

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ECM # 1931535
Cust # 12736

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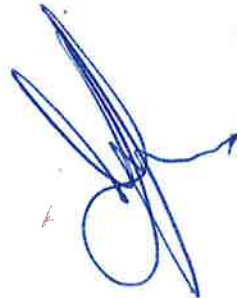
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Name/Organization Francis Payne.

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Name/Organization Sue Ryan

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ECM # 1937335
Cust # 31120

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NAME / ORGANISATION: June Robinson

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ECM # 1937336
Cust # 44686

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NAME / ORGANISATION: Eileen McNeill

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EMAIL: / PHONE: 8288615.

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ECM # 1937337

Cust # 465915

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NAME / ORGANISATION: Edna Gill.

ADDRESS: 114 Gt Stn Rd Huntly.

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ECM # 1937338
Cust # 36415

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NAME / ORGANISATION: Janet Fleming

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EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 8289497.

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ECM # 1937406
Cust # 114004

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NAME / ORGANISATION: Judy Brown

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EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 078288772

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ECM# 1937407
Cust# 43918

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NAME / ORGANISATION: ~~Gregory~~ Gregory, Audrey Cox.

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ECM# 1937409
Cust# 43917

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Name/Organization Garry Cox

Address: 96 Riverside Rd Hurley

Email _____ Phone 8287158

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Ecm # 1937410
cust # 36550

Submission

NAME / ORGANISATION: Neke Broderick

ADDRESS: 42b Mahuta Station Rd - RD1 Huntly

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 8284654

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ECM # 1937412
Cust # 33088

Submission

Betty Smith

NAME / ORGANISATION: *Line Dancing*

ADDRESS: *142 C Kimihia Rd.*

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: *8289496*

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ECM # 1937436
Cust # 23318

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NAME / ORGANISATION: Syn Challenger.

ADDRESS: 45 Hakarua St.

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 8287 946

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ECM # 1937437
Cust # 4444

Submission

NAME / ORGANISATION: Shirley Jean Finn

ADDRESS: 14 Harlock Place Huntly

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 8287733

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Cust #
ECM # 1937438

Name/Organization Beverley Wilson

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Email / Phone 07/8287619

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Cust # 222604
Ecm # 1937439

Name/Organization Peggy Ridley

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Cust # 44869
ECM # 1937440

Name/Organization G. Nicol.

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Email _____ Phone 07) 8288193

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ECM # 193744
Cust # 22403

Name/Organization June Hillman

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Email _____ Phone 8287731

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ECM # 1937442
Cust # 22750

Name/Organization Dorothy Rayner

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Email _____ Phone 027 8288375

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ECM # 1937443
cust# 17877

Name/Organization Vera Singer.

Address: 11. Fairfield Ave.

Email _____ Phone 078288508.

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ECM # 1937664
Cust # 28066

Submission

NAME / ORGANISATION: C.A. Van der Burg

ADDRESS: 181 Hakanoa Street

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: 078286164

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Make Submission

Consultee	Mrs Judith Janse van Rensburg (79517)
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Address	3 Craighall Court Pokeno Waikato 2420
Event Name	2018-2028 Long Term Plan consultation
Submission by	Mrs Judith Janse van Rensburg (79517)
Submission ID	142
Response Date	15/04/18 1:12 AM
Consultation Point	Make a submission (View)
Status	Submitted
Submission Type	Web
Version	0.1
Proposal 1: Use of the investment fund returns	
Which option do you support for how we use the investment fund returns?	Option 2 – Hold the rates subsidy at the current level
Proposal 2: Funding depreciation of our assets	
Which option do you support for how we fund depreciation of our assets?	Option 2 – Don't fully fund depreciation in year 1 and 2 of the LTP
Proposal 3: Pest management	
Which option do you support for how we manage pests across the region?	Option 1 – Address high risk pests and maintain our current work programme
Proposal 4: Catchment rates for new works	
Do you support or oppose the proposal for increased works in catchment areas?	Yes – Support the proposed increases for catchment new works
Proposal 5: Community Facilities Framework	
Do you support council adopting the Community Facilities Framework?	Option 2 – Adopt the Community Facilities Framework

Proposal 6: Regional theatre

Should we provide funding towards a regional theatre?

Option 1 – Don't provide any funding for a regional theatre

Proposal 7: Regional services fund

Which option do you support for how we fund emergency services?

Option 1 – Maintain the current funding levels

Proposal 8: Hamilton to Auckland passenger rail service

Do you support having a passenger rail service between Hamilton and Auckland?

Option 3 – Funding towards an interim solution with rating based on a minimum \$20 uniform charge and then capital value of the property

Comments on proposal 8: Hamilton to Auckland passenger rail service

I propose that a bus service is introduced every 20 minutes between mornings 6am and 9am and afternoons 4pm-7pm from Pokeno to Papakura needed immediately until station is built. The road from Pokeno to Tuakau is too narrow, often foggy, has dangerous bends, No street lights, and not suited for bigger busses. It also carries large truck traffic.

We Propose that a station is built at Pokeno rather than Tuakau, with park and ride facilities, as it will not impact traffic from other rural suburbs wanting to use the train. Pokeno is close to the Motorway, and allow quick access for Tuakau, Pokeno, MeriMeri, Mercer, Mangatawhiri, Onewhero, Hampton downs and Te Kauwhata and other local towns to extend the Pukekohe train.

My submission is to Build a train station somewhere in **Whangarata road** (Between Pokeno, Hitchens development and Tuakau) with a park and ride which will be close to the motorway for Tuakau, Pokeno, MeriMeri, Mercer, Mangatawhiri, Onewhero, Hampton downs and Te Kauwhata and other local towns and extend the Pukekohe train. It also means easy access directly from the motorway for the neighbouring towns. The current earmarked site close to the Pokeno hall would not allow enough parking spaces. Pedestrians from the new subdivision would have to cross a busy trucking route on the way to the station.

General comments

General comments:

That the Library and Council offices be removed from LTP submission, and a station be built with the funds. Alternatively, the Library can be built on top of the new station in Pokeno.

A Pedestrian crossing in Helenslee At Pokeno school, Hillpark and Pokeno road at the schools and day-care centres.

That the footpaths in Pokeno next to the waterway be sealed, instead of gravel.

Speed limit be set to 50km/h instead of 40km/h in Hillpark Road/ Mark Ball road.

I propose that a Dog Exercise Park that is fenced off be erected in the new subdivision of Pokeno where dogs can be let off-leash. It is senseless to drive load your dog in the car drive to the Tuakau or Pokeno tennis club dog Exercise Park to be able to let them off-leash. You cannot walk the dog under the motorway through a roundabout to fenced dog exercise area by the old Anglican church or walk to the Tuakau exercise area.

General comments classification

Hearings

You are invited to speak to council about your feedback from 7-11 May 2018. If you/your group would like to present please indicate here No

Hearing topics

Topics

Staff analysis - key stakeholder

Staff analysis - attachment

Waters Management #	NUMBERS BY LOCATION					Waters Management %	PERCENTAGE BY LOCATION			
Location	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Total	Location	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Ngaruawahia	15	4	9	41	69	Ngaruawahia	22%	6%	13%	59%
Huntly	12	4	7	42	65	Huntly	18%	6%	11%	65%
Raglan	4	4	10	40	58	Raglan	7%	7%	17%	69%
Tuakau	7	4	6	37	54	Tuakau	13%	7%	11%	69%
Out of district	7	3	9	32	51	Out of district	14%	6%	18%	63%
Pokeno	1	2	8	21	32	Pokeno	3%	6%	25%	66%
Te Kowhai/Whatawhata	1	10	3	16	30	Te Kowhai/Whatawhata	3%	33%	10%	53%
Tamahere	2	4	4	17	27	Tamahere	7%	15%	15%	63%
Te Kauwhata	3		2	20	25	Te Kauwhata	12%	0%	8%	80%
Unclassified	7	1	2	6	16	Unclassified	44%	6%	13%	38%
Taupiri	3	1	1	9	14	Taupiri	21%	7%	7%	64%
Matangi	1	3		10	14	Matangi	7%	21%	0%	71%
Newstead	1	3	2	4	10	Newstead	10%	30%	20%	40%
Tauwhare	2	2		6	10	Tauwhare	20%	20%	0%	60%
Onewhero Te Akau			2	2	4	Onewhero Te Akau	0%	0%	50%	50%
Horsham Downs	1	1		2	4	Horsham Downs	25%	25%	0%	50%
Mercer		1		2	3	Mercer	0%	33%	0%	67%
Gordonton	2			1	3	Gordonton	67%	0%	0%	33%
Ohinewai				1	1	Ohinewai	0%	0%	0%	100%
Total	69	47	65	309	490	Total	14%	10%	13%	63%

Waters Management #	NUMBERS BY CLASSIFICATION					Waters Management %	PERCENTAGE BY CLASSIFICATION			
Classification	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Total	Classification	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Urban	43	23	47	189	302	Urban	14%	8%	16%	63%
Rural	25	24	14	109	172	Rural	15%	14%	8%	63%
Commercial			1	4	5	Commercial	0%	0%	20%	80%
Charity			1	3	4	Charity	0%	0%	25%	75%
Community Brd/Comm	1			3	4	Community Brd/Comm	25%	0%	0%	75%
Iwi			2		2	Iwi	0%	0%	100%	0%
Sports				1	1	Sports	0%	0%	0%	100%
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UAGC #	NUMBERS BY LOCATION				UAGC %	PERCENTAGE BY LOCATION		
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Ngaruawahia	9	35	28	72	Ngaruawahia	13%	49%	39%
Huntly	11	44	10	65	Huntly	17%	68%	15%
Raglan	8	38	12	58	Raglan	14%	66%	21%
Tuakau	11	37	8	56	Tuakau	20%	66%	14%
Out of district	13	29	8	50	Out of district	26%	58%	16%
Pokeno	8	16	9	33	Pokeno	24%	48%	27%
Te Kowhai/Whatawhata	8	18	5	31	Te Kowhai/Whatawhata	26%	58%	16%
Tamahere	11	16	1	28	Tamahere	39%	57%	4%
Te Kauwhata	4	19	2	25	Te Kauwhata	16%	76%	8%
Unclassified	6	8	2	16	Unclassified	38%	50%	13%
Taupiri	5	5	4	14	Taupiri	36%	36%	29%
Matangi	4	9		13	Matangi	31%	69%	0%
Newstead	4	6		10	Newstead	40%	60%	0%
Tauwhare	5	4		9	Tauwhare	56%	44%	0%
Onewhero Te Akau	1	3		4	Onewhero Te Akau	25%	75%	0%
Horsham Downs	1	3		4	Horsham Downs	25%	75%	0%
Mercer			3	3	Mercer	0%	0%	100%
Gordonton	1	1		2	Gordonton	50%	50%	0%
Ohinewai		1		1	Ohinewai	0%	100%	0%
Total	110	292	92	494	Total	22%	59%	19%

UAGC #	NUMBERS BY CLASSIFICATION				UAGC %	PERCENTAGE BY CLASSIFICATION		
<u>Classification</u>	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	<u>Option 3</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	<u>Option 3</u>
Urban	53	183	67	303	Urban	17%	60%	22%
Rural	56	102	18	176	Rural	32%	58%	10%
Commercial	1	4		5	Commercial	20%	80%	0%
Charity		1	3	4	Charity	0%	25%	75%
Community Brd/Comm		1	3	4	Community Brd/Comm	0%	25%	75%
Sports		1		1	Sports	0%	100%	0%
Iwi			1	1	Iwi	0%	0%	100%
Total	110	292	92	494	Total	22%	59%	19%

Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2018-28 Submission Hearings

Date: 16 May 2018

Submitter: Glenda Raumati, Trustee

Turangawaewae Trust Board

Ngaruawahia

Background:

Turangawaewae Trust Board is the governing body for Turangawaewae Marae established on the eastern bank of Waikato River in 1921 as centre for Kingitanga by Te Puea Herangi. Over 4000 Waikato Tainui tribal members are beneficiaries of the marae.

Our assets include a marae complex that is able to sleep 700 people and a dining room able to seat 800 people in a single sitting. We are a significant investor in early childhood education with Te Kaahu Kohanag Reo, Turangawaewae Kohanga Reo, Newcastle Kindergarten (land lease) and Moko Club which occupies land gifted to Kingi Tuheitia by the Trust. Nga Miro Health the Trust's health arm is the largest NGO social and health service provider in Ngaruawahia. The Trust is the largest NGO provider of social housing in Ngaruawahia with 30 units. A number of sports entities are affiliated to the marae, Turangawaewae Rugby League Club, Turangawaewae Netball Club and Turangawaewae Waka Sports Club. We also own a 300 hectare dairy farm on River Road as well as other land interests in the town.

We host the largest public events in Ngaruawahia with the annual regatta and koroneihana celebrations. In recent years the huge number of users of the Hakarimata track has been lauded by WDC as indicative of increased visitors to Ngaruawahia. Turangawaewae Marae in actual fact has for decades been the largest drawcard for visitors to Ngaruawahia hosting regional, corporate, national and international events and conferences. Our contribution to the economic, social and cultural fabric of Ngaruawahia and the region, sadly, is rarely recognised by the wider community.

Submission:

- 1. We do not support the key projects identified for Ngaruawahia in the LTP. There is no evidence of these projects having been identified by the community as being a need in particular the flour mill restoration. There should be hard evidence for investment in large infrastructure and discretionary projects.**
- 2. Ngaruawahia had the largest increase in rates in the district however the investment in the community through the LTP is disproportionate with the increase in revenue.**
- 3. Investment in the northern communities of Pokeno and Te Kauwhata will create inequities across the district and decline in facilities and impact negatively on the social wellbeing of the community.**
- 4. Ngaruawahia is historically a passive community and easily overlooked by local government because it lacks organised activism. Less than 20 submissions which included comments out of a total of 738 submitted commented on the impacts of the LTP with a Ngaruawahia focus.**
- 5. Urgent commitment needs to be made in the LTP to including the development of Patterson Park as the sporting hub of Ngaruawahia. A recreational facility including a covered aquatic centre should be located there as identified in a community consultation meeting hosted by Global Leisure Group when they undertook a review of WDC aquatic facilities for some years ago.**
- 6. When Ngaruawahia Community Board undertook a public consultation last February 2017 to identify priorities for this LTP, a large number of submitters also supported the development a such a facility. We want the needs expressed by the community to be heard and acted on.**
- 7. We note WDC has supported the Te Awa Cycleways Trust with the Horotiu to Ngaruawahia link. Turangawaewae Trust lobbied WDC and the Te Awa Trust some years ago to consider coming along the eastern bank of the river however the notion was rejected. The marae last year completed a pathway along the marae frontage to the same specs as Te**

Awa's cycleway hoping a link would be provided to the new pedestrian bridge along the eastern bank of the river. We want this project included in this LTP.

- 8. Final comment, from the time the colonial troops converged on Ngaruawahia and the loss of land through confiscation occurred relationships between Turangawaewae and WDC and its predecessors has be fraught with tension. I want to invite WDC to talk with us about how we can collaborate on our collective aspirations for Ngaruawahia and the region.**

Glenda Raumati

Trustees



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RAGLAN

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16 May 2018

**Oral Submission to the
Waikato District Council (WDC)
Long Term Plan (LTP)
By
Raglan Sport Fishing Club Inc.**

Introduction

Within the contents of the WDC Boat Ramp Feasibility Study 6.4 a statement made that work carried out on ramps in the area was done illegally. The Raglan Sport Fishing Club (RSFC) wish to reiterate that all work carried out by the club and its predecessors was done with the full permission of council.

Another submission submitted where Manu bay has been singled out to be managed by local organizations. The RSFC want all ramps within the Raglan area to be managed by the WDC. With WDC seeking advice from the Raglan Reserves Committee where appropriate and local users on the best way to manage these assets.

Manu Bay Boat Ramp and Break Wall

The Manu Bay break wall is not fit for purpose.

We are entering the 1st stage of mediation on Friday. This process was meant to be completed by Dec 2017.

The RSFC will take all steps necessary to achieve the break wall as promised by WDC of "as good if not better" and future proofed to take us into the future.

As usual the club offers its considerable funding base to go towards fixing this problem.

Please let us spend our money to get this work done, not on lawyers, where it's presently having to go.

We also have issues with erosion of the back gabion wall, caused by the changing nature of the sea since alterations have been made to the Break Wall.

Drainage problems in the Manu Bay ramp car park, which were created with the realigning of the road and sealing of the top car park some years ago.

Numerous CRM's on these issues have been lodged with WDC. These are yet to be rectified.

Raglan Wharf

Only all tide boat ramp in town which the larger vessels are able to use, with very restricted parking available. We need surety of use of this area, this includes the 48 hour parking where it already exists. This is needed for boats overnighing off the coast and up the harbour. Any suggestion that the available car parks will go to 120 mins is out of the question. The idea of moving the car and trailer parking to the Rugby Club is absurd. The ramp and general area has a long history of use by fisherman.

We are not asking for exclusive rights to the area of the board walk or the opposite side of the road in Wallis Street. The only area of exclusivity are the few parks in front of the old cement silos all of which need to stay with the time limits as at present.

Kopua Boat Ramp.

The Kopua ramp now has insufficient parking, which is exacerbated by the lack of appropriate marking for the parking layout. We now have the necessary paint to do this work free of charge.

To ensure the safety of vessels using this area with the recently introduced navigational safety aids would be to put a sign on the walk bridge indicating the height at Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) from the underside of the bridge to the water.

Repair work is urgently required on this ramp which we are prepared to do at the direction of council, a motion was passed at the Raglan reserves committee for this to be investigated. We note that this work is quoted in the ramp feasibility study at \$40,000. We have members who can comply with all the necessary compliance requirements.

User Pays

The RSFC has provided WDC with the assets for boat launching in Raglan, we believe our members should only pay a nominal parking fee should user pays come to fruition.

Conclusion

The Raglan Sport Fishing Club supports the development of a Boat Ramp Strategy mention in the boat ramp feasibility study which as major stakeholders we want full input into. We suggest that no works be carried out on any ramp in the Raglan area unless there is an urgent need until this strategy is complete and that some urgency be put to the development of this document.

We urge the council to meet with ourselves as major stakeholders and representatives of other user groups to develop solutions for these issues and increase the enjoyment of boat users drawn to the natural beauty of Raglan, our fishery and coastline.

RAGLAN SPORT FISHING CLUB INC.

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN 2018 – 2028

Steven and Theresa Stark
Oral Submission

Thank you, Councillors, for hearing us speak today.

Three Waters Management:

We prefer Option 1 – Status Quo.

There was not enough information showing how the cost savings were arrived at in the consultation document to make an informed decision, nor was the submitter directed to a more detailed source of information. We are all busy people and information should be furnished or easily accessible. In any event, Option 2 does not appear feasible with Waipa DC electing not to form a Shared Waters Management Company. We oppose Option 3 as CCOs add another layer of bureaucracy and cost; and remove councillors from direct accountability to the ratepayer. We might have supported Option 4 had there been more in-depth financial information.

Uniform Annual General Charge:

We prefer Option 1 – Set the UAGC at \$482.85. This is your calculation to cover increases in cost of Council services enjoyed by all ratepayers.

This is in line with the reasoning in your consultation document, Page 5, where one of your approaches to considering the financial picture is “Move the cost of providing a service to those who use them, i.e. user pays”. The UAGC component of rates should reflect costs of council services that are available to all households.

Reducing the UAGC (Options 2 & 3), forces larger value properties to subsidize lower value properties for services accessible to all, i.e. governance, leadership, policy and plan development, etc. Yet, there is no corresponding decrease of services to lower income properties or increase of service to higher value properties.

You have made the decision to increase the rate take by 6.24% and when the impact of targeted rates and property revaluations on lower value properties became apparent, you offered lowering the UAGC as an option to subsidize those properties. The subsidy is paid by greater general rates from higher value properties; resulting in a further removal from your “user pays” approach.

Lower value properties are assumed to be inhabited by lower income earners. Lower income earners often opt to rent a property vs. buy a property. Many lower value properties can be owned by a property investor and lowering the UAG subsidizes their income. True low income property owners have several avenues to assist them: government social welfare payments, government rates rebate scheme, and Council's rate remission and postponement policy.

Higher value properties are assumed to have a greater ability to pay. That is not necessarily the case. We farm on what would be considered a higher value property, yet for some years our income was such that we qualified for the Community Services Card. Rates are a large fixed cost for farmers and the use of the UAGC in a fair manner assists in countering the blunt effect of general rating on land and capital value.

Council wants to increase the District Refuse rate for all ratepayers with access to refuse services by \$28.85, yet are not supportive of raising the UAGC by a slightly lesser amount of \$28.03 for all ratepayers with access to the same services. This is a double standard.

We do support you in using targeted rates more successfully, i.e. water treatment, supply and reticulation; stormwater, wastewater.

We hope you will give our submission due consideration in your deliberations and thank you for your time in hearing us speak to our submission.

Submission to Long-Term Council Plan 2018



**THE SCULPTURE PARK
@ WAITAKARURU
ARBORETUM**

The Offer

A free-to-enter park
in return for the cost of
maintenance

Park Location

Equi-distant
between
Hamilton,
Cambridge, and
Morrinsville





Our Vision


An art-in-nature experience that
provides a platform to grow

- creative
 - resourceful
 - innovative
 - connected
 - healthy



people of all ages



Park Trail



- Loop walk of 2km
- Rocks, cliffs, ponds, flowing water
- An arboretum planted by geographic origin
- Established infrastructure





Introducing the Park

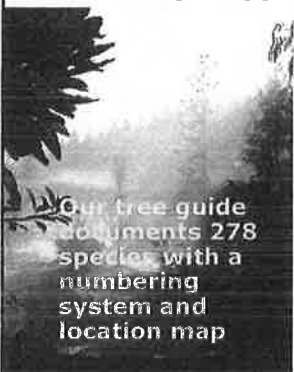
- Currently a 17.5 ha art-in-nature experience
- 2km trail through a varied & changing landscape
- An arboretum and permanent forest sink of more than 20,000 trees
- A rehabilitation project of a derelict quarry
- A known sculpture park destination with more than 50 sculptures & installations
- Outdoor creative space



sculptures & installations



The Arboretum Walk



- a mixed forest of 20,000 trees planted over 27 years
- protected by covenant as a permanent forest sink (Emissions Trading Scheme)

Our tree guide documents 278 species with a numbering system and location map




Creative Outdoor Education

Interactive ideas for parents and children on website



Provides a art-in-nature experience platform for schools



The Return of Wildlife




Each year more native birds come to live in the park.








Recent History


- Open every day for 8 ½ years
- Attracted up to 10,000 visitors annually
- 23 new sculpture exhibitions between 2004 and 2013
- Waikato Sculpture Trust had 'licence to occupy'
- Entry fees charged
- Platform for charity events



Surround sound in the quarry

Rehabilitation started 1991



The Quarry in the mid 1960s

'Share the Park' Campaign

- Started in January 2018: set out to demonstrate support
- Over **1000** visitors on open days Anniversary Weekend and Waitangi Day
- Raised \$2000 from 64 donors on crowd-funding site
- 190 filled in survey (rating 4.5/5)
- Funded impartial reports on cost of maintenance and the health & safety issues
- Helped fund Prospectus for Community Investment

The park provides:

➤ Creative spaces to learn & explore

➤ An accessible wilderness environment

➤ where imaginations are inspired

➤ and innovative minds are nourished



Even the frogs leap with joy



Direct partnerships are the best pathway to secure the future of the park.

We invite you to support our offer for a valuable regional resource.

Share the Park Campaign Strategy

✓ Anniversary Weekend and Waitangi Day
open days draw 1000 visitors



✓ Boosted Campaign raises \$8000 (64 donors)
190 people participate in online survey



✓ Reports on Cost of Maintenance and
Health & Safety Issues



✓ 'Prospectus for Community Investment'



underway

Submissions to Five Local Authorities
as introduction for Community Facilities Funding



Framework proposal



Presentation of full sub-
regional proposal to be
considered for Community
Facilities Funding Framework

Partnerships sought with
other organisations



Agreement on full funding of park's maintenance costs



Complete capital works related to opening



Free entry park opens





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LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028

Please provide your feedback by 9am, Monday 16 April 2018.

Name/organisation: Kenneth Ronald Soares

Address: 56A Government Rd Raglan Postcode: 3225

Email: soareskm@xta.co.nz Phone: 078256553

Hearings will be held between 15 and 18 May 2018. (Venues TBC)

Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing? Yes No

Preferred method of contact: Email Post

Age: (optional) 16-24 25-35 36-50 51-65 66+

Ethnicity: (optional) _____ This information will be used for statistical purposes only, to help us understand who is engaging with Council.

There are two specific issues the Council would like feedback on. Each is summarised in this document but you're welcome to contact us for more information.

Please indicate which option you support for the following issues:

PAGE 6 1. 'Three Waters' Management Option 1 Option 2 Option 3 Option 4

PAGE 9 2. Uniform Annual General Charge Option 1 Option 2 Option 3

If there is any more information you want to supply in addition to this submission form, please attach it to this submission form and enclose it in the Freepost return envelope provided.

Please tell us what you think of what we are proposing by making a submission in one of the following ways:

Online (recommended): www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit

Post to: Freepost 803, Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia 3742
Deliver to: Any Council office or library

Emailing to: consult@waidc.govt.nz
Faxing to: (07) 824 8091



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Long Term Plan 2018-2028

I wish to express my disappointment at the continuing rate increases the council are imposing on Ratepayers. I believe that the proposed household rate increases are unacceptable and the plan as presently produced should be rejected by council until a more reasonable outcome can be produced for ratepayers.

You are here to represent us, the rate payers and NOT the people for whom are going to benefit from Growth and expansion. Where is the constraint from council executive for us existing ratepayers?

The presentation given in Raglan by the mayor and executive centred on the exciting growth and the expansion of the population in the WDC area as reasons for the increases. Under affordability in the support documentation a statement is made of average annual rate increases are set to 15% in the next 3 years reducing to 5% from 2022. This is simply "beyond comprehension" and takes Millions of dollars from community's that are struggling to meet daily costs and will certainly have to forgo more essentials to meet the payment of these excessive rate increases.

We should not pay more than the cost of living adjustment per year. Our income is not changing! The council has a responsibility to not take more from the community than it can afford. Should this is document be approved, you, "The Council" will carry the responsibility of many of the consequences. (ie: Poverty, hardship and housing issues)

This process of giving ratepayers the opportunity to "Have your say" about a complex document as has been produced does not give most ratepayers a chance to reject anything as most will find it too complex and difficult to comment on. The inclusion of a report from Audit New Zealand just adds another level of intimidation.

I suggested that the authors of this plan have their model wrong and need to readdress this entire document from an existing ratepayer perspective. They, the executive, or authors appear to have lost sight of who they should be working for. Should this be approved by council, we the public have no recompense but to pay or leave the district.

The growth of population is not of our making. While it may influence our services, ratepayers should not be providing the funding to provide the increased services required from this growth.

Growth has to be funded by Growth. I suggest development; including the government housing schemes should not in any circumstances draw funds off existing ratepayers.

I note from the support information that maintenance of existing services as shown on this graph is less than \$30M or about 35% of the total rates collection. This plus targeted and agreed improvement is all for that the existing ratepayer should be paying. Financially this should result in a rates reduction not an increase.

The Council looks after \$1.7 billion of assets, 88 percent of which are infrastructure assets. These assets have been the backbone of our community's services for decades. The quality of these services contributes a lot to whether a community is liveable and thriving.

The Council invests a lot of resources in professional asset management practices to ensure they are well maintained to the end of their economic lives and are renewed at that moment when it is most cost effective to do so. Getting this right has a big influence on the affordability of services.

For Roading there have been great efficiencies resulting from the Council's innovation of its Roading Alliance. With the waters activities the Council is proposing to partner with Watercare Services and Waikato Tainui which will deliver further efficiencies.

Capital Expenditure to Maintain Assets

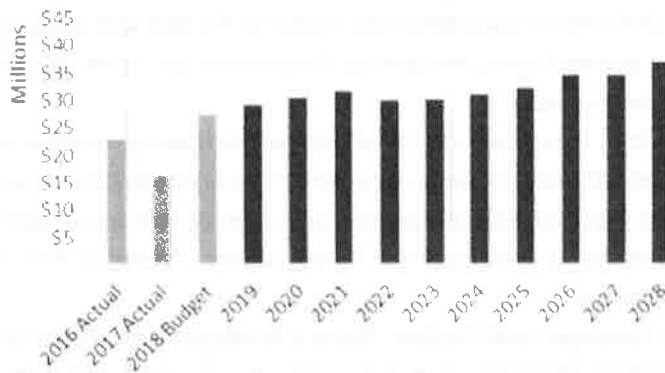


Figure 2. Renewal Expenditure to maintain asset service levels (\$million)

Figure 2 above shows the Council is providing for a consistent investment between \$29 to \$37 million in each year of the Plan. This level of investment is more than annual depreciation (forecast at \$25 million) reflecting the scale of asset replacements budgeted in this 10-year period some of which are earlier than planned for due to the need to address upgrades to support growth.

Efficiencies and Costs:

I have to question the following:

1. **The use of consultants:** Consultancy companies are necessary for specific projects usually of a capital nature, but should be used judiciously. These companies are there for profit, they charge accordingly and sugar coat their presentations for continued business and income. Rates for a consultant are generally 3 times that an internal staff member (or possibly more) plus expenses. Internally employed staff work with loyalty and pride and get their work done at a fraction of the price a consultant would charge.
2. **Partnerships for service and maintenance:** A close local relationship (local staff) is invaluable as economy of travel, loyalty and pride of workmanship will always be more efficient.. Contract partnerships with remote companies will always be fraught with poor outcomes. Overhead expenses due to travel costs, monitoring of outcomes can never result in a good economic outcome for ratepayers.
3. **Staff shortages for 3 waters:** The answer to staff shortages are training, training and training. Courses are available and retraining of trades personal or local contractors can work very well. Some councils have approached local electricians to take up water operator training to supplement when staff shortages have occurred. Having another "string to their bow" is welcomed by most tradesmen.
4. **Debt to cover property developer contribution:** This is a developer cost. If they cannot afford the debt then they should not "be in the game" Councils are not a bank and ratepayer funds should never ever be used to help property developers. This is why Banks exist!
5. **Overhead costs and efficiencies:** I note that for 3 waters spread sheet that overhead costs are higher than that of staff wages and contractors. This is excessive and in a commercial business model should never be this high. This indicates poor office efficiencies.

Summary Statement:

It is my belief that our councillors should reject this document and return it to the authors. A new 10year plan proposing rate increases in line with Government Cost of Living adjustments is the only acceptable outcome to be approved.

Signed;



Ken Soanes
56A Government Rd
Raglan

To:
Waikato District Council
LTP
Submission.

From:
Gary McGuire (Chairman)
Tuakau & Districts Development Association
35 McGuire's Road
Tuakau.
22/03/18

"Submission to LTP 2018 "

Dear Councillors, We commend you on the work done so far for the betterment of our great Waikato District. The people of Tuakau are rite behind your efforts to develop the town & surrounding districts for the benefit of all. This must be done in such a way as to benefit & protect all of the facets of this plan relating to different & sometimes competing wishes of the residents & land owners.

The points that we wish to address are:

- Reverse sensitivity with placement of Residential Developments alongside Industrial Developments.
- The importance of protecting the financial base that is expected to fund development of the Waikato District.
- The importance of protecting the transport links by road & rail from the outlying Farms & Industry alike. The arterial roading link to Auckland, Hamilton & Tauranga are critical to our district. Access to the Southern Motorway needs to be improved & protected.
- Tuakau needs further development of basic infrastructure in order to be able to absorb the spill over effect of new residents wishing to settle in the town.
- The importance of good, common sense planning that is realistic & based on the pretext of "How Can We Help You, rather than How Can We Hinder You".
- The development of quality residential zones that create a climate suitable for residents to want to make Tuakau their long term home.
- The development of quality Parks & Reserves including the use of the Waikato River for such activities as the re-establishment of the Tuakau Water/Jet-ski Club with facilities that will attract both locals & visitors to e.g.: a River Edge Tourism Centre with café & sporting facilities.
- The re-establishment of our Tuakau Rail Station & supporting links to the outlying areas. This requires support & action, not just political talk between other affected agencies. WDC, WRC, Trans-Rail, Kiwi Rail, ATEED & Central Government.
- The development of the long awaited Cycleway/Walkway from Buckland to Tuakau to Alexander Redoubt then to the River. This would then link up with the Cycleway that heads South & East in line with the Governments National Cycleway.

Gary McGuire
TDDA

We request the use of a Power Point Projector.

We wish to be heard.

WAIKATO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY





Waikato REDA- Objectives

1

Lift economic performance across the Waikato region

2


Attract, retain and grow investment, talent and business across the region

3

Champion and provide 'one voice' for economic and business needs and opportunities across the region

Investing for Leverage and Impact

- A genuinely regional approach- not just Hamilton/metro
- Hub and spoke model
- Building off the success of the Waikato Innovation Park and Waikato Means Business
- Not a silver bullet
- Will start small and grow over time
- Wont eat anybody's lunch
- Will work with partners to leverage resources and create much larger impact
- A range of regional economic funds which have yet to be fully leveraged
- Opportunity to get a decent slice of Tuawhenua Provincial Growth Fund- but need quality ideas which will make a difference



2018 Priorities

- Set up the Waikato REDA legal and operational structure and recruit the Board, Chief Executive and core staff
- Secure operational funding to ensure the Waikato REDA can continue existing Business Growth and WMB services and commence new services, including via the Provincial Growth Fund as agreed by the Establishment Board
- Development a pipeline of major regional economic projects and priorities via a Waikato Economic Summit
- Build and deploy a communications and stakeholder management programme

Waikato Economic Summit, August

- 250 business, Maori, community and government leaders
- Demonstrate in a practical way the collaborative leadership role of the REDA
- Build broad-based support for the REDA and show its capacity to get things going
- Bring together all the various groups in the economic growth space and build a common/agreed agenda of action for the whole region
- Develop the pipeline of Ideas and agree on those which should be presented to the PGF as:
 - **Ready to go now** - requests for operational and capital funding at both the small and large scale
 - **Validated concepts** which need to be developed into Investment proposals over the next 6-12 months
 - **Preliminary concepts** – which need further concept development and an agreement on how to progress these
- Get action



REDA Funding Request

- Local government in the Waikato being asked to each contribute a share
- \$60,000 per year for 3 years
- 81c citizen per year
- Will be backed up with a funding agreement and regular engagement regarding deliverables and value
- Even one major economic project in the region identified and funded via the REDA would create significant value

Core Operational Budget Funding Sources		Annual Amount
Local Government	Regional	\$350,000
	Local	\$370,000
Business sponsorship		\$465,000+
Regional trusts and other regional funds		\$250,000 +
Existing WIP business support programmes		\$660,000
Total		\$2,095,000

Plus project/major initiative funding via various sources including Iwi/whenua Provincial Development Fund



MERCER TOWNSHIP



Please hold all questions until the end

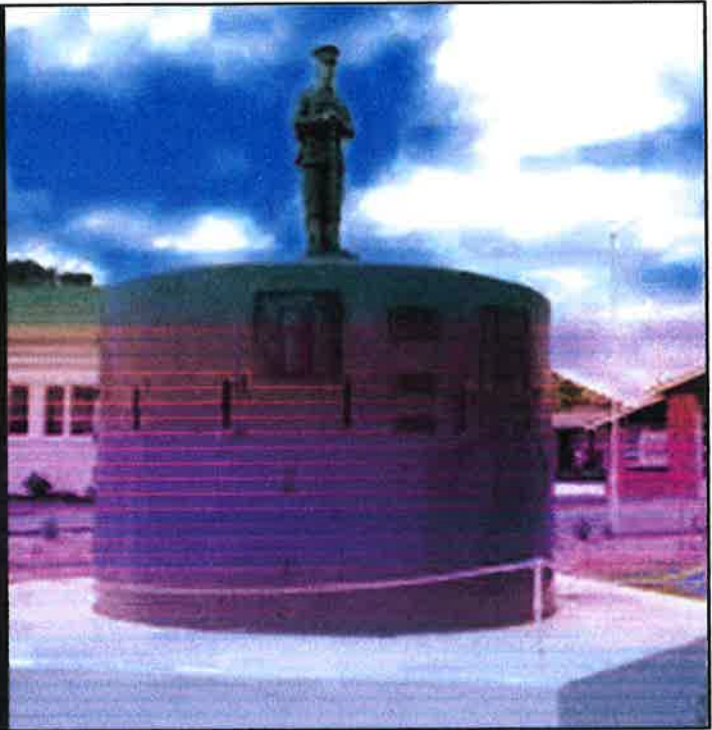
Good Morning His Worship, The Mayor Allen Sanson, Councillors, Ladies and Gentleman.

My name is Liam McGrath, I am the Vice Chairman of Mercer Residence and Ratepayers Committee and I will be speaking on their behalf.

If you could please hold any and all questions until the end.

TOPICS

- MERCER BEING A KEY TOWN
- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
- BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- AMENITIES AND FACILITIES



During this presentation, I will be discussing the topics:

- Mercer being a key town
- Traffic Management
- Building and Infrastructure
- Amenities and Facilities

MERCER TOWNSHIP - KEY TOWN

Identity

Ceasar Roose
Stevenson
Mercer School
Rowing Regatta
Motorcross Sports
Mercer Cheese

Tourism and Travellers

Freedom and RV Campers
Sunday drivers and bikers
Hampton Downs
Meremere Drag strip
Motorcross Sports
Mainline Steam Trust
Mercer Museum

Increase Traffic

Waikato Expressway
Truck Stop
Traffic Control Vehicles
Whangamarino Track

History saw Mercer as the gateway between Auckland and Waikato for public transport and trading, as the Great South Road and the main trunkline ended at Mercer and remaining travels were via barges, up river to other communities and Hamilton. Mercer is still a main stop for travellers including heavy vehicle transport, as it is easily accessible and has **some** of the basic facilities.

Mercer School role has doubled over the past four years and currently has a role of 84 students. The school and the community is the natural overflow of growth from Pokeno and greater Auckland

Mercer remains a key town and has always been due to historic events and local businesses that have put Mercer on the map as per those listed (*point to powerpoint*) Mercer needs to be recognised for future planning and growth.

In reference to LTP page 11 section "Master Planning", and I quote, "the council is taking a wholistic approach to planning for growing communities and has set aside \$100,000.00 per year for the next 10 years for key towns" unquote, however Mercer has been overlooked as a key town and has no mention in the LTP. We would like council to consult with the Mercer Community and Iwi to establish a plan to achieve the vision and future prospects that the Waikato District Council wants for its communities and for Mercer as a key town.

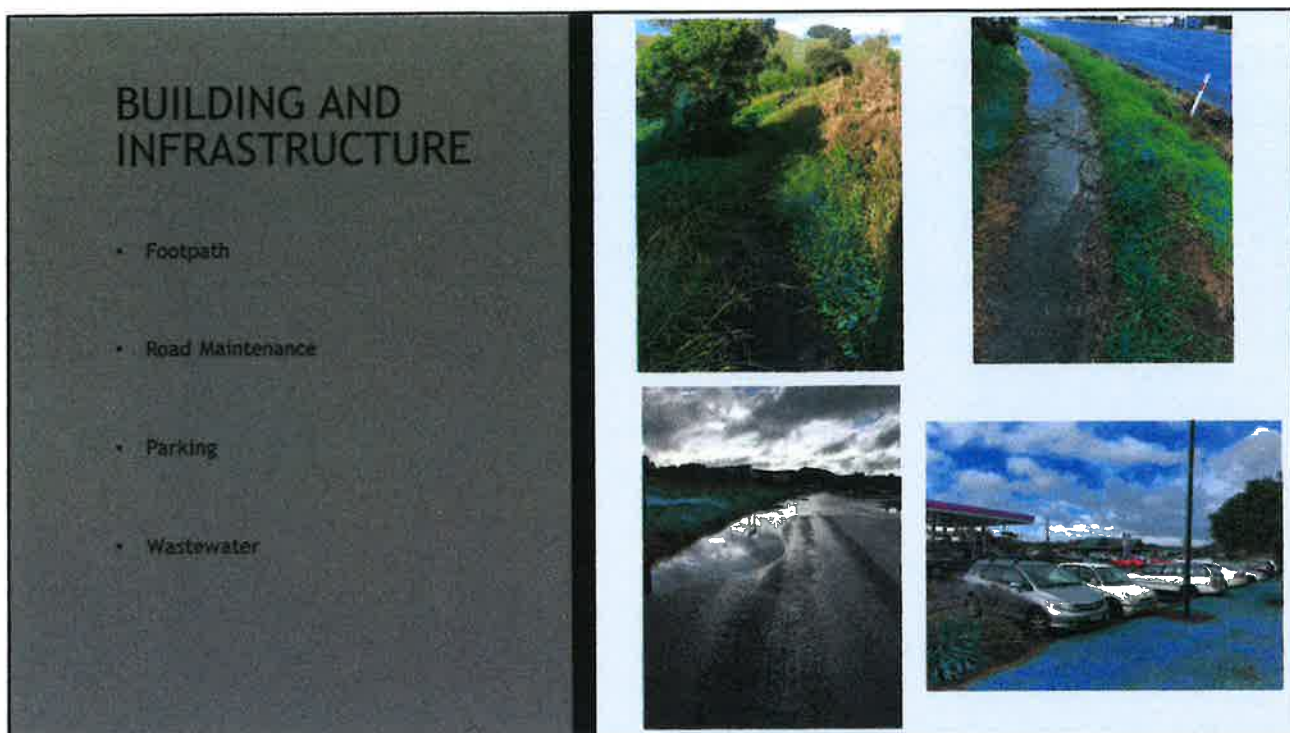
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT



We the Community and Iwi have identified the increase of traffic in Mercer. The township is in close proximity of an airport and motorsport facilities which attract its crowds to Mercer, as we are the nearest food outlet and service station able to cater for the large volume. Tourism will only increase with the Mainline Steam Trust moving their collection and setting up a museum within the next 2-3 years

Also with the opening of Waikato Expressway from Cambridge to Bombay Hills, Mercer will become one of very few towns accessible directly from the highway, therefore attracting an increase of commuters. This includes more heavy vehicles using Mercer as a staging point before or leaving Auckland, and freedom campers will frequent Mercer more for similar reasons of starting or ending their travels.

As per the 30 year infrastructure strategy 2018-2048, section A, Strategic Alignment states; the purpose of the strategy is "to identify the significant infrastructure issues over the next 30 years, the principal options for managing those issues and the implications of those options". We would like council to review Mercer's traffic management and parking in the next 6-12 months as it is currently at capacity.



Footpaths in the community are in various states. There have been twenty six requests since January this year to the council for the upkeep of the existing footpath however the Community and Iwi would like to address the non existing footpath including several safety aspects to ensure the safety of the wider community.

Road maintenance required on main roads within the community include but are not limited to Koheroa, Glass and River Road.

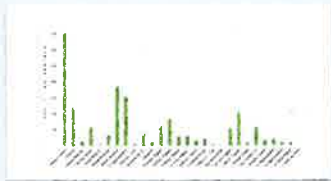
In accordance with 30 year Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048, section 6; Key Infrastructure Activities, paragraph 6.4; Roads and Footpaths. The roads and footpaths activity applies to all roads and transport network managed by WDC. Council has the responsibility as the road controlling authority to promote safe use of the roading network throughout the district.

Current parking in Mercer township and complex is consistently at 90% capacity. As alluded to in a previous slide, there are vehicles parking in locations that are not deemed suitable. This also applies to freedom campers, that at this point in time, do not have a dedicated parking area that has basic facilities to cater for them. With facilities in the surrounding region hosting large events, Mercer is the first/last stop and will suffer from lost trading and tourists visiting our community. With some

vehicles parking in unauthorised/designated parking spaces, is starting to be a concern for pedestrian safety.

With reference to wastewater, the LTP mentions on page 15 referring to Meremere in 2020-2021 connecting wastewater to Pokeno with an estimated cost of \$2.3m. On the understanding the council would like to take the shortest route therefore this will be going through Mercer. If this is the case, the Mercer Community and Iwi would like to be consulted with, on this project.

AMENITIES AND FACILITIES



Public Toilets

Old location - River front current bus stop

Current location - Inside food complex



Community Facility

Town Hall

Old railway building



Playground and Fields

Tennis Court

Reserve

Since the condemning of public toilets located at Mercer Esplanade no replacement has yet been established. The food complex now accommodates the public toilet, agreed under a commercial arrangement, however is taking an enormous impact on the complex reticulation system with the amenity only open during business hours, therefore no afterhours amenities exist. *(next slide for graph)* According to the WDC Public Toilet Strategy 2015, Mercer public toilets are the most daily used toilets across the Waikato region. Having been aware Whatawhata community have had a newly built public toilets, who were in a similar position with commercial arrangements, yet were ranked 18th according to the WDC Public Toilet strategy but yet Mercer are still to be consulted for a new toilet block.

Mercer Community and Iwi want to be consulted immediately for public toilet facility and for the Toilet Strategy to be updated to reflect the urgent need for Mercer.

(next slide – back to original)

The original town hall was moved to allow construction of the current overpass to Mercer Village. Therefore this left the community without a facility to congregate at. We thank the Council for the addition of the Halls Strategy into the Long Term Plan and the Mercer Community and Iwi would like to re-establish a facility with a council planner to review a suitable location within the community.

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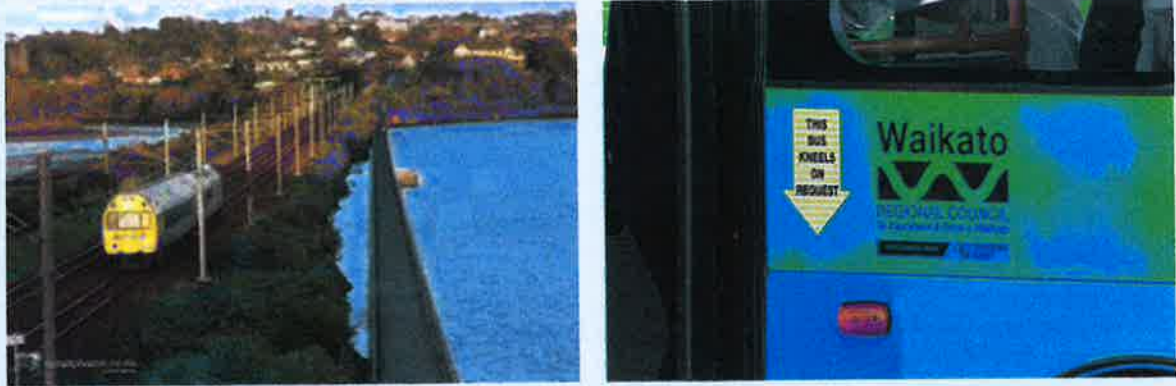
Current playground located at tennis courts is poorly designed as it does not cater for *Travellers* the local residents children of all ages. The area is largely covered in concrete with a small portion allocated to playground. Skateboard ramps have been installed however design was not agreed upon with previous community committee nor approved.

The reserve is a multi purpose facility that is divided into sections. The larger rear section was leased to the Franklin District Pony Club and a portion was sub-leased to the Pukekohe Motorcycle Club (PMCC). A small section consist of a full size playing field and the old railway building.

The Community and Iwi are working with council to clarify lease agreements between PMCC, Franklin District Pony Club and Department of Conservation.

As the playground is the only reserve that is identified in any documentation, reports and on the website, yet as mentioned above, there is a large multi purpose reserve that has no mention, Mercer Community and Iwi would like the council to work collectively with the community to establish a reserve management plan

Public Transport



With Waikato District Council investigating transport options and the possible reinstatement of the train service between Hamilton and Auckland, Mercer is in the ideal position as a staging point for not only buses, but also for rail. As mentioned before, Mainline Steam Trust are relocating to Mercer and could possibly have the infrastructure to support a railway station.

Buses currently stop at Mercer, but are only tourist as there is no regular bus services from the likes of Huntly or Te Kauwhata through to Pukekohe or Papakura to meet with rail services. If these services were to be established, Mercer would fast become an ideal Park and Ride facility as it is a natural focal point for Pukekawa, Onewhero, Port Waikato, Glen Murray and other small villages where people commute to and from either Auckland or Hamilton to congregate at, as it is currently the most direct access to State Highway One.

The Community Committee and Iwi would be strong advocates for this as it would reinforce Mercer as a Key Town and welcome consultation to address the current shortfall in regular public transport.



UAGC WATERCARE

UAGC - Option 3
Watercare - support the council preferred option

Mercer Community Committee and Iwi support option 3 of the UAGC and support the councils preferred option for Watercare management due to the community being self sufficient on rain or bore water. However, should the council change its plan, the community would like to be consulted on these changes that affect the community

Summary

- **MERCER BEING A KEY TOWN**
 - *Establish a plan to achieve the vision and future prospects for Mercer as a key town.*
- **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**
 - *Review Mercer's traffic management and parking within the next 6-12 months*
- **BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
 - *Address the non existing footpath including several safety aspects*
 - *Road maintenance required on main roads within the community*
- **AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**
 - *Consulted immediately for public toilet facility.*
 - *Re-establish a community facility with a council planner to review a suitable location within the community.*
 - *Clarify lease agreements between PMCC, Franklin District Pony Club and Department of Conservation.*
 - *Collectively work with the community to establish a reserve management plan.*

In Closing, thank you for your time and allowing myself to speak on behalf of the Mercer Community Committee and Iwi. However we would like to know who from the council will contact the Committee for the listed issues that were raised and a timeframe for an expected response?

INF 2017 (28/03/2017) Report Title Service Delivery Report for March 2017
The 2012-22 LTP had funds allocated for a Mercer facility (\$275,000 for design and build). These funds were released during the 2015-2025 LTP planning as a result of the Strategy and success of the ongoing rental arrangement.

Questions

Are there any questions?

Next Committee meeting: 13th June @ 7pm, Mercer Fire Station.

Roading 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Building and Maintaining Infrastructure – High volume traffic. See attachment.

In relation to footpaths and safety concerns. Staff are looking at how they can best utilise available funds across the district for new footpaths. In conjunction with our safety engineer we will investigate your specific requests and see how we can incorporate into our future programmes.

Parks & facilities 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Parks and Facilities - Playgrounds/fields. See attachment. Staff will consider these when reviewing future projects for the Mercer area.

UAGC 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

UAGC. See attachment No response required

Footpaths 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Building and maintaining infrastructure - footpaths. See attachment. Council thanks you for the submission. In relation to footpaths and safety concerns. Staff are looking at how they can best utilise available funds across the district for new footpaths. In conjunction with our safety engineer we will investigate your specific requests and see how we can incorporate into our future programmes

Local projects 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Building and maintaining infrastructure - public toilets. See attachment. Staff will consider these when reviewing future projects for the Mercer area.

Halls 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Halls and community facilities. See attachment. Staff will consider these when reviewing future projects for the Mercer area.

Wastewater 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Building and Infrastructure – Wastewater. See attachment. At present, there is no wastewater utility in Mercer, therefore no option to connect. There are no immediate plans for a pipeline to be laid through the area. As a result, we would be happy for residents to maintain their own septic tanks for residential wastewater, and have the option to connect to the network if they wish should a wastewater reticulation line eventuate. There would not be 'forced' connections for residents.

Planning for growth 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Mercer Planning growth - master planning. See attachment Council is committed to ensuring that the growth in our district occurs in a sustainable and affordable manner. For this to happen, it is critical that we focus this growth in and around already established towns and build on the existing economy of scale provided by the existing urban footprint to ensure that the provision of services to

these towns is affordable. Whilst we acknowledge the tourism potential of Mercer we do not see Mercer growing into major residential node like say Tuakau, Pokeno or Te Kauwhata. However Council is committed to sustaining what is there and building on Mercer's tourism offerings.

Parking 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Building Maintaining infrastructure - Parking. See attachment. Council will review the submitters comments and undertake a review of the Traffic movements and parking around the Mercer township

Representation 718 Liam McGrath Mercer Residents and Ratepayers Committee

Planning for Growth – Regional Wards. See attachment. Your concerns regarding having to deal with a number of councillors on matters pertaining to Mercer are noted. Council is currently undertaking a representation review (i.e. a review of its elected membership) and one of the issues that will need to be considered is in which ward should Mercer be located (currently it is in Awaroa ki Tuakau ward but it could also fit within the Onewhero te Akau ward). The representation review needs to consider a number of factors such as a) identification of communities of interest b) how to provide effective representation to those communities of interest (number councillors, community boards etc.) and c) consideration to fairness of representation (each councillor represents about the same number of people within +/- 10%). You will have an opportunity to formal engage on this process when Council notifies a proposal for its Representative Review in June this year.



**SUNSET BEACH LIFEGUARD
SERVICE**

**SUBMISSION
WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
2018 LONG TERM PLAN**

Message from Club President Malcolm Beattie obe



The Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service has been deeply entrenched in the Port Waikato community for over 50 years.

As the community has always been small with little in the way of public facilities the Lifesaving Club has willingly provided, in a de-facto manner, a hub for the community over this time. This hub has been the centre of activities and has played a role in the development of programs and activities in the Port Waikato area for youth and families alike.

It is therefore fitting that the club takes on the lead role again, and drives plans to deliver upgraded and expanded facilities that can support an array of services required in a small beach community. The club has widely consulted plans for the new facility and has embraced the needs of the community, successfully addressing and satisfying initial concerns and some parochial thinking. As the project model has matured the level of community support has become almost unanimous.

This new facility will demonstrate to all just how a small community, supported by its Council, commercial partners and financial support from the likes of the Trust Waikato and NZLGB can deliver for the future when we plan and act as one. The club has always been innovative and taken on responsibilities that at times have appeared to be daunting in financial terms. We have succeeded always. We were one of the first clubs in the Northern region to establish a trust to protect and manage our building assets, and one of the very few to have acquired the land our buildings sit on.

The 2016 purchase of the land adjacent to the existing clubhouse is evidence of both foresight and commitment, and has provided us with the kick-start to the new project. We bring to the equation that property valued at \$350k, together with the existing clubhouse property circa \$950,000 that becomes renovated to provide the multi-club facilities and emergency care rooms not currently available in the region.

The current community hall forms a vital part of the mix. Legally still owned by the club, it was given to the community in perpetuity on a loan basis in agreement with the then Franklin District Council. Now that it faces erosion issues and will soon be closed for public meeting use it is timely that the Club takes it back and renovates it as a shared community equipment storage space. The toilets and kitchen will be removed. The Council would no longer be responsible for the maintenance or funding of this building but contribute to the upkeep of the cluster of buildings that comprise the new development. The Trust will insure the property under its current policy.

It is proposed that new public amenities are incorporated in the proposed building program, along with changing rooms and outdoor showers. The current toilets built 55 years ago have now become a health hazard with effluent flowing on to the car park and public areas during heavy rain. There is no place for safe changing and public showers.

An integrated sewage system can then provide for both facilities. We have not provided for funding in our budgets for this building element as we believe they clearly are a council public health responsibility but we are engaged with council officers to determine if they can be incorporated in to our development as a cost effective solution to a pressing need.

The club proposes a two level ownership and management structure. The current Sunset Beach Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust which is registered with the Charities Commission and is an incorporated society will be the party that the Hub and all buildings will be managed and owned by. It is a not for profit body with a board elected by the Club. The accounts are audited annually and the Trusts affairs are made public via The Charities Commission and Surf Life Saving Northern. We will extend the board to include two members of the community who will not be members of the club.

The community hub management group who will comprise of people drawn from the users of the hub. They will not be accountable for finance, maintenance and development of the facility, rather the day to day use of the Hub. The Surf Lifesaving Club will be one of the users in their own right.

Based on the revised plans for the current building and the renovated clubhouse a registered quantity surveyor has provided quite precise estimates at retail pricing of \$1.80 million. We certainly believe this is be an achievable figure as long as all targeted partners can commit at levels we have negotiated with them.

Malcolm J. Beattie obe

Chairman – Sunset Beach Life Saving Charitable Trust

President – Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service

President – Surf Lifesaving Northern Region



SUBMISSION: Waikato District Council 2018 Long Term Plan Review

The Sunset Beach Surf Life Saving Charitable Trust (the Trust) seeks:



WDC's agreement that \$500,000 is made available by way of a surrounding district targeted rate, and \$100,000 by way of a regional grant.



The Trust asks that the \$600,000 be available in the 2018 -2019 financial year to coincide with planned commencement of the development. The Trust will bring other new money totalling \$1.2m to the project, together with existing asset equity of \$1.2m.



SITUATION

Current amenities owned by the Trust and made available primarily to the Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service (the Club) need redeveloping and expansion to:

- * Cater for steadily increasing growth in demand for the Club's services.
- * Deliver modernised lifesaving and emergency medical facilities that are fit for purpose and offer a further 25 years serviceable economic life.
- * Provide the amenity values that attract and satisfy a discerning volunteer membership, particularly young people 14-24 that make up a large proportion of the Club's capability.



Severe erosion at Port Waikato has seen WDC introduce a process of managed retreat, with car parks, picnic areas and the lifeguard patrol tower already reduced in size and pulled back by some 75m. The existing community hall is at risk. The hall is about to be closed to public use as a meeting/functions space due to safety concerns. The need for a replacement community facility is clear and present.



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

- * The Trust has acquired developed drawings for the proposed development and has these costed at \$1.84million. The development will involve:
- * repurposing the existing 25 year old clubrooms.
- * building new facilities to deliver a community hall and kitchen, community medical clinic, smaller meeting rooms, and classroom styled amenities



- * Replacement of obsolete first aid facilities with new purpose designed rooms capable of handling major incidents.
- * Replacement of obsolete ablutions that no longer meet code requirements.



BENEFITS AND GAINS

- * The project has been subjected to an independent Feasibility Assessment Report, a copy of which has previously been provided to WDC as well as other targeted funders including Trust Waikato and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. The report confirms that in addition to an affordable and effective solution to the community's needs, the development will:



- * offer a future-proofed solution to the communities needs. The design reflects a 25 year functionality specification, and 50 year building life.
- * ensure the Club has the wherewithal to grow in response to increased demand on its services due to new residential developments and resultant population growth in the north-west Waikato.
- * provide contemporarily styled amenities for enjoyment by a multitude of regular and ad-hoc local user groups.



- * deliver new, needed public ablutions and changing facilities.
- * support new needed community services such as medical services.
- * be a fit-for-purpose local gathering point in the event of civil defence type emergencies.
- * be the catalyst for enhancement and beautification of the foreshore reserve.



FUNDING

The development has been professional costed by PB Booker Ltd (Quantity Surveyors) at \$1.9million. The Trust has been engaging with several institutional and charitable funders over the past two years and is confident of securing >\$1,000,000 of grant funding and in-kind goods and services subject to WDC resolving to be the cornerstone funder at \$600,000 – a level of participatory funding deemed appropriate and highly consistent with that made available by councils to similar surf club led projects in other communities. A \$500,000 targeted rate levied on properties in the surrounding district is widely understood and agreed by local communities to be the appropriate funding mechanism. The balance should be a region-wide grant of \$100,000



The targeted funders are:

Waikato District Council	\$600,000
Trust Waikato	\$300,000
NZLGB Community Facilities	\$500,000
Charity Gaming Trusts	\$250,000
In-kind goods and services	\$250,000

\$1,900,000



The Trust itself will contribute \$150,000 of building reserve funds, in addition to the \$300,000 recently spent on land acquisitions, design and engineering reports, and other front-end costs including proof of feasibility and community consultation.

Note: WDC is yet to determine where and when replacement public ablutions will be constructed at Sunset Beach. The Trust has invited WDC to incorporate new ablutions within the development but funded separately.



ASSET CONTRIBUTIONS

In addition to its contribution of \$450,000 the Trust is:

- * putting the existing clubrooms forward for repurposing. They have a GV of \$660,000.
- * Resuming custodial responsibility for the existing community hall, putting it back under the ambit of the Trust.



COMMUNITY FACILITY MANAGEMENT

The Sunset Beach Surf Life Saving Charitable Trust composition will be expanded and modified to include at least two additional trustees appointed by Port Waikato residents, to reflect the increased and wider community interest in the new facilities.

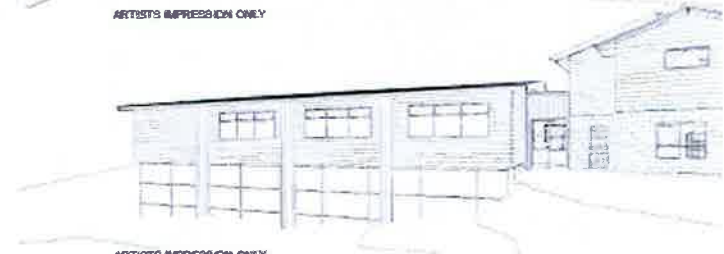
A Users Committee will also be formed, providing a platform for regular and ad-hoc users to have input to the day to day running of the community facing elements of the facilities.



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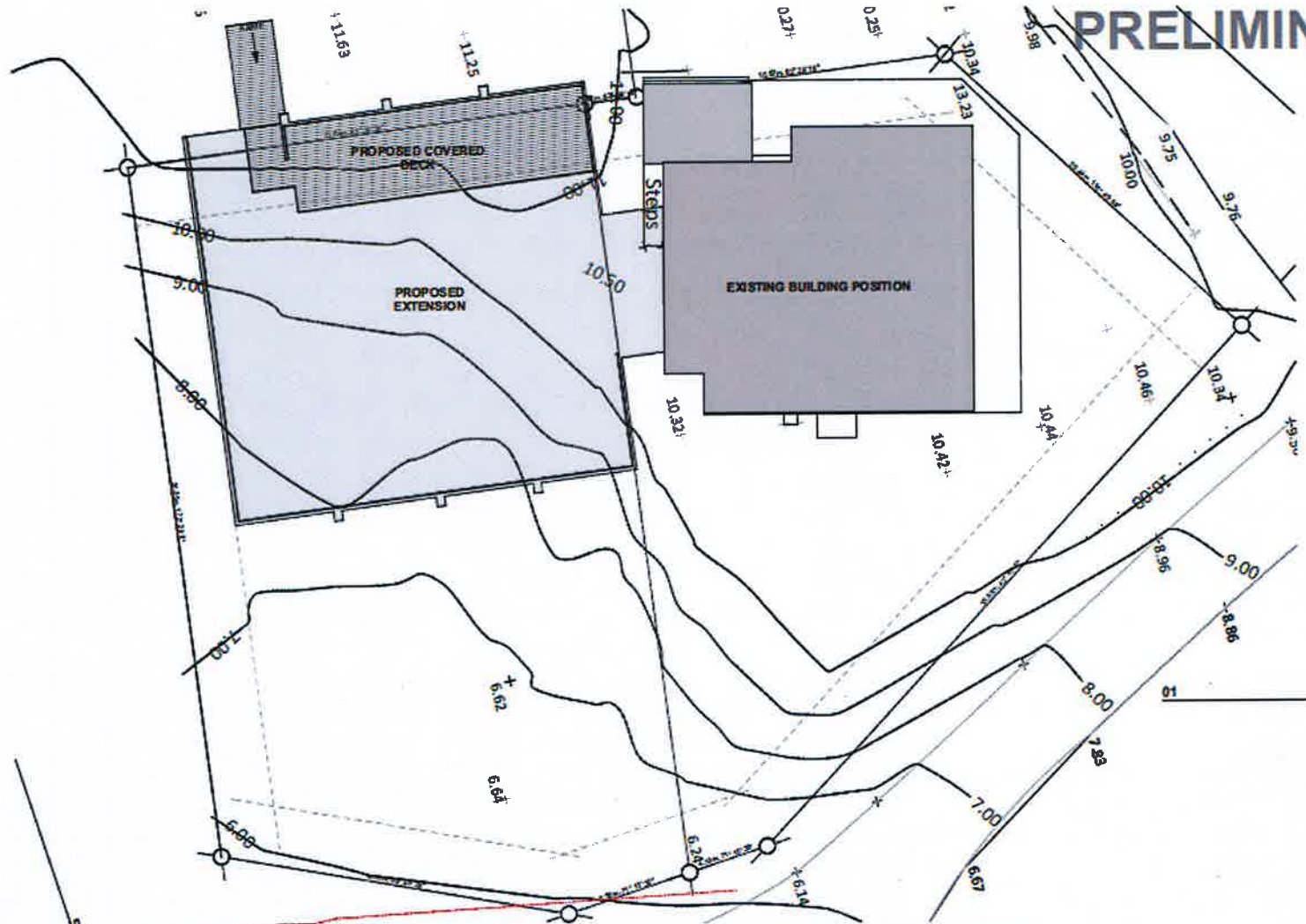
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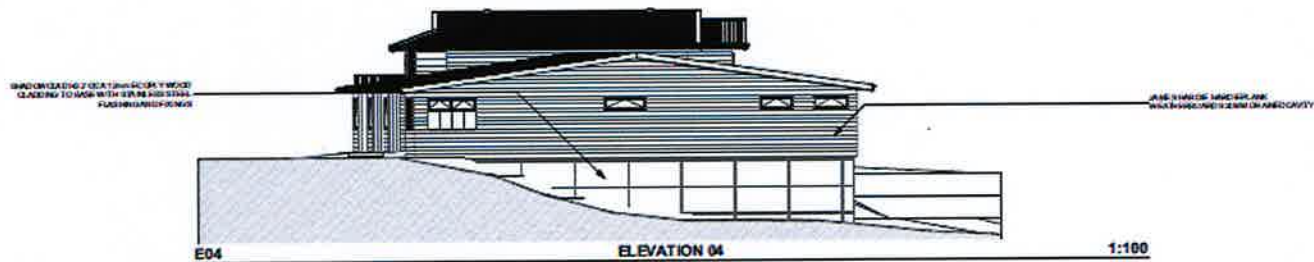
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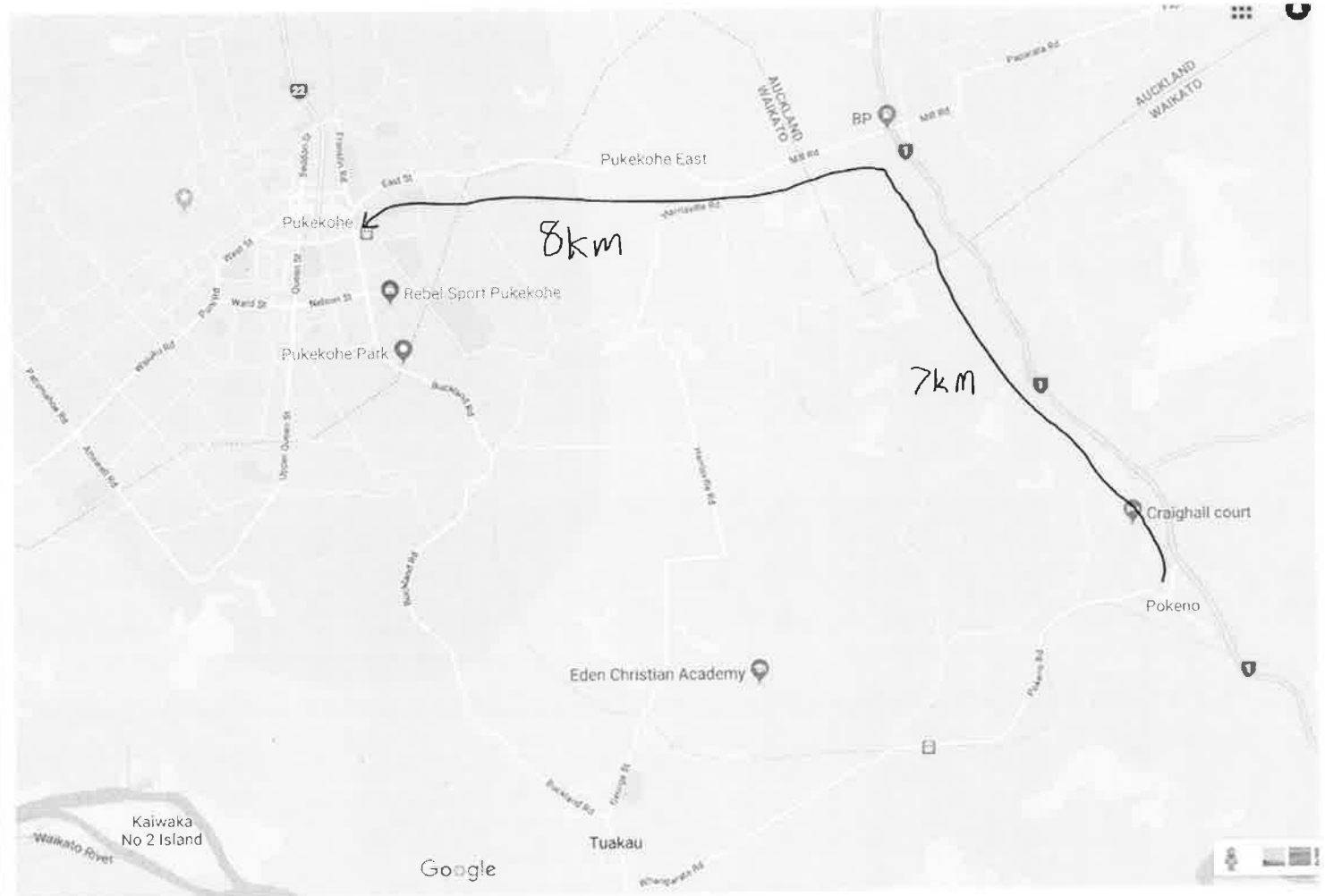
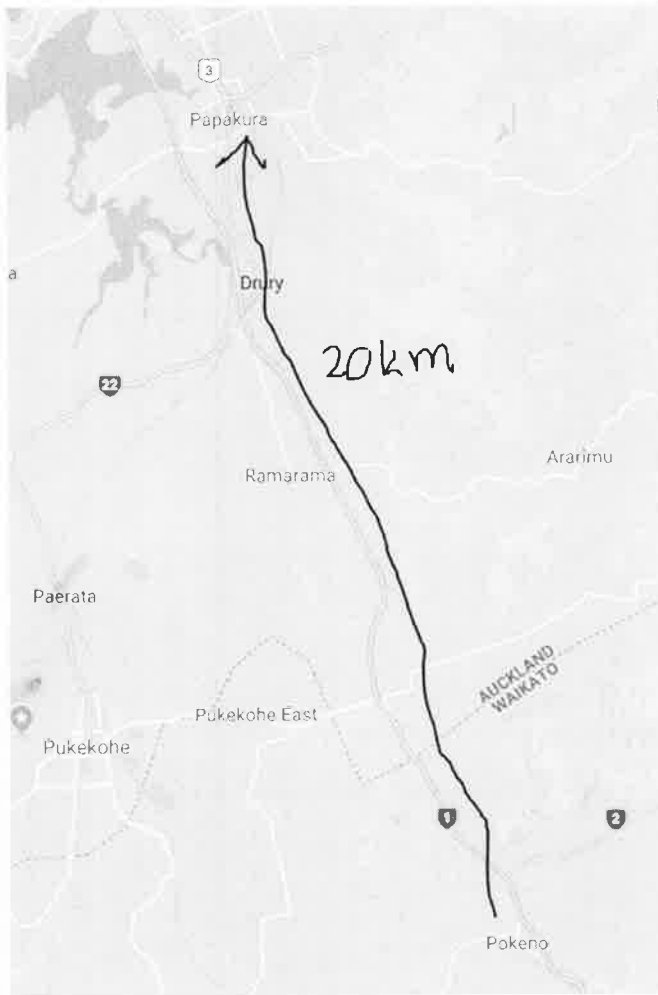
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TRANSPORT SUBMISSION

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Pukekohe Train

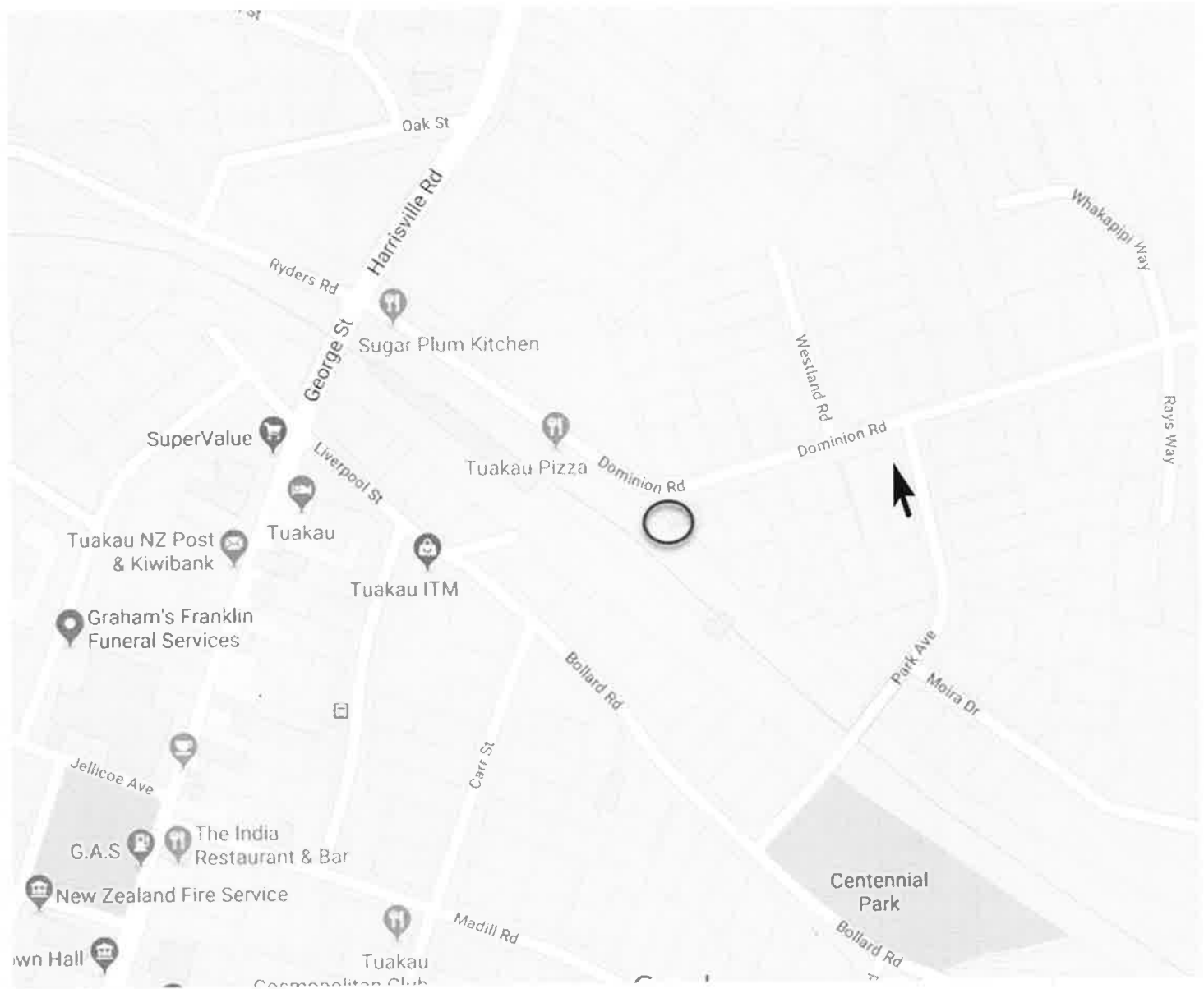
- Drive 7km toward city
- 8km away from city (20 minutes) towards Pukekohe
- 30 minute wait for train
- 20 minute train ride to Papakura
- Change trains to city at Papakura

Papakura Train

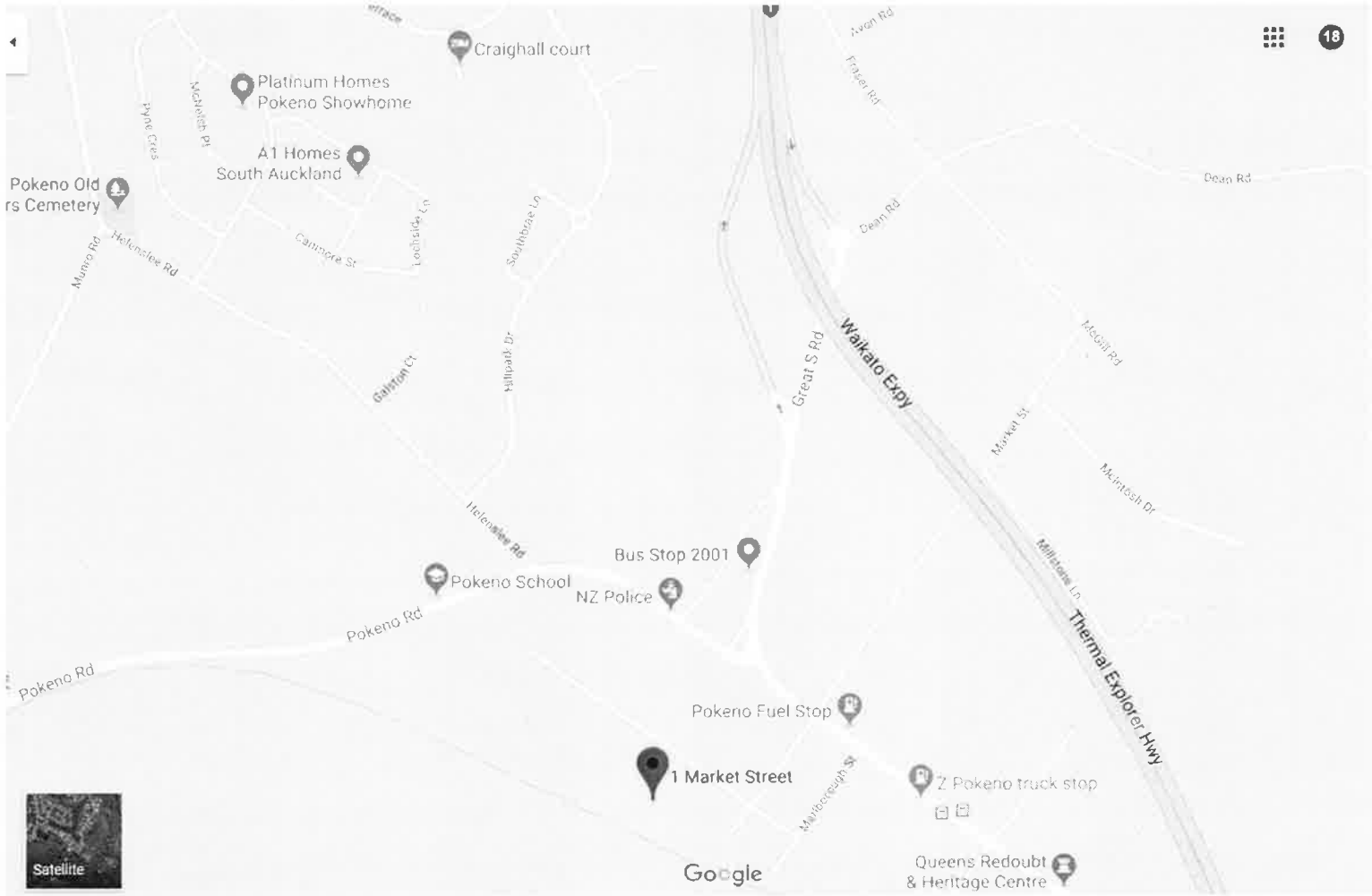
- Drive 20km (20 minutes) toward city with car
- Take train from Papakura (50 minutes to brittomart without delays)

**CURRENT
TUAKAU
SUGGESTED
SITE**

**DOMINION
ROAD CLOSE
TO PARK
AVENUE**



POKENO SUGGESTED SITE





Umoya Lodge

Postal Centre & Craft Shop

That little cottage

Great S Rd

McIntosh Motors

Pokeno Fuel Stop

Public Toilet

Regina St

Market St

Johnson Takeaways

Great S Rd

Pokeno Bacon

1 Market Street

Regina St

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Marlborough St

Z Pokeno truck stop





Recommendations from rail working party : AUGUST 2011

<https://www.waikato.govt.nz/assets/PageFiles/18093/Final%20recommendations%20report.pdf>

2.3 Tuakau – Auckland Services:

Tuakau has a population of 3,504 (2006) and a station site located 7.5km south of Pukekohe Station. It is relatively easy to change the existing MAXX operating schedule to extend any Pukekohe service to Tuakau.

The old Tuakau Station has an island platform, before it can be used for MAXX services it requires upgrading to accommodate the termination of 6-car MAXX trains:

- platforms (length-155m, height-750mm)
- suitable pedestrian access
- rail network modifications to allow trains to cross from the down to the up main lines and to stop and reverse direction.

Until a cross-over is installed at Tuakau trains need to run to Mercer to cross from the down main to the up main. This requires each service to run empty for an additional 25.4km. As there are no platforms at Mercer no passengers are able to board or disembark services. Extending MAXX services to Tuakau will also require additional rolling stock to accommodate the increase in patronage.

CURRENT POKENO & TUAKAU SITES ARE UNSUITABLE

- Site contains power and telephone lines.
- Not enough Parking facilities.
- Access road is not wide enough so will cause traffic Congestion.
- Does not have flow for Drop-off zone. Cars will have to make a U-turn after dropping passengers off
- Market Road has culvert next to road with no shoulder.
- No Footpaths

- It is senseless for Pokeno residents to drive 8km to Tuakau Station on a road without street lights which is often foggy, has dangerous bends, is full of potholes and uneven surfaces and doesn't have a proper shoulder, with huge ditches next to the road, and is too narrow for large busses. It also carries large amount of truck traffic.
- It is safer to drive 20km on a motorway than 8km on this dangerous road to a train station.
- Tuakau residents already have parks, swimming pool, dog exercise areas, Public toilets, schools, a library, council offices and access to Pukekohe station with better road conditions

NO SHOULDER

**FLOODING
WITH HEAVY
RAIN**



LANDSLIDES



WINTER FROST



MORNING FOG



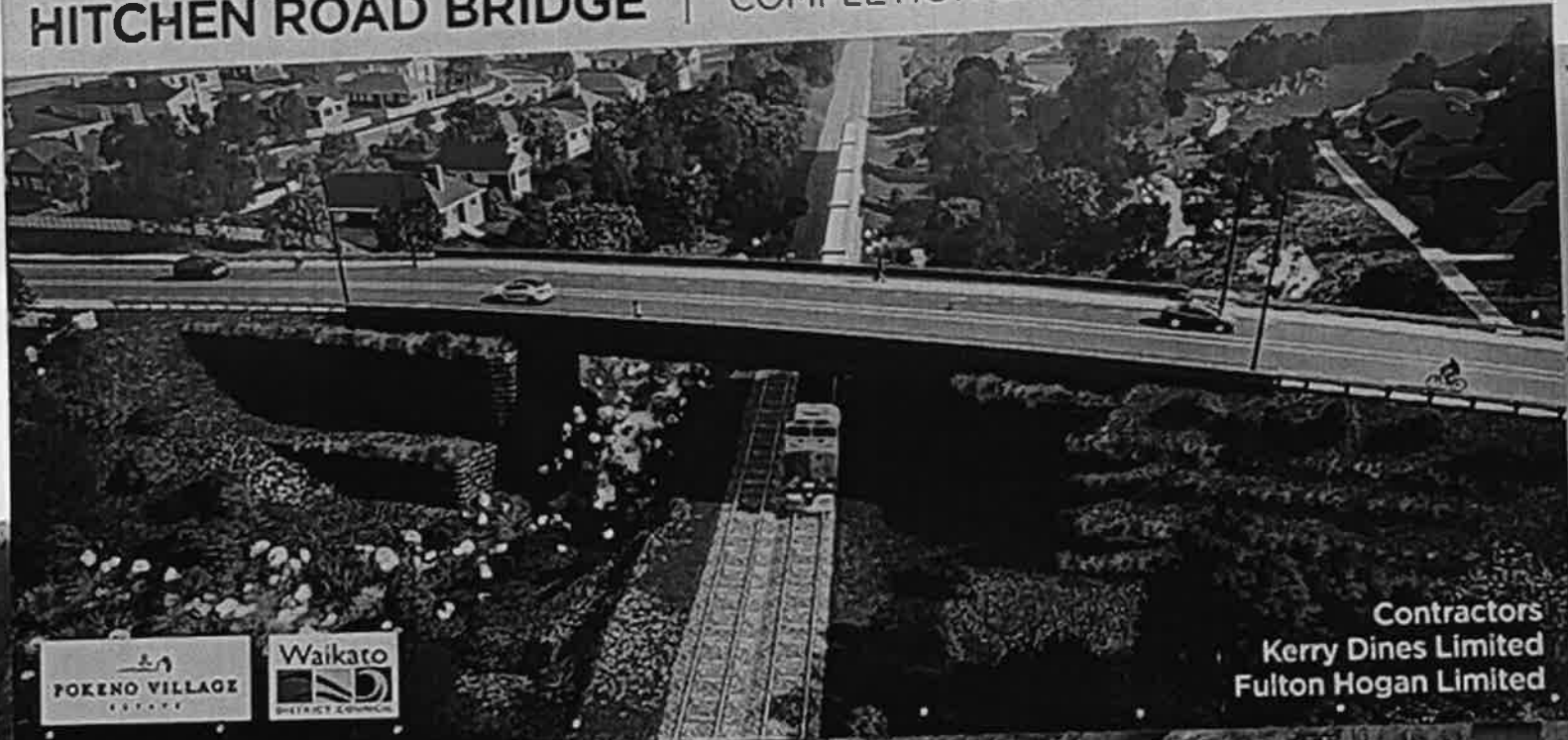




FEW STREET LIGHTS & POTHOLES



HITCHEN ROAD BRIDGE | COMPLETION EXPECTED DECEMBER 2018



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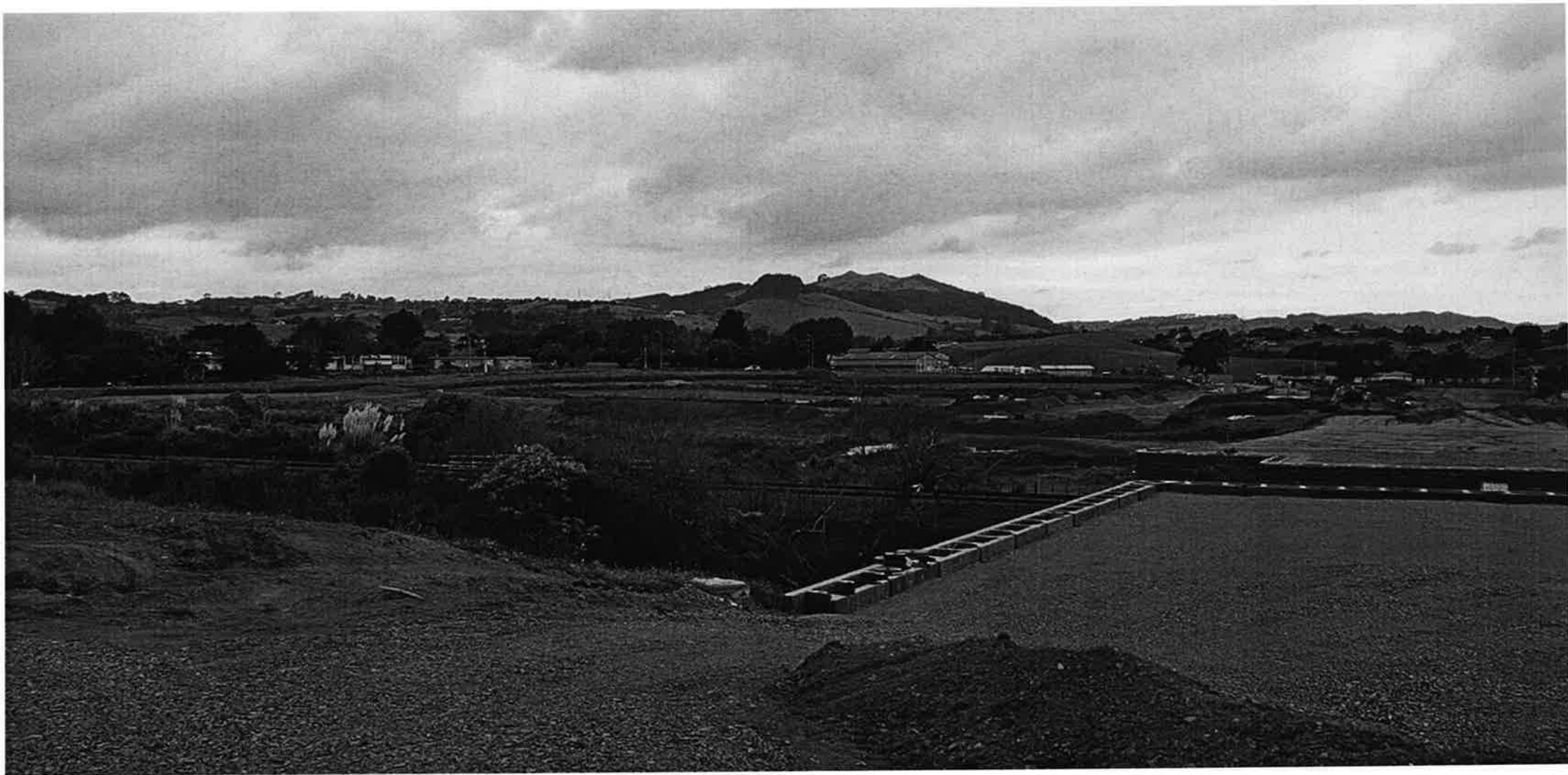


**HITCHEN
BRIDGE**

COMPLETION
EXPECTED
DECEMBER 2018









WHY POKENO?

1. Gives residents of Pokeno and Hitchens easy access to trains in walkable distance
2. Close to the motorway for easy direct access to MeriMeri, Mercer, Pukekawa, Mangatawhiri, Onewhero, Hampton downs, Te Kauwhata and other local towns.
3. New roads in subdivision.
4. Enough free land for train station with carpark and drop-off.
5. More vehicles off the road (to reduce vehicles, traffic congestion and pollution)
6. There will be minimal impact on traffic from other rural suburbs wanting to use the train.

- There are already 900 houses that have been built in Poteno so far, and the plans for another 2000 houses to be built are in progress. This is on average approximately 11000 people in the Pokeno area.
- There are no facilities in Pokeno, other than an ice cream shop, dairy, liquor store, motel, gas station, vet, doctors, restaurant/coffee shop, and bacon shop. –everyone who lives in Pokeno needs to go outside of Pokeno for work, for shopping, schooling, and university etc
- A Poteno train service will be useful for everyone (young and old)

- It is extremely important that a new station is built with the commuter as the number one priority and the station is built flawlessly.
- It is hard connecting from Pukekohe to Papakura, as the train services are infrequent and unreliable and one more bad connection would mean that people might prefer to drive to Papakura anyway.
- It is already a long journey into the city as a train ride from Papakura is 50 minutes from when the train leaves the station (without delays), making this journey even more frustrating from Pokeno will make people lose interest in the station

New station must include:

1. Park and Ride Facilities.
2. Seating in waiting area for the aged.
3. Platform with Shelters for rain.
4. Wide Access roads.
5. Drop-off Zone with flow in and out without having to make a u-turn

Build a train station on open land close to the new Hitchens bridge

- Somewhere on Whangarata/Pokeno road
(Between Pokeno, Hitchens development and
Tuakau) with a park and ride

AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION

The previously described desirable train station is still built however in Mercer, rather than Pokeno

- Only 6km away from Pokeno on the SH1 motorway, and close to other towns like Pokeno, MeriMeri, Mercer, Mangatawhiri, Onewhero, Hampton downs, Pukekawa and Te Kauwhata.
- No traffic congestion as flow is in the opposite direction.
- Trains can be transferred from Northbound to Southbound tracks at Mercer
- There are suitable amenities and a lot of available space
- We have made a post on the Facebook Pokeno community page that got 85 likes and 8 shares in a 24 hour period; accepting Mercer as an alternative option if Pokeno is unapproved.

**SUBDIVISION
SUBMISSION**

Daniel van Rensburg

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

SUBMISSION 730/14 - PAGE35

- 14. A Pedestrian crossing in Helenslee At Pokeno school, Hillpark and Pokeno road at the schools and day-care centres. Crossing must be in 40km Zone and not in 70km Zone
- Council comment: The crossing Tnd footpTth network Tt this locTtion will be Tddressed

16/ SPEED LIMIT

- 16. Speed limit be set to 50km/h instead of 40km/h in Hillpark Road/ Mark Ball road.
- Council comment: Thank you for your submission. The Speed Limit Bylaw will be out for consultation soon.
- All other communities have a 50km/h speed limit. Why is pokeno punished with lower speed limit as main roads are wide enough and safe enough?

10/ SUPERMARKET

- 10. We propose A Supermarket be built in Pokeno by a larger company like Pack and Save, Foodtown, Countdown, or New World and not smaller vendors. 700 current households, and a further 800 houses to be built in Hitchens division would sustain. This will also be closer than Pukekohe for neighboring towns.
- Council comment: - Progressive Enterprises on the supermarket in Pokeno. We acknowledge your support for such a supermarket. However we want to make sure that the supermarket is located in a precinct that you can be proud of and that will provide a number of related facilities and services that will bring the community together. We are currently doing some planning work for this and we expect to finalize this with the Pokeno Community Committee soon.

8/ 7/ RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND TOILETS

- 8/7. Pokeno subdivision has no recreational facilities for teenagers, whilst all the other townships have a pool, sports fields, swings, parks, and dog exercise areas. Current swings, slide and Jungle gym is only for small children.
- Council comment: Pokeno has land for recreational sports fields on Munro Road.
- This has been promised for more than 2 years now, and no action was taken to date to develop area or to involve the community. A facebook comment was made for the first time this week on Pokeno community page by Jason (co-ordinator). This is high priority as teenagers are bored. There is also no plan for toilet facilities, although this field may be used for competitive school sports, which will attract spectators who will then have to use the outdated toilets in town.

13/ LIBRARY AND COUNCIL OFFICES

- 13. That the Library and Council offices be removed from LTP submission, and a station be built with the funds. Alternatively the Library can be built on top of the new station in Pokeno.
- Council comment: Library and Council offices need to be built to ensure staff and services can be housed in the area. This is to ensure services can be provided where needed in the North
- We only visit the office for dog licenses, recycle bins less than once a year. 3 million dollars on council offices could be spent on more needed development. Libraries are not a high priority as every body has fast broadband. A station is much rather needed for growth. Council can combine and use station buildings

11/ PROPERTY COUNCIL VALUES INFLATED

- 11. valuation is inflated.
- Council comment: Council does not undertake property valuations. These are performed by an independent company named QV who carries out this service nationwide for all councils. If you wish to challenge your valuation you can contact QV to do so.

From: Homes.co.nz

5A Craighall Court, Pokeno Sale Price: \$690,000 (Jan 9018) CV \$740,000

33A Raithburn Terrace Pokeno Sales Price: \$665,000 (Mar 9018) CV \$675,000

66 Hillpark Drive, Pokeno Sale Price: \$760,000 (Mar p0188) CV \$790,000

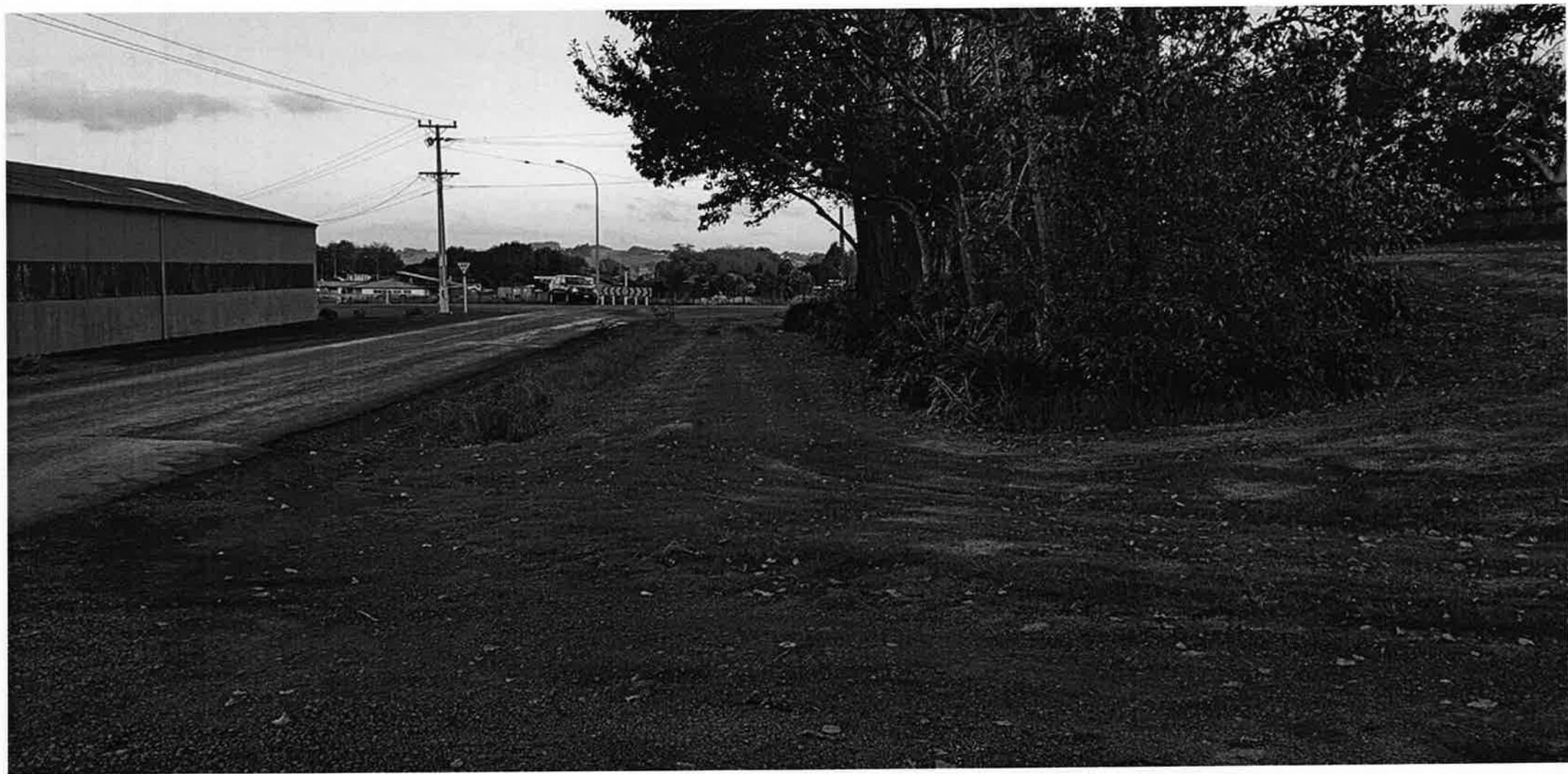
11/ UAGC (UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE) AND LESS BASED OF CAPITAL VALUE

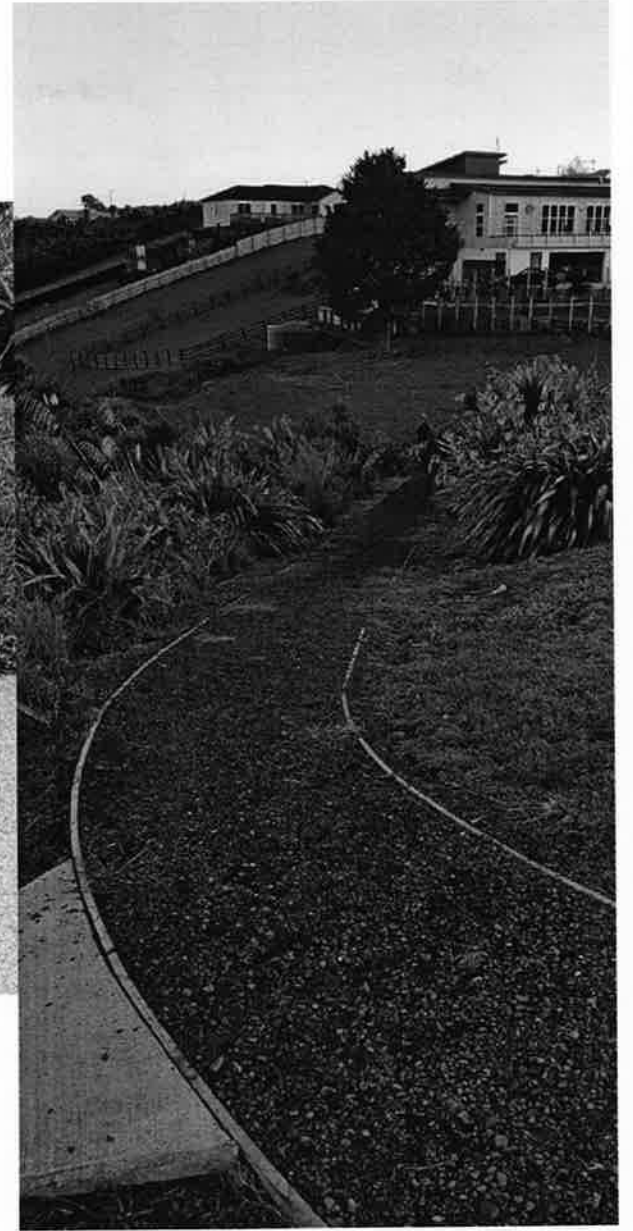
- 11. We prefer Higher UAGC (Uniform Annual General Charge) and less based on Capital value. Council valuation is inflated. as Council valuation is inflated.
- Council comment: Your feedback on the UAGC is noted.



15/ FOOTPATHES EXTEND FROM POKENO TO TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS

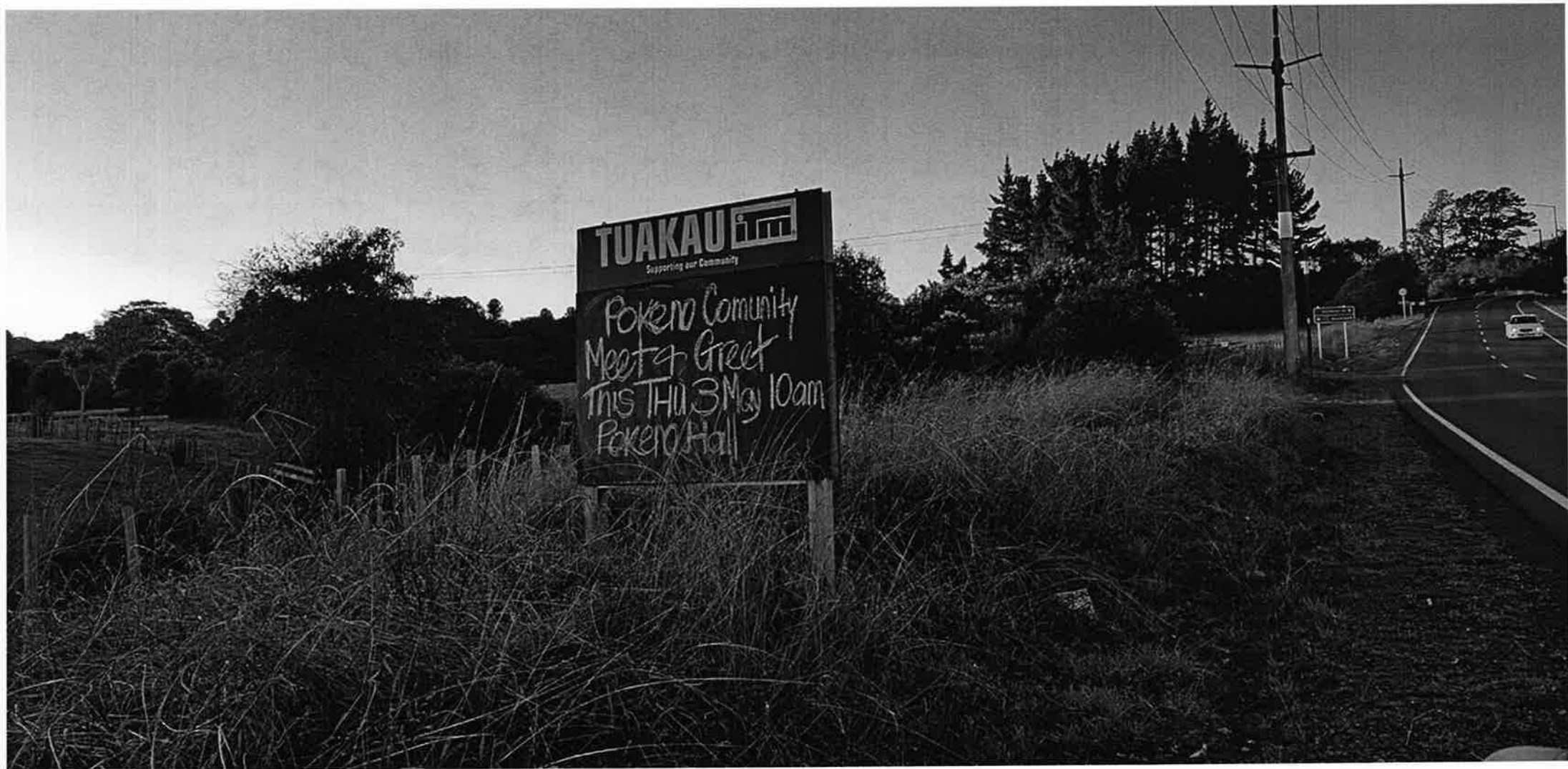
- 15. That the footpaths in Pokeno next to the waterway be sealed, instead of gravel. Footpaths extend from Pokeno to 2 new subdivisions.
- Council comment: The footpath network in Pokeno is being reviewed and works will be programmed over the next 3 year period.
- Some is uneven and washed out, and could be a safety hazard.











17/ DOG EXCERSIZE PARK

- 17. I propose that a Dog Exercise Park that is fenced off be erected in the new subdivision of Pokeno where dogs can be let off leash. It is senseless to load your dog in the car, drive to the Tuakau or Pokeno tennis club dog Exercise Park to be able to let them off-leash. You cannot walk the dog under the motorway through a roundabout to fenced dog exercise area by the old church/cemetery or walk to the Tuakau dog exercise area.
- Council comment: In 2017, the need for an off lead exercise area in Pokeno was identified. Discussions were had within Council to find suitable land that could be used for this purpose and the land adjacent to the tennis courts was identified. Consultation occurred and as a result of this, the Bylaw was amended. At this stage, there are no plans to add an additional off lead exercise area to Pokeno.







- 4/ Water levy should be based on usage per household, or amount of persons per household rather than on "per household" or on "value of property"
- 5/. Fuels levies currently only target diesel or Petrol vehicles and does not tax electrical vehicles, which is not fair. It could also be based on toll for actual users of the road, rather than fuel levy.
- 6/ Toilets in town (Next to town hall) must be upgraded to ensure they are easy to clean and neat and tidy.
- 7/ Toilets must be erected at new sports park, and at totara park, and at the 2 playgrounds in the new subdivision. Children playing in the park must rush home to use the toilets.
- 9/ Don't support the cost for a new cemetery in Whangata Road.
- 12/ For water to use watercare as company for water supply.



National Māori Housing Conference 2018

Maaku ano e hanga tooku nei whare

To: Waikato District Council - Councillors

Presented By: Rangita Wilson (Project Manager) on behalf of the Waikato Housing Conference Committee

Date: 17 May 2018

Re: National Maaori Housing Conference 13-15th November 2018 in Ngaruawahia and Hamilton

Teena Koutou Katoa

‘Mokau ki Runga – Mokau to the South

Tamaki ki Raro – Tamaki to the North

Mangatoatoa ki waenganui – Mangatoatoa in the middle

Pare Hauraki, Pare Waikato Te Kaokao roa o Paatetere ki te nehenehenui – From the mouth of the Waikato River in the West to all of Hauraki, Waikato Hauraki protects the Kaokaoroa o Paatetere range to the Nehenehenui

Waikato taniwha-rau, He piko, he taniwha, He piko, he taniwha – Waikato of one hundred chiefs at every bend a chief’.

WORKING TOGETHER COLLABORATIVELY – MAHI TAHI:

The National Maaori Housing Conference occurs every two years and is held throughout the National regions. The conference provides an opportunity for the regions to showcase their leadership and contribution in the “housing space” context and provides a platform for Maaori and relevant stakeholders to:

- share ideas
- share information – national, regional and local
- network (kanohi ki te kanohi)
- formulate strategies to assist Maaori communities into quality affordable housing.

In 2016 at the Tauranga Moana Conference, Waikato-Tainui made a “tono” to bring the 2018 National Maaori Housing Conference to Waikato that was accepted by the conference fraternity.

Then in November 2016, the Waikato Housing Conference Committee was established to plan the Conference. The Committee comprises members of Waikato-Tainui and Local Waikato Community entities:

- Turner Whanau Trust – Miriama Turner
- Ranga Whanau Trust – Poppy & Trevor Ranga
- Waikato Housing Hub – Trevor Ranga & Yvonne Wilson
- Waikato District Council – Sheryl Paekau
- Hamilton City Council – Muna Wharawhara
- Te Matapihi – Nazarene Mihaere
- Te Puni Kokiri – Pat Nathan
- Te Runganga O Kirikiriroa - Nga Rau Tatangi Ltd (Maori Housing Foundation)
- Waikato-Tainui – Pierre Tohe
- And key individuals involved in Housing and Papakainga delivery in Waikato-Tainui.

THE NATIONAL MAORI HOUSING CONFERENCE 2018 IN WAIKATO:

The National Maaori Housing Conference 2018 will deliver an exemplar conference that is strategic and adds value to every participant, stakeholder, and community housing provider.

The theme of the Conference is:

“Maku anoo e hanga i tooku nei whare. Ko ngaa pou oo roto he maahoe, he patete. Ko te taahuhu, he hiinau. Me whakatupu ke ti hua o te rengarenga. Me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki // I myself shall build my house. The ridge-pole will be of hiinau and the supporting posts of maahoe and patatee. Raise the people with the fruit of the rengarenga, strengthened them with the fruits of the kawariki.” - Kiingi Taawhiao

The theme of the conference draws on this vision of Kiingi Tawhiao, a vision of:

Hope, Aspiration, Reality, Rebuilding & Revitalisation of Maaori people through self-determination.

1. Maku anoo e hanga tooku nei whare will enable participants to leave the conference with a strong tahuu, foundation in the national and regional services

2. Nga poupou, a network of local and community services and he rengarenga he kawariki, by the establishment of key relationships to set a vision and activate aspirations.

THE WAIKATO REGION AS HOST:

The Waikato Housing Conference Committee believes that WDC needs to be involved in this Conference to:

- continue building on the positive relationships with Maaori communities throughout the Waikato Region
- continue the progress that WDC has made in recent times to work with tangata whenua to build on Maaori land in the Waikato region
- continue to work in partnership with Maaori who desire to live, work and invest in the greater Waikato districts

How can Waikato District Council support?

By giving consideration for the outlined request summary.

REQUEST SUMMARY:

- To request sponsorship for the purpose of supporting the planning activities and promotion of the National Maori Housing Conference to be held in 2018 at Turangawaewae Marae and Claudelands Event Centre
- To support staff member – Sheryl Paekau on the Host Planning Committee
- To support the Conference Event by having a ‘Promotional Stall’ at the Claudelands Event Centre
- To consider becoming a ‘Pou Tuarongo Sponsor’ for the National Maori Housing Conference

No reira e rau rangatira ma,

Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Na Rangitamoana Wilson (Project Manager) on behalf of the Waikato Housing Conference Committee

CONFERENCE DATES: TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER TO THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 13 November | Ko te taahu He Hiinau

10.00 am	Pōwhiri
	Kai
12.30pm	Plenary - Pick up feedback/ expectations from 2016 Conference Plenary – National perspectives (Government agencies, Maaori Organisations Opening Address – Kiingitanga or WAIKATO-Tainui (Setting the theme)
5.30pm	Kai
7.00 pm	Whakawhanaungatanga

Wednesday 14 November | Nga pou He Maahoe He Patete

8.00 am	<i>Registrations – coffee and refreshments</i> Plenary – Korero o Tuurangawaewae Marae
8.30 am	Opening address – Welcome from Conference Chair / Komiti Plenary – Maaori Agencies
10.30 am	Morning tea Plenary – Other Organisations e.g. CHP, Councils, Emergency Housing
12.30 am	Lunch (packed lunch for site visits) Whanau Papakainga Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development Success stories (Kirikiriroa)
6.00 pm	Conference Sponsors Networking Reception

Thursday 15 November | He Rengarenga He Kawariki

8.30 am	Registrations – coffee and refreshments
9.30 am	Welcome back
9.40 am	Keynote speaker – possibly Ricky Houghton or Hurimoana Dennis
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	Parallel sessions – papakāinga / community + emergency housing / housing quality / homeownership
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Parallel sessions – papakāinga / community + emergency housing / housing quality / homeownership
3.00 pm	Afternoon tea
3.30 pm	Parallel sessions – papakāinga / community + emergency housing / housing quality / homeownership
4.45 pm	Poroporoaki / closing remarks
6.00 pm	Conference Dinner Banquet

Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Date: Glenda Raumatī

Nga Miro Charitable Trust

Ngaruawahia

Background:

Nga Miro Health Centre was established in 1991 on Turangawewae Marae, as part of the papakainga housing redevelopment. Te Puea Herangi was recognised as a national public health champion. While developing Turangawewae Marae she worked tirelessly to prevent the community she established being impacted by communicable diseases which decimated the Maori population in the late 19th and early 20th century. The marae development included modern housing and sanitation systems, marae whanau were early converts to vaccinations and marae gardens, orchard and the dairy farm supplied food to the pa community. She actually built a hospital on the marae, however she was unable to get approval from district health authorities for it to be used for that purpose. That building eventually became Mahinarangi the main wharenuī on the marae. Her health initiatives were so successful by the 1940s Waikato Maori health status equalled the non Maori population.

By the late 1980's Maori health status had declined with lifestyle diseases i.e., type 2 diabetes, tobacco smoking, cardio vascular disease and cancers being the leading causes of death. The kaumatua of the marae approached the Waikato Area Health Board for support to establish a health centre on the marae and were successful.

Today the organisation is the largest NGO provider of health and social services in Ngaruawahia, delivering services in Meremere, Te Kauwhata, Huntly, Ngaruawahia and the smaller communities in between. Services are targeted at Maori however open to all.

Services:

Health Promotion

Stop Smoking Service

Kaumatua Kuia Support Service

Long Term Conditions Support Service

Breast and Cervical Screening Coordination Service

Whanau Ora

Manaaki Health Fitness Centre

Raukura Hauora o Tainui GP Clinic

Te Puni Kokiri Housing Repairs and Maintenance

Submission:

1. We do not support the key projects identified for Ngaruawahia in the LTP. There is no evidence of these projects having been identified as a priority by the community, in particular the flour mill restoration.
2. The focus on investment in the fast growing communities of Te Kauwhata and Pokeno will inadvertently lead to inequities in the rest of the district in particular the communities with high levels of deprivation .
3. Ngaruawahia is a high dep community who are disproportionately impacted by lifestyle illnesses. Auckland City has for many years recognised the benefit of investing in low/no cost community recreation and aquatic facilities as part of their community wellbeing strategy.
4. The 2018 – 2028 LTP should include a commitment to developing an aquatic recreational facility at Patterson Park in response to the needs identified in the review of WDC aquatic facilities conducted by Global Leisure Group and submissions made to the Ngaruawahia Community Board's LTP consultation conducted in February 2017.
5. WDC budgeted funds to develop a community arts and library facility for Ngaruawahia. Last year at the conclusion of the feasibility process the project was abandoned due to lack of community support. The funds allocated for that project should be diverted to developing the proposed facility.
6. The current town pool site is no longer fit for purpose. An improved facility may divert some of the recreational river swimmers away from the river.
7. Sport is huge in Ngaruawahia with high youth participation rates the facility will improve access to facilities for this cohort and regular use becoming socialised could lead to the eventual decline in the incidence of lifestyle diseases in the community.

Glenda Raumati

Manager

Te Kowhai Community
Building today for tomorrow





Te Otamanui Walkway project

The 'spine' of the village
Public/private partnership
Links to Te Awa & Hamilton?



Doubling of the population?

Community aspirations
Maintain connectivity
Cater for future residents

TE KOWHAI
2016/16/2016

Te Kowhai Community LTP Aims

Interim 'loo' grant (\$1,800 p/a x 2-3 years)
WDC public loos – attached to VG plans







Te Kowhai Community LTP Aims

Land purchase VG

- Funded: 50% by General Rate
- 50% from Newcastle DCs
- Targeted rate for interest

Target rate for future facilities
1996 AP
Construction input by locals

A photograph of a Te Kowhai tree branch with several bright yellow flowers hanging from it.

River Road vicinity resident's submission to the Waikato DC draft Long Term Plan 2018 -2028

Bridget & Scott Dowsett 2614 River Road – on behalf of residents between Driver Road and just east of Smith Road



River Road accessibility and Connectivity

- Focus of our submission is on supporting the Long Term Plan (LTP) 'Vision' : "*Liveable, thriving and connected communities*".
- In our rural environment the only way to connect to nearby Communities of Horotiu and Ngaruawahia ; is by private motor vehicle, as there is **no** public transport/bus service or **safe** walking/cycling pathways.
- River Road is 100 km/hr with narrow (or virtually no) road shoulder and often there is no berm for pedestrians and cyclists to move along the road safely.
- This places families and young children at risk when walking or cycling, if trying to access either other Communities, the Waikato River or the Te Awa Cycleway.



River Road accessibility and connectivity

This photo shows the narrow shoulders on this high speed road and thus safety risk for cyclists.



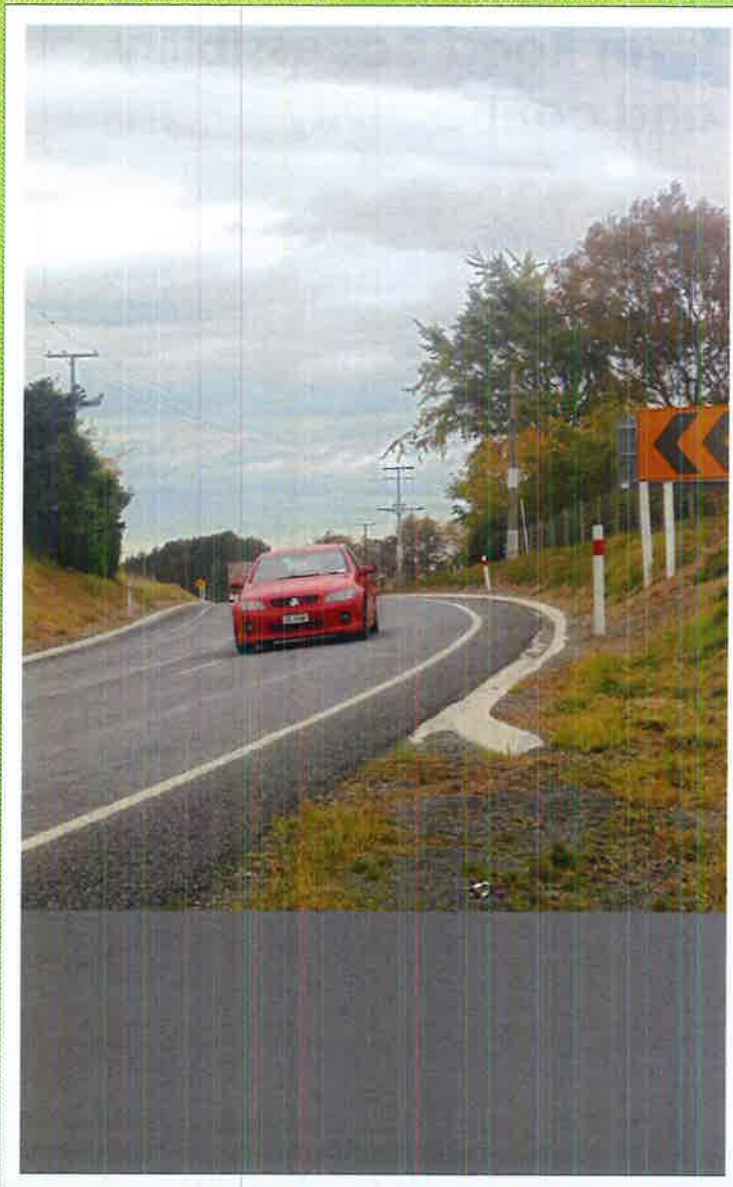
River Road accessibility and connectivity

This photo shows pedestrians walking their dogs on part of River Road, where the shoulder is slightly wider – but still some safety risk.



River Road accessibility and connectivity

This photo illustrates recreational cyclists and the safety risks of narrow road with minimal shoulder.



River Road accessibility and connectivity

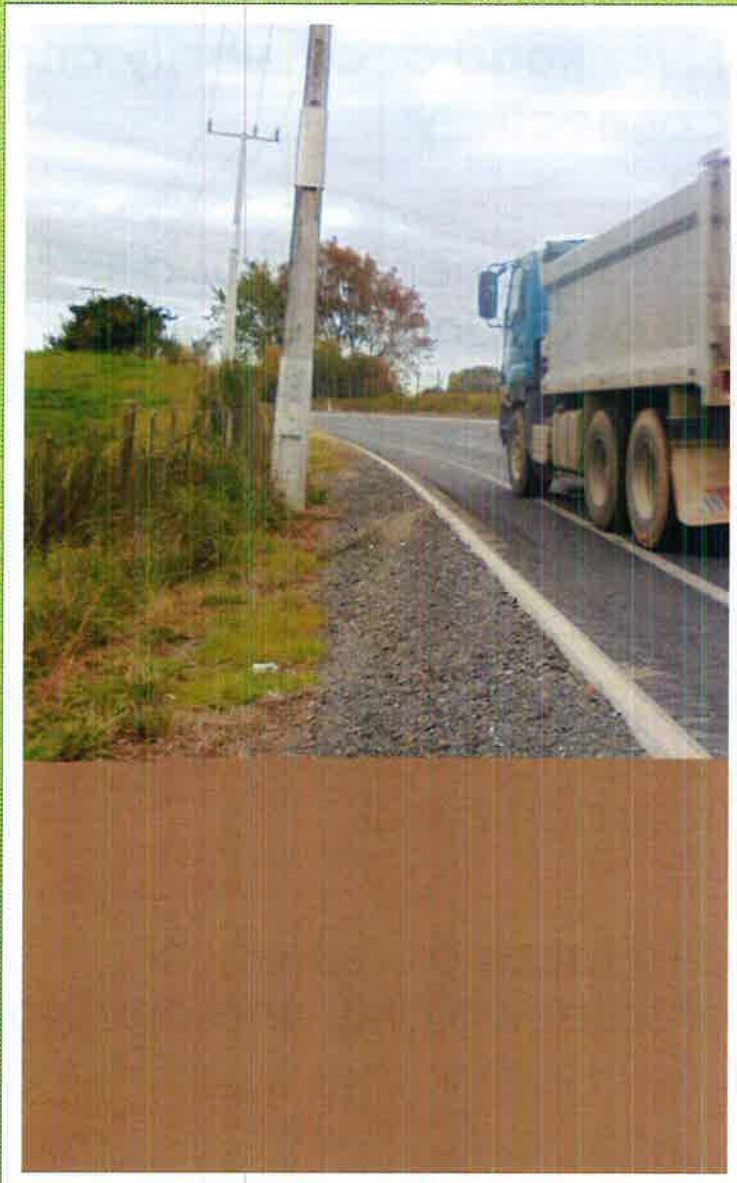
This photo shows recent improved section of River Road, but still risky for pedestrians with narrow or uneven berm.

River Road accessibility and connectivity

The draft 2018 'Government Policy Statement on Land Transport' (GPS) - which applies to all Councils, sets an expectation to '*significantly improve local road safety*' and recent statements by Government indicate a desire to move towards "zero deaths" target with their next Safety Strategy.

At the same time the GPS indicates an *expected increase in Walking & Cycling activity*, including more funding to Councils via the National Land Transport Fund.

Thus Council will be encouraged to focus on '*safety of major rural roads and provision of safer walking and cycling*' along such roads as River Road.



River Road accessibility and connectivity

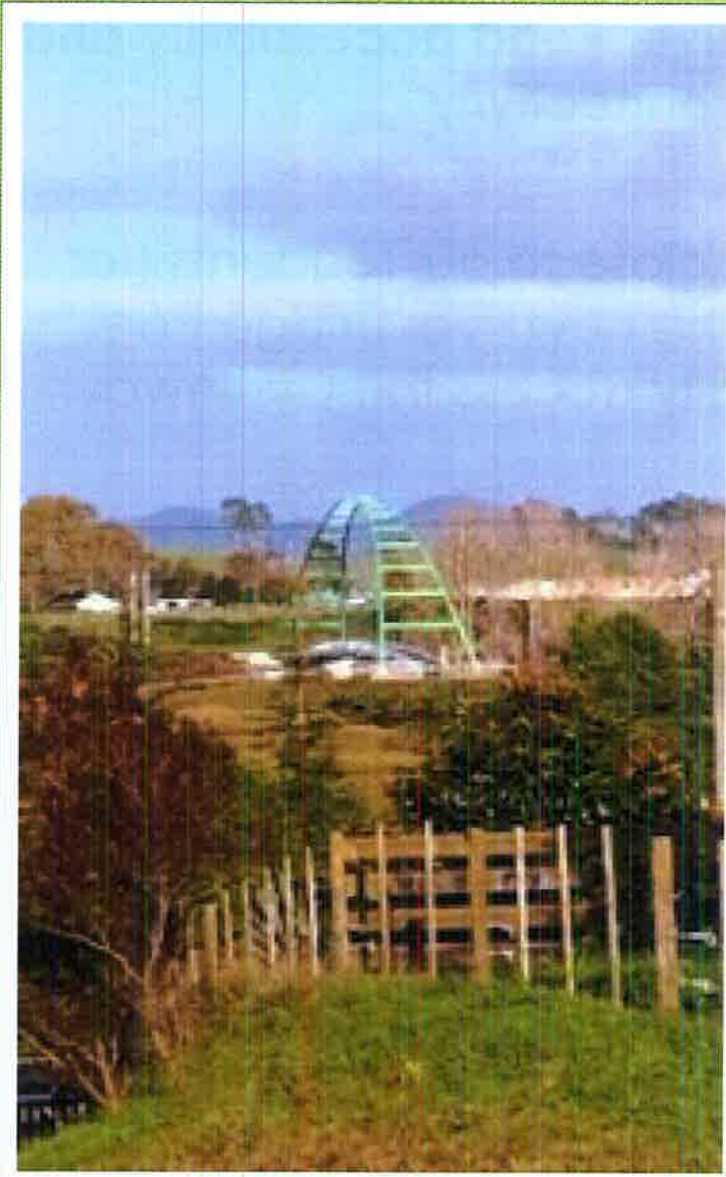
This photo shows recent improved section of River Road, but still very **unsafe** for pedestrians or cyclists.

River Road accessibility and connectivity

Te Awa Cycleway is relatively close to our residents (for example we can clearly see the new river bridge from River Road) but **we can't readily access** the Cycleway.

There are **no easy road** (including unformed roads such as the one opposite Smith Road) access points **to the Waikato River or the Cycleway.**

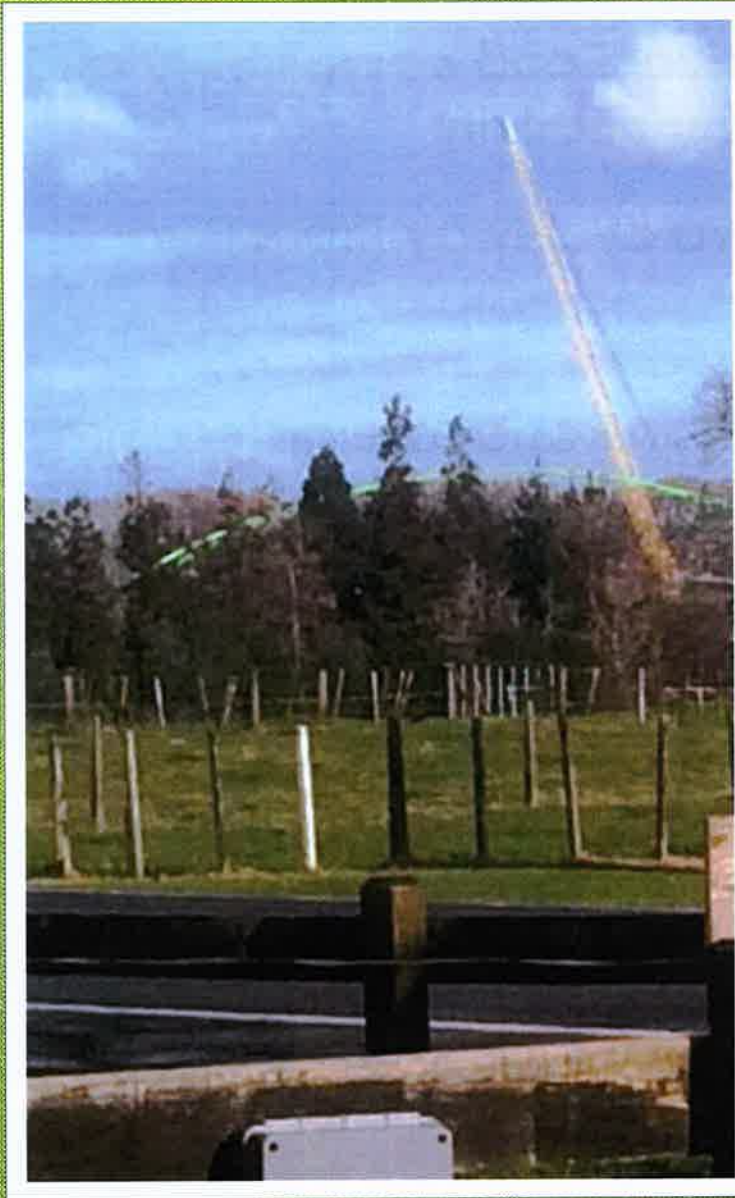
This "lack of access" means poor Community connectivity and poorer quality *"liveability and thriving community well-being"* (as set out in the LTP Vision).



River Road accessibility and connectivity

Te Awa cycleway
bridge viewed from a
property on River Road.

Thus close to residents,
but not accessible !!



River Road accessibility and connectivity

Te Awa cycleway bridge
viewed during
construction - from
Dowsett's driveway on
River Road.

Thus close to residents, but
not accessible !!

River Road accessibility and connectivity

Access to the River and Te Awa cycleway (from River Road) is restricted;

- Unformed roads are fenced off
- Formed roads (such as Sullivan Road) are gated with padlocked chains

Engagement with Council staff has been difficult and protracted, even with the direct help from NZ Walking Access Commission.

The Commission's guidance "**rights and responsibilities for Unformed Roads**" clearly is not being followed by Council.

This does not help our Community thrive and be more liveable (as per the LTP Vision)

River Road accessibility and connectivity

What are we seeking ?

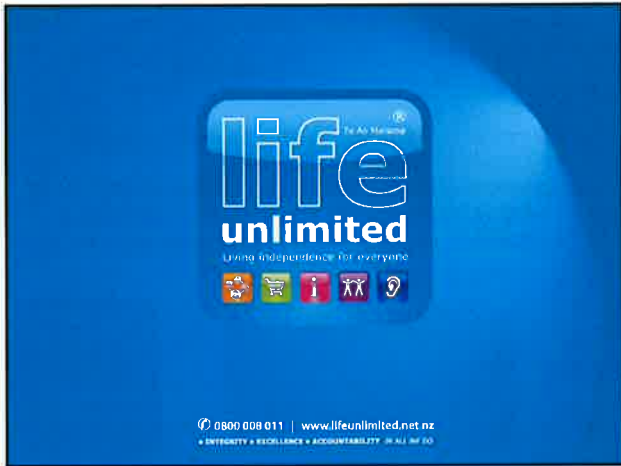
Council to **plan for walking and cycling provision** on the north eastern side of the Waikato River – ultimately from Ngaruawahia to Horotiu bridge - and provide connectivity to the Te Awa Cycleway and the Waikato River.

This will benefit other Communities (e.g. residents at Horotiu and a Circuit both sides of the river for Ngaruawahia residents and others).

Long term this accessibility pathway should be along the river bank, but in the short term needs to be along one side of River Road.

It also needs to be “**off the road carriageway**” for road safety (i.e. at least be on the berm).


We also seek **more direct access to the river** (via roads or unformed roads).



Life Unlimited Charitable Trust


Submission to Waikato
District Council
Draft 10-year plan
17 May 2018

John McIntosh – Community Liasion
April Johnson – Information Advisor




**Six key issues noting nearly
25 per cent of your population,
about 18,000 people, identify as
having a disability:**

- Housing
- Transport
- Environment e.g. footpaths, roads
- Employment
- Disability responsive workshops for front line staff
- Mobility scooter safety awareness



Housing

- Waikato District Council needs affordable housing suitable for both people with disabilities and those with mobility issues
- Current housing is either unaffordable, especially for people on a fixed income, or in need of extensive remedial work
- Council should ensure developers build to Universal Design resulting in fully accessible houses especially for wheelchair and mobility aid users and the elderly



Transport

- Public transport options, while an improvement, still make it difficult for residents to commute to essential services e.g. hospital appointments
- Transport needs to be accessible and affordable for people with disabilities
- Bus shelters need to be covered and low loading buses available.



Environment

- Playgrounds that allow informal play and relaxation for the whole family
- Accessible and user friendly seating, tables and barbecues for people with disabilities, wheelchairs, push chairs, prams, mobility scooters and walkers



Environment

- Wide pathways and footpaths free of sign boards or other obstructions for sight impaired people, elderly, mobility scooters, wheelchair users, prams and pushchairs



Employment

- Unemployment rates for people with a disability is higher than the general population
- Waikato District Council can not legislate but can influence by actively employing people with a disability



Disability responsive training

- Ensuring staff can respond to and interact appropriately with disabled people thus giving staff and customers a better experience



Mobility scooter awareness

- How to operate a mobility scooter safely in the urban environment
- Use, care and safety of mobility scooters
- Partner with Age Concern, council, police, transport, retirement providers



Mobility scooter safety



17 May 2018

Waikato District Council Proposed 2018 Long Term Plan

Village Church Trust Presentation in Support of Submission

Introduction

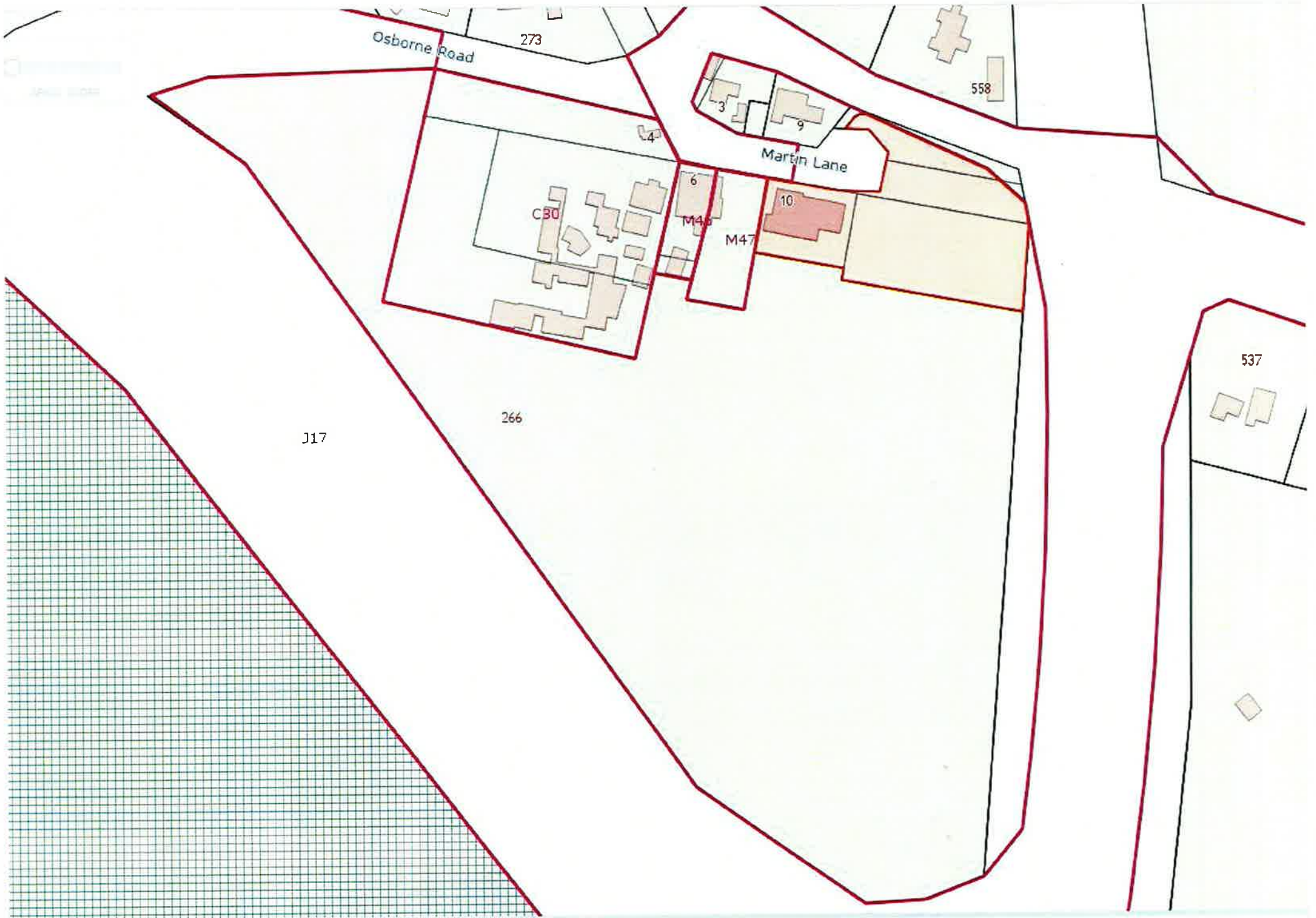
1. My name is Peter Findlay. I have been part of the Village Church community for around 18 years and I am part of its building committee tasked with expanding its current facilities to meet present and anticipated needs.
2. Until recently, I was a Chartered Accountant of nearly 40 years standing, and over the last 15 years I have been involved in many planning processes territorial and road controlling authorities alike within the Waikato Region.
3. The Village Church has been at its current location served by Martin Lane for 100 years. It currently has a congregation size of around 500 people, with a high weekly participation rate at church services and related activities.

Submission

4. This submission is in support of infrastructure improvements related to the proposed link between Resolution Drive and Horsham Downs Road (**Link Road**) illustrated in Figure 1, and matters arising from improvements to the road network. Specifically, the Village Church Trust supports all works related to planning, design and construction of the Link Road and their inclusion in Council's Proposed 2018 Long Term Plan (**LTP**).
5. The Village Church Trust has played its part in making the Link Road a reality through land swap arrangements entered into with the road controlling authorities.
6. The New Zealand Transport Agency (**NZTA**) is committed to completion of the Waikato Expressway in 2020 as is Hamilton City Council to the extension of Resolution Drive. Completion of these projects in conjunction with the Link Road is expected to deliver significant benefits to the transport network in terms of network resilience, capacity, safety and journey times.
7. The projects referred to above reflect significant good faith, investment and co-operation amongst the road controlling authorities to date. Approval of the Link Road in an LTP context supports project momentum, aligns work programmes of the road controlling authorities and maintains the goodwill and co-operation that prevails. In the current environment, NZTA's funding contribution may be relied upon. However, this may not apply in the future. Commitment to the Link Road in the stages of the LTP is most likely to secure NZTA funding and deliver the entire network improvements referred to above.
8. The Village Church congregation use the local road network to attend church services and related functions. Osborne Road and Horsham Downs Road are the predominant routes used, however Horsham Downs Road poses safety and travel time challenges associated with its specific alignment and geometry. The proposed alignment of the Link Road is considered to offer material safety and travel time benefits to the many parties who travel to Martin Lane, particularly those associated with the Village Church, Horsham Downs Primary School, Waikato District Council Community Hall and the two residential properties.

9. The Link Road is currently excavated and in an exposed form on the southern boundary of the Village Church property. It is preferred that construction of the Link Road be completed as soon as practically possible as it will help minimise the effect of dust and address the unsightly view.
10. The Village Church intends to materially add to its current facilities over the next two years or so and planning is well underway to crystallise these intentions. On that basis, completion of the Link Road and other roading projects would dovetail nicely with the intended building programme of the Village Church.
11. The Village Church would like to be consulted on the design, construction and timing of the Link Road to explore whether any design amendments to the Link Road could occur to benefit the operation of Martin Lane and the area in question.
12. Upon completion of the Link Road, the Village Church and all other properties in Martin Lane will be bordered on four sides by roads, namely the Waikato Expressway, the Link Road (Resolution Drive extension), Horsham Downs Road and Osborne Road (see **Figure 1**). The rural zoning attributed to this area is no longer appropriate as it does not align with current activities and those anticipated.
13. In context of the Proposed District Plan expected to be notified for submissions in late June 2018, the Village Church is not aware of any intentions of Waikato District Council to address the 'stranded' or 'orphan zone' that now prevails. The Village Church would like the zoning issue to be addressed in soon to be notified Proposed District Plan and to be consulted on how it is to be addressed.

Peter Findlay



SUBMISSION #720 – Whaingaroa Environmental Defence Incorporated

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Do you want to speak about your submission at this hearing? Yes

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The information about the LTP is set out in 4 documents and this submission is set out under those headings. One, the 'Consultation Document', which is required by the 2014 amendment to the Local Government Act 2002, was delivered to most households (possibly only to 67.2% who are ratepayers, rather than the third who are tenants? - the Act only requires councils to tell people that the document is available and how to access it). Other information is in Regional Council papers and more was made available at consultation meetings, some only in response to questions. Therefore many submissions are likely to be made on the basis of very limited information. The value of such 'consultation' is not as great as it could be, but the 2014 Act does limit the information and it has been audited as within that Act.

Consultation Document
rates % increases

Rate type	current	2018/9	2019/0	2020/1
General rate	2.75%	6.24%	4.8%	3.73%
General rates, UAGC and penalties	\$54.159m	\$58.431m	\$62.215m	\$65.552m
Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)	\$454.49	\$351.96 (-22.6%)		
Water targeted rate	\$213.83	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Water-by-meter	1.82/m ³	4%	4%	4%
Waste water targeted rate	\$896.62	13.9%	2%	2%
Stormwater targeted rate	\$164	2%	2%	2%
Refuse targeted rate	\$111.11	5%	5%	5%

When part of Franklin merged with Waikato in 2011/12, income from general rates and UAGC was \$48.097m. In that period the general CPI has risen 7% and wage inflation 17%. The rates increase has been 12.6%. Water rate was \$357. Wastewater rate was \$510. Stormwater rate was \$215. Refuse rate was \$84.

Effects of possible UAGC changes -

Capital value	Option 1 \$482.85	Option 2 \$351.96	Option 3 \$286.50	Option 4 \$0
\$250,000	\$961.20	\$865.56	\$817.73	\$743
\$500,000	\$1,439.55	\$1,379.16	\$1,348.95	\$1,487
\$750,000	\$1,917.90	\$1,892.76	\$1,880.18	\$2,230

\$1,000,000	\$2,396.25	\$2,406.36	\$2,411.40	\$2,973
\$4,000,000	\$8,136.45	\$8,569.56	\$8,786.10	\$11,892

There are about 32,000 rateable properties, resulting in current UAGC collecting about \$15.5m. So, if UAGC were abolished, general rates would rise by about 40%. Option 4 is calculated on that basis. The other options are from a poster displayed at the Information sessions and belatedly added to the website as '[Roadshow powerpoint presentation](#)'. It is unfortunate that the above table had only limited availability and was not in the consultation document. Therefore the majority of those putting in submissions are likely to be making them based on minimal information.

There seems to have been little research since 2007 on the relationship between property valuation and ability to pay. However, the finding illustrated in the graph below wasn't unexpected, so the relationship between high income and high value property likely remains. That accounts for UAGC being widely regarded as a regressive tax. As such, UAGC should be minimised.

Raglan and Tamahere top the average capital values for the towns at \$610,000. Only the high range rural, commercial and industrial properties would lose significantly from the \$286.50 UAGC, whereas the great majority of town and country dwellers would benefit. For most town ratepayers that is true even if no UAGC were charged.

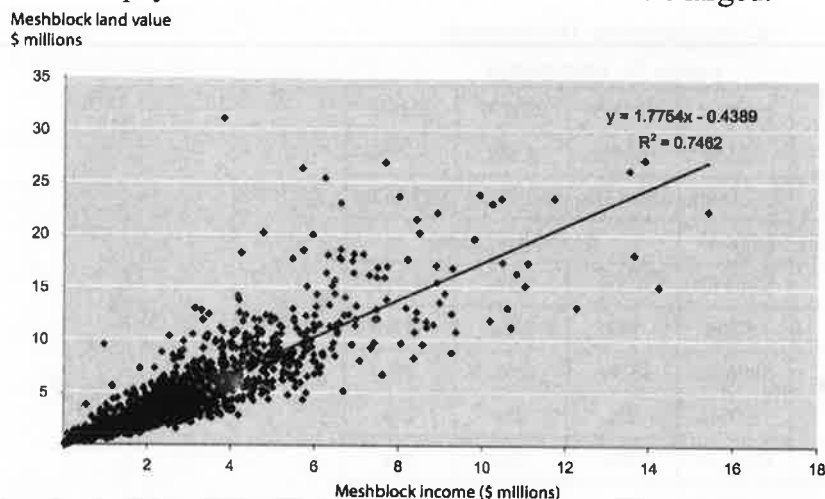


Chart 9-6 Meshblock income compared with meshblock land value, 2003/04

Source: Statistics New Zealand, Household Economic Survey 2003/04; Covec report to the Rates Inquiry.

Dog licences - 'selected owner' (on a fenced property under 20ha and complying with the Code of Animal Welfare) application fees will drop from \$65 to \$20. It is not clear why when so many other fees are rising.

Roading The statements seem in conflict. It is said that, "An 'Alliance' with Downer NZ that provides more cost-effective roading". Yet it is also said that, "Higher depreciation and lower dividends (we no longer have dividend income from a Council-owned roading company) mean we have to increase our general rate." So, apparently Downer is costing more than Strada (after dividends), which is confirmed by the statement that, "About half the increase [in rates] is for transport and roading", which will add \$1.8m from 2018/19, \$1.1m

for emergency works, mainly to respond to storm damage. \$2.58m for permanent restoration of roads damaged a year ago for completion in 2021/22. There will be increases for water and refuse, so rises may be significant for some communities, ranging from 2.68% to 12.75% for properties of average value.

This is relevant to the proposal to set up council controlled water under Watercare. Insufficient information is given to judge the merits of the change, but the conflicting statements about roading raise doubts that Watercare will be any more effective. Council will only have a minority of governors on the board and experience elsewhere is that CCOs are anything but council controlled.

Fuel tax - Support for an 11.5c/litre regional fuel tax is welcome, but seems unlikely to eventuate in the next 3 years.

Raglan projects - There is considerable confusion about projects shown on the map on page 15 of the consultation document. The only survey with significant community input in recent years was done in 2014, but several other lists of Raglan priorities exist -

\$161,000 for restoring the Raglan pillboxes in 2020 is a mystery. It seemed to have been rejected as too expensive when last considered in August 2006. Yet somehow it has made it to the list of Raglan projects in this LTP, despite Tony Whittaker, Cr Lisa Thomson and Raglan Community Board seemingly knowing nothing of how that happened. It is still too expensive and moving heavy machinery on the beach risks damage to the beach.

2023-26 Wainui walkway and bridge upgrade for \$7.6m appears to have evolved from the scheme agreed with Raglan Land Co for that company and council to contribute \$3m each to widening Wainui Rd where it crosses Opororu Creek. This scheme should be evaluated along with parking and shuttle bus proposals to ascertain whether a quality shuttle bus service would be cheaper and more effective than the combined bridge and parking options. Meanwhile, the serious accident with a mobility scooter shows that the walkway over the bridge is unsafe. A clip-on solution should be urgently investigated.

In October 2014 Raglan Community Board Community achieved a 25% response rate (378 survey forms) in a survey which indicated that Raglan's top five Long Term Plan priorities were -

forms	priority
237	Continued development of footpaths in Raglan
185	A heated swimming pool
158	Additional areas for parking in the CBD
143	A new footpath from Whale Bay to Manu Bay
135	Public transport – increase bus services to & from Hamilton

Tony Whittaker said at the 28 March public information session that footpaths will have \$½m pa district wide. As below, this is out of a roading budget of \$34.5m ie 1.5%. As noted below, this is inadequate.

This list of Raglan projects was on display at the 28 March session (even the year sequences don't fit and neither councillor, nor community board, knew anything about them!) -

Year 1 |(2018/19) Install new access way – Raglan Cemetery

Year 2 (2019/20) Coastguard – Raglan- Boat Ramp Upgrade

- Te Mata cemetery expansion

Year 2 (2020/22) Restoration of heritage sites (Raglan pill boxes)

Year 3 (2021/22) Wallis Street – Raglan- Boat Ramp Upgrade

- Greenslade Rd Intersection - Planned for 2020/21
- Lorenzen Bay Rd Ext. - Planned for 2020/21
- Lorenzen Bay Connector Rd - Planned for 2020/21

Year 6 (2023/24 Raglan - new playground

- Puriri Park- Boat Ramp
- Upgrade Wastewater treatment plant upgrade \$15.6m

Year 9 (2026/27 Kopua Domain – RaglanPlayground Upgrade

- Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive - Raglan- Toilet Upgrade
- Wainui Beach - Raglan- Toilet Upgrade

Prioritised amongst the entire district's toilets so date yet to be confirmed

2023-26 - Wainui walkway and bridge upgrade \$7.6m

In 2017 Raglan Community Board submitted this list as their high priority items for the LTP -

No. Project

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- 1 Upgrade and improve wastewater solutions for the pending Consent Renewal *Upgrade and improve wastewater solutions for the pending Consent Renewal *
 - 2 Raglan Naturally Review
 - 3 Raglan Structure Plan
 - 4 Create a footpath/boardwalk from town to Manu Bay and Whale Bay

- 5 Create footpath on Stewart on Gilmour Street and off street parking on Lower Stewart St
- 6 Create more bicycle lanes on high use routes. Ie. from population nodes to school to Kopua to CDB to beach
- 7 Create a Recreation Centre for the community
- 8 Create an indoor swimming pool
- 9 Safety rails on Wainui Bridge
- 10 Parking in CBD
- 11 Improved water quality
- 12 Review Toilet Strategy
- 13 Continue funding and support for Xtreme Zero Waste

The only schemes which have been shown to have any significant support are those in the 2014 survey, most of which have been requested and even planned for, many times -

Staff comments on 2015 LTP submissions calling for a heated swimming pool said, “*A feasibility study was tabled at the September 2014 Raglan Community Board meeting, which recommended that the Swimming Club work with council staff over the next few years to develop a proposal to be considered for the 2018- 2028 Long Term Plan.*” Why has that not happened? Is it still the excuse used over a century ago, as reported in Waikato Times for 17 September 1911? -

Raglan Coronation Baths

They [RCC delegation] saw the Minister of Internal Affairs over a Coronation grant of £200 applied by the Harbour Board for baths at Raglan, but were informed that the application was too late and that numerous other grants had been rejected on the same grounds.

The 2010/2011 WDC Annual Plan had an entry in it for investigating a heated swimming pool for Raglan. The Community Board members decided that, due to continuing community requests, that item should also be proposed as a Raglan priority for the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

As to parking, the staff comment was, “*Council staff will assess the peak parking requirements when the James Street project is completed.*” However, at the recent Raglan Community Board workshop on parking, staff had no figures for use of James St, nor any other statistics about parking in Raglan. At least since 2001, suggestions have been made that a shuttle bus to distribute people around Raglan could be cheaper than extra parking provision, minimise congestion and reduce environmental impact, but no staff time ever seems to have been devoted to its investigation.

The 2015 report said, “*Staff are working on a Trail Strategy which is scheduled to be developed in 2016. This Strategy will identify all linkages that can be used for off road*

walking, cycling and bridle trail purposes. This will include riparian land i.e. esplanade reserves and unformed legal roads as well as road reserves in some areas and other green spaces and note existing recreational pathways. This document will allow communities to recognise areas of interest and adopt plans in conjunction with Council to creating linkages for recreation i.e. through a Trail Trust. It will also assist Council in prioritising spend of walkway budgets to priority linkages.”

The Trail Strategy has been published and RCB, as above, has included part of it as a priority project, yet it is not in the LTP. It was, though, in the 2009 LTCCP, which said, “It is proposed to develop a walkway over three years from Wainui Reserve to Whale Bay in Raglan starting in 2011/2012 at a total cost of \$198,000.” This was in response to a petition highlighting the danger of Wainui Road for cyclists and walkers (many with surfboards).

Is there any logic, or procedure, regarding how projects are included in the LTP and how they are progressed? The degree to which petitions, community board decisions and surveys have been ignored, causes many to ask whether consultation is a sham and results in them not participating. Now is the time to show consultation is not just ticking a box, as legally required.

supporting information

Sewage upgrade - \$15.6m Decision to be in 2021 LTP, followed by Design/Construction 2023-24.

The limited information available - “The resource consent for the discharge of treated wastewater from the Raglan WWTP expires in 2020 and more stringent environmental outcomes are expected to be required.

Relocate the treated wastewater discharge from the harbour to an ocean outfall (preferred).”

“• Upgrade the wastewater treatment plant and discharge higher quality treated wastewater into the harbour.”?

“The requirements of new consent are unknown.”

“Technology is changing so new processes may be available to improve effluent quality.”

“The community may not support continued discharge to the harbour or ocean.”

leaves these questions unanswered -

Why is putting nutrients in the ocean preferred?

Why not into a carbon-sink forest?

To avoid an expensive resource consent application, these questions should be clearly answered and design work done jointly with the Raglan community.

Other unexplained Raglan proposals -

An additional bulk water main for Raglan is planned in 2019 to improve resilience. Where, why, what alternatives, such as tank storage of roof water, might be possible?

These funds are shown, but there is no indication as to how they will be used, nor how decisions about that use will take account of community preferences -

	Current	2018-2028 income	spending planned
Raglan Harbour reserve funds	\$26,000	\$5.405m	\$5.193m

Raglan Kopua Holiday Park reserve	\$1.325m	\$17.478m	\$13.192m
Wainui Reserve farm	\$276,000	\$1.756m	\$2.027m

Proposed charges

The proposed charges are being increased by varying percentages. It is not clear why. Dog charges and pensioner rents are mentioned in the consultation document. In contrast to steep rises in pensioner rents, Raglan Aerodrome's casual use per day fee has not risen since 2013 and is not proposed to increase. It is now out of line with comparable airfield charges –

Matamata \$15 per landing, touch & go, approach & go, or missed approach

Hamilton \$13.75 per landing + weight charges

Parakai, West Auckland \$15.70 per circuit + weight charges

As a result the costs (not disclosed) of mowing and other maintenance are very probably not met (receipts from landing fees not disclosed either) and there is an incentive to use Raglan for training pilots in take off and landing. The noise of aircraft very likely more than offsets any benefits from visits by wealthy aviators and there is no reason to subsidise the aerodrome from general rates.

	current \$	2018/19 \$	2019/20 \$	2020/21 \$
Raglan wharf Fishing vessels pa	1,225	1,258 (2.7%)	1,294 (2.9%)	1,332 (2.9%)
Raglan Aerodrome – casual use per day	10	10 (0%)	10 (0%)	10 (0%)
- landing fee for clubs / similar organisations pa	585	601 (2.7%)	618 (2.8%)	636 (2.9%)
Housing for elderly (Raglan has none) “Recently announced pension increases should assist tenants to cover this”!	130	156 (20%)	182 (16.7%)	208 (14.3%)

Financial Strategy

The statement that, “For Roothing there have been great efficiencies resulting from the Council’s innovation of its Roothing Alliance”, seems at odds with the 10.3% increase in spending on roading, as shown from page 82 of the 149 pages in tables showing planned spending under these headings -

	current \$000	2018/19 \$	%	2019/20 \$	%	2020/21 \$	%
Stormwater	2074	2049	-1.2	2133	4	2250	5.2
Water	9664	9719	0.6	10490	7.9	11292	7.6
Sewage	10768	12128	12.6	12817	5.7	13515	5.4
Governance	8459	6511	-23.0	7207	10.7	7086	-1.7
Sustainable Environment - animal control, building quality, environmental health, liquor licensing, civil defence, rural fire, refuse	20985	23696	12.9	25399	7.2	26559	4.6
Sustainable Communities - economic development, planning, pools, libraries, parks	24115	24651	2.2	26159	6.1	26906	2.9
Roothing	31332	34548	10.3	35642	3.2	36268	1.8
Whole of Council	102870	112100	9	119206	6.3	124892	4.8

NB There must be some duplication, as the current 'Whole' is \$4,527,000 less than the totals of the rows above it. It is not clear why we need less spent on stormwater, when pollutants are still going in waterways.

A poster at Raglan's 28 March public information session showed General Rates as being spent -

Roading	36.8%
Parks	20.8%
Leadership	11%
Offices	10.1%
RMA	9.8%
Libraries	3.8%
Environmental health	2%
Animal control	1.9%
Grants	1.7%
Solid waste	0.8%
Water supply	0.4%
Sewage	0.4%
Stormwater	0.1%

Why do we need so much more spent on roading? What part of it is going to walking, cycling and buses? To what extent does it achieve the "*Objective - To ensure that the district is easy and safe to get around and alternative transport options are available*"?

Waikato District's priorities for public transport in draft LTP

There is no mention of bus services in the other papers, but this table was in a Regional Council document -

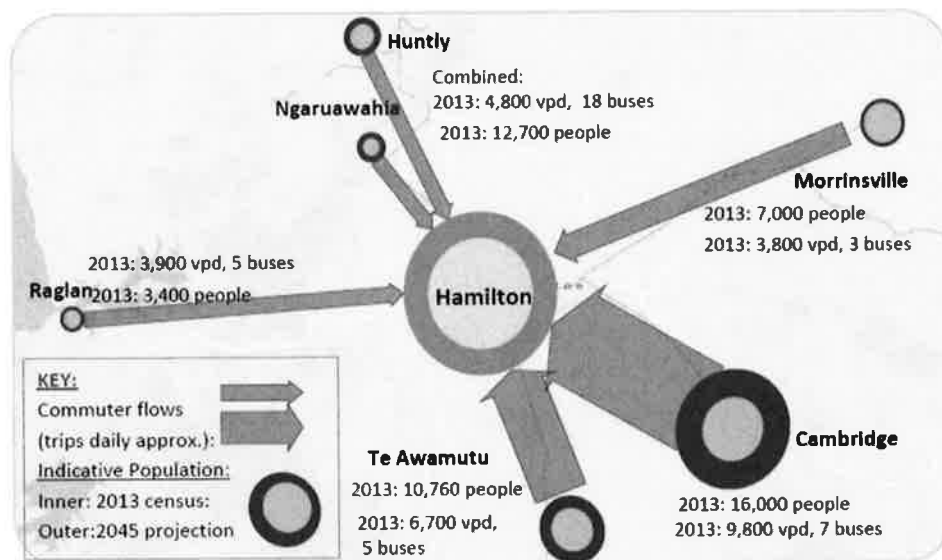
Route	2018-9	2019-20	2020-1
Raglan to Hamilton bus	117,000	119,574	122,205
Huntly to Hamilton bus	220,000	224,840	229,786
Pokeno to Pukekohe bus	126,250	258,055	263,732
all buses	585,786	776,052	793,142
% of roading budget (4.3% had no car in 2013)	1.7	2.2	2.2

2.2% increases, except for 2018-19 Pokeno

WRC says these are "*business cases for 'additional services' planned in the draft 2018 LTP and do not include spend on current services*". No information has yet been given as to what additional buses are planned for Raglan with this extra \$117,000.

The total of spending on buses and footpaths as a percentage of the transport budget is well below the proportion of ratepayers without cars. The yearly increases are below those of most other council spending. As many more would prefer to use their cars less, these proportions should be greatly increased, in line with the more than doubling provided for in the new Government Policy Statement on transport.

Especially with the work now being done on Raglan's seasonal population, why is Raglan (2013 population 2,736) getting less than half the additional services of Pokeno (2013 population 1,782), when its summer population is probably 10 times as large? The effect on the farebox ratio of the 27.7% increase in Raglan passengers in January 2018 has not been given, though the last 12 months show the Raglan farebox ratio was 47.15%. This is high in comparison to the 12 monthly figures for Hamilton: 34.06%, and the region as a whole: 35.74%.



This diagram from Hamilton's LTP process shows Raglan as the only town where the vehicles per day exceed the town's population. This is because, during summer, Raglan is the largest town in the district. Raglan should therefore have a bus service at least comparable with the hourly service to Ngaruawahia and Huntly. That would go some way to overcoming the problems of overcrowding, congestion and parking.

Waikato District Council Fees and Charges community consultation Feedback by David and Tiffany Whyte

For the record, think this is a great idea to have all the charges outlined in one place.

Obviously many I have no idea what many of them are about. But the ones I do know about, have digested, and the majority I agree with. There are two however, that I want to comment / want changed.

No spray zone

Appreciate this is working at a cost recovery, for the time required to enter the information into a database and provide (install?) the no spray signs. In principle I support user pays. However in this case I do not. Because of the health and environmental issues around using sprays to control vegetation.

Health is one of those things we take for granted. The council's contractors, sub contractors use a mixture of Metsulfuron-methyl and glyphosate, and the spray will also have some kinds of surfactants, anti foaming agents, biocides, and ions for pH adjustment and other chemicals to help spray effectiveness.

Now the two active ingredients are currently thought to have low toxicity, which is good to see. However my eyes were open to the concept that low toxicity does not equal no toxicity when my oldest daughter when she was about 7 years of age, broke out in some allergic reaction with itchy spots. The only thing we could trace this to, as that the street had been sprayed that day, and she had spent time out on the footpath, and rolling about on the grass.

I also have a friend who experienced chemical poisoning from herbicides in his youth. And ever since has been ultra sensitive to glyphosate. So clearly low toxicity does not equate to benign.

It is not the time or place to undertake a significant review of the health impacts of the two active ingredients, except to acknowledge there are possible health issues from exposure.

Apart from the health effects, there are also environmental effects. For example is it well accepted that Metsulfuron-methyl "has residual activity in soils, allowing it to be used infrequently but requiring up to 22 months before planting certain crops"¹ There is also significant changes in the soil microbiology with repeated applications of glyphosate.

Lastly the myriad of non-active ingredients in sprays, the so called inert ingredients do also carry risks. "US EPA has identified almost 3,000 substances, with widely varying toxicity, that are used as inert ingredients in the United States. For example, paper is used as an inert ingredient, but so are toxic chemicals such as naphthalene and xylene. Also, about 50% of all inert ingredients are at least moderately risky."²

Thus we can conclude there are possible health effects, especially for those who appear more sensitive to the spray concoction, than others. There are also environmental affects.

Therefore from an ethical point of view the council should encourage land owners to undertake mechanical control of weeds, rather than chemical. There is significant cost for the resident to become a no-spray zone. This cost is \$212. Now I am sure that this is purely a cost recovery for the council. To update the database, contacting contractors, who then have to contact their sub-contractors, and production (and installation?) of no-spray signs.

This is a prohibitive barrier for some who would like to become spray free. We should be making it easier for those who have health issues, to look after their health, or want to do the environmentally beneficial thing. Given that significant numbers of residents in Huntly and surrounds are from lower socio-economic groups, the current cost is prohibitive for them regardless of their reasons for pursuing these things.

Other councils do not have this barrier for pursuing the healthier options. I asked my contacts for their own personal experience, and the following three examples came back:

- Far North District Council, would appear not to have fees
- Whanganui currently does not have a fee
- Haruaki District Council has no charge to be on the spray free register, and/or update the records, and are highly responsive if no spray land is inadvertently sprayed.

Therefore in areas of similar geography, or socio-economic groups, councils are not charging for this service. WDC should follow their lead. Less spray also means less cost.

Now if WDC is concerned that people may change back and forth between spray / no-spray, then a charge for changing more than once a decade (assuming that land has the same owner for this period) or some other suitable time-frame would be acceptable. But I personally don't think people would want to flit from one type, to another.

Recommendation.

Fee for going onto no-spray zone be removed.

References:

1 Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metsulfuron-methyl>.

2 *Environ Health Perspect.* 2006 Dec; 114(12): 1803–1806. Published online 2006 Aug 18. doi: [10.1289/ehp.9374](https://doi.org/10.1289/ehp.9374)

Council Pool Charges

One's perspective on facilities change when you have personal experiences with those with disabilities. My father contracted polio when he was a toddler. He is very grateful that he got off very lightly compared to other victims, and has lived, and continues to live, a very active and full life, currently volunteering at a school in the middle of nowhere in Tanzania. But he does only have 1 normal leg. The other leg is a few cm's shorter, and the muscular development in this leg is poor. So he has never been able to stand on this leg only.

What is interesting about this, is that this has affected fitness options. As he can't run, and anything that requires two strong legs is out. Thus he is left with swimming as the only enjoyable and effective exercise. Thus he has lived close to the sea, or near to a municipal pool for his whole life (except for his current adventure in Tanzania).

Thus I do not see the pool as just an entertainment facility (and Huntly pools is great at this) but also as a health facility.

Now fortunately polio is no longer a major concern in NZ. But in Huntly and its surrounds obesity and diabetes are a major health concern. It is not until you have personal experience with someone who is morbidly obese that you begin to appreciate how limited options are for physical activity. The forces on the ankles, knees and hips are very high. Thus any impact sport is completely out of the question. And non impact sports such as biking are also out of the question. Also with say something like walking, which is an option, chaffing created by the movement can be very painful.

Thus the only enjoyable option is swimming / water walking.

People with diabetes, who are also typically overweight, are at high risk of amputations. Elderly people also run out of exercise options, and especially once a fall or other injury occurs. Rehabilitation via water, supporting body weight, is also the only real option available to many with fragile bodies.

It is surprising, given the population of Huntly, that one observes in daily life, that there is significantly more people using walking aids, than say in Hamilton city or even other places in the Waikato district.

Thus you can see Huntly pool is, and has significantly more potential, to be used as a health facility.

The other issue when you are morbidly obese, elderly or having injury affecting mobility, you are more highly likely to be on some kind of benefit. Again unless you have lived for a period on a very low income / benefit, then you will not appreciate how challenging life, is and what would be considered simple / small experiences become large problems.

Now we all know that one run doesn't make you a runner, and for those who want to exercise or rehabilitate 2 – 3 sessions a week is required. Currently this would be \$ 9 - \$ 13.50. To put that into perspective, once cost of housing is removed, more than 10% of someone's benefit! Thus to increase the price to \$ 6.50 (check) a visit, would make exercise impossible. Thus dooming these people to a downhill health spiral. I have been contacted by someone in the community who stated that they know of elderly people who would like to currently use the pool more for their rehabilitation from injury who are unable due to the current cost.

Thus I ask a new category be created. One for beneficial, retired or injuries (green prescriptions from the Doctors?). The fee for this should be levied at \$1, and not subject to change for a significant length of time. If the council wishes to restrict this to off peak times (if crowds are an issue) then so be it.

Also think that the other charges should be held constant and not increased by X%

Recommendation:

Huntly pool entry charges stay constant.

A new charge of a \$1 be introduced for beneficiary's / retirees and ACC / medical patients.

Water charges

I am shocked, but not surprised, to see that within a year of water charges occurring, the price has been increased. The water meters were sold on the concept that they would save money. Furthermore we are asked about what option we would prefer for the water company, and again millions of dollars are supposed to be saved.

For the life of me, I cannot understand how savings equates to increasing charges in WDC bureaucrats minds. Maybe if WDC actually got its systems sorted out, these increases wouldn't have to be charged.

I don't know if this is unique to Huntly and Ngaruawahia, but the billing roll out has been a cluster fuck. And yes I did just use that word! It seems like very time a water bill appears, within a week or so, a new water bill appears, because the previous one was wrong. Furthermore WDC is not able to

put more than one water bill in an envelope. So WDC is paying for postage expenses that are not required. Multiple rates can be enclosed into the same envelope, but water bills cannot?

Maybe if WDC improved their own internal systems they would find that the price of water would not have to be increased.


So there should be no increase in water charges. Given that large chunks of WDC are low socio-economic areas, many people are renting. The landlords have had a reduction in rates, and many renters an increase in bills. Once again the most vulnerable people are being charged, while those better off are getting the benefit.

Therefore the cost for water should remain the same, or shock horror decrease with the supposed savings.

Recommendation:


That the unit charge for water stays a constant amount at \$

Fees & Charges



Feedback by
David and Tiffany Whyte

The price of water



Sold to rate payers on



A glass jar filled with coins sits on a wooden table. A person's hands are visible in the background, one holding a pen and writing on a document.

Cost savings passed onto tenants?



A cardboard house model sits on a wooden surface next to a cardboard tag that says "FOR RENT".

Cost savings

"leading to a cost saving of \$15 million in interest payments over this period"

But now an increase ?!

~5% fee increase in first year ?? !!

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/news/3299181/Waikato-goes-with-flow-on-water-meters>

Crises of Confidence in Water



What do people think when:



Result



Recommendation

- **No increase in water charge**
 - Until perceived confidence increases
- If extra money is required
 - Increase in water fixed charge rates

Community pool

- Is it entertainment or health centre?

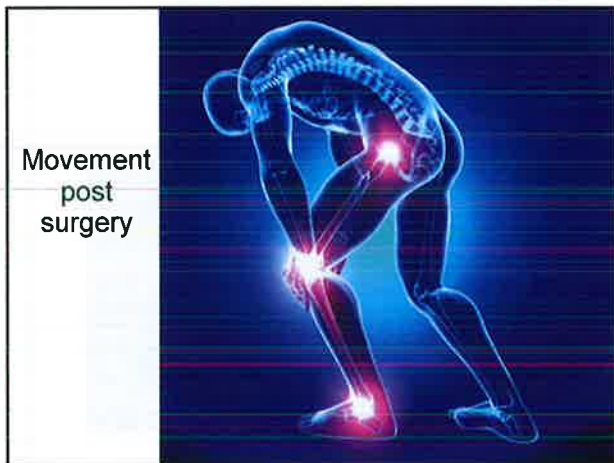


Severe obesity limits exercise options



Water exercise is one of the few options





Falls and the resultant loss of mobility is **thee** major reason for loss of quality of life for elderly

Pool is competing against river

- Increase in pool price, increases river attractiveness

Recommendation

- Huntly pool prices remain static
- New options created for:
 - Green prescription
 - ACC injurys
 - Community services card holders
- At \$1 / swim
 - Could be limited to off peak ?