

Agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board to be held at Riverside Rooms, Huntly Civic Centre, 148 Main Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024** commencing at **6pm**.

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3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

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To	Huntly Community Board
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	Tuesday, 14 May 2024
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board (HCB) held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – HCB Meeting Minutes – 9 April 2024.

MINUTES for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held at Waahi Marae, 177C Harris Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

Ms S Matenga (Chairperson)
Mr GB McCutchan (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms K Bredenbeck - (*until 7.30pm*)
Mr F McNally - (*until 7.28pm*)
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu
Ms E Wawatai
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)
Cr P Storey (Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council)
Mr E Whangapirita (Procurement Manager)
Ms S McGaighran (Friendship House Huntly/Creative Huntly)
Pipanz Trust Representative (*via audio visual link - from 7.01pm until 7.05pm*)
Ms K Sikisini (Taniwharau Junior Rugby League Club)

Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McNally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board accepts the apologies from:

- a. Mr J Sandhu for non-attendance; and**
- b. Ms K Bredenbeck & Mr F McNally for early departure.**

CARRIED

HCB2404/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr McInally/Cr Whyte)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received; and**
- c. accept a tabled item from Mr McCutchan (Deputy Chairperson Report).**

CARRIED

HCB2404/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

A declaration of non-financial interests were made by the following Board members:

- Cr D Whyte in relation to Agenda Item 6.4 (Discretionary Fund application for Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc (applicant is a family member)
- Mr F McInally declared his role as the President of the Huntly RSA.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Matenga)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 27 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

HCB2404/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present.

REPORTS

NZ Police Update

Agenda Item 6.1

There was no member of the NZ Police present for the meeting.

Waikato Regional Council – Long Term Plan Presentation
Agenda Item 6.2

The powerpoint presentation was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and Cr P Storey (Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council) addressed the Board and the following discussion was held.

- Cr Storey gave a brief overview of the geographical area that Waikato Regional Council (WRC) oversees and noted that it was one of the largest Regional Councils in the country.
- A snapshot of the impact on Regional Council rates was given and further detail was provided outlining the percentage of rates increases over the Long Term Plan period.
- The proposals for the Long Term Plan were presented and the focus for the Regional Council over the Long Term Plan period include:
 - a. Investment in the Regions Biodiversity
 - b. Simplifying public transport investment
 - c. Regional economic development funding; and
 - d. Investment and Affordability.
- The Public Transport proposal was highlighted and the current funding and rating model was noted that Waikato District Council currently collect the rates for Public Transport however Waikato Regional Council are proposing the collection of rates for public transport from Year Two.
- The Long Term Plan consultation period runs from April 2nd through to Thursday, May 2 2024 until 4pm.

Discretionary Fund Report – 25 March 2024

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- The Senior Democracy Advisor printed and distributed a PDF hard copy of the Discretionary Funding Guidelines from the Council website for the members information.
- Mr McNally raised his disappointment with the agenda not containing an application for funding for the Huntly RSA for the Anzac Day Dawn Service. The Senior Democracy Advisor advised the Board that no application for funding from the Huntly RSA was received for this year's service.
- Mr McNally advised that Council was providing funding for the Dawn Service and to date he had not had a response as to the funding that Council was providing. The Senior Democracy Advisor again advised that Mr McNally needed to follow up his application with the Council Events Planning Team as that is where the application is sitting.
- Mr McNally then raised again his concern with the applications for funding that have been included in this agenda and once again advised that his belief is that these applications do not meet the Discretionary Funding guidelines and local sports clubs and community groups should be seeking funding elsewhere.
- The Chairperson called order to the meeting due to the back and forth nature of the funding discussion with multiple members providing their thoughts on the Discretionary Funding guidelines.
- The Senior Democracy Advisor advised Mr McNally that all funding applications received to date have met the guidelines and have a right to be heard by the Board. It was further advised that the Board could decide whether to approve or decline a funding request and do not have to approve every funding request that is on the agenda – however it was reiterated again that the Board cannot stop a request from being heard.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund report to 25 March 2024; and**
- b. receives the Project Accountability Forms from:**
 - i. Friendship House for the 2023 Christmas Parade; and**
 - ii. Taniwharau Netball Club for their event in September 2023; and**
- c. approves the payment of the invoice for \$2,000 from the Huntly Community Board discretionary fund for the creation of the Huntly Community Board website (as per the commitment made in December 2023).**

CARRIED

HCB2404/04

Discretionary Fund Application Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- A brief discussion was held in relation to the application process and the formatting of the application form itself. It was noted that it is very hard to read and it would also be appreciated if applicants could receive an email acknowledging receipt of the application form.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to follow up the Web Content Team to discuss the application form and whether an acknowledgement email could be sent to all applicants on receipt of form.

- A brief discussion was held in regards to the Project Accountability forms and how much information the Board wants to see in the agenda moving forward.

ACTION: Funding Representative to email Friendship House re: Project Accountability form.

The following applications for funding were received by the Board and the following discussion was held:

Pipanz Trust

- A representative from Pipanz Trust appeared via audio visual link at the meeting and briefly addressed the Board and gave an overview of the Trust, however the connectivity issues meant that the representative was unable to answer all questions and disconnected from the meeting.

- The Board highlighted concerns with the application and noted that the trust covers areas for Resilience that Council already have funding and other support in place for.
- It was noted that the Board would decline the application for funding.

ACTION: Funding Representative to advise applicant via email of the outcome.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. declines an allocation of \$5,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Pipanz Trust
 - ii. for the Cross-Cultural Community Resilience Events.

CARRIED

HCB2404/05

Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc

- The Board approved the application with no further discussion held.

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Mr McNally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$275.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:
 - i. Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc
 - ii. for the Dice & Districts Event.

CARRIED

HCB2404/06

Huntly Squash Racquets Club

- Concern was raised from the Board around discretionary funding for a paid position at a sports club and it was also noted that the Board were unsure how many junior members the club actually have.
- No member of the club was present to speak to the application so further questions could be raised.

- It was advised that the club can approach either Sport Waikato or appear again in front of the Board to answer questions at a later date.

ACTION: Funding representative to advise the Squash club of the outcome and invite the club to present to the Board at another time.

Resolved: (Ms Bredenbeck/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **declines an allocation of \$4,200.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Huntly Squash Racquets Club**
 - ii. **for their Junior Club Squash Coach.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/07

Taniwharau Rugby League Sports Club

- Ms K Sikisini presented the application to the Board and gave an overview of the funds requested.
- The need for this funding has come from Waikato Rugby League putting a requirement on all clubs to provide referees moving forward.
- Ms Sikisini acknowledged the significant amount that the club has requested from the Board and advised that they will be applying for funds with other bodies and seeking other funding sources to assist.
- The club has a significant amount of junior teams for the 2024 season and referring courses along with first aid upskilling is vital to allow local clubs to thrive and partake in competitions
- The Board noted they were happy to contribute some funds towards the Professional Development aspect of the application.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Ms Bredenbeck)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **approves an allocation of \$1,200.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Taniwharau Rugby League Sports Club**
 - ii. **towards the cost of Professional Development for the Hei Kaiwawao Junior Club Clinic.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/08

Friendship House Huntly (Creative Huntly)

- Ms S McGaighran addressed the Board and provided an overview of the Movie Night proposal for the Huntly Community.
- This event provides a great opportunity for community members to partake in a movie night on Saturday, 25 October (Halloween Theme with R18) and Saturday, 30 November (Christmas Theme).
- The event allows the community to come along and take part in an event that doesn't cost the earth to participate in and is a fun event for the whole family.
- The costs being requested from the Board will cover the hireage fee for the War Memorial Hall; the Sound System to run the movies and a koha (donation) for the alternative venue.
- Other community groups are helping with the event by providing the kai (food) and the projector screen.

Resolved: (Cr Matatahi-Poutapu/Mr McInally)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **approves an allocation of \$1,800.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Friendship House Huntly (Creative Huntly)**
 - ii. **for the Creative Huntly Movie Nights.**

CARRIED

HCB2402/09

Mr F McInally & Ms K Bredenbeck departed the meeting after this item at 7.28pm & 7.30pm.

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items December 2023

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HCB2404/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- Station is moving on Tuesday – cost coming in at just on \$500,000.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Tumate Mahuta Drive Park

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Planned Projects (Roading/Projects/Waters Teams)

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Jakeman Place – Huntly Road Naming Policy:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Community Safety

- Chairperson provided an update that work had been done to deter Boy-racers congregating in different areas in the community.
- It was noted that a response was received from the Service Delivery General Manager to Cr Paaniora in relation to a query she had for community safety.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Social Procurement

- Mr E Whangapirita (Procurement Manager) spoke to the Board and advised that he wanted to follow up with members to determine how his team can support the Board in moving this item forward
- The Procurement Manager advised that he wants to ensure the voice of the board is not only heard but is also guiding the conversation and direction for social procurement in Huntly.
- The Procurement Manager asked the Board to think about the Social Impacts on the community when delivering services, the costing of services and local employment opportunities.
- The Procurement Manager noted that he would really like to have some direction from the Board in this space to ensure the Board has a role in bringing Social Procurement to life so the Council team are able to get started with work.

- The Board will look at discussing this further at the Board workshop next week to get this moving forward and it was noted that can even look at the Board vision statement to align with this kaupapa (policy).
- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu spoke to the Board about Localism and mana whenua in the social procurement space and advised that she is look at ideas to blend these two spaces moving forward.
- The Procurement Manager advised the Board to think broadly in this space; think big and it can be narrowed down. The Procurement Manager further advised that once he has the Boards ideas he will come back to the Board with a one year plan and what is required to complete it.
- It was noted that the Huntly community has a high unemployment level and any ideas that could bring work into the community would be a great start .

ACTION: Board Workshop to be organised out of cycle to discuss social procurement and get the item moving forward.

Traffic Barriers – Tumate Mahuta Drive:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Lake Puketirini Project

- Cr Whyte advised that the idea of having the Waka Sports Club taking over the area for holding their waka inside the fencing cannot unfortunately happen as they are not are registered entity. It was further noted by Cr Whyte that he needs some help in this space.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule

New Works & Issues Items – To Add:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Planned Projects:

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

2024 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.6

Due to the Enhanced Annual Plan community engagement session taking place on Thursday, 11 April at 6.30pm no further discussion was held.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.7

A verbal update was provided by the Chairperson and the following discussion was held:

- Social movements in the community was noted by the Chairperson and it was advised that the Christmas Eve dinner was attended by 247 whaanau (family) in the community and was really enjoyable.
- It was further noted that there was a lot of work and contributions to the Community Christmas Eve dinner from other local community groups and businesses to help make this event a great success.
- The Chairperson noted that since the closure of the Huntly Birthcare Centre there have been three childbirths that have taken place at Waahi Paa which is great for the community.
- The Chairperson acknowledged the Waitangi Day event that was held at Huntly College.
- Raahui Pookeka Rangatahi Leadership workshop day: The Chairperson gave an update on the Leadership workshop that was held at Waahi Whaanui. There was a fantastic turnout to the workshop from local rangatahi and there was great ideas and discussions had.
- The Chairperson also gave an update on the Minecraft movie that was partly filmed in Huntly on Rosser Street. It was noted that this filming was a great thing to be part of and good to see action happening in Huntly.

To	Huntly Community Board
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 03 May 2024
Date:	21 May 2024
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz, Chief Financial Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Huntly Community Board on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 03 May 2024. A Project Accountability Form for the Arts in the Park 2024 event has also been received and is attached for your reference.

The Senior Democracy Advisor since the last Community Board meeting has also made contact with the Huntly-Rotongaro Pony Club and requested a Project Accountability Form for the funding they received in 2022.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund to 03 May 2024 report; and**
- b. receives the Project Accountability Form for the Arts in the Park 2024 event.**

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 03 May 2024.

Attachment 2 – Project Accountability Form (Arts in the Park 2024)

HUNTLY COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2023/24 (July 2023 - June 2024)

As at Date: 03-May-2024

GL 10-2040-0000-00-25904

2023/24 Annual Plan

24,026.00

Carry forward from 2022/23

73,669.00

Total Funding**97,695.00****Income****Total Income**

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Expenditure**Resolution No.**

12/07/2023	Payment of \$3,500 (incl. GST) from HCB Discretionary Funding account to Let's Get Together Huntly for the Huntly Wearable Arts Show	HCB 2305/06	3,500.00
7/07/2023	Payment of \$3,567.00 (excl GST) from HCB to Waahi Paa Rangathi for the Waahi Paa Rangatahi Holiday Programme	HCB2306/08	3,567.00
5/07/2023	Payment of \$3,600.00 (incl GST) from HCB to Raahui Pookeka Waka Sports for the waka ama pre-season	HCB2306/07	3,600.00
3/07/2023	Payment of \$1,500.00 (incl GST) from HCB to Te Rau Manaaki o Raahui Pookeka Womens Welfare League for the Matariki karanga and waiata lessons	HCB2306/06	1,500.00
1/07/2023	Payment of \$2,105.90 (incl GST) from HCB to Taniwharau Netball Club for the end of season prizegiving	HCB2306/04	2,105.90
29/06/2023	Payment of \$231.15 (incl GST) from HCB to Flag Signs for the purchase of Huntly Community Board Flag	HCB2306/09	201.00
18/05/2023	Payment of \$3,800 (excl. GST) from HCB Discretionary Funding account to Matawhaanui Trust for the 10 Week Rangatahi Plan.	HCB2305/05	3,800.00
17/10/2023	Payment of \$5,000.00 (incl GST) from HCB DF to Creative Huntly (Friendship House) 2023 Christmas Parade Traffic Management Plan and Harmonic Resonators	HCB2309/04	5,000.00
10/11/2023	Payment of \$3,609.60 (plus GST, if any) from HCB DF to Raahui Pookeka Tag for two Tournaments one in November 2023 and one in March 2024	HCB2310/04	3,609.60
17/11/2023	Payment of \$950.00 (incl GST) (no GST on invoice 001)from HCB to Na Keiki O Ka Aina for Haka Hula fusion event in October 2023	HCB2306/05	950.00
12/12/2023	Payment of \$2,420.00 Inv 0200 to Friendship House for the North Waikato Rainbow Community Youth Group.	HCB2312/07	2,420.00
12/12/2023	Payment of \$1,000.00 (plus GST) to Real Groovy Entertainment Inv 1692: 828 – All or nothing powerlifting towards the costs of the PA System; Platform Officials Equipment and Trophies for the powerlifting competition in February 2024.	HCB2312/05	869.57
12/12/2023	Payment to reimburse Ms S Matenga inv 002 \$300.00 for the haangi provided for the Community Board dinner on Tuesday, 12 December 2023	HCB2312/04	300.00
12/12/2023	Payment of \$2,500.00 to The Huntly Community Board towards (reimburse S Matenga Inv 001) the costs of a Community Christmas Dinner on 24 December 2023.	HCB2312/06	2,500.00
1/03/2024	Payment of \$1,500.20 (plus GST if any) to Creative Huntly (Friendship House, for the Community Arts Festival Inv 0229	HCB2402/06	1,500.20
1/03/2024	Payment of \$3,000.00 (plus GST if any) to the Huntly Bridge Club, towards internal refurbishments of the clubrooms invoice 935	HCB2402/04	3,000.00
9/04/2024	Payment of \$1,800.00 to Friendship House Huntly (Creative Huntly) for the Creative Huntly Movie Night Inv-0233	HCB2402/09	1,800.00
10/04/2024	Payment of \$275.00 (plus GST if any) to Waikato Role Playing Guild Inc for the Dice and Districts Event, Inv 2401004	HCB2404/06	275.00

Total Expenditure**40,498.27****Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)****57,196.73****Commitments**

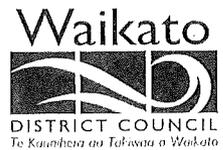
12/12/2023	Commitment of \$250.00 towards the "Our Story" Huntly Museum project with an application to be provided at the next meeting in February 2024	HCB2312/04	250.00
12/12/2023	Commitment of an amount of up to \$2,000.00 towards the huntly.co.nz subdomain for an online presence with a quote to be provided by Mr Jed Murtagh for the remainder of the triennium	HCB2312/04	2,000.00
27/02/2024	Commitment of \$1,500.00 (plus GST, if any) to Huntly South Rugby League Football Club, towards the cost of food for the family fun day/club muster	HCB2402/05	1,500.00
9/04/2024	Commitment of \$1,200.00 to Taniwharau Rugby League Sports Club towards the cost of Professional Development for the Hei Kaiwawao Junior Club Clinic	HCB2402/08	1,200.00

9/04/2024

Total Commitments**4,950.00****Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)****52,246.73**

Note: All amounts reflected are excluding GST

Funding Project Accountability



All successful applicants must complete a project accountability report within 2 months of the completion of the project before being eligible for further funding.

Name of Board/ Committee: Huntly Community Board

Organisation/ Initiative name: Friendship House Huntly - Creative Huntly Art in the Park 2024

Postal address: 55 William Street Huntly 3700

Physical address: 55 William St Huntly 3700

Contact details: 078287559

Name: Evelyn Sheard

Email: arts.huntly@gmail.com

Amount of funding you received from Waikato District Council \$ 1,500.2024
 How the funding received was spent On art resources and the hire of portables for our community Arts in the Park event 2024.

NOTE:

- Provide receipts or bank statements for all associated costs.
- Tax invoices not acceptable.
- Please make sure that all receipts are clear and readable, unclear accountability will be returned.

When did your event/project take place? Saturday 9th March 2024

Comment on the success of your project and describe the benefits to the community
 (Please provide photo documentation of project undertaken)

Art in the park was twice the size we anticipated. We engaged the community in performances, a market, free art activities and more. We brought over 800 community members in and they all experienced the arts in a fun family friendly local event. This boosted the Huntly arts engagement which benefits the community.

I hereby declare that the information supplied here on behalf of our organisation is correct. We understand that the information supplied in this application will become public information. We consent to the Waikato District Council collecting the personal contact details provided in the project report and using these details. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Name Evelyn Sheard
Position in organisation Arts Coordinator
Signature  Date 4/4/2024

Art Event Transactions

Friendship House (Huntly) Community Charitable Trust For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	RUNNING BALANCE	GROSS	GST
Art Event								
26 Jan 2024	Payable Invoice	Blomfield Design Art Ltd - LOCATION: TBC – Friendship House Huntly DATE: March 9th BOOKING: No frills cartooning live 5 hours : 10am – 3pm (Darren will arrive around 9.30am)	INV-0397	2,100.00	-	2,100.00	2,415.00	315.00
31 Jan 2024	Payable Invoice	K W Tawhiao - Photobooth and pictures & generator for Art in the Park 2024		580.00	-	2,680.00	580.00	-
2 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Rhiannons Face Painting - Facepainting x 2	Art in the park	960.00	-	3,640.00	960.00	-
2 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Rhiannons Face Painting - Balloon twisting x 1	Art in the park	480.00	-	4,120.00	480.00	-
7 Feb 2024	Receive Money	P M Davi		-	8.70	4,111.30	(10.00)	(1.30)
15 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Huntly Hire & Service Centre Limited - (Portaloo Hire - Tandem) 9th of March time TBC Customer to collect and drop off from Huntly Hire 48 George Drive, Huntly.	INV-0247	360.00	-	4,471.30	414.00	54.00
15 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	The Warehouse - Garden Arbor for Art in the park		72.14	-	4,543.44	82.96	10.82
15 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	JB HiFi - Walkie Talkies for Art in the Park		139.57	-	4,683.01	160.50	20.93
27 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Countdown - Batteries for Art in the Park		23.48	-	4,706.49	27.00	3.52
29 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Spotlight - REsources for Art in the PArk		106.96	-	4,813.45	123.00	16.04
29 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Look Sharp - Resources for Art in the PArk		20.87	-	4,834.32	24.00	3.13
29 Feb 2024	Payable Invoice	Kmart - Art in the Park resources		14.35	-	4,848.67	16.50	2.15
1 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Coin Save - Art in the park		12.17	-	4,860.84	14.00	1.83
5 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Peteers Apparel - Hula hoops Art in the Park		27.39	-	4,888.23	31.50	4.11
6 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Keith Mahon Painters Limited - Blackboard Paint		55.65	-	4,943.88	64.00	8.35
7 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Coin Save - Art in the Park resources		48.70	-	4,992.58	56.00	7.30

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	RUNNING BALANCE	GROSS	GST
7 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Fresh Choice Huntly - Art in the park refreshments		30.05	-	5,022.63	34.56	4.51
8 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Woolworths NZ - Art in the park water & napkins		47.83	-	5,070.46	55.00	7.17
8 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Woolworths NZ - Art in the park volunteer vouchers		250.00	-	5,320.46	250.00	-
8 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Waikato District Council - Key Bond for Art in the Park		100.00	-	5,420.46	100.00	-
11 Mar 2024	Receive Money	Waikato District Council - Key Bond Art in the Park	Bond	-	100.00	5,320.46	(100.00)	-
12 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Mary Marshall - Flax weaving at Art in the park		420.00	-	5,740.46	420.00	-
13 Mar 2024	Payable Invoice	Above Productions - Stage, sound hireage -part cost with Waikato Rocks -ART IN THE PARK 2024		1,739.13	-	7,479.59	2,000.00	260.87
Total Art Event				7,588.29	108.70	7,479.59	8,198.02	718.43
Total				7,588.29	108.70	7,479.59	8,198.02	718.43

To	Huntly Community Board
Report title	Discretionary Fund Applications
Date:	Tuesday, 14 May 2024
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders – Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa – Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to provide the Discretionary Funding applications received for consideration by the Huntly Community Board.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$1,100.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. School Start First Impressions;**
 - ii. for school bag and uniform support for the Huntly Area schools.**
- b. approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$4,200.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. North Waikato Transport Trust,**
 - ii. for the upgrade to a VW Caddy Mobility.**

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment A – Application for Funding – School Start First Impressions

Attachment B – Application for Funding – North Waikato Transport Trust

New form response

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Form: [Community Board/Committee Funding Application Form](#)

A new response was submitted on 15 April 2024, 01:21 PM.

Select your Community Board or Committee	Huntly
Name of your organisation and contact person	School Start First Impressions
What is your organisation's purpose/background	School Start First Impressions was founded in 2015 by Jane and Graeme Thomas (co-founders) and Rae Blackwood (Trustee) in Bombay. Ten years on the organisation has worked very hard within the community to reduce the impact of financial strain on families living in material hardship by supplying 'School Starter Packs' to new entrant children in need. This has removed the cost barrier by providing the opportunity for Tamariki to start school on an equal footing as their peers. It provides each child with confidence to embrace the challenges of school and focus on learning with the strong sense of Mana Whenua. School Start First Impressions has a strong child centric philosophy. Putting the child in the centre by honouring and valuing their importance in our community. Enabling each child that has been put forward to our organisation to enthusiastically embrace learning. Our charity believes that every child should have an equal opportunity to begin school with the necessary learning resources to set them up for success. To date, School Start First Impressions has provided over 4000 School Starter Packs to children from underprivileged NZ families.
Phone number	+64273366444
Email	jessica@ssf.org.nz
What is your event / project, including date and location?	We are currently receiving a large number of requests for our school bags and uniform support from the Huntly area so our project is to request funding for some of the contents of our school bags that go out to these vulnerable whanau starting from the middle of this year through to the end of the year.
How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?	Getting five year olds enrolled into school is currently a challenge in the Huntly area. The main barrier is the cost to provide children what they need to be able to start school. This is where our organisation is able to help with removing this very important barrier. We offer schoolbags for children starting school which contain stationary, lunchbox and drink bottle, winter jacket and school shoes. swimming gear and goodies as

	well as the school uniform. This means Tamariki can be enrolled to start school positively on an equal footing with their peers.
Are you GST registered?	Yes (Do NOT include GST in your budget)
GST Number	117-157-689
What is the total cost of your project/event	\$1,100.00
What is the total amount you are requesting from the Board?	\$1,100.00
Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.	\$2000.00
Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	Cost Breakdown Books and Underwear.xlsx
Has/will funding been sought from other funders?	Yes
If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought	We are applying for similar funding with other Waikato councils due to the growth we are experiencing in the area.
Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project	KidsCan donate the winter jackets and school shoes. The Pukekohe knitting group donates knitted slippers that go in our bags.

[View response](#)

Breakdown of Costs - The Warehouse

Item	Cost	Total
X50 childrens reading books	\$6.00	\$300.00
X50 childrens activity books	\$6.00	\$300.00
x50 packs of childrens underwear	\$10.00	\$500.00
		\$1,100.00

New form response

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Form: [Community Board/Committee Funding Application Form](#)

A new response was submitted on 07 May 2024, 03:09 PM.

Select your Community Board or Committee	Huntly
Name of your organisation and contact person	North Waikato Transport Trust
What is your organisation's purpose/background	The North Waikato Transport Trust (Waka Tautoko) was established in response to the growing community's need for transport to treatment locally or onto the Waikato Regional Hospital. The local transport options were limited around: times that coincided with appointments; that catered for the needs of the sick, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged; those who either live alone or are isolated; unable or unwell to drive, and have no home / whānau support. The North Waikato Transport Trust (Waka Tautoko) purpose is to help our communities to live inclusive, healthy, and independent lives.
Phone number	0275354654
Email	northwaikatotransport@gmail.com
What is your event / project, including date and location?	Project: We are upgrading our local vehicle (Toyota Isis) with a purchase of a VW caddy Mobility with an equipped ramp and winch, suitable for transporting passengers and wheelchair clients. This will allow us to have two wheelchair-accessible vehicles. We have had increasing bookings for clients who need Wheelchair assistance to go to the doctors locally. On these occasions, we have to pull and swap the shuttle from the busy schedule to the hospital and use the small car with limited space.
How will the wider community benefit from this event/project?	Our service is accessible to all, there are no exclusions. Access to transportation is crucial for maintaining independence, accessing healthcare, and participating in socialization. We know that upgrading to wheelchair-accessible vehicles directly improves the quality of life for individuals with disabilities, including those living socially isolated. By providing them with reliable and accessible transportation options, we are helping their whanau to know their community is supporting them. We can also support the community providers who need to connect their clients to other health and well-being appointments.

Are you GST registered?	Yes (Do NOT include GST in your budget)
GST Number	116187175
What is the total cost of your project/event	\$83500
What is the total amount you are requesting from the Board?	4200.00
Existing funds available for the project. Include any projected income i.e. ticket sales, merchandise etc.	\$55000
Project Breakdown (itemised costs of funding being sought)	Ebbett Motors VW Quote.pdf
Has/will funding been sought from other funders?	Yes
If 'Yes', please list the funding organisation(s) and the amount of funding sought	Lotteries - \$25,000 - Confirmed and received Regional council transport fund: \$5,000 -Confirmed and received Lion Foundation - \$25,000 - Confirmed and received Rano - \$20,000 - processing Grassroots - \$6,000 - Declined (March) Due to insufficient funds Huntly Community Board - \$4200 - Processing Ngaruawahia Community Boards - \$4150 - Processing Backup funders Huntly and Ngaruawahia Lions club
Describe any donated material / resources provided for the event/project	The only donated costs would be the fleet discount from Ebbort Motors

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North Waikato Transport Trust

Attn: Alicia

RE: Quote for new 2024 VW Caddy Mobility

All Pricing below is inclusive of GST

2024 VW Caddy Mobility	\$81,500
On road costs	\$1500.00
Factory fitted winch	\$3,350.00
Subtotal	\$86,350.00
Minus Discount	-\$3500.00
Minus deposit paid	-\$2000.00
Total to pay	\$81,850.00

Darren Hinz

Senior Sales Consultant

Ebbett Volkswagen



EBBETT



Stock # _____
 Comm# _____
 Source _____
 Name North Waikato Transport Trust
 Address 55 William Street
Alicia Lee
 Mobile 027535 4654
 Drivers Licence# _____

Order Date 20/12/2023 Cash
 Delivery Date _____ Finance
 Sales Rep Darren Lease
 City Huntly Postcode _____
 Email northwaikatotransport@gmail
 Version# _____ DOB _____

New Car
 Year 2024 Make VW Caddy Model Mobility
 Body Style Van Interior Cloth Leather Ext. Colour WHITE
 Rego TBC VIN # _____ Odometer Delivery

Trade in
 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
 Body Style _____ Interior Cloth Leather Ext. Colour _____
 Rego _____ VIN # _____ Odometer _____

Fitted Options

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On Road Cost	\$ 1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Towbar & Wiring	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boot Liner	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rubber Mats	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roof Racks <u>Elec winch</u>	\$ 3,350
<input type="checkbox"/>	Window Tints <u>(AMFW)</u>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Protection	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fabric Protection	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-Year Scheduled Service Plan	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-Year Scheduled Service Plan	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Autosure Mechanical Warranty	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Select Term - 1yr <input type="checkbox"/> 2yr <input type="checkbox"/> 3yr <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Euro Plate	\$
Total		\$ 4850
Notes _____		

Vehicle

Vehicle Selling Price	\$ 81,500
Clean Car Levy	\$
Fitting Options	\$ 4850
<u>DISCOUNT</u>	\$ 3000
Total Price	\$ 83,350
Trade Market Value	\$
Finance Settlement	\$
Finance Equity	\$
Total Purchase Price	\$ 83,350
Less Deposit	\$ 2,000
Balance Due On Delivery	\$ 81,350

Warranty Expires _____
 Customer Approval via email
 Dealership Approval [Signature]

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To	Huntly Community Board
Report title	Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items May 2024
Date:	21 May 2024
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, EA to the General Manager Service Delivery
Authorised by:	Vanessa Jenkins, Executive Manager, People & Capability Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To update the Huntly Community Board on actions and issues arising from the previous meeting.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Huntly Community Board Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items for May 2024 be received.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Huntly Community Board Works, Actions & Issues Register – May 2024
(Within report)

Huntly Community Board Actions – May 2024

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
1.	<p>Discretionary Fund Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Democracy Advisor to follow up with the Web Content Team to discuss the application form and whether an acknowledgement email could be sent to all applicants on receipt form. • Funding Representative to email Friendship House re: Project Accountability form. • Funding Representative to advise applicant via email of the outcome. • Funding representative to advise the Squash club of the outcome and invite the club to present to the Board at another time. 	<p>Democracy</p> <p>Funding Representatives (Sheryl / Greg)</p>	<p>24/04/24 - Senior Democracy Advisor will set up meeting/catch up with the web content team to go over the funding application form and discuss whether improvements can be made.</p>
	Items to remain on Schedule		
2.	Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation		See update below in Projects section.
3.	Tumate Mahuta Drive Park		
4.	Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly		
5.	<p>Jakeman Place – Huntly Road Naming Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop needs to be scheduled with the Board as soon as possible to start updating the Road Naming list. Once a workshop date has been set the Board will advertise to the Community to capture as many voices as possible. • The Community Board to organise a workshop with mana whenua to develop a road name list. 	The Board	

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
6.	Community Safety		
7.	Social Procurement Board workshop to be organised out of cycle to discuss social procurement and get the item moving forward.	The Board	
8.	Traffic Barriers - Tumate Mahuta Drive	Cr Whyte	
9.	Lake Puketirini Project	Cr Whyte	

Projects (Planned) Update

Carparks

Lake Puketirini Car Park Upgrade

Works started in late April and is expected to be completed in early May.



Pavement works underway



Subsoil drainage construction

Tumate Mahuta Carpark Renewal

There are delays in awarding to the contractor which has impacts on when this upgrade will take place. Construction dates TBC.

Playgrounds and Sports Parks

Lake Hakanoa Footbridge

Resource consents to Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council have been lodged and are currently being processed. Detailed design of the bridge will commence once initial feedback has been received by the Councils.

Facilities

Raahui Pookeka | Huntly Railway Station - Historic Station Building Relocation

The project works have been progressing well. The contractor has mobilised quickly and completed extensive repair work to the fire damaged portion of the building.

The work includes:

- Straightening of the building,
- Removal and replacement of damaged external cladding and timber framing,
- Removal of roof structure and damaged roof trusses, and replacement of roof trusses,
- Framing of interior walls within damaged section
- Siting the damaged section on piles and rejoining the building on the permanent site
- Framing out for roof canopy and steel support beams in place and progressively being concreted in place.

One of our primary focuses has been the preparation of the roof, which we are on track to complete over the next week or two weather permitting, along with the installation of services to the site.



Lifting of damaged section on to permanent site.



Damaged section being placed on piles in permanent location.



Framing for roof canopy.

To	Huntly Community Board Committee
Report title	Mid-Term Review
Date:	21 May 2024
Report Author:	Tony Whittaker, Chief Operating Officer
Authorised by:	Tony Whittaker, Chief Operating Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To enable the Huntly Community Board to undertake a quick assessment of how they think they are performing on behalf of their communities, including the way they are operating together as a team.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Huntly Community Board receive the Huntly Community Board Committee report.

3. Discussion

Matapaki

The current Huntly Community Board has been in operation for approximately half of this electoral term. It is considered this might be an opportune time to reflect on how things are going to see whether in fact any changes to focus and/or ways of operating might be appropriate for the remaining months of this term.

Attached is a slide pack prepared for a previous workshop with community boards and committees which outlines the roles and functions of a community board as determined by The Local Government Act which might be helpful for this conversation.

4. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Community Board Slide Pack

Community Board Roles and Responsibilities

Community Boards³⁸ – What are they?

- “unincorporated bodies” - are neither a local authority nor a committee of a local authority
- Their functions, duties and powers are set by:
 - Statute
 - Delegated by “their” local authority
- Must operate within a statutory framework that set rules and processes which govern the way in which they work

History

- Established by LGC during local government reorganisation in 1989
- LGC rationale – so ‘former communities’ don’t lose representation as Councils get larger
- Reorganisation process created 159 community boards (prior to 1989 reform there were 136 community councils)

Framework – Both Legislation⁴⁰ and Council Delegation

- Set a minimum level of functions which emphasise advocacy and representation
- Some councils devolved further functions so undertaken in close proximity to communities
- So outcome?:
 - Keep the local in local
 - Help councils deal with diversity in their communities
 - Provide sources and lines of communication
 - Provide for citizen involvement in the making of local policy

Legislative role of Community Board (Minimum) S.52 LGA⁴¹

- represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community
- consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board
- maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community
- prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community
- communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community
- undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority

Legislative Role (cont'd)

- With the exception of the last clause which allows Councils to delegate responsibilities (decision-making) to community boards ...
- The prescribed minimums are primarily concerned with :
 - providing information to council on local issues; and
 - Advocating on behalf of those issues

Decision-making role

- Need to meet requirements of LGA (principles and processes) as if you were Council when:
 - The board had delegated powers
 - Where board makes recommendations to Council on the understanding they will be implemented
- Principles and processes designed to:
 - create opportunities for public participation in decision-making
 - Increase confidence in local government decisions
 - Strengthen transparency and accountability

■ See sections 14, 101, financial policies in

Advocacy (Persuading) Role

-‘to represent and act as an advocate for the interests of the community’ (*added in 2002 to confirm the role of advocate and champion for their community*)
- Can advocate for creating or changing policies, plans, regulations, ...by:
 - Making submissions
 - Direct lobbying councillors and committees
 - Developing communications programmes to change opinions etc
- ‘speak up’ for the needs of their local community vs interest of all people in the district (*unashamedly local!*)
- Must operate within budget

Advisory Role

- Advice is about 'guidance and enlightenment' vs advocacy which is about 'persuasion'
- Eyes and ears of their Councils, providing information on local needs, issues and matters of concern
- So, community boards need effective mechanisms for understanding what's happening in their community
 - Public forum at the start of community board meeting
 - Holding meeting in community setting e.g. Marae, School Hall
 - Allocate sector liaison to individual members e.g. Maori, Schools, etc
 - Committees with public membership for local intel, trends
 - Build local partnerships
 - Prepare annual 'state of the community' report for Council as an input into Council policy development programme
- An effective advisory role also requires community boards to have good relationships with Council
- Two way – includes sharing/informing community

Delegating Responsibilities to Community Boards

- To delegate or not to delegate?
 - Who benefits from Council services
 - If scale of benefit is limited to neighbourhood or sub-district
 - Through utilising information on community needs and preferences held by community boards (due to close proximity) it is likely services will reflect those needs
- Council can then focus on strategic and complex policy issues
- Can't delegate power to make a rate, bylaw, borrow, purchase or dispose assets not in LTP, appoint or remove CE or staff

Current WDC Delegations

- To disburse within the community any discretionary funds allocated by the Council
...
- To oversee and provide governance support to projects as agreed with Council
- To ensure appropriate health and safety systems are in place and operating for any works undertaken at the direction of the Board
- Promote and encourage place-making activities that reflect pride in our community

Current WDC Delegations

- To liaise as necessary with any appointed Hall Committee to ensure that hire rates and charges are set for Council-owned halls and community centres
- To grant exemptions from Council bylaws for areas within their jurisdiction, where those bylaws so provide for an exemption or variation by consent of Council.

'The Relationship'

- To be effective, a community board must have a good relationship with Council
- Board and council need to work on this relationship
- Communication is fundamental
- 'no surprises policy' important
- Relationship between Mayor and Chairs is important

Question for Community Board

- How is the community board going to make themselves 'valuable' to the Council?
- What can they offer to be recognised by Council and the community?
 - Networks – be 'connected' into the community to be able to respond to requests for advice and input
 - Quality advice – explain the 'why' that lies behind views of the board/community to assist with robust council decisions

'The Relationship' – to do's?

- Early heads up and involvement in decision making processes
- Involvement in planning and managing processes rather than being consulted on ...
- Get given adequate information of what is proposed and adequate time to respond
- Having time to seek and reflect views of communities so these can be reflected
- Council to give due consideration to the views expressed by the board
- Recognition that district wide issues affect the communities and hence are of interest to Boards
- Use multiple channels of communication e.g. reports to boards, board members on working parties, invite to workshops, speaking rights at meetings, regular board/council meetings or gatherings
- Delegated powers and funding to enable meaningful contribution

The 'Why'

- Council understands community views
- Council making decisions community wants
- A community interested in what's going on
- Community board/committee members valued and adding value to community/council

Questions

- How to make Board more valuable to Council?
- Are you clear about the statutory role? What does your board do in each of the categories to add value?
- Does the role/delegations make sense?
- What could the board do differently to add value to Council/Community
- What could council do differently to improve the value of the board
- What could be done to improve the relationship between council and the board – what should it look like?
- Would amending the Charter help add more value?

To	Huntly Community Board
Report title	Councillor’s Report – March 2024
Date:	Tuesday, 14 May 2024
Report Author:	Cr David Whyte

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update to the Huntly Community Board on work undertaken and items for discussion by Cr David Whyte.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Huntly Community Board receives the report from Councillor David Whyte for May 2024.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Councillors Report

Councilor Report for HCB April-May 2024

Attended a roading meeting at Te Aakau about unsealed roads. I am the deputy chair of infrastructure at council, which most of the time doesn't mean to much. But do get to attend some meetings like this one. What was interesting to me was they had the same issues at town folk. That work wasn't being done in a timely manner. Which is the same theme / challenge in town. With for example spraying not being done on the right time so the weeds appear in the pavement, or spraying of the weeds in the gutters not being done before the cleaning truck goes through. So knowing what the cycle times are for jobs, and independently monitoring is really important.

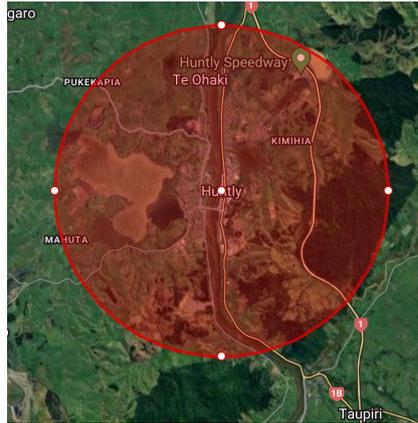
Was nice to get back out removing tagging. It would be nicer not to have to do it at all, but the volume of tagging has been very reduced over summer. And this is a big win. Along with a few runs in town, hit up the green fence at Ohinewai. This has some nice graffiti art, but a lot of messy tags. So nearly 20 liters of green paint – first time thought a spray gun would be nice, and a few hours and job done. Most of the tags were old, so hoping it stays clean for a while. Wanted people driving past Huntly on-off ramps to not have a negative experience just before hitting our towns connection.



I also attended a number of rate rise meetings (technically called enhanced annual plan meetings). Was really pleased with the turn out for Huntly. It was higher than most other towns / locations, which is a positive sign for the town that folks want to engage. It was interesting to listen to the chatter from the council folks post meeting. One of the themes that came up was better com's from the teams doing the work on the ground to the community. This is very heartening to hear as although the com's team at council are superb, com's doesn't seem to make it up from the work being done on the ground, through to the com's team. So the more people that see the challenge the better.

Material posted to facebook included:

Encouraged folks to submit to the WRC rates proposal, with drawings of what the radius of service means on the ground. What I didn't post on facebook is that I also had a long chat to the chair of WRC about this issue, and feel confident that via the submissions process a more fair and equitable sharing of the bus costs across the district will occur.



Approximately a 5km radius from bus service in Huntly.

NZTA road quality truck

Was quite excited to see this NZTA truck parked in town getting some lunch (see photos below). This drives around NZ measuring the condition of the road surface. Looks at things like skid resistance, how bumpy the road is, and how uneven it is. NZTA randomly choose a selection of roads in our district every year and use the truck to spit out some numbers that indicate overall road condition.

The table shows WDC's results (in black) compared to the councils I consider a suitable benchmark. I benchmark similar geography, similar population and similar geographic size. (hence the color coding as it relates to what benchmark group).

What it shows is that overall WDC roads are in good form compared to the other councils. Which may come as a surprise to you as it did for me!

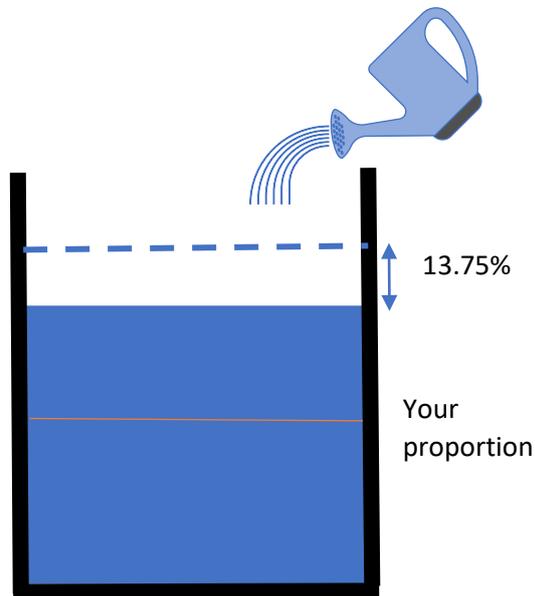
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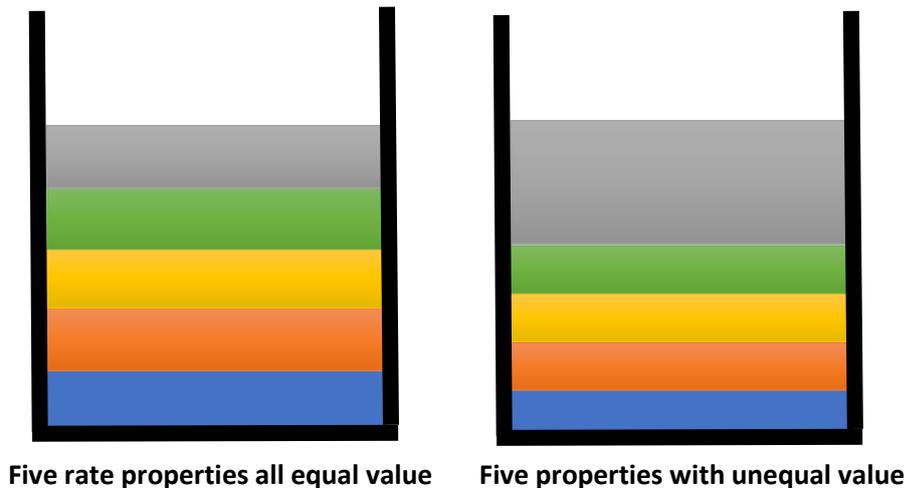
The impact of valuations on rates bill

By Cr David Whyte

First figure the total bucket of money that is required to run the council. This is the Total rates take



Two buckets to give an example of impact of rates and valuations, see text for details



The **impact of valuation on rates is complex**, so hold onto your hats while we dive in. First thing is the rate increase, is the total rate increase. So this is like having a bucket of water, which is the total amount of money required to run council. Overall this amount needs to be higher by 13.75%

However to complicate things new valuations are coming out later in the year. This changes the ratio of how much you pay of this total. It isn't as simple as your valuation goes up, your rates go up.

It is easier to understand if we use a simple example. In this example we have 5 rate payers, called blue, orange, yellow, green and blue. So lets say the total budget for this council is \$100 / year. We have equal property values so the rates calculation is easy $100/5 = \$20$ per property.

It doesn't matter if the land values are \$1, \$10 or \$100 since they are all the same value the rates are all \$20. So the property values could double, and the rates bill wouldn't change.

However in reality property values are not the same so in the next example grey's property value has doubled, while everyone else valuation has stayed the same. So we still have the \$100/yr to divide up. And intuitively the property that has doubled in valuation has a rates bill doubled, from \$20 to \$40. However it isn't that intuitive (or maybe it is if you loved maths at school) that the other four properties now all pay \$15/year.

So you can imagine how complex this is in a council when you have tens of thousands of properties all with their unique valuation and summing them all up and then dividing among the total.

What this means is it is the relative value of your place compared to everyone else's value in the district. Property values have always increased at or faster than inflation and thus in a high inflationary environment on average it is expected that property values will all increase by about 20% in the upcoming revaluations. Now if it was a simple everyone is 20% more then as you can see with the buckets, rates wouldn't go up due to valuation going up.

However unfortunately for Huntly folk we are living in a land crises (its not a housing crisis, houses are easy to get, just go see builtsmart and buy one off the shelf for \$250k) there is not enough sections to put the houses on, and thus due to immigration pulling in 100k+ people each year and natural population growth councils are not keeping up with rezoning / allowing people to subdivide / allowing lifestyle block etc. So land is scarce and in the 'golden triangle' highly valuable.

So what this does to valuations – it makes urban / lifestyle blocks more valuable. Sheep farming on the other hand the prices are more dependant on what income can be made from the land. So this means that urban / lifestyle blocks are rising faster than the 20%, while sheep farms will be rising slower than the 20%.

So this is why when you get an increase in valuation, it results in an increase in rates. Because at the moment (and for the foreseeable future) urban land is becoming more and more valuable.

So hence when you get your rates bill later in the year (council year runs 1st July to 31st June so rates increase takes effect on 1st July.) it is highly likely that the rate rise will be more than 13.75%. How much so, I don't 😞 since we all have to wait until the numbers are done.

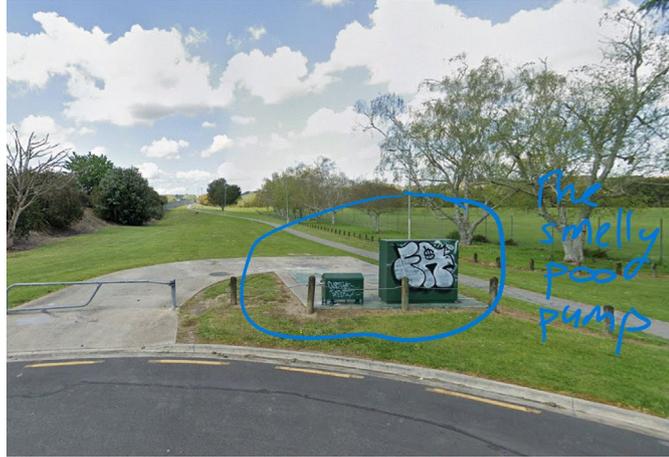
If your valuation comes out and you think you are overvalued (or undervalued if you are thinking of moving) you can always this. When valuations come out I'll post link to the challenge website / how to challenge. Councils don't do the valuations, it is contracted out to companies like QV.

Lastly the thing that hit hard on the last valuations was the big shift in Huntly land prices. We moved to Huntly as prices were too high in Hamilton to buy our first home. So further we went out from the city the lower the prices. So it was either Otorohanga, Putaruru or Huntly. Now the same applies out of Auckland the prices were high and slowly decreased to TK, and big drop to Huntly. So Huntly was the low point between the two cities.

However at the last valuation this dramatically changed (it has changed for some time, but took a while for the valuation cycle to catch up). There is very little difference in price between Huntly and Nga or Huntly and TK. So relative to the rest of the district our property values jumped up.

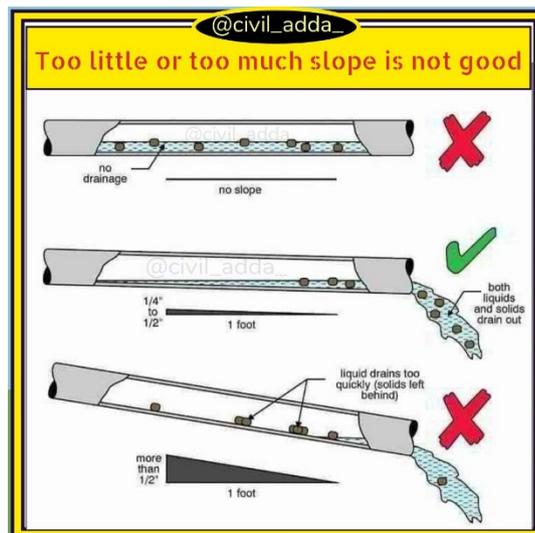
Smelly poo pump

A win for the folks of Huntly and especially Huntly West. The **smelly poo pump on Bridge street** – some great news. Among the depressing news of rate rises, there is some positive news. I've been making noise about this pump station for a while, and got confirmation a solution is coming.



Those who use the pedestrian bridge next to the railway bridge, or gone near the end of bridge street will have noticed the nasty smell coming from the poo pump station. The great news is that all things going well, this should be fixed in the next year or so. I'll explain why this one has been stinky for so long and why it is expensive / difficult to fix.

Sewer systems are remarkably simple, yet remarkable complex at the same time. Once the waste leaves your gully trap / goes down the toilet it has to travel at the correct downward angle. If the slope is too much, then the water will run quickly leave the solids behind. Which will result in blockages of pipes and overflows as the solids build up and back up. However if the angle of the sewer is too flat, you don't get the flow to carry the solid stuff. So hence sewer systems have tightly controlled angles. See attached picture of this visually.



What this means is that if we relied only on gravity by the time the sewer got to the treatment plant it would be say 100 meters (just a guess, but very deep) under the ground. Clearly this wouldn't work. So throughout the town there are pump stations. Attached is a shot of the one on Porrit Ave. We have about a dozen (from memory) sprinkled through the town. What these do is collect all the waste via gravity then

pump them to the next pump station, which pumps it closer to the septic ponds. This is how it waste makes it to the treatment ponds.

Now the standard pump stations are not stinky. They are vented (to stop the build up of gases specifically methane which is explosive at the right air-methane mixture), and the vents look like upside down U's. These have a carbon filter in them to remove any pong, so hence most people don't notice them at all. Again see pictures.



However the bridge street pump station is different. It is the collector for all of the West sides waste. See the network diagram (one with red lines on it)



And it then pumps it over the river through the big pipe that is on the side of the bridge, see picture attached. The council replaced a section of this in the last 3 years as it was getting old. One has to be proactive in replacement as you could imagine a high pressure flow of sewage spaying out the pipe if it got a hole in it!



The problem with this is that there is a very large volume of waste going through this station. And the air being pumped in/out with the waste. Imagine a bucket of water, you pump out the water air flows in from outside to fill the space. Then you pour in some more water – the air is pushed out of the bucket again. This is what is happening at this pumps station, just on a much large scale. The big bucket in the ground is constantly filling up with sewerage, being emptied and refilling, pumping air in and out all the time.

Now a simple carbon filter will not work at this site. This is because the stink is caused by specific bugs/bacteria that produce a gas called hydrogen sulfide. These bugs live where there is no oxygen and use sulfur as their energy source. Releasing the stinky rotten / Rotorua smell. Have you ever noticed how things in Rotorua often are rusty / corroded around the hot pools. This is because hydrogen sulfide is highly corrosive to metal.

So sealing the pump station wouldn't work as the metal bits would rust out and disappear very quickly. And carbon filters don't work well at removing hydrogen sulfide. So a special filter is required, one that has high airflow rates in and out and one that can remove the stinky gas.

This costs money, a lot of money, to the tune of \$100k. So hence not simple nor quick. The great news is it is now in the budget (which is still to be approved) for 2025-26 and this should eliminate the odor!

Drinking Water:

The installation of new raw water UVT analysers continues for the Huntly and Ngaruawahia WTPs. [Water Treatment Plants]

What does this means is that UV light (light that is to blue to see) is shown through the water, and the amount of light that is transmitted (the T part of name) through the water is measured. When you have organic material in the water, this will absorb UV light and reduce the light transmitted.

This enables real time understanding of the water flowing into the water treatment plant and allows for real time changes to the treatment to occur. Before samples had to be manual taken and put through a bench top machine, which of course is a lot longer before any changes in the input can be detected.

PAC dosing continued during March at the Huntly and Ngaruawahia WTP's.

This is adding activated charcoal to the water to make sure no unpleasant 'organic' tastes due to warm water temperatures. Further work on this is explained below:

The investigation at Huntly WTP regarding Geosmin levels (2MIB – Taste and Odor Compounds) have aided in understanding the relationship between temperature and river level on Geosmin

concentrations as well as optimisation of PAC dosing.

The operators have undergone 'sniff testing training' to be able to identify Geosmin levels in both treated and raw water as a preliminary indicator. Following PAC optimisation there were no complaints regarding taste and odour. Geosmin levels have since dropped significantly and so has PAC dosing.

An independent audit of the water treatment plant throughout the district has been undertaken, Huntly's result is shown in table below, with comment underneath.

Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rule 2022 Compliance Status April 2023-June 2023	Comment on Drinking Water Standards Compliance
WTP DWQAR T3 Bacterial Rule: Compliant WTP DWQAR T3 Protozoal Rule: Compliant Zone DWQAR D3 Disinfection Rule: Compliant Zone DWQAR D3 Microbiological Rule: Compliant	MAV exceedance: E.coli transgression of 14 MPN/100mL on 2/11/2023. Full compliance against DWQAR.

The most likely cause of the E. coli non compliance is contamination at sampling. From doing this testing at home for fruit washing, there is rigorous process to sample. And it is really easy to contaminate the sample. For example not disinfecting the tap / sample point, accidentally touching the inside of the container, or many other sources.

I struggle to visualize what and of the E coli at X level MPN/100ml really means. This is a helpful graphic from online.

Typical Water Quality Standards, Unit Conversions, and Examples of Fecal Coliform Levels in Water

	Conventional units (<i>understandable only to microbiologists</i>) Fecal coliforms/ 100 ml	Conversions to new novice user-friendly units				Approximate conversion to units understandable by other scientists	
		Buttwipes/ swimming pool	Buttwipes/ Bathtub	Turds per swimming pool	Buttwipes/ bottle	mg feces/ /m3 water ppb feces	g feces/ m3 h2O ppm feces
Typical first world standards							
For drinking water <i>general</i> coliforms are to be less than 1 per 100 ml	1	1	0.001			1	0.001
	10	10	0.010	0.001		10	0.010
Surface water in watershed for unfiltered drinking	50	50	0.050	0.005	0.001	50	0.050
Shellfish growing waters	70	70	0.070	0.007	0.001	70	0.070
Full contact/swimming. Many bathtubs probably are out of compliance	200	200	0.200	0.020	0.002	200	0.200
	1,000	1,000	1.000	0.100	0.010	1,000	1.000
Partial contact/boating, same as for treated sewage discharge	2,000	2,000	2.000	0.200	0.020	2,000	2.000
Sample measurements							
Typical level in chlorinated waters I've tested	0	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0	0.000
Level often found in water used untreated for drinking in third world	100	100	0.100	0.010	0.001	100	0.100
Level in crystal clear CA river water we swam in all day...no issues	2,500	2,500	2.500	0.250	0.025	2,500	2.500
First flush puddle of urban runoff in center of Mexican village	3,360	3,360	3.360	0.336	0.034	3,360	3.360
Typical greywater readings from Arizona greywater study	4,000	4,000	4.000	0.400	0.040	4,000	4.000
High reading from Arroyo Burro beach in Santa Barbara.	10,000	10,000	10.000	1.000	0.100	10,000	10.000
First flush of river in Michoacan, Mexico, after seven month dry season	25,600	25,600	25.600	2.560	0.256	25,600	25.600
Level in bath water according to CA Dept Health services study	400,000	400,000	400.000	40.000	4.000	400,000	400.000
Raw sewage	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000.000	500.000	50.000	5,000,000	5,000.000
Pure feces	3,000,000,000	off the top of the scale				1,000,000,000	

Protozoal rule. Protozoa are microscope 'bugs' that live by feeding on other things like algae. They are common in soil and the general environment. The importance for drinking water is that Giardia is a protozoa and a very nasty disease.

HUNTLY-NGARUAWAHIA WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT

The following WTP and zone rule modules(s) and rule sets for the **Huntly-Ngaruawahia Water Supply** were assessed and the overall outcome is specified below:

Water Supply	Component	Rule Module	Rule Set(s)	Outcome
Huntly-Ngaruawahia	Huntly WTP	S3/T3	Cyanotoxin	Met
		T3 Bacterial	Chlorine, General Rules	Met*
		T3 Protozoa	Protozoal Rules, Conventional Filtration 4.0 log OR UV Disinfection, and General Rules	Met
		T3	Chemical	Met
	Ngaruawahia WTP			
	Huntly Zone	D3	Residual Disinfection	Met
			Microbiological	Met
			Disinfection By-product	Met
			Plumbosolvent Metals	Met
	Ngaruawahia Zone			

Cyanotoxin – these are toxins produced by cyanobacteria. They are the toxins that make the shallow lakes around Huntly unsafe to swim in. So hence they shouldn't be in drinking water

Chemical testing. Samples are taken at outflow of water treatment plant, Cemetery (East side) and a location on the West side. These samples are periodically tested who a very large number of chemicals eg petroleum products, pesticides/herbicides, chemical / waste products etc.

Plumbosolvent metals. Water in plumbing system can dissolve out the metals that are in contact with the water. The problematic metal is lead, as it was once used in the soldering of the copper piping in homes. So the water is tested in the network for heavy metals to make sure they are not appearing due to say lead solder joints that are not known about.

The * / asterisk on the table above is mentioned as:

The following table outlines audit observations and any related recommendations for consideration:

Component	Rule ID	Rule Description	Observation(s)
Huntly WTP	T 3.1*	All water passing through the treatment plant must be treated with chlorine and must be monitored in accordance with Table 19.	In late November 2023 the performance summary reports indicated an elevation of post disinfection turbidity. Additional information was provided by the supplier that confirmed that the treated water met the rule requirements (Rule T3.5 and T3.6) however the location of the turbidity analyser is not optimal for performance reporting against the chlorine disinfection rule set, and the WaterOutlook report does not account for the difference in location especially in regards to the plant being 'in' or 'out' of service.
<p>Recommendation: Review the position of the turbidity analyser used to monitor performance with the chlorine rule set and ensure WaterOutlook is configured to accurately account for "in service" performance reporting.</p>			

I have yet to find out what this means in everyday speak.

Huntly's Riverview Road WS renewal

Site walkovers are needed to confirm the project's defect lists (snags) have been completed; however, Practical Completion cannot be certified until an as-built submission is made. Once received and approved, the contractor will gain Practical Completion, and internal capitalisation tasks will commence.

This is interesting, because the work on the ground was finished some months ago. Good that a walk through to inspect occurred. I would assume that any issues raised by the public would be flagged as defects and thus going forward with water line renewals, that residents should put in service requests when work appears finished, but they have concerns.

Stormwater

A meeting with the property owners impacted by the Hakanoa project was held in Feb, and the new expectation of Feb 2025 for the construction was communicated, as well as the commitment to provide an update in April. The project scope will be increased to include the new funding from the Central Government.

The word on the street, so not yet confirmed, is that the outflow from Hakanona lake may have central government money to clean up, as well as looking at maintaining the weir which controls the minimum height of the lake. Once this is officially confirmed / exact details come out I will share.

Waste Water

Huntly Wastewater network model - Consultants have assessed the asset data, and Magflow meter installation at two key pump stations is progressing (one is installed). The regauging flows through the network at specific sites for three months identified the need for an additional data period, which is now completed. Further engagement is needed to undertake a GPS survey and site network verification to allow final system inputs and model completion.

This is so that waste flows through the town can be known. The Magflow – this uses magnets / magnetic field to measure the flow inside the pipe. This means the volumes can be measured without inserting anything into the pipe. Which is important given is a raw waste stream!

Huntly Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) - Consultants have been engaged to undertake network monitoring separate from the network modelling. Stage 1 deployment has been completed, and data reviewed. Additional work, including a GPS survey at one site to confirm pipe grade, is required. This will be completed with Huntly network model survey works. Once the site locations are complete for deployment, stage two will follow.

I am not exactly sure why this is being done, and will confirm at the meeting.

Huntly WWTP Initial Works – The initial works designs are underway:

- The concept design of the 2029 Liquid Stream Upgrade is complete.
- The temporary plant trial is complete and the report is being prepared.
- A power supply upgrade request has been submitted to Wel Networks.
- The inlet screen and outfall pump station upgrade detailed-design is underway and is due to be completed in July.

Design of the new WWTP is being undertaken and hopefully in the next 6 months we will see something land that can be read and shared.

Replacement of old iron pipe with plastic for high pressure waste line from pumping station to connection at the south end of town is ongoing. Yellow section is being replaced.

