

Agenda for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board to be held at the Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall, Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2024** commencing at **5.00pm**.

*Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Board in the decision-making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Board.*

**1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

**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.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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*In lieu of the standing Enhanced Annual Plan Agenda item, a Community Drop-In session to discuss the Enhanced Annual Plan will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.*

GJ Ion  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>To</b>	<b>Ngāruawāhia Community Board</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
Date:	Tuesday, 26 March 2024
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngāruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – NCB Meeting Minutes 20 February 2024.

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**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024** commencing at **6.00pm**

**Present:**

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)  
Mr J Ayers  
Mrs D Firth  
Mrs K Hooker – *from 6.45pm*  
Cr E Patterson – *from 6.27pm*  
Ms V Rice  
Cr T Turner  
Mr G Wiechern

**Attending:**

Mr K Abbot (Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation)  
Mrs A Ramsay (Ngaruawahia RSA)  
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Mrs C Clark (Member of the Public)

*The meeting was opened with a karakia.*

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Agenda Item 1

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Turner)**

**THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board accept the apologies from:**

- a. **Mrs K Hooker and Cr Eugene Patterson for lateness.**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2402/01**

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Agenda Item 2

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mrs Firth)****THAT the agenda and supplementary agenda for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. that all reports be received; and**
- c. that the supplementary agenda item be discussed after the Discretionary Fund Report at item 6.**

**CARRIED****NCB2402/02****DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 3

Ms V Rice declared a non-financial interest in the application for funding from the Ngaruawahia RSA noting her membership of the Committee of the Ngaruawahia RSA.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Agenda Item 4

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Turner)****THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.****CARRIED****NCB2402/03****PUBLIC FORUM**

Agenda Item 5

The following matters were discussed at the public forum:

- Ms C Clark (Resident of Horotiu) addressed the Board in relation to her concerns about the traffic on Horotiu Bridge Road and the effect it is having with turning into Kernott Road.

- The new raised pedestrian & traffic lights outside Horotiu School had seen some improvement with speeding cars along the road however for cars making a right hand turn into Kernott Road the traffic remains problematic.
- There is no turning bay into Kernott Road (from Horotiu Bridge Road) for cars to turn into the road safely so drivers are forced to sit in the middle of the road whilst they are waiting to turn – this is causing the drivers who are caught behind right turning traffic to be irritable and some drivers have become abusive and are undertaking dangerous overtaking manoeuvres to get past which is an accident waiting to happen.
- It was noted by the Chair that whilst no action can be taken tonight the Board will see what steps can be taken and have discussions with Waikato District Alliance.

**ACTION:** Community Board Chair and Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation to follow up with the Waikato District Alliance team to determine what steps can be taken to address the safety concerns.

## **REPORTS**

### Discretionary Fund Report – 30 January 2024

#### Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Mrs Firth to follow up with the contact for Belgravia and follow up the invoice for the end of the 2023/2024 summer swimming season.

### Discretionary Fund Application – Ngaruawahia RSA

#### Agenda Item 6.1A

The report was received [*NCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

#### Ngaruawahia RSA:

- Mrs A Ramsay spoke to the application and provided a brief history of the flags being erected in Ngaruawaahia for Anzac Day.
- Concern was raised as to the cost of the flags and the weight this had on the Community Board budget (it's one quarter of the annual budget).
- Cr Patterson spoke of his support of the application noting that a majority of the costs incurred for the flags was because of the Council Traffic Management Plans that need to be applied for and are only increasing.

- The Chairperson also noted support for the application and gave an overview of some of the background research she had done around the history of the flags and what the significance is for Ngaaruawaahia.

**Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mrs Firth)**

**THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board:**

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,971.70 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
  - i. Ngaruawahia RSA**
  - ii. for the Anzac Flags**

**CARRIED**

**NCB2402/04**

Ngaaruawaahia Works & Issues Report  
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*NCB2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Street Naming:

- The Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation followed up on the questions inside the report for Ms Rice and she confirmed that she will respond via email to the questions raised.
- Cr Turner will look at the mana whenua space and provide the relevant information for any new maaori street names.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Point Public Toilet:

- The Board had an out of cycle workshop last week and have decided and moved the concept plan of the structure of the toilet and have fed this back to the Project Manager.
- The concept plan for the location of the toilet was shared with the Board which was well received and the Chairperson is going to touch base with the project manager to confirm the Boards approval.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund:

- There was no further discussion.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall:

- There was no further discussion.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development:

- The Board raised concerns with the amount of traffic on Old Taupiri Road at the moment with the construction happening on Festival Way. It would be good to see if there can be a break to the road works during peak times to allow residents easy flow in and out of their properties along with reduced speed.

**ACTION:** Executive Manager, Projects and Innovation to follow up with the project team to determine if speed can be lowered during peak times of the day. Item to remain on the schedule.

Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre:

- It was noted that there is a large hole in the ground at the evacuation point at the pools by the driveway entrance and a job has been logged through Antenno (REF: AR2402116198). An update on this Antenno job is required for the next meeting.
- The construction of the new ramp at the Pools was underway and there are concerns that the works being done was not what was approved on the plans. The entrance of the new ramp was further away than what was approved and the end of the ramp does not appear to line up with the existing entrance gate as planned.
- It appears that the pathway was intruding a lot more into the grass hill and concerns have been raised about fencing the grass hill and how much room will be left for patrons. Cr Patterson advised he had spoken to the project manager and some changes had to be made once work was underway due to issues at the site.
- It was noted that whilst the works aren't quite what was expected it's not an issue across any other projects so there is not going to be a different approach moving forward.

**ACTION:** An update on Service Request logged (REF: AR2402116198) to be provided for the next meeting. Item to remain on the schedule.

Structure Plan Update:

- A brief verbal update was provided to the Board from the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation with the notes highlighted in the report.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Signage & Security Fencing – Waipa River Walkway:

- It was noted by the Board that the works undertaken on the walkway were very well done and it looks great.

**ACTION:** Works Completed - Item to be removed from the schedule.

Kelm Road Works – Council Facebook Post on Tuesday, 12 September:

- There was no further discussion.

**ACTION:** Item to remain on the schedule.

Other business/new items:

- Galbraith Street Wastewater Line just north of Jacobs Lane. Could some detail be provided to the Board as to what the works are that are being undertaken with the Wastewater line and a scheduled timeline for completion be provided?

**ACTION:** Item to be added to the Schedule.

2024-2034 Long Term Plan Update

## Agenda Item 6.3

A verbal update on the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan (LTP) was provided by the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation and the following discussion was held:

- Workshops with elected members and Community Board & Committee Chairpersons were undertaken last week on the LTP Budgets.
- A draft LTP package was being collated and would be sent to the Council meeting in March 2024 where it was scheduled to adopt the consultation document for the district.
- A few key areas out of the workshops so far are an increase in the investment for the Roding Network, Three Waters Infrastructure and Customer Responsiveness.
- Some further highlights were outlined in regards to the savings that Council would be looking to make to ensure a more efficient and cost effective service.

- The increase over the 10 year LTP period for both Capital Expenditure and Operational Expenditure was noted.
- It was further noted that communities and ratepayers could possibly be looking at a 13.1% General Rate increase in the first year of the LTP whilst targeted rates can also vary.
- Cr Patterson & Cr Turner also provided further context from the workshops that have taken place and acknowledged the hard discussions that have been had and that are still to come with communities. It was acknowledged that times are tough for many people not only in Ngaaruawaahia but across the district and the minimalist LTP document is a testament to the rising costs.
- The Councillors also acknowledged the work of staff that have worked hard to find as many savings as possible whilst still maintaining the levels of service required – it is not an easy task.
- It was noted that the conversations being had in workshops and Council meetings are very community focused and the impacts on members of the community are at the forefront of all elected members' minds.

#### Community Board Plan

##### Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [NCB2402/02 refers] and the Board are going to have an out of cycle workshop with the Community Led Development Advisor on Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 6pm.

#### Chairpersons Report

##### Agenda Item 6.6

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following items:

- The Community Day at the Ngaaruawaahia Pools was a huge success with over 150 kids in attendance over the course of the day.
- The Chairperson noted that it would be good to have a workshop discussion about setting a date for the next Community Day ahead of time prior to everyone going on Christmas Holidays.
- The Chairperson has attended all the Long-Term Plan (LTP) workshops along with Bylaw and Policy workshops. It had been great to be at the table and be able to ask questions and gain a better understanding on behalf of Ngaaruawaahia.
- Concerns raised following a couple of incidents in recent weeks with a group of older youths seen throwing rocks at a train as it was going through town which was extremely dangerous.

- It was noted that the trains going through Ngaaruawaahia over the summer months have again encountered issues with people being on the train bridge – there have been numerous occasions that the driver of the train has blared the safety horn for long periods of time.
- Following on from the discussion around the LTP workshops it was noted by the Chairperson that the Board along with Council could do more to promote different avenues of relief or help that are available to those ratepayers who may qualify – The Rate Rebate Scheme that is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is one such avenue that needs to be promoted better in the community.
- It was acknowledged that whilst the eligibility criteria for the Rate Rebate scheme might not extend to many members of the community it's still worth advertising this and making sure people know they are more than welcome to check their eligibility with Council – it is quick and easy to find out and the Council website link is easy to follow: <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rates/rates-rebates>

### Councillors Reports

#### Agenda Item 6.7

The Councillors provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Cr Patterson reiterated the promotion of the Rate Rebate scheme and would like the Board to get out into the Community and raise awareness.
- There have been many meetings and workshops at Council since their return in January and the new Executive Manager, Iwi Partnerships was welcomed to Council with a poowhiri on 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- The workshops around the Long-Term Plan (LTP) were discussed and it was acknowledged that there are some difficult discussions ahead with our communities and affordability issues that could arise.
- Cr Patterson also noted the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) workshops and meetings that he has attended as part of the Regional Transport Committee.
- Cr Turner noted that she had been unwell for the first three weeks of Council reopening for 2024 but acknowledged the new position of Mrs Maehe Paki (Executive Manager, Iwi Partnerships) and the pivotal role she will play in the mana whenua space.
- Concern was also raised around the costs of living and the impact that any rate increases coming from the LTP discussions are going to have on our maaori community members in particular.

## Community Board Members Reports

### Agenda Item 6.8

The Board Members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- Mrs Firth acknowledged the multiple meetings that the Chairperson has attended at Council and also acknowledged the community day at the Pools.
- Ms Rice advised that she has been busy with the Beautification of Ngaaruawaahia project with the Community Led Development Advisor and noted that work is underway to hold a few community meeting days at the Arts Centre to get the community involved.
- Ms Rice noted that she had met with other council representatives to discuss placemaking options and the Community Led Development Advisor was collating all ideas into a report to present back to the Board on the old Waipa Tavern space.
- It was noted by Mr Wiechern that it was a great idea to have the potential new Library facing the Hakarimata Ranges with open windows however that was an idea for future conversations.
- It was noted that the fencing that is currently around the old Waipa Tavern site was there for a reason and costs of removal of the debris on the ground are big and more discussions need to be had.
- It was noted by Mr Ayers that there had been some complaints from residents about the large tree at the end of Ellery Street East (on the Esplanade) and the limbs of the big tree blocking the view of the river.
- Mr Ayers showed different picture ideas to the Board for the “Welcome to Ngaaruawaahia” signs and it was decided that the Board will discuss this out of cycle in their discussion group and look into the pictures further.
- It was noted that the Ngaaruawaahia Lions Club had sought permission to erect three bench seats in Ngaaruawaahia in remembrance of three life long Ngaaruawaahia residents who had made a great impact on the town; Mr Nom MacIntosh, Mrs Helyn Huirama and Mr Bill Hutt. The Lions are covering the cost of installation.

*The meeting concluded with the Board expressing their heartfelt condolences and sympathies to Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward Councillor Ms P Matatahi-Poutapu and the wider Poutapu whaanau with the passing of her father, Mr Pukeiahua Poutapu on Monday, 19 February 2024.*

*‘Moe mai ra e te Rangatira.....moe mai ra’.*

*The meeting ended with a karakia.*

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.03pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2024.

Ms K Morgan  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Unconfirmed

<b>To</b>	<b>Ngāruawāhia Community Board</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Discretionary Fund Report to 14 March 2024</b>
Date:	2 April 2024
Report Author:	Jen Schimanski, Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz, Chief Financial Officer

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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The purpose of this report is to update the Ngāruawāhia Community Board on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 14 March 2024.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**That the Ngāruawāhia Community Board receives the Discretionary Fund Report to 14 March 2024.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 14 March 2024

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<b>NGAARUAWAAHIA COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2023/24 (July 2023 - June 2024)</b>
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<b>As at Date: 14-Mar-2024</b>
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			<b>10-2050-0000-00-25904</b>
<b>2023/24 Annual Plan</b>			20,999.00
<b>Carry forward from 2022/23</b>			44,143.00
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>65,142.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			-
<b>Total Income</b>			-
<b>Expenditure</b>			
30-Oct-23	Payment to Ngaaruwaahia Senior Citizens Friendship Club for a Raglan Harbour Cruise Trip March 2024	NCB2310/05	2,150.00
12-Dec-23	Payment of \$4,500.00 to the Graeme Dingle Foundation for the career Navigator - Kiwi Can Programme Inv 0395 12/12/2023	NCB2312/04	4,500.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>6,650.00</b>
<b>Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)</b>			<b>58,492.00</b>
<b>Commitments</b>			
13-Nov-18	Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve - includes \$500 commitment for an opening ceremony (NCB1906/04). 08/09/20 Commitment increased by \$20,000 (NCB2009/04)	NCB1811/04 NCB1906/04 NCB2009/04	40,000.00
22-Mar-22	Less Payment made \$2,750.00 (excl GST) towards the installation of ANZAC Street Flags from Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve	NCB2202/03	(2,750.00)
03-May-22	Less payment made of \$2,750 (incl. GST) towards the cost of building improvement for Hope Rising Farm Trust transfer from the Te Mana O Te Rangi Reserve Commitment	NCB2205/04	(2,391.30)
14-Jun-22	Less payment made of \$3,130 (excl. GST) to Te Whare Toi O Ngaaruwaahia towards the cost of the Matariki Festival transfer from the Te Mana O Te Rangi Reserve Commitment	NCB2206/05	(3,130.00)
04-Nov-19	Ngaaruwaahia Railway Bridge commitment: 50% subsidy of Ngaaruwaahia pool 18/19 (NCB1811/04) & 19/20. (NCB1911/09) 21/22 (NCB2111/05) 23/24 (NCB2310/04)	NCB1811/04 NCB1911/09 NCB2111/05 NCB2310/04	10,000.00
	Less : Payments made to Belgravia Leisure for Pool Admissions (23/01/2020)		(1,309.74)
	Less : Payments made to Belgravia Leisure for Pool Admissions (28/02/2020)	NCB2006/04	(903.97)
	Less : Payments made to Belgravia Leisure for Pool Admissions (26/03/2020)	NCB2002/01	(334.78)
	Less : Payments made to Belgravia Leisure for Pool Admissions (12/04/2022)	NCB2210/09	(2,216.96)
01-Aug-23	Commitment from the Ngaaruwaahia Community Board of \$1,800.00 towards the "Beautification of Ngaaruwaahia" project for hanging flower baskets on Great South Road.	NCB2308/04	1,800.00
24-Feb-24	Commitment from the NCB of \$3,971.70 (plus GST, if any) to Ngaruawahia RSA towards the ANZAC Flags	NCB2402/04	3,971.70
<b>Total Commitments</b>			<b>42,734.95</b>
<b>Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)</b>			<b>15,757.05</b>

<b>To</b>	<b>Ngāruawāhia Community Board</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Works, Actions &amp; Issues Report: Status of Items April 2024</b>
Date:	2 April 2024
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, EA to the General Manager Service Delivery
Authorised by:	Kurt Abbot, Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To update the Ngāruawāhia Community Board on actions and issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway in March.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**That the Ngāruawāhia Community Board Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items for April 2024 be received.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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

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## Ngaaruawaahia Community Board Actions – April 2024

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>To Action</b>	<b>Update/Response</b>
1.	<p><b>Turning Bay into Kernott Road (from Horotiu Bridge Road)</b> The Executive Manager, Projects &amp; Innovation to communicate the decision made in relation to this matter.</p>	The Chair & Kurt Abbot, Executive Manager	
2.	<p><b>Galbraith Street Wastewater Line (just north of Jacobs Lane)</b> Can some detail be provided to the Board as to what the works are that are being undertaken with the wastewater line and a scheduled timeline for completion be provided.</p>	Deron Sharma, Waters Reform Manager	<p>Under the Proposed District Plan (PDP), the land south of Festival Way within Galbraith Road catchment is zoned as Medium Density Residential Zone (MRZ). Recently, this catchment has already seen development whilst additional housing development applications are in progress.</p> <p>To ensure coordinated connectivity for this region, an extension of the branch sewer gravity main is required to convey flows to the new pipeline. The Galbraith Street gravity main will also enable future residential zones, as identified in the Waikato 2070 plan, to connect seamlessly.</p> <p>The proposed extension will cover a distance of approximately 800 meters, from Jacobs Lane to Festival Way. This extension will, in turn, facilitate the re-alignment of a wastewater pump station rising main, effectively addressing the growing capacity constraints in the existing downstream network.</p> <p>Works are expected to be completed in October 2024.</p>

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>To Action</b>	<b>Update/Response</b>
3.	<p><b>Street Naming</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Rice to respond via email to questions raised. The title of book used for street names.</li> <li>Cr Turner will look at the mana whenua space and provide the relevant information for any new Maaori street names.</li> </ul>	<p>Ms Rice</p> <p>Cr Turner</p>	<p>Information received from Ms Rice.</p> <p>A copy of the document to be sent to Mana Whenua so any comments can be made before publishing it on the WDC website.</p>
4.	<p><b>Structure Plan Update</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p>	<p>Fletcher Bell, Strategic Planning</p>	<p><b>March 2024:</b></p> <p><b>Outstanding pieces of work</b></p> <p><b>Main Report:</b> this is currently being worked on by Strategic Planning team and is planned to be publicly available for consultation in <del>March</del> June (Accidentally wrote March)</p> <p><b>Parks and facilities report:</b> Completed and now with getting internally designed.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> FLOW (Consultatns) is making some minor amendments to mapping. WDC to receive a final version in the next week or so 98% complete.</p> <p><b>Heritage, Arch, Notable trees:</b> This report has largely been an update to ensure that the structure plan is reflective of the work that has been done in the PDP</p>

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>To Action</b>	<b>Update/Response</b>
			<p>(Proposed District Plan). Heritage and Notable trees section is done. Just seeking clarification from NZAA around some site data that council currently have.</p> <p>90% Complete</p> <p><b>Stormwater:</b> Te Miro and WaterCare are working to deliver the report in the next two weeks, this is mostly complete and is just a matter of bringing all the information together.</p> <p>80% complete.</p>
5.	<p><b>Point Public Toilet Update</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p>	Patrick Edwards, EPMO	<p>Design is well underway for the site works. The building details are being worked through with the community.</p> <p>Once design is finalised, we will get pricing for construction and finalise our claim with our insurers.</p>
6.	<p><b>Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p>	Trevor Ranga, EPMO	The tendering process has started with the document uploaded onto the GETS (Government Electronic Tenders Service) site. Tenders close at 4pm on 22 April.
7.	<p><b>Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p> <p>Executive Manager, Projects &amp; Innovation to follow up with the Projects team to determine if speed can be lowered during peak times of the day.</p>	<p>Patrick Edwards, EPMO</p> <p>Kurt Abbot</p>	<p>Consents are all in place and neighbouring property surveys have all been completed. The stormwater pipe installation is well underway. We aim to engage the roading contractor before the end of March.</p> <p>Project is scheduled for completion by year end.</p>

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>To Action</b>	<b>Update/Response</b>
			Temp speed reductions for surrounding will be considered alongside traffic management planning for roading works.
8.	<p><b>Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p> <p>An update on Service Request logged (REF: AR2402116198) to be provided for the next meeting.</p>	Trevor Ranga, EPMO	<p>The ramp is now complete with the installation of the separation fencing nearing completion.</p> <p>The service request has also been completed</p> 
9.	<p><b>Ngaaruawaahia Wastewater Pipeline Works Update</b></p> <p><i>Item to remain on Schedule</i></p> <p><b>** As this project is highlighted and updated on the Council website as part of the projects page please advise if this item is to remain on the schedule or can be removed.</b></p>	Deron Sharma, Waters Reform Manager	<p>The lift station at the wastewater treatment plant and the first stage of the pipeline construction is complete. Construction is well underway on the road section and under track crossing.</p> <p>Work is due to complete June 2024. Ground and road condition is an ongoing concern, both require additional supporting works.</p> <p>Please refer to <a href="#">Projects Page on public website</a> for further information.</p>

**Further Information:**

- If you have noticed a problem in our district that requires our attention (roading, waters, animals, litter etc.), or have questions regarding one of our services (refuse, recycling, billing etc.) you can **log a request via our online Report it tool**. Please do **NOT** contact the Contractor directly.

[Report it here](#) →

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## **Project Update** (as at 18 March 2024)

### **Carparks**

### **Playgrounds and Sports Parks**

#### **Paterson Park Playground Upgrade**

Equipment will be ordered for Option 2, and installation will happen March/April 2024.

### **Facilities**

#### **Toilet Replacement, The Point, Ngaaruawaahia**

WDC Project Team met with members of the Community Board on site to walk through the toilet and car park project. The Community Board have also chosen from the standard catalogue the roof type, colour and cladding.

WDC is currently waiting on whether Consultation and a letter of approval from Tangata Whenua is appropriate or whether the project needs a Cultural Values Assessment / Cultural Impact Assessment. Rangatira Simon is liaising with the four stakeholders (Tūrangawaewae Marae, The Office of the Kiingitanga, Ngāti Tamainupō, & Taupiri Marae) who will guide which of the two options is appropriate, this will then form part of the submission to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

#### **Ngaaruawaahia Hall**

The tendering process has started with the document uploaded onto the GETS (Government Electronic Tenders Service) site. Tenders close at 4pm on 22 April.

#### **Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre**

The ramp is now complete with the installation of the separation fencing nearing completion.

### **Roading**

#### **Festival Way Road Construction**

Consents are all in place and neighbouring property surveys have all been completed. The stormwater pipe installation is well underway. We aim to engage the roading contractor before the end of March.

Project is scheduled for completion by year end.

Temp speed reductions for surrounding will be considered alongside traffic management planning for roading works.

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## Waters

On Monday 19 February, Watercare arranged a bus tour for Mana Whenua, to the Ngaaruawaahia, Raahui Pookeka Huntly, and Whangamarino (Te Kauwhata) Water Treatment Plants (WTP) and intake locations.



*Site visit to the Ngaaruawaahia Water Treatment plant*

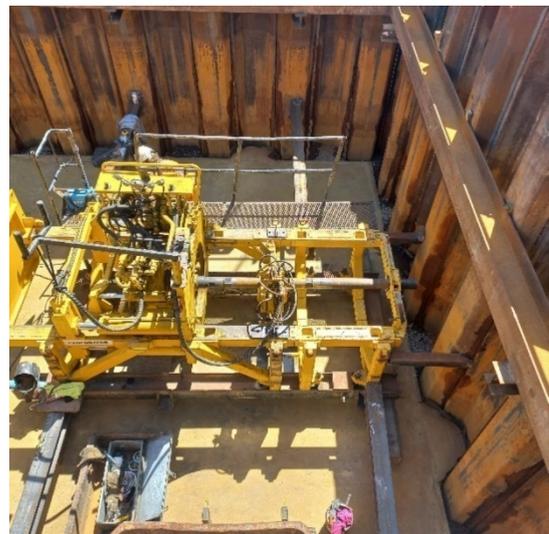
The site visit was an opportunity to discuss the existing and future issues for each township and WTP. We presented the three servicing options for Central-Districts and two servicing options for Mid-Waikato.

### **Ngaaruawaahia Wastewater Pipeline Replacement**

The pump station is complete. Work is well underway in Great South Road with 800 meters remaining. The KiwiRail under-track crossing is underway to link both sides. Work on the 375 mm branch sewer has commenced in Galbraith St.



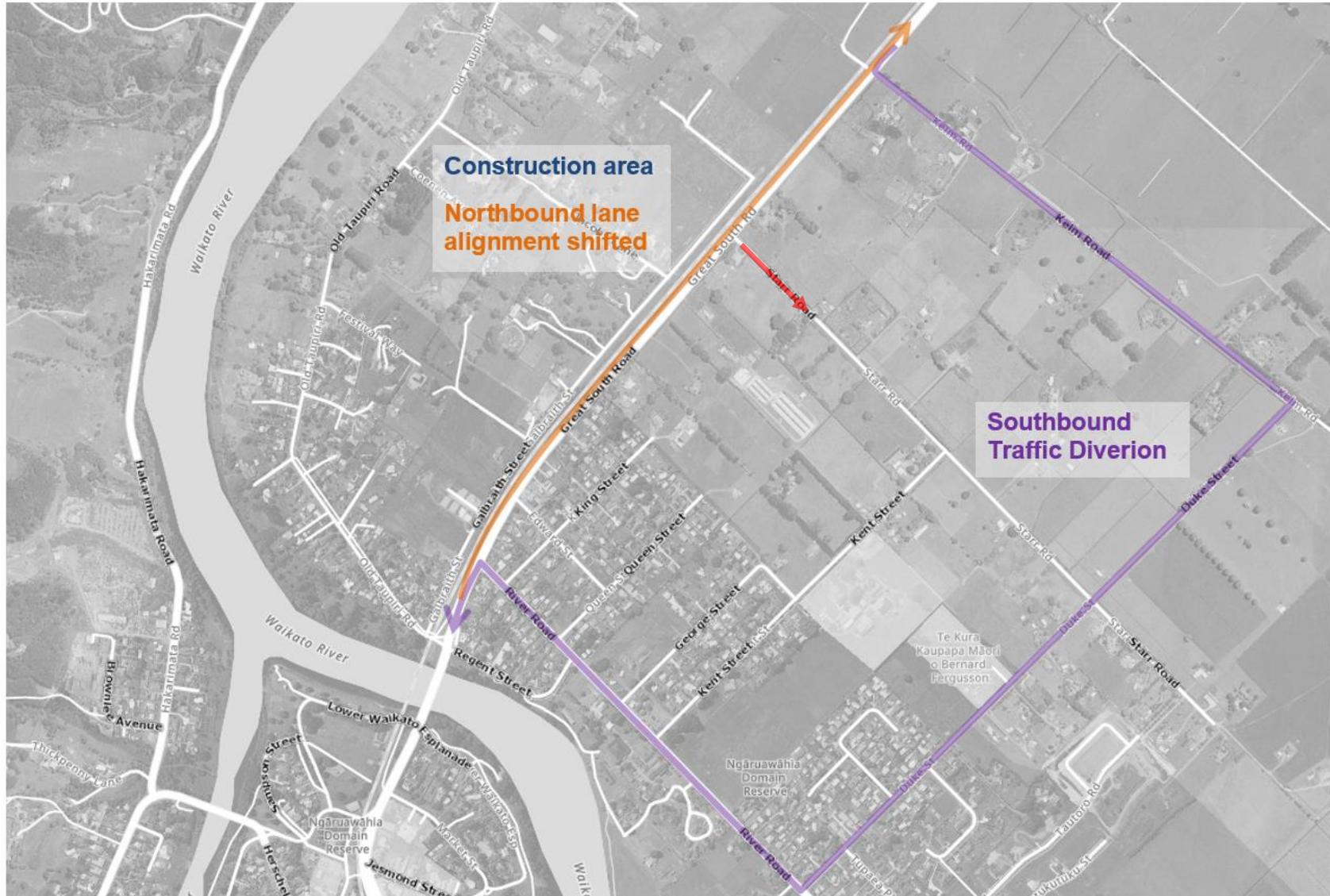
*Galbraith St works*



*The under-track auger pilot bore*

### **Ngaaruawaahia Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

The run-to-waste is ready for operation. The resource consent application has been submitted.



Ngāruawāhia Traffic Diversion 2024

KEY

New Rising Main —

New Sewer —



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**NGARUAWAHIA WASTEWATER MAIN UPGRADE**  
**GENERAL**  
 STAGES OF WORK

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# Mahere Whānui 2024-2034 Long Term Plan

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**F<sup>10</sup> FORWARD**  
YEARS **What matters most**

**Waikato**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
*Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato*

# Takatū Waikato

## Making a stand for the Waikato

### Matawhānui ▲ **Our vision**

Waikato mārohirohi: Manaaki whenua, whakamana tangata.

The mighty Waikato: Caring for our place, empowering our people.

### Aronga ▲ **Our purpose**

Working together for a Waikato region that has a **healthy environment, vibrant communities** and **strong economy**.

### Ngā aronga nui ▲ **Our strategic priorities**



Wai  
**Water**



Takutai moana  
**Coastal and marine**



Hononga hapori  
**Community connections**



Rerenga rauropi, tiakitanga taiao  
**Biodiversity and biosecurity**



Hanganga tauwhiro  
**Sustainable development  
and infrastructure**



Whakaheke tukunga  
**Transition to a low  
emissions economy**

# Resilience and efficiency matter <sup>27</sup>

- In recent times we have faced some big challenges, including COVID-19, extreme weather events and a cost-of-living crisis.
- So this long term plan focuses on what matters most – the resilience of our rohe (region).
- Resilience includes social and economic wellbeing, as well as infrastructure that can withstand climate change.
- A spatial plan will be developed to ensure good decisions are made for the entire region.



## Consultation

Consultation is open for you to tell us what you think about our proposals.

**2 April  
-2 May**

**14-17  
May**

## Hearings

You can present your feedback to councillors in person (if you wish). Details will be available online at [waikatoregion.govt.nz/council-meetings/council](https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/council-meetings/council). All meetings are open to the public.

## Decision making

Councillors make decisions on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Your feedback will be taken into account along with other submissions from across the region.

**24-29  
May**

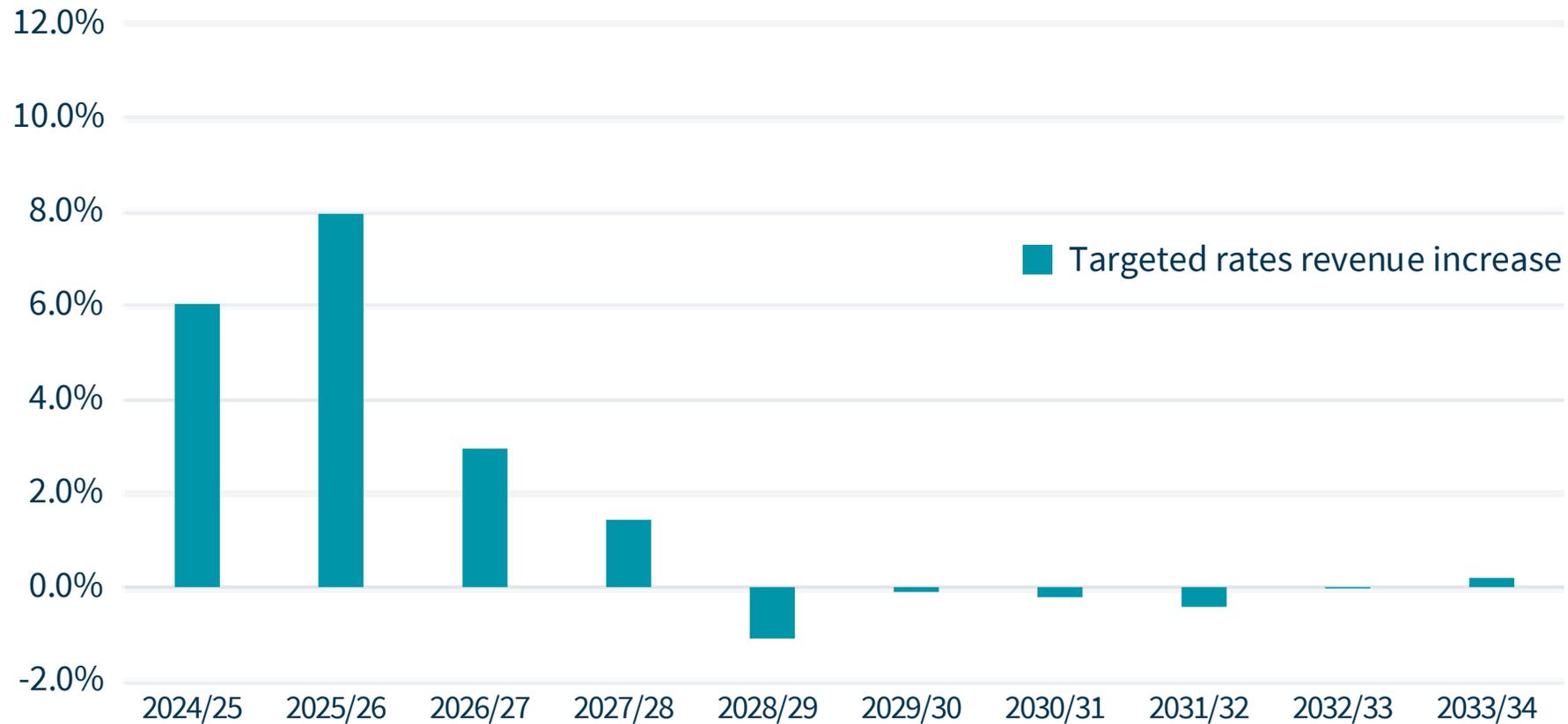
**25  
June**

## Final decision

The 2024-2034 Long Term Plan is adopted  
A copy will then be made available online at [waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp](https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp).

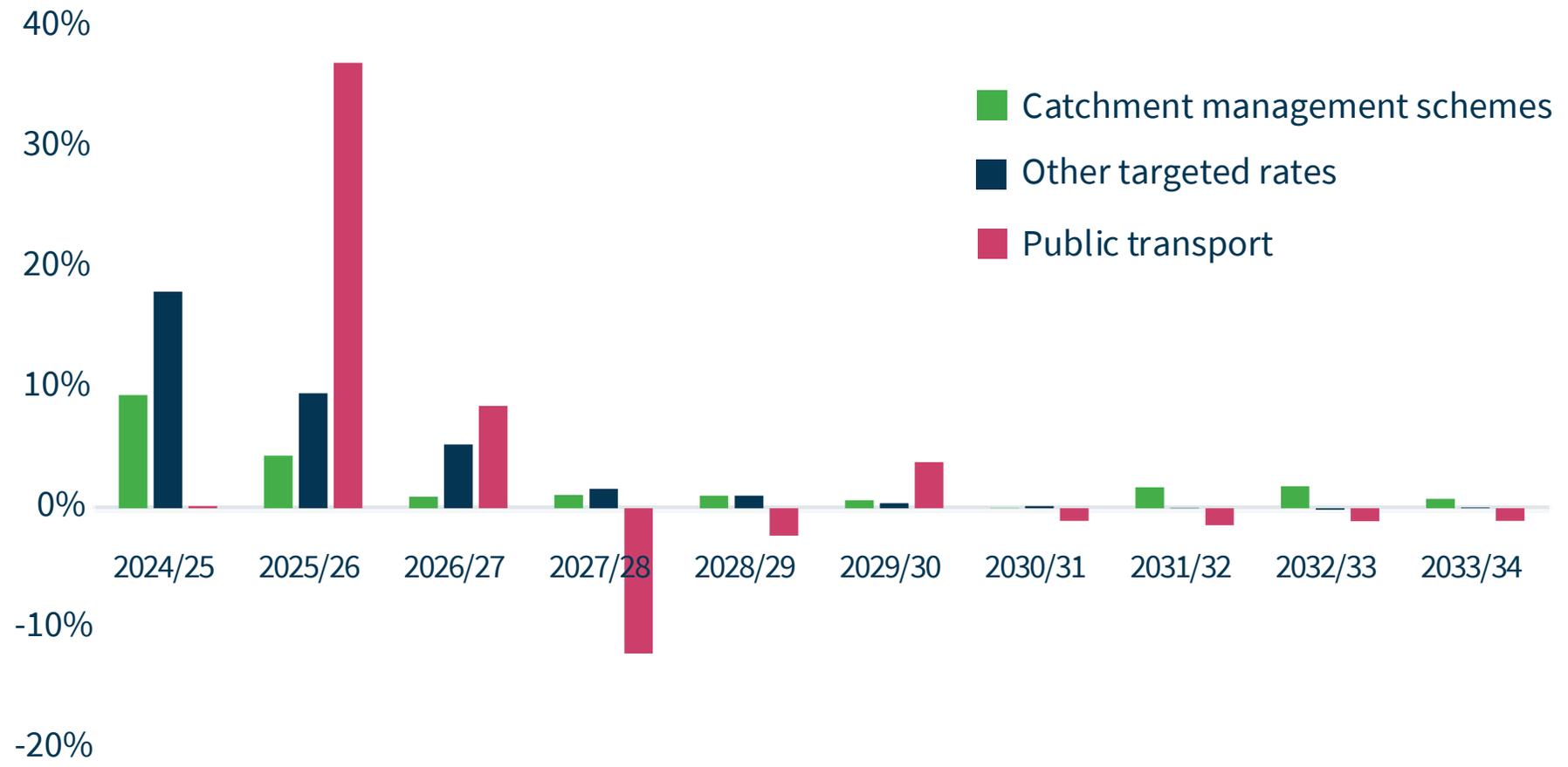
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## Increase in total rates revenue from current ratepayers



# A snapshot of the impact on rates

## Year on year % increase in targeted rates revenue from current ratepayers



# Our proposals



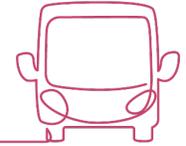
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## Regional economic development funding

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- Funding for Te Waka



## Simplifying public transport investment

- Collecting a region-wide public transport rate



## Investment and affordability

- Changes to the funding of primary industry compliance

# Investing more in our region's biodiversity

## Increasing our natural heritage rate

- Funding for conservation projects hasn't kept pace with demand or inflation.
- At the same time, more people are involved in conservation efforts, requiring more support.
- Existing funds have successfully enabled valuable projects like planting, predator control & ecological restoration.
- Increased project complexity and multi-year needs have outpaced current resources.

### Proposal

- Preferred option is to catch up with inflation (\$8.68 per property).

### Benefits

- Fund more community conservation projects.
- Protect and restore our region's unique biodiversity.
- Achieve biodiversity goals faster.



# Investing more in our region's biodiversity

Preferred option

## OPTION 1

Council increases the Natural Heritage rate to \$8.68 per property per annum, with further increases for the proposed work programme after this.

## OPTION 2

Council increases the Natural Heritage rate to \$15 per property per annum (to enable more work to be done sooner to improve biodiversity).

## OPTION 3

Council keeps the Natural Heritage rate at \$5.80 per property per annum.

# Simplifying public transport investment

## Collecting a region-wide public transport rate

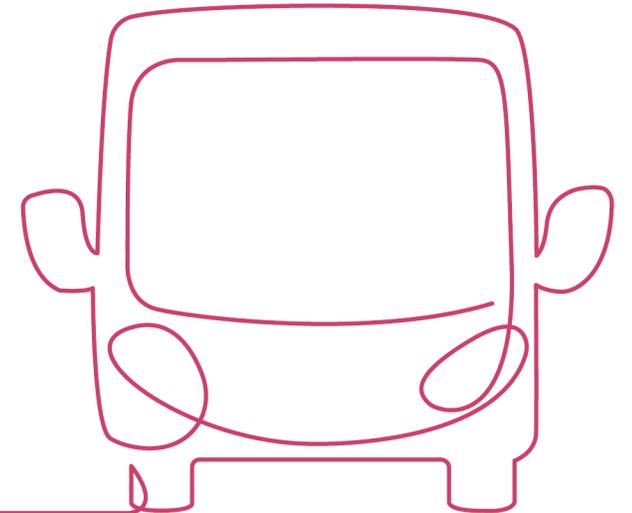
- Complex funding creates delays and hinders strategic planning for a connected region-wide network.
- The current system is fragmented – Waikato Regional Council rates some areas, others use general rates.
- This creates challenges such as:
  - lengthy planning and approval processes
  - unclear cost contributions for cross-jurisdictional services
  - inequitable funding across districts.

### Proposal

- Region-wide public transport rate – with further opportunity for more detailed engagement on options through the next annual plan.

### Benefits

- Streamlined planning and administration.
- Fairer cost sharing based on proximity to services.
- More efficient response to changing community needs.
- No impact to levels of service or council borrowing.



# Simplifying public transport investment

Preferred option

## OPTION 1

- 80 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties within 5km of a bus route.
- 20 per cent of the funding required from rates is paid by all other properties in the area.

## OPTION 2

- 80 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties within 800m of a bus stop.
- 20 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties between 800m and 5km of a bus stop.

# Regional economic development funding

## Discontinuing the Regional Development Fund

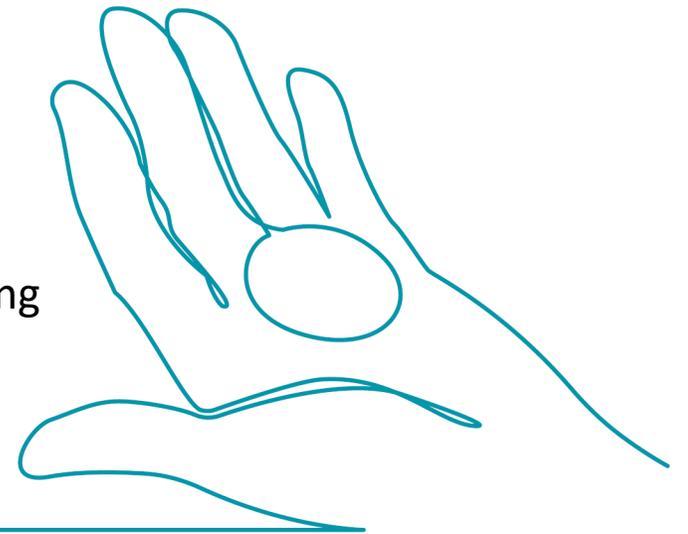
- Regional Development Fund (RDF) created in 2015 for environment-friendly economic projects.
- Low uptake – only 3 grants approved in 8 years.
- High staff time for administration.
- Limited impact compared to potential uses.

### Proposal

- Disestablish the RDF.

### Benefits

- Redirect unallocated funds (\$3.979 million) to higher-impact priorities.
- Free up staff time for strategic economic development initiatives.
- Repurpose RDF investment returns for better use – with an overall aim of finding more effective ways to promote a strong regional economy.



# Regional economic development funding

Preferred option

## OPTION 1

Council discontinues the Regional Development Fund.

## OPTION 2

Council continues to operate the Regional Development Fund.

# Regional economic development funding

## Funding for Te Waka

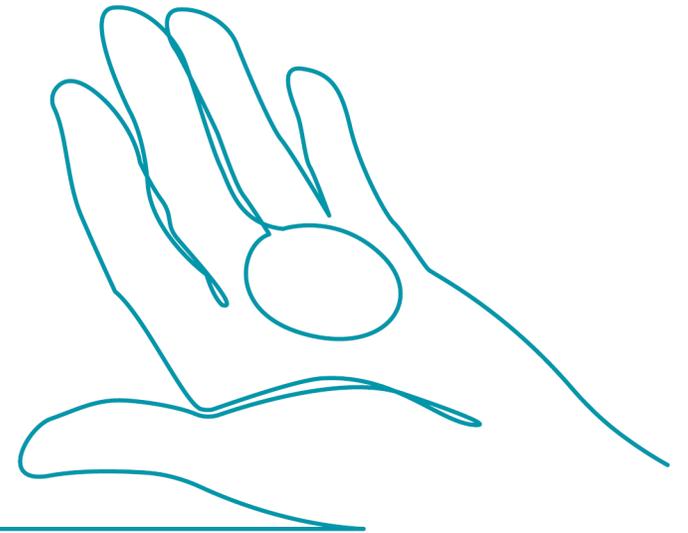
- Te Waka was established in 2018 by the Waikato Mayoral Forum.
- Its purpose is to champion regional economic growth through partnerships.
- Current WRC funding: \$750,000 annually from investment returns (past 3 years).

### Proposal

- Continue funding of \$750,000 per annum for 3 years using unallocated RDF funds.

### Benefits

- Continue to have an agency that can champion regional economic growth through partnerships.
- Continued funding would depend on new accountability measures to help ensure outcomes.



# Regional economic development funding

Preferred option

## OPTION 1

Council provides \$750,000 per annum over three years to Te Waka using unallocated money from the Regional Development Fund.

## OPTION 2

Council does not continue to fund Te Waka.



# Other work we're prioritising

- Improving Whangamarino Wetland and Lake Waikare
- A strategy for water security
- Understanding our coastal marine areas
- Stepping up pest management
- For peat's sake
- Wharekawa Coast 2120
- Regional spatial planning
- Te Huia: passenger rail service
  - Future service improvements
  - Renewal of rolling stock



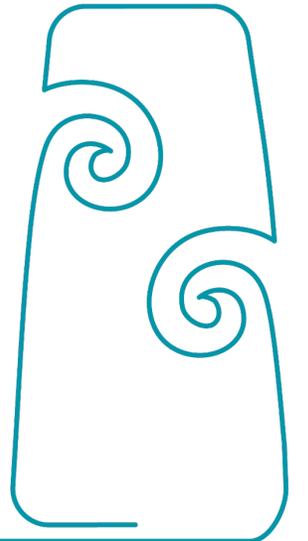
# Work we're not doing

- Eco Retrofit withdrawn
- On the house



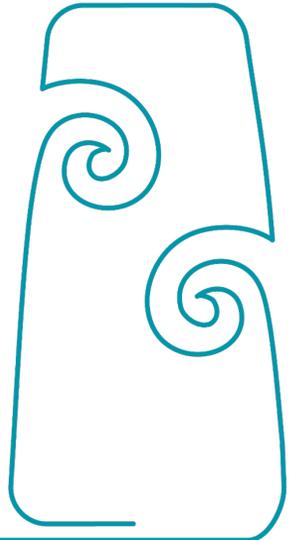
# Infrastructure strategy

- Over the next 50 years, it is expected we would need to invest over \$1 billion in the replacement of some of our assets, and a further \$1.87 billion on non-capital related costs like ongoing operating and maintenance, and depreciation.
- These cost estimates do not include consideration of the increasing challenges we are facing, such as climate change, new government legislation, affordability, morphology and business capability.
- Simply replacing or repairing assets, as we have done in the past, may no longer be economically or environmentally sustainable, affordable, or workable.
- Therefore, to account for these challenges, significant changes have been made to the Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2074.



# Infrastructure strategy

- Better alignment to our focus on wellbeing and climate change.
- Transition to more sustainable and holistic flood risk management by:
  - focusing on maintenance improvement for the next decade
  - applying strategic direction priorities and goals through a transparent decision making framework
  - prioritising nature-based solutions and water quality improvements
  - collaboration with others to address climate risks and secure funding.
- Key objectives in future investment decisions:
  - Cost effectiveness and alternatives
  - New or remedial capital works consider ecosystem services and long term risk reduction.
- Will include non-structural assets like monitoring and public transport infrastructure, etc.



# Share your views

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➤➤ **Consultation closes at 4pm  
on Thursday, 2 May 2024.**



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