

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

2017-18 ANNUAL & TRIENNIUM PLANS ENGAGEMENT

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

All the changes are excellent ideas. I support all initiatives but watch with interest and reserve judgement on the 'one stop shop' for council services until I hear how the expense will be charged on to the public.

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Comments

I support all proposed changes.

The 3 year work programme

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- ☒ Agree
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Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
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Comments

I would like to comment on the home builders rates rebate: Basing the date of eligibility on the completion date is the right way to go. I know of several people who already have consents and are waiting to save enough money before beginning building. This will encourage those people to begin sooner. If it was say the date consent was granted these people who are the target demographic may never start to build.

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Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

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Comments

The consultation and feedback process needs to be more widely advertised. I only come across consultation attempts by word of mouth at present.

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Wellington need fairer fares for students in the city to make living in the suburbs affordable. The Council should also introduce new recycling bins.

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Comments

People focussed should include making sure our public amenities are affordable and workable.

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A wider variety of Council-sponsored art events. There have been some great pieces of drama and art in our little hub, and it'd be great to utilise civic square more!

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Comments

I commend the resilience measures proposed. However, the case for spending \$90 million on the town hall is not compelling. This is a very large sum to spend on a building that sits on higher-risk land according to earthquake hazard maps. How does this compare with the costs of strengthening other city venues, such as the Opera House or St James Theatre, or of building a new venue on better land?

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Comments

I strongly agree with the resilience goal - this should be first and foremost for WCC. The Living **11**

Wage initiative is great and I hope this will be combined with motivating and rewarding staff for finding ways to work more efficiently and effectively - the goal should be to peg future rate rises to the rate of inflation.

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Comments

The resilience goals are great, but are missing a critical long-term element: WCC should be discouraging development on Wellington's most earthquake-prone land, instead encouraging development on safer ground. Some proposed new developments, eg buildings along the CBD waterfront, in Kilbirnie and at Shelly Bay, and potentially the South Coast Marine Exploration Centre, risk putting people and buildings at undue risk of ground shaking, liquefaction, tsunami and sea level rise. WCC should be directing all development of the city's built environment into the safer (higher) land of Te Aro, Mt Cook and Newtown, and the hill suburbs of Johnsonville or Karori, using waterfront areas as recreational reserves. The blue lines initiative was great, but vertical evacuation structures for tsunami are urgently needed in low-lying areas distant from hills, particularly Rongotai. Finally, the recent population growth in Wellington CBD demands contingency plans for emergency accommodation and services in case the CBD has to be evacuated after an earthquake.

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The resilience goals are excellent, particularly the water resilience, the explicit support for resilient transport corridors and the Prince of Wales reservoir. The partnership with GNS Science ('Smart Buildings') is great initiative. I would love to see much more here: can WCC work with GNS or Universities on other key resilience initiatives, such as slope monitoring on the hillsides, field testing of retaining wall structures, and construction of vertical evacuation structures for tsunami inundation in low-lying areas such as Rongotai?

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Dear reader,

I write in response to a few aspects of the annual plan as a student currently studying at Victoria university, and as someone who grew up in Christchurch and keeps some of those values in mind. My first point of feedback surrounds the suggestion of kerb side green bins, which I am in firm support of. We have been using these bins in Christchurch for well over five years now, and they are effective in family and flat house holds for preventing the waste of around 14 litres of green waste a week from household life as well as garden materials from being wasted to being used as fertiliser for council means as well possible farming use. I see so much being wasted in red bins each week in Wellington and I believe it is time to move with the times and update this system. On the matter of waste I also believe in the need for a better recycling situation across Wellington city and in particular water front by situating more permanent recycling bins alongside rubbish bins, as the water front especially is where rubbish and recycling alike cannot afford to be tossed into the sea. An update of recycling plants to include to recycling of plastic bottle caps would also see a massive improvement in waste.

Student prices for transport are also very important to support and move ahead with, as students of the Wellington region often have to catch at least two buses a day to get to and from uni, and for some students who live further out a train and two buses are needed to attend each day. This can cost several thousand for a student across the course of the year, and this is something we cannot afford when studylink offers approximately four grand a year for students, and jobs may not be viable for those taking on full time study. I would like to see our capital lead the way for the country to give fairer prices to students who already do so much for the economy as it is.

Thank you

- Rebecca Chrystal

Sent from my iPhone

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Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

Hello, thank you for inviting feedback, below are some thoughts. - Opposed to living wage - some ratepayers are living on less. It's the roll of Government to set a minimum wage not local councils. - Opposed to more carparks being lost to 'pet' projects of the council officers. I notice the same red audi at the Chaffers recharging station every time I run around there. Is it just a free carpark? - Sorry but town hall needs to come down. You say estimated cost of \$89.9m. No doubt this will exceed \$100m before its done - too expensive. - Antisocial street activity - how about closing bars at midnight and asking the police to 'Police' the areas of concern. - Movie museum, Convention Centre and Shelly Bay. I understand these projects need to be attractive to investors. But if these are reasonable projects let the investor/developers do their thing but not with council funds. - Why would anyone want to take an e-bike off the road on to tracks and trails. I have done some off road cycling and motorcross on motorbikes, but e-bikes on the tracks has me stumped? we could make some motorbike tracks if they have to go off road.

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Some people spent a bit of time completing the 'Lets get Welly moving' survey. I had thought you were interested but I think I may have been mistaken. Maybe you didn't like the results. We need a total transport solution for the city not piecemeal bits here and there. Need to include pedestrians, cars, buses, taxis, bikes, e-bikes, skateboards etc.

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Comments

I don't support the goal of the 'predator-free' strategy. The marginal cost of eliminating the last predator will be extremely high and I don't consider this good value for money or the job of the City Council. I don't support the increase in the living wage for Council staff, as this will simply flow through into price increases elsewhere in the economy. I think the Council should instead focus on upgrading the infrastructure it is responsible for (such as water and stormwater infrastructure which seems to be ageing). I think work to discourage begging should continue to focus on discouraging people from giving money to beggars.

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Comments

These goals are so high-level they are hard to disagree with. The real challenge is for the City and Regional Council to work together to upgrade Wellington's infrastructure and essential services before businesses and households give up and move elsewhere. We are so frustrated with the under-investment in Karori (NZ's largest suburb) and the city more generally - and the ongoing kowtowing to minority interest groups, combined with Council vanity projects - that we are planning on moving to the Wairarapa.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

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My comments on individual actions proposed are above.

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Comments

Community engagement needs to be broader-based. At the moment it seems like vocal minorities hold sway over critical issues. The only time I hear from councillors is when it comes to election time, and even then only one candidate actually knocked on my door last year. Perhaps representatives can get out into their local communities more, and for engagement events to be really widely publicised, including in the free community newspapers and on Facebook groups.

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We strongly support the development of a rock wall in Lyall Bay, along the existing car park and the development of a parking area across the road, adjacent to the Airport retail area (page12 section F). We also support the continued planting of the dunes, especially around the new surf club building -the bulk of the blown sand comes from this unplanted area.

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Rates remission for first-home/apartment builders: I support this but I also question whether it is Local Governments place to provide housing. In terms of the remissions policy - what does up to \$5,000 actual mean?

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- ☒ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

How is this different from the Long-term Plan, as that is also reviewed every three years? This seems like doing the same thing twice. Will there be an outcomes framework or similar available to the public around these goals?

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Neutral

Comments

Not enough information about what these action are or what they mean

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☒ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

How do young people fit into this framework?

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Parking: Garden Road is frankly dangerous with parking on blind corners. There needs to be more yellow lines on blind corners. And signage so heavy goods vehicles are discouraged from using this route. The parking on Tinakori road near Botanical Gardens is now monopolised by the people that live in the new apartments. I am aware zoning and car parking is addressed in bylaws and the district plan. But all of those cars parked there make it near impossible for families to enjoy a trip to the botanical gardens, one of the cities beautiful attractions. Owning a car and parking a car is a privilege not a right. Consultation Document: The colours make it very hard to read, eg white font on a bright pink background. I question the accessibility of this document especially heading into the Long-term Plan next year.

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

I couldn't see anything regarding updating stormwater systems...I thought that would be a priority

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

I agree

The 3 year work programme

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- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

I would have thought updating stormwater would be a component of more resilient

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

see above comment

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see above comment

Engagement with you

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Comments

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

Wellington needs to improve its physical image & aesthetic appeal. Compared to other developed cities we are third-world: - Overhead transmission lines need to go underground like in other Western cities around the world - The city is dark at night, eerie & gloomy. We need to light it up with LED lighting - Sprouting up all over the city are green tanalised pinus radiata tree-trunk lampposts. They look cheap & nasty & frankly disgraceful! - The city places too much emphasis on tar sealing. Cheap soft environmentally unfriendly bitumen tar smothers our roads & footpaths. We need concrete pavers on our footpaths like everywhere else in the world. They are more aesthetically appealing and can be uplifted and replaced following roadworks rather than repeatedly drilling up tar. - Courtney Place & Cuba St are seedy & dirty - Traffic lights lean & the yellow paint constantly peels off. They should be tall, vertical & black like in London where they actually improve the urban landscape - Oriental Bay needs to be turned into the city's Cornish. It is enjoyed by everyone not just the residents. It is kitsch and a sea of ubiquitous urban tar - The Wellington Waterfront is a great facility but visually unappealing. Lugubrious tar for miles! - The bridge over Jervois Quay connecting the waterfront with the Civic Square is a national disgrace, as is Frank Kitts Park which looks like a World War II gun fortification - We need much more life on the Waterfront. Council should be prepared to charge far less for people with makeshift F&B. The Sheds which sit their idol need to be redeveloped into mixed use - We need to push for light-rail. It makes absolute common sense and it will help to decar & debus the central city. Everyone will catch it, unlike buses, and it will pay for itself because all good ideas do - The rust-busket national disgrace Basin Reserve needs to be demolished to make way for continuation of the motorway through to the airport. Another Mt Vic tunnel alongside the existing one needs to be drilled so there's a four-lane carriage way alleviating the potential for bottle-necks - Above Govt House there is plenty of room for a new Basin Reserve. Better still knock down Govt House and build a new one where the old Mt Crawford prison and all its ghosts sit - The swimming pools & changing rooms are not kept clean enough during the day

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
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- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

I support all of the changes proposed by the Council, although I disagree with some of the details in relation to smokefree dining areas and pool fees. A 100% discount is too high - businesses should still have to pay a fee for operating on public space. Also, I do not understand why the discount is '50% for areas with no smokefree restrictions' because this seems to be a discount for taking no action at all. I suggest discounts of 50% for complete smokefree and no discount for any action short of this. I support the initiative to make pools free for spectators with children under 8. However, I am not aware why the age of 8 was chosen. The Council could go further and provide this for children up to an age where they can legally take care of themselves.

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Comments

See comments above relating to smokefree discounts and swimming pools.

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Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Under Goal 1, Focus Area 1 and also Goal 2, Focus Area 2, I would like to see the Council investigate taking back control of the Wellington electricity network, in order to improve the city's control over the maintenance and pricing of its electricity network.

Engagement with you

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Comments

Send a dedicated email every time a new proposal opens for submissions. Public presentations in lunchtimes or evenings in the CBD (Lambton Quay end) summarising new initiatives, such as the annual plan changes or long term plan changes.

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Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3 year Work Programme

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

We want to hear your views on the Draft Annual Plan 2017/18. You can answer these questions online at wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay, email your thoughts to annual.plan@wcc.govt.nz or post this form to us (no stamp needed). Tell us what you think by 5pm, 19 May.

Guidelines

Please ensure that you feedback is on the topic. Council will not be able to consider feedback that is not on the topic regardless of how the feedback is delivered. Should you wish to speak to your feedback you can talk to your councillor or participate on-line in virtual forum(s) in May 2017. Council will also be running in May 2017 a forum with stakeholders focused on the 3 year work programme. Please indicate in your feedback if you are interested in speaking about the 3 year programme. — Yes

Privacy statement – what we do with your personal information

All submissions (including name and contact details) are provided in their entirety to elected members and made available to the public at our office and on our website. Personal information will also be used for the administration of the engagement process including informing you of the outcome of the engagement. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

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Section 2 – Feedback

*Please note if you use more than the text boxes provided, your text will not show if printed. If you do have additional comments please include when emailing, posting or submitting online.

Changes to Long-term Plan

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- ① Disagree to remove fees re smoking.
- ② Make a top priority of security of water to South & East wards
- ③ Make Beggars company with "Beggars" License.

Changes to Council Fees

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- Increase all fees by cost of inflation plus 1% each year
- Stop funding rugby • free into swimming pools like in Auckland.
- Tax bikers using hill tracks

3 year work programme

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Comments

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral

Re order the goals to be 2, 4, 2, 3, 1, 5.

2. The next 3 years - Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

Comments

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral

① Sort out water supply

② Build SEAWALLS COB, both sides of Lyau Bay, Island Bay

③ Sort out Island Bay cycle way - take it out.

3. The Focus Areas - Do the Focus Areas include activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

☒ Yes to all ☐ Yes to some ☐ Unsure ☐ No to some ☐ No to all

Please specify which Focus Area you are commenting on.

Comments

No 4 - Sort out waste/Rubbish issues

No 1 - Build more smaller social housing units

~~General~~ General: stop the spin doctors

Engagement with you

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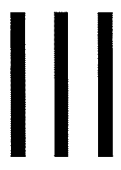
① 1/5 100's. RUBBISH the JOHN ST. PARCO'S (Rel: Newtown Residents)

② Change the Council Officers' culture (ie they don't want to know)!

③ Increase Accountability of senior MGT.

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Fiona Lewis

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To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Annual Plan Submission
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To The Wellington City Councillors and the Mayor of Wellington,

Please find attached our submission for the City’s Annual Plan from the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Dental Association.

Kind regards,

Dr David McKelvey BDS FRACDS
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NEW ZEALAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Wellington City Council
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cc: Mayor Justin Lester
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To the Wellington City Council

Re Local council role in sugary drinks harm reduction

There are high rates of preventable tooth decay in our community. Sugary drinks are a leading cause of dental caries (cavities) and contribute towards obesity, itself a leading risk factor for diabetes, cardiovascular disease and some cancers.

The Ministry of Health reports 29,000 children aged 1 – 14 years, had teeth removed due to decay, an abscess, infection or gum disease in past 12 months. (1)

Research shows that over three-quarters of drinks that youth identified with sport were sugary drinks, with only 17% from the 'everyday' category (water and plain milk). (2)

As dental health professionals, this is difficult to accept in our community, and even tougher to see. Introducing local council 'water only' policies at council facilities and events would be a positive step.

We urge the Wellington City Council to consider this action as part of the Annual Plan, using the guidelines outlined in the *Consensus Statement on Sugary Drinks* – a plan backed by leading public health organisations.

<http://www.healthysmiles.org.nz/assets/pdf/Consensus%20Statement%20on%20Sugary%20Drinks.pdf>

The Statement calls for seven actions to reduce the negative health impacts of sugary drinks, including oral health damage.

Yours sincerely,

Dr David McKelvey BDS FRACDS
President of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Dental Association

Footnotes: 1) Annual Update of Key Results 2015/16: New Zealand Health Survey; 2) Consuming calories and creating cavities: beverages NZ children associate with sport, Smith et al, presented to ANA conference, 6- 7 May, 2015, Auckland

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

I generally disagree on removing the \$1 spectator charge in swimming pools as the charge is small and covers use of the facilities. Continued implementation of the living wage - although I support wage increases I do not support the council doing this as I believe that this is a Central Government responsibility. I agree with everything else.

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

Swimming pools:- I have just started in a swim squad. I am happy to pay my pool entry and support the pool but I do object to paying the pool entry AND to hire the crowded lane, which I understand is the case. So I think we should remove the 'double dipping' before we remove a small \$1 charge for certain spectators. 'I've booked 3 lanes however (and this is not the norm in other cities) you have to pay to get into the pool as well. I'm sure Wellington swimmers pay the most for swim training anywhere in NZ.' ... from my swim instructor

The 3 year work programme

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

Although I support 'low carbon' I don't feel that this is a local government responsibility.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☒ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

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BUS: Annual Plan

From: Judith Doyle <judith.doyle@xtra.co.nz>
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Subject: Keep our waterfront intact

No-one could object to all those worthy headings in the annual plan but I hope you have decided (or will decide) NOT to block part of our precious waterfront with a walled-in Chinese Garden which is locked at night. The latter should be in the Botanic Gardens, in any available city space (Pt Jerningham end of Oriental Parade against the cliff would be excellent) or even in the suburbs (Zealandia exists happily in a suburb).

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

Sounds good to me. Great to see the council thinking of new ways to encourage businesses to adopt smoke free environments - I am all for this! Excellent idea to develop a Miramar predator eradication project. I also think the Matariki festival sounds like a great addition to the arts and culture schedule. Not so sure about defending the coastline with 'hard' solutions given coastal erosion and storm damage are only going to get worse. Such projects will only give a fall impression that infrastructure is safe. Longer term planning on a managed retreat is needed. Love the low-carbon capital idea - keep the trolley buses as they will also help minimise carbon emissions... kia kaha to the living wage too.

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

Great to see the council thinking of new ways to encourage businesses to adopt smoke free environments - I am all for this! Also support the changes to fees for the swimming pools to encourage a family approach to learning-to-swim.

The 3 year work programme

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- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

Yes - am wondering about the ordering of the goals though as having 'Smarter Growth' at number 2 suggests that it is more important than people and sustainability? I would move this goal to position number 4 to demonstrate the council is not just fixated on growth.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

I would also like to see the Council also focus on improving the quality of the rental housing stock in Wellington. Too many students have to put up with crappy, unhealthy accommodation at exorbitant prices. Introduction of a rental warrant of fitness in addition to having a tertiary concession for public transport would provide students with options so that they do not have to be locked into overpriced, unhealthy rentals.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☒ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

As per previous comment - I would like the council to also work on improving the quality of the rental stock in Wellington. This could be done through a combination of a rental warrant of fitness and providing a tertiary concession for public transport so students are not forced into unhealthy and affordable living arrangements.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Perhaps make this survey easier to complete - is hard to find all the information / booklets and the form to complete. Would also be nice to receive regular updates via the post on what the council has happening (The Dunedin City Council and Auckland Council do great leaflets). We don't seem to receive anything at our address... I only found out about this consultation via Salient (the VUW student magazine).

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Submission

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Comments

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Comments

I'd like to see further investment in Alex Moore Park, to capitalise on the work already done and to complement to Alex Moore Park Trust combined sports clubrooms being built there. In 2014, Council installed a all weather path around the edge of the top grass field. This has been excellent, and we have seen use of this facility by all members of the community increase significantly as a result of this path. People of all ages, genders and cultures use it to run, walk, and learn to ride bikes. Unfortunately, this field and path is not lit at all. This means that it is under utilised in winter when it gets dark much earlier, and that it can be unsafe for runners (both club runners from the local harreirs club and members of the public) training in the evenings. We would like to see council install lighting around this path to nake it safe and welcoming in the evenings. With the addition of a small number of streetlights or similar path lighting, the public would be able to take advantage of this great space longer each day.

The 3 year work programme

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Comments

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Comments

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

'One-Stop-Shop' I agree with Council adopting a One Stop Shop for all Consents, as they previously did for a short period of time. I would also like to suggest, Council adopt the Auckland CC model of Approved Products registers, Where, if the product has been approved by WCC, then conditional on the specifying of that product meeting the manufacturers limitations, there should not be any need to reproduce the Manufacturers documents. I would also like the council to adopt 'Good Trade Practice' Details, Typically where the industry adopts it as standard practice eg Ridge / hip flashings for EH wind zoning, there should be no need to show the dimensioned flashing on the consent-able drawings, I would also like to recommend the Council upgrade its SR recording system, where typically in the old MWD days with their D.I.P.S system, each site / property was given an ident number, which could be prefixed by the suburb, and followed by either BC or RC for a Building Consent / Resource Consent then a sequential number for that site This system could be used through out the council records starting with the Rates Notice

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Comments

No more closed door meetings, if you want Rate payers to incur a cost, then you need to be transparent specifically no chumming up with developers

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File
Annual Plan 2017/18

Fiona Lewis

From: david and georgia <taxingefox@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 May 2017 4:45 p.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Mayor and Councillors 3-Year Work Programme

Hi

I'm writing this submission on behalf of Walking Capital. We're a group of passionate walkers and runners who are keen to make sure that people in Wellington are able to have safe and enjoyable experiences while using our green spaces.

We are pleased that WCC plan to enhance and promote walking tracks in the next 3 years and would be most interested to know the details of this proposal.

However, we're concerned with the strong mountain biking focus outlined under Goal 4: More Sustainable (page 15, Building a Better City: Mayor and Councillors 3-Year Work Programme). It is clear that WCC plan to improve mountain biking at Makara Peak and elsewhere in the city but what are they doing for walkers? It's all very well expanding predator free zones but if walkers/runners can't safely or enjoyably access these and other green spaces what is the point of spending money and time trying to achieve this?

We would be very interested to meet with members of the council to discuss WCC's plans to keep walkers/runners safe and happy in the next 3 years.

Kind regards
Georgia Vaughan (Walking Capital)

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the “Building a Better City” document).

Comments

I wish to make a short submission on one aspect of the draft Annual Plan. In particular, there is nothing in the current plan regarding the mountain bike trail network. I hope this does not mean the Council has lost sight of the range of initiatives which have been developed related to mountain biking. As a ratepayer I wish to see ongoing momentum and budget directed the ongoing development of our trail network. Specifically, for the WCC to commit to both investing in initiatives identified in Wellington Regional Trail Strategy. Also, to provide the investment necessary to deliver the Makara Peak Master Plan. It is arguable that these mountain biking work programmes fit with council's strategic goals of being people focused and promoting sustainable development. Regards Stephen Parker.

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

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Comments

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Comments

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Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

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11 May 2017

**Annual Plan Submissions
Wellington City Council**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Project and New Playgrounds

I am writing to you as a rate payer primarily but with a background as a volunteer with the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated Society and President of the North Wellington Association Football Club – the largest senior football club in the Wellington region.

The Annual Plan Itself

Well done and full credit to all Officers and Councillors. You've invested in the core, are looking to the future with some big ticket innovations as well as making sure people are respected and looked after.

Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Inc.

I thank you for supporting this project and acknowledge our Northern Ward Councillors for their genuine support and commitment to making this project a reality in the near future.

\$695K is included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan as part of an indication of support totalling \$1.745M through the Long Term Plan. It's imperative that this funding remains with construction of the new sport and community complex scheduled for later this year.

It's a real shame that the Alex Moore Park Board has had to contend with soil contamination on the site and having to re site the building by 5 metres as a result of storm water drains being closer than originally identified. The extra costs in design and mitigating soil contamination through construction of a protective membrane are very high. As well as having to meet the remedial costs, redesign costs and apply for an amended resource consent (thank you for your help WCC) the delays have all contributed to higher build costs.

The questions I raise through the annual plan process are:

1. Should the AMP board really be responsible for costs directly attributable to land it leases not being fit for purpose?
2. Furthermore, should the AMP board be responsible for building a car park that is required by its resource consent to service users of both the facility and a public park incorporating 3 playing levels and a community walkway? (The facility is available for use by any/all sporting codes and community organisations as well as the general public).

I've struggled with both questions since they arose and my proposition to Council with the greatest of respect is that the buck actually stops with you.

New Playgrounds On The Way

This is great news indeed. I note that one playground is scheduled for Old Coach Road or at the bottom of McClintock Street. I'm not privy to any local discussions on possible locations but I do wonder why Alex Moore Park is not being considered as the logical site? It's the largest sport and recreation hub in the Northern suburbs, the new sport and community hub is the biggest local community project there has ever existed, it already has a walking track funded by a Plimmer Trust bequeath, is a natural convergence point for recreation activities (with plenty of parking) and will have indoor facilities including public toilets, a café and recreation space for PIN groups, yoga, pilates etc.

I can't think of a more natural fit and wish to point out that provision of a play area in conjunction with the new sport and community hub at Alex Moore Park was part of the Wellington City Council funded Needs Analysis (The Lumin Report headed by Robyn Cockburn) in November 2015.

“RECOMMENDATION: Consider opportunities for development of adjacent play areas for pre-school and school aged children as part of Wellington Playground Review.

RECOMMENDATION: Design the southern carpark to enable use for recreation and peak parking, through incorporating a basketball half court, and consideration of active management requirements like gates or bollards.” (I've included this to demonstrate the community demand for car parking at a public park).

I also note that the new playgrounds will likely be built within the next 5-6 years i.e. a new born will be at school before these new facilities exist. Isn't that just a little too far away relative to the expense involved across the city's budget?

Our Rates Per Day Per Resident: \$6.00

I'm indebted to the WCC planning and reporting team for helping me to understand how the \$6.00 is made up. Of the \$1.51 attributed to Social and Recreation, this comprises 53 cents recreation promotion and support, 77 cents community support and 21 cents public health and safety.

A further breakdown into the nitty gritty breaks the \$6.00 daily charge into:

- Sports fields 5 cents
- Synthetic sports fields 2 cents
- Playgrounds 1 cent
- Recreation Centres 13 cents

Separately and just out of interest, Governance per day is 25 cents and swimming pools are 28 cents.

I know it easy to be selective with stats but when all said and done, there seems to be actually very little allocated across the board to sport, recreation and community facilities from both an operating and capital expenditure perspective.

This is particularly true when you consider the number of users of public areas like Alex Moore Park. Additionally, sports clubs like mine pay large sums of money just to practice on artificial pitches as well as separately again through Capital Football levies to actually play on competition days.

Summary

1. I've enjoyed a very positive relationship with Officers and Councillors over the last decade. However I don't think it's fair or logical that the Alex Moore Park board should be paying for ground contamination related costs on land that it leases.
2. I also don't think it's fair or logical for the board to pay for the construction of a car park that will clearly benefit all Alex Moore Park users including sporting codes and community groups.
3. It's great that a new playground is being earmarked for Johnsonville. Could we not locate it in a more appropriate spot as identified by a Wellington City Council commissioned Needs Analysis in November 2015?

Request for Action

I ask all Councillors to look at how they are allocating that \$6.00 and make a small adjustment to address some real community needs, specifically:

- Meeting the costs associated with ground contamination issues at Alex Moore Park.
- Funding the cost of the additional new car park required for Alex Moore Park.
- Constructing the new playground identified for Johnsonville alongside the new sport and community facility at Alex Moore Park and aligning the construction time frames to complete all of park enhancements.

I'd be delighted to discuss this submission further.

Thank you.

Best regards.



Grant Stephen.
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Copied to:
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Peter Gilbert
Malcolm Sparrow



9 May 2017

**2017/18 Annual Plan Submissions
Wellington City Council**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Project

As a founding partner of the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Incorporated Society, North Wellington AFC is acutely aware and very grateful to the Wellington City Council for its leadership, guidance and financial support of this project (\$1.745M) since its inception in 2007.

\$695K is earmarked for the 2017/18 Annual Plan and we see no reason why this allocation should not remain.

We note that soil contamination on the site has in fact increased the project's cost and delayed progress due to specialist engineering work being required to re site the complex 5 metres to the south as a remedial action. Although no records showed the contamination, the remedial action, cost and time is certainly something that a registered charity should not be burdened with as land lessee rather than a land owner. We therefore raise the question of who actually should be responsible for these costs?

We are also aware of recent announcements of new children's play areas in Wellington as well as revamps of some existing facilities. Again, we raise the question of Alex Moore Park being included in this allocation. The park is used every day of the week and the new facility will present a similar look and feel to the premises at Karori Park. As the largest sport and recreation facility in the northern suburbs and taking into account the Plimmer Trust funded landscaping and walking track already in place, plus all the car parking available, having a children's play area to complement all the other recreation activities would seem a no brainer.

The community workshops being planned as part of the Annual Plan consultative process are a welcome addition and our club would be happy to be involved.

In summary:

1. Please continue to financially support the Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Project.
2. Please be aware that the Alex Moore Park Board has been burdened with significant additional costs as a result of soil contamination on land that they hold a lease for rather than own.
3. Please make provision for children's play facilities at Alex Moore Park as part of whole of park enhancements.
4. North Wellington AFC would be pleased to be part of the community workshop process.

Yours sincerely

David Rayner
Chairman

BUS: Annual Plan

From: Angela & Ron Potts <pottsra64@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 May 2017 11:08 a.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Onslow road

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Having used Onslow road daily for over 50 years I cannot understand why the particular corner going downhill which is always having accidents and causing the council to spend a lot of money unnecessarily repairing it frequently trying to penny pinch mending it, I consider that this should have been done firstly because it is a downhill road as compared to the present uphill strengthening of part of Ngaio Gorge. It is time that Onslow Road becomes a greatly improved road with the amount of traffic it takes at peak time and if an earthquake struck, you would depend on that access route. People who live in the northern suburbs are better and more informed to have a say on these matters

Sent from my



WCC 2017-18 Annual Plan Submission

Alex Moore Park Sport and Community Project and Sports Field Development



11 May 2017

1. Introduction

The Alex Moore Park Board (AMPB) would like to acknowledge the support and guidance given to this project to date by both the Wellington City Council Councillors (WCC) and Officers. The release of funds to support the development of detailed plans in 2016 is an example of that commitment to our community and the priority needs of the Northern Ward from a community and individual sport perspective.

The primary purpose of this submission is to update Councillors and Council Officers on progress of this project to date, to update on issues relating to soil contamination and services to recognise and acknowledge the demands of our high-density suburbs (many that follow on from the development of the artificial turf) and to seek continued dialogue with both Councillors and Council Officers in finalising what is an important Community Facility for the Greater Johnsonville and Northern suburbs of Wellington.

2. Alex Moore Park Building overview

The Alex Moore Park Building is not only a strongly supported community project – refer the Lumin Report, it is also the major support infrastructure for the new artificial turf and whole of park improvements that have been completed on Alex Moore Park to date.

The AMPB “Sportsville” style project involves Olympic Harriers, Johnsonville Cricket, Johnsonville Softball, North Wellington Junior Football and North Wellington Senior Football Clubs and our community.

The voluntary AMPB has been working hard for eight years and has had several changes to its makeup in 2016. The Board now consists of: Hadyn Smith (Chair); Leigh Halstead (Deputy Chair); Mike Collett (Secretary); Lynda James (Finance); Jeff Guerin; Ian Hutchison; Catherine Rossiter-Stead (new appointment) and Zoe Ogilvie (new appointment).

The objectives of AMPB as a whole of park and community support organisation has also been recognised with the granting of charity status for the project in 2010.

The following are major project outcomes to date.

- i. Resource consent for the new building and for the artificial turf development was granted in September 2013, a further consent was granted in September 2014 following a value engineering exercise and a contamination consent was granted in February 2017.
- ii. The stage 1 redevelopment works were funded by the Council and completed in May 2014. The redevelopment works included:
 - i. a full-size artificial turf on the northernmost field
 - ii. a car park at the north end of Alex Moore Park
- iii. The Plimmer Trust beatification was completed in 2014 and the paths and planting have greatly supported the ready use of the park and the facilities by walking traffic.
- iv. Usage of the park has increased significantly since the artificial turf has been installed, ensuring our community is more active and involved. By our calculations, the artificial turf is available for an extra 50 hours a week over the winter than the old grass ground. This has resulted in an extra 1200 hours a year of usage time. With an average of 20 people on the ground at any time regardless of weather or conditions – by our calculations the result is an additional 24,000 activity hours for the community. We should all be very proud of that outcome.
- vi. AMPB has secured a 33-year lease from WCC (and DOC) in 2016.
- vii. The focus for the AMPB project is to progress the Fund-Raising strategy and the build estimated at \$5.2 million. To date funds confirmed amount to nearly \$4 million.
- viii. New architectural updates to concept plans – funded by the Johnsonville Charitable Trust, Hutt Mana Trust and WCC, are a current focus of the facility as we head towards building consent and final plans.
- ix. Recent developments including Soil contamination and services in proximity to the build have compromised progress with build design and put new pressure on the projects cash flow as consultant fees to address both issues has cost in excess of \$30,000 and final build costs will likely escalate by over \$100,000.

3. Current issues:

a. Soil contamination and services

Test bores on the Alex Moore Park site confirmed that some form of historic landfill dumping has taken place and contamination has been discovered. As a result, additional costs have been incurred in detailing the issues and finding acceptable solutions. There will be significant additional cost to the final build which were unforeseen and therefore not part of the overall budget.

The accurate location of services alongside Bannister Avenue has also resulted in a repositioning of the building,(5 metres to the south) again resulting in unforeseen costs that are additional to the budget..

b. Funding shortfalls

AMPB has confirmed solutions to the contamination but not how the new financial impact can be addressed. Immediate assistance is being sought from Wellington City Council to allow already funded design work to be finalised and to keep a building start date on track for later this year.

4. Urban growth

The AMPB is solutions focused and it is pleasing indeed to see in the WCC Urban Growth Plan (UGP) that Johnsonville is a major focus. From targeted regeneration and the creation of what has been termed a liveable and vibrant centre Johnsonville ticks virtually every long-term box. Even the existing Softball and Football club rooms in Phillip Street, when vacated by the creation of the new build, will release a section that is larger than most land packages currently found near the Johnsonville CBD.

The UGP states that WCC must have a platform to support growth in areas such as Johnsonville. Without doubt we have an exploding youth population and as such we need improved community recreation facilities to support this community's need. We believe the vision and strategy of the AMPB is not only in tune with current Northern Ward thinking but also supports the vision that is being applied for this city.

5. Community support

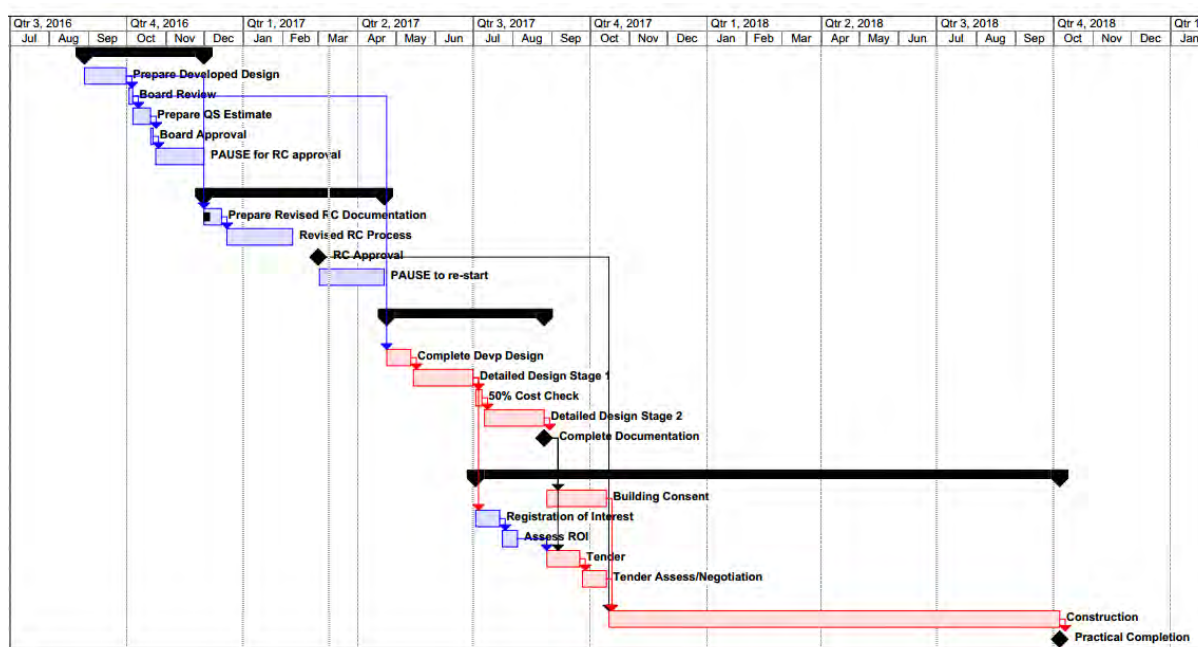
This community is incredibly supportive of this building project as reflected in the Lumin report. That position is reflected by the finding that, in nearly 12 years of formulation, the only negative raised (outside of the volunteer time involved) has been the loss of a small area of grassed space on the park for the provision of a carpark.

As residents who live near the park will confirm, that was a small sacrifice for the provision of some comfort to their lifestyle and improved relationship with the day-to-day park users.

From community groups, such as Rotary, the Johnsonville Charitable Trust right through to local primary and secondary schools the support is overwhelming and has only grown as a result of the opening of the artificial pitch in 2014. The community now want to see progress on building the facility and we are well advanced with that goal and our funding initiatives.

6. Build timelines

We are aware of community pressure to get this building completed but also conscious of the call on professionals in Wellington especially following recent earthquakes. We anticipate delays as a result but if all project items do align then the following is an optimistic time line that as a preliminary draft has been applied to the project by the project architects, HDT:



In short, we optimistically hope to start the build in October 2017 and have it completed a year later.

7. Delivering WCC Objectives

We are very conscious that this complex will be a community hub and not just a sport venue. We believe our facility at Alex Moore Park will help WCC meet their community outcomes of being a:

- “People-centred city” and promoting people’s health and well-being by increasing access to recreation opportunities
- “connected city” and strengthening social cohesion by providing recreation options and bringing people together

The AMPB is also committed to environmental sustainability and talking to suppliers of solar energy, water reticulation prospects and other areas where this complex can meet our community responsibilities.

Recent ideas include the building of community water storage facilities during the build phase.

8. Build linked to financials

With the community's help AMPB must raise \$5.2 million to fund this building project. We are awaiting a quantity surveyor (QS) report on the project but that will not occur for a month or so as the detailed design process continues. Based on the existing QS report AMPB has the following broad funding commitments of \$5.2 million made to the build:

- Approx. \$900,000 - Sale of assets (Phillip Street building site - this funding source must be the last element in the process as the building currently houses Football and Softball);
- \$1,745,000 - WCC LTP commitments;
- \$500,000 - NZ Lotteries (secured);
- Approx. \$1,565,000 - Gaming and Trust investments (around \$1.3 million pledged or secured);
- Approx. \$500,000 - Community funds from events, individual donations, contra items (no cost) support, sponsorship, - naming rights, sports clubs, etc;

The clubs who are the foundations for this project have already committed to capitation fees of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child to fund day to day operational costs of the project. This is on top of existing year to year operational costs from their mainly junior membership.

9. WCC LTP funding timelines

The Alex Moore Park Board has signed off on a WCC funding agreement that includes the following funding plan, as per the WCC Funding Agreement:

- 2015/16: \$120k (towards detailed design - paid March 2016)
- 2016/17: \$330k
- 2017/18: \$695k

We acknowledge that any further funding under the WCC LTP – due in 2017/18, will be dependent on our own funding outcomes to a significant level, perhaps aimed at 80% of our full build target. Our timelines remain on track although significant new costs related to soil contamination and the services issues may put pressure on our figures that will not be finalised until later this year.

9. Conclusion

The AMPB Sportsville project is a part of the WCC LTP and needs to be recognised in the 2017/18 Annual Plan. In supporting that proposition, we wish to confirm that our project is on track for a 2017 build. Following the Lumin report, public meetings and newspaper reports the local community in the Northern Suburbs of Wellington are very aware of this “whole of park” project and there is strong local interest in this building development that will support the increased use of the park and particularly use during inclement weather or major on-park events.

On behalf of the five founding clubs and our community I thank WCC for your continued support and enthusiasm for the development of this community facility. I know that the board appreciates your continuing involvement and I am sure that it won't be too long before the project develops well beyond a set of detailed drawings and the commitment and enthusiasm of the board and clubs involved.

Summary

1. The plan for a modern “Sportsville” on Alex Moore Park satisfies the vision as stated in the draft Wellington Urban Growth Plan.
2. This Johnsonville Sportsville is a priority community project that can be significantly and positively influenced by WCC.
3. WCC, as part of its 2015 LTP, accepted that a contribution of \$1,745,000 should be contributed to this key community project that will support high density population areas – as per the Lumin Report. \$120,000 was contributed in April 2016.
4. The AMPB will fund raise to the total target of \$5.2 million towards this significant community project.
5. Please formalise your continued support and involvement with the Alex Moore Park initiative into the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Our submission reflects the view of our key partners Olympic Harriers, Johnsonville Cricket, Johnsonville Softball, North Wellington Junior Football and North Wellington Senior Football Clubs.

Thank you for WCC support for Alex Moore Park.

Yours sincerely

Hadyn Smith

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Subject: RE: Feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Importance: High

Hi Fiona

We would like to add a supplementary submission that relates to an issue that has just surfaced and needs to be brought to the attention of the Council around funding for the stage one design for the Alex Moore Park Build in the next financial year. Two issues - soil contamination and the location of sewerage and stormwater lines, have resulted in unanticipated costs in order for the detailed plans to be progressed of \$61,000 (details as supplied to WCC officials). As stated in last years plan, the detailed plans provide the foundation for the project to be correctly valued and progressed. We would ask that within the total budget of \$1,745,000, of which \$120,000 was allocated in support of stage one in 2016, and within the 2017/18 financial year, \$60,000 from that total fund is made available so that stage one can be completed allowing the project to be supported and assessed in the future from total funding perspective.

The Alex Moore Park Board would be available to discuss any aspect of this proposition if required.

Kind regards - Hadyn Smith
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"Our community needs moore – Alex Moore Park Development"



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To: Hadyn Smith <hadynsmith@surveyors.org.nz>
Subject: RE: Feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Morning Hadyn,

Thank you for your submission on behalf of the Alex Moore Park Board. It has been included in the feedback material which will be provided to Councillors to be considered during the 2017/18 Annual Plan deliberations.

Warm Regards
 Fiona

Fiona Lewis

Planning and Reporting Advisor | | Wellington City Council

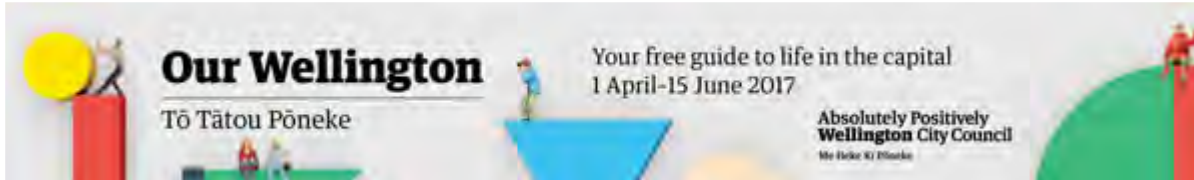
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Cc: 'collett@xtra.co.nz'

Subject: Feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18

The Wellington City Council

Attached is a submission to the annual plan from the Alex Moore Park Board.

Kind regards - Hadyn Smith

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BUS: Annual Plan

From: Russell & Louise Bell <bell2@clear.net.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 13 May 2017 5:52 p.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Feedback regarding Goals 2 and 3 of Draft Annual Plan

Goals 2 and 3 of the Draft Annual plan, (Perhaps most particularly Focus 3 of Goal 3) make mention of safe pedestrian access through the city and its suburbs .

I live in Karepa Street, Brooklyn, between its intersection with Arpuka Street in the north and Aston Fitchett Street in the south. We have no footpath whatsoever over this section of approximately 300 metres. Pedestrians have to compete for space with all vehicle users including buses on a stretch of very narrow road that is made even narrower in parts where vehicle parking is allowed. Construction of a footpath would be a godsend for the many pedestrians who use this stretch but I accept there are engineering challenges to be met.

Could I ask that the annual plan includes funding for the development of working drawings for a footpath on this stretch and a commitment to advance to the tendering of such work within the next 24 months.

Regards

Russell Bell
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Dear wellington city Council

Napier waterfront has a cool
and awesome pump track, can you
please build one somewhere close
to Paparangi so we can go on it
because biking is my 2nd
favourite Sport and it keeps me fit.

From Ryan Bates 3 cara Crescent
Paparangi

BUS: Annual Plan

From: Bruce Welsh <maths@welsh.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 May 2017 8:20 a.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Feedback on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18

This submission is on behalf of the Kilbirnie Business Network (BID).

We would like to see funding for flooding remediation works in Kilbirnie brought forward to the current year.

Many residences and businesses in Kilbirnie were seriously affected by the floods in April 2014. Some businesses have fitted flood doors to their entries or keep sand bags handy to be put in place.

I understand that GWRC have modelled the flood levels in Kilbirnie and have recommended a solution. This needs to be put in place before another major flood happens and causes havoc for residents and businesses alike.

Infrastructure is a basic service of local bodies and should be first on the wish-list of spending items.

Thanks

Bruce Welsh
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Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018

1 Submission on Annual Plan

- 1.1 Wellington City Council (WCC) have prepared a consultation document on the Council's annual plan. This consultation includes variations on the Long-term Plan 2015-25 in a number of areas designed to strengthen the city, including the initiative, 'Capital of Culture'.

2 Wellington Regional Art & Cultural Development Trust (Arts Wellington)

- 2.1 The Wellington Regional Art & Cultural Development Trust (Arts Wellington) is a charitable trust formed in 2005, growing out of the desire for Wellington's numerous arts organisation to become more collaborative and connected.
- 2.2 Today Arts Wellington's membership consists of most of the Greater Wellington region's professional arts, culture and heritage organisations, arts service organisations and education institutions.
- 2.3 Working alongside organisations, each with its own business objectives, Arts Wellington's focus is on building capability, cross-sector collaboration and strategic development of Wellington's arts audience.
- 2.4 Advocacy to key supporters and stakeholders, in the interests of building a robust arts ecosystem and maintaining open channels of communication, is also core to the work of Arts Wellington.
- 2.5 This submission is prepared by the Arts Wellington board.

3 Scope of submission

- 3.1 The arts and culture ecosystem underpins many aspects of Wellington's wellbeing as a city – from economic development to social identity to resilience. However this submission is focused on initiatives, plans and changes specifically relating to the arts sector.

4 Focus area 1: Capital of Culture

- 4.1 The Arts Wellington board supports WCC's desire to retain and enhance Wellington's reputation as New Zealand's 'Capital of Culture'.
- 4.2 The Arts Wellington board supports extra investment of \$500,000 into initiatives designed to support the Capital of Culture designation, especially a Matariki Festival and support for Te Matatini.
- 4.3 However, the board notes that this funding is allocated from existing budgets and does not indicate new, or longer term, funding for the arts in the WCC budget.
- 4.4 To achieve WCC's vision of Wellington as a capital of culture, more sustained and serious investment is required, beyond strengthening the city's events calendar. WCC's Arts & Culture Strategy has not been updated since 2011; new research is needed into Wellington's existing and potential regional, national and international arts audiences to better inform collaboration and operations; as tourism continues to grow, our city's arts and culture offering must be a core part of our domestic and international offer.

5 Toi Pōneke

- 5.1 The Board notes that the lease term for Toi Pōneke expires in 2020 and wishes to emphasise the importance of a facility such as Toi Pōneke in nurturing smaller and emergent groups and independent practitioners in Wellington's arts environment.
- 5.2 The Boards look forward to WCC working with Toi Pōneke users and the wider arts community over the next two years to determine whether the facilities and location of Toi Pōneke are appropriate, or whether a better location is available to support a flourishing arts environment in the CBD.

6 Cost and access to venues

- 6.1 Research conducted by WCC in 2016 confirmed growing anxiety in the Wellington arts sector around the accessibility and affordability of performing arts venues.
- 6.2 The ongoing closure of the Town Hall and earthquake-prone status of other venues have placed pressure upon access to venues for performing arts organisations.
- 6.3 There is an increasing perception that Auckland's cultural scene is in the ascendant, and that this threatens Wellington's proud assertion of the Capital of Culture brand. Increasing costs and competitions for venues results in fewer and less experimental productions, which results in less certainty for arts professionals wanting to making Wellington their home. To maintain our leading position in New Zealand we must make sure that Wellington is the most desirable place in the country for talent to live.
- 6.4 Arts Wellington reiterates the need for Council to maintain open dialogue with the arts sector around the accessibility and affordability of its venues, and ensure the sector is a strong voice in all future planning and decision-making.

7 Consultation on Long-term Plan 2018-28

- 7.1 Arts Wellington appreciates the openness to dialogue shown by WCC. We would welcome being involved in consultation on the Long-term Plan 2018-28 so we can continue to assist WCC in responding to the challenges and opportunities identified by the region's arts organisations.

On behalf of Arts Wellington



Courtney Johnston
CHAIR

BUS: Annual Plan

From: Steve Logan <steve@loganbrown.co.nz>
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Subject: plan submission

The plan looks pretty good however I think it would be very important to bring hospitality events into the plan.

The Hospitality and tourism industry is a big part of the cities culture and it employees thousands fulltime and part time people and accommodates hundreds of international students.

This industry is awake all hours keeping the city vibrant.

The plan should include creating more and further supporting current events, especially in the period April through September.

WOW is incredible for our industry and the city as it draws outsiders in.

We need more events like this.

What would it look like in 3 years?

International acclaimed culinary festival in August. Currently WAOP..which needs additional support to enable it to grow into a Melbourne wine and food festival fame.

Something similar in April /May

Retention of WOW should be listed.

Thanks

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Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 and Annual Plan of WCC

The Wellington Tenth's Trust as a land owning mana whenua organisation has many interests in Wellington and many in common with Wellington City Council. The Trust will work closely with Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika (Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust) where appropriate.

One of the key property interests is through a joint venture ownership with Massey University in the Old Dominion Museum Building and adjacent land and Buildings. The Trust purchased the buildings and land from the Crown in 1997. In 1998 the 50:50 joint venture was formed to redevelop, strengthen and restore the old building as a home for Massey University.

In 2014 Pukeahu National War Memorial Park was opened and on a part of the joint venture land the tangata whenua gardens known as *Nga Tapuae o Te Kahui Maunga* was created as part of the park. Also the Great War Exhibition was opened in the Old Dominion Museum Building. This exhibition and the creation of Pukeahu signalled the potential return of use of the old Museum Building back into a Museum and Interpretation centre.

Wellington Tenth's Trust along with Massey University have indicated a willingness to sell the land and building to a new joint venture with the Crown and Wellington City Council. In particular Wellington Tenth's Trust has expressed a desire to sell its interest in the building to WCC even as part of the existing joint venture.

Wellington Tenth's Trust is aware that past LTPs included a capital sum for this projects and would urge Council to retain that sum in the planning. We acknowledge that a figure of \$10 m has been deferred until 2018/19 and that is probably a suitable timetable.

WTT support the proposal to construct a water reservoir at the Prince of Wales Park. WTT is a joint venture owner of a large retirement village (Village at the Park) in Newtown with a large population



of elderly who in the event of a disaster such as a major earthquake would need to sustain that population of around 400 -450 people some whom are in 24/7 care and most who are not mobile both immediately after such an event and on an on-going sense. Like Wellington Hospital the Prince of Wales Reservoir would provide drinking water in the initial stages along with the MacAlister Park Reservoir.

Efficient transport linkages are essential for running a retirement village facility where staff often reside either in the Hutt Valley or in the Porirua Basin and require transport on a daily basis 7 days a week.

Te Wharewaka o Poneke – Te Raukura

WTT as one of the settlor entities with a substantial direct investment in the Wharewaka not only wants to ensure the success of the business to provide a return to the Trust but the building is also an important icon in the city. As such the Wharewaka is not seeking financial support but in kind support for venture such as the waka tours which is looking to grow “Maori cultural tourism” in the City. This can be done through WREDA and other mechanisms such as the I Site. The Wharewaka is a hub of innovation and we applaud the development of hangi on the lagoon from Manaaki and the Karaka Café.

Housing

The Trust has a growing housing portfolio in a number of formats including through Village at the Park, Student accommodation with Taranaki 217 and has planned ready for construction a development of 16 townhouses adjacent to Village at the Park. It is also a joint venture partner in an apartment development in Kate Sheppard Place.

One of the stumbling blocks for rental housing developments preferred by Maori land owners being built new is the inability to pass through GST as developers are able to do by selling freehold property. Although this is a policy for central Government to deal with WCC can assist in getting that issue before Government.

Another issue for the development of rental housing where the financial margins are limited the cost of development contributions can also be a significant impediment to papakainga and similar developments.



- Wellington Tenth's Trust is in favour of the support for Matariki/Puanga events to highlight indigenous cultural matters relation to the start of the Maori calendar.
- Raising the minimum wage is supported to ensure the equality gap in Wellington starts to be reduced and the income for the lowest paid starts to be lifted.
- Support is given for the development of a "wet house" especially for homeless with alcohol and other drug addictions.
- Support for the rates remission for first home buyers.
- The Trust supports the policy of "housing first" for homeless in the city as we realise many of those are Maori, however support must be for all.
- The provisions for electric cars and charging stations is a clear recognition that these vehicle will gradually replace the high carbon emission petrol and diesel vehicles. It is also noted that support for the conversion of rubbish trucks and buses to the Wrightspeed technology would be a significant advance to lower carbon emissions but also reduce deposits of heavy metals etc from brake pads.

The Town Hall strengthening project is part of the overall objective to strengthen and maintain three major heritage building in the city with the other two being the old Dominion Museum and the Railway Station. Support is given for the idea of a music hub using the strengthened building.

No reira, heoi ano

Morris Te Whiti Love

Chairman

BUS: Annual Plan

From: raechal@fieldandgreen.co.nz
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Subject: WCC Draft Annual Plan - feedback

Hi there

I have read the Draft Annual Plan 2016-19 with interest and wish to give some feedback in particular on the Goal 3: People-focussed; Focus Area 1: Capital of Culture section of the plan.

As a New Zealander I returned to my home country in 2014 after living in London for over 25 years with my British partner who is a chef. We travelled the country looking for a place where we would commit both a financial and personal investment in opening a restaurant. We chose Wellington as we felt it was a place we could call home and had an exciting hospitality scene that we wanted to join. The support we have received from fellow hospo people, suppliers, PWT & WCET has been huge and Field & Green just celebrated being open for 2 years.

Wellington is unique in it's town planning where people can walk easily to cafes, restaurants, bars, events, museums etc. This is always a comment we get from customers from overseas and out-of-town who visit our restaurant. How they can practically walk everywhere they want to visit!

The ease of visiting and enjoying Wellington from a hospitality perspective should be reflected more in the Capital of Culture section. Events co-ordinated by WCET such as Visa Wellington On A Plate, Beervana, Road to Beervana etc that help make Wellington a vibrant and culturally-rich city should be identified in the 'What we already deliver' list on page 11. I would also like to see food & beverage singled out as being important to the city and in particular, on the 'What success looks like in 3 years' list.

Part of the cultural experience of Wellington is also it's hospitality sector and there is a great opportunity in the Annual Plan to highlight its importance now and in the future.

Kind regards

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From: Luke Hede <luke.hede@livenation.com.au>
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To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Town Hall

Importance: High

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm writing on behalf of Live Nation Australia & New Zealand

We'd like to underline that we feel passionately that the Wellington Town Hall is retained as a concert / live event space.

Live Nation and our Chairman, Mr Michael Coppel have hosted many events here over the last 15 or so years.

We see this as a very important concert venue in your city with fantastic sightlines and acoustics.

We have a wide variety of shows that we present in New Zealand including concerts; comedians, children's shows, illusionists, speaking tours etc.

Some for the events we have presented in recent times at The Town Hall have been as follows:-

- Faithless - (6 October 2004)
- Groove Armada - 5 Nov 04
- Good Charlotte - 10 Feb 05
- George Thorogood & the Destroyers - 02 Mar 05
- Jack Johnson - 9 April 2005
- G3 - 23 March 2012
- Keith Barry - 13 August 2012)
- Hot Chelle Rae - 18 October 2012
- Steve Vai - 18 July 2013

If you'd like to discuss further I'm available anytime on my Melbourne numbers below.

Best regards

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PROPERTY COUNCIL SUBMISSION: WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017-2018

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Property Council New Zealand ("**Property Council**") is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation that represents the country's commercial, industrial and retail property owners, managers, investors, and advisors. Our primary goal is the creation and retention of well designed, functional and sustainably built urban environments that contribute to New Zealand's overall prosperity.
- 1.2 Property Council supports the formulation and implementation of a statutory and regulatory framework that enhances rather than inhibits economic growth and development. To achieve these goals, our advocacy and research focuses on urban strategy, infrastructure, regulation and compliance, legislation and capital markets.
- 1.3 Over the years, Property Council has built and maintained a good rapport with central and local government agencies and is often relied upon for advice, comments and feedback on matters of local, regional and national importance. Our members drive economic and social growth; they are the infrastructure that houses the business, residential and commercial property sectors.

2. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN - OVERVIEW

- 2.1 Property Council has reviewed the Wellington City Council ("**Council**") Annual Plan 2017/2018 ("**Plan**") and provides this submission in response.
- 2.2 We generally support the proposed downgrade in rates from an average of 5.1% to 3.3%. However, we note that a business rates increase of 3.1% is still a relatively significant increase, particularly given the Council's projected operating funding surplus of \$92m.
- 2.3 We would encourage the Council to ensure it is focusing on essential, core activities. We also support the reallocation of capital projects in order to reflect service priorities. We note that some capital expenditure has been re-phased, which has brought about a reduction in 2017/2018 capital expenditure. It is important to ensure that the Council continues to invest in important and necessary infrastructure to support growth, whilst deferring those projects that are not high priority.
- 2.4 Considering the significant revenue stream that commercial property provides, the Council must engage in early and robust consultation with the Property Council as part of the development of the 2018 Long-Term Plan. This consultation is critical as the Council will need to find a range of ways to fund deferred capital projects.

- 2.5 We encourage Council to reduce its business rating differential to alleviate the funding burden on business ratepayers.

3. RATES POLICY

- 3.1 Firstly, it is pleasing to see that proposed increases in rates are less than were forecast for 2017-2018 under the 2015 Long-Term Plan. It is important that ratepayers get value for money and are not unduly burdened with rates. However, the projected 3.3% increase is an average, with different ratepayers incurring different rates increases.
- 3.2 The Wellington business rates differential remains an issue for attracting business investment. Based on the current differential of 2.8, commercial ratepayers contribute **45%** of Wellington's general rates revenue. Property Council is of the view that this is a disproportionate and inequitable funding burden for business ratepayers. Business ratepayers are footing a significant portion of the public funding burden, despite being a major employer and driver of economic growth and prosperity.
- 3.3 In the Plan, the Council has openly stated it is committed to Wellington's economic growth and development. However, this growth can only be achieved by the Council making Wellington an attractive place for business and by encouraging expansion of the business rates funding pool. There is a need to reduce the rates funding burden on business in order to foster economic growth.
- 3.4 The current business differential is a constraint on business investment, particularly considering other financial constraints currently facing Wellington businesses, such as earthquake strengthening requirements.
- 3.5 If the Council wants to attract investment into the city then it is vital that it reduces the business differential rate. We recommend a policy of reducing it over a 15-year period. Having a quantum of rates that is 50% higher than the equivalent valued building in Auckland is stymying investment opportunities. Our members are willing to engage with Council politicians and officials to advise them of examples where investment opportunities chose Auckland over Wellington due to the considerable rate impost that the business differential has.

Targeted Rates

- 3.6 Business is also being constrained by targeted rates. Business ratepayers pay a downtown targeted rate, which pays for tourism promotion and retail support. This targeted rate funds 50% of the cost of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency ("**WREDA**"). Business ratepayers also pay a Commercial, Industrial and Business Sector targeted rate, which funds 30% of the cost of funding WREDA. We note that of total WREDA funding, Wellington City Council contribute 80%, with the Wellington Regional Council making up the remainder.
- 3.7 This means that through targeted rates, business ratepayers are funding 100% of the Council's WREDA funding obligations. This is a grossly inequitable funding burden, particularly as WREDA activity benefits the whole of Wellington. There is a need for a review of WREDA funding in order to achieve a more equitable rates funding arrangement. The business sector should not fund 100% of the Council's WREDA funding.
- 3.8 Considering the significant amount of funding of WREDA that our members contribute, Property Council would like to see commercial property representation on the WREDA Board.

- 3.9 These targeted rates also raise questions as to their consistency with Local Government Act 2002 provisions, which require the Council to consider the community outcomes to which an activity contributes. Given WREDA undertakes tourism and economic development activity that benefits all of Wellington, as well as tourists, business ratepayers should not be required to foot the whole of the Council's contribution to WREDA funding.
- 3.10 Business ratepayers are happy to pay their fair share of rates in contributing to the economic growth and development of Wellington, particularly as business is a major source of employment. However, rates must be implemented in a way that better reflects the outcomes of that funding for the city.

4. UPDATES TO LONG-TERM PLAN: PROPOSED CHANGES AND NEW INITIATIVES

Rates remission for first home/apartment builders

- 4.1 Property Council welcomes the rates-based incentives for the creation of new homes and apartments. It is important that the Council continues to encourage the development of new housing, particularly as Wellington faces population growth pressures. We view a rates remission policy as one mechanism for meeting this growth.
- 4.2 However, to encourage similar new business development, Property Council would encourage some form of rates remission policy for new business ratepayers. Whether this applies to a new business tenant or through the development of a new commercial rates unit, a rates-based incentive would be a means of further stimulating economic growth and development in Wellington.

'One-stop-shop' service delivery

- 4.3 Property Council is particularly supportive of the Council's proposal for a streamlined case management approach to the provision of Council services. Current consent and case management processing systems are a hindrance to business and development efficiency. We therefore support continued efforts to simplify the consenting and case management process and would welcome further consultation in implementing these changes.

Public engagement resources

- 4.4 We note the Council's proposal for the expansion of community engagement resources for key projects. We broadly support a process that canvases all opinions and viewpoints in order to achieve the best urban outcomes. However, we are also concerned about the negative effect that consultation process can have on the progress of key projects under our current planning and resource management system. It is important that any engagement and consultation processes are efficient and effective. All too often we see examples of drawn out consultation on key projects that adds unnecessary and costly time delays to a project. It is important that an efficiency-focused approach is adopted. Any such engagement must be targeted and meaningful.

Town Hall earthquake strengthening and music hub proposal

- 4.5 As part of the proposed new initiatives and having regard to proposed earthquake strengthening work, the Council has proposed a feasibility study into the development of a music hub. Firstly, Property Council recognises and supports the enhancement of Wellington as the arts and cultural capital of New Zealand. This is an important driver of business and tourism throughout Wellington. However, for reasons outlined below, any proposed music hub should rightly face significant scrutiny as to how it will be funded. We note the estimated cost of the scheme is \$89m. According to the plan, this will have an impact on rates from 2020/2021.

- 4.6 Firstly, those entities that will benefit from any such facility, such as Victoria University, should rightly contribute to funding the project, relative to the benefit they will receive. We would also encourage the Council to investigate alternative funding mechanisms to make up any funding shortfall. We repeat our view that Wellington ratepayers should not shoulder the burden for funding facilities that will benefit only some entities. A balance must therefore be struck between supporting such projects with public funding and recognising the need for private sector funding.
- 4.7 We would more information regarding the proposed music hub as part of the 2018 long-term plan development process. This is a significant project that should be reviewed and determined through a long-term plan process.

Seismic building intelligence system initiative

- 4.8 In respect of the seismic building intelligence system initiative, we support initiatives that allow for better responses in the event of earthquakes and other seismic activity. It is important that the Council continue to investigate mechanisms that will ensure public and building safety. Subject to cost implications, we support the work in developing any such system. We would also like to work with the Council in the development of this initiative.

5. 3-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME 2016-2019

- 5.1 Property Council has reviewed the Council's 3-year work programme. We generally support the initiatives and work schemes contained in the programme. It is important that the Council sets realistic and cost effective initiatives, which the 3-year work programme generally does. We provide further comment below.

GOAL 1: MORE RESILIENT

- 5.2 Property Council broadly supports the Council's goal of creating a more resilient city. It is important that Wellington is able to respond, adapt and generally cope with seismic shocks and other natural disasters and events. In general, we concur with the success factors that the Council has outlined.

Focus Area 1 – safer homes, locations and more robust infrastructure

- 5.3 In terms of the proposals for achieving these success factors, we broadly support these steps. Transport, building and water resilience are all important in ensuring the safety of Wellingtonians in a natural disaster or seismic event. The continual development of a robust infrastructure network is particularly important in ensuring that the city can respond to any such event.
- 5.4 We support the steps that the Council proposes in implementing its plans for a resilient city. However, this must also be balanced against the need to ensure that ratepayers are getting value for money. Information and engagement are therefore important to ensuring accurate and reasonable resilience expenditure.

Focus Area 2 – Economic Growth

- 5.5 We also support the Council's focus on creating a resilient economy. It is important that the Wellington economy is able to rebound from a natural disaster or event. Business must be able to continue to operate in order to support Wellington. The focus on business continuity planning is particularly pleasing to see. However, we suggest replacing the word survive with the word respond, as the focus

should not be on business survival, but instead, how business can respond to a natural disaster. It is important that businesses can respond and re-establish themselves in these circumstances.

GOAL 2: SMARTER GROWTH

Focus Area 1 – Economic Growth

- 5.6 Property Council supports the Council's goals for smarter growth in Wellington. It is pleasing to see a focus on continued economic growth and development. In particular, it is important that there is a strong focus on employment growth. As the city grows, so jobs must be created, which continued support for business will achieve. Business rates settings are one mechanism of achieving these outcomes.
- 5.7 The Council must provide strong, dynamic leadership in this growth. Council must continue to engage with the stakeholders who will actively drive that growth. Property Council members are at the forefront of this growth.
- 5.8 In terms of implementing these smart growth objectives, it is important there is a focus on economic productivity. We see a key function of the WREDA as being to facilitate economic productivity. It is important that the Council not only supports business but also creates a business environment that fosters productivity in business. This productivity comes from integrated planning, consultation, engagement and cost minimisation.
- 5.9 **Business Improvement District's:** We also support the underlying principle of Business Improvement District's ("BID"). BID's are a means of ensuring that businesses contribute to the continued growth and development of city and suburban centres.
- 5.10 However, it is important that BID rates are formulated in a way that is transparent and equitable. There must be a clear, detailed methodology as to how the Council formulates its BID rates charges. Without this, the Council risks imposing rates charges that are arbitrary and uncertain. This could have significant flow on effect for investment decisions in BID's, particularly where rates increases are not commensurate with the benefits received. Rates within BID's must be therefore be retained at equitable levels to encourage the continued growth and development of business and urban centres.
- 5.11 It is also important that BID rates contributions are reflected in voting rights and influence. Where a business provides a majority of BID funding, that business should have a corresponding say in decisions related to that BID. Voting and decision-making rights must reflect ratings contribution.
- 5.12 **Indoor Arena:** Property Council has concerns as to the priority and necessity of the feasibility study for and indoor arena. Given there is an existing indoor arena, it would seem pertinent to investigate the feasibility of renovating this facility. It is important for a Council to ensure that its ratepayers are receiving value for money. There is a concern that any new arena would lead to a significant increase in rates for Wellington ratepayers. The Council has already identified the town hall, movie museum, convention centre and the Wellington airport runway extension as major infrastructure investment. We question whether this arena project is necessary, given the level of capital project commitment.
- 5.13 **Movie Museum and Convention Centre:** Property Council continues to support the development of both a movie museum and the proposed convention centre. We view these projects as important anchor projects that will support the continued economic growth and development of Wellington. The movie museum, coupled with the proposed extension of Wellington International Airport will be important tourism-based projects, for which Property Council continues to offer its support. However,

we emphasise the need to ensure these projects do not place an undue funding burden on Wellington ratepayers.

Focus Area 2: Housing people

- 5.14 Property Council recognises the importance of housing issues across New Zealand at present. With unprecedented immigration and internal migration, New Zealand's housing stocks are under significant strain. It is therefore pleasing to see the Council place a focus on the continued provision of housing across the Wellington market. This is particularly important in light of the recently enacted National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity.
- 5.15 We note the rates remission policy proposed by the Council. As discussed above, to ensure the same rates benefits are available to business ratepayers we would encourage the Council to consider some rates-based incentive for the commercial sector. This may take the form of a rates remission for the construction of a suitable green or sustainable commercial building. Whatever form it takes, the same rates relief provisions should also be available to business ratepayers.
- 5.16 Property Council also supports the proposal to establish *Build Wellington*, which appears to be proposed as an urban development agency. However, it is important that any such agency is not established with a view to competing with the private sector, but instead plays a facilitator role. As Property Council are the principal means of establishing housing development in Wellington, we would appreciate further consultation with the Council on the establishment of *Build Wellington*.

Focus Area 3: Designing our city for growth

- 5.17 Property Council is a strong supporter of ensuring that Wellington achieves good design outcomes for the city. It is important for both residents and business that the city is a vibrant, enjoyable place to live, work and socialise.
- 5.18 **Laneways proposal:** Property Council is a strong supporter of the Council's laneway programme. This programme is one that actively encourages business within the city, which can only be good for both residents and business. Creating a city that has high amenity, consumer and tourism value is important to ongoing economic development. Property Council members will be an integral part of this programme and look forward to working with the Council in implementing this programme.
- 5.19 **Cycleways:** We are a strong supporter of the continued development of the Wellington transport network through the implementation of multiple modes of transport. This includes transmission gully, the proposed airport runway extension, the ongoing development of cycleways and other public transport links. It is important that the Council continues to provide for a range of transport users. It is also important that the city is accessible by all transport users and that transport modes are affordable, connected and reliable. We are pleased to see the Council recognising and providing for this need for broad transport usage.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Overall, Property Council is supportive of the Council's approach to managing its finances. It has taken a very prudent approach to funding issues throughout Wellington. The capital works programme is well set out and well considered, having regard to the cost impacts on ratepayers. However, we do

note that rates increases are reasonably high for 2017/2018. We would encourage the Council to actively re-prioritise capital projects and to ensure it is minimising unnecessary expenditure.

- 6.2 Property Council continues to support the Council in driving economic growth and development in Wellington. However, this is not reflected in the current business rates differential, which is acting as a constraint to such growth. Reducing its relatively high business rates differential and realigning inequitable targeted rates policy is likely to encourage the economic growth and development that the Council has actively promoted and committed to.
- 6.3 Property Council seeks further engagement with the Council on these issues.

Yours faithfully



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SUBMISSION ON FUNDING THE COMPLETION OF THE RECOMMENDED KILBIRNIE WEST CATCHMENT STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Submitted by affected Kilbirnie Crescent Residents

Introduction

This submission supports the proposal to allocate additional funding to complete the recommended Kilbirnie West Catchment Storm Water Improvements. We understand that there is insufficient funding available to either complete the recommended changes to pipes or to install a pumping station. It is our view that both elements are necessary to ensure that the problem of persistent flooding in the catchment area is adequately addressed. As this problem has been an ongoing problem over many years that has got significantly worse over the last decade we consider it a priority for council spending. The main reasons why we consider this is a priority are:

- Significant costs both monetary and non -monetary are incurred by residents and businesses in the catchment area after each event.
- The storm water infrastructure in the catchment area is no longer fit for purpose because of significant changes that have occurred in the environment and in Kilbirnie itself.
- The health and wellbeing of the residents and users of the area.
- The environmental impact with pollutants being flooded into properties.

Background

In the last decade major flooding has occurred in 2007, 2011, 2013 and twice in 2015. A common feature of the flooding is that it generally occurs in April -May period and during a conjunction of heavy rainfall and a high tide. It is because of the latter factor that we consider the construction of a pump station an essential element of the work to be done. Even with improved pipes in place it is unlikely that water will clear during a high tide as the events of the last decade have been caused by the combined impact of heavy rain and high tides.

It is important to note that many residents were impacted by the serious flooding event of November 1994 which resulted in some residents being forced out of their homes for a period of two months. While the more recent events have not been on this scale each event is a reminder of that particularly traumatic time and we worry that if this continues we will eventually see a similar event again.

Attached to this submission are a number of photographs that demonstrate the extent and the physical impact of the flooding in this area. Also attached are some personal experiences of the events.

Implications

The flooding events have a number of costs and disruptions associated with them.

- The local businesses are severely disrupted and lose revenue and incur additional costs as a consequence of the flooding. These costs are not only direct costs but also entail the indirect transaction costs associated with handling insurance claims.
- There are similar impacts on households. There is the cost of repairing damage and the time involved in getting systems working again. One consequence of each event is that drains become blocked and until they can be cleared one has to find alternative accommodation with functioning toilets. Insurance excesses also have to be met.

- While property values in the area have risen the publicity surrounding the constant flooding has seemingly diminished buyers' interests in properties such as those along Kilbirnie Crescent.
- There is the stress of sitting through each heavy rain event to see whether flooding is going to occur and ensuring that key items are safe from floodwater and whether steps need to be taken to evacuate the properties.
- There is the time and disruption associated with clearing up after the event such as contacting and dealing with insurance, arranging drying of interior rooms affected, cleaning silt off outside pathways and exterior walls sorting through affected items, re-establishing gardens etc.

We had hopes that this issue was close to resolution and have been somewhat surprised to discover that funding is still to be addressed. A discussion in May 2015 and some email follow ups gave us a different impression than now seems to be the case. That discussion left us with the impression that:

- \$8m had been set aside for the next three years;
- Kilbirnie was the first priority for flood protection; and
- It was agreed that the best option was for a pumping station.

We are now told that it will cost seven and a half million and that Councillors Iona Pannett, Sarah Free and Simon Marsh have to make representations to get the money and that the pumping station will only be done at a later stage if at all.

Benefits of completing Storm water improvements

There are significant benefits from avoiding the costs and disruption associated with the flooding of the last decade and outlined above. The individual experiences of householders attached to this submission gives an indication of some specific costs and the effects on lives and businesses. These benefits are direct benefits to residents and businesses in the West Kilbirnie Catchment area.

There are also benefits associated with reduced impacts on the East Kilbirnie catchment. The additional benefits to the East Kilbirnie Catchment may be quite important if the proposed development at Shelly Bay goes ahead and storm water clearance from there is dependent upon the Tacy Street Pump station.

As well as the benefits arising from the proposed improvements there is a reality to be faced about local infrastructure. The issue is that the storm water infrastructure for the West Kilbirnie catchment is no longer fit for purpose and needs a significant upgrade. Since it was built significant changes have occurred all of which intensify the pressures on that infrastructure.

- The impact of Climate change is now being felt. While the level of flooding between 2000 and 2007 generally did not rise to the same levels since 2007 there have been five events that have done so indicating that the problem is becoming more severe.
- There has also been greater intensification of housing and commercial enterprises in Kilbirnie putting more pressure on the system.
- There has been the development of a sports hub in Kilbirnie further adding to the pressures and these will be further increased by developments in Kilbirnie Park. We have already seen such impact arising from the protective matting in the Kilbirnie Park playground that since it was put in place has increased run off onto Kilbirnie Crescent.

- The proposed Transport hub will potentially add to these pressures in the future.

In our view the combination of these factors plus the age of the existing infrastructure is the strongest argument for completing all of the proposed Kilbirnie West Catchment Storm Water Improvements as soon as possible.

We appreciate that Council has to allocate according to priorities. This issue however has been an ongoing problem for businesses and residents in Kilbirnie for the last ten years. We consider that ten years of either disruption or the fear of disruption is more than long enough to put up with the non-delivery of a basic service that should be provided by Council. If there is insufficient funding in the infrastructure envelope to accommodate this perhaps it is time for Council to give basic infrastructure a higher priority relative to other priorities.

We therefore press council to:

- Allocate sufficient funding within the 2017/18 Annual Plan to complete all of the Storm Water Improvements recommended in option 4b including the provision of a pumping station; and
- Ensure that such funding is in place to commence the work in November 2017 and to complete the pipe upgrades and pumping station in one stage during the period covered by the Annual Plan.

Appendix 1 – Personal Experiences

110 Kilbirnie Crescent

As this property is at the lowest point of Kilbirnie Crescent it is the most vulnerable property for internal flooding and the lower part of the house which includes the wash house and storage areas has been flooded in each of the floods since 2007. The rest of the house has been relatively unscathed except in 2011 when some flooding came in under both the front and back doors and some of the carpet was soaked. These floods have posed some difficult issues for us.

- There is usually a requirement for significant drying out of the back areas of the house. After the 2015 floods this took two weeks of machine drying to dry out the area. Over this time life was disrupted as all furniture from the back area had to be relocated in the rest of the house so it was nearly a month before life returned to normal.
- One immediate impact of each flood is that the toilet blocks up and is unusable for one to two days. In 2015 this meant us taking a motel for two nights so that we could use a bathroom.
- Since 2007 we have had four insurance claims (in 2015 both events were treated as one) and each time we have paid an excess of \$250.
- One big loss has been books (not covered by insurance and often out of print) as we have one large bookcase in the back area of the house. (we shifted a smaller one before the 2015 flooding).
- There has been disruption to our work as time has to be allocated to arranging insurance visits being at home for tradesmen etc.

108 Kilbirnie Crescent

We have owned this property in excess of thirty years, for the first twenty years there were no problems regarding the storm water at all. Subsequently changes were made to the roads in Kilbirnie Crescent, Rongotai Road and Bay Road raising the intersection and footpaths so that storm water flowed into Kilbirnie Crescent. Further to this the park was developed and raised with the storm water directed into Kilbirnie Crescent. This was further exacerbated by the building of the library, extending the swimming pool and car parks. All of this water runoff is directed into Kilbirnie Crescent and simply the 100 year old storm-water drains cannot cope.

- We are all stressed over this whole farce the council issued 30kg sand bags that could not be lifted by elderly and considered a plastic dam that was supposed to pop up when it flooded and residents were to lay it out over a couple of hundred meters . It wasn't till I pointed out that the water also flooded from behind where the dam was to be placed that that idea was not acted on. The Council still is vacillating over spending money on this infrastructure but builds a sports hub on our street that will increase water runoff.
- The flooding has caused our sewers to over flow in our properties and on the streets.
- The health hazard has placed pre-school children living in the house in danger when playing outside.
- Lime spread by the council over the sewerage lying on our property takes time to kill the bacteria that can lay in the soil for some time.

- That it is not good enough that sewerage is left under our house by Council but is not removed by council and it is a hazard for those that may have to service the underneath of the house at a later date.
 - With the wash-house being flooded the washing machine and dryer and other goods have been damaged by the flooding.
 - With the storm-water level above the knee it prevents the occupants going out of the house to work or elsewhere.
- On one occasion it flooded the house to such an extent with sewerage that it required the occupants to be placed by Council in a motel on the basin reserve for two months while the insurance company stripped the walls, carpets, fridge, stove and furniture from the house while the house was left open to dry. The house and items in it were replaced by insurance. But there was disruption and further costs to the occupants. Because the houses in the street we all open 24/7 Council supplied security Guards.
 - We have had two cars flooded inside on two occasions. This is expensive for insurance companies and leaves the owners without cars.
 - Each time there is a flood it brings rubbish into our properties that has to be taken to the rubbish tip costing us in time and money.

106 KILBIRNIE CRESCENT

Since moving back in the early 1990s to the home I grew up in we have experienced continued flooding coming onto our property over the years. The 1994 sewage floods put us out of our home for approx. 5 months and caused my husband and I enormous stress and for me health issues having to deal with insurance claims and tradesmen engaged by insurance company etc., etc., The continued stormwater flooding events we have had since then continues to affect my health. I am unable to sleep at night when heavy rain is forecast for Wellington. I am continually on watch for Council water entering my property and I have the fear and stress of having to vacate the house as the water levels rise up to my front door. Dealing with the clean up also after the floods ie., the rubbish that floats in from the footpath out of the sumps and under each property. I have limited use of my garage as nothing can be left on the ground. The problem has simply gone on for too long for all us residents and for my family. We should not have to continue with this stress and fear we are affected by. PLEASE fix this problem for once and for all and let us all get on with our lives so as we can somehow plan our future living. We are now faced with the knowledge of insufficient funds available and further delays and stress.

We desperately need this problem rectified by upgrading pipes and installing pump NOW.







104 Kilbirnie Crescent

There is a sump in front of the property which when heavy rain occurs always blocks up and flooding occurs. Furthermore, debris and leaves from trees aid to the clogging up on the drain and this drain. This creates flooding in the front and rear garden of the house with the water levels getting very close to the front and back doorsteps. Post flooding a lot of this debris and litter has to be cleared and cleaned from the gardens which is a strenuous and unnecessary task for a 60 year old woman.

A large amount of water has gone beneath the house and eroded away some of the soil supporting the footings. That having been said a lot of the carpet in the house has discoloured and there is a dampness created by the water ingress below the house. In addition to this water has entered and soaked the carpet in the back shed behind the property. This shed is usually used to store food supplies and sentimental belongings, some of which have been destroyed. Despite significant drying out, the carpet is still damp in some areas and has mould growing as a result of this.

Appendix 2 Photographs

These photos were taken after the 2015 events

	
<p>Tony's tyre service is disrupted by flooding again!</p>	
 <p>Not an ideal outcome for Subway, being flooded with dirty water poses health as well as disruption issues</p>	 <p>A general view of Kilbirnie Crescent after the flooding of May 2015.</p>
 <p>Outside 110 and 108 Kilbirnie Crescent</p>	 <p>Outside 106 and 104 Kilbirnie Crescent – the sump is blocked again.</p>

Below indicates the water level where it has been up to the doorway of this property in Kilbirnie Crescent. The picture taken after the level had gone down.



Making Swimming Affordable for all is Good for Wellington

Submission on the Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 by Swimming Wellington Inc.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Swimming Wellington's purpose is to lead, support and provide opportunities for the development of swimming in the region, resulting in more people taking part and reaching their potential. Twenty swimming clubs with over 3,000 members across the greater Wellington region including Wairarapa and Wanganui make up Swimming Wellington.

Swimming continues to be a "young" sport with over 70% of members 12 year or under. Therefore, swimmers' parents are a critical stakeholder paying the costs of swimming and ferrying their children to training and to swim meets. We enjoy excellent parent support with high participation in support of swimming through volunteers and officials.

Swimming is a valuable skill for a country surrounded by water and swimming of any type has excellent health and wellbeing outcomes. Swimming Wellington would like to congratulate the Council on recent decisions and proposals that reduce the cost of participating in recreational swimming. Removing the entry fees for under 5's and spectators helps to reduce the cost of taking the family to the pool. We applaud initiatives to get more people into swimming of any type.

Swimming Wellington and our clubs have a long and mutually beneficial relationship with pool management. We also acknowledge the support we receive from the WCC, for example, the WCC sponsored Talent Identification & Development programme.

The purpose of our submission is to highlight to Council the high costs for those participating in swimming, how Council policies contribute to these costs and encourage the Council to consider making significant changes to its user revenue targets for its swimming facilities.

Our understanding is the council policy is to recover 30% of operational costs for swimming pools from users. With removal of fees, e.g. for under 5's, without changes to the 38% revenue target the costs to other users ultimately increases.

Increasing costs is affecting attitudes and behaviours of regular and long term users. Increases in pool hire is impacting the cost of participation. Aquatic Sport and Recreation is unaffordable for the average kiwi. Our clubs are struggling to remain financially viable. Holding swimming events is a primary source of income needed to run our region and clubs. Swimming Wellington has had a loss for the past four years and increasing pool hire costs have significantly contributed to these results.

The cost of using the Councils pools for swim meets has increased significantly over recent years. Swimming Wellington's major event is its Wellington Championships held over Wellington Anniversary weekend. Below is the total cost for using the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC) for this meet for the past three years:

Year	Total cost (GST inc.)
2014	\$14,516.00
2015	\$15,990.50
2016	\$17,583.50
2017	\$20,208.40

Hiring WRAC has increased by 39% over the four years. Our only option is to pass these increases onto swimmers through increased entry fees.

The high costs of hiring WRAC is also seeing less national events in Wellington. With the Christchurch earthquake and lack of facilities elsewhere, Wellington became the 'go to' regional for National events. Now with other venues available Swimming New Zealand is choosing to not use WRAC due to the high fees relatively to other venues. This has an economic impact on the greater Wellington region.

In February Swimming New Zealand ran their "Junior Festival". This is a two-day event held for 12 and under swimmers and is concurrently held in four locations. Below are the costs for each of the four venues with Wellington clearly the highest cost venue.

Timaru:	\$6,048
Auckland:	\$3,884
Rotorua:	\$2,697
Wellington:	\$10,205

In April the New Zealand Age Group Championships were held in WRAC. There were 500 swimmers from outside of the Wellington region competing. With parent, coaches and officials conservatively there were over 1,000 people in Wellington for this event. The event is held of five days therefore they are all here for at least six days, spending money on accommodation, transport, food etc. Studies competed by Swimming New Zealand estimate the fiscal benefit to Wellington from the event is conservatively \$800,000 – \$1,000,000. Swimming New Zealand have indicated to pool management they will not be holding this event in Wellington next year citing cost as the reason for moving the event.

The cost of using Council pools is a significant contributor to the overall cost of swimming. In addition to cost to hire pools for meets clubs pay for the use of lanes for training and club sessions. The cost recovery target policies appear inequitable when some facilities, such as our Libraries, are free to the public and sport and recreation is not. Even in sport and recreation there are large differences in the expected costs recovered from users with some as low as 5% (compared to the 30% for swimming pools).

Swimming is an expensive sport when compared to being involved in a team sport where fees per session may be \$80-\$100. For a club swimmer who trains 3-4 times a week and swims in local competitions without travelling to away meets, the cost is likely to be \$2,000 -

\$3,000 per year. For other swimmers who are also travelling to national events the cost can exceed \$8,000 each year.

The cost of participation is driving people away from our sport. We need to reduce the cost of participation to keep people in the sport and encourage others to join. Reducing the cost of using facilities would significant help reduce costs. We therefore encourage Council to seriously consider changes to the cost recovery policies applied to swimming pools

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Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

I support the removal of swimming pool fees. I support investigating supported living for people who experience ongoing homelessness, and would like the Council to do more in this area. I support moves to make Wellington predator free. I support the moves to support arts and culture, but I would like to see more funding and support from Council for artists themselves, contestable funding for theatre and performance projects, and more support for a range of venues. I support Council paying all staff at least the \$20.20 living wage immediately and the timely extension of this to ALL contractors, not just for core services. I support allocating car parks for car share and electric vehicles and I think Council should be bolder and increase the number from 15 parks. I support strengthening the Town Hall and making this a hub for the arts community with a range of venue and performance spaces available to a range of types of performances - it must not only be for orchestral music which has a limited audience. I would like to see more priority effort from Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions both within Council, and by leading broader work to reduce emissions across the city and local economy.

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

I am neutral about proposed changes.

The 3 year work programme

1. The Goals – Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work)

See page 7 of the “Building a Better City” document

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

While I support the goals in general, I am concerned that goal 4 (more sustainable) may operate in a silo, separate from other goals. Sustainability should run through all the goals and especially goal 2, as a unifying theme, rather than a separate work area.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council’s 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

I would like Council to be bolder and more ambitious about reducing Wellington's overall greenhouse gas emissions. I would like to see this incorporated into every facet of Council's work programme. I would also like to see greater action to end homelessness.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☒ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Increased social media engagement (noting some good work recently in this area).

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Comments

I support the idea of free access for supervisors or spectators to council pools.

The 3 year work programme

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- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's

year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☒ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
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Engagement with you

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Comments

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Comments

I support the Matariki funding, Supported living and Living wage I'm disappointed in the promotional video transport is accompanied by images of cars on major roads. Some of which were state highways. I think this is indicative of the situation with transport and the need to provide better public and active transport options in Wellington to reduce congestion on weekends. I support more funding for walking and cycling, and feel that this could easily be found within the existing roading budget. I support increasing speed restrictions around schools, and for suburban roads. I don't think rates remission on new builds for first home buyers is the solution to the housing crisis however accept that many solutions are outside of Councils control. I support more funding for social housing. I disagree with support for electric vehicles. This resource is better directed towards supporting public and active transport options.

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Comments

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Neutral

Comments

I agree with some and disagree with others as outlined above.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
- ☒ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

I would like to see more investment in social housing, public and active transport.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☒ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Economic Growth area 1: I disagree with using GDP as a metric of success. GDP doesn't differentiate between good and bad economic activity. Area 2: I opposed the Movie Museum and Convention Centre, indoor arena and airport runway extension. Sustainable City Goal 4 electric vehicles - oppose. Prefer funding be invested in public and active transport instead. Goal 5: Living wage support

Engagement with you

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Comments

Signs in public areas, door to door consultations in affected areas and interest groups.

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Comments

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Comments

I think there should be free entry to all swimming pools like in some parts of Auckland. Make all suburban areas smoke free and liquor free, don't allow supermarkets to sell alcohol have more police in our communities, get city host people in Kilbirnie to engage with street beggars but the biggest no1 priority is to get our water supply sorted out to Eastern suburbs.

The 3 year work programme

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- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

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- ☐ Yes to some
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- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

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Comments

Well, I go to council meetings and local meetings but really Council Officers just don't want to know about us ratepayers. Accountability in the organisation is appalling.

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Comments

There seems to be nothing about developing MTBing in the wellingotn region. WCC need to invest budget and resources in the Wellington Regional Trail Strategy as well as in the Makara Peak Master Plan

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
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Comments

people focused and more sustainable would be better bike access to the city from the suburbs

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
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Comments

investment in sustainable travel as well as recreational facilities that benefit sustainable travel should be a priority

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Comments

Just a thought - how about strengthening bus and weather shelters in the Wellington CBD to double as shelters from falling glass and loose building facades during an earthquake?

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- ☐ Yes to all
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Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Attached Documents

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Experience Wellington Letter to WCC re Wahine commemoration
Life Flight Letter of support
Coastguard Wahine 50 Letter of support
Letter to WCC accompanying Annual Plan submission 17_5_17 signed
Wahine 50 Costs overview
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17 May 2017

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the sinking of the *TEV Wahine* on 10 April 1968

On 10 April 2018 our region will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the tragic events that took place on Wellington Harbour Te Whanganui a Tara with the sinking of the *TEV Wahine* on 10 April 1968 and the loss of 53 lives.

Wellington Museum will mark the occasion with a programme of events and this year will be joined by the The Wahine 50 Trust which has been formed to add weight to the commemoration with a focus on remembering the many heroic rescuers who ventured into the extraordinary conditions to help survivors to the shoreline. The two cities that face the harbour bore the brunt of the weather that day and the human tragedy that unfolded.

The purpose of this letter is to support the The Wahine 50 Trust in its request to Wellington City Council for financial assistance to undertake events which will help to raise the profile of the commemoration and complement the programme which Wellington Museum has traditionally undertaken.



Pat Stuart
Chief Executive

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Submission to Wellington City Council regarding Wahine 50 Commemorations Letter of Support

17 May 2017

To the Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing in support of the Wahine 50 Trust's application for funding for the 50th Wahine Day commemorations – to be held next year, 10 April 2018.

The Life Flight Trust has a strong link to Wahine Day. It was witnessing the demise of the Wahine and the loss of life that motivated Peter Button to take flying lessons, and with neurosurgeon Dr Russell Worth, establish a helicopter rescue service able to reach those in need as quickly as possible.

The service, officially established as the Life Flight Trust in 1982, today operates the Wellington-based Westpac Rescue Helicopter and a nationwide air ambulance service.

We fully support the Wahine 50 Trust plans for the 50th anniversary of Wahine Day and its application to the Wellington City Council for financial assistance so that those plans can be implemented.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Pirie
Chief Executive
The Life Flight Trust





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To the Mayor and Councillors, Wellington City Council

Submission to Wellington City Council re Wahine 50 Commemorations 10 April 2018

Letter of support

The 50th anniversary of the Wahine disaster falls next year on 10 April 2018. The disaster had a significance that went well beyond the events of the day. The tragic loss of life within Wellington harbour on 10 April 1968 prompted a small group of concerned people to meet in Eastbourne soon after the disaster, to discuss the setting up of a sea-rescue service.

Within a year, Wellington Sea Rescue – later re-named Wellington Volunteer Coastguard – was in action. Our service continues to play an invaluable role in this region. A trained duty crew – from a pool of more than 60 volunteers – is on Wellington harbour every weekend and public holiday and on-call at all other times, ready to respond to calls for assistance.

We support wholeheartedly the Wahine 50 Trust plans to commemorate the 50th anniversary Wahine Day.

We are writing this letter to support the Trust's application to the Wellington City Council for financial assistance so that those plans can be implemented.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V Rowland".

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To the Mayor and Councillors Wellington City Council**Submission to Wellington City Council re Wahine 50 Commemorations April 10, 2018
Supporting document**

Dear Mayor and Councillors

As Chairman of the Wahine 50 Trust I write to apply for \$95,000 (ninety-five thousand dollars) from the Wellington City Council 2017 / 18 annual plan.

The funding will be a vital contribution to the cost of the 50-year commemoration of the Wahine Day disaster. The Wahine 50 Trust is organising a series of events in April 2018 to mark this significant date in our history.

We are most grateful to Wellington City Council (WCC) for recognising the importance of the Wahine Day commemorations by advancing seeding money (\$25,000) in May last year to fund the Wahine 50 Trust's initial planning and preparations. That funding has enabled the Trust to plan its aims and objectives, pursue those through the design of an appropriate events programme, design and launch a website and call for stories from the survivors and rescuers involved on the day.

I attach a background paper on the Wahine Disaster when Cyclone Giselle ravaged New Zealand, collided with a second storm and unleashed its full fury on the Wellington area. I also attach a broad overview of the costs and income sources for the project.

This paper explains the approach my Trust is taking to mark the 50-year milestone in April 2018.

With thanks
Yours sincerely



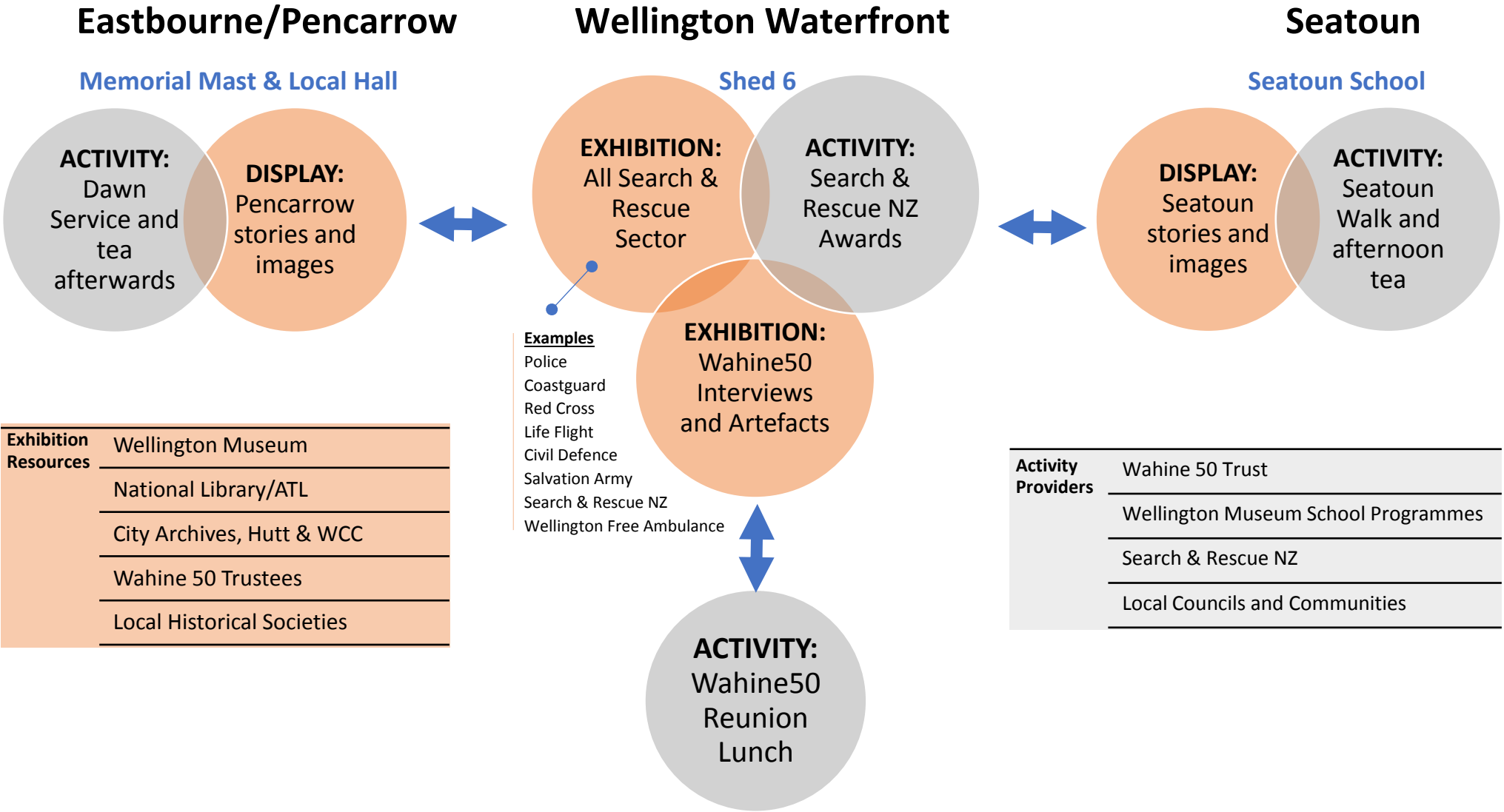
Rhys Jones
Chairman
Wahine 50 Charitable Trust

Wahine 50 Overview: Programme, Participants and Funding

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Programme	Host /Support	Location	Description	Estimated Cost	HCC	Source WCC	Other	Other sources
Dawn Service	Hutt City Council	Pencarrow Memorial	Memorial service (focus on fatalities)					
Hospitality	Hutt City Council	RSA Hall Eastbourne	Tea, coffee, modest food items	N/a	Sponsor			
Eastbourne Display	Local Community	RSA Hall Eastbourne	Local Wahine photographs and stories	8,000	5,000		3,000	Eastbourne Trust
Wahine 50 Costs	Hutt City Council	Whole programme	Contribution to wider event costs	15,000	15,000			
Wahine 50 Exhibition	Wellington City Council	Shed 6 TSB Arena	Emergency resilience display, 9 & 10 April	50,000		50,000		
Exhibition Opening	Wellington City Council	Shed 6 TSB Arena	Display opening, morning tea	10,000		10,000		
Wahine 50 costs	Wellington City Council	Shed 6 TSB Arena	Contribution to wider event costs	35,000		35,000		
Wahine 50 Costs	Key Stakeholders		Contribution to wider event costs	10,000			10,000	Various sponsors
Reunion Lunch	Wahine 50 Trust	Wharewaka or Shed 6	Sit down Lunch for 200 survivors / rescuers	12000			12,000	Attendees
			Admin costs/ Invitation process	5,000			5,000	Sponsor
			Technology for screen, speakers	2,000			2,000	Sponsor
Seatoun Walk	Wahine 50 Trust	Seatoun School	Guided coast walk subject to the weather					
	Seatoun Community		Afternoon tea at the school (100)	2,000			2,000	Sponsor
			Admin costs, liaison with local community	3,000			3,000	Sponsor
			Local Wahine photographs and stories	5,000			5,000	Sponsor
Interviews	Wahine 50 Trust	Local and National	Anna Cottrell films/ interviews key people	37,000			37,000	Gaming Trusts
		Wellington Museum	Display filmed interviews on Wahine Day					Wgtn Museum
			Admin for interview process	13,000			13,000	Nikau &WCF
		Total event costs		207,000	20,000	95,000	92,000	

Wahine 50 Commemoration

Overarching Promotional Campaign



Sponsorship and Support / Key Stakeholders:

City Councils of the region, Archives New Zealand, The local commercial fishing industry, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Wellington City Archives, National Emergency Response Centre, CentrePort, Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, Maritime New Zealand, Greater Wellington Regional Council, The Eastbourne community, Wellington Community Trust, The TG Macarthy Trust, The Seatoun community, NZ Defence Force, The Red Cross, The National Library/ATL, Local Iwi, Wellington Museum, Wellington Free Ambulance, Te Papa, The RSA, NZ Police, Wellington City Archives

April 10 2018

The 50-year commemoration of the Wahine Disaster

Wahine 50 Charitable Trust



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Rhys Jones
Chairman
Wahine 50 Charitable Trust

Early in 2016, the board members of the Wahine 50 Trust explained the work they were doing and offered me the role of chairman. While I wasn't personally on board the vessel at that time, I was keen to accept their offer for two main reasons.

First, they are commemorating an extremely important story of how a community rallied to a formidable challenge and took the risks needed to achieve success.

The loss of life made the Wahine Disaster a tragedy. The saving of lives must also be an important part of the commemoration. The rescue of 683 people from the Wahine in Wellington heads on 10th April 1968 was conducted in the face of the most appalling conditions in our harbour's history.

At the height of the storm, only the four starboard lifeboats could be launched, other passengers were forced to jump into the cold, churning sea. Some clung on to inflatable life-rafts that had been thrown overboard, but a number of these were punctured by the wreckage or flipped over by the heavy seas.

Many were blown across the harbour towards Eastbourne Beach, an area of rocky shore with difficult access. Rescue teams found the road there blocked by slips. A number of people who reached shore alive did not receive medical attention quickly enough to prevent death from exposure. Others were drowned or killed when thrown against the rocks. Eventually 200 survivors struggled through the surf to safety on this coast, but it was here that most of the 51 fatalities on the day occurred

While the loss of life was indeed a tragedy, Wahine Day should also be remembered for the wonderful response from the wider Wellington community. There can be no doubt it prevented a much worse outcome. Local people made the decision to put their own lives at risk and headed out to help. They deserve to be thanked.

Secondly, this disaster reminds us that we live on a group of small islands in a vast ocean with extensive coastline and changeable weather patterns. The Wahine Disaster story has significance to New Zealand that goes well beyond the events of the day. Maritime safety is always going to be a serious issue for New Zealanders. Events like Giselle, the Wahine Storm, will inevitably occur again at some point in the future. The community response to the Wahine disaster saved many, many lives. That story has a place in history, and a role in the future.

This document describes the Wahine 50 Trust's plans for the commemoration. All events will take place on the one day, April 10 2018. They all need funding and community participation. The Wahine 50 Trustees are a small group of individuals working in an unpaid capacity, and they are totally committed to this important commemoration.

They deserve all the support and participation we can possibly give them.

Rhys Jones Lieutenant-General (retired)
Chairman, WAHINE 50 CHARITABLE TRUST

Background to the tragedy

New Zealanders who remember the 10th April 1968 know this day has a very specific meaning to the Wellington region and to the country. Fifty one people lost their lives that day when the Ferry Wahine sank at the Wellington heads. Thanks to a community wide response to the disaster, the other 683 passengers and crew were rescued and brought to safety.

In 2015, a group of survivors and rescuers from the Wahine disaster decided to plan and deliver a programme of events in 2018 to mark the 50th anniversary. This group considers this to be the last significant opportunity for survivors to meet and thank those who saved their lives and to record the important stories and lessons of the day for the future.

The 50th anniversary of the Wahine disaster is listed with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) as a Tier Two event in their calendar of events of national significance. They recognise this is an important national story with a strong Wellington focus and are keen to support the commemoration. This collaborative approach will assist quality control as the Trust creates the information needed for the commemoration, and it will, for the long term, secure an appropriate permanent home for our stories in the nation's collection-based institutions.

As a Tier Two event however, it carries no dedicated funding from MCH. The group of survivors and rescuers is faced with the challenge of raising the funds required to run the commemoration. In late 2015, they appointed The Whiteboard (NZ) Ltd as event managers and, on their advice, formed a charitable trust (now registered) to access funds from philanthropic sources.

The Trustees are:

Rhys Jones (Chair). Rhys is the recently retired head of the New Zealand Defence Force.

John Brown Harbour pilot in Wellington and on duty in 1968, a significant player in the 1968 rescue operation

Muriel and Rob Ewan Survivors, who, as passengers on the ship, deliberately separated during the height of the storm so at least one of them might make it through alive to care for daughters at home.

Peter Jerram Survivor, as a member of the Lincoln College cricket team was a passenger on his way to a tournament.

Doug Crombie Survivor, and another member of the College Cricket team, rescued by a fishing trawler after spending three hours in the water.

Richard Martin A partner in the firm Gault Mitchell Law. Joined the trust as pro-bono legal advisor. He has a keen interest in all things maritime.



Vision and Approach

The essential theme of the anniversary is for survivors to thank rescuers.

The 51 lives the Wahine disaster claimed that day was a tragedy. It is also true however that the 683 lives saved was a testament to the courage and commitment of people in the Wellington region. The survivors want to thank them.

The Trust is also determined to leave a legacy so that future generations can benefit from the lessons learnt. The Court report of the Inquiry into the Wahine sinking made a number of recommendations concerning future safety measures.

These included changes in how weather information is described, training for life-raft use, changes vehicle deck draining and the fitting of shore radar at Beacon Hill. While these changes have been well documented, the trustees believe **the personal accounts of individuals involved would complement the official records of the day**. This will be achieved by recording the stories of those involved, ensuring those stories reach audiences and then establishing a permanent home for the information. This approach will ensure the commemoration avoids duplicating the vast amount of information already in the public realm.

The Wahine 50 Trust, as the voice of the 2018 Commemoration, shall:

- Provide opportunities for the survivors to thank the rescuers
- Present the Wahine Day experience through the personal accounts of people involved
- Present an Exhibition displaying the organisations involved in the emergency and rescue sector to recognise the legacy the Wahine disaster has given us as a catalyst for change.

The Wahine 50 Trust's campaign seeks to promote

Awareness that the Wahine Disaster happened, the scale of it, where it took place and when

Understanding of the impact the day had on the families of the fatalities, the survivors and those who participated in the rescue, enduring deep distress in the process

Appreciation of the value of the community response and the risks people took to assist each other

Involvement through attending events, visiting the exhibition, meeting and talking to those who were there.

And perhaps above all, to make the commemoration relevant to today, focus on resilience and building stronger communities:

Resilience and preparedness. Building a sense of personal responsibility we each have to ourselves and others, and our capacity to act accordingly during natural disasters, because we know they will happen again, and they will happen here.

The Commemorative Programme of events

After consultation with other interested parties, a programme of events has been agreed, and the Trust has commenced discussions with key stakeholders as possible sources of funding for the programme. While specific events will attract support from local authorities and other entities who wish to be associated with identifiable components of the programme, the wider tasks associated with information gathering and presentation of the stories and lessons learnt will also need funding.

The storm 'Giselle' wreaked havoc across New Zealand, but its full force was unleashed on Wellington when it collided with another storm in Cook Strait on April 10 1968. The whole of Wellington answered the call for help and the communities of Seatoun and Eastbourne played pivotal roles as the Wahine disaster unfolded.

The programme of events the Trust intends to deliver in 2018 will reflect that community involvement and is summarised as follows: (more details are provided in the event sheets appended at the back of this narrative.

A dawn service and wreath-laying at the Wahine Memorial at Eastbourne at 6.41 am on the 10th April 2018. This exact time was when the Wahine first hit the reef. Of the 51 lives lost on the day, 47 were taken by the Pencarrow Coast giving this area particular significance to those who lost family members on that day. The Wahine 50 Trust has approached the Hutt City Council to support this event. The Mayor has offered his support to host the Dawn Service, and the Wahine 50 Trust has applied to the Hutt City Council annual plan for \$20,000 funding support.

A midday Commemoration display, Wellington Waterfront in Shed 6 of the TSB Arena. The Wellington City Council (WCC) would be the appropriate host for this event, with involvement of the emergency sector. The concept is to present the wide range of emergency response organisations we now have, some of which evolved as a result of the Wahine Disaster. Early discussions with New Zealand Search and Rescue indicate their wish to be to be involved, and may also include demonstrations of rescue operations outside on the harbour.

The Trust sees this event, less formal than the Dawn Service, as an opportunity for the people of Wellington to gather at the waterfront on the Tuesday 10th April 2018 at lunchtime and participate in this important occasion in the city.

This event in Shed 6 would give the Wahine 50 Trustees the opportunity to invite and thank the larger number of people who took part in the rescue but would not expect to, or feel comfortable, attending a formal luncheon. In this way the Trust is demonstrating to the community that even a small role, (e.g. making the tea in the Eastbourne RSA Hall) was still very important.

This event will be future focused with the emphasis on the emergency response sector which has developed considerably in the last 50 years. The display will complement the exhibition in the Wellington Museum. The Wellington Museums Trust (now *Experience Wellington*) has provided a letter to the Wahine 50 Trust to support this application.

A luncheon for the survivors to thank the rescuers at a suitable location close to the above event. (likely in the Wharewaka functions venue) This is an important occasion for the survivors who genuinely feel those who saved lives have yet to be fully recognised for their tremendous efforts.

The Trust faces the challenge of trying to locate as many of the survivors and rescuers as possible before the commemoration, recognising that 50 years have passed and many passengers were either tourists or not from the Wellington area. While details have not yet been finalised, the occasion could include the singing of the songs survivors in the life rafts sang as they drifted towards the shoreline.

An afternoon visit to Seatoun to view the site of the ship's grounding and the memorials that are on that coastline. The Trust will require buses to transport attendees to this event. Seatoun School has been approached to see if an afternoon tea can be served in the school. The school, recognising this is very much a Seatoun story, is keen to assist.



Building participation and support

Key audiences for the commemoration have been identified as:

- Survivors
- Rescuers (both individuals and volunteers and rescue organisations)
- Individuals that participated, in small ways, in disaster relief.
- Other organisations that participated in the rescue effort on the day
- Emergency services – Police, Red Cross, Free Ambulance, Fire Department etc.)
- Stakeholder organisations (Maritime safety, harbour management etc.)
- The general public, so many of whom had a role to play on the day
- Historians and academics
- Wider maritime audiences (boat owners, coastal residents)
- Potential funders and supporters of the Commemoration

The Wahine 50 Trust has identified several organisations it wishes to involve (in no particular order):

City Councils of the Region	Archives New Zealand	Wellington Community Trust
Ministry for Culture and Heritage	Wellington City Archives	National Emergency Response Centre
Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club	Maritime New Zealand	Greater Wellington Regional Council
The Eastbourne community	The TG Macarthy Trust	Local commercial fishing industry
The Seatoun community	NZ Defence Force	Centreport
The Red Cross	The National Library	Local Iwi Wellington Museum
Wellington free Ambulance	Te Papa	The RSA NZ Police
Wellington City Archives	Wellington Museum	The Interislander
Bluebridge	Infratil	SeaWorks

Progress on Meetings

The Trust is identifying the appropriate roles these organisations could take. Meetings have already been held with a number of potential supporters, and the sequence of meetings has been deliberate.

Hutt City Council

Chairman and Event Manager met with the Mayor of Hutt City and secured his support. Subsequent meeting and discussion with the events manager for Hutt City took place and Hutt City has now confirmed their commitment to host the dawn service at Pencarrow at their own cost. On their advice, the Wahine 50 Trust has applied to their Annual Plan round for additional project funding of \$20,000. Success is favourably anticipated, but funding would become available after 1 July 2017.

Wellington City Council

Two meetings held. Two with City Events Manager and one at Director level. All very keen to support the Trust. Director requested an email outlining seeding fund costs and subsequently arranged \$25,000 seeding money. A meeting was then held with the (previous) Mayor and secured her support. The Deputy Mayor at that time is now Mayor and he received a copy of the papers presented. Subsequently he has voiced his support for the Wahine 50 Commemorations. The Wahine Trust is applying to the WCC Annual Plan round for a sum of \$95,000.

Wellington Community Trust (WCT)

Two meetings held. Project briefed in. Enthusiastic response. WCT identified that support for the day's programme could be appropriate for WCT as a part funder. Keen to know if the WCC and others were supportive. Want to be kept informed. Subsequently the Trust formally applied to the Community Trust for financial assistance to assist with the project administration costs from the period March 2017 to July 2017 and received \$8,000.

TG Macarthy Trust

The Wahine 50 Trust made contact with the TG Macarthy Trust to test eligibility and have been told that this project is one the TG Macarthy Trustees would like the opportunity to consider. Applications close mid-year 2017 with the decision known in November 2017.

Three gaming trusts and the Nikau Foundation

Applications have been drafted to the Pelorus Trust, the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity. These are directed to the cost of engaging the oral historian to work on the interviews with survivors and rescuers. This work will commence in May 2017. An application to the Nikau Foundation to assist this work was successful, Nikau granted \$5,000.

Liaison with MCH

MCH has offered to be the agency to co-ordinate central Government involvement. Being a tier two event on the events of national significance, no funding has been allocated to the Wahine Commemoration. MCH has offered to arrange a meeting with the Lottery Grants Board.

Museums

A number of museums and collection-based institutions could have a contribution to make to the commemoration exhibition, including Te Papa, Wellington Museum, National Library, the ATL, Petone Settlers Museum, the Dowse and Nga Taonga Sound and Vision.

Te Papa National Museum

Very keen on the Wahine 50 project and the proposed exhibition. Te Papa is embarking on a four year programme of refurbishment and while they would not be able to curate and present an exhibition on their own premises, they are keen to contribute expertise and/or artefacts as appropriate and if security protocols can be met.

Wellington Museum

Wellington Museum has for the past two decades or so, been the main storytelling institution for the Wahine disaster. The Museum has shown Wahine 50 Trustees their extensive collection of artefacts from the Wahine Disaster. Discussions on the exact nature of the events on Wahine Day 2018 are continuing.

National Library

The public programmes manager has been keen to assist, (nearly all of the images for the Wahine 50 Website came from the National Library / ATL) however the National Library gallery exhibitions run for a full year and the Wahine Disaster would not suit that approach. They would be happy to do some public programme in support of the commemoration over a shorter period.

The Alexander Turnbull Library (ATL)

ATL checked their catalogues and indicated that they do have some interesting material in their collections on the Wahine Disaster, including oral histories, manuscripts and photographs. Further discussions will take place about these.

Seatoun School (principal) and the Eastbourne Historical Society

Very enthusiastic response. Keen for the school to assist/participate in some way. The proposed afternoon visit to the memorials and the coastline walk would fall outside the school day which would help considerably. The Eastbourne community will be met soon, including their historical society.

Coast Guard NZ and Wellington Volunteer Coast Guard and the Life Flight Trust

The Wahine 50 initial thoughts around a legacy project for the commemoration were to assist the Coast Guard in their campaign to replace the Wellington rescue vessel, given the volunteer service commenced here immediately after the Wahine Day Disaster. The Coast Guard welcomed our involvement but to date are unable to activate their processes to commence a campaign. The Trust will continue to liaise with them, but also focus on the display as a legacy project.

Building a Legacy – gathering the stories from survivors and rescuers

The official version of Wahine Day has been well reported. Several documentary films have been made, books have been written. The Trust's approach will focus on the experiences individual survivors and rescuers had and how those intensely personal experiences have subsequently affected their lives and the lives of their families.

The Trust has taken advice from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage on the best practice for conducting interviews and the engagement of an oral historian, Anna Cottrell. The approach will be to interview survivors and rescuers to ensure sufficient material has been gathered.

The Trust has secured a copy of the passenger and crew list. Compiling a list of suitable interviewees is a challenge given that 50 years have passed and many passenger were from around the country and even tourists from around the world.

Stories of individual rescue efforts will equally be difficult to find, especially if they were not reported to the media at the time.

Two of the Trustees are systematically gathering names of potential interviewees as they tour the region giving their talks to groups. The Trust has also called for stories via the website launched on 10 April 2015 and that has met with an encouraging response with over 50 stories now received. Many of these are very moving accounts of the experiences of the day, some have never been publicly told.

At this stage the options for the legacy project design and timings are still to be determined. Stories and accounts of the day, once collected become a valuable resource for the commemoration and can be used on the website, in the media, in an exhibition and possibly through the production of a booklet as a lasting outcome of the commemoration.

The Communications Plan

The Trust faces a number of challenges to develop and convey messages to wide range of audiences.

- Finding and inviting the participation of survivors and rescuers 50 years is requiring a dedicated effort.
- A modest website has been established and this will need updating and ongoing management
- The use of social media will need to be considered and managed. This will be particularly important to reach younger audiences who will lack first-hand understanding of the Wahine disaster.
- A simple brochure has been written, but needs design and printing. This tool will be used to attract sponsors to the commemoration to help meet the costs of the event programme.
- Expertise has been secured to liaise with the news media to ensure national coverage with regional emphasis. While the focus of the media will be the immediacy around the April 10 date, earlier communications planning is underway to identify milestones and make the most of opportunities in the lead-up to the commemoration.
- The design and production of educational material on Maritime Safety will be explored with appropriate partners such as the Coastguard and Maritime New Zealand.

The Wahine 50 Trust has secured the services of a communications consultant who is prepared to work at absolute minimal cost and has prepared the attached one page summary of communications initiatives.

The key tools the Wahine 50 Trust will use include the website, already launched, which will require ongoing work to maintain freshness and wider appeal. The simple colour brochure is also required now to enable the Trust to approach potential sponsors and funders.

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Comments

The proposed changes to the Long Term Plan appear to have neglected the poor environmental standards currently allowed in Wellington. The Dominion Post Insight article on 5 May stated that in 2016/17 the Moa Point Sewage plant discharged 852,000 cubic metres of mainly untreated sewage into Lyall Bay. This is simply unacceptable in the 21st century. About 20 years ago Council inspected many residential properties to ensure stormwater did not enter the wastewater system. Many older wastewater pipes in suburbs like Miramar also allow stormwater into the wastewater. Also the Owhiro stream near where I live is heavily polluted with discharges from a private landfill killing aquatic life. Finally the Council proposes to support a low Carbon capital by providing 15 special car parks for ride sharing and electric vehicles. However, this small initiative is offset by the Regional Council phasing out Trolley buses with Diesel Buses which will cause significant pollution especially in the Golden Mile shopping area. In my view WCC should be more vocal and allocate more funds to protecting the environment.

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

Comments

No comments

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Comments

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2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council’s 3-year Work Programme?

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- ☐ No to all

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Council needs to reduce or eliminate some capital expenditure on new projects and transfer to wastewater improvements.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

No comments

Attached Documents

File
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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

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Comments

Wellington has ambitions to be a sustainable city, but is let down by the lack of vegetation and street planting. While being predator free is a laudable goal, it is a bit pointless if there is little habitat available to support indigenous biodiversity. Planting also improves resilience and amenity, among other benefits identified in your Long Term Community Plan. I would like to see funding for new street planting in areas that have historically lacked investment, such as the southern end of Newtown (refer to attached correspondence which explains no money is available for new planting). Below I suggest some key initiatives that could be cut in order to provide funding. I would also like to see more funding for cycle initiatives, including at least maintaining the good things we do have. For example, I have noticed that the road surface on Evans Bay Parade and Shelly Bay Road is being replaced with an inferior (and presumably cheaper) surface that is rough and uncomfortable to ride on. This is a shame given how popular the 'round the bays' route is for road cyclists. I disagree with rates remission for first home buyers / builders. This will not assist renters, and the amount saved to an individual first home buyer is insignificant compared to the cost of the housing. I consider the money saved would be better spent on a community initiative to benefit all residents (including renters), not just encourage home ownership. I disagree with funding South Coast storm damage repairs from general rates. The effects of climate change will mean this damage will occur again so this is not a wise investment of public funds. I favour managed retreat to allow the natural beach dune system to reestablish, or any hard infrastructure funded through targeted rates on the direct beneficiaries of the work. Coastal erosion, storms and climate change are foreseeable and should have been anticipated by the affected residents. I approve of the proposed discount for smokefree outdoor (al fresco) dining on pavement. I approve of the proposals to address antisocial behaviour.

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Comments

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- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council’s 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
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- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

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Comments

Mail drop to residents, include consultation with rates notice, have open day at Newtown market and/or outside the Newtown Mall.

Attached Documents

File
Rhodes_St_planting-request
Annual Plan 2017/18

RE: Street scape planting query (service request 2304234)

Emily Alleway <Emily.Alleway@wcc.govt.nz>

Sun 22/02/2015 4:40 p.m.

To: 'howarth_carl@hotmail.com' <howarth_carl@hotmail.com>;

Dear Carl,

Following on from your enquiry earlier in the week I have discussed the potential for planting on Rhodes Street with our Parks and Gardens team. They have informed me that, due to Council budget restrictions, the majority of new street and street tree plantings are now directly funded as part of developments e.g traffic management schemes or housing developments. Furthermore, proposals for planting in any development are dependent on the existence of underground services or overhead power lines, as these can significantly affect the scale and type of planting possible.

Council budget is prioritised for maintenance of existing planting areas and replacement of storm or vandal damaged trees, with any remaining funds being utilised for refurbishment of old beds or new planting. In the case of street tree plantings, the Parks and Gardens team are still working to replace trees lost in the 2013 storm and do not envisage any left over budget this financial year.

In short unless there is a significant increase in funding or redevelopment of the road, planting on Rhodes Street is unlikely in the foreseeable future. I'm sorry that this won't be the answer you were hoping for, but hope you understand the Council needs to balance the creation of new planting areas with the need to maintain existing areas within the scope of a limited annual budget.

While it may not be suitable for your particular situation, the Council does offer support to individuals and community groups looking to plant Road Reserve land -



<http://wellington.govt.nz/services/environment-and-waste/environment/tree-and-plant-services/free-plants>

Kind regards,
Emily Alleway

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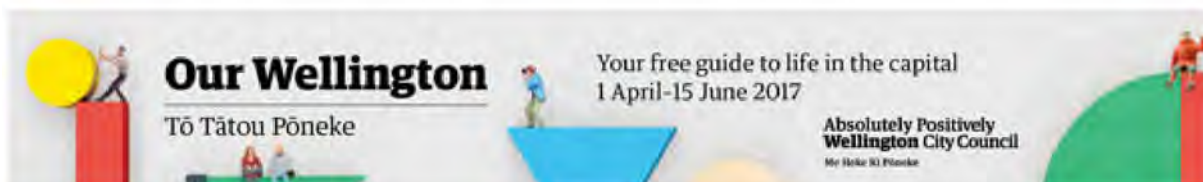
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From: Emily Alleway
Sent: Tuesday, 17 February 2015 2:41 p.m.
To: 'howarth_carl@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Street scape planting query (service request 2304234)

Dear Carl,

Thank you for your email and my apologies for the delay in response. I agree that suburban areas benefit greatly from planting areas to break up the monotony of hard surfacing and provide habitat for local species. As you note, many of the garden areas in Newtown have been installed as part of traffic calming measures. These often take advantage of the excavations and extra footpath width provided through the installation of chicanes or pedestrian refuges. However, the location and extent of planting beds and street trees are regularly dictated by the presence of underground services or overhead power lines.



If you don't mind I will follow the matter up with our Parks Department, to see if they have any immediate plans for street tree planting in your area, and reply in more detail later this week.

Kind regards,
Emily Alleway

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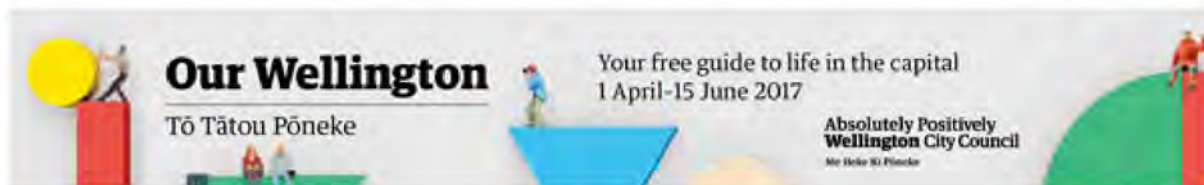
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From: Carl Howarth <howarth_carl@hotmail.com>
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Cc: "info.atwcc@wcc.govt.nz" <info.atwcc@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Street scape planting query (service request 2304234)



Dear Trudy,

I have a question regarding street scape planting on Rhodes Street Newtown. I originally asked this asked on 7 December, and was passed on to you on 26 January.

My question relates to the lack of planting and generally poor streetscape of Rhodes Street, Newtown. The Rhodes Street carriageway and footpaths are very wide, presenting a rather featureless tarmac vista broken only by power poles. The streetscape could be greatly and easily improved by installing

street planting, perhaps integrated with the existing traffic calming speed humps. The immediately adjoining roads of Daniel Street, Princess Street and Horner Street all have plantings, despite having less road width to accommodate these.

Are there any plans to improve this situation? Your Long Term Community Plan outlines the benefits of urban green space.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards

Carl Howarth

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From: Info.atWCC@wcc.govt.nz
To: howarth_carl@hotmail.com
CC: trudfy.whitlow@wcc.govt.nz
Subject: Street scape planting query awaiting response
Date: Mon, 26 Jan 2015 02:16:41 +0000

Dear Carl,

Thank you for your follow up enquiry regarding your service request 2304234.

We have forwarded your email to Trudy Whitlow, Urban Design and Heritage Manager who is dealing with your enquiry so best suited to respond. You can also contact Trudy directly with the email address below:

trudy.whitlow@wcc.govt.nz

We value your input and if you require further assistance please contact us.

Kind regards,

Bailey McCormack

Customer Services Team Wellington City Council
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PO Box 2199 Wellington 6140



— Original Message —

> From: Carl Howarth (howarth_carl@hotmail.com)
> Sent: 26/01/2015 9:53 a.m.
> Subject: Street scape planting query awaiting response
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> Hi Margy,
>

> Could you follow up my query below of 7 December 2014, which I have not had a response to. My service request number is 2304234.

>

> Thank you

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>

> **Carl Howarth** Tel: + 64 22 093 6146 | Email: howarth_carl@hotmail.com

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> From: Info.atWCC@wcc.govt.nz

> To: howarth_carl@hotmail.com

> Subject: Street scape planting

> Date: Sun, 7 Dec 2014 12:02:21 +0000

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>

> Dear Carl,

>

> Thank you for your enquiry regarding street scape planting on Rhodes Street, Newtown.

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> We have raised a service request with the Roding Team as they are best suited to respond. Your service request number is 2304234. Please quote this number if you

> need to follow up this request at a later date.

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> If you have any questions or require further assistance please contact us.

>

> Kind regards,

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> Margy

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> — Original Message —

> > From: no-reply@wcc.govt.nz

> > Sent: 7/12/2014 8:13 p.m.

> > Subject: Contact the Council / Fix It Form

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> > The following has been sent from the Contact the Council / Fix It Form on the Wellington City Council

> > website:

> >

> > **Name:** Carl Howarth

> > **Address:** 32 Rhodes Street

> > **Suburb:**

> > **City:**

> > **Phone:**

> > **Mobile:** 0220936146

> > **Email:** howarth_carl@hotmail.com

> > **What can we help you with?** Other



> > If other, give details: Street scape planting
> > **Have you contacted the Council about this previously?** No
> > Service request number:
> > **Location:** Rhodes Street
> > **Description:**
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> > outlines the benefits of urban green space.
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> > We will get back to you as soon as we can.
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> > For urgent request:
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> > Council Contact Centre
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> > Phone: (04) 499 4444
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Submission

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Comments

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- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-5 year work programme?

year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

I'd like to see priority given to upgrading suburban children's playgrounds. The two very bleak examples that I have in mind are the Treasure Island Hataitai and the Miramar North Rd playgrounds which are poorly resourced and uninviting. All children need stimulating play spaces that will encourage outdoor play, imaginative play, social interaction and the opportunity to learn physical skills. I'd like to see the Council's funds used to encourage children's growth and enjoyment. At the same time seating for adults in these parks needs to be well located for those attending children. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, Lynda

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

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Comments

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Comments

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Goal 4 Focus Area 1: Brooklyn Trail Builders request additional opex funding for: 1. Gravel for existing popular tracks (Grade 3 and below) to make them resilient, reduce maintenance, and more useable during wet conditions. \$100,000pa (5km per year Wellington wide). 2. Weed control. \$10,000pa. When new outbreaks of Old Man's Beard and Banana Passionfruit (both noxious weeds the WCC pays contractors to clear) the WCC response was; no money, Polhill has had its share, and its in secondary growth so not a priority. This indicates the budget is inadequate for the real demands, and staff are develop arbitrary policies to manage actual demand. The budget needs to be set to what the actual need is. 3. Track maintenance, more vegetation trim as current resource is insufficient to meet existing demand. \$25,000pa Note that volys clear significant length of tracks already. 4. Signage, additional way finding. \$10,000pa. Appropriately respond to public demand for this. Despite the popularity of Polhill there's been no additional WCC action to enhance the visitors" experience, which frequently includes getting lost. 5. Recommence funding back into land purchase/access slush fund. \$100,000pa. Have resources to buy land when the opportunities arise, to increase WCC reserves, enabling more reforestation and pest control to extend their benefits wider, plus provide more recreational opportunities. eg some of the ex Vic Uni Aro St properties could have been purchased if the slush fund had dollars in it. 6. Pest control, bait and CO2 canisters. \$2,000pa We have done very well from the WCC supplied native trees and trust that this service will continue.

Engagement with you

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Comments

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Submission

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Comments

I support a music hub operating across the Town Hall, adjacent Municipal Office Building and the Michael Fowler Centre. This would enhance Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture.

Changes to Council Fees

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Comments

I support the removal of swimming pool fees for spectators, parents, or guardians of children under 8 years old. This will help develop children's water safety knowledge and skills by supporting an accessible learn to swim environment.

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- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

I support the focus on improving the city's resilience after the November 2016 earthquake.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

I support the funding of work to restore and strengthen the south coast after damage caused by storm surges. I support sand dune planting and protection, the introduction of rock rip rap along the western edge of Lyall Bay and extensions to storm water outfalls.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☒ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Focus Area 3. I support making Wellington a Capital of Culture. City events and festivals draw significant audiences to Wellington.

Engagement with you

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Comments

Advertising on the radio is effective. I heard on the Breeze radio station about consultation on the Annual Plan.

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Comments

While I'm all for the natural environment and bush around the city, I think the idea of making the city pest free is completely unrealistic. It's a great goal, but while you have houses near bush you'll always have rats and stoats about. The other issue I would like to address is the Old town hall. I don't think getting this building back into use is a priority. I would much rather see the WCC

investigate building a new events centre as the current ASB centre on the waterfront is not suitable for musical concerts. A larger venue would draw more acts to the city and help enhance the WCC goal of making the city a cultural centre.

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I'd like to see the WCC get a decent plan together to support mountain biking in the city. Polhill reserve and the tracks there are a great example of what a group of volunteers can do building tracks for walkers, runners and cyclists. Makara Peak mt bike park is another great example of what a group of volunteers can do and the number of people using these amenities is quite staggering. I would like to see the council do more to support the development of mt biking and trail development in the city. There seems to be a lot of talk, but little action from the WCC. The proposed downhill track in the Polhill area is good example. This has been planned for ages, and there has been a WCC sponsored survey, now there will be consultation starting June. As I understand it the WCC ecologist has also surveyed the route and the impression I get is there seems to be a lot of money wasted by the council in planning/consulting

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Comments

Usual deal, only interested parties will submit and the tyranny of democracy is most people don't really care!

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File
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Submission

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Comments

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I particularly support our Natural Capital. Especially to assist Makara Peak Supporters and KATCH-22 volunteers with pest control in the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park, such as assistance in trapping and bait lines for introduced pests, and controlling and eradicating outbreaks of noxious weeds in the Park. An increase of funding for pest control work in these areas will have flow on effects for the whole city and contribute to Wellington becoming the first pest free capital. Makara Peak is an excellent recreation facility, but the growth in number and type of users is putting pressure on the track network. WCC recently commissioned a 10 year plan to extend the track network and facilities (especially car parking) of the Park. This needs to be implemented with the utmost urgency. The Makara Peak Supporters have a policy of planting a native tree for every metre of new track built. Continued support from the Council in providing trees to plant is requested as more tracks are built. Wellington a desirable place to live, primarily because of easy access to the outdoor environment such as Makara Peak. It is true that Makara Peak is a jewel in the city's crown.

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- ☒ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

I particularly support our Natural Capital. Especially to assist Makara Peak Supporters and KATCH-22 volunteers with pest control in the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park, such as assistance in trapping and bait lines for introduced pests, and controlling and eradicating outbreaks of noxious weeds in the Park. An increase of funding for pest control work in these areas will have flow on effects for the whole city and contribute to Wellington becoming the first pest free capital. Makara Peak is an excellent recreation facility, but the growth in number and type of users is putting pressure on the track network. WCC recently commissioned a 10 year plan to extend the track network and facilities (especially car parking) of the Park. This needs to be implemented with the utmost urgency. The Makara Peak Supporters have a policy of planting a native tree for every metre of new track built. Continued support from the Council in providing trees to plant is requested as more tracks are built. Wellington a desirable place to live, primarily because of easy access to the outdoor environment such as Makara Peak. It is true that Makara Peak is a jewel in the city's crown.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Attached Documents

File
Annual Plan 2017/18
Annual Plan 2017/18

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the “Building a Better City” document).

Comments

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

Comments

The 3 year work programme

1. The Goals – Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work)
See page 7 of the “Building a Better City” document

- ☐ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council’s 3-

year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Attached Documents

File
WCC Submission - Ground and Facility Hire - Capital Football
Annual Plan 2017/18



SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF CAPITAL FOOTBALL

RE: WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL GROUND AND FACILITY CHARGES

INTRODUCTION

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The Wellington City Council (WCC) DRAFT annual plan 2017-2018 indicates that there will be an increase in prices for facility and ground charges from FY 2018-2019. Capital Football agrees that there should be a review of the WCC and wider Wellington Councils charges for the use of their grounds and facilities. Whilst the WCC displays that there is a rationale for an increase, Capital Football would like to point out that we disagree that such an increase is warranted and will put forward a case that a decrease in charges should be considered.

The purpose of this submission is to determine whether the WCC prices are justifiable and equitable to Capital Football. In order to achieve this Capital Football has examined the following key areas.

Current Environment

- What is the historical landscape of Council pricing?
- When, why and by how much have they increased?
- What is the current cost today?
- What other Council facilities is Capital Football using and what are they being charged?

National Comparison

- What are other Football Federations around New Zealand being charged by their Councils?

Value for Money

- What is the breakdown of the current rate the Councils charge to use their grounds and facilities (i.e. maintenance, cost recovery, replacement etc.)?
- Is Capital Football getting value for money?

The outcome of these findings has raised a number of questions that Capital Football would like the WCC to consider and provide some transparent answers in response; these are grouped on Page 5 of this submission.

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CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

Capital Football was charged \$228,406 for ground and facility hire in the 2016 calendar year on behalf of its affiliated Clubs. As outlined in Appendix 'A' this consisted of \$77,725 in natural turf charges and \$150,681 in artificial turf charges.

Table One: Wider Wellington regions 2016/2017 ground and facility hire rates.

COUNCIL	NATURAL TURF (PER GROUND)	PRICE INCREASE 2018	ARTIFICIAL TURF (PER HOUR)	PRICE INCREASE 2018
Wellington City Council	Level 1: \$1971 (David Farrington) Level 2: \$1505 (Ben Burn) Level 3: \$1274 (Happy Valley)	\$2400 (21.7%) \$1600 (6.3%) \$1300 (2%)	\$75 per hour senior \$37.50 per hour junior/youth	\$78.50 (4.6%) \$39 (5.4%)
Hutt City Council (or Trust provider – Fraser Park*)	Level 1 – Level 5 \$100 – \$2198 (William Park – Hutt Park 1)	-	\$75 per hour senior* \$37.50 per hour junior/youth*	-
Porirua City Council	\$2086 \$3451 – Endeavour 1	-	\$75 per hour senior \$37.50 per hour junior/youth	-
Upper Hutt City Council (or Trust provider – Maidstone*)	\$1067 \$267 Trentham	-	\$75 per hour senior* \$37.50 per hour junior/youth*	-
Kapiti District Council	\$653	-	-	-

Attached Appendix 'B' and 'C' provides a further breakdown of the above information.

The WCC DRAFT annual plan 2017-2018 indicates that there will be an increase in prices for facility and ground charges from FY 2018-2019. Our primary concerns here are:

- The increase in artificial turfs rates

- Difference to other local Wellington Council charges
- The quality vs. category of ground ranking. For example, Kilbirne Park and David Farrington Park are both ranked as a 'level one'. Further, Wellington College turf only have one changing room which means less games are able to be scheduled there each week yet we are still charge the same as other artificial turfs.

The use of indoor facilities represents another large proportion of Capital Football's use of WCC facilities. Capital Football's main use of these facilities is to service Futsal. With Futsal continuing to grow across the Wellington region Capital Football's bookings of indoor facilities will continue to increase, subject to availability. In the 2016 calendar year Capital Football spent \$63,700 on court hire at the ASB Sports Centre. Capital Football has also seen new growth at the Walter Nash Centre in Lower Hutt and Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua in 2017. With an annual growth of 26% in Futsal playing numbers in the 2016 calendar year, and another 31% to date in 2017 Futsal represents a large growth area through which Capital Football relies on Council facilities.

Table Two: Wider Wellington regions 2016/2017 indoor (Futsal) facility hire rates.

INDOOR VENUE	SCHOOL/COLLEGE RATE (P/H)	PEAK RATE (P/H)	OFF PEAK/COMMUNITY RATE (P/H)	PRICE INCREASE
ASB Sports Centre (WCC)	-	\$60	\$40	10% in 2016
Walter Nash Centre (HCC)	-	\$45	\$24	-
Te Rauparaha Arena (PCC)	\$41.40*	\$103.50	\$77.60	-

**Capital Football only uses Te Rauparaha for College Futsal Leagues due to unrealistic peak rate pricing.*

Table two above represents a large spread in prices across indoor facilities. Furthermore, Te Rauparaha Arena is the only venue to offer a School/College rate at their venue.

NATIONAL COMPARISON

Capital Football surveyed what other City Councils charged Football federations from around New Zealand; artificial turfs, natural turfs pitches, lights/changing rooms, and indoor facilities.

Table Three: City Council rates across New Zealand for ground and facility hire.

NZ CITY COUNCILS	HOW THEY ARE CHARGED ?	ARTIFICIAL TURF RATE	NATURAL TURF RATE	INDOOR (FUTSAL) FACILITY CHARGES	PRICE INCREASE IN PAST 5 YEARS
Auckland City Council	Per hour	QBE Stadium \$40 at discount (full price \$80)	QBE \$35 p/h ALL other natural turf FREE	\$49.50 p/h	Minimal increases
Whangarei District Council	Tikipunga Sports Park Only (All Football)	-	\$520 per season for all fields	-	-
Waikato District Council	-	-	-	-	-
Whanganui	Wembley Park Only (All Football)	-	\$15k per annum	-	2% per annum
Palmerston North	Fixed per ground	-	\$1049 (exclusive of extras*)	\$67.50 p/h	2% per annum
Hawkes Bay	Fixed per ground	-	\$972 (inclusive of extras*)	3 courts 4pm-9pm \$560 @ \$31 p/h	2% per annum
Christchurch City Council	Per hour	\$126.50 p/h additional \$20 p/h lights and \$20 p/h for changing rooms	No charge - FREE	\$40-\$50 p/h	Minimal increases
Dunedin City Council	Fixed per ground	-	\$1500 per pitch, and additional \$1500 for extras*	\$30-\$40 p/h	20% in past 5 years

*Extras – Pitch markings, goals, and changing facilities

**Football season – April to mid-September

VALUE FOR MONEY

It is clear from table three that there is a large spread across New Zealand for ground and facility hire. It is also clear that in some federations natural turf has no charge attached to it. Furthermore, the WCC rates for ground and facility hire are represented at the higher end of the scale. Capital Football does not expect to get the usage of WCC grounds and facilities for free, however would appreciate WCC to provide value for money, which is not perceived as such at the moment.

As stated earlier our primary concern is the 5% increase in artificial turf rates. Capital Football manages its own artificial turf at Petone Memorial park. It has cost Capital Football on average \$44,000 p/a (excluding depreciation and interest) over the past four years to service the Petone Memorial Park artificial turf. This also includes a 3 year rubber replacement cost. Please see attached Appendix 'D' for a breakdown. It is acknowledged that it is the best maintained in the region.

As above Capital Football understands the costs associated with constructing and running an artificial turf. As a result we appreciate that it is important to charge a certain amount in order to cover these associated costs. However, in addition to this Capital Football also understands the life cycle of an artificial turf. The acronym of a 'toll-booth' best illustrates this life cycle. A fee is charged for the usage of a turf in order to recoup the costs of construction, maintenance, and replacement. Overtime these costs are slowly returned therefore the hire rate decreases.

For example: Wakefield Park artificial turf was constructed in 2012 costing approximately \$2 million. Over the past 5 years Capital Football has spent over \$407,000 +GST to hire this facility.

It is a fair assumption to state that a certain percentage of the WCC costs have been recovered.

QUESTIONS

From this the analysis of the WCC charges for the use of their grounds and facilities Capital Football has the following questions:

- *Why has the WCC increased artificial turfs rates by 5%? And only increased natural turfs by 2-4%?*
- *Why is there such a spread across the Council rates in Wellington when we are receiving the same product in ground and facility usage?*

- *Why doesn't the quality of grounds match the ground category level? What are the criteria for each category?*
- *Why doesn't the ASB Sports Centre offer a school/college rate?*
- *What is the comparison of the rate charged to Capital Football compared to other RSO's at the ASB Sports Centre?*
- *Can the WCC quantify (per artificial) how much their maintenance bill is p/a?*
- *Why are the rates to hire artificial turfs increasing when in fact they should be decreasing?*

CONCLUSION

It is clear from this review that the current WCC ground and facility charges need clarity as there seems to be varying degrees across not only the Wellington region but also around New Zealand. Capital Football's main concern is that with the current proposed WCC increases these costs will ultimately be passed back to our customer base (i.e. players and clubs). We feel that as Wellington residents who are already paying customers to the WCC (i.e. through rates) they are paying for the use of Council facilities twofold.

Capital Football looks forward to hearing from the WCC in response to a number of questions and concerns around the WCC Council DRAFT annual plan 2017-2018 to increase prices for facility and ground charges from FY 2018-2019.

Further, we would appreciate the opportunity to talk to this submission. If you have any questions please contact Capital Football.

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Appendix A - Capital Football 2016 calendar year ground and facility charges

Capital Football Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December :

5. GROUND CHARGE COSTS

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Ground Charges - General	77,725	103,670
Ground Charges - Artificial	150,681	131,223
TOTAL	<u>228,406</u>	<u>234,893</u>

Appendix B - Wellington region Ground Charges - Natural turf

2017 Natural Ground Charges

Ground No.	Region	2016 Annual Cost	% Increase fr	2017 Budget
Manakau Domain				0.00
Arakura 1	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Arakura 1	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Arakura 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Bishop	HCC	499.00	1.02	508.98
Bishop 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Delaney 1	HCC	1,120.00	1.02	1,142.40
Delaney 2	HCC	499.00	1.02	508.98
Delaney 3	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 1	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Fraser 10	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 2	HCC	1,120.00	1.02	1,142.40
Fraser 3	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Fraser 4	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 5	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Fraser 6	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 7	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 8	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Fraser 9	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Holborn Park 1	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Holborn Park 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Hutt Park 1	HCC	2,198.00	1.02	2,241.96
Hutt Park 2	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Hutt Park 3	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Naenae 1	HCC	1,120.00	1.02	1,142.40
Naenae 2	HCC	1,120.00	1.02	1,142.40
Naenae 3	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Oxford 1	HCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Oxford 2	HCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Petone Memorial 2	HCC	980.00	1.02	999.60
Petone Memorial 4	HCC	980.00	1.02	999.60
Richard Prouse 1	HCC	1,494.00	1.02	1,523.88
Richard Prouse 2	HCC	1,494.00	1.02	1,523.88
Richard Prouse 3	HCC	1,494.00	1.02	1,523.88
Richard Prouse 5	HCC	0.00	1.02	0.00
River Side Nth (Oval)	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
River Side Sth 1	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
River Side Sth 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Sladden	HCC	499.00	1.02	508.98
Sladden 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Sladden 3	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Sladden 4	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Te Whiti	HCC	1,540.00	1.02	1,570.80
Te Whiti 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Te Whiti 3	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00

Williams Pk 1	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Williams Pk 2	HCC	100.00	1.02	102.00
Campbell Park 1	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Campbell Park 2	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Haruatai 1	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Haruatai 2	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Howarth 3	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Howarth 4	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Howarth Land	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Huratai 3	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Huratai 4	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Huratai 5	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Huratai 6	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Jim Cooke 1	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Jim Cooke 2	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Jim Cooke 3	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 1	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Mazengarb 2	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Mazengarb 3	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 4	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 5	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 6	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 7	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Mazengarb 8	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Tilley Rd 1	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Tilley Rd 2	KCDC	0.00	1	0.00
Waikanae Pk	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Waikanae Pk 2	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Weka 1	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Weka 2	KCDC	653.00	1	653.00
Adventure 1	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Adventure 2	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Endeavour 1	PCC	3,451.00	1.03	3,554.53
Endeavour 2	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Kura 2	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Kura 3	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Kura Park	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Ngatitoa 2	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Ngatitoa 3	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Ngatitoa 4	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Ngatitoa 5	PCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Onepoto 1	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Onepoto 2	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Waihora	PCC	2,086.00	1.03	2,148.58
Davis Field	UHCC	0.00	1.02	0.00
Harcourt 1	UHCC	1,067.00	1.02	1,088.34
Harcourt 2	UHCC	1,067.00	1.02	1,088.34
Heretaunga Pk 2	UHCC	1,067.00	1.02	1,088.34
Trentham 1	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Trentham 2	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34

Trentham 3	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Trentham 4	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Trentham 5	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Trentham 6	UHCC	267.00	1.02	272.34
Alex Moore 1	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Alex Moore 2	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Alex Moore 2A	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Alex Moore 2B	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Alex Moore 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Anderson	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Ben Burn	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Churton 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Churton 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Churton Park 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Crawford Green	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Crawford Green 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Crawford Green 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
David Farrington	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Grenada North 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Grenada North 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Grenada North 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Grenada North 4	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Grenada Nth 5	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Happy Valley 1	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Happy Valley 2	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Karori 1	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Karori 2	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Karori 3	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Karori 4	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Karori 5	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Kelburn	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Kilbirnie	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Liardet 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Liardet 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Liardet 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Liardet 4	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Liardet 5	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Liardet 6	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Linden St West	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Macalister 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Macalister 4	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
MacAlister 5	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Mark Ave Lower	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Mark Ave Upper	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
McAlister 1	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
McAlister 2	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Melrose	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Miramar 1	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Miramar 2	WCC	1,505.00	1.05	1,580.25
Miramar 3	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00

Miramar 4	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Martin Luckie 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Martin Luckie 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Nairn 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Nairnville 1	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Nairnville 2	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Newtown 1	WCC	1,974.00	1.05	2,072.70
Newtown 2	WCC	1,974.00	1.05	2,072.70
Ngatitoa 1	WCC	0.00	1.03	0.00
Pinkerton Park 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Pinkerton Park 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Raroa	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Redwood 1	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Seatoun	WCC	1,971.00	1.05	2,069.55
Sinclair 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Sinclair 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Southgate 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Southgate 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Vogelmorn 1	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Vogelmorn 2	WCC	0.00	1.05	0.00
Wakefield 3	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Wakefield 4	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Wilton	WCC	1,274.00	1.05	1,337.70
Wairarapa	WCC	8,000.00	1.05	8,000.00
Totals		<u>108,255.00</u>		<u>111,665.02</u>

Appendix C - Wellington region Ground Charges - Artificial turf

2017 Artificial Ground Charges

Grounds	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Hours	Cost	Weeks	\$ Total Cost
Wakefield 1 - Seniors	6.00pm - 9.30pm		6.00pm - 9.30pm		1.30pm - 7.30pm	1.00pm - 5.00pm	17	\$75.00	22	28,050
Wakefield 1 - Junior				5.00pm - 7.00pm	9.30am - 1.30pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	10	\$37.50	18	6,750
Wakefield 2 - Seniors	6.00pm - 9.30pm				1.30pm - 7.30pm	1.00pm - 5.00pm	13.5	\$75.00	22	22,275
Wakefield 2 - Juniors				5.00pm - 7.00pm	9.30am - 1.30pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	10	\$37.50	18	6,750
Wellington College					1.00pm - 7.00pm		6	\$75.00	22	9,900
Boyd Wilson					1.30pm - 3.30pm		2	\$75.00	22	3,300
St Pat's - Seniors						1.00pm - 5.00pm	4	\$75.00	22	6,600
St Pat's - Juniors						9.00am-1.00pm	4	\$37.50	18	2,700
Te Whaea						9.00am - 1.00pm	4	\$37.50	18	2,700
Nairnville				6.00pm-7.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm	16	\$37.50	18	10,800
Alex Moore - Seniors	6.00pm - 9.30pm				1.00pm - 7.00pm	1.00pm - 5.00pm	13.5	\$75.00	22	22,275
Alex Moore - Juniors					9.00am-1.00pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	8	\$37.50	18	5,400
Bernie Wood - Seniors					12.30pm - 4.30pm		4	\$75.00	22	6,600
Bernie Wood - Juniors					9.00am - 12.30pm		3.5	\$37.50	18	2,363
Petone - Seniors	8.00pm - 10.00pm	8.00pm - 10.00pm			1.00pm - 7.00pm	1.00pm - 7.00pm	16	\$75.00	22	26,400
Petone - Juniors				7.00pm - 8.30pm	8.30am - 1.00pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	10	\$37.50	18	6,750
Fraser Park					9.00am - 9.00pm	11.00am - 3.00pm	11	\$750.00		8,250
Maidstone - Seniors					1.30pm - 7.30pm	1.00pm - 5.00pm	10	\$75.00	22	16,500
Maidstone - Juniors					9.30am - 1.30pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	8	\$37.50	18	5,400
Wairarapa					5.30pm - 7.30pm	1.00pm - 3.00pm	4	\$75.00	22	6,600
Terawhiti					9.00am-12.00pm	9.00am-12.00pm	8	\$37.50	18	5,400
										211,763

Appendix D - Statement of Financial Performance - Memorial Park Account Only

Capital Football Incorporated

Statement of Financial Performance - Memorial Park Account Only

For the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Memorial Park Fees - Capital Football	60,874	70,241	75,513	51,673
Memorial Park Fees - Third Party	21,175	25,054	23,862	27,322
Gaming Machine Trust Grants	15,000	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	97,049	95,295	99,375	78,995
LESS EXPENSES				
Maintenance	41,254	19,483	24,447	17,163
Electricity	8,703	10,551	10,411	1,012
Insurance	12,308	8,003	9,216	5,548
Legal	0	0	0	3,838
Miscellaneous	723	332	698	2,494
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,988	38,369	44,772	30,055
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	34,061	56,926	54,603	48,940
Interest Expense	12,897	17,645	23,593	14,770
Depreciation	91,900	91,900	91,900	73,864
NET OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-70,736	-52,619	-60,890	-39,694
EXTRA ORDINARY ITEMS - MEMORIAL PARK				
Donation - Hutt City Council	0	0	1179289	0
New Zealand Community Trust Grants	0	0	150000	0
NET OVERALL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER	-70736	-52619	1268399	-39694

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Submission

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Comments

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Comments

I think there should be free entry to all swimming pools like in some parts of Auckland. Make all suburban areas smoke free and liquor free, don't allow supermarkets to sell alcohol have more police in our communities, get city host people in Kilbirnie to engage with street beggars but the biggest no1 priority is to get our water supply sorted out to Eastern suburbs.

The 3 year work programme

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- ☐ Agree
☒ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
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Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
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- ☒ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Well, I go to council meetings and local meetings but really Council Officers just don't want to know about us ratepayers. Accountability in the organisation is appalling.

Attached Documents

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Comments

The key initiatives look good to me. There is a good balance between business, art/culture, and addressing poverty. I would, however, like to see more on safe and affordable housing and mental health. Also, I think the initiative 'discouraging anti-social behaviour in public spaces' could be flipped around to achieve the same goals - 'encouraging prosocial behaviour in public spaces'. For example, if we built outdoor gyms, the fit people exercising could chase down anyone who got up to mischief! (But seriously, more people would probably exercise or have fun instead of creating havoc if there was free gym equipment.)

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Comments

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Comments

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- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

We support the goals of the 3 year work programme, especially with regards to the more people-focussed and more sustainable programmes.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's

year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

We support the actions and results that the 3 year work programme aims to achieve. We urge that spending for maintenance of Wellington's trail network be increased. The local mountain biking volunteer community provides thousands of hours of effort developing and maintaining the network for walkers, runners and cyclists, complementing the work of the council parks maintenance teams. Additional funding for parks maintenance will help ensure that the trail network provides enjoyment, recreation, and an engagement with the natural environment for a greater number of Wellingtonians and visitors.

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Comments

Affordable Housing, Urban Layouts and Landscaping. We all need to know more about these from around the world. Shouldn't there be a continuous Display in part of the City Gallery, where such material can be displayed? Citizens - a wide knowledge base - could contribute information to this. We could begin by displaying all the world-wide entries in the Christchurch 'Breathe', competition of a few years ago. It was for an Urban Village, different and better, than sprawling suburbs. Sponsorship by Christchurch City Council, Ngai Tahu, and the Government. There were hundreds of entries from around the world.

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Comments

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Comments

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Comments

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Comments

We need much better measures of Council activities. The common measure is G.D.P. As has been publicised, as G.D.P. goes up so does the gap between the 'well off' and the 'not so well off'. Greater Wellington Regional Council has been progressing the Wellington Region Genuine Progress Index, G.P.I., for several years. GPI is a monitoring framework for assessing progress towards the Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental, well-being goals of the Regional Strategy Committee. The well-being goals are represented by nine community outcomes identified by the committee.

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I feel that reference should be made to the impact the Wellington food, coffee and beer scene has on our local culture. Apart from the fact that we host the biggest food festival and the biggest beer festival in the country, our local dining and drinking scene is one of the highlights of living or visiting this city. I'd like to see our culinary identity nurtured so that it continues to grow and develop.

Cheers, Alice

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

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Goal 3, Focus Area 1: Capital of Culture I own and operate www.Beertown.NZ, New Zealand's craft beer news website. I regularly travel around the country interviewing brewers, hospitality operators and beer fans. They are overwhelmingly jealous of Wellington's craft beer community and many cite it as a reason for visiting Wellington. Our craft beer scene is unique internationally, and is recognised in other craft beer centres including Melbourne and Portland. It has grown organically and it will continue to grow over the triennium. Wellington's craft beer scene is a combination of brewers, venues and retailers. These bring multiple benefits to the Capital - economic, employment, social and just making us a different place to live and enjoy. It is a healthy scene, with many bars within walking distance of each other, and the nationally-recognised Beervana (and other events). Craft beer venues are also good for the community, as the drinking culture is mature and sociable. Encouraging a craft-type culture in a venue means fewer complaints from neighbours and Police. For these reasons I recommend Goal 3, Focus Area 1 specifically recognises Wellington's craft beer community as a unique and beneficial point of difference. This recognition should be supported with measures that encourage brewers and craft-style venues to operate in the CBD and in suburban centres.

Engagement with you

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Comments

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Comments

Hi, I feel you are missing several vital cogs of what makes Wellington work and that is our vibrant beer, food and coffee industries. These add life and vitality to our city and I would like to see more done to help encourage these. - Perhaps some sort of incubator that helps our up and coming chefs, giving them access to those wearing the battle scars incurred in their rise through the kitchens or making the liquor licensing process more about the rules and not reliant on the Police trying to make 'deals' - I don't mean that you remove the police entirely from the process but make it, for them, enforcing the law and not making it... - Encourage more smoke free establishments by banning smoking within four metres of entrance/exit - Sydney was doing something like that when I was there 18 months ago. I feel that the above industries add to a cities flair and appeal - you only have to look at the coffee/beer/food culture in the main streets and laneways of Melbourne to see that and we have some world class talent in these arenas that we should be showcasing and fostering. Thanks, Mike

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Comments
See above

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

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Comments
See above

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See above

Engagement with you

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Comments

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I support the changes.

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I support the changes.

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- ☐ Neutral

Comments

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year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

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People-Focussed - Capital of Culture. I like the idea of a music hub - anything to get the Town Hall up and running again! It is a great venue and it is such a shame to have had it sitting empty and unused for the past few years already with no real action. There is a lack of music venues in Wellington with a lot of smaller music venue/bars shutting down which affects the diversity and frequency of live music in Wellington. I strongly agree with the accessibility of medium-sized venues being improved, The Hannah Playhouse is an asset to Wellington and its current arrangements mean it is not being used as often as it should as it is too expensive for independent arts companies to hire. We do need a venue with slightly bigger capacity to provide a proper range of venues between The Hannah and The Opera House / St James, but in the first instance The Hannah Playhouse really needs to be made the most of. I don't think the importance of Wellington's food and drink culture has been adequately addressed in this focus area. Beervana and Wellington On A Plate are two hugely popular and successful events and the general food and drink culture in Wellington is a real drawcard for people who visit and an essential part of the city's character for people who live here and can afford to engage with it. Yes we need a vibrant calendar of events and festivals but part of people enjoying events and festivals are food and drink - whether it's going out for a drink and dinner before or after a performance/event or eating and drinking during a festival/event, it makes up a huge part of the atmosphere and overall experience so it would be nice to see that reflected in the plan. We also need to remember that festivals and events are wonderful drawcards but in order for them to function well we need to have the talent and experience of the people who work on them and to do that we need year-round opportunities that keep artists and the people who make these events and festivals happen on the ground in our city. Don't let the sparkle of big events and festivals blind the council to the need to support and engage with year-round arts and culture institutions providing employment and opportunities to people.

Engagement with you

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Comments

I recently submitted on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and now this one after a friend pointed out the lack of Wellington's vibrant dining culture being reflected in the Capital of Culture part of the plan. I have worked as a Policy Analyst in Central Government and managed a small arts organisation so I feel I have a better handle on these types of processes and documents than people who don't have that background at all and even still, I have found it hard to engage with these processes. There are often multiple documents - the full document, summaries, overviews - that are hard to navigate through and then how the submission questions relate to the different areas of the documents can be confusing. I wholeheartedly appreciate how difficult it can

be to undertake a complex strategic process let alone communicate it to the public and facilitate their engagement but I haven't found it particularly user friendly. Something that could help encourage people to engage with processes like these are an illustrated diagram of the process - here's what we're trying to achieve, here's how we're trying to achieve it, here's how you can be part of it, and the same for the documents, a visual representation of how all the pieces fit together - here's the big comprehensive document, but you might like to read the summary we've prepared to get the general idea and then you can go to specific areas of the document you're interested in if you want to get details on that specific area. Then in any overview document make it really clear what the purpose is, the feedback you're seeking, and if people have a specific area of interest (i.e. for me with the Waste Minimisation it was the idea of being kerbside organic matter collection, here it's the Arts and Culture section) then clear directions for where to find that information and the key question being asked/proposals being made. A kind of cheat sheet for people. I see that you're trying to do this and it's hard to offer suggestions as a comment but I do think it can be done better and made more user friendly for those who could feel completely defeated by the prospect of draft plans and big documents. Visual maps to help navigate the process could really help I think.

Attached Documents

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Comments

Wellington has more than once secured the lifestyle accolade it had for reasons that include its food and beverage offering. Please keep Wellington producers, products, food, wine and craft beer in mind when considering the key initiatives for 2017. They all come together to help Wellington achieve its national and international presence. Thank you.

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Comments

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Comments

Community consultation groups should be encouraged and effectively utilized.

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18 May 2017

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To whom it may concern

**RE. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18
CONSULTATION**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Wellington City Annual Plan 2017/18 (the Annual Plan).
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
3. As Wellington City Council (the Council) already appreciates, well cared for and promoted historic heritage has the potential to be a considerable draw card for tourism and people wanting to move to, or remain in, an area. Heritage plays an important role in creating an engaging and vibrant region, which in turn, fosters local identity and helps build the economy. Support and incentives that councils provide, can often be the difference between a historically significant resource falling into disrepair, or it being preserved for present and future generations to engage with and learn from.

The Wellington Town Hall

4. With the above in mind, Heritage New Zealand strongly supports the proposal to strengthen the Wellington Town Hall. The Town Hall is a Category 1 historic place on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangi Kōrero with outstanding historical and cultural heritage significance. The building:
 - is arguably the greatest design by Joshua Charlesworth, one of the pre-eminent Wellington architects around the turn of the last century;
 - reflects important aspects of New Zealand's history through its use as the Capital's town hall since 1904 and as the City's principal civic venue;
 - has been associated with events and people of importance by hosting significant artists and concerts, and through long occupation by the Mayor of Wellington;
 - has high public appreciation, evidenced by the outcry over its proposed demolition in the 1980s;
 - displays design and technical accomplishment, especially in the design and construction of the main auditorium; and
 - is part of a wider historical and cultural landscape through its key role as part of the Civic Centre.

5. Heritage New Zealand applauds the Council's commitment to a building that is not only of outstanding heritage significance, but is also a symbol of the civic values so important in the Nation's capital.

Historic Chimneys

6. When advancing the proposal to develop a programme to remove brick chimneys, it is important that Council consider adverse effects on historic heritage values. Historic chimneys can be important features on heritage buildings, and proper consideration is needed prior to their removal. It is often possible to strengthen historic chimneys to address the risk to public safety. If strengthening is not an option, replacement with a lightweight replica can mitigate adverse effects on heritage values. For example, chimney replication has been achieved very effectively on the Old Government Building in Lambton Quay. Appendix 1 contains guidance on repairing and rebuilding historic chimneys.

Seismic Building Intelligence System

7. The proposal to develop a Seismic Building Intelligence System has the potential to develop our understanding of how buildings respond to seismic stresses. Where possible, heritage buildings should be included in this programme. The information obtained could provide useful insight into: options for seismic strengthening, the level of risk associated with heritage buildings not meeting building code requirements, and how buildings that have been recently strengthened are performing. Heritage New Zealand wishes to be involved in this project, as far as it relates to heritage buildings.

Built Heritage Incentive Fund

8. Heritage New Zealand acknowledges that the Council is well aware of the crucial nature of owner support in dealing with issues such as earthquake strengthening and unreinforced masonry at this time. Furthermore, we appreciate that the Council knows the importance of collaboration between councils, building owners, and other stakeholders (including Heritage New Zealand), to minimising the risk of New Zealand losing significant heritage from natural hazards, development pressure, and gradual deterioration. To help prevent this loss, the Council's Built Heritage Incentive Fund is a vital tool for Wellington building owners. It is important that Council maintain its support of this fund into the future, so that a variety of projects are funded and more building owners are given the opportunity to undertake important work.

Māori Heritage

9. As Council moves forward with its considerations, Heritage New Zealand strongly endorses it taking opportunities to conserve and promote the heritage of Wellington's tangata whenua. Their kōrero and sites of significance are a vital part of the district's story that New Zealand cannot afford to lose. Working together, Council and tangata whenua can develop ways for everybody to engage with Māori heritage in an appropriate way, which in turn can help create a diverse and vibrant place where people want to visit and live. The development of the proposed event celebrating Matariki is an opportunity to do this and has Heritage New Zealand's strong support.

The Museum Stand

10. Finally, while not in the consultation document, Heritage New Zealand notes that consideration of the future of the Museum Stand at the Basin Reserve is scheduled for 2017. The Museum Stand is a historically significant building. Not only is it a contributing building to a registered, and nationally important, historic area (Basin Reserve Historic Area, List no. 7441), but it is also a Category 2 historic place in its own right (List no. 1339). It is also a scheduled heritage building in the Wellington City District Plan.

11. The Museum Stand has historic heritage value due to its role in accommodating cricket spectators and players since the mid-1920s. Its architectural value comes from two elements: first, from its simple construction of a one-tiered reinforced concrete stand and iron roof; and second, from its symmetrical position in relation to the grounds. Together, they make the Museum Stand into a quintessential example of the sports pavilion aesthetic and an important focal point in the Basin Reserve.
12. Heritage New Zealand understands the significant demands the Council's own heritage portfolio places upon it. However, we encourage Council to continue to demonstrate appropriate leadership in heritage matters by considering and investigating a range of options relating to the Museum Stand. Under the District Plan, demolition of a heritage building requires proving that there is no reasonable alternative to its demolition. Meeting this test requires a high standard of information. It is therefore important that Council thoroughly explore development options that retain the Museum Stand.
13. Heritage New Zealand wishes to be involved in the ongoing process of redeveloping the Basin Reserve, from the earliest possible opportunity, so that we can contribute our heritage expertise. This will help achieve an outcome that appropriately recognises the heritage value of the Museum Stand and Basin Reserve Historic Area.
14. **Heritage New Zealand wishes to speak to this submission at a hearing.**

Yours sincerely



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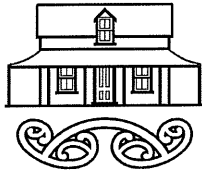
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Attachment 1: Repairing and rebuilding historic chimneys

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Attachment 1: Repairing and rebuilding historic chimneys



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Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series

Repairing and Rebuilding Historic Chimneys after an Earthquake

Background

Chimneys were a ubiquitous feature of pre-1960 buildings in New Zealand. The majority of chimneys were built using unreinforced brick masonry. The Canterbury earthquake (4 September 2010), and its subsequent aftershocks, caused significant damage to a high proportion of unreinforced masonry chimneys in the region.

Chimneys are often vital components of a building's composition and it would be regrettable to lose these architectural elements from the skyline. Not only are chimneys aesthetically pleasing, they serve as tangible reminders of a previous way of life.

Heritage New Zealand strongly recommends that, where possible, chimneys damaged or destroyed as a result of an earthquake, should be repaired, restored or reconstructed in the most authentic manner feasible. However, safety must be the priority and seismic strengthening may require significant intervention.

No two chimneys, or the damage they have sustained, are identical. Repairing or rebuilding a chimney to its original form, using original materials is the most heritage-sensitive solution. However, in some instances replacement using engineered lightweight construction may be an option. Each chimney needs to be dealt with on a case by case basis.

For information about conservation principles that inform works such as repairing historic chimneys, see the NZ ICOMOS Charter 2010: www.icomos.org.nz

See also Heritage New Zealand's Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series 'Heritage Provisions for earthquake-prone buildings policies under the Building Act 2004' <http://www.heritage.org.nz/resources/sustainable-management-guides>

Following an earthquake the Heritage New Zealand suggests you:

1. Ensure your building is safe:

Chimney appears (visually) undamaged

- Record (photograph, draw and measure as appropriate) damage even if chimney appears undamaged to the naked eye. Aftershocks may have an unknown effect on the structure.
- Check the structural integrity of the chimney both above and below roof level.
- Consider seismically strengthening the chimney to ensure the structure will withstand any future seismic activity. Heritage New Zealand strongly recommends strengthening all chimneys.

Resource consent is required under the Resource Management Act 1991 from your local authority to demolish or alter any listed heritage building.

Always check with your local authority before carrying out any repair work to heritage buildings.

Chimney partially destroyed – bricks missing, displaced or destabilised

- Record remaining structure (photograph, draw and measure as appropriate). Photographing where the bricks fell can provide useful information also.
- Remove bricks which have become detached from the structure (check ceiling cavity).
- Stabilise the chimney shaft by deconstructing to roof or ceiling level, tying, propping or cladding.
- Ensure building is temporarily weatherproof.
- Check structural integrity of the chimney below roof level.
- Ensure all intact bricks (and/or other important building materials) removed from the chimney are stored on site.
- In some instances the damage may be so extensive and pose such a risk to personal safety that the building is deemed uninhabitable until remedied.

2. Repair, /rebuild or replace a damaged chimney:

- All work must comply with the Building Act 2004.
- Given the risk inadequately repaired chimneys can pose, skilled and professional building practitioners should be used.
- Do not rush building work. All options should be carefully considered before building begins. Generally it takes a considerable amount of time for EQC and insurance companies to assess the property and to pay out claims.
- A structural engineer will be required in most instances to: (a) assess the full extent of chimney damage and (b) to provide a design to strengthen the chimney against future earthquake damage.

Further information about repairing historic brickwork is available from Heritage New Zealand:
Ian Bowman, *Historic Brick Structures*, Conservation Bulletin No.2, NZHPT, 1992

- Heritage New Zealand recommends strengthening all chimneys. Heritage New Zealand has prepared a draft guide for earthquake strengthening of heritage buildings: The revised guide will be published in 2016. If you would like a copy of the draft guide, please email SnrHerPolAdvisor@heritage.org.nz
- More information regarding basic strengthening solutions for post-earthquake reconstruction can be found in a document prepared by Salmond Reed Architects Ltd. titled: *Preliminary advice note on repair of earthquake damaged chimney*.
- All work should be done in accordance with the ICOMOS New Zealand Charter <http://www.icomos.org.nz/nzcharters.htm> (Guidance can be provided by Heritage Council staff).

Repairing (using original or like materials)

Repair will be appropriate when the chimney has sustained minimal damage and the structure is relatively intact as assessed by an engineer. When repairing a chimney it is important to preserve the original appearance as much as possible.

- Where feasible, original material should be used or if this is not achievable identical or closely similar material should be utilised.
- The repair of mortar joints should be carefully considered.
- The type of mortar used will depend on the age of the chimney and when/if any repair work has been undertaken. Each mortar type has inherent strengths and weaknesses. Lime mortars behave very differently to cement mortars and it is vital that the mortar used is consistent throughout the structure.
- Lime-based mortars (crumbly in consistency and paler in colour) were most often used on buildings pre 1900. Cement-based mortars (harder and more impervious in consistency and darker in colour) have typically been used in buildings post 1900.
- Professional advice from a heritage specialist is recommended when repairing mortar joints.

Rebuilding

Rebuilding is appropriate where the chimney has sustained serious damage. For example, when a number of bricks have fallen or the structural integrity has been compromised to such an extent that the chimney needs to be carefully taken down to a level where it is structural stable and reassembled back to the original form with engineering advice. When restoring a chimney it is important to preserve the original appearance so much as possible.

- Where feasible original masonry should be used or if this is not achievable identical or closely similar material should be used.
- In order that the chimney is able to withstand future seismic events a new internal structure may be required. Various options are available. The appropriate solution will depend on a number of variables, e.g. height of chimney, degree of damage and whether the chimney will be functional or not.



Rob Roy Hotel, Auckland.

Reinforcing of chimneys with carbon fibre strips. This is an option when a chimney has a covering plaster/paint finish. Photo, Heritage New Zealand



Timber frame fabricated to original form with brick slips providing the skin.

Photo: Heritage Replica Chimneys

- If the chimney is to be functional a triple skinned flue may be inserted. A new cast iron tube is a simple way to add strength.
- Threaded tension rods or wires may be anchored at the base of the fireplace to run the entire height of the chimney in the mortared cavity between flue and brick.
- A plywood diaphragm surrounding the chimney shaft in the roof space may be necessary to provide lateral strength.
- A lightweight steel frame may be utilised. Affixed to the frame is a suitable substrate to which the original bricks can be affixed. Cement based boards,, fibreglass or marine plywood are some of the substrates available. Note that the longevity of these systems is unlikely to match a full brick solution.

Replacing (Using lightweight materials)

Replacement is considered the least desirable option from a heritage conversation perspective. However, there will be occasions when it may be necessary to reproduce discrete elements within a building which have been lost or destroyed due to a destructive event (i.e. earthquake). Using lightweight replacement materials would be unlikely to be an acceptable option for buildings with the highest heritage value. Solutions for each building/chimney **must** be carefully considered on a case by case basis.

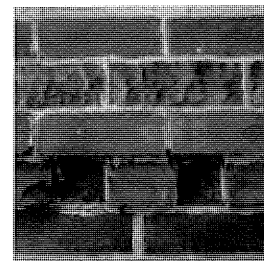
- Any reconstruction should be accurately replicate the visual appearance of the original chimney.
- In order to ascertain the form of the original structure architectural plans (if available) should be studied. Photographs taken pre-damage will also provide valuable information.
- If sufficient information is not available to accurately replicate the original form rebuilding should not proceed. In such cases it may be deemed most appropriate to remove the chimney altogether. Use of conjecture is not considered acceptable on a heritage building.
- Further information is available on a separate information sheet on the use of lightweight materials.

Using original materials which have been modified.

Instead of replacing chimneys with bricks laid two or three deep, cut down bricks (brick slips) can be affixed to a suitable substrate to create a lightweight brick 'skin'. The substrate must be formed in such a way that when clad with bricks, as the visual result will replicate the original structure of the chimney. The original bricks or matching bricks, carefully cleaned and prepared, should be used for the slips if strong enough. Note – it is important to consider that this technique is new and issues such as longevity are yet to be proven.

Lightweight composite materials.

Several companies are now manufacturing fibreglass replica chimneys. Fibreglass can potentially reduce the weight of a chimney from more than 1300kg down to approximately 60kg. This approach should be treated with caution. It is essential the colour matches the existing bricks, the form is



Section of fibreglass replica chimney

Photo: Reflex

accurate and the detailing is authentic as possible, and long term weathering taken into account.

Consultation

If your building is listed as a Heritage or Character building on the City or District Plan or it is also entered on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangī Kōrero under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, you must consult with Council Planners and/or the Heritage Advisor of Heritage New Zealand to comply with the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Contact details are available from Heritage New Zealand's website:

<http://www.heritage.org.nz/contact-us>

Is there funding to support owners of heritage buildings?

Building owners should explore all potential funding options. Access to funding sources, however, is often dependent on the nature of ownership of the building or its heritage status. Further information is available in a separate Information Sheet or our website: <http://www.heritage.org.nz/protecting-heritage/funding-for-heritage-protection>

Heritage Specialists

Heritage specialists experienced in the repair and reconstruction of heritage buildings (including chimneys) can be sourced by contacting your regional office of Heritage New Zealand's.

Contact details are also available from the Christchurch City Council. Note - You will need to check with your insurer and EQC before proceeding with the employment of consultants or the carrying out of work.

Additional Sources of Information:

Heritage New Zealand – Sustainable Management Series – Information Sheets: <http://www.heritage.org.nz/resources/sustainable-management-guides>

Salmond Reed Architects Ltd. *Preliminary Advice Note on Repair of Earthquake Damaged Chimneys*

Christchurch City Council Earthquake Damaged Buildings Guidelines for Building Owners:

- *Guideline 3 – Reconstruction of Elements*
- *Guideline 4 – Strengthening of Buildings*

Heritage New Zealand welcomes any feedback and comments on this information sheet.

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2017/18 Draft Triennium Plan
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To Whom It May Concern:

2017/18 Draft Triennium Plan Submission

The Purpose of this submission

To request is that the food and beverage sector is recognised for the significant role it plays in contributing to the 'Capital of Culture' within the Triennium Plan, that the events that the WCET deliver with the hospitality sector are recognised as part of the outcomes and goals of Goal 3 / Focus Area 1 and that the Council continues its investment in Visa WOAP, Beervana and ultimately the WCET.

Who were are and what we do

The Wellington Culinary Events Trust (WCET), a not-for-profit charitable trust, was established from a joint venture between what was Positively Wellington Tourism and Grow Wellington (now together, WREDA) in February 2014 to promote Wellington as the premium New Zealand destination for hospitality experiences. The WCET's role is to champion this by providing experiences throughout the year, working with a wide range of partners, culminating in the annual culinary celebration Visa Wellington On a Plate (Visa WOAP), Beervana, New Zealand's national, annual beer event and most recently, the Road to Beervana (RTB), a week of beer events leading up to Beervana.

The WCET also supports the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA) with a number of other events that take place throughout the year by activating the hospitality sector. Most recently we have supported the Pinot NZ Conference (Summer of Pinot), WOW and the Festival of the Arts. Shortly we will deliver a craft beer event as part of the Lions Tours, plus supporting the Jazz Festival.

The WCET is grateful for the support that we have received to date from the Wellington City Council. We see the continuing opportunity to grow the work we do with the wider hospitality sector and seek broader recognition from the Council for the role that food and beverage plays in Wellington. That said, for us to realise the true potential of what can be delivered through our events programme, most notably greater out-of-town visitation and greater profile of Wellington as New Zealand's food and beverage destination, the WCET requires additional resources to make this a reality.

Wellington's Food Culture

The culinary and hospitality community provide a key component of Wellington's cultural offering. Wellington's food and beverages are not just an experience, they are vital to the fabric of what makes our city offering unique and distinctive – through food people learn, come together, enjoy and share their Wellington experiences and stories. Our food culture and hospitality help define us as distinctive from other parts of New Zealand and exceptional culinary experiences in Wellington also help to make every event in Wellington extraordinary. Ensuring high quality, broad ranging hospitality options is key for any city. And not only for visitors – *cities that are great to live in, are also great to visit.*

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Our food and beverage sector is also THE key support industry to Wellington's event programme. What would WOW be without going out for dinner or the Jazz Festival without cocktail bars? And whilst it's largely debated as to who invented the flat white, coffee is ingrained in Wellington's culture. In London you meet over a pint, in Wellington, you meet over a coffee.

2016-19 Triennium Plan – Goal 3: People-focussed / Focus Area 1: Capital of Culture

In April, I was fortunate enough to be involved in a day-long workshop led by the Wellington City Council (Kevin Lavery and Derek Fry) and coordinated by the Assignment Group on the subject "the Capital of Culture". The outcomes and goals that have been listed in the Triennium Plan cover much of what we discussed during this day, which is great. But, I have a question – what about the role of food and beverage as part of Wellington's culture? Not a single one of these outcomes or goals are specific to the hospitality or food and beverage sector.

Culture, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary is "the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society". Our social behaviour in Wellington is strongly influenced by a dynamic, vibrant and nationally-enviable food and beverage culture and our service levels are highly regarded. An example of this are Wellington restaurants, Ortega Fish Shack and The Larder, have taken out the nationally-recognised Cuisine Magazine Restaurant Awards for Best Personality in the last two years.

To this end, we implore the Council to consider some amendments to the Triennium Plan that incorporate the wider food and beverage and hospitality sectors. Specifically:

What success looks like in 3 years

- Consider the roles of Visa WOAP (New Zealand's largest annual culinary festival) and Beervana (New Zealand's national craft beer event) in the following outcomes:
 - A new major event has been secured for winter – a traditionally quiet time in the events calendar and for accommodation providers – *do we need a new major event or should we invest in what we already have? Both Visa WOAP and Beervana take place in August. Visa WOAP was created to address this very fact. Research¹ conducted by the WCC this year has shown that Visa WOAP is having an extremely positive impact over this period with **sales up 20%** in participating hospitality venues and **21% of attendees coming from outside the Wellington region. 35% of Beervana attendees are from outside the Wellington region.***
 - Attendance at major festivals and events (e.g. CubaDupa) has increased – *in 2016, attendance at Beervana increased 26% over the previous year.*
 - The number of arts and cultural initiatives across the city (e.g. art on buildings, Chinese New Year, Diwali Festival of Lights) has increased – *with the WCET taking over the role of delivery of the RTB festival, we see this as being a key way to extend the length of stay of Beervana visitors and further drive the growing Beer Tourism market.*

What we already deliver

- delivering major events (e.g. WoW, CubaDupa, New Zealand Festival) – *Visa WOAP? Beervana? Both these events, as explained above have a demonstrable commercial return and enhance Wellington's cultural brand identity*
- *A vibrant, high quality hospitality sector that offers world class dining experiences*

The growth opportunities

Food and beverage tourism, on a global scale, is growing. In recent target market research² conducted by Tourism New Zealand, we know that "trying the local cuisine" rated as the **number one preference activity** for visitors from the USA,

¹ Wellington On a Plate 2016, Economic Impact Assessment – John Clarke, Research & Evaluation, Wellington City Council, 22 March 2017

² Food & Wine Active Considerer Research, Tourism New Zealand, March 2017



China and Germany, number two preference for visitors from Australia and number five preference for visitors from the UK (out of 21 different activities overall).

Beer tourism is also growing. People will travel for beer and, as any beer lover knows, it tastes best closest to the source. Wellington has it all with some of New Zealand's most loved and best known breweries. We have so many craft beer bars, brewpubs, cellar doors that we need a map. You'll find extensive beer lists not only in our top end restaurants and but also the local yum cha. Wellington is the ultimate beer experience.

Recognition of the Food & Beverage sector's role in the Triennium Plan

Wellington is fortunate to have such a collaborative hospitality, food and beverage community. They work so well together and are regarded nationally for this very fact – local beer flavoured with local coffee, local chocolate flavoured with local peanut butter and regionally-sourced menus that are the envy of many other cities. BUT...this positioned is being challenged and challenged hard. Auckland is snapping at our heels and making the investment to support it. Yes, we need to be smarter, but we already have successful and much-loved event platforms to leverage off. We shouldn't and can't waste these opportunities.

Wellington was the first city in New Zealand to collaborate and develop a two-week long food and beverage festival to encourage locals to get out in winter and also provide our city's visitors with a reason to brave the winter and make the most of our hospitality offering. This is now well anchored in Wellington and our focus is developing the visitor market (domestic and international). We are also the only city in New Zealand with a dedicated organisation to coordinate the food and beverage sector and champion them as a collective.

We strongly suggest that the food and beverage sector is recognised within in the 2016-19 Triennium Plan for the significant role it plays in contributing to the 'Capital of Culture', that the events that the WCET deliver with the hospitality sector are recognised as part of the outcomes and goals of Goal 3 / Focus Area 1 and that the Council continues its investment in Visa WOAP, Beervana and ultimately the WCET.

Conclusion

Thank you for your consideration of this submission to the Triennium Plan.

WCET delivers increased spend in Wellington by residents and visitors and has already created many tangible benefits to the wide spectrum of businesses that operate in the food and beverage sector. The WCET's contribution, through VWOAP, Beervana and now RTB, to Wellington's position as the Culinary Capital of New Zealand is significant and fills a lull in Wellington's events calendar during a seasonally slow period for the food and beverage industry. Recognition of the role that the food and beverage sector plays in our Capital of Culture is key to our ongoing achievement.

We would like to make an **oral submission** on this Triennium Plan. I look forward to hearing from you about this in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Meikle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Comments

I support the key initiatives outlined

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

Comments

I agree with the changes to swimming pool fees, however I'm not sure where the other proposed changes are outlined so can't comment

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See page 7 of the "Building a Better City" document

- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Neutral

Comments

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

Comments

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

- ☒ Yes to all
- ☐ Yes to some
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ No to some
- ☐ No to all

Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments

Every ratepayer should be emailed a link to this online submission form and links to the relevant documents and encouraged to share it with their families, friends etc.

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Re hospitality in Wellington: it would be good to see a cap on the number of liquor licenses granted. Let's have a vibrant successful hospitality sector instead of spreading the consumer dollar super thin with 'more restaurants per capita than ...(wherever)'. That's not good for businesses.

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Annual Plan 2017/18 and 3 Year Triennium Plan

This submission is on behalf of the Wellington Branch of the Royal Forest & Bird Society

General

The Society overall supports draft Annual Plan for the 2017/18 year and the draft 3 Year Work Programme. We support the basic underlying philosophy of sustainable growth but caution that this needs to be sustainable environmentally and affordable by the community. This is important in respect of decisions taken on the priorities for the implementation of the plan and the funding allocated. It is very easy for the Council to attempt to meet conflicting demands and in doing so lose the fundamentals necessary to deliver on the vision.

Obviously, our interest relates mainly to the environmental, parks and community aspects of the plan. We are especially pleased to see the support for Predator Free Miramar. But we would encourage the Council to go further in its support to provide an equal amount to provide support for voluntary groups to purchase traps and baits. With so many community groups becoming involved in nature programmes we really believe one of the biggest contributions Council could make is to provide logistic support and seed-money to help these groups establish and flourish.

We offer the following comments on the draft plans:-

Three Year Work Programme

Goal 1: More resilient

Focus Area 1: Safer homes locations and infrastructure.

This is accepted as a priority for the community but it is important that decisions made for new development does not undermine the sustainability and resilience of the Wellington environment in terms of vegetation cover and areas where development is permitted or even encouraged. The parameters for development given the likely impacts of climate change will require a review of the design criteria where extreme weather and extreme condition will become a more common occurrence. This will be a key priority for a review of the District Plan.

Focus Area 3: Connected and prepared communities

Building strong and connected communities does rely on the provision of places for people to gather and recreate. Open space and parks and reserves are an essential part of this. In this regard we are very concerned at proposals being floated by the Government to make it easier for local authorities to take reserve areas for housing without public input. It is very easy to seemingly justify taking a reserve or open space area **currently** only important to a small section of the community. See further comments under Goal 4.

Goal 2: Smarter Growth

Focus Area 1: Economic and job growth

The Society supports the proposals to encourage eco-tourism and outdoor recreation in the focus for projects like predator free Wellington. Building what is unique Wellington is the key to sustainability in terms of a visitor destination. The support for Zealandia and the pest free initiatives are supported for this reason but as important is maintaining natural Wellington as part of this. Recent decisions such as those taken on the Wellington waterfront to allow the construction of office blocks which block views and create cold wind blown and sunless canyons all work against this in the longer term although they may seem attractive for short time financial gain. The lack of long term thinking will preclude many other options in the future.

Focus Area 2: Housing people

Making provisions for more affordable housing is an important and worthwhile objective. But it the Society's submission that this should not be at the expense of the City's reserves and open space. The discussion document released by the Urban Development Authorities proposing new legislation that would allow nationally or locally significant urban development projects to be built more quickly is of real concern to the Society. As part of, it proposes the ability to revoke reserve status with on the consent of the controlling authority – with no disrespect to the Council, something that not pass the test of public process for changes to areas of real, if sometimes limited, public interest. It is very easy to justify change on the basis of new housing against the retention of seemingly unused green spaces or open spaces like golf courses. Over the years there have been so many good and worthy proposals to take bits of the Town Belt – it only survived due to the need for legislation to give effect to these 'good and worthy ideas'. Taking open space may seem a good idea faced with the cost of land and other options. But these options are very short term and will reduce the ability of the Council and the community it represents to achieve the other resilience goals. It is interesting to note the 47% of land in London is green space – some of the most expensive real estate in the world – but essential to the character of that great city.

Focus Area 3: Designing our city for growth

The Society supports the ambitions under this section and the guiding principles of the long term approach to urban development. Keeping those principles firmly in front of the planners will be essential to achieve the long term goals. The three year proposals and area

for focus all relate to infrastructure, including cycle ways, but keeping the longer term principles in front of mind will be essential.

Goal 3: People-focussed

Focus Area 2; Community planning, facilities and utilization of spaces.

The Society strongly support the measures of success under this Focus area. Council needs to maintain its commitment to the provision of community services especially for recreation and providing open space. Open space and a return of nature is just as much a part of this Goal as buildings and other services. This does not diminish the importance of these things but just highlights the need for the plan to be read as a whole.

Focus area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city

We believe provision of open space should be part of this Focus Area and given some priority otherwise individual 'pet-projects' or 'financial opportunities' may mean the loss of existing open space and options for the future.

Goal 4: More Sustainable

This goal covers the key issues of principal concern to the Society and its members but as has been stated with respect to the proceeding Goals, it needs to be always considered as part of other community and development planning.

Focus area 1: Our Natural Capital

The Society strongly supports the visions for success under this Focus Area.

Predator Free Wellington is well under way with considerable and growing public support. There is enthusiasm residents and this provides the opportunity for Council to develop its role as a coordinator and technical supporter of the Pest Free programme. This is an exciting opportunity and could reframe the visitor focus of the Capital.

Removal of predators is one of the most important step to retaining and enhancing biodiversity in Wellington but it is important to maintain a regime of monitoring and reporting so that progress is measurable and the results can be conveyed to the community.

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Wellington is blessed with a very active community that makes enormous contributions to the protection of nature and biodiversity (and a whole range of community good) and some money, and possibly some staff capacity to help support this effort, in terms of logistics,

funding and technical support would be one of the best and most cost effective ways of achieving the Council's environmental goals and growing community participation.

Protection of existing biodiversity is essential and this should include protection of notable trees.

The Society also strongly agrees with the Council supporting Zealandia, the Zoo and the wider parks system as comprising an important part of restoring biodiversity and making the City a must see for visitors.

The South Coast marine reserve and adjoining coastline and the harbour comprise a great opportunity for the Council to enhance marine protection and also protect and encourage species like the little blue penguin and sea birds. The Society believes the protection of the natural environment and interpretation of it should be a higher priority than of land recreation facilities, especially given the fragility of the coastal environment.

Completion of the Outer Green Belt is very dear to the Society's heart Belt so the "ecological corridors" espoused by this Branch in *Natural Wellington* can be completed. It will help achieve many objectives in terms of biodiversity, landscape, recreation and open space amenity.

The big issue will always be funding for biodiversity, especially taking up opportunities to secure the Green Belt which has to be done both proactively and opportunistically. The Society would like to see an adequate budget provision.

Focus Area 4: Waste Management and minimisation

The Society supports the proposals to increase recycling and reduce land fill and the environmental effects of it. Support for the distribution of surplus food to needy groups in the community like those currently undertaken by Kaibosh.

Focus Area 3: The low Carbon Capital

Improving the performance of the City and the Council in terms of carbon emissions needs to be an underlying strategy for all Council operations and developments

2017/18 Annual Work Plan

As a general comment the Annual Work Plan seems to pick up a limited number of issues and priorities and seems to, perhaps, reflect on some individual Councillor priorities. This is a summary of new projects rather than an overall business plan but does seem limited given the breath and wider 3-year strategy. Building a wider picture of the actual work proposed would make it more meaningful for the community as a whole.

But nature lovers are not above being partisan in our views and for that reason we do support the support for Predator-free Wellington. We believe the Council needs to be

careful not to focus on the one area – although a great project in Miramar – as there is a significant number of community groups being formed and help from the Council in terms of support for these groups, especially in terms of best practice and technical support probably the key role the Council should play. This fits well in with the proposals to expand community engagement resources, which once again should be enabling and supporting so that limited support is spread as widely as possible.

Mike Britton

Wellington Branch Committee

15 May 2017



WelTec and Whitireia Submission on the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18 Content

The Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) and the Whitireia Community Polytechnic (Whitireia) thank the Wellington City Council for the opportunity to make a submission on the content of the Annual Plan 2017/18 and, in turn, the future planning of Wellington City. Both the Building a Better City Annual Plan 2017/18 and Mayor and Councillors' Draft 3-year Work Programme 2016-19 see the continual advancement of Wellington City as a resilient, smart, people-focussed and sustainable capital of New Zealand, gathering both national and international recognition as a top destination to visit and live.

The Mayor and Councillors' Draft 3-year Work Programme identifies the importance of being people-focussed, a vision also shared by WelTec and Whitireia. We are about the people of this place; transforming lives, whānau, communities and the economy through vocational education and training. Through working together we are greater than the sum of our parts, and welcome the opportunity to participate in the betterment of our communities, our place, with the Wellington City Council.

The synergies between the Wellington City Council and WelTec and Whitireia extend across nearly all targeted sectors of growth. With the Council target of above 2.5 per cent per annum job growth in the city, consideration needs to be given to how the Wellington City Council works with the organisations who educate, train and provide industry links to the individuals who will be filling new job positions in the near future.

Within Wellington City, WelTec and Whitireia make decisions that are purposeful and support both our domestic and international learners to become productive, valued members of the workforce both here and abroad. For example, in 2012 WelTec opened the School of Hospitality on Cuba Street in partnership with internationally recognised Le Cordon Bleu. This decision saw the school become the central location of Hospitality education and training in Wellington City.

In partnership with Victoria University of Wellington, WelTec and Whitireia established the ICT Graduate School in 2016 after attaining government funding to facilitate the growth of the technology sector by providing highly skilled ICT graduates. We support initiatives such as the tech hub expansion, and welcome opportunities to be part of the conversation around the connection, collaboration and development of the technology sector in Wellington City.

With the opening of Te Auaha New Zealand Institute of Applied Creativity in 2018 in the heart of Wellington City, WelTec and Whitireia will become a significant provider of a portfolio of creative programmes including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Digital Design, Film and Television, Journalism, Publishing, Beauty and Hairdressing.

The development of Te Kāhui Auaha (the building) on Cuba and Dixon has physically revitalised this part of the central city and once opened will also contribute significantly to the attractiveness of this precinct. We urge the Council to take the opportunity provided by our initiative to also undertake development of the adjacent footpath and road area along Dixon Street to further enhance the amenities of this area.

Te Kāhui Auaha represents a significant investment by Whitireia and WelTec in Wellington City and in the concept of Wellington as the “creative capital”. The development is overtly framed as forming part of the creative infrastructure of the City providing facilities and activities for all to share. We look forward to the tangible and intangible support of the Council in this development.

Both Wellington City Council consultation documents outline the expansion of arts and cultural programmes to include new events and facilities such as a public Matariki Festival, a Movie Museum and an outdoor event series. Recent events have highlighted the contribution of WelTec and Whitireia to the arts and culture scene in Wellington City. The CupaDupa 2017 street festival saw WelTec and Whitireia sponsor the event and provide performers; and the 2016 New Zealand Cinematography Society Awards saw our learners gain recognition of their achievements. These events demonstrate we are harnessing talent and have learners who are ready and wanting to be involved in providing arts and culture in Wellington City, whether it be through performance opportunities, internships or the many other possibilities.

WelTec and Whitireia see the issues facing the Wellington City Council reflected in our students' concerns. For the foreseeable future, Wellington City will not have enough accommodation to cater for the forecast increase in numbers of both domestic and international students studying at CBD campuses. Wellington City needs affordable, practical transport options in order to expand the small area in which our students can currently, feasibly live. WelTec and Whitireia recently made a submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Council in favour of a discounted tertiary student fare and are supportive of the Wellington City Council advocating affordable public transport. Furthermore, we support projects such as the cycling network, Transmission Gully and Petone to Grenada link. These projects paired with a decrease in public transport costs could mark a significant decrease in the housing pressures facing Wellington City. As the Wellington City Council has unique partnerships with New Zealand Transport Agency and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, we see collaboration as vital.

As goal 2, focus area 1 of the Mayor and Councillors' Draft 3-year work programme identifies, the Council is seeking to increase total visitor numbers and their overall spend and length of stay in Wellington City. As providers of international education, WelTec and Whitireia can play a part in achieving this goal. Our international students at WelTec and Whitireia bring their unique cultures and perspectives into the learning environment, adding to the diversity of our learners and Wellington City. They spend money, stay for many months and often have family or friends visit throughout their enrolment or for graduation.

WelTec and Whitireia support Wellington City Council and look forward to the opportunity of working together in future years. We see value in many of the initiatives that will comprise the Annual Plan 2017/18. Like the Wellington City Council, WelTec and Whitireia are committed to the progression of our people and believe in the value of being connected through meaningful partnerships.



Chris Gosling
Chief Executive

Wellington Institute of Technology and Whitireia Community Polytechnic



Wellington Trails Trust

Feedback to Wellington City Council
Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3-year Work Programme

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Wellington Trails Trust feedback on Draft Annual Plan

We are pleased to see that under “Our Natural Capital” (page 15 of “Building a better city, Mayor and Councillors’ draft 3-year work programme 2016-19 (Triennium Plan)”) states that success will look like:

“Walking and biking trail access in the city has been enhanced, with more promotion to drive utilisation”.



To deliver a tangible outcome for the residents of Wellington, WCC's Draft Annual Plan needs to contain a real commitment to enhancing the existing trail network, and promoting this (as per the success statement highlighted above).

To achieve this, page 11 of "Building a better city. Helping us shape the Annual Plan 2017/18" should be revised. It should take into account the work that WCC is doing under the Makara Peak Plan and Regional Trails Strategy initiative.

We propose the following addition to the "Enhancing our natural capital" section:

(c) Enhancing our natural capital			
<i>Enhanced walking and biking trail access in the city, with more promotion to drive utilisation. Execute WCC's Makara Peak Plan and Regional Trail Strategy initiative.</i>	<i>Enhance walking and biking access in the city, with more promotion to drive utilisation.</i> <i>Transforms Wellington's comparative advantage into our competitive advantage (with our comparative advantage being the proximity and linkage between our green belt and the city). Recognises that trails are the way in which our community engages with the environment, and results in environmental and ecological enhancement and ecosystem restoration in these areas. Good for physical wellbeing and health of residents. Attracts people to live, visit and play in Wellington. Positive for attracting skilled workers and tourists.</i>	<i>Wellington City Council contribution \$400,000 over 2017/2018 (in addition to base spending).</i>	<i>0.1% increase in rates.</i>

When compared to other cities around the world, Wellington's comparative advantage is the interaction between our open spaces and green belt, and their proximity to and ready accessibility from the city. We need to turn this into our competitive advantage by enhancing our trail network. Trails are the way in which people interact with our environment

Developing Wellington's trail network will provide a significant economic benefit to the city. This comes through attracting people to live, play, work in, and visit Wellington. This also has a positive effect on the well-being of our residents.

In 2015 the Wellington Trails Trust worked with WCC to complete a business case identifying the potential economic benefits that would flow from Wellington being recognised globally as the best city in the world for mountain biking ("The Wellington Mountain Biking Economic Growth Initiative"). This business case identifies many benefits potentially flowing from increased investment in the Wellington trail network. The business case estimated that the proposals could result in injection of \$2.5 million to the regional economy annually from visitors to the region, and an additional \$2 million to \$5 million from use by residents and migrants attracted to the region by



the mountain bike offer. Health benefits due to greater activity and reduced mortality were estimated at \$10 million to \$12 million a year.

These findings have recently been endorsed by international tourism consultants TRC who are currently working with WCC on Wellington Regional Trail Strategy. TRC have stated in the regional trail strategy document that these sorts of benefits align strongly with what TRC are seeing in the work they do with many trail destinations world-wide.

People who interact with the environment build a greater awareness and interest in enhancing these areas. This has been demonstrated through work done to date in Polhill and Makara Peak. The creation and enhancements to the trail network in these areas have generally resulted in environmental enhancements and ecological restoration in areas (in a large part by volunteers) that may not otherwise have had any Council investment.

General Comment

A lot of the initiatives in the plan appears to be focused on delivering social benefits and outcomes (as opposed to economic benefits). As noted above, we consider that there are significant social and environmental/ecological benefits and outcomes that have and will arise from investing in the City's trail network.

Enhancing and promoting Wellington's trail network will have significant economic benefits for Wellington city, which will not come at the expense of social and environmental outcomes. This comes from attracting and retaining people to live in Wellington, especially entrepreneurial people and business leaders who can help create growth through establishing and growing businesses. These people place a high weighting on activities like mountain biking and trail running in choosing where to live and work. We note the Mayor and Prime Minister reflect this demographic, and are both active users of Wellington's trail network.

Continuing to enhance the trail network enables Wellington to further build on an authentic point of real differentiation, which is consistent with, facilitates and supports the recent global recognition around:

- Wellington being named the most livable city in the world in the recent Deutsche Bank global survey (May 2017).
- The overarching success to date of the innovative LookSee program that had more than 48,000 applicants and around 97 global candidates come to Wellington to secure roles in the ICT sector here (Jan-May 2017)

This also benefits and aids unlocking tourism potential relating to Wellington's active outdoor activities, which is significant. This comes from walkers, mountain bikers, trail runners, and other trail users visiting Wellington, increasing our visitor day/night numbers. Adventure tourists and trail users (like mountain bikers) will increase utilization of Wellington's tourism assets and businesses during the week - when there is substantial capacity and under-utilization.

Our trail network and the linkage between our green belt and the city, with its stunning views and natural experiences, is Wellington's comparative advantage as a city on a world stage. Enhancing and leveraging our existing trail infrastructure and resource will transform this comparative advantage into our competitive advantage, and increase economic activity like tourism for Wellington city. We believe that Wellington can become the best mountain biking city in the World.



Simply having a desire to make this happen is insufficient. Wellington City Council needs to allocate meaningful budget and resources in the 2017/18 Annual Plan to support the plans it has been working on (being initiatives like the Makara Peak plan and the Regional Trails Strategy initiative).

Wellington Trails Trust
May 2017



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**SUBMISSION TO
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
TRIENNIUM PLAN**

The New Zealand Festival welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Triennium Plan *Building a better city*, 2016-19, and to the new 2017/18 Initiatives.

Our own Purpose (to transform Wellington by creating extraordinary experiences through art) and Strategy (to make Wellington the stage and everyone a player) aligns well with Wellington City Council's planning, and we want to continue to help drive some of the city's ambitions, particularly in the area of arts and culture.

We congratulate the Mayor and Council for their focus on arts and culture, as it is a key part of the City's strength and creative brand. We consider the strength of Wellington's cultural offering as a vital part of its future success, and would encourage the City to be even bolder in this area in terms of investment and ambition.

We look forward to working in partnership with Wellington City Council, WREDA and our colleagues in the industry to make the *decade of culture* a reality.

Scope of submission: This submission is focused on the relevant initiatives specifically relating to the Festival, event, arts and cultural sectors.

- We support the Council's initiatives related to **Goal 1: More resilient.**
- As a key event in the City, the Festival is aligning with this goal where relevant, for example by putting in place an updated Business Continuity plan in order to be ready to adapt, survive and thrive.
- Aspects of this Goal we support particularly in relation to the Festival are ensuring:
 - The city in general is safe and welcoming place for audiences, artists and visitors – and is resilient in the event of earthquake or natural disasters.
 - The **St James Theatre** strengthening and associated activity (unreinforced masonry etc) takes place to ensure the safety of our staff (we are also tenants of the building year-round), audience and artists.
 - Other city-owned venues such as the **Town Hall** and **Opera House** are strengthened and improved.
 - There is a risk that staff, audiences and artists are not comfortable to work and play in these spaces if improvements are not made – therefore potentially impacting our ability to attract professional artists to present, and affecting attendances.
 - We support the investment in the **Town Hall / Music Hub**. We would like to ensure that it is made available for use by external hirers such as the Festival, for whom this venue is very important given the City's small number of suitable-scale venues.

- We support the following relevant aspects of **Goal 2: Smarter Growth**:
 - **Tech Hub Expansion:** We are interested in supporting collaboration between the tech sector and creative industries, and support the growth of initiatives to help develop the technology sector in Wellington.
 - **Indoor Arena:** We appreciate the opportunity to be consulted as part of the Indoor Arena feasibility study. As a major event presenter we welcome the development of new venues for the City, and encourage close consultation with the cultural sector to ensure new venues provide as much value as possible and contribute to sector growth.
 - **Transport networks:** in order to ensure Wellington continues to be a great place to host events, we support initiatives to improve transport options and advocate for affordable public transport.

- We support the following relevant aspects of **Goal 3: People-focussed**, specifically **Focus Area 1: Capital of Culture**
 - We are strong supporters of championing Wellington's Capital of Culture status. We welcome the opportunity to continue to play a major role in this ambition to improve the vitality and profile of the City's cultural sector.
 - As one of the City's major cultural events, the biennial New Zealand Festival delivers significant artistic, social and economic benefit to the region and strongly supports the Council's annual investment in the Festival as confirmed in the Long-Term Plan (read more about our impacts in the About Us section of this document).
 - The Festival has exciting plans in place for its 2018 New Zealand Festival, and in addition to our main programme, will deliver an ambitious major free cultural event which will put Wellington region in the spotlight and attract a significant audience projected up to 60,000.
 - Following the 2018 Festival, the NZ Festival Trust will be evolving its strategy as we look forward to 2020 and beyond to ensure the Festival continues to thrive long into the future. We look forward to partnering with Council as plans develop, and to be considered as a collaborator for new events.
 - We support the proposed increased investment of \$500,000 towards new arts and cultural events, and would encourage the City to go even further in terms of ambition and investment in order to make meaningful change.

- We would also advocate that the Council consider the following:
 - Development of a focused and research-supported Culture policy for the triennium (or longer), providing clarity on strategy and identifying key areas for opportunity as well as investment need. Consider the breadth of sector potential including how it interacts with other strong Wellington industries such as tech, education, film/screen.
 - Collaboration with Arts Wellington on a piece of audience research to understand the current and potential market locally, nationally and internationally. This would inform the cultural marketing strategy for WREDA and enable arts organisations to use the insight to help grow audiences.
 - Continue to improve the audience experience in Council-owned Wellington venues – from ticketing, catering to décor and digital signage.
 - The **Wellington Jazz Festival (WJF)** will be seeking ongoing annual funding from WREDA from 2018. Under our management, this Festival has grown significantly in its new mid-winter slot. WJF now comprises over 150 gigs over five days, and attracts over 26,000 people including 30% from outside the Wellington region. We have demonstrated growth and return on investment – and wish to signal the need for continued annual funding to continue its future success.

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ABOUT US

The New Zealand Festival is a charitable trust that has been creating extraordinary encounters between artists and audiences every two years since 1986. The Wellingtonians who established the New Zealand International Festival of the Arts were pioneers and innovators of their time, achieving their highly ambitious goal of bringing the best live arts experiences from across the world to audiences in New Zealand – and providing a vital platform for the creation, development and presentation of leading New Zealand artists.

Now 30 years young, we continue to realise our founders' vision, and to take it in ground-breaking new directions, inspired by our commitment to originality, excellence and to make the world a better place through that most vital, life-giving force – art.

Each Festival showcases a programme of international and New Zealand performances, all across the art forms and featuring classical and contemporary music, theatre, dance, interdisciplinary arts, literature and visual arts. Our events take place in major venues and public spaces in Wellington city and we tour a series of work to the Wellington region as part of our Festival on the Road programme. We grow the next generation of artists and audiences through our education programme, SchoolFest.

2018 marks Artistic Director Shelagh Magadza's third and final New Zealand Festival. Her vision is to present events of international excellence and reputation, to invite a more participatory approach to engaging audiences, and to reflect our view; geographically, culturally and collectively as a city, region and country.

“The transformative nature of the events I went to - they ticked the boxes for what I want from our festival.

Thought-provoking, clever and moving.”

Woman, Wellington, 50 - 54

VISION

The New Zealand Festival is recognised globally as New Zealand's iconic cultural experience in Wellington.

PURPOSE

The New Zealand Festival transforms Wellington by creating extraordinary experiences through art.

STRATEGY

The New Zealand Festival makes Wellington the stage and everyone a player.

VALUES

Excellence / Courage / Partnership

CULTURE

Versatile / Relevant / Bold / Highly Connected

The 2016 New Zealand Festival (26 February – 20 March) delivered:

- 395 performances
- 7 world premieres
- Welcomed 1200 artists from 25 countries
- Overall attendance of approx. 300,000
- 95,000 in ticket sales and over 205,000 to free events
- Unique attendance of 106,000 people
- 37% attending from outside Wellington city, 19% from outside Wellington Region
- 23% first time attenders
- 91% rated the Festival positively
- \$32.1M Direct out of Region Spend and \$56M total Economic Impact in Wellington City

The Festival also presented the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (18-21 February) and delivered:

- Unique attendance of 84,500
- 85% from outside Wellington city, 63% from outside Wellington Region
- \$31.7M Direct out of Region Spend and \$50M total Economic Impact in Wellington City

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2016 FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Pōwhiri: Official welcome for international artists. A powerful global cultural exchange on Waterfront.

Le Grand Continental: Partnered by Kiwibank. A spectacular opening night celebration in Civic Square featuring 500 performers, 450 volunteers, and attended by 5000 audience members.

Contact Festival Playground: A madcap parent-powered junkyard fairground at Frank Kitts Park. Open for 19 days and attended by 50,000+ audience members. 71% say it exceeded expectations.

For the Birds: Partnered by Wellington Airport. An enchanting family adventure in Wellington's Otari Wilton Bush over 15 nights attracting 12,000 people.

The best from the International stage: Presenting the highest quality work from leading, cutting-edge, contemporary companies. Including a sold-out residency by Jazz at Lincoln Centre Orchestra, 77% said it exceeded their expectations.

Seven world premieres of New Zealand work: Including new works to commemorate WWI, opera *Brass Poppies* and a sell-out performance of John Psathas' monumental *No Man's Land*.

Digital Innovation: The commission of a new digital adventure theatre work by Storybox played out on a mobile app and the streets of Wellington. Seen by international director has toured to Shanghai.

Writers Week: A forum for leading authors and thinkers from home and abroad to share stories about their craft, their lives and the world around us.

Festival On the Road: Artists from around the world hit the road during the Festival and head out into the Greater Wellington region

SchoolFest: A dynamic learning programme giving students the chance to experience world-class artists in performance and workshops

- A highly popular event (91% of attendees rated the 2016 Festival as “good” or “very good”)
- 75%* of polled people believe that holding Festival events is worthwhile for Wellington
- 68%* agree that hosting Festival events improves the image of Wellington for non-residents
- 65%* believe the government should provide support to these events
- 86%* agree that the Festival provides an important service to the community
- 91%* agree that the Festival is an organisation that brings world-class art to New Zealand.
- 76%* of New Zealanders polled agree that the Festival has fresh new ideas and initiatives.
- 73%* agree that the Festival is a strong New Zealand identity that is helping to develop New Zealand culture.

*General public and audience panel

The Festival contributed the equivalent of 454 FTE jobs in Wellington in 2016.

We play a leading role in strengthening New Zealand's creative sector skill base through training and professional development. From providing desk space as a co-working environment for local freelancing artists and producers, to contributing to national and regional marketing research and audience development initiatives – we are keen collaborators and a leading voice in the sector.

Internships: The Festival works with several tertiary institutions on dedicated internship programmes for students looking to build a career in Wellington's arts and events industry. We partner with the city's creative industries to find ways to retain talent in Wellington and build capability for the future.

Workshops and Masterclasses: The Festival plays a key role in developing new work, as well as providing professional workshops and master classes using the Festival's links with international artists and practitioners. Our SchoolFest programme develops the creativity and skills of over 5000 young people.

Volunteering: There is a valuable role for members of the public to volunteer and support events. During the 2016 Festival, we also had huge numbers of volunteer performers taking part in Le Grand Continental®, logging in over 10,000 volunteer hours.

Te Manu Ka Tau: In partnership with Creative New Zealand, 17 directors from the biggest international festivals and theatre companies are invited to the New Zealand Festival to see new New Zealand work. This provides New Zealand companies the chance to showcase their work in a festival setting, with the hope of being contracted overseas.

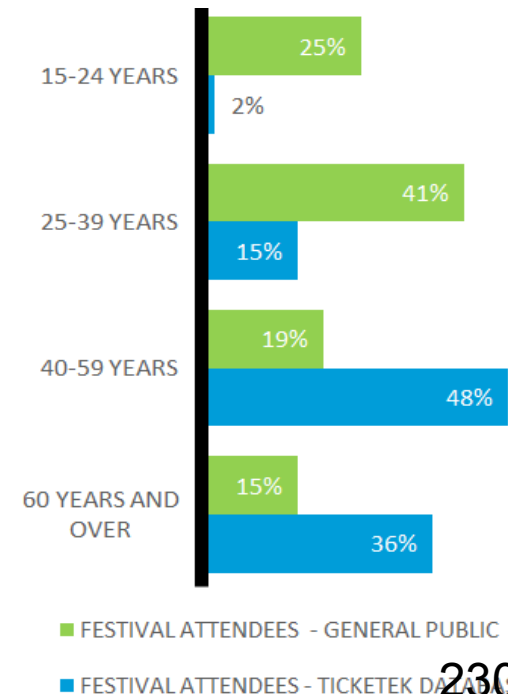
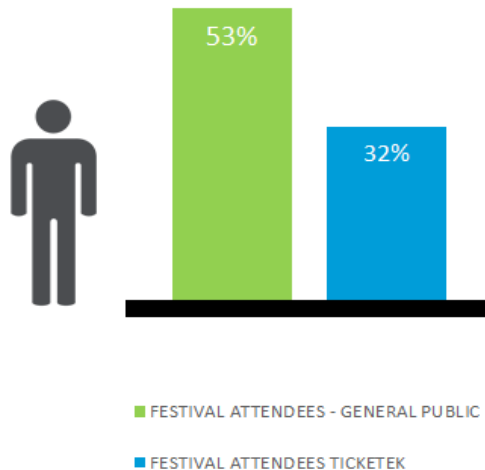


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2016 FESTIVAL AUDIENCE

- The New Zealand Festival attracts an audience of 300,000 made up of 106,000 unique people
- There was a 4% increase in attendees aged between 15-24 and a 6% increase in attendees aged between 25-39 from 2014 to 2016.
- The proportional ethnic breakdown of the Festival audience broadly matches the ethnicity demographics of the Wellington region
- The Festival's audience demographic is as below:



The Festival delivered a \$2M marketing campaign achieving 62% national awareness, including:

Festival Publications

- Festival Brochure (x 250,000 nationwide circulation Oct – March)
- Festival Mini Brochure (x 235,000 nationwide circulation) including inserts in *The Dominion Post*, *The New Zealand Herald*, *The Christchurch Press*, *Manawatu Standard*, *Nelson Mail*, *Taranaki Daily Times*, *Marlborough Express*, *Wairarapa Times*, *Hawkes Bay Today*, *Wanganui Chronicle*, *Kia Ora Magazine* and letterbox drops in Wellington
- SchoolFest Brochure (x 5,000) – mailed to schools
- Festival show programmes (x 13,460)
- Festival Family guides (x 5,000 distributed in Wellington)
- Festival Accessibility guides (x 1,000 distributed in Wellington)
- 1,000 x A6 postcards

Digital

- 2016 Festival website (224,000 unique visitors)
- 2016 Festival social media including Facebook (total reach: 1,571,292); Twitter (197,677 impressions)

Advertising

- Generic Festival posters – A0, A1, A3 (nationwide distribution, October - March)
- Generic Festival bus backs x 5 (October – November and Feb - March)
- 25 x generic Festival ADSHELS throughout the Wellington region (Oct – Nov)
- 12 x outdoor banners / billboards in Wellington and Wairarapa including Michael Fowler Centre, St James Theatre, Opera House, Wellington Railway Station
- Generic Festival TVCs (October – November and February – March on TV One and TV2)
- Print advertising in national media –approx 20 print ad placements November – March
- 16 x Festival programme display stands in key retail and tourism placements in Wellington and Wairarapa
- Generic Festival signage at Wellington Airport including South West Pier billboard site
- 6 x daily schedule sites at key locations around Wellington
- Digital pre-roll advertising Oct-Nov and Feb-Mar 190k impressions

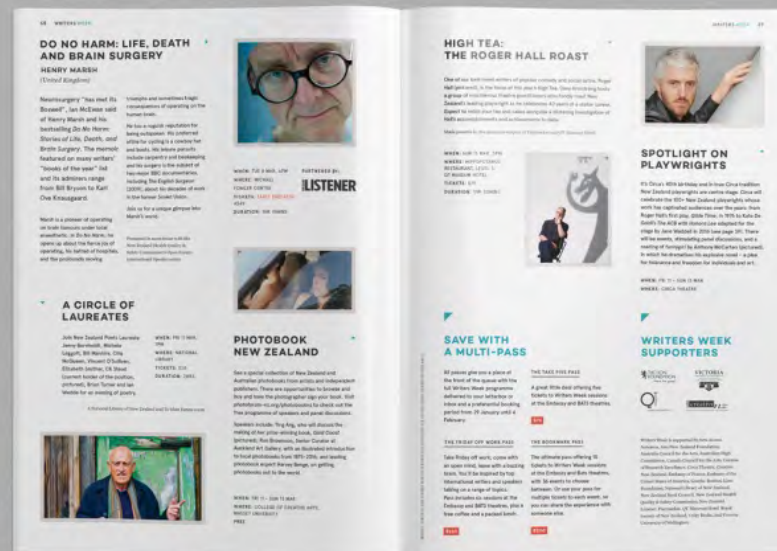
Media Coverage

- We achieved 1,489 discrete reports over the campaign period, an increase from 1,378 in 2014.
- The cumulative potential audience/circulation of this coverage was 28,917,382 and in terms of ROI, the advertising space rate calculated for this was \$3,824,227, up on 2014 at \$3,006,883. (*Source: Coverage report by iSentia insights, excl. Tattoo*).

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Re: WCC Building a better city: Annual Plan 2017/18

This submission is from the Architectural Centre, an incorporated society dating from 1946, which represents both professionals and non-professionals interested in the promotion of good design.

We have organised our submission under the headings of the consultation document, and have the following comments to make regarding the proposed WCC Annual Plan 2017/18:

(A) Removal of Fees

1. We support the goal for Wellington to be **smokefree by 2025**. We support a smokefree Wellington because we believe this will make our urban spaces more welcoming to more people, as well as safer (smoking kills).

(B) Affordable Housing

2. We strongly support the WCC's commitment to **increasing council housing**. We are proud of Wellington's heritage of council housing provision, and believe that this is an important contribution to looking after Wellington's citizens, as well as enacting civic values of a caring society. We similarly support the Council's proposal to investigate **supported living for homeless people**.
3. We also strongly encourage the council to **develop the north end of Adelaide Road** as medium and/or high density housing. We consider this site to be well-located for an exemplar housing project. This may need to be council-initiated in order to occur.
4. We likewise recommend that the Council **remove carpark requirements** from all residential developments in the city because car parking (including driveways) uses up land which could be used for higher density housing.
5. We also see a role for Council in facilitating housing in other sites, for example the **Karori Teachers' College** buildings could be adaptively re-used as housing within a wider context of the existing community facilities, in the manner of London's Barbican which mixes cultural uses (art gallery, theatre, library etc.) with residential. We believe that the Karori Teachers' College campus has the architectural infrastructure (dance studio, music

studio, meeting hall with great acoustics, lecture theatres etc) to become our very own Barbican of the South.

(C) Making Wellington Predator Free

6. We support the **Predator Free Wellington initiative** and the aim to extend the Predator Free project across the city. We consider this proposal to complement an ability for the city to implement green corridors, supporting native bird life, and providing a carbon sink reducing Wellington's net carbon emissions.

(D) Improving Wellington's Reputation as the Capital of Culture

7. We support the expansion of the city's **arts and cultural programme**. A vibrant cultural programme enriches civic identity and can be an important vehicle for interdisciplinary innovation and challenges to conventional and staid thinking.

(G) Improving Community Engagement

8. We appreciate the need for the Council to improve and increase community involvement in **council consultations**, but recent efforts (e.g. web interface for consultations e.g. cycle lane proposals), while well-meaning and hopefully increasing numbers of people participating, have also meant the obscuring of material through multiple web pages and links, making it difficult to know for sure if you have found all of the proposal you are trying to engage with.
9. We make two specific comments which we think will increase the validity of council work:
 - i. we believe that **increasing participation in local elections** is vital, and strongly encourage the Council to produce a campaign demonstrating to voters how the council impacts on their daily lives and why it is important to participate in elections and council consultations. This may require the skills of an external PR firm.
 - ii. we encourage the council to **commission professional visual and stated preference studies** to ascertain public opinion on built environment proposals.

(H) Continued Implementation of the Living Wage

10. We support the Council becoming an Accredited **Living Wage Employer**.

(I) Low Carbon Capital

11. We support increasing **car sharing in the city**. Rather than granting commercial car sharing central city car parks at no cost, we recommend that the council restrict the CBD to car sharing and electric vehicles only. We have addressed this more fully in our WCC Electric Vehicle and Car Share Proposed Sites submission (5 May 2017) (<http://architecture.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/AC-Traffic-Resolutions-EV-and-car-share-proposed-sites.pdf>)
12. We consider that the Annual Plan's commitment to addressing Climate Change is insufficient. **More needs to be done more quickly**. Initiatives can be cost neutral. The WCC also needs to be a model organisation in this regard, and model behaviour other organisations, and companies can achieve.
13. We encourage the Council to revise the District Plan to:
 - i. encourage adaptive re-use of buildings
 - ii. discourage car parking buildings and car parking in other buildings
 - iii. encourage green roofs and water sensitive urban design
 - iv. require waste minimisation plans

- v. remove requirements for car parks in residential developments

(J) Wellington Town Hall strengthening | Music Hub

14. We support the earthquake strengthening of the **Wellington Town Hall**.
15. We consider that it is vital for the WCC to play a **leadership role in earthquake strengthening** and both the Town Hall project, and strengthening of the Basin Reserve's Museum Stand, are key to this.
16. We also believe that the Council must also take a proactive leadership role in demonstrating **the importance of building maintenance** to prevent building deterioration which can make buildings vulnerable in earthquakes (e.g. the consequences of poorly maintained spouting). The long-term viability of existing buildings also reduces the carbon costs of rebuilding.
17. We consequently believe that the Council needs to put in **disincentives for deferred maintenance** and that this is as important as its other earthquake resilience activities.
18. An equally important aspect of earthquake strengthening is its relationship to heritage and the Council's role in maximising the potential for **heritage** (e.g. tourism and job creation) to contribute to the **local economy**, but also our **city's identity and character**. This is an important aspect of highlighting the city's past and ongoing cherishing of our city's arts and culture, and our reputation as the Capital of Culture.

(K) Resilience Initiative

19. We support the Council's proposal for **seismic monitoring** of selected buildings.
20. We also support increasing the seismic resilience of existing houses (e.g. securing subfloor structures), including cultivating a culture of building maintenance. Extending this thinking, we encourage the Council to establish a **earthquake building information bureau** of some description (this could be web-based) focussed on innovative, inexpensive ways to strengthen buildings, reduce building damage, and increase awareness of the need to ensure secure internal fixtures and fittings and the need for building maintenance. This could be supported by MBIE and informed by NZSEE, IPENZ etc.
21. We consider that Climate Change Initiatives will also increase our city's resilience.

(L) Antisocial street activity

22. We are hesitant about the proposals relating to "antisocial street behaviour" as this has significant potential to infringe on citizen rights to access space, which is a fundamental aspect of good urban design.
23. It appears to us that "antisocial street behaviour" is a complex urban issue, which frequently involves the (we believe inappropriate) aim to remove people, who have been excluded from sufficient welfare provision at state level, from public space.
24. We also believe that this is a relatively recent issue. We did not, for example, have material levels of begging in Wellington 10 years ago. We believe the question that should be asked is "Why does anyone in Wellington need to beg now?" and consider that addressing fundamental causes of begging etc. rather than censoring individuals and limiting their

access to public space is vital. We are proposing to spend \$31million on a movie museum - have we really got our priorities right when so many of our citizens need to beg on our streets?

Other issues

25. An aspect which we believe needs to be proactively addressed in WCC's annual and long-term plans is the city's **ageing demographic**. A successful city of older people will require new ideas about urban design in terms of accessibility, mobility, and inclusion. We encourage the WCC to better understand relevant issues and propose ways to anticipate how our city will alter because of the changing demographic profile of Wellington's citizens.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the WCC Annual Plan 2017-18 consultation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Proposal for Safety and Amenity Upgrade for the Douglas Street Pedestrian Steps, Mt Cook.

This proposal for consideration by the Council for its current Triennium Plan and Annual Plan is for an upgrade of the pedestrian steps that link between Adelaide Road and Tasman Street to address two aims:

- specific safety issues, and
- to encourage walking access in the Mt Cook area.

Introduction

This proposal is being submitted by two residents who have lived in the Douglas Street area adjacent to the pedestrian steps for many years.

Within the last few years there has been an upgrade of the pedestrian steps in Drummond street in Mt Cook and this has encouraged walking access as well as improved amenity in the area.

We see that there is an opportunity to achieve the same outcomes in Douglas Street.

Relationship to the Triennium Plan

The proposed project relates to a number of the objectives identified in the Council's draft Triennium Plan:

- Future Central City Programme (Goal 2: Smarter Growth, Focus Area 3: Designing our City for Growth). The aim includes enhancing pedestrian access and amenity as well as attractiveness.
- Making streets more accessible and safe around the city, one of the identified successes in Goal 3: People Focused
- Increasing walking in the city, one of the identified successes in Goal 4: More sustainable.

Identifying the Problems with the Douglas Street Pedestrian Steps

1. Safety Issues

There are a number of safety issues with the current design of the Douglas Street steps, and these include:

- narrow and steep steps with short treads and risers. This causes the steps to be awkward to walk up and down.
- the metal handrail is located on one side and is old and not to today's standards
- there are two sets of steps through the area and one of them is not well lit. The large trees in the area shade the steps at night and make the area very dark for users to negotiate the steps as well as decreasing the safety in the area. There have been requests to significantly prune back the trees but in recent times this has not been addressed.
- the lack of good stormwater provision in the upper part of Douglas Street means that in downpours that there is a torrent of water that flows down the southern steps and leaves a lot of debris on the steps, including dirt and sticks
- the large trees in the planted area of the steps drop many leaves, flowers and petals which can make the area slippery.
- the current design of handrails and the parking barrier on the top end of Douglas Street makes it susceptible to graffiti.

2. Antisocial Activity

The design of the steps encourages a number of undesirable activity, and this includes:

- The southern steps includes a flatish area that encourages people to the area. Numerous times this has resulted in alcohol bottles being left there
- The area is secluded and under the trees often there are school pupils from the numerous schools in the area that gather to smoke
- At other times school, pupils eat takeaway foods and leave the rubbish in the area of the steps. There have been requests made to provide a rubbish bin, but to date this has been turned down.

3. Other Issues

The trees that are growing in the garden area are too large for the small area and the roots from these trees encroach into the sewage and stormwater drains that are underneath the garden area.

The slope of the garden area adjacent to the steps is so steep that plants do not grow that well and are difficult to maintain by Council staff.

In the last 10 years the north side of Douglas street has changed from light commercial to what will be the new Chinese Embassy. The parking and turn around area on the western cul-de-sac area of Douglas Street adjacent to the steps needs to be re-evaluated in light of the changing use.

Opportunity to Improve the Amenity and Safety

1. Encouraging Walking in the Wider Area

The steps on Douglas Street are a key access way between the Adelaide Road area and Tasman Street. The types of people that use the steps include:

- Local residents that walk to and from the city using this route
- School pupils that walk to/from home and the Mt Cook Primary School, Wellington High School, Wellington Boys College, Wellington East Girls.
- Tertiary Students that walk to/from Massey University

If the steps are upgraded to more amenable to use and safer, then this will encourage more walkers in the area.

If the walkway steps are more obvious, accessible and welcoming then this will assist with making this more usable walkway route.

2. Other Developments in the Area

There are plans to develop a new Chinese Embassy in the large area of land that is bounded by Douglas Street and part of this is the steps on Douglas Street. There is an opportunity to improve the immediate amenity of the Embassy area by re-developing the steps. If the steps are designed to be away from the boundary edge of the Embassy area then this may help the security of the embassy fence line.

The Council's plans are for greater number of residents living in the Adelaide Road area. The upgrade of the Douglas Street steps would be a key way of encouraging walking to/from the City.

3. Safety Improvements

The re-design of the steps so that it:

- Has the appropriate step design and handrails
- Has better directed lighting so that the steps are properly lit with energy efficient lighting

- Does not encourage loitering in the area
- Improve the stormwater provision so that the steps do not overflow down the stairs when there is heavy rain.

4. Appropriate planting

A proper analysis of the area in terms of vegetation provision so that it encourages people to walk through the area, and does not shadow or overhang the area. In our view this would involve removing the current range of large trees and replacing them with ones that are more suitable for scale of the garden area.

Conclusion

The solution to the identified issues would be to upgrade the walkway steps on Douglas Streets steps as identified. Our recommendation is for the Council to budget some investigative money to identify the issues, and to work with the local residents and users to develop solutions.

Jonathan & Peggy Bhana-Thomson

Resident at 15 Douglas Street, Mt Cook, Wellington.

18 May 2017.

Photo's to Illustrate the Issues and the Potential Solution

1. Current Steps Provision:



Views from Lower Douglas Street.

2. Safety Issues



Small steps, frequently covered in leaves



Stairs shaded at night by overhanging trees

3. Antisocial Activity:



Frequent drinking on the secluded steps area, and leaving behind of rubbish

4. Drummond Street Steps, 400m south of Douglas Street in Mt Cook.



Pre-Upgrade early 2010's



Post Upgrade 2017

These pedestrian steps now are wide, have appropriate handrail, have good focused lighting, removal of trees and vegetation that make for good visibility for safe walking at night.



**Submission from Living Streets Aotearoa on
Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18 and Triennium Plan 2016-9**

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Submission

Living Streets Aotearoa thanks the Council for this opportunity to submit on these plans.

We support the extent to which the Annual Plan and Triennium Plan will make Wellington a more liveable city, in particular those measures addressed at improving the natural and street environment, being the City of Culture (including strengthening the Town Hall), becoming more resilient, becoming the low-carbon capital.

We note that while transport is regarded as a key issue by WCC, it gets barely a mention in the draft annual plan documentation. Allocating 15 car parks to electric and car-sharing vehicles is a worthwhile step towards the essential goal of becoming the low-carbon capital, but as the only transport-related item it is distinctly unambitious. We submit that at least the following areas should have projects funded to address them, many of which we have advocated in previous submissions;

- a) Improvement of public transport, including such things as traffic light pre-emption for buses, offsetting as much as possible the effects of Regional Council's regressive and regrettable decisions that will replace the trolleybuses with diesel buses, including mitigating the increased emissions and noise, particularly along the Golden Mile;
- b) Enabling streets to become safe play spaces;
- c) Improvement of pedestrian crossings, such as the one across Rongotai Rd in Kilbirnie, near Pak'nSave; the missing section of uncontrolled crossing at Oriental Parade/ Cable St, and at the Abel Smith St/Cuba St intersection;

- d) Better control and management of facilities occupying pedestrian space, such as restaurants/cafes (all of which should be required to be non smoking) and advertising signs, chairs and tables;
- e) Provision and improvement of wheelchair access to public transport stops, such as to the southbound platform at Takapu Rd station;
- f) Better wayfinding, such as correcting the regrettably vehicle-centred approach of marking streets that are through routes for pedestrians but not for vehicles with unequivocal and inaccurate “No exit” signage. This is particularly important where the allegedly “No exit” route is a tsunami escape route, creating the potential for confusion at the very moment when such confusion could have serious consequences;
- g) The trialling of temporary street improvements on a trial basis, using street furniture such as bollards, planters and seats to create space for people. This could happen at such places as side streets connecting with the Golden Mile, reducing congestion that impedes buses; reducing the road width at the corner of Aurora Tce and Clifton Tce to make crossing the street easier; reducing the width of Maginnity St; enhancing the area under the motorway bridge over Thorndon Quay, including the (unsigned) walkway to Hobson St.

Most of these projects are likely to be low cost and are potentially transformative, with scope for carbon reduction and environmental improvements at least as great as is likely to be achieved by small-scale changes to parking provision.

We are very keen to work with Council on initiatives such as these.

Lastly, we note that the graphic on the plans’ documentation features many bikes, planes, a bus and a ferry but not a single walker (or any other human being); and that the transport part of the video shown at the Te Papa stakeholder forum showed just cars on motorways. These do not appear to us to be consistent with Goals 3, People focussed, or 5, More sustainable, and we submit that such mixed messages are not helpful.

About Living Streets

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand’s national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is “More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places”.

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally-friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

For more information, please see: www.livingstreets.org.nz

E tū

**Submission
to the
Wellington City Council
Annual Plan
2017/2018**

Introduction

E tū supports the submission of the Wellington Living Wage Network.

The E tū submission to the Wellington City Council Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan asks that the Wellington City Council continue to play a leadership role in Wellington becoming a fairer city by taking further steps in its living wage journey and including in the 2017/18 Annual Plan a commitment to:

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

About E tū

E tū represents 55,000 New Zealand workers. Our members work in a wide variety of occupations, but a large number work as cleaners, caregivers, food workers, security guards and in other areas of service work.

Our members are some of the lowest paid workers in New Zealand and the majority in the service sectors are paid less than \$17 an hour. Maori, Pacific and migrant workers predominate in these sectors, as do women workers. The income of our members is vital to their household income. Many are the sole or principal income earner, providing for a family. Others live in family units with two low income earners.

Approximately 270,000 children are estimated to live in poverty in New Zealand, and of that demographic, 40 percent come from families with at least one full-time worker or self-employed parent. As the lowest paid workers in New Zealand, many of our members are in this category. They are the working poor, who work in tough jobs, with long and often anti-social hours, for poverty wages.

Just over 2000 of our members work in Wellington City, some cleaning commercial buildings, at Wellington Hospital and rest homes and other care facilities, as security guards and in a wide range of other service roles. Many of these members are employed by contractors, who have secured contracts for cleaning, security and the provision of other services.

E tū represents the parking officers who are employed by the Wellington City Council and also represents cleaners and security workers, who are employed by contractors and sub-contractors to the council. The directly-employed parking officers, the Spotless cleaners and the Recon security workers are all employed on a base rate of \$18.63 an hour while the other cleaners are employed on the minimum wage of \$15.75 an hour.

The Living Wage in New Zealand

E tū is a member of Living Wage Aotearoa NZ, which is an alliance of community and faith-based organisations and unions, committed to addressing poverty and inequality in New Zealand by lifting low wages.

The living wage movement is modelled on successful overseas living wage movements in cities such as London, where the living wage is well-established and has been implemented by the Greater London Council for over 12 years. There are many living wage cities around the world and the number is rapidly growing.

Generally a living wage city is one where the local authority has taken the lead and becomes a living wage employer, ensuring that all staff, both directly employed and employed by contractors or sub-contractors, are paid the living wage.

Living Wage Aotearoa NZ was launched in May 2012 in Auckland and now has over 150 supporting organisations. (The full list can be found on the Living Wage Aotearoa NZ website www.livingwage.org.nz).

The living wage is defined as the income necessary for a worker, not just to survive, but to participate in society.

In February 2013, independent research conducted by Charles Waldegrave and Peter King of the Lower Hutt-based Family Centre's Centre of Research, was released. That research identified the New Zealand living wage as \$18.40 an hour. The research identified this as the income necessary for a worker to lead decent but modest lives in New Zealand. Following this announcement Living Wage Aotearoa NZ called on central and local government, other publicly-funded institutions and large corporates to lead the way by paying the living wage.

The living wage figure has been updated every year since then and currently sits at \$20.20 an hour.

E tū is strongly supportive of Living Wage Aotearoa NZ and an active member of the Wellington network. Our union works very closely with other unions, churches, young people, and community organisations in this network. Our network is committed to addressing poverty and inequality in Wellington by achieving a living wage.

E tū's Submission

E tū welcomes the Council's commitment to the Living Wage in the draft 2017 Annual Plan. The Living Wage proposal builds on the commitment to become a Living Wage council made by Council in 2013 and the steps taken in subsequent years. It proposes concrete steps forward and sets out priorities to put Wellington City Council on track to seek accreditation within this triennium.

We support the three goals for the Council as promoted by the Wellington Living Wage Network

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017

- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

We welcome the Council's inclusion of these three points in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

In all of the community consultations around the respective annual plans and long-term plans since 2014 the movement to a Living Wage council has been overwhelmingly supported in submissions and presentations by Wellingtonians. A majority of councillors made the implementation of the living wage a part of their election commitments in 2016 and they were voted into office on this basis.

The Council has a very strong mandate to fulfil these commitments.

The Affordability of the Living Wage

The Annual Plan states that WCC's finances are "on a strong, sustainable footing" and "we are in good financial shape". The introduction to the draft plan states: "We have looked closely at our spending over the next three years to ensure it is focused where it can do the most good". The plan includes a lower rates rise than previously predicted.

The Living Wage is a clear example of focussing Council's budget where it can do good. It is very clear that the implementation of the Living Wage at Wellington City Council is affordable.

The Wellington Mayor, Justin Lester, was reported in the New Zealand Herald as saying: "We wanted a prudent budget, a budget that was affordable, but that also ensures we treated our staff well."

He said previous experience showed paying a living wage could save money. When the Wellington City Council stopped contracting for parking officers and instead employed them directly at a living wage rate, they saved overall.

"Because previously the contractor was taking the majority of the benefit from the contract, and not the staff," Lester said. "We've had greater loyalty from staff, reduced turnover, and increased services, at a lower burden for ratepayers."ⁱ

Given the many local authorities that have introduced the Living Wage around the world, there is a large body of literature on the costs and benefits of doing so. International experience has been that initial estimates of the cost of implementing the Living Wage are almost always higher than what eventuates. For example, when Los Angeles introduced the Living Wage in 1997, it was predicted to cost somewhere between US\$30-40 million. However, the total increase to labour costs was \$US2.5 million.ⁱⁱ

Moving to the Current Living Wage for Directly-Employed Staff

E tū represents the WCC parking officers, whose wages have increased markedly by bringing their service in-house and moving their wages up closer to the living wage rate.

When they were brought in-house their wage rates were increased from \$15.30 an hour to \$18.40 an hour, which was then the living wage rate, but since that time due to a very inequitable WCC wage-setting system, their wage rates have barely increased even though the WCC parking service has been transformed and the expectation of their skills and service has increased.

Currently, the wage for parking officers is \$1.57 an hour below the NZ living wage rate of \$20.20 an hour.

Just as the increase from the minimum wage to the then-living wage transformed the lives of parking officers by reducing their excessive overtime, so too will the move to the NZ living wage rate.

The parking officers at the Hutt City Council are already paid above the \$20.20 an hour rate. The parking officers are very supportive of WCC efforts to not just to increase their wage rates but also to upgrade their status through this move. They are proud to work for WCC and proud of the moves by Council to adopt the living wage.

Council's own surveys show that introducing the Living Wage at Parking Services has lifted resident satisfaction and the skills of staff. Wellington City Council needs a stable, motivated staff to deliver quality services to residents.

Extending the Living Wage to Workers Employed by Contractors

It should be noted that our reference to "contractors" also refers to "sub-contractors" as the WCC contractors already sub-contract some of their council work to other organisations and without the inclusion of sub-contractors then more of this work will be sub-contracted.

Workers employed by contractors and sub-contractors are the most disadvantaged and the lowest paid of the council workers. They are low paid because the process of competitive tendering (minus any labour standards) means their wages, hours of work and jobs are always at risk from tender rounds. While council contracts have all sorts of minimum standards for the delivery of services, there are virtually no provisions that set out any labour standards.

Although Wellington City Council has taken some steps to address this by introducing a labour standard into the Spotless and Recon security contracts there is still a long way to go. There are still some council cleaners employed by contractors and sub-contractors who are paid the

minimum wage. There are recycling and other rubbish collection workers employed by contractors who are still paid poverty wages. These workers are an important part of the council workforce. Their work should be valued and services will improve with a stable, motivated and experienced workforce.

There are numerous reasons why all contract workers must be included in the implementation of the Living Wage. Apart from the fairness issues, if the Living Wage coverage does not include procured services then it incentivises the process of outsourcing services.

Assessing the cost of lifting the pay of workers employed via contractors to the Living Wage must take into account the benefits.

Paying the Living Wage benefits the city by ensuring a basic yet decent standard of living for workers and their families. The relationship between wages and well-being is well documented. Health, education, and social participation all improve when wages are lifted. Paying staff the Living Wage will ensure they can participate in the amenities of the city and have access to recreational and community facilities.

A prosperous economic environment depends on consumers having the spending power to support local business and the low-paid workers who would benefit from receiving the Living Wage spend their entire incomes on retail and basic services.

UK research has shown that paying the Living Wage benefits employers by reducing costs of turnover, improving morale and motivation of workers, and enhancing public image and reputation and can encourage more competitive industry.

Substantial research has been done on the benefits to employers, including the benefits to both employers and clients in extending the Living Wage to workers employed via contractors.

Paying a Living Wage can and should ensure staff, whether they are directly-employed or employed via a contractor, are well-trained and skilled to do their work. It provides an opportunity to require contractors to ensure all their staff are working towards or have formal qualifications (such as ITO qualifications). This is more achievable with a stable and long-serving workforce.

With reduced turnover and training, a skilled, qualified and experienced workforce will perform better and provide better service delivery for Wellington City and the community. For example, skilled, trained and experienced cleaners will achieve a better result and therefore Wellington City Council property and grounds will look better and people using the facilities will be more satisfied. This will also reduce the likelihood of infection and increase the safety of council facilities and grounds.

It is superficial to argue that these are benefits solely for the contractor and not the client. A more stable, productive workforce with greater morale will provide a better service for the Council and ultimately the people of Wellington City.

Seeking Accreditation as a Living Wage Employer

E tū supports WCC becoming an accredited living wage employer and using the living wage accreditation logo on its publications and signs.

Accreditation means that all directly-employed staff are paid the living wage and this is also extended to staff employed by contractors, who deliver ongoing and regular services to the employer.

Over 50% of UK councils are Living Wage councils and an increasing number are fully-accredited.

Vancouver Council has voted unanimously to become a Living Wage council. Mayor Gregor Robertson said: “A Living Wage has a direct impact on health and well-being, and helps create stronger local communities and economies. This motion will allow the city to lead by example, and encourage other organisations to join the living wage movement.”

The people of Wellington have shown strong support for Wellington leading the way to become New Zealand’s first official Living Wage council. Accredited Living Wage employers have six months each year after the updated Living Wage rate is announced to match that rate to maintain accreditation.

Becoming an accredited Living Wage employer will enable Wellington City council to show leadership in the city. It will encourage local employers to follow the Council’s example and join other accredited Living Wage employers, like Pivotal Print, La Boca Loca, Bicycle Junction and many faith-based and community organisations and unions.

We would like the opportunity of speaking to our submission.

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Submission to: **Wellington City Council 2017-2018 Annual Plan**

From: **Yon Yi Sohn**

Subject: **Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Park.**

This submission focuses on the proposed Annual Plan 2017/28 Financial overview: capital projects - key changes for 2017/18 - Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Park. This submission also relates to the Mayor and Councillors 3-year work programme Goal 3: people-focused, Area 2: community planning, facilities and utilisation of spaces; and Goal 5: improving how we work, Area 2: improved engagement.

Frank Kitts Redevelopment Plan and community opposition

The decision to re-phase Frank Kitts Park planning into 2018/2019 is timely, given the strong opposition from the community last year.

The resource consent application for the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment plan was made public in June 2016. The plan comprised of four elements; 1) levelling of amphitheatre to create a “Harbour Lawn”, 2) redevelopment of children’s playground, 3) establishment of Chinese garden, and 4) creation of Upper lawn.

The application met with a strong public opposition, including Dave Armstrong’s column “is plonking a Chinese garden in an already popular park a good move?” (18/07/16) and Dominion Post editorial “Think again on harbour garden – a welcome addition, but not on the waterfront” (23/12/16). Numerous letters to editorial followed, including “Park plan flawed” (11/11/16), “Wrong site” (15/11/16), “Move garden” (21/11/16), “WCC is wrong on Chinese Garden” (22/12/16), and “Use reclaimed land” (27/12/16), to name a few.

There were 107 submissions on the resource consent application, with 57 against. There were 15 presenters during the 3-day Resource Consent Hearing in October 2016, with 10 against.

An online petition site (change.org: Save Frank Kitts Park) was set up mid- 2016, and the number stands at 3,181 (as of 15/05/2017). Paper petition campaign was launched early 2017 and the number stands at 1,189 (as of 15/05/2017).

There are now two appeals against the resource consent, and five section 274 parties supporting the appeals (including Alexia Pickering who sadly passed away recently).

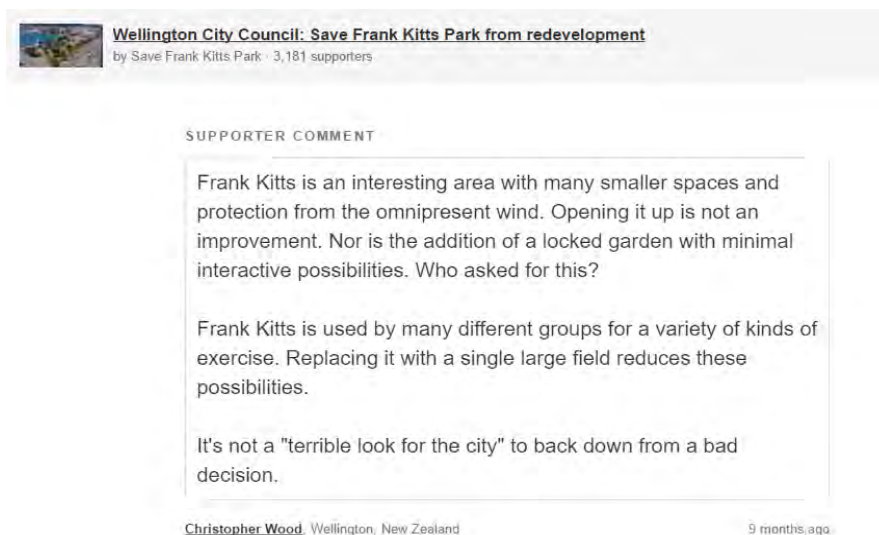
Frank Kitts Park redevelopment plan with a \$5.5 million budget

According to the report to the Resource Consents Hearing Committee, Wellington City Council states that Frank Kitts Park is “highly utilised during the week by caregivers and children, exercise groups, food stalls and office workers, and during the weekend by a wide mix of users (motorised cars, underground market and food stalls etc.). “ (Service Request No.358352, 16 September 2016)

Frank Kitts Park is also a popular venue for many events including Relay for Life, Round the Bay race, Dragon boat race, Homegrown concerts, and Lux festival of lights, to name a few. These events make the most of the flexible setting of Frank Kitts Park, including the amphitheatre and surrounding greens and pavement areas.

Why then, one would ask, there is a plan to redevelop this popular park with a \$5.5 million budget while there are many other areas that require urgent funding such as building resilience, public housing, and so on.

Below is the “most liked” comments among the 3,181 petition on change.org: Save Frank Kitts Park.



(<https://www.change.org/p/wellington-city-council-save-frank-kitts-park-from-redevelopment/c/491282228>)

The decision to place Chinese garden on Frank Kitts Park lacks community consultation.

The 2006 design brief does not provide any survey, research or public consultation result for the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment. The only direction it states is “Integrate a Chinese garden that is in the order of 3,000 square meters. The design of the park and the Chinese garden must be fully integrated.”

According to the Waterfront Framework (April 2001), the Leadership group notes that “the Chinese community has indicated the area to the east of Te Papa is its preferred location (page 36)”.

The “area east of Te Papa” is still empty and thus available.



It's time to listen to the community opinion on Frank Kitts Park and search for alternative site for Chinese garden

In 2007, Wellington Civic Trust made a submission on Draft Waterfront Development Plan 2007/08 and encouraged Wellington City Council to undertake wider community consultation for the location of Chinese Garden.

“Time should be utilized to engage in wider consultation as to the most suitable location for the Chinese Garden.” (<http://www.wellingtoncivictrust.org/resources/key-submissions>)

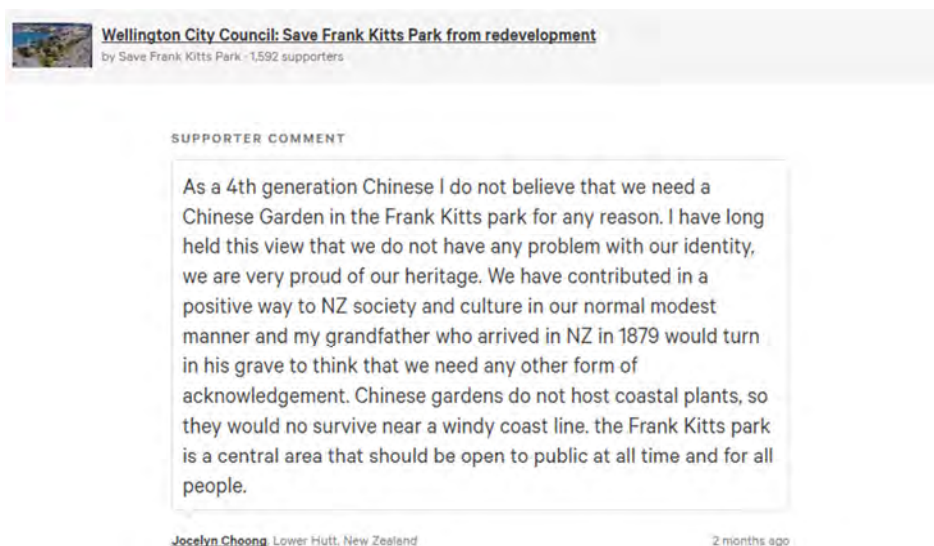
The most frequently suggested site for Chinese garden from 3,181 online petition comments is Botanic Gardens. The simple exercise of looking at the comments and counting how many times Botanic Gardens were mentioned would give a good indication where the community wants to have the Chinese garden.

Rather than pursuing Frank Kitts Park which is strongly opposed by the community, the Wellington City Council should consider other areas such as “The area east of Te Papa” as originally intended or “Botanic Gardens” as suggested by the community. There are no doubt other areas that should be considered before a final decision is made.

Neither of the above two sites requires \$5.5 million ratepayer’s money to revamp the area to accommodate Chinese garden.

In conclusion, my submission is to urge Wellington City Council to continue put a hold on Frank Kitts Park redevelopment plan which is strongly opposed by the community, and take a fresher look at the location of Chinese garden with wider community consultation and proper evaluation.

Let’s engage the community for the projects that affect the community. Let’s not repeat Island Bay Cycle way experience.



(<https://www.change.org/p/wellington-city-council-save-frank-kitts-park-from-redevelopment/c/491282228>)

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Dear Justin

GWRC submission on the draft Wellington City Council Annual Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Wellington City Council (WCC) draft Annual Plan 2017-2018 Consultation. GWRC wishes to make the following comments.

Draft three year work programme

More resilient: Focus area 1- More resilient infrastructure

GWRC supports bringing forward planned transport corridor improvements as this would considerably improve public transport travel times. We suggest more work could be done to consider public transport diversions and alternative routes, given that many suburbs may be cut off in the event of floods and slips.

More resilient: Focus area 3 – Connected and prepared communities

GWRC notes the absence of public transport considerations in relation to the connected and prepared communities focus area. We suggest highlighting factors such as people's ability to walk home in the event of a major natural event when public transport services are down.

Smarter growth: Focus area 1 – Economic and job growth

We note WCC's acknowledgement of increased congestion in Wellington due to a growing economy, and recommend highlighting the role that public transport can play in reducing congestion and efficiently connecting people with job markets. Obviously this work will need to be consistent with the Lets Get Wellington Moving proposals.

Smarter growth: Focus area 2 – Housing people

GWRC believes that medium density housing should be supported by strong public transport connections. A particular area of concern is around Newlands and the northern suburbs where public transport services suffer as a result of the congested road network. GWRC would like to work with WCC to prioritise faster moving public transport services to support medium density housing.

Smarter growth: Focus area 3 – Designing our city for growth

GWRC supports increased uptake of active and public transport modes, and working together to increase uptake of these modes, through initiatives like bus priority. We recommend including public transport- related roading improvements under the proposals.

More sustainable: Focus area 3- Low carbon capital

GWRC supports this focus area. Wherever it is appropriate, we would like to work in partnership with WCC on actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city. One area in which GWRC can assist is to help identify bus priority measures that make public transport options more accessible and attractive. This too will need to be consistent with the Let's Get Wellington Moving proposals.

Updates to the Long Term Plan

Making Wellington predator free

We support WCC's commitment to working toward a Predator Free Wellington. WCC's funding for this project is critical to the restoration of indigenous biodiversity in Wellington City. It is also an important contribution to the Government's national-level goals for a Predator Free 2050.

Anti-social street activity

GWRC supports this initiative and is keen to be involved. We are concerned about the antisocial behaviour occurring at bus stops, and in particular at the Wellington bus interchange (including drug abuse and homelessness). We agree that a new approach is required to address these issues.

Joint Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

GWRC strongly supports the draft WMMP's goal of reducing waste to landfill in the region by a third over the next decade, and the commitment of the region's territorial authorities to work together to achieve this objective.

Other comments

Whaitua process

GWRC has established a whaitua process as part of our commitment to giving effect to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management to develop a programme aimed at improving the management of land and water in each catchment area. This has involved setting up a whaitua committee made up of local community members, as well as iwi, territorial authority and GWRC representatives. The whaitua process for the Hutt Valley and Wellington will begin in the second half of 2017 and will run for approximately two years. The whaitua committee will develop a whaitua Implementation Programme that will lead to a change to the Proposed Natural Resources Plan.



GWRC requests that WCC ensures staff resourcing is made available to input into this upcoming whitua process. This will require at least one to two days of staff time a week during the set-up phase, as well as ongoing project team involvement, which will involve fieldtrips, community engagement meetings and whitua committee meetings.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Laura McKim, Strategic Advisor, Strategic and Corporate Planning by phone on 04 831 3314 or by email at laura.mckim@gw.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Laidlaw".

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The Voice of Heritage

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Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's draft Annual Plan 2017/18.

Historic Places Wellington (HPW) is a community group who advocate for the identification, protection, and conservation of historic places in the Wellington Region. We are a member based group and consist of heritage professional, academics, and concerned residents. We are affiliated with the national organisation Historic Places Aotearoa.

HPW aims to work in cooperation with local authorities, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and other organisation in the Wellington regional concerned with the preservation of historic heritage.

We consider that the identification, protection, and conservation of historic places contribute to creating a vibrant and engaging city. HPW wish to see Wellington as such a place. By achieving these aims a deeper connection with a place can be established which contributes to a vibrant and engaged city and public.

If there is an opportunity, we would like to be heard.

Our submission is in Schedule 1.

Regards,

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Schedule 1: Submission by Historic Places Wellington

Plan Change Provision	Support/Oppose/ Amend	Submission/Reason	Relief Sought Key: <u>underline</u> = addition strikethrough = deletion
Changes to Long-term Plan			
<p>(D) Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture</p> <p>Expand Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new public event celebrating Matariki • A diverse, city focussed outdoor event series 	Support with Amendments	<p>HPW is generally supportive of both new events but would like an emphasis on Maori heritage and historic places within Wellington to be included in the celebration.</p> <p>HPW considers it important that Maori heritage and historic places are promoted within Wellington City as there is a lack of the recognition of Maori's historic places currently. Matariki is a chance to also emphasize the history of Te Upoko-o-te-Ika alongside Matariki celebrations.</p>	<p>Amend:</p> <p>Expand Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new public event celebrating Matariki <u>and Maori heritage in Wellington City</u>
(D) Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture	New Provision	<p><u>Interpretative Heritage Plaques</u></p> <p>Establish the funding of interpretative plaques around the city, either mounted on buildings or in the footpath, noting the historical significance of a place. Similar to the 1840 Shoreline or the Tinkakori Road plaques. HPW considers that these plaques provide a simple and accessible understanding of historic places and add to the vibrancy of the urban environment. HPW would consider to help fund plaques around the city and other community groups have also shown an interest in funding such projects.</p>	<p>New Provision:</p> <p>Expand Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The funding of interpretative historical plaques in Wellington City</u>
(D) Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture	New Provision	<p><u>Wellington City Heritage Week</u></p> <p>In collaboration with community groups and other organisations, contribute to a Wellington City Heritage Week which celebrates the city's heritage and impressive heritage buildings. HPW and Heritage New Zealand is currently organising a Wellington City Heritage Week for October 2017 but would like to see Council contribute to the project formally in the future. As shown at the opening of Antrim House on Waitangi Day 2017 when hundreds of people came through in 4 hours, there is a strong demand for such a celebration.</p>	<p>New Provision:</p> <p>Expand Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A Wellington City Heritage Week in collaboration with</u>

			<u>community groups and organisations</u>
(G) Improving community engagement Expand community engagement resources for key projects	Support	HPW is supportive of the provision. Community groups should be consulted as default in matters relevant to their interests. Early engagement with community groups would lead to an improvement in Council/community relationships and help the dispersal of information. HPW would appreciate being consulted on for matters of historic places and heritage in Wellington City.	Retain.
(J) Wellington Town Hall strengthening/Music Hub Town Hall earthquake strengthening	Support	HPW is supportive of the provision. The Town Hall is an asset that should be maintained. The high cost is significant, however creating a public space that is central to Wellington's civic history will socially and culturally pay off in the long term.	Retain.
(K) Resilience initiatives Carry out a resilience assessment of 500 Wellington homes and develop a programme to remove brick chimneys and secure subfloor structures	Amend	HPW is generally supportive of the intention behind the provision, given that it is to reduce the risk to human life from falling brick chimneys, however it is considered that the current wording may be destructive to historic places. Chimneys are an integral part of a building's architectural value, especially to historical places. By removing a chimney it may reduce the historical value of a place. While HPW generally supports improving dangerous buildings, HPW would like to see that the historical significance of chimneys is considered within these resilience assessments with securing, replacement, and non-removal options included alongside removal.	Amend: Carry out a resilience assessment of 500 Wellington homes and develop a programme to remove brick chimneys <u>reduce the risk to human life from brick chimneys</u> and <u>to</u> secure subfloor structures.
The 3 Year Work Programme			
Goal 3: People-focused Capital of Culture	Support	HPW supports the Goal for Wellington City to become the Capital of Culture. Additional support to historic places and their identification would support achieving this goal.	Retain.

Engagement IdeasIdentification and consultation with established community groups on relevant projects

With many projects in Wellington City it is clear which organisations may have an interest. It is proposed that established community groups are engaged proactively by the Council to consult early in the process with projects that are relevant to their interests. If this is achieved then communities would feel a greater ownership and connection with the city and Council. This will likely lead to less community backlash to projects, better outcomes, and a clearer line of communication between Council and interested organisations.

It is considered that Historic Places Wellington is an established community group that should be consulted on all issues dealing with historic places and heritage in Wellington City. HPW would welcome a closer relationship with the Council and seek to work together as a constructive partnership. For example, the Museum Stand at Basin Reserve should have been consulted on with HPW before the Master Plan was developed.

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Victoria University of Wellington Submissions on Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017-18 and Draft Triennium Plan 2016-19

Victoria University of Wellington is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on Wellington City Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018 and the associated Draft Triennium Plan 2016-2019. The University has supported the content and direction of the Council's previous annual plans and, once again, supports the broad direction for the current drafts.

As the largest and oldest tertiary education provider in Wellington, and one of the region's biggest employers, Victoria University plays a vital role in the city. We contribute around \$1 billion to the regional economy every year, employ more than 2,500 staff, and educate more than 20,000 students.

In addition to providing access to tertiary education, continuing education and professional and executive development programmes, Victoria University's academic staff conduct research of the highest quality. We offer a full calendar of public events and have extensive local, national, and international connections. As New Zealand's capital city university, Victoria plays a major role as a critic and conscience of society.

Victoria works closely with the Council on a broad range of initiatives that contribute to the city and the wellbeing of its people. It is, therefore, with great interest that we read the Council's draft plans, and we have a number of comments set out below.

Affordable Housing

We strongly agree with the Mayor's statement in the introduction to the Draft Annual Plan that affordable, high-quality housing should be available to everyone in Wellington. This is particularly important for Victoria, given our aim to double the student population over the next twenty to thirty years. Finding suitable and affordable accommodation is already a concern for our students and these pressures will only increase.

While the Council must show leadership on these issues, we submit that the most effective way of increasing the supply and improving the quality of housing is likely to be a range of public-private partnerships. In addition to the measures proposed by the Council, we recommend that consideration also be given to how new housing areas developed further out from the CBD would be serviced by public transport.

We understand that the provision of public transport is an issue for the Greater Wellington Regional Council, but we urge the WCC and GWRC to work together closely to ensure that additional housing stock is serviced in such a way that residents are still able to conveniently access the CBD. In addition, we suggest that there may be a need for increased housing intensification within the CBD and inner suburbs, where road and public transport infrastructure can support an increased population.

Beyond increasing the supply of affordable housing, we would also support initiatives that encouraged sustainable design in new housing. Sustainability in housing design is a way of supporting a number of the Council's other goals set out in the Annual and Triennium Plans, specifically ensuring a low carbon capital and a healthier living environment, and enhancing Wellington's reputation as a clean, green and safe city. Victoria's Faculty of Architecture and Design, and the cross-University [Sustainability and Resilience academic theme](#) would be pleased to discuss these possibilities in more detail.

Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture

We are fully supportive of this general aim. Creativity is one of the traditional strengths of Victoria University and we are working to foster even greater cross-disciplinary collaboration across the University under the academic theme of [Cultivating Creative Capital](#).

The University will soon open its Miramar Creative Centre in Park Rd. This co-location with the Weta group of companies and Park Rd Post Production will greatly enhance collaboration, provide world-class educational opportunities, and help attract more international students.

We believe that our efforts are complementary to those of the Council. When the Council is considering how to promote Wellington's creative sector, we would welcome opportunities to discuss how the University's own resources could contribute to these efforts, and how our staff and students could be involved.

One-stop-shop delivery of key Council services

We strongly support the Council's plans to develop a one-stop-shop approach for Council services. As a major employer, landowner, and public organisation, we deal with the Council on numerous matters every year and would greatly welcome the introduction of a case management system, involving a single point of contact at the Council who we could liaise with on all planning, development and operational matters.

Improving community engagement

We support, in principle, the Council's aspirations to improve their community engagement. Civic engagement has been central to Victoria from our founding in 1897, and continues to guide our work. We strongly encourage the Council to look for ways to involve the city and its people more effectively in key projects.

We encourage Council to look at being more innovative in the way it creates strong community engagement. For instance, it can procure ideas from public sources through initiatives such as the Local Government Accelerator rather than use consultants. This was recently pitched to the Mayor and Chief Executive by Stefan Korn (Creative HQ) and Professor Frazer Allan (Victoria).

Low Carbon Capital

As we have stated on various occasions, we are strongly in favour of the Council's Low Carbon Capital Plan. The plan's overarching goals align closely with the University's own Strategic Plan, which pursues a divestment from fossil fuels and lays the foundation for initiatives encouraging sustainable practices and processes.

We have a history of collaborating with the Council on sustainability initiatives, and we welcome the opportunity to continue this partnership by helping deliver initiatives on our campuses and providing academic input into the Council's plans. Specifically, we recommend the Council take advantage of the expertise of our Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability), Associate Professor Marjan van den Belt, who is an international leader in this field and heads our Sustainability Office.

The transport component of the Low Carbon Capital Plan has the most significant impact on Victoria's operations. Of particular importance is the advocacy role that the Council can play in working with the Greater Wellington Regional Council to introduce a student discount on public transport. The University and the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association have been involved with this campaign for many years, and we have been heartened by recent comments that such a discount is now being actively considered. As housing affordability becomes an increasingly pressing issue for the city and our students, we urge Wellington City Council to join us in making affordable public transport for students a priority for the region.

Wellington Town Hall Strengthening/Music Hub

We strongly support the Council's plans to earthquake strengthen the Wellington Town Hall and redevelop the main auditorium, Debating Chamber and Ilott Room to provide central city rehearsal and performance spaces for Victoria's New Zealand School of Music (NZSM) and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO). Victoria's Council has approved funding of more than \$10m towards the first stage of this project.

Victoria's Council has also approved in principle a second stage of development, to create a nationally significant centre of musical excellence, with the earthquake-strengthened and restored Wellington Town Hall at its heart, and with adjoining buildings providing a central city home to the NZSM and NZSO. Because of the significant costs involved in the second stage of development, the University and the NZSO will require a successful campaign to raise at least 16% of the overall cost of the project through philanthropic and partnership financial support, with the University and the NZSO meeting the remainder of the second stage development costs.

Investment in this proposed national centre of musical excellence is closely aligned with Victoria University's vision of being a world-leading capital city university and one of the great global-civic universities. It will provide world-class venues for performances by the NZSM, many of which will be open to the public, along with unique opportunities for NZSM students to work with NZSO and form other industry connections, both while they are studying and once they graduate.

Co-locating one of Victoria's major creative schools with another significant national institution (NZSO) alongside Wellington's civic administration centre is a significant community partnership that will ensure the capital city thrives, will showcase Wellington as an international centre of educational, creative and cultural excellence, and bring new talent to the region.

Resilience Initiatives

We support the Council's proposal to use building structure sensors to provide information for designing new buildings. We are currently in discussion with the Council about installing sensors in three buildings on our campuses, and look forward to working closely with the Council on this initiative.

General Comments – Triennium Plan 2016-19

We support the five broad goals that structure the Council's draft annual and triennium plans, namely:

1. Making Wellington more resilient
2. Ensuring smarter growth
3. Making the city people-focussed
4. Making the city more sustainable
5. Improving the way Council works.

In general, we believe that the Council has prioritised the right focus areas under each goal for the Annual Plan 2017-18. However, as one of Wellington's largest employers with ambitious growth plans, we strongly encourage the Council to also maintain a focus on sustainable economic development and job growth (Goal 2, Focus Area 1) as an immediate priority.

We support many of the proposals set out under this Focus Area and have already taken steps that closely align with these initiatives. In particular, we support:

- *Business Improvement Districts*

We have recently finalised an agreement with Miramar Creative Limited that will establish a new, state-of-the-art educational facility in the heart of Miramar's film district. The aim is to give our students a direct link to world leading practitioners and industry leading experts in Wellington's film sector.

- *Tech hub expansion.*

We have strong links with Wellington's tech sector through the ICT Graduate School, which delivers a number of Masters programmes to develop talent, ideas and connections that can fuel growth.

- *Meaningful jobs and economic development and diversification.*

Victoria is a major participant in Wellington's start-up community, with VicLink providing advice and support for students and staff looking to commercialise their research. VicLink also runs the annual Victoria Entrepreneur Bootcamp in collaboration with The BizDojo and Creative HQ to help Victoria students turn their ideas into viable businesses. In addition, we have close links with WREDA, as I serve as a board member. More generally, we are eager to work closely with the Council to help develop a local and regional economy that provides meaningful job choices for Victoria University graduates. This is important to retain youthful talent in the city after they graduate, and give these future leaders an opportunity to make the most of their education to invigorate our businesses, industry, community groups, and public service.

We also support the proposals set out under Goal 4 that encourage a transition to a sustainable future, in particular the delivery of the Low Carbon Capital Plan and climate adaptation planning; enhancing urban ecology through the work on laneway development, Predator Free Wellington and Our Natural Capital; improving transport through cycling and electric vehicle infrastructure and the advocacy for affordable public transport; and the initiatives to reduce waste to landfill.

These are all areas where Victoria has collaborated with the Council through research and/or operational initiatives and wishes to continue to build on this strong relationship.

In addition, we encourage consideration of the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a unique opportunity to bring together multiple, interconnected domains of interest, required for a sustainable future.

On behalf of the University, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan 2017-18 and the Draft Triennium Plan 2016-19.

Yours sincerely



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Dear WCC,

I would like to submit feedback on the WCC's Annual Plan.

I feel that food and beverage is a huge part of Wellington culture and a large part what makes this such an amazing city to live in and it should be included and acknowledged in the Annual Plan. Beervana, Wellington On A Plate, Budburst, Wine & Food Festival, The Food Show all draw huge numbers of people to our awesome city and are also a large part of why so many people chose to live here. We have more restaurants and bars per capita than New York City and this should be celebrated and acknowledged in Council Annual Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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SUBMISSION ON 2017 – 2018 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

I request the opportunity to speak to my submission.

1. Wellington Waterfront

I recommend the Council

- Review and revise the Annual Plan to align its objectives to preserve the existing green spaces on the waterfront.
- Re-draft future expenditures from that perspective.
- Enact an immediate moratorium on any further buildings or walled structures on the waterfront.
- Review current consultation efforts with a view to include civic groups, such as Waterfront Watch, Civic Trust, CCS Disability Action, Historic Places Wellington, children's advocates, and local iwi to ensure community perspective influences Council decisions before proceeding to a resource consent.

Rationale:

- The overwhelming majority of Wellington residents have historically and recently expressed their strong preference to retain as much open space on the Waterfront.
- Public opinion consistently support open space on the waterfront - meaning no more buildings - and if any structures are built at all they should not be buildings.
- Since the last census an additional 25,000 people now live in Wellington, and the majority of those new residents live in the CBD. They require open space, and very little flat land remains in the CBD for family outings, recreation and sports.

- Since the Framework was completed in 2001 two buildings have been placed on the waterfront with yet another under construction on Site 10. These buildings absorb considerable space of the waterfront that had not been constructed when the Framework was developed.
- Since the Framework was adopted no more open public space has been created on the waterfront; only lost.
- In order to achieve the 65% open spaces required for the waterfront traffic lanes and pedestrian crossing must be included in the calculation. These spaces do not allow on-going activities because they are interrupted by traffic flow.
- Public use of publicly owned land should not be confined to corridors, lanes and promenades but should be open tracts sufficiently flexible to allow multiple uses through the seasons and without obstruction for many years.
- City Shaper and its predecessor, Waterfront Ltd, have held Waterfront Watch at arm's length during the discussion and planning process for this and other waterfront developments although WW has had, since 1995, as its core objective to "protect the Wellington waterfront", and WW has consistently attempted to be included in the design process for all developments on the waterfront.
- The desire of people to sit on grass in the Wellington CBD is clear by the numbers who use the artificial turf now in the Civic Centre courtyard. It is a somewhat ironic admission that even Council acknowledges the public preference for green – even though fake – open space.

I recommend the Council:

- Suspend the proposed reconstruction of Frank Kitts Park and retain the amphitheatre and promenade wall.

Rationale:

- The consultation process for the proposal was minimal and cursory.
1. The public consultation conducted in 2015 was limited and cursory and produced no meaningful results. ("Consultation Process and Results,

Proposed Waterfront Development Plan 2015 - May 2015", by Resource Management Group Ltd, May 2015)

- That effort achieved only 240 responses in 30 days
- Of that total, only 33 could be described as supporting the redevelopment, and only 16 supported the Chinese Garden being in that location.

2. The Change.org online petition (Save Frank Kitts Park) has produced much richer content and comments and both the numbers participating and the quality of the comments show the level of interest about the redevelopment proposal, but also the public outrage when given an opportunity to comment.

- Approximately 3200 online signatures for the petition
- Weekend conversations by volunteers with Frank Kitts Park users collected over 1,100 signatures on paper petitions opposing the rebuild and location of the Chinese Garden. This result, again conducted only by volunteers, required only a couple of hours a day over several weekends.

I recommend the Council:

- Relocate the Chinese Garden to a more appropriate location.

Rationale:

- I enthusiastically support the development of a Chinese Garden in a location other than the waterfront, especially a location more appropriate to an enclosed garden, such as the originally agreed upon location beside Te Papa, the Botanic Garden, within the proposed new Chinese Embassy, or at a location directly connected with the history of Chinese and Chinese settlement in Wellington, such as on or about Haining Street.
- I oppose building the Garden on the waterfront because the 4 metre high walls of the design will further limit the already small amount of open space on the waterfront, and break up the current excellent design flowing from one section of the park to the other, creating a wide expanse of usable, open space.
- Further the proposal to lock the Garden at night would create a boxed off space similar to a building at a location which is currently freely accessible to everyone at any time of the day or night.
- The goal of tranquility in the Garden would halt the popular uses of FKP for cultural festivals, sports events, children's picnics, and music concerts. The proposal ignores those uses, and proposes no alternatives to locate

those activities; Waitangi Park is not suitable since it is soggy too often.

- I further object to the use of foreign labour to build the Garden, as proposed by Wellington City Council, since there appears to be no wage or safety protection under the proposal.
- By proposing to build yet another structure on the waterfront, Wellington City Council has again abandoned its responsibility to the public for maintaining access to the very limited open spaces on the waterfront.
- The proposal requires Wellington City ratepayers to bear the larger portion of the building costs for the Garden - \$5.5 million of the total \$6.5 million.

I recommend the Council:

- Prioritise the reconstruction of the Town Hall, and allocate all available funds toward this project.

Rationale:

- The Town Hall is the heart of the civic centre, and is a link to the history of Wellington City, as well a functioning as a modern convention and events centre.
- The acoustics in the building are known for the brilliant acoustics and sound quality.
- The various spaces of the building, including the auditorium, Council Chamber, Illot Theatre performance and meeting areas are unique to Wellington, and provide a range of space for public use.
- I support the proposal for the joint programme for renovation and strengthening announced in May 20016 with Council, the New Zealand Symphony, and Victoria University's School of Music. A brilliant idea.

I recommend the Council:

- All projects undertaken by Council will be guaranteed to be in compliance with the 2004 Building Act and respective Compliance Documents.

Rationale:

- Council bears the legal responsibility to determine if a proposed design meets the requirements of the 2004 Building Act and respective Compliance Documents.
- The RMA does not require plans submitted to Council to meet a requirement for access.

- The Submission filed by Alexia Pickering on 12 January 2017 to the Environment Court objects to the proposed rebuild of Frank Kitts Park, the location of the Chinese Garden in the park, and the total inaccessibility of the design of the Garden as submitted and granted resource consent.
- That submission, probably her last, reflects the subject matter expertise of Alexia Pickering based on her training, education, and her life's work.

Sincerely

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30 April 2017

Dear Council

The Wellington City Council 2017 /18 Annual Plan in support of our most vulnerable families

I write on behalf of the many staff and volunteers who are part of The Salvation Army's work in Wellington, but most importantly on behalf of the thousands of people in Wellington we assist every year who reach out to us for help and support.

We congratulate the Wellington City Council for its consideration of social issues and how it can support those most in need through its 'Building a better city – Mayor and Councillors draft 3 year work programme'. We found several opportunities specified that we would like to continue to support the Wellington City Council in, including:

- Goal 1: More Resilient; Focus Area 3: Connected and prepared communities
 - A specific focus on engaging communities (including cultural communities) and improving the connectedness, preparedness, adaptation and resilience in suburban communities and the central city
 - This is of particular interest to The Salvation Army given the number of direct engagements we have with many communities throughout Wellington, including many different cultural communities
- Goal 2: People focused; Focus Area 2: Housing people
 - We would welcome the opportunity to continue working with Wellington City Council on its goal to reduce homelessness through effective wrap around service and improved referral, including inter-agency referral
 - Every day we work directly and through other agencies with families and individuals with housing issues in our city, something The Salvation Army has been involved in in Wellington for over 100 years
- Goal 3: People focused; Focus Area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city
 - Reduce social deprivation / inequality by working with communities and stakeholders, advocating for and supporting our most vulnerable
 - This fundamental social issue involves capacity and capability that The Salvation Army has, and is committed to increasing.

Increasing and improving social outcomes in Wellington

The establishment of the Wellington South Salvation Army Hope Centre is an exciting new initiative that presents an opportunity to revolutionise the manner in which The Salvation Army engages with and supports those most in need within our communities. We would like to take this opportunity to inform Wellington Council about this project and seek your support to ensure it achieves the best possible outcome without draining other essential social services in the region.

Background

The Salvation Army has had a presence within central Wellington for over 120 years. During this time tens of thousands of people have received vital support and assistance to ensure that they lead healthy and fulfilled lives. The social service provided during this time have varied and changes as the social needs of the community have changed – from children’s homes to support for addicts, The Salvation Army has done all that it can to bring about positive social change.

Today, within the Newtown area The Salvation Army provides the following services:

- Bridge : support for those with drug and alcohol addictions
- Oasis : support for those affected by harmful gambling
- Emergency & transitional social housing support
- A community drop in centre
- A social worker service that provides direct support to clients as well as a referral service to other agencies
- A food bank service
- A pre-school play group providing a service to over 100 families
- An early childhood education centre
- A local church community
- A Family Store providing affordable 2nd hand goods, as well as income to provide financial operational support to a number of the above mentioned services.

All of the above services are valued and well utilised by the surrounding communities. However, each of these services operates as separate entities scattered across multiple sites.

Issue

The current physical and structural separation of the above services does not provide an effective and convenient ‘wrap around’ service for our clients, nor do the current operating structures promote internal efficiencies.

For example, we believe that up to 25% of clients that are referred from one Salvation Army service to another do not manage to make the ‘connection’ in part due to the physical distance between the services and the need to ‘re-engage’ at each service.

Objective

1. To provide a seamless and effective service experience ensuring clients are treated with dignity and respect, and have easy access a range of tailored social services.
2. To evolve a new operational model that promotes efficiencies through shared services and a progressive management structure.

Outcomes

As a result of realising the objectives we expect to realise outcomes such as:

- Increased levels of client satisfaction
- Increased levels of client transition to healthy independence
- Increased levels of effective inter-service referral
- Increased levels of collaboration between services
- 'Back office' financial efficiencies
- Increase staff and volunteer satisfaction

Solution

Later this year, The Salvation Army will open the Wellington South Hope Centre in Newtown, Wellington. This centre will enable all of the previously mentioned services to co-locate in one location. Capital funding for this complex is being provided by The Salvation Army (90%) with the remaining 10% being provided by external supporters.

The physical co-location of services is not new to The Salvation Army. There are a number of examples within New Zealand where this has been successfully done. However, the individual services have operated to some degree in isolation – as separate self-sustained entities.

The Wellington South Hope Centre offers The Salvation Army a unique opportunity. Not only will it be the first Salvation Army centre within New Zealand to co-locate such a wide and varied volume of services, it will also look to introduce a new model of working.

Propose Model

The Salvation Army has historically employed a highly hierarchical operational model. It is our intention to implement a new operational model at the Wellington South Hope Centre that will include:

- Board governance, including external community representation
- Cross functional leadership
- Cross functional shared support services
- Integrated reception and client engagement service

The below diagram provides a greater level of detail in relation to the proposed model



The introduction of both an Integrated Mission Facilitator role and a Corporate Services Manager along with this cross functional management approach is a significant operational change for The Salvation Army, and if proven successful will significant influence the way in which The Salvation Army structures its services nationwide.

This proposed model continues to be discussed and developed as we look to identify a solution that will assist us to effectively deliver our objectives and outcomes.

Research & Evaluation

With the introduction of this significant change it is vital that comprehensive research & evaluation is undertaken.

Ideally this research would include both quantitative and qualitative content undertaken pre, during and post implementation. The research should also consider assessing the impact on both client and staff.

The evaluation would provide evidence as to the level of success obtained towards achieving the objectives and outcomes. It would also provide recommendations for further enhancements to the operational model.

Request for Support from Wellington City Council

This project is clearly aligned with the plans and intentions of Wellington City Council. The success of this project will ensure the success of a number of initiatives outlined in the Mayor and Councillors draft 3-year work programme.

The Salvation Army is currently in the process of approaching a number of potential donors and funders for the support required to successfully deliver this project. These approaches include existing Salvation Army donors, prominent Wellington community and business leaders and private trusts who support the work of The Salvation Army. All supporters are being offered the opportunity to pledge their support over a period of three years.

The Salvation Army is requesting Wellington City Council make a capital contribution of \$500,000, approximately 3% of the project costs, during the next three to four years. This contribution will be directly aligned with the Council's goals and focus areas, as outlined earlier. This level of contribution would also be a great motivation and assurance to other financial supporters of this transformational project.

We would be more than happy to discuss any aspect of this proposal with you in greater detail or answer any questions you might have, and look forward to presenting this to you during the submission hearings.

Thank you for considering this request for support. We hope that the opportunity it presents excites you as much as it does us!

Yours sincerely

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**Wellington Chamber of Commerce Submission
to Wellington City Council
on its Annual Plan 2017/18 and its Triennium Plan 2016-2019
May 2017**

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

The Wellington Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) has been the voice of business in the Wellington region for 161 years since 1856 and advocates for policies that reflect the interest of Wellington's business community, in both the city and region, and the development of the Wellington economy as a whole. We are also the hub Chamber for the lower North Island, and work with the Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Dannevirke, Manawatu, Whanganui, Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua and Hutt Valley Chambers of Commerce.

The Chamber is accredited through the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce network and as part of our wider organisation is also one of the four regional organisations of BusinessNZ. Our organisation also delivers membership services through Business Central to the Central New Zealand region, and ExportNZ to Central New Zealand.

INTRODUCTION

The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/18 (the Annual Plan).

As a considerable contributor to Wellington City's rate-take, the business community has a significant interest in the planning and operation of Wellington City Council (the Council).

The Chamber is supportive of the proposed changes to the Long Term Plan via the Annual Plan Consultation Document, and the Triennium Plan.

The Chamber has chosen to comment on specific sections of the documents and has no comment on sections of the documents which are not present in this submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chamber welcomes Council's restraint in minimising the rates increase to 3.3 per cent, but would point out that this is still higher than both Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

The Chamber notes that the increase in rates accommodates a rough 80:20 split between capital expenditure and operational expenditure in terms of applications of funding. However, we believe 20 per cent is still too high for operational expenditure spending. We also believe Council needs to reassess its 'business as usual' activity.

We would also note that we are concerned that \$134.6 million worth of capital expenditure funding has been re-phased, meaning this simply pushes depreciation and interest further down the line, as opposed to direct savings as Council has stated. We would also like to see increased transparency for budget creep on Council projects.

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Regarding the Triennium Plan, the Chamber is supportive of Council's goals around resilience, smarter growth, people, sustainability and improving processes and community engagement.

ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18

COUNCIL FINANCES

Rates Increase

The Chamber welcomes Council's restraint, minimising the 2017/18 rates increase to 3.3 per cent, especially in light of the many spending pressures placed on Council finances. We are pleased that the rates increase is well below the forecasted increase of 5.1 per cent in the Long Term Plan.

However, when comparing the increase to inflation adjusted terms, the latest CPI increase to December 2016 was 1.3 per cent – a high point throughout 2016. The average CPI increase over the year was just 0.6 per cent. This is significantly lower than the Council's rates increase.

We would also note that the Council's 3.3 per cent rates increase is still higher than BERL's projected Local Government Cost Index, of an average of 3.06 per cent over ten years (projected at the time of the 10 Year Plan). While our members do not think this index is an appropriate benchmark for rates increases, preferring increases to inflation as a better indexing instrument, we note this is the benchmark the Council has used in previous years. Over the three years since the 10 Year plan was released, Wellington City Council has increased the rates above LGCI every year – from 4.9 per cent in 2015/16, 3.6 per cent in 2016/17, and now a proposed 3.3 per cent in 2017/18.

We are also intrigued about which activities have reprioritised by Council and how this assessment took place. As we have raised before, we believe Council needs to fully assess its 'business as usual' activity. We believe all services provided should be assessed to find efficiencies and make better uses of technologies available. We would recommend that a line by line exercise should be undertaken by officers, to provide council with a clear picture of each business as usual item, to start to look at how savings, efficiencies and productivity could be raised. The Chamber would be happy to be involved in such an exercise.

Rates Allocation

The Chamber notes that the increase in rates accommodates a rough 80:20 split between capital expenditure and operational expenditure in terms of applications of funding (Total increase to 2017/18 from 2016/17 in applications of capital funding = \$34,151,000; total increase to 2017/18 from 2016/17 in applications of operating funding = \$8,378,000). The Chamber welcomes the proportional increased investment in capital expenditure, as opposed to previous years of rates increases primarily contributing to 'business as usual' spending. We would strongly encourage the majority of this spending will contribute to the economic growth of our city, and to the ongoing resilience work required.

We would highlight the fact that operating expenditure increase makes up 19.7 per cent of the proportional increase in projected spending for 2017/18. Additionally, the \$8,378,000 increase in operational expenditure for 2017/18 is a 2.3 per cent increase from 2016/17 – well above CPI. We believe that this increase in operational expenditure spending is still too high, and would urge Council to reconsider this increase and the activities associated with this operating expenditure.

Wellington's business community is not inherently opposed to rates increases, provided these increases are targeted towards capital expenditure, and ensuring the city has the necessary infrastructure in place as soon as possible. Deferring these costs only has the effect of frustrating ratepayers further down the line when increases are needed to maintain and upgrade infrastructure. There is a very real and critical need to get on with some major projects (the convention centre, movie museum, runway extension, roading solutions, vital resilience improvements – the list goes on) and we cannot afford to keep delaying investments in these critical projects.

An issue the Chamber has previously drawn to the Council's attention, and which remains to be an issue, is the insufficient explanation as to how rates are determined, and how the benefits of each program are deemed to fall on the different categories of rate-payers.

In addition to the overall rise in rates, we have strong concerns about the burden of rates falling unfairly on business vis a vis other categories of ratepayers. Wellington business pay 46 per cent of the rates in Wellington City – the highest proportion of residential:business rates in the country. Additionally, our business differential at 1:2.8 is one of the highest in the country, higher than all of the major centres – Auckland's differential is 1:2.63, Hamilton's is 1:1.58, Christchurch's is 1:1.6 and Dunedin's is 1:2.45.

The fact that several activities funded by business rates are more to the benefit of residential ratepayers is a longstanding concern. It is essential that Council does not overcharge businesses if it wants to attract and retain businesses in the city. Businesses provide employment, pay wages, produce goods and services, and determine the depth of the rating base. If rating policies effectively take businesses for granted, the effect is a handbrake on growth, and may lead to businesses needing to relocate, close or downsize.

Council Spending

The Chamber is concerned that many capital projects are being re-phased or deferred to future years. As the Council notes, *"Lower costs, re-phased projects and improved efficiency have allowed the Council to achieve a total savings for 2017/18 of \$11 million without affecting service levels."* Given that the Council indicates under "2017/18 Financial Overview" that spending re-phased is a total of \$134.6 million, we are concerned that rather than making savings, the Council is simply deferring these costs – this simply shifts the depreciation and interest further down the line, and therefore are not outright savings. From our point of view, the Council doesn't save money, it simply spends less at a moment in time. Our members and Wellington's business community need to see some real savings on spending, which are then reinvested in areas that will promote and create business growth.

Another concern is the transparency around budget creep of projects. A recent example of this is the increase in funding for the Johnsonville Community Hub. According to Council's

webpage on the project, *“A budget allocation of \$16.5 million in capital expenditure was recently confirmed in the 2015-25 LTP.”* Council’s press release of May 11 2017 regarding the project then stated *“The planned redevelopment of the Johnsonville Library is to be expanded into a \$22.5 million Northern Suburbs Community Hub following a Wellington City Council decision today to spend an additional \$3.1 million on the project.”* The Council did not just increase the budget by \$3.1 million, it has increased it by \$6 million since the original budget was confirmed. Furthermore, Council stated that the sale of the old Johnsonville Library building would offset the cost of the new hub, but the capital value of the old building is \$1.5 million. This doesn’t even offset the “\$3.1 million” budget increase. Other projects, such as the Town Hall earthquake strengthening and refurbishment work, have also been subject to increased budget creep. While taking into account that Council’s own delays in decision making lead to increases in costs, we would appreciate if Council would clarify and provide robust justification for budget creep on the Johnsonville Community Hub and other projects where this occurs.

KEY PROJECTS

As with all projects, for any prospective or current project that Council would like to undertake, we would expect to see:

1. An investment strategy with a robust business case, including a convincing cost-benefit analysis and return on investment, and funding in collaboration with commercial partners.
2. A repayment strategy, with a solid commitment to service and pay down the debt quickly.

Regardless of the overall balance sheet or the Council’s credit rating, servicing our debt and paying is down needs to be made a priority. Businesses expect local government to treat rates expenditure as they would an investment. Investments must be made on the basis that a sound business case has been prepared, demonstrating a clear return on investment to the community. Businesses have zero tolerance for ‘wish-list’ spending beyond this. Local government expenditure should be to ensure basic operational costs, key maintenance, and investment for growth.

Rates remission for first-home/apartment builders

The Chamber welcomes this approach as a creative incentive to encourage adding to the housing stock within the city. Making it attractive for people to buy within the city is important, and adding to housing stock will improve the overall liveability of Wellington, where talent is attracted to live, learn, create and earn. We are also pleased there is no anticipated impact on rates overall.

Improving Wellington’s reputation as the Capital of Culture

The Chamber supports the development of new events and initiatives to attract visitors to our city and maintain the reputation we have as the number one place to visit for domestic travellers. We are happy to see this is not just rolling out reiterations of previous events and initiatives. As a city, we need to keep reinventing and innovating. The Chamber looks forward to being involved in these initiatives.

One-stop-shop delivery of key Council services

The Chamber is supportive of the development of a one-stop-shop to deliver Council services.

We would like to see this implemented as soon as possible. We want to see consents processed quickly and efficiently, with Council taking a business-like approach. As we are facing so many challenges relating to rebuilding, resilience-proofing, solving current infrastructural issues and anticipating future growth, increasing efficiency in this area is paramount. Given the current challenges, our city has to develop, and Council needs to make obtaining consents efficient as possible, so our developers, builders and planners can get to work without being held up by the red tape.

Continued implementation of the Living Wage

The Chamber's views on the Council's requirement of contractors to pay the Living Wage are well-documented. The Council is aware that we have a binding agreement in place on this matter.

The recent decision by Greater Wellington Regional Council to ask Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for a legal opinion over the payment of the living wage to contractors is a sensible one, and we would encourage Wellington City Council to pursue this to settle the debate. We would strongly recommend that LGNZ, on behalf of the sector, would seek a statutory declaration on the matter that would give definitive guidance to all councils across New Zealand.

Low Carbon Capital

The Chamber endorses Wellington's commitment to a Low-Carbon Capital Plan. Wellington is already recognised as a sustainable city and implementing a Low-Carbon Capital Plan would reinforce this reputation.

A successful business environment is dependent on the resilience of its environment and surroundings. To an extent, this requires careful management of environmental resources, but core infrastructural elements must not be forgotten.

The Chamber is supportive of the Council working with car share providers to allocate carparks. We recognise that the Council's view is *"Once demand is proven, the Council will consider expanding the number of available car parks."* However, we question the viability of running a fleet when only allocating 15 car parks – surely a viable fleet would need to be much larger, as a person's willingness to give up personal car ownership altogether is based on the availability of cars in a fleet.

Car share providers are businesses. If providers require more car parks, and if the Council is concerned about lost revenue, we suggest Council considers adopting a user-pays system. Council could offer these carparks to car share providers free-of-charge for a limited period of time, after which the business using the carparks should pay for these carpark. Even at a discounted rate for those providers contributing to the Low Carbon Capital initiatives, this would recoup some of Council's projected lost income should additional car parks be offered. We believe this would be a sensible solution, and would reconcile any concerns of people who do not see the value in giving carparks to car share providers.

If these carpark are reallocated in retail areas, we want to see Council undertake consultation with the surrounding retailers to understand the impact on their business and mitigate their concerns.

Town Hall earthquake strengthening

Regarding the Town Hall, we are pleased Council has considered alternative options with regard to strengthening the existing town hall, given there are further costs than first anticipated. Attractive public spaces are good for visitors and residents alike and make the city a more attractive place to live, visit and do business.

We are however concerned that this project has been subject to significant budget creep. The original budget for the project was \$43 million, and now *“the estimated cost of the 2016 scheme is \$89.9 million.”* This sort of creep is unacceptable without robust justification. While we understand the importance of heritage buildings and want to preserve our city’s history, our city does not have an endless supply of funds.

Resilience initiatives

The Chamber is supportive of this project. These sensors will help Wellington building owners determine the specific stresses in their buildings in the event of an earthquake, providing quick identification and assessment of any stresses on the building. Given that the discussion around resilience is increasingly focused on how quickly we as a city can get back to business as usual, implementing these sensors ought to play a key role in the business community’s speed of recovery.

We understand that this technology is already in place in the market, and that there are newer and cheaper technologies being developed that should be considered. We would caution the use of rate-payer funding to be selective in this regard, but if the implementation involved funding from other organisations such as Central Government, we believe this would assist in the ability of the city to recover in a major earthquake. We would also have strong reservations if the building owners, who have done the right thing by already investing and adopting this technology, are excluded from this funding and support.

TRIENNIAL PLAN 2016-19

The Chamber has already commented on some of these initiatives above. Any additional comments are included below.

Goal 1: More resilient

The Chamber is supportive of these initiatives outlined. We need to ensure our infrastructure, economy and communities are resilient enough to recover from any major event. We look forward to working with Council to supporting these initiatives, and specifically, delivering the business continuity workshops.

Additional resilience focuses

The Chamber also believes that Wellington City Council needs to work in partnership with regional stakeholders and Central Government to improve these areas of resilience. The Chamber is willing to support any of these initiatives where we can.

Water Resilience

We applaud the Council for recognising the issues of water resilience within our region. Projects such as the Prince of Wales Reservoir are key to improving our ability as a region to surviving natural events. We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Wellington Water on the great work they have done in this area. We were concerned about the major water leak discovered following the November 2016 earthquake, and Wellington's business community needs assurances from the Council and other partners, including Greater Wellington Regional Council, that they are doing all they can to ensure the city has a sustainable and resilient water supply. We need to be assured that there is support for further reservoirs and an alternative pipeline into the city, and that funding will be in place to make those projects happen as soon as possible. We cannot have a situation where the continued operation of the capital city is under threat because we only have one water pipeline and insufficient storage in place.

Electricity Resilience

We would also like to draw to the Council's attention to issues around electricity resilience. Wellington Electricity manage the poles, wires and equipment that safely deliver electricity to about 166,000 homes and businesses in the Wellington region. Alongside Wellington Electricity's residential customers, major customers with significant electricity use include:

- NZ Parliament.
- Major infrastructure providers such as Wellington Airport and Centreport.
- Wellington, Kenepuru and Hutt Hospitals.
- Large education institutions such as Victoria University and Massey University.
- Regional and local authorities, including council infrastructure such as water and wastewater treatment and pumping stations, as well as provision of the streetlight network.
- The electrified suburban railway and trolley bus networks.

As we know, the Wellington CBD is the largest business and retail centre for the region and includes the head offices for most government departments. There is only one supply point for electricity into the CBD and its failure, through earthquake or fire, would black out the CBD and the southern and eastern suburbs, including the hospital. There is no back-up and a fix could take many weeks. The solution is to increase supply security (maybe a second entry point). To pay for that, Wellington Electricity would need to raise prices, but it can't do that without Commerce Commission approval, and they won't give it unless consumers agree.

Despite this being somewhat out of the Council's hands, given this issue impacts on city and regional resilience, we would like to see Council highlight this issue further, and look to work with Wellington Electricity, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Central Government to improve electricity resilience for our region.

Roading Resilience

Resilience in our roading system has been touched on above, but this is a key area that needs to be prioritised. We have seen over the past few years that, increasingly, when a storm or earthquake event occurs, other transport options are not viable – this means that our roads

are the key lifelines to our city. While some key projects (Transmission Gully, McKays to Pekaheka) are in progress or have been completed, there needs to be some urgency in implementing other regional solutions to support the resilience of our roads. This includes the Let's Get Welly Moving project – we urgently need a plan and a timeframe as soon as possible.

Communications Resilience

Communications resilience is also key to our region. In a major event, businesses still need to keep running, even if access to their workplace is restricted. During the aftermath of the November 2016 earthquakes, we saw businesses who were unable to access their premises, but were able to continue working remotely. The Council needs to consider how it can support and invest in infrastructure that would support the ability to work remotely in such an event, in order to help businesses to function through an event.

The Port

Following the November 2016 earthquakes, we saw significant damage occur at the port. We commend port management for the way they managed things and for the work they are doing to get the port as functional as possible. However, we need to see a resolution around the future of the port. Restrictions of shipping from the port are impacting the Lower North Island, as the port is a key part of freight and shipping for our Lower North Island exporters. Additionally, the port plays a key role in the resilience of our region, as sea freight will potentially be the main supply route following a significant event. Whether the port's operations are restricted or rebuilt, the future of the port needs to be decided so solutions can be put in place.

Goal 2: Smarter growth

The Chamber welcomes a focus on smarter growth. The growth of the economy is important for the vibrancy of our city and region, but equally, growth is hard to maintain when housing becomes an issue. Therefore, designing our city now in a way that is conducive to future growth is essential.

We would also like to note the Council's intention to '*work with WREDA to...develop a major firms attraction programme.*' This ties into a wider issue we believe needs to be cleared up. The Chamber believes that economic development agencies have an important role in local and economic development to advocate for a better business environment and the removal of barriers to growth and development, rather than providing support and services to business. It is imperative that an EDA distinguishes the difference between economic development and business development.

Goal 3: People-focused

The Chamber is supportive (within reason) of initiatives aiming to improve the liveability of our city. As we know, the recent survey conducted by the Deutsche Bank, measuring cities on factors such as cost of living, pollution, climate and house prices, ranked Wellington as the best city in the world. The vibrancy of our city is being recognised internationally, and this is key to our ability to attract the skills and talent we need, to grow our economy and to build on our international reputation.

Goal 4: More sustainable

We support sustainable initiatives, and we have supported the Low Carbon Capital plan. We are ourselves a CarbonZero accredited organisation. A successful business environment is dependent on the resilience of its surroundings. To an extent, this requires careful management of environmental resources. The Chamber endorses policies which seek to reduce carbon levels in Wellington, provided these policies are well-balanced and considerate of all participants in the community.

Goal 5: Improving how we work

The Chamber's thoughts on the Living Wage are already well-known and well-documented. We would again reiterate that we believe the recent decision by Greater Wellington Regional Council to ask Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for a legal opinion over the payment of the living wage to contractors is a sensible one, and we would encourage Wellington City Council to pursue this to settle the debate. We would strongly recommend that LGNZ, on behalf of the sector, would seek a statutory declaration on the matter that would give definitive guidance to all councils across New Zealand.

We welcome Council undertaking wider consultation. Projects, such as the Island Bay Cycleway, prove that the community needs to be heard, and the Council has got to increase business consultation, considering the proportion of rates the business community contributes to Wellington City Council.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Chamber welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan 2017/18 and the Triennium Plan 2016-19.

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Submission to Wellington City Council on its Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018

Thank you for the opportunity to have input into the development of the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/2018. We would like the opportunity to present orally on our submission.

About the Public Health Association (PHA)

The PHA is a national association, which provides a forum for information, debate and action on public health issues in New Zealand. Public health focuses on promoting good health and preventing illness in communities and populations. The Wellington Branch has about 90 members who work in the public, private and not for profit sectors and collectively hold a high level of expertise on issues that affect wellbeing. Our association's vision is:

Hauora mo te katoa – oranga mo te Ao
Good health for all – health equity in Aotearoa

The role of local government in public health

Health is created by the conditions in which people are born, live, grow, work and play, and many of the influences on health lie beyond the control of the health sector; several, in fact, reside within the realm of local government.

The critical importance of local government for public health is recognised in the Health Act 1956 (s23), which states that it is "the duty of every local authority to improve, promote and protect public health within its district". Furthermore the Local Government Act 2002 (s10) states that the purpose of local government is "to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions".

We have the following comments for these components of the Annual Plan 2017/2018 that are likely to influence the health and well-being of Wellingtonians:

Updates to the long term plan

1. Efforts to denormalise smoking

We support incentivising smokefree outdoor areas for cafes and restaurants with discounted fees, as a first step towards all outdoor dining areas in Wellington becoming smokefree. The modest cost of this proposal is more than offset by potential benefits: smokefree outdoor dining improves amenity for non-smokers, creates a healthier workplace, reduces litter, makes it easier for people to quit, and reduces the visibility of smoking so that young people are less likely to start.¹ We urge the Council to consider stronger measures in future years e.g. requiring smokefree dining as a condition of all pavement permissions for cafes, bars and restaurants.

In addition to supporting smokefree outdoor dining, we want to see smokefree areas extended to include more outdoor areas, in particular Wellington's Golden Mile, its Waterfront, outdoor recreation facilities and areas, and the Town Belt. The rationale and options for expanding smokefree outdoor areas in Wellington are discussed in a recent University of Otago report.¹

2. Efforts to be Child-Friendly and inclusive

We support the removal of pool fees for guardians of children under 8. This measure will support physical activity and water safety for Wellington's children, and makes WCC pool facilities more affordable for low income families.

We applaud WCC's introduction of a child & youth portfolio, and urge Council to commit to embedding a child-friendly approach throughout Council and its operations. New Zealand is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and local government has a key role in implementing child rights.

3. Addressing Housing Crisis in the region

We support Council's efforts to address housing affordability, including the proposed rates remission for first home/apartment builders. However we urgently note that a high proportion of existing private rental housing is substandard² leading to respiratory illness, infectious disease, and injuries.^{3,4} We remind Wellington City Council of its involvement in the rental housing Warrant of Fitness (WOF) pre-test in 2015, along with four other councils, the University of Otago, and the Green Building Council.⁵ We recommend the WCC continue to progress this ground breaking initiative and establish the WOF as the guideline for the work of the specialised housing task force, to improve the health outcomes of many Wellingtonians.

We support the Wellington City Council increasing its social housing stock and note the current supply of social housing is insufficient. The security offered by social housing is important to health outcomes; a major New Zealand study that compared social housing tenants to those on the waiting list found that tenants had markedly lower hospitalisation rates.⁶

We support the use of Council resources to carefully investigate effective and culturally appropriate housing options for people who experience ongoing homelessness. We support a 'Housing First' approach, and look forward to the opportunity to inform and review a 'Supported living' Business Case.

4. Celebrating Matariki

We support the investment in a new public event to celebrate Matariki, provided this is developed in partnership with mana whenua and leading indigenous art groups, as proposed.

5. Living Wage

Adequate income is essential for health and wellbeing.⁷ We strongly support the Wellington City Council's commitment to raising existing frontline staff wages and contractors to the official New Zealand living wage of \$20.20 at 1 July 2017. We strongly support Wellington City Council's further commitment to apply the Living Wage to more regular core services as they arise for contracting on a case by case basis.

6. Low Carbon Capital

We want to see more done to promote low-carbon lifestyles for Wellingtonians. We strongly supported Wellington City Council's aspiration to be a low carbon capital when it proposed in its Low-Carbon Capital Plan. This included activities that would contribute meaningful reductions in emissions, as well as health and equity co-benefits, such as the Home Energy Saver and Warm Up Wellington initiatives, and lower public transport fares.⁸

We believe Wellington City Council should work with car share providers not simply to allocate the 15 car parks proposed, but to promote and incentivise car-sharing among Wellingtonians. The objective must be explicitly stated that electric vehicles are to be 'normalised' through the promotion of the EV car-parks.

We urge the Council to continue to invest in urban design and transport infrastructure that promotes safe walking and cycling to school, work, and for recreation. In particular, we support investments in making cycling safer in Wellington.

Public Transport has health and environmental benefits for our city, and is vital for those members of our community who do not drive. It is essential that Wellington City has an affordable, reliable, environmentally-friendly and energy efficient public transport network. We support the work currently being undertaken to future-proof Wellington's public transport network, and urge that the needs of our most vulnerable citizens are to the fore as plans are further developed.

7. "Anti-Social Behaviour on city streets"

Begging

We object to Wellington City Council's definition of street begging as "antisocial behaviour". Rather than taking a victim-blaming approach to those living on our streets, we recommend that Council addresses the underlying causes of homelessness and begging, e.g. via housing and income measures, and services to support victims of family violence, gambling and drug addiction, including alcohol.

Alcohol intoxication

We note there is no mention in this Annual Plan of the need to address hazardous consumption of alcohol, the major cause of Wellington's "antisocial street activity", particularly late at night. Alcohol intoxication is a factor in the majority of arrests made for disorder, violence and sexual offending in

the city,⁹ and is a threat to the safety and vibrancy of our streets. Policies proven effective for reducing alcohol-related harm include limiting the density of liquor outlets and earlier closing times for on-licence and off-licence premises.^{10, 11} We strongly urge the Council to implement alcohol-harm reduction measures under the proposed 'projects to reduce antisocial behaviour on city streets.'

3-year work programme

The Wellington Branch of the PHA congratulates the Council on its objectives to be more resilient, people-focused, and more sustainable over the next 3 years. We agree with the goals identified but recommend two further goals:

- **to be an inclusive city, with fair access to services and facilities for all Wellingtonians.** This may mean investing more in disadvantaged communities in order to achieve good outcomes for all.
- **to be a Treaty-honouring city,** with genuine partnership and power-sharing between the Council and mana whenua.

Many of the goals and focus-areas identified in the proposed programme will provide important health and social co-benefits, particularly if an equity lens is applied during their implementation. We particularly support a focus on:

- Housing and infrastructure
- Connected and prepared communities
- Housing our people
- Designing our city for growth
- Low carbon capital
- Living wage

Conclusion

The Wellington Branch of the Public Health Association is keen to work closely with the Wellington City Council on the infrastructural and regulatory issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of Wellington residents. Overall we are delighted there is such a people-friendly and sustainable focus to the Annual Plan, however we urge you to make the above amendments to it, to ensure best outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Prudence Stone, Secretary

Wellington Branch
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Dear WCC,

I note that there is nothing in the current plan regarding our mountain bike trail network. I strongly believe (as do others) that the WCC needs to put some serious focus into the ongoing development of our mountain bike trail network. This includes existing initiative such as delivering on the Makara Peak Master Plan as well as opening up new areas and/or connections.

Kind regards



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Submission on the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18

Introduction

The Newtown Residents' Association has been an Incorporated Society since July 1963. We are residents and business owners from Newtown and the surrounding area, who take a keen interest in the community and local issues. We are concerned with maintaining and improving our area's liveability, connectedness and sustainability and working to make our community a thriving, diverse, great place to live.

Submission

We approve of and support all 5 Goals as outlined in the Build a Better City documents. It is hard to prioritise when all areas are important and significant but as a community organisation we will comment firstly on Goal 3: People-focussed.

Goal 3, Focus area 1: Capital of Culture

The vibrant arts, events and festivals in our city are essential to the essence of Wellington, a city we can all be proud to belong to.

Newtown Festival

We have a particular awareness of and sensitivity to this from hosting the Newtown Festival for so many years, and experiencing at first hand the joy of this celebration and the way it enhances our sense of place and community. In 2016 we were extremely grateful that the Council heard our heartfelt request to support the Festival financially, and voted to add extra funding to the 2016/17 Annual Plan for the 2017 Newtown Festival. Without increased funding it wouldn't have survived. At the time of writing we are unclear whether the Council budget for 2017/18 already includes an allowance for this increased funding to continue, as was agreed by WCC last year. If not, we urgently request that this is addressed again in this Annual Plan. Maintaining the funding to at least the level granted last year is essential to the Festival's continued existence.

We support the proposals to add additional events to the calendar. However of course when we already have a very successful event that provides a 'world of food and music', injecting colour and vibrancy and enhancing Wellington's claim to be a Capital of Culture, we trust that this will be supported to continue. The Council could take more credit than it does for being a major supporter of the biggest free street music festival and market in the region and, we believe, in the country. The Newtown Festival should be listed alongside the other major events and key Wellington-based festivals in the discussion of the Capital of Culture proposal.

Goal 3, Focus area 2: Community planning, facilities and utilisation of spaces

We are fortunate in Newtown as the proposals for place-based community development are already being implemented here. We have benefitted greatly from the establishment of the Kia Ora

Newtown base and the appointment of a Community Liaison Officer for Newtown. We are currently engaged in a participatory co-design process of local planning. We definitely support this being continued and expanded to all other suburbs.

We already know of some unmet needs, and we have made previous submissions about them. In particular there is the on-going request for **public toilets and a drinking fountain to be installed in Carrara Park**. We hope that these can be added to the work programme in the very near future.

We commend the Council for its intention to upgrade the **swimming pool at Newtown School**. We also support **removing the spectator fee at public pools** so that both children and their caregivers can have free access and this can encourage all children to learn to swim.

We value the **Newtown Library** and its diverse range of services. However we think it is unfortunate that it closes at mid day on Saturday. We request that the Newtown Library opening hours be extended so that working people can use the library more easily, and can take their children there in out-of-school time.

We understand that community consultation on the extension of the **Cycleway** though Berhampore, Newtown and Mt Cook is to resume after a considerable hiatus. We look forward to this. We will expect that the principles of inclusive co-design will be followed as an essential part of this project.

Goal 3, Focus area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city

In Newtown, maintaining street cleanliness is a significant area of work for Ray Tuffin, the WCC Newtown Liaison Officer, with an ongoing need for liaison with the WCC Cleansing and Growth Team and in turn with the relevant contractors. Things have improved, and we certainly hope that we will achieve 'high satisfaction levels' well before three years have passed, but we are not quite there yet!

On a positive note, daily rubbish collection was instituted in Carrara Park and Mercy Park some years ago and the tidiness of the parks has steadily increased since then. This is an area where there are reports of increased satisfaction.

Perceptions of safety on the streets are challenged by an increased number of street people and beggars. The issues arising from this are well documented across the city, both in the central city and in suburbs like ours. In recent times the Kilbirnie WINZ office has closed and so has the Wellington South Community Mental Health base in Tacey Street, with the clients of these agencies now needing to come to Newtown. It seems appropriate to focus increased community outreach programmes here as well, and we advocate for this to be a priority.

There are already actions underway for developing a community safety plan, promoting "Eyes On" and working with other partners to address the needs of the street people – which would also help the business people and members of the public who find the current situation very difficult. We certainly hope and expect that these efforts will continue and will increase. Services such as a 'wet house' have our support in light of informed opinion that these services will make a difference to the wellbeing of a number of homeless people in our community. We would also encourage increased emphasis on meaningful activity and occupation.

The remaining Goals for the 3 year work programme.

The rest of our submission pays attention to the other Goals but does not address them all in detail. Instead we have picked out aspects that seem to impact most directly on our area.

Goal 1: More resilient

Goal 1, Focus Area 1: Safer homes, locations and more robust infrastructure

As one of the areas known to have buildings with unreinforced masonry we have a particular interest in this area. We welcome all initiatives to assist building owners with funding and support to make these buildings safe. We also welcome proposals to make Wellington's homes safer and more resilient.

We support the speedy development of the Prince of Wales Reservoir.

Goal 1, Focus Area 3: Connected and prepared communities.

We are already very conscious of the value of pursuing these goals. We value WCC support with this and look forward to this continuing.

In 2014 we had a community-led process to develop a community response plan. This now needs revisiting and renewing and we are motivated to work on doing this.

Goal 2: Smarter Growth

Goal 2, Focus Area 1: Economic and job growth

The proposal in this area that we are most interested in is the One-stop-shop for consenting. We support streamlining processes and making them user-friendly.

Goal 2, Focus Area 2: Housing people

We, like others in Wellington, are acutely aware of the increasing number of people who are unable to find safe, healthy, affordable housing, whether as owners or tenants. We support moves to address this.

We are cautious however about Special Housing Areas when they are established without wide consultation and rely heavily on overriding provisions of the District Plan. We cannot accept that while most home owners have the amenity value of their properties protected by District Plan rules, others can have these protections swept away by SHA processes. We ask WCC to be mindful of protecting existing owners' rights alongside the goal of increasing available housing.

There are a number of social housing complexes in our suburb. We support this and approve of the moves that have been made, and are continuing to be made, to upgrade these homes.

Goal 4: More Sustainable

We strongly support all 3 Focus Areas and the overall goal to make the way of life in our city, our country and our world more sustainable.

We have made a submission on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. We also want to recognise the contribution of our Newtown Festival Zero Waste Team to our awareness of the importance and the challenges of waste minimisation. We believe that their efforts have had an effect beyond what happens on Fair day and have had a much wider educational impact. It is satisfying to see how many illustrations in WCC publications about waste minimisation are photos of the team members at work at the Festival.

Goal 5: Improving how we work

Goal 5, Focus Area 1: Living wage

We are strong supporters of this. We approve of keeping pace as the designated Living Wage increases, and support moves to extend this to staff employed on WCC contracts.

The Residents' Association, through the Newtown Festival Committee devotes resources towards hosting the Living Wage Stage at the Festival. The Festival itself also aspires to pay its key assistants the living wage, and maintaining the increased Festival funding from WCC moves us towards making this goal attainable.

Goal 5, Focus Area 2: Improved Engagement

"Engagement" has been a thread running through many of the Goals, and we approve of this as a major focus for our Council. As noted before, WCC engagement with our community has improved dramatically over the past year, and we applaud all who made this possible, from the Chief Executive onwards. There is still progress to be made, and the inclusion project that we are involved with will, we hope, extend these connections more widely into the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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19 May 2017

Re: Annual Plan feedback

Wellington Wine Country is the relatively new organisation that represents our wine region – particularly the sub-regions of Martinborough, Gladstone and Masterton. We work closely with WREDA and the Wellington Culinary Events Trust.

When creating our new name and brand, we deliberately linked our wine region with Wellington city. We love the interplay between city and country and consider ourselves very much a part of the Wellington city environment. People who live and work in Wellington visit the Wairarapa for their country escape; people who work and live in the Wairarapa visit Wellington city for our city fix. We sit on each other's doorstep – and together, we are Wellington Wine Country. We see Wellington city as being integral to what we do as part of Wellington Wine Country. We love Wellington – and we think the feeling is mutual. More and more, the people of Wellington and the Wairarapa see ourselves as being very much part of the same wider region.

As well as that, wine is integral to the culture of our region. We see wine as being inseparable from food. We believe that wine, food and the broader mix of eating and drinking (coffee, beer, cocktails, too – although, naturally, wine is our top priority!) is like the 'daily culture fix' that everyone has come to expect as part of the Wellington cultural fabric. On top of that – it's crucial to what tourists expect...

Recent figures from New Zealand Winegrowers, Tourism New Zealand and Auckland Airport show that 20% of all visitors to New Zealand have a winery experience and this figure is growing. It is likely that figure would be proportionally higher for visitors to Wellington because there is a wine region so close to hand. Those 'wine tourists' (the 20%) spend on average six days longer and spend on average \$1000 more per tourist. So, they are worth attracting. We see this all the time in the Wairarapa – people visit and stay in Wellington and 'pop over the hill' to visit us.

Additionally, Wellington's 'best city in the world' accolade cites its food and beverage culture as a key reason for receiving this honour – indicating we



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should be celebrating and leveraging that food and beverage culture for the success of all...It would be a shame to see those tourism figures mentioned above go to other regions who are embracing their food and beverage culture more than Wellington appears to be in this plan.

Wellington Wine Country was disappointed that wine didn't feature, alongside the broader hospitality sector, as part of that cultural capital emphasis. We understand that things like earthquake strengthening and the day to day activity of keeping a city running is crucial to Wellington City Council's operations. We also agree that wonderful initiatives such as a Movie Museum are brilliant ideas and add to the vibrant culture of Wellington. But we strongly believe that wine, food, coffee, and all those other good things will be what keeps Wellington city buzzing and growing on a day-to-day basis, as you (and we!) want it to. It's also a huge part of the role in connecting people that the plan refers to.

In summary, we would like to see that food, wine and hospitality more generally, are recognised as being an integral part of Wellington city's culture and therefore feature more prominently in the Annual Plan.

Kindest regards,

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On behalf of Nicola Belsham, Chair and the Board of Wellington Wine Country

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I submit that Councillors should attend to the Council's habits in its answering of requests under the LGOIMA and support the O.I. staff if they suddenly find out that support would be a good idea.

I wish to be heard.

SIGNED

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan and 3 Year Work Programme. Our comments are below.

Draft Annual Plan - Community Engagement

We note that there is a plan to increase community engagement (Item G) on p. 13. We hope this will include widening of notification of affected parties for resource consents. For example, it was disappointing that TPG, as an affected party, were not included in the recent 122 Churchill Drive (BUPA) application and that the 131 Silverstream Road development was non-notified (now experiencing serious and continuing problems with silt run-off).

Once the resource consent has been granted, we would like to see more monitoring of urban developments by WCC officers.

Goal 4, Focus Area 1 of the Draft 3 Year Work Programme

Tracks

We note the emphasis on cycle tracks and the focus on upgrading the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. While recent work on bridges, gabions and tracks in Trelissick Park is appreciated, we would like to remind WCC that walking is also extremely popular – so a need for appropriate budgets for walking track maintenance/upgrades throughout Wellington.

Biodiversity

We are pleased to see that over the next three years “Our Natural Capital will focus on restoring ecologically significant areas, creating buffer zones and raising awareness of issues facing indigenous biodiversity and working with local communities across all our reserves. All initiatives are currently funded through the Our Natural Capital plan.”

In relation to Trelissick Park, please include the following (based on our submission on the 2016 Annual Plan):

Plant pest control - TPG continue to control small outbreaks of pest plants. However, adequate WCC resources for pest weed control are absolutely vital. It is a continuing struggle to counter weed invasions and to ensure all the past work is not wasted with the situation going backwards. Particular targets include:

- wandering willie on steep areas bordering the original forest remnant
- large tracts of wandering willie under regenerating forest
- invasion of climbing asparagus below Oban Street
- patches of Japanese honeysuckle in the park and on railway land
- more cooperation with KiwiRail to better control pest weeds coming into the park from steep slopes of the railway corridor.

Stormwater - Specific requests:

- Mandatory Water Sensitive Urban Design - Sufficient funds/staff being made available to ensure the Water Sensitive Urban Design Guide becomes mandatory so that all developments have neutral effect on stormwater run-off. We have requested this many times in the past. All stormwater from the entire catchment from Khandallah to Karori (about 22 km²) flows into the Kaiwharawhara Stream. During heavy rain this becomes a raging torrent up to 2 m deep, tearing away stream banks, building sediment on the stream bed, affecting riparian planting and aquatic life. This is the upshot of fast run-off from hard surfaces (eg roads, roofs and paved areas) and removal of vegetated areas from housing developments. We do not want this to get even worse.
- Public Education - More public education on the proper use of stormwater versus waste water drains both around each house and in the streets to avoid stream pollution (eg from car washing, cleaning paint brushes and cleaning cement mixers).

Track/Footbridge from Oban Street, Highland Park

A track into Trelissick Park from Oban Street has been requested/pursued by local residents since 1981. Following a recent residents' survey, indicating majority support, discussions are still on-going with WCC on the required process to implement the project, including footbridge design, funding by residents' associations/TPG, project reporting and resource consents.

TPG has requested that in the forthcoming Long-Term Plan the 'Social and Recreational' category includes budget costs for liaison with owners of 112/114 Oban Street, with associated upper end track work, signage, landscaping, fencing, project management and implementation. This provision may also need to be in the 3 Year Work Programme.

Funding Amounts

WCC have discontinued providing budget amounts for each work area and how they are split up, so we have no idea whether funding has been increased or decreased. Our request is that funding allocations be detailed.

Regards,

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Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 – Cycle Aware Wellington submission

We would like to make an oral submission. Please contact Alastair Smith ph 021 036 4443, agsmith37@gmail.com

Key points of our submission

- **Reduce fossil fuel emissions by increasing cycling mode share**
- **Reduce car trips by not subsidising on street parking**
- **Don't over consult on cycling projects**
- **Move rapidly to a cycle friendly city through trial projects**
- **Gather data about the use and impact of cycle facilities**
- **Reduce traffic speeds**
- **New housing developments should provide for active and public transport**

Reduce fossil fuel emissions by increasing cycling mode share

There is a clear and urgent need to reduce fossil fuel emissions to meet our obligations under the Paris agreement. 56% of Wellington's carbon emissions arise from transport¹, and there is a clear need to reduce this. The best way is to reduce the number of short car trips. Bikes provide an excellent alternative for this.

WCC recognises the urgency of addressing climate change, through its Low Carbon Capital plan. However the Draft Plan does not follow through by aiming to increase the mode share of sustainable transport.

Reducing car trips will reduce congestion in the CBD, making travel easier for those of us who need to make trips by car.

Allocating 15 car parks to electric and shared vehicles (Section I/ p.13 of the Draft Plan) is an underwhelming response to the challenge of climate change.

¹ Low Carbon Capital Plan

<http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/services/environment-and-waste/environment/files/low-carbon-capital-plan-2016-2018.pdf>

Reduce car trips by not subsidising on street parking

We need to reexamine the provision of on street parking. While we like to be able to park our cars on the street close to our destination, this has costs. Donald Shoup, a US researcher, “measures the value of a Los Angeles parking space at over \$31,000”². Subsidising this cost encourages the use of cars over other modes, increasing congestion and fossil fuel emissions. Use of road space for parking incurs an opportunity cost when this prevents the development of cycle facilities.

The Council’s Cycling Masterplan recognises that moving traffic has priority on road space. Where we need to build protected cycle lanes in order to increase cycling mode share, this has a priority over provision of on street parking.

Most Wellington residences have off street parking, but households use free on street parking because it effectively extends their property boundaries, saves having to back out of driveways, and lets garages be used for storing possessions other than cars. On street parking encourages households to acquire more cars, which increases the number of trips made by car, and the corresponding fossil fuel emissions. There is no justification for subsidising on street parking.

We should work to remove parking from the uphill side of arterial routes, replacing it by cycle lanes. This will not just make cycling more attractive, but also lessen frustration for people who need to make trips by car but feel held up by slower bikes.

Don’t over consult on cycling projects

CAW is in favour of community engagement in the development of our transport environment, as proposed in section G/p.13 of the Draft Plan. However there are well established guidelines³ for building cycling facilities, and established procedures for consultation on roading projects. Drawn out consultation is expensive, tends to involve only a small group of stakeholders and may harden community attitudes leading to long term conflict.

It’s good to see \$3.2 million allocated to cycling improvements (Draft Plan p.16), but it’s important that this is spent in a timely manner, and is allocated to actual infrastructure, rather than prolonged consultation. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the consultation process will be important.

Move rapidly to a cycle friendly city through trial projects

It will help to gain community confidence if we introduce cycle facilities on a trial basis, with a commitment to change layouts etc if they are demonstrated not to work.

This approach resulted in rapid and effective change in New York City⁴

Gather data about the use and impact of cycle facilities

If we don’t measure what we do, we are flying blind. Introduction of new cycle facilities should

² <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/15/business/economy/15view.html>

³ For example

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/cycling/cycling-network-guidance/designing-a-cycle-facility/>

⁴ Sadik-Khan J.(2016) *Streetfight*

include evaluation of their effects.

Reduce traffic speeds

Reduced traffic speeds are a proven way of reducing the number and severity of crashes. Implementation of 30km/hr speed restriction needs to be on the agenda for the coming year, for secondary roads both in the CBD but also in the suburbs and other routes where cyclist have to share a busy road with other traffic (e.g. Adelaide Rd). We have seen increasing use of sharrows to reinforce the appropriate placement of bikes on the road, but these are only be useful in a controlled speed environment. Street layout needs to reinforce appropriate speeds.

New housing developments should provide for active and public transport

For new developments such as Shelly Bay, we should consider how they will be accessed by active and public transport. To create developments that depend on private cars for transport fails to meet our climate change obligations, and will increase congestion.

About Cycle Aware Wellington

Cycle Aware Wellington is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation aimed at improving conditions for existing cyclists and encouraging more people to bike more often. We advocate for cyclists who use their bikes for recreation and transport. Since 1994, we have worked constructively with local and central government, NZTA, businesses, and the community on a wide variety of cycle projects. We represent around 1,500 members and supporters.

Nā mātou noa, nā Cycle Aware Wellington
19 May 2017



Memorandum

TO	Wellington City Council
FROM	Victoria University of Wellington Students Association
DATE	19/05/17
SUBJECT	Submission on the 2017/18 Annual Plan

1. Introduction
2. Commendations
3. Key recommendations
4. Housing
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5. Fairer Fares
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1. Introduction

Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) exists to represent and advocate for the interests of Victoria University of Wellington's 22,000 students.

VUWSA currently has more than 15,000 members, representing roughly 70% of Victoria University students. VUWSA is a democratic organisation, run by students for students. We are committed to fair representation and work tirelessly to consult with our members on issues of campus, city, and national importance.

Students play a central role in maintaining and growing Wellington's thriving economy. Victoria University alone directly contributes \$1 billion to the city each year, and this figure is growing. When combined with other universities and PTEs in the region, the student contribution reaches \$2 billion. Students are also an invaluable part of the Wellington community, and contribute strongly to Wellington's vibrant and dynamic culture. They also make up a significant proportion of the part-time workforce.

VUWSA believes that one of the key reasons students choose to study at Victoria is because they want to experience what the city has to offer. Students value Wellington.

However, there are some key issues which make being a student in Wellington a real struggle. Improving on these aspects will enhance liveability, attract more domestic and international students, as well as retain a larger number of talented graduates; transforming Wellington into a genuinely student-friendly city.

2. Commendations

Living Wage

VUWSA would like to acknowledge the Wellington City Council for their continued implementation of the living wage rate to all directly-employed staff of the WCC and to those of Council controlled organisations. This is an excellent step towards becoming an accredited Living Wage Employer.

This decision acknowledges the importance and value that the Council places on its workers, and the benefits for the families and wider communities of those employees.

As a community stream member, and active advocate, of the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa, VUWSA would like to acknowledge this move and congratulate the WCC's leadership; a move which we hope will inspire other large institutions in Wellington City, and across the country, to follow suit.

Fairer Fares

We are grateful for the leadership shown by WCC in supporting discounted fares for tertiary students. The commitment to a financial contribution from the City Council, as well as the continued support will go along way toward ensuring that 50% student fares are included in the Greater Wellington Regional Council's long term plan.

3. Key recommendations

2.1. Commit to allocating further funding towards housing development around the city, and look at other ways to provide more accommodation for students.

2.2. Establish a Rental Standards Working Party as a co-led Council/Community initiative to ensure that a Rental WOF can be implemented in the timeframe committed to by Councillors during the 2016 local body elections.

2.3 Publicly throw its weight behind a tertiary student fare for public transport in Wellington, and allocate money in the Annual Plan to make a significant contribution to the funding of this programme.

4. Housing - resilience, affordability, and accessibility

VUWSA notes the WCC's commitment to affordable housing for first home builders, and the resilience initiatives with regards to making them safer during an earthquake. After the November earthquake, many inner-city apartments were rendered inaccessible and many people were displaced and had to seek alternative accommodation; this results in huge pressure being put on the already tight rental market in Wellington.

This was particularly evident during January, February, and even into March of 2017, when university students returning to Wellington after the summer holidays began the annual flat-hunting endeavour. There were countless news stories devoted to sharing students' experiences with trying to secure a flat. Demand exceeded supply, with responses indicating interest in a property exceeding 90 within an hour of listing, or people queuing outside half an hour before a flat viewing began. VUWSA heard firsthand stories from students who witnessed landlords auctioning off flats to the highest bidder during such viewings.

"For about three weeks, I was going to 4-6 flat viewings per day. It was like a full-time job. This was on top of working and finishing off summer school. At a couple of flat viewings, the landlord would hold an 'auction' - if one group could match or go above what the previous group had offered (above the listed weekly rent price of the place), the landlord would offer it to them. "

Ted Greensmith, Victoria University of Wellington student

Ted's experience is not unique. It is concerning that students, as a vulnerable group in society, are experiencing such a struggle to find somewhere to live. The impact this has on their mental health and ability to focus on their studies - which is what they are at university to do - is something that has far wider societal impacts.

VUWSA supports Focus Area 1 in the draft three-year work programme, about creating a more resilient city, but recommends the WCC look at investing even more into sound, earthquake-proof, housing infrastructure, with a particular focus on student accommodation. VUWSA considers that it is timely for the WCC and VUW to have a conversation about how more accommodation can be created for non-first-year students.

5. Rental Warrant of Fitness

In addition to the shortage of rental accommodation around Wellington, is the issue of housing quality. VUWSA's Student Advocate hears from students on a regular basis about housing woes, from leaky ceilings, to open electrical wires, to cold and mouldy flats. Living in damp, cold living conditions is hugely detrimental to one's health, and evidence from doctors at the University's Student Health Service shows that a significant number of visits by students and ongoing illnesses are a result of poor living conditions. It should not be a rite of passage as a university student to live in this way.

In the lead up to the 2016 local body elections, VUWSA received a signed pledge from a majority of elected Councillors including the Mayor that read;

"I will take all possible steps to ensure Wellington rental properties are covered by a compulsory Rental Warrant of Fitness within the next Council term (2016-2019)."

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with Deputy Mayor Paul Eagle and Councillor Brian Dawson to discuss an implementation plan for the WOF, and look forward to continuing this working relationship in order to ensure the job gets done in the timeframe outlined above.

Rental Standards Working Party

We would like to recommend that a Rental Standards Working Party (RSWP) be established, tasked with developing a model that is satisfactory for both WCC and the community, and a timeframe that ensures the goal of implementation will be achieved. The working party could be a subgroup of the recently established Housing Task Force, or it could simply be complementary to this project and report to Council.

Establishing this group would ensure that this project does not slip off the radar, and by having a partnership between the community stakeholders who have advocated on this issue, and Council, the community would stay informed about progress as it takes place.

A proposed membership could be;

- *Deputy Mayor Paul Eagle (Chair)*
- *Councillor Brian Dawson (or other Councillors)*
- *Renters United Representative*
- *VUWSA Representative*
- *He Kainga Oranga Representative*

6. Fairer Fares

VUWSA has campaigned for many years for a tertiary discount on public transport, because of the high cost of public transport proving to be a barrier for many students. In addition to the high cost of renting, food, and other necessities, often students are having to make the tough decision of whether to buy food or catch the bus or train to class.

VUWSA worked on a campaign and gathered submissions on the Greater Wellington Regional Council's draft Annual Plan. More than 1700 people in the Wellington region submitted their own story of why Wellington should implement this discount, which is an overwhelming show of support for the discount. The GWRC and WCC should work together to implement this.

As in 2016, VUWSA recommends that the WCC publicly put their support behind this and allocate money in the Annual Plan for the funding of it.

7. Contact

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this submission in more detail in person. Please contact us if further clarification of this submission is needed, or to arrange for VUWSA to make an oral submission.

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Wellington City Council
3-Year Plan

Submission by Sustainability Trust

Sustainability Trust is pleased to be able to comment on Council's draft triennium plan. We have listed our comments by Goal and topic area. We are also happy to provide further comment at any time.

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Submission

Goal 1 – More Resilient Homes

Residential Dwellings are Safer

Sustainability Trust currently delivers the Home Energy Saver Programme (HESP) on behalf of Council. HESP provides a whole-house assessment and recommendations for improving the warmth and energy efficiency of the building.

We have provided summary information to Council officers on the expansion of the programme to assess other reliance attributes of properties during the assessment. However, we caution that any extra time or assessment criteria would have to be carefully managed, as overloading a householder with advice on multiple areas (energy efficiency/quake-safe) may result in information overload and consequent inaction. The Trust is interested in discussing how the HESP methodology could be used as a baseline for perhaps a 2-tier assessment where householders select the focus.

In addition, 2 studies recently undertaken with Massey University on home safety (slips, trips, and falls), documented that with an average of a \$500 investment resulted in a 15:1 ROI. Interventions such as stair treads, grab bars, minor repairs on decks etc, were shown to significantly reduce home accidents



and associated health costs. There is opportunity to incorporate some these elements in housing safety work.

Goal 2 – Smarter Growth

Housing People

Rental Warrant of Fitness

The Trust fully supports implementation of a rental WoF. We note that the upgrade of the Rental Tenancies Act and potential enacting of the Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill may gazump some of the compliance areas in the proposed WoF (insulation, heating, ventilation).

We note that across the region there is a diversity of policy, funding, and delivery strategies. We are very keen to see a collaborative, single regional approach to healthy housing. We believe that a unified approach would deliver a much better funded intervention programme matched with region-wide policy support (such as the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947 for heating – see below). strongly encourage WCC to engage with us and other councils to develop a regional approach.

Central government (MoH and MBIE) is also investigating provisions in existing regulations (Housing Improvement Regulations 1947) that require heating provision in all properties. The Trust is currently canvassing local councils to develop a joint approach to application of the HIR 1947. The regulations provide local authorities with powers of enforcement, and are a powerful tool for immediate action on cold damp housing.

Cycling Network

We are very supportive on interventions to improve cycle infrastructure in the city. Provision of safe feeder routes into the city from the suburbs is critical for encouraging more residents onto bikes.

We note that there are major barriers which will require large infrastructure solutions such as the narrow walk/cycle way in Mt Victoria tunnel which discourages pedestrian and cycle users alike. We, believe however, that with a



second tunnel unlikely any time soon there are some innovative solutions available to improve the user experience of this particular bottleneck.

We would be keen to see Council use a community-based social marketing approach to identify reasons and solutions to current low-rates of walking/cycling. Identification of potential barriers will identify where investment can be best spent. For example, we believe that the Mt Victoria tunnel provides perhaps the major barrier for active transport in from the eastern suburbs. Introduction of an information campaign to reduce the use of car horns, physical separation of the walkway from the road, and implementation of a light-rail shuttle on the walkway to carry walkers and cyclists are innovative solutions that we would like to see investigated if surveys indicate that the tunnel is indeed a barrier to local residents into the city.

Cost of Public Transport

We support Council working on reducing fares on public transport to encourage widespread use. If fares are reduced below the cost to drive a car into the city, then we are likely to see more uptake.

Laneways

We support Council's work in upgrading the city laneways. The Trust's EcoCentre is located at the end of one such lane – Forresters Lane. We are keen to work with Council on implementing its strategy in this area and are talking to external funders to design and develop an attractive experience for city residents.

Goal 4 - More Sustainable **Waste Management**

We have submitted on the regional waste minimisation and management plan. We fully support Council's efforts to minimise waste and plan to continue on being a key community partner.

Low Carbon Capital



Solar

We support implementation of PV and storage in residential and commercial premises in the city. While carbon emissions benefits are not the main driver for this technology, the fact is that PV and storage costs will continue to fall until economics will make sense for many residents. Council needs to be supporting this technology from a “smart city” perspective and working with retailers and lines company as we go through this energy transition.

As a major energy user we also encourage Council to continue to engage with energy providers in terms of energy equity for disenfranchised groups – mainly individual households who have very little control over power costs. We are currently working with a number of stakeholders on developing an energy poverty strategy to reduce total energy costs for low-income households – cost and sources of energy are a particularly important component.

EV

We fully support Council supporting EV uptake with prioritising parking spaces for charging and car shares. While we believe Council will not be the leading game changer, it is important for Council to be at the forefront of what is likely to be the major change in transport technology and biggest impact on Wellington’s emissions over the next 10-20 years.

Home Energy Saver

See above section under Housing

Warm Up Wellington

We fully support Council’s continued investment in supporting low-income households to access subsidised insulation under the WarmUp NZ: Healthy Homes programme. We note that government may expand the current programme to include low-income owner-occupiers (only rental properties are included at the moment). Insulation is the building block for a warmer drier home and without this foundation any other work such as heating, ventilation etc has reduced value.

ENDS.



19 May 2017

Submission on the: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Made to the: Wellington City Council

From: The Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to consider and make submissions on Wellington City Council's **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**.
2. While we do not wish to make a personal presentation in support of our submission, we are more than happy to discuss our submission further upon request.
3. The key contact person for matters relating to this submission is:

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Initial Comments

4. Creative New Zealand acknowledges the commitment Wellington City Council has made towards supporting the arts in Wellington, at all levels, for the stated purpose of ensuring Wellington remains the cultural capital of New Zealand.
5. In particular we wish to thank newly elected Mayor Justin Lester for prioritising support for the arts during his campaign and now as mayor. We also wish to reiterate our thanks to former Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer who, as leader of the Arts and Culture portfolio, was a driving force for the Council's support of the arts for many years.
6. We also wish to express our gratitude to Mayor Lester for meeting with the Arts Council in April. We appreciate the engagement as we build our relationship with territorial authorities and Local Government New Zealand.

Town Hall

7. Creative New Zealand strongly supports Council's decision to earthquake strengthen the Town Hall. We are also supportive of Council developing this into a full Civic Music Hub campus in partnership with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the New Zealand School of Music.
8. The commitment of \$89.9 million reflects a significant investment. However, considering the alternatives of not having a venue like the Town Hall, or spending significantly more on a new building that would lack the history, character and world-class acoustics of the existing building, this is clearly the prudent decision.

9. We hope that consideration is given to accessibility of the venue for smaller and community groups. As was acknowledged in the *Mid-Sized Performing Venues Review*, accelerating the renovation and reopening was necessary but so was '[ensuring] it is accessible to a wide range of users.'

Expanding Wellington's Arts and Culture Programme

10. We support Council's proposal to expand the arts and culture programme to include a Matariki event and a 'diverse, city-focussed outdoor event series'. Public events such as these provide access to the arts in a way other events cannot. They bring communities together and are an effective way to ensure all Wellingtonians have access to the arts.
11. We support Council's engagement with iwi mana whenua partners and indigenous arts groups to help 'fill the gap' of winter events with a Matariki celebration that embraces te ao Māori and promotes ngā Toi Māori.

Mayor and Councillors' work programme and Long Term Plan

12. Creative New Zealand looks forward to engaging with you shortly as you begin developing your Long Term Plan 2018-28, and Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme 2016-19 (*Building a better city*).
13. While it is commendable that WCC identifies *cultural wellbeing* as one of seven activity areas against which it measures its performance, currently the council's Long Term Plan (2015-25) makes no reference to arts and culture within the vision or four community outcomes.
14. We believe the increased emphasis or re-energisation of the 'capital of culture' idea evident in the *Building a better city* programme would be further strengthened by its inclusion within the long-term community outcomes or in the vision for the city. We would encourage Council to consider this as it proceeds with its long-term planning.
15. Having a strong strategy for arts support and development embedded at the highest level in the Long Term Plan is the best way to ensure a resilient and sustainable commitment to the arts.

Creative New Zealand and its interest in this consultation

16. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage as well as the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In 2015/16, Creative New Zealand invested over **\$42.4 million** into New Zealand's arts sector.
17. In 2015/16, Creative New Zealand invested just under **\$5 million** in the Wellington region. This amount includes the funding of individual arts projects as well as regional and national organisations.
18. Creative New Zealand also granted \$377,000 in 2015/16 to the Wellington region's councils through the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS), in order to support and encourage local communities to create and present art.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to further discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pannett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Pannett

Senior Manager, Planning, Performance and Stakeholder Relations

Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Submission of Vogelmorn Precinct Steering Group

May 2017

Requested actions

- Provide in the Annual Plan 2017/18 for \$20,000 to continue the Vogelmorn Precinct participatory design project so that a proposal for the precinct, with developed drawings and costings, can be completed in time to place a request for funding in the Long-term Plan 2018–28.
- Provide in the Annual Plan 2017/18 for work in conjunction with the community to make the Vogelmorn Bowling Green more inviting and accessible.



Introduction

The Vogelmorn Precinct comprises the cluster of properties along Mornington Road, Brooklyn, on which the following facilities are located:

- Vogelmorn Tennis Club (leased by the Wellington City Council to the club)
- Vogelmorn Hall (owned by the Wellington City Council and managed by the Brooklyn Community Association, and including the area leased to the Friends of Ōwhiro Stream)
- the former bowling green (owned by the Wellington City Council and intended to become a local neighbourhood reserve)
- the buildings of the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club (owned by the Vogelmorn Community Group Charitable Trust).

Ridgway School, at the corner of Mornington Road and The Ridgeway, is outside the immediate 'Precinct' but is considered a close neighbour and key stakeholder.

A steering group was formed in 2015 (and re-formed in 2016) consisting of representatives of the above organisations. The purpose of the steering group is to oversee the development of the Vogelmorn Precinct using a participatory process facilitated by a co-operative of local designers, with financial assistance from Wellington City Council.

In 2016, the Council provided funding of \$20,000 for the continuation of the participatory design process. This submission updates the council on this work, and seeks its continuation so that the community's vision for the precinct can be realised.

Alignment with WCC's draft 3-year work programme

The Vogelmorn Precinct is a community-led participatory design project. It will result in the cost-effective alignment of existing facilities to values and needs identified by the community. The process has inherent value in improving the connectedness and engagement of the local community, and builds another piece of the city's network of invigorated communities.



It aligns well with the following goals and focus areas set out in the draft 3-year work programme:

- **1 - More resilient**

Focus Area 3--Connected and prepared communities: people in a community meeting and working together, providing a place for ongoing connection and community-building

- **2 - Smarter growth**

Focus Area 1--Economic and job growth: precinct provides spaces for community-based start-ups (for example, through the community kitchen) and teleworking opportunities, also economic benefits of a venue for events and arts design, rehearsal and performance.

Focus Area 3--Designing our city for growth: infrastructure for growing communities to build cohesiveness and social capital.

- **3 - People-focussed**

Focus Area 1--Capital of Culture: established linkage with Wellington's performing arts community, providing vital space for design, rehearsal and performance.

Focus Area 2--Community planning: the precinct provides a model of participatory planning and design for an engaged community.

Focus Area 3--Clean, green and safe city: sustainability is a strong theme of the precinct planning process. The community strongly favours the continued use of the precinct by Friends of Ōwhiro Stream as a base for their conservation activities.

- **4 - More sustainable**

Focus Area 1--Low Carbon Capital: during the participatory process, the community has emphasised that the precinct should demonstrate responsible energy use and waste minimisation.

- **5 - Improving the way we work**

Focus Area 2--Improved engagement: the participatory planning process has been a highly effective process for creating and maintaining community engagement.



Participatory design at work

This year the Vogelmorn Precinct project has built on previous consultation, taking the concept design and refining it through further community collaboration, including the following:

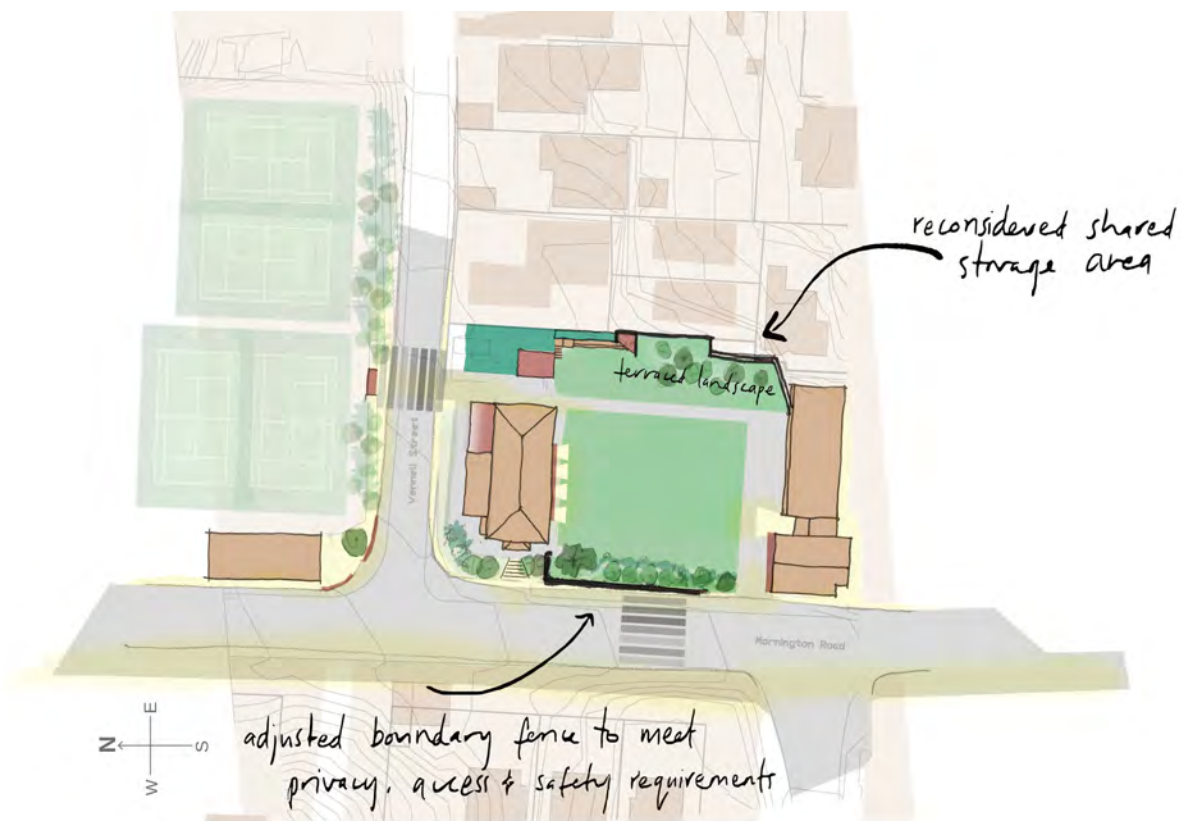
- refinement of the concept design following feedback received in 2016
- community planning day facilitated by Anne Cunningham from Te Pūtahi – Christchurch Centre for Architecture and City-making to develop the design themes
- a session held focusing on local children, held as part of the community planning day, facilitated by Barbarian Productions (a theatre company operating out of Vogelmorn Bowling Club facilities)
- a series of small-group community workshops to focus on specific aspects of the precinct
- stakeholder meetings are currently underway
- another community planning day is being planned in June to further develop the design – Councillors will be invited to attend to see participatory design in action!

The main objective for this ongoing participatory process is to create a design that reflects community views and prioritisation. This design, with costs estimated by a Quantity Surveyor, will be submitted for the Long-term Plan 2018-28.

Update on design direction

The ideas for the Vogelmorn Precinct have progressed fluidly through further community workshops and design critique sessions all held at the Precinct. A clearly developed brief, design themes and specific design ideas have been produced by the community. The following sketch plan gives an overview of the two main changes in design direction that have come out of the collaborative design sessions, for example:

- The community has reflected on the initial desire to take down a large portion of the existing brick wall facing onto Mornington Rd. One of the characteristics of the space that the community has been enjoying is the sense of enclosure and safety that is provided by the wall as it separates the Green from passing traffic and provides wind protection from the North-West. The proposal is now to leave a majority of the existing brick wall in place and create a generous level entry at the Bowling Club end of the wall. This in turn eliminates the need to form steps up from Mornington Rd and minimises the extent of earthworks required to create the Western strip of planting.



Working sketch of Vogelmorn community design development.

Progress at the Precinct

The participatory design process is working out how the Vogelmorn Precinct can best serve the community in the future, but there have already been major steps taken to improve the site in the meantime, and to make it more suitable and inviting for community use. These improvements have been facilitated through a combination of WCC and Brooklyn Community Association management, work and leadership by the Vogelmorn Community Group, and many hours of time and much expertise volunteered by people and businesses in the community and the wider Wellington Region.

Highlights include:

- all three gates to the old bowling green have been permanently unlocked to allow public access at all times
- the fence across the bowling green has been removed so it is now a single open space
- the grass on the bowling green has been re-sown and nurtured
- Vogelmorn Hall has had significant under-floor repairs and a side-door has been made accessible between the Hall and the bowling green
- a commercial kitchen has been built in the former bowling club building for community and small business use
- working bees have tidied and repaired many parts of the precinct
- the Vogelmorn Tennis Club has made a number of improvements at its property, particularly the installation of new flood-lights.



Predator Free Brooklyn working bee at the Precinct to build traps out of the removed fence palings

Next steps

The next steps for the continual development are in accord with both community participation and inclusion, and the architectural aspects of design and planning for a project of this nature.

The landscape aspect of the Precinct has been a large area of focus throughout the project, and comprises a large part of the site. The community has recognised the potential for a really great reserve area in this newly accessible green space. A discussion is currently underway with the aim of forming a collaboration with Wraight + Associates - *Landscape Architecture + Urban Design* who are willing to come on board and support high quality development of the Vogelmorn community project and work in a collaborative way with Co-op Cooperative and the community. We see this potential collaboration as an opportunity for high calibre and experienced landscape input with the objective of producing a developed design and estimated costing for a funding request for capital works inclusion in the WCC Long Term Plan 2018-28.

The \$20,000 of funding for 2016/17 has enabled community engagement and participatory design during 2017. Community engagement and participatory design activities are continuing through this funding, with architectural drawings being developed to a level that a preliminary estimate of costs can be obtained from a quantity surveyor.

This submission includes a request for a further \$20,000 which will allow Wraight + Associates - *Landscape Architecture + Urban Design* to be engaged to use the community's concept design as a brief for developing a landscape proposal which will be:

- a clear and well considered response to the community's brief;
- a distinctive character that complements and acknowledges the site's strong physical and environmental features, as well as the site's cultural and historical features;
- an innovative landscape architectural design that applies industry best practice, particularly focusing on the environment, cultural and economic sustainability; and
- a proposal that is fiscally responsible and pragmatic with regards to the future 'buildability' of site development.

The landscape design will address:

- spatial arrangement
- site access + circulation
- site uses/activities
- broad scale planting and materials strategy.

The further funding will also allow a quantity surveyor to be engaged to prepare a preliminary estimate of costs for the project.

It is intended to continue to further enable better community access to the bowling green during 2017 by removing the existing tall gates and barriers and replacing these with lighter, more see-through gates. This improved visibility of the green from the footpath will clearly show the community that it is a space for them to use and enjoy for a variety of recreational activities and events.

A further community workshop is planned for June 2017, and will act as both a consensus and bridging event inviting all design professionals and WCC councillors to be part of stakeholder gathering.



A video giving a sense of the participatory process this year is at: <https://youtu.be/fdE0eAFVTFw>.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We would like to present it to councillors in person, if the hearings format allows for this.

Wellington Tennis Incorporated



Submission to the:
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

on the:
WELLINGTON CITY 2017-18 ANNUAL PLAN

Submission from:
WELLINGTON TENNIS (INC.) and TENNIS CENTRAL REGION (INC.)

This submission is representing the 7,000+ members of Tennis Central Region Inc., including the 3,000+ that reside in Wellington City.

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Purpose Statement

This joint submission from Wellington Tennis (Inc.) and Tennis Central Region (Inc.) is to formally request engagement from the Wellington City Council to support the long-term sustainability of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre.

Introduction

Wellington Tennis is the owner of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in Brooklyn Road, Wellington. It represents the interests of 16 affiliated tennis clubs operating in the Wellington City area to ensure the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre remains available for use by tennis participants.

Tennis Central Region is one of six regional tennis organisations recognised by Tennis New Zealand as responsible for the delivery of grass-roots tennis. Created in 2007, Tennis Central Region services the lower part of the North Island, specifically Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Kapiti Mana, Hutt Valley and Wellington. Tennis Central Region operates out of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre, delivering a variety of tennis programmes at the facility.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre

As indicated, the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is owned by Wellington Tennis Inc., with the land leased from the Wellington City Council. The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is a critical asset to tennis in Wellington, providing the only indoor tennis facility in the city. It is used extensively throughout the year, most notably in the winter months. Local players use the facility for casual pay-for-play participation; professional coaches operate from the facility; and Tennis Central Region uses the facility for local, regional and national competition hosting, its regional performance programme and for various tennis events.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is classified as a tier 2 international facility, which allows national events and junior International Tennis Federation events to be held in Wellington. The Centre currently meets Tennis New Zealand's requirements for hosting tournaments with its mix of six indoor and twelve outdoor tennis courts.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is more than just the home of tennis in Wellington City. It is a sport facility that is available for use to all residents of Wellington and is the envy of many other tennis communities throughout New Zealand. In addition to its use for tennis, two karate clubs currently operate out of the Centre – Kaizen Karate Academy and Sport Karate. There are talks underway with Capital Football for junior futsal to be played at the Centre in the absence of sufficient suitable indoor space in Wellington to meet existing facility requirements for futsal. In partnership with Sport Wellington, efforts are also on-going to identify other sport clubs and organisations that may benefit from having regular access to the Centre. The Centre is also used for various annual activities, including karate and badminton tournaments and the All Blacks match day tactical session prior to a Wellington test match.

Council Investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre

It is acknowledged that the Wellington City Council has provided investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in the past. There was a contribution to the development of the second covered court structure at the Centre in 2006 (the Performance Training Centre that is a two court facility) and more recently a grant to assist in the development of an Asset Management Plan for the Centre to identify capacity to accommodate other sports and become a more extensive sports hub.

However, from an equality perspective with other major sports in Wellington, tennis has done itself no favours by being largely self-sufficient over an extended period of time. Whereas Council contributes annually to the provision of grass fields (for sports such as rugby, football and cricket) and indoor facilities (for sports such as netball, basketball and swimming), tennis has required its participants to pay fees in excess of these other sports to enable itself to maintain the Centre in a usable state. (The same is also true for all tennis clubs in Wellington that maintain tennis courts at their cost.) Councillors themselves acknowledged at the 2015 Long-Term Plan hearing specific to this same request that Wellington City Council currently invests minimal funds in the sport of tennis compared to the expense in providing fields and facilities for other sports.

The submission from Sport Wellington to this year's Annual Plan refers to the inequality felt by sports compared to other sectors of the community. The submission specifically states "... while user chargers to pools, indoor

courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities." From a tennis perspective it is simply desired to be on an equal-footing with other sports and not further excluded from Council's sport facilities funding strategy.

It remains the position of Wellington Tennis Inc. and Tennis Central Region Inc. that from an equality perspective Council should provide an annual grant to assist in the up-keep of the Centre. It is recognised that Council, in partnership with other local territory authorities in the greater Wellington Region and Sport Wellington, is developing a Regional Facilities Strategy (also being referred to as a Places and Spaces Plan). It is hoped that document will identify the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre as a key sport facility in the region and worthy of Council funding to ensure it remains available and suitable for use.

Long-Term Maintenance

With partial funding assistance from the Wellington City Council it has been possible to have engineering company Opus prepare in the past year a Condition Assessment of the Centre, as well as a costed Maintenance Plan to address the current and future maintenance requirements for the Centre. The Maintenance Plan has identified in excess of \$6 million worth of maintenance works to be carried out over the next 15 years, with half of that expense recommended to occur in the next 2-3 years.

Over \$1 million of the recommended maintenance relates to the North Stand. The works to the North Stand are not an immediate priority as this area has been closed to the public since the November 2016 earthquakes. Further consideration needs to be given to the future of the North Stand within the context of an Asset Management Plan currently being prepared.

The two-indoor court Performance Training Centre is just over ten years old and the Opus report identifies no major works required on this building in the immediate future.

The element of the facility that requires immediate attention is the main building that consists of four indoor tennis courts. The roof has been identified as needing significant maintenance. A full roof replacement has been proposed at an estimated cost of \$1 million, however the option of a partial replacement to address those areas in the worst condition is the preferred approach from the perspective of Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region. For a lesser amount of approximately \$500,000 the roof can be made suitable for another 10 years. Tennis Central Region has \$250,000 it is willing to commit to this project and provide to Wellington Tennis.

It is requested that Council enters into formal discussions with Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region to identify options that will permit Council investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre. The desire is to implement an option that permits the Council to be a true partner in the Centre. Success would be an outcome that results in an on-going annual financial contribution from Council towards the capital maintenance of the Centre.

In the context of the Maintenance Plan, an annual Council contribution of \$150,000 is specifically requested, which together with an equal contribution from Wellington Tennis Inc., will enable the annual maintenance recommended by Opus over the next 15 years to be completed as scheduled and not deferred further. It may be that the proposed Sportsville Partnership Fund, when that fund is established from the 2018-2019 financial year, is the appropriate Council fund to support the Centre.

Referring again to the Sport Wellington submission to this year's Wellington City Council Annual Plan, it includes the following statement, "Some sports own their facilities and for some this is becoming a burden as a result of increasing maintenance costs and ensuring optimum usage to generate income. Increasingly they must consider the long-term value of ownership and investigate code-sharing (although many older facilities have been purpose-built for a specific sport /activity). Some may end up walking away from their facilities as they no longer have the means to keep them open and/or viable. As most are built on council-owned land this can become a problem for Councils."

To be clear, tennis is not considering walking away from the Centre. However, the vast majority of the above point made by Sport Wellington is certainly applicable to the Centre.

Conclusion

It is appropriate to recognise that the Wellington City Council has supported the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in the past. This has not only been through the provision of a suitable site 30 years ago to develop the Centre, but also by way of financial contributions towards further development in 2006. More recently a grant of \$32,500 has enabled reports to be undertaken specific to a condition assessment of the Centre, enabling the development of a costed Maintenance Plan and a Management Plan. This support has been greatly appreciated. Council also provided a grant of \$10,000 in 2014-2015, that was matched by Tennis Central Region to produce the Wellington City Tennis Facilities Review.

It is hoped that the Wellington City Council is willing to continue to support tennis in Wellington, but recognise it is appropriate to increase that support. This support would be in the form of:

- Formal engagement with representatives of Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region to identify during the 2017-2018 financial year options for Council partnership in the Centre.
- The establishment of an annual contribution to support the on-going capital maintenance costs from 2018 onwards at a proposed investment of \$150,000 annually.

The opportunity to discuss this submission and the requests made in it with Council representatives would be welcomed. Please make contact at your convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council Me Heke Ki Poneke Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3 year Work Programme

Berhampore Community Association Submission

1. Introduction (& contact details)

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The Berhampore Community Association is a new residents association incorporated on 22 November to build unity within the Berhampore community and make sure all Berhampore voices are heard.

The objectives of the Berhampore Community Association are to:

- (a) Promote, undertake, advocate and/or facilitate activities and projects that unify, encourage a vital community spirit, and foster better understanding and respect amongst our diverse community.
- (b) Give Berhampore people a voice to the Wellington City Council and other organisations.
- (c) Create and carry out a 1/3/5/10 year plan to enhance Berhampore's built and natural environment, including heritage values.
- (d) Discover and celebrate the rich heritage of Berhampore.
- (e) Store and share local information (with the Community Centre) such as the District Plan, contact details of local groups and other organisations.
- (f) Liaise with other local resident associations and organisations with similar objectives.
- (g) Educate and help with disaster preparedness/civil defence.

The Census population of Berhampore in 2013 was 3,606, living in 1,572 dwellings with an average household size of 2.39.

2. Our BCA Feedback:

i. Changes to Long-Term Plan – our views on WCC's proposed changes and key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10–15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

(A) Affordable Housing

Rates remission for first home/apartment builders

We are concerned that the **first home rates rebate is too broad** to adequately address the acute shortage of affordable housing to rent and buy as homes. **The rebate does not encourage optimal land use for housing – nor building homes that will be affordable to live in for decades ahead.**

Two-thirds of Berhampore residents rent our homes according to 2013 Census, so that rental affordability is important as rents increase. Our suburb is also experiencing steep increases in housing prices, which although adding value for existing home owners, makes it more difficult for first home buyers to find an affordable home.

'Berhampore Peeps' Facebook Page (which has over 750 members mostly from our suburb of at least 1,572 households) has people frequently trying to find affordable homes to rent in Berhampore. As competition for affordable rental housing grows, people who are younger, first time renters, ethnic minorities, not in paid employment, or have children and/or pets, can find it even harder to get a home. Legal rights and protections are more challenging to enforce in a constrained housing market.

With the escalation of house prices, developers can make big profits from building large homes. Currently, a developer is selling yet-to-be-built 4-bedroom Berhampore [homes](#) with buyer enquiries encouraged from \$700,000+ and promising the Council's \$5000 rate rebate. This is a very profitable time for developers to build big houses – but this is not the land use which will meet the needs of most first home buyers, nor people searching for affordable rentals.

The Council needs to target financial incentives and regulations towards creating many more entry-level homes. Most new housing needs to be suitable for increasingly smaller households, but it is also important to encourage some new housing that is affordable for multi-generational households. Smart land use matters to keep our city compact - and housing and transport costs affordable for all Wellington households. The Council urgently needs to strongly incentivise compact affordable housing, so limited land availability is put to best use.

The rates rebate also needs to be targeted to new housing that will be affordable to live in over the coming decades. All new housing needs to be well designed and well insulated for highly efficient energy use, preferably with built-in renewable energy generation. Widespread car share vehicles (cars for cheap hourly hire) can lessen the need for private car ownership, so our scarce land can be used for house people, not cars.

At the 8 December 2016 public meeting, the Association agreed on the following statement on the place of Social Housing in Berhampore:

"The Berhampore Community Association is committed to enhancing the heritage values of Berhampore. If there is one major value which we as the community of Berhampore have inherited it is a vibrantly multicultural community. This suburb has been formed over many years by wave after wave of immigrants and refugees and the result has been a rich diversity of cultures. One key to Berhampore having the character it has is the commitment of various governments (local and national) to providing affordable 'social housing' in this area. Thus the complexes now administered by Housing New Zealand and Wellington City Council are important places of refuge for those with the greatest socio-economic needs.

The Berhampore Community Association sees multi-cultural diversity and hospitality as key values to be respected and enhanced and wants Berhampore to continue to be a place where those with the lowest incomes and greatest needs can still live well and contribute to the common life."

As well as preserving the social character of Berhampore, **residents are concerned about the historic and cultural built character of Berhampore**, as more old character buildings are being demolished in the heart of Berhampore, and others look under threat as they are not well-maintained. We would like to see an agreement reached between Berhampore and the Council about what buildings define the special character of our suburb, and so will be protected in perpetuity.

We would like direct consultation from the outset with Berhampore where development is taking place - so that our community is kept informed & given chances to shape and protect the character of our suburb. Currently homes are being demolished & development is taking place in our backyards with absolutely no notification given to neighbouring residents. We would like a realistic blanket heritage protection order for Berhampore (akin to Thorndon) to encourage either quality, detailed replica infill housing, or bold, innovative infill housing that fits this quirky, heritage suburb (refer 1990s photo of Berhampore shops <https://www.flickr.com/photos/travelling--light/4906455271/>)

In the heart of our suburb, we have an outstanding example of density done well – the Centennial Apartments at 493 Adelaide Road. These were built well and thoughtfully in 1940 when we faced similar housing challenges – and these attractive apartments centered around a sunny green space, have stood the

test of time, as density done well. See www.homestolove.co.nz/inside-homes/home-features/density-done-well-centennial-flats



Supported living for people who experience ongoing homelessness

Affordable warm safe healthy housing is a basic human right for everyone. Urgent support for people who experience ongoing homelessness is essential. People's needs will vary. Several winters ago, a man lived in a small tent with his two dogs amongst the trees near the Berhampore Community Orchard. He had to leave social housing because of his dogs - which were also important support for him. DCM tried to help but finding rental housing that permitted dogs was hard.

ii. Your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health)

As two-thirds of Berhampore residents rent our homes according to 2013 Census, fees that enable everyone to use community recreational services are important.

iii. 3 year work programme

1. Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years?

(More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the "Building a Better City" document.

We mostly agree with these goals, as there is a focus on affordable housing and public transport, community resilience, community-led planning, plus reducing social inequality and deprivation.

2. Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

We want to encourage the Council to also *quantify* what success looks like in 3 years. For example, with **Focus Area 2: Housing People**, quantify that 90% of rental housing meets agreed Warrant of Fitness standards for warmth, health and safety before 2018, and 99.9% before 2019. The trend away from home buying has reversed, with new housing units that are affordable to buy for owner-occupiers in any fulltime paid employment, and affordable to rent on the Living Wage. The overall number of homeless people is halved this year, and virtually non-existent before 2019. The wait time for people in need on the Council's waiting list for social housing is reduced to days, not weeks, well before 2019. There is adequate emergency housing for people with diverse needs.

3. Do the Focus Areas include activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years? Yes to some

Comments (specify which Focus Area we are commenting on)

Berhampore Community Association especially supports:

Resilient Communities - We partnered with WREMO earlier this year to run 'Disaster Response' workshops which were lively, and attracted a variety of local residents, and led to new with new community projects.

Social Housing - See our agreed statement (above) on the importance of Social Housing to the special character of Berhampore. We see multi-cultural diversity and hospitality as key values to be respected and enhanced and wants Berhampore to continue to be a place where those with the lowest incomes and greatest needs can still live well and contribute to the common life.

Housing Taskforce – Berhampore Community Association is keen to support and inform this.

Rental Warrant of Fitness – On behalf of the majority of Berhampore residents who rent their homes, we would like to see this WoF given urgency so the Council can start acting on cold, damp and unsafe housing as soon as possible *this* year.

Cost of public transport – The affordability of public transport becomes even more important as budgets are stressed by escalating housing costs, especially rising rents.

Reduce social deprivation/inequality – We support Council's moves for more inclusive community.

Community driven safety planning – We support the Council's community-driven participatory/co-design approach, and progress towards becoming a child and youth-friendly city.

Living Wage – We support the spread of the Living Wage, noting that affordable housing and public transport are important liveability factors which the Council can also strongly influence.

Relationship with iwi – We support Council developing stronger relationships and partnerships.

Engagement and consultation – We support more community-led planning, including targeting the most vulnerable communities.

iii. Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

The Berhampore Community Association welcomes increased engagement with our suburb. In particular, we would like to engage with the Mayoral Taskforce on Housing.

We also would like to know well in advance of any changes or work in our suburb, such as roadworks, or resource consents for property demolition.

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Changes to Long-Term Plan (Annual Plan 2017/18)

ICW's submission focuses on areas of particular importance to our members.

Homelessness and antisocial street activity

<p>Investigate supported living for people who experience ongoing homelessness</p>	<p>ICW supports an initiative that provides a home for those with ongoing homelessness. A 2016 media report outlines the proposal more clearly than in the Annual Plan draft - http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/312534/%27wet-house%27-plan-to-tackle-wellington-homelessness .</p> <p>This report states that it will be better in the central city so it can be closer to support services and will house 30-40 people, rather than the 8 bed facility originally proposed for Island Bay in 2009. This earlier proposal failed due to community resistance and funding problems.</p> <p>We have been told that a central city location has been identified, but has not been disclosed. ICW wants to be involved in the discussions on how the facility will be implemented and operated to ensure that the neighbouring residents, organisations and businesses interests are also taken into account.</p> <p>Housing 30-40 people with high-social needs in one accommodation site will create its own set of challenges. The business case must address whether this approach is better than smaller units in multiple locations in the central city and in suburbs. Economy of scale for the support services should not be the only factor considered. Our members will want assurance that the appropriate supports will be put in place and maintained over time.</p> <p>ICW is keen to assist and support this initiative, but we need to have information, including the location, in a timely manner to provide that input. The bulk of the details of the business case should not be commercially-sensitive. Information must be made available to our membership and the public on what is necessary to make this facility work.</p> <p>WCC refers to 'Housing First'; but is this the same as the 'Housing First' initiative in Auckland which is receiving \$3.75m from Government over two years, along with \$1m from Auckland Council? This link describes the principles behind the initiative. ICW wants clarity on what the WCC approach entails.</p>
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<p>Projects to reduce antisocial behaviour on city streets</p>	<p>ICW supports a review of the approach to managing begging and associated anti-social behaviour, but we do not agree with the lack of funding for 2017/18.</p> <p>ICW does not support WCC's adopted policy of '<i>to explicitly tolerate begging as part of the cityscape</i>'.¹ This has not been effective and has resulted in an increase in antisocial behaviour on city streets; an increase that WCC has acknowledged in the draft Annual Plan.</p> <p>ICW calls for further funding in 2017/18 given that no funding was tagged to the Street Management Policy agreed in April 2016, and the acknowledged increase of antisocial behaviour. This funding should come from reducing by 50% the substantial allocation to the new public event celebrating Matariki and new winter outdoor events. (See our separate response on this proposal). Without funding in the 2017/18 Annual Plan, any initiatives developed will have to come from existing, committed budgets or wait until the 2018/19 annual plan process. This is not acceptable.</p> <p>It is disappointing there are no details of the options being investigated for the public to provide feedback on, despite being advised in February this year that work was underway on these. There is no summary of the effectiveness of the current street management approaches after a year of operating the policy. Only one has had any visibility (Local Hosts and Outreach team engaging with people begging), though there is a view that this has reduced. Others, such as 'Encourage and engage residents, retailers and other businesses to take care of the public space outside their premises' are unworkable in the current environment. The 'acceptable use of footways' (ie, no furniture and that WCC will remove it) has not been well communicated to retailers, businesses or residents.</p> <p>ICW does not support the funding options indicated for the forthcoming projects. Special rates – who will be targeted? Owner and industry contributions – who/why? Grants – for how long? This is a society problem; mostly impacting on the residents and businesses in the inner city. The costs of resolving this problem must be shared across all ratepayers.</p> <p>ICW agrees that the 'begging' issue is complex and that multiple solutions are required. It would help to separately identify the different groups (homeless, rough sleeping by choice, poverty, drug addiction, mental health issues, opportunists, criminal) so policy and operational responses can be clearly developed and targeted to each group.</p> <p>We call for further investigation of the Peoples Project in Hamilton</p>
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¹ Community, Sport and Recreation Committee, 13 April 2016.

	referred to in the April 2016 report, which combined a social approach through its Housing First initiative and a bylaw that set out nuisance behaviour, including begging. Note that the bylaw does not prohibit passive begging.
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Arts and culture

Expand Wellington's arts and culture programmes to include a new public event celebrating Matariki and a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series.	<p>ICW does not support funding the <i>full</i> \$500,000 for a new public event celebrating Matariki and a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series.</p> <p>As previously noted, ICW believes that 50% of this funding should be transferred to fund the projects to address antisocial behaviour. \$250,000 would provide sufficient funds to <u>either</u> support the existing Matariki programme providers² <u>or</u> develop a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series. This expansion programme is part of the Mayor's election campaign, but all election promises do not have to be delivered in year one. ICW supports having them but in an equitable manner.</p> <p>ICW members value the arts and culture programme in the inner city; that is one of the primary drawcards for many residents and supports many businesses. However, the additional programmes are for the housed, the fed, and the 'well'. This annual plan only gives a business plan for a potential solution to those who are begging on our streets. This is inequitable.</p>
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Resilience/earthquake strengthening initiatives

Seismic Building Intelligence System – installation of sensors to track changes in building structures in an earthquake	<p>ICW supports this initiative.</p> <p>Data is critical to making informed decisions in the event of an earthquake and post-earthquake assessments of buildings. At least two of our members have expressed interest in having a sensor in their building as part of the WCC network. We know that some building owners have already installed their own sensors and that WCC is keen to access that data as well.</p> <p>A clear protocol on how the information will be used by WCC is critical before WCC-funded sensors are installed in buildings, or before access is provided to privately-funded sensors.</p> <p>ICW does not support the outlined funding options for this project. The data is from selected buildings that will provide the range that is required to benefit the resilience of the city – not just the building owners. The project costs must be funded by all ratepayers.</p>
Town Hall earthquake	ICW has several questions on this project:

² There was an extensive programme for Matariki 2016 (<http://www.matarikiwellington.org/exhibitions/>)

strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is WCC funding the projected \$89.9 million given that a portion of the funding was from the sale of the ground lease of the Jack Illott Green, which is no longer occurring? • What is the current status of the MFC Carpark development, given that funding from that will contribute to the Town Hall costs? • How will the proposed development of the MFC Carpark site take into account the 850,000 litre sewer tank underneath the carpark?
Develop a seamless one-stop shop, customer-focussed case management approach.	<p>ICW supports the proposed 'seamless one-stop shop', customer-focussed case management approach. Many of our members are in body corporates who are experiencing first-hand the challenges of negotiating complex regulatory processes. This includes heritage constraints, which is excluded from the list of processes.</p> <p>But where is a similar service for body corporates progressing complex, expensive strengthening projects in multi-owner environments?</p> <p>ICA submitted on the 2016 Draft Annual Plan asking for an advisory service to be established to assist body corporates to progress complex, expensive seismic strengthening of earthquake prone buildings.</p> <p>The request was not included at that time due to the appointment of a new Chief Planning Officer. Since then the request has languished in the bureaucracy of WCC, despite Cllr Pannett requesting that it be considered and responded to in a timely manner.</p> <p>All Lambton Ward Councillors and the Mayor supported such a service being implemented in their pre-election statements to ICA. It is disappointing that nothing has progressed.</p>

Removal of fees

<p>Discounted fees for smoke-free outdoor dining on pavement areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% discount for full smokefree dining 	<p>ICW supports this initiative. It reinforces an important public health message.</p> <p>There should be consistency to other outdoor areas, such as balconies/verandas that have an air space encroachment. Are these owners being encouraged to go smokefree and receive a discount on the air lease fee?</p> <p>What incentives are being applied to owners who have built outdoor areas within their own envelope to go full smokefree?</p> <p>Is this only available to outdoor dining areas and not bars?</p>
Discounted fees for smoke-free outdoor dining on pavement areas	ICW does not support this initiative. It does not send a strong public health message, which is the goal for the discount of fees.

<p>- 50% discount for areas with no smokefree restrictions</p>	<p>This proposal is more aligned with the Mayor's election campaign to remove fees for outdoor dining on public land to increase seating capacity and help create vibrant, social outdoor areas. While ICW support the creation of vibrant, social outdoor areas, this approach provides a subsidy for some businesses over other businesses.</p>
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3 year work programme

ICW broadly supports the goals and actions outlined in the 3-year work programme and the focus areas. The city has to continue to grow and develop, and maintain and enhance the characteristics that bring residents, businesses and organisations to the inner city. But it must also be affordable.

The reservation in the support is that WCC continue to maintain the rates increase below the projected rates increases in the Long Term Plan. We have seen in this Annual Plan election promises taking precedence over real need. ICW acknowledges that savings have been made in the Council and that the projected rates increase for the 2017/18 is below what was envisaged in the Long Term Plan. This has to continue.

Re-phasing of Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Part: ICW would like to be involved in the consultation on the proposed developments of this site as open green space is important to our members.

Ideas for engagement

ICW submits that WCC should actively sign up to the Government Open Data Declaration³ and Open Government Partnership⁴ to demonstrate a real commitment to proactively making the data and information that the public need to engage effectively, readily available. These can be implemented in local government as well as central government. WCC already makes geospatial data available, but more could be achieved under such a programme.

Some examples of what could improve engagement are:

- Providing links to key reports and relevant committee papers under the relevant policies on the website. This would make it easier for the public to identify and access the analysis that has been undertaken. Finding reports in committee papers can be very time consuming.
- Publishing the papers presented to committees as separate reports on the website, as well as the full report. The full report with all papers is useful for Councillors, but they take a long time to download for people on dialup or with minimal data plans, when all they want is one report. The individual reports exist already and it is only a small step to make it a PDF and publish it under the relevant committee meeting. It will also make it easier to link the papers under the relevant policy.
- Make a conscious decision on every report that is written or commissioned by WCC as to why it shouldn't be proactively released on the website. This action, along with the above bullet points, would reduce the number of LGOIMA requests.

³ <https://www.ict.govt.nz/guidance-and-resources/open-government/declaration-open-and-transparent-government/>

⁴ <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/nz-ogp-action-plan>

- Make tabular data available in .csv or Excel format. For example, the list of Earthquake Prone Buildings is in PDF so it cannot be readily analysed without first 'scraping' it to put into a spreadsheet. If WCC cannot create a .csv file from the source (which would be surprising) it should undertake the scraping so the public can readily access it.
- Make the annual budget for each output/project, the targets and the progress readily available by linking to the policy rather have them hidden in large, complex reporting documents. While this would be an extra step for WCC it would enhance engagement by those who want this level of detail.
- Having the closing time for submissions at 8am on the Monday morning, rather than 5pm on the previous Friday. Voluntary groups are often researching, gathering data and preparing submission in the evening or on weekends. It would provide enhanced engagement to have the weekend to finalise submissions rather than close consultation on a Friday.

On a particular topic, ICW submits that the allocation of the Downtown Levy should be reviewed in each triennial Long Term Plan process to provide an opportunity for all commercial, industrial and business property owners, who are subject to the rate, to give input into their priorities for the fund. The Downtown Levy (to 'support tourism promotion and weekend free parking') is effectively a Business Improvement District targeted rate for inner city property owners, without them having the benefit of having voted on it or having a say on how it is used. While it may not change, providing that opportunity for input is part of Goal 5, Focus Area 2: improved engagement.

This submission has been developed in line with the priority focus areas of the ICW Strategic Plan under Sustainable Development and Local Democracy, which was approved at our recent AGM. We did not consult directly with our membership on this submission. We intend to canvas views on specific topics (such as the homeless housing proposal and projects to address antisocial behaviour, and the Downtown Levy) to inform further engagement with WCC.



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Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Comments:

(B) Affordable Housing - rates remission for first home/apartment builders & supported living for people experiencing ongoing homelessness

OraTaiao strongly urges that WCC focus on affordability of homes to live in - as well as to rent and buy. This means rewarding best practice housing design that maximises energy efficiency, houses people not vehicles, and keeps Wellington compact - supporting Wellington's efforts to rapidly reduce climate-damaging gas emissions.

New infrastructure can either help or block our future resilience, including economic impacts of rising emissions charges on householders and the city. OraTaiao urges rates remissions for first home/apartment builders where these homes are affordable to buy/rent - and are best practice

for sustainability and health. Housing needs to be affordable to buy/rent now plus affordable and healthy to live in - as our future becomes increasingly carbon-constrained.

Climate changes will hurt the most vulnerable of us first and worst - children, elderly, people on low incomes, Māori and Pacific households. Reducing disparities amongst Wellingtonians is important for our climate change adaptation - and ensuring that protecting our climate narrows, rather than increases, disparities. Responding to homelessness matters now and for our future together.

(C) Making Wellington Predator-free

The greatest threat to bio-diversity is our changing climate - and human activity is the main culprit. Rapid reductions to climate-damaging gases, especially long-living carbon dioxide, is the best biodiversity protection for all species.

(F) South Coast resilience

Adaptation measures are akin to an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, and must be accompanied by investment now in rapidly reducing our climate-damaging gases (especially carbon dioxide). This will limit the extent of climate change and help ensure that adaptation measures like this are effective and worthwhile.

Unlike earthquakes, we can and must help build a strong climate-protection fence at the top of the cliff, so that it is possible to adapt. Mitigation (rapid emissions reduction) is the top priority for adaptation. The most up-to-date information on future climate changes and sea level rises is essential in deciding the wisest adaptation spending.

(H) Continued implementation of the living wage

See OraTaiao comments under (B) re importance of reducing disparities now, as climate changes will hit the most vulnerable in Wellington first and worst - yet those on lower incomes on average have a lower climate-damaging footprint.

(I) Low Carbon Capital

'Carbon-free Capital' should be Wellington's goal now with international agreement towards zero net emissions, led by wealthier countries like New Zealand.

Energetically competing in the race to become carbon-free is important for Wellington's economic and social resilience. Rapidly reducing emissions, as our previous comments demonstrate, must be woven into all WCC policies and programmes.

OraTaiao congratulates Wellington on initial steps towards growing car share and EV uptake. We encourage WCC to see car share (cars for hourly hire) as essential public transport - with considerable co-benefits for other WCC focus areas. Car share frees up valuable land space to house people (not private vehicles) and frees up road space for active and public transport, while encouraging fewer privately-owned vehicles.

Even fossil-fuelled car share cars remove more than a dozen privately owned cars from our roads, road-side and private properties. As Wellington's population grows, widespread car share is key to maximising economic and social value from limited land, and keeping our city compact, affordable and accessible.

OraTaiao urges WCC to think more broadly about supporting rapid upscaling of car share to hundreds of highly visible car share cars over the 2017/2018 financial year. Car share expansion overseas has initially involved partnership - either with a local council or public transport company.

WCC can also help grow the second-hand EV market by (i) ensuring that every new fleet vehicle purchased from now on, is electric, and (ii) working with large Wellington organisations to encourage EVs in their fleets, as well as supporting car share. Note that increasing car share and EVs is only a very small part of becoming 'carbon-free' Even just within the transport sector, investing in public transport and active transport are likely to have much bigger impact.

(K) Resilience initiatives

OraTaiao encourages the resilience assessment of 500 Wellington homes to include the houses' emissions footprints and vulnerability to climate changes and sea level rises, as well as earthquake risks.

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

No comment.

The 3 year work programme

1. The Goals – Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the “Building a Better City” document

Response: Neutral

Comments:

Wellington's top priority must be a fair, fast and healthy transition to becoming a Carbon-free Capital. Reducing socioeconomic disparity is part of that transition. Rapidly reducing climate-damaging gas emissions needs to be integrated across all of WCC's policies and programmes. We especially support the goals of more sustainable and resilient city.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

Response: Neutral

Comments:

Wellington's top priority must be a fair, fast and healthy transition to becoming a Carbon-free Capital. Reducing socioeconomic disparity is part of that transition. Rapidly reducing climate-damaging gas emissions needs to be integrated across all of WCC's policies and programmes. We especially support the goals of more sustainable and resilient city.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years? Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Response: Yes to some**Comments:**

Many of our previous comments re Changes to the Long Term Plan (above) also apply to the Annual Plan and Focus Areas. OraTaiao welcomes many of Wellington City Council's new proposals, including:

- business continuity planning
(which could include shared transport plans during our increasing extreme weather events),
 - resilient communities,
 - adaptation and climate change awareness,
 - tech hub expansion,
 - social housing,
 - rental warrant of fitness,
 - cycling network,
 - reducing public transport costs,
 - lower speed limits - reducing social deprivation/inequality,
 - becoming a child and youth-friendly city,
 - delivering our natural capital,
 - sewage sludge,
 - reducing waste to landfill - promoting electric vehicle uptake;
- and most importantly,
- delivering the 2016-18 Low Carbon Capital Plan (better still 'Carbon-free Capital Plan').

We encourage WCC to seriously consider climate resilience as well as earthquake resilience – prioritising rapid reduction of climate-damaging gases across our city to help ensure we can still adapt to climate changes.

Importantly, we encourage WCC to recognise the interconnectedness of council priorities, ensuring that policies and programmes reduce climate-damaging emissions and socioeconomic disparities in our city. For example, the Wellington Airport runway extension if allowed to continue, would be a devastatingly huge source of increased climate-damaging emissions, because of the vast quantities of fossil fuels burned by increased flights.

Similar care must be taken to assess the unintended climate consequences of new roading infrastructure that encourages more private fossil-fuelled vehicle use. Our previous submission on WCC's Low Carbon Plan and 2016/17 Annual Plan can be found on OraTaiao's website here: http://www.orataiao.org.nz/wellington_city_council_s_annual_plan_2016_17_and_carbon_plan_consultation.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments:

OraTaiao's Co-convenors and Executive welcome opportunities to discuss shaping a resilient healthy and fair future for Wellington, with both the City Council and individual councillors.

OraTaiao: The New Zealand Climate and Health Council (OraTaiao, The Council) is an incorporated society of over 500 health professional members calling for urgent and fair climate action – with real health gains now and for our future.

We know that climate changes fundamentally threaten human health and wellbeing – and that well-designed climate action can mean greater health and fairness in both the short and longer term.

Within its membership, OraTaiao has some of the world's leading climate-health experts, and is consolidating linkages with health bodies and other climate-health organisations in New Zealand and internationally. See more at the OraTaiao website, www.orataiao.org.nz.

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SUBMISSION: "Building a better city – Help us shape the Annual Plan 2017/18

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the document. If hearings are held, I would like to speak in support of my submission, and possibly make additional comments.

PROPOSED CHANGE (B) – Affordable housing
 The focus should be on providing affordable housing for people on lower incomes.

I support the provision of okioki / wet houses, for people who need support to overcome continuing homelessness.

PROPOSED CHANGE (C)– Making Wellington predator-free
 (notice use of hyphen)
 To have maximum ecological benefit, this proposal must target not just possums and rats, but all the following alien pests: mice, mustelids (3 species), magpies, mallards, feral goats, pigs, deer and cats.

This proposal must be accompanied by vigorous efforts to control, and where possible, eliminate, invasive weed species.

PROPOSED CHANGE (D) – Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture
 I support the idea for a Matariki festival.

I urge WCC to proceed with strengthening and refurbishing the Town Hall. I consider this work should take priority over the proposed extension of the runway, and the proposed film museum and convention centre.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (E) – One-stop-shop delivery of key Council services

I support this proposal, if it does not reduce WCC's oversight of , and control of developers' plans

PROPOSED CHANGE – (F) – South coast resilience

I support these proposals, provided that planting is confined to indigenous sand-binding species, e.g., *Ficinia spiralis* / pīngao, and *Spinifex sericeus* / kōwhangata / silvery sand grass.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (G) – Improving community engagement

I think that the style of gathering held on 16 May at Te Papa is a good start, together with meetings with the community associations in the wards.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (H) – Continued implementation of the living wage

I welcome this initiative, because it is essential that WCC's employees, and the employees of companies contracted to WCC, get the remuneration that they need to live a satisfying life, without a financial struggle.

PROPOSED CHANGE (I) – Low Carbon Capital

This is not just about car sharing and electric vehicles, it must be about halting roading projects, such as the 'four lanes to the planes' dream of some people. NZ has ratified the COP21 Paris Agreement. Wellington, as the capital city, must act to slash CO2 emissions, by halting road projects desired by the NZ Transport Agency, the motor-vehicle industry, the oil industry, and the Road Transport Forum. Our transport investment must focus on public transport, walking and cycling initiatives, while maintaining our existing roads.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (J) – Wellington Town Hall strengthening / Music Hub

I welcome this proposed change.

PROPOSED CHANGE – K) – Resilience initiatives

I support these changes.

GENERAL Unauthorised tracks on the Outer Green Belt, Town Belt and in our Scenic Reserves and Recreation Reserves.

I recommend that WCC cease funding mountain-biking infrastructure forthwith, and invest instead in closing unauthorised tracks, jumps, shutes, plunges, etc., made by mountain bikers, in an effort to curb the systematic, insidious degradation of the city's precious natural areas by mountain bikers.

GENERAL: Adshel 'shelters' at bus stops

I urge WCC to remove these ineffective and unsightly structures from our streets, and, in conjunction with GWRC, replace them with structures which provide shelter, and don't plaster our streets with advertising hoardings.

Yours sincerely

Chris Horne



Date: 19 May 2017

Submission from Worser Bay Boating Club on the Mayor and Councillors draft 3-year work programme 2016-19 (Triennium Plan)

1. Worser Bay Boating Club submit that Wellington City Councillors should:
 - 1.1. **Approve** funding of the detailed design of the site works associated with the rebuild of the Worser Bay Boating Clubrooms as part of the Sports Hub focus area within the people focussed goal of the 3-year work programme 2016-19
 - 1.2. **Note** that the cost of this work is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000
 - 1.3. **Note** that this estimate will be confirmed once the resource consenting process, that is currently underway, has been completed
 - 1.4. **Note** that Worser Bay Boating Club and Council officers will prepare a report regarding design and costings of the site works so that funding of the site works can be considered during deliberations on the 2018-2028 long-term plan
 - 1.5. **Note** that Council officers intend to develop a memorandum of understanding with Worser Bay Boating Club to describe the respective responsibilities of the club and the Council regarding the developments at Worser Bay, and that this will form part of the report for the 2018-2028 long-term plan.

Background

2. Worser Bay Boating Club is rebuilding its clubrooms. The Club has kept Councillors informed of progress with the project, with the last update being a presentation to Councillors at the 2 March 2017 City Strategy Committee meeting. To date the following project tasks have been completed:
 - 2.1. Detailed designs for the building have been completed
 - 2.2. Land owner approval has been granted for the project
 - 2.3. The project has resource consents for both the land and water based elements of the building project
 - 2.4. An application for building consent has been lodged and the club is currently working through the final stages of this process with Council officers.

3. Wellington City Council has been working closely with the Club as planning for the rebuild has proceeded. To date Council has:
 - 3.1. Funded a wave force and sea level study to provide background information for the design of the building and associated site works
 - 3.2. Funded the preliminary designs for the site works associated with the project including
 - 3.2.1. rock revetment required around the car park
 - 3.2.2. rescue boat breastwork
 - 3.2.3. rigging area taking account for projected sea level rise
 - 3.2.4. launching ramp
 - 3.3. Supported the Club to progress the designs through Council processes
 - 3.4. Supported the Club to plan for the new sport and recreation programmes that will be based out of Worser Bay once the building project is completed.
4. The next steps with the project are:
 - 4.1. Completing the building consent process for the building
 - 4.2. Completing the Regional Council Resource Consenting process for the site works
 - 4.3. Developing detailed designs for the site works and confirming construction costs for the site works
 - 4.4. Completing the building consent process for site work structures
 - 4.5. Development of a memorandum of understanding between the Club and the Council regarding the project and the future implementation of sport and recreation activities in Worser Bay
 - 4.6. Preparation of a report regarding design and costings of the site works so that Council funding of the site works can be considered during deliberations on the 2018-2028 long-term plan.
5. Provided the Club is successful with its ongoing fundraising efforts, then it is intended that construction will begin at the end of summer 2018 and be complete before the beginning of spring 2019.

Submission prepared on behalf of Worser Bay Boating Club

By Dean Stanley

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Renters United!

Submission on the WCC Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Renters United is an advocacy group working on behalf of tenants in the private rental market. We have 360 members, most of them private renters in the Wellington region. We also have supporters who rent in other parts of the country or who own homes.

More detail about Renters United at www.rentersunited.org.nz

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Overview

Renters United wishes to submit on a very specific aspect of your Annual Plan: the absence of any concrete steps towards a mandatory rental Warrant of Fitness (WoF).

We note that the ongoing Housing Taskforce has a work strand entitled “Quality” considering some of the issues addressed in this submission. We attach our input into the Taskforce’s recent Housing Forum as an appendix.

We also note that in your draft Three Year Work Programme, Focus Area 2 contains the following three-year measure of success: “Rental properties meet quality standards (a rental WOF has been introduced)”.

We applaud this goal. However, we are concerned that your draft Annual Plan 2017/18 contains no steps towards achieving this objective. We submit that Council must make steps towards introducing a WoF this year, both as groundwork for introducing a WoF this council term, and to begin offering renters the improvements they urgently need.

The following submission outlines:

- The urgent need for a rental WoF in Wellington.
- The widespread support for a WoF.
- The ability of Council to introduce a WoF, and councilors pledges of support.
- Renters United’s recommended first steps and the estimated costs.

A rental WoF in Wellington is urgently needed

Roughly half of New Zealand’s population is renting. If this proportion holds true in Wellington, roughly 100,000 Wellingtonians are renters. However, the median age in Wellington is 34 — one of the lowest of New Zealand cities — meaning the proportion of renters may be even higher.

Existing legislation does a poor job of protecting this large and growing group. Because the Residential Tenancies Act does not legislate stringent quality standards, a huge quantity of housing stock is cold, damp and unsafe.

→ Higher minimum standards are needed to protect renters.

The current enforcement regime is also inadequate. The onus is on tenants to report problems — but tenants face numerous barriers to doing so. Some lack confidence or knowledge of their rights. In a fiercely competitive market for rental properties, others fear retaliatory eviction or rent rises. They may also fear blacklisting, particularly as they consign themselves to renting for life and therefore need to preserve their reputation as a ‘good’ tenant. Given these factors it is untenable to expect tenants to enforce standards on behalf of government.

→ Independent and mandatory inspections are essential.

A rental WoF would address both these issues, by providing higher standards enforced with mandatory inspections.

While renters wait, poor quality rental housing damages their health

Low quality rental housing is a major contributor to poor health, particularly for children and other vulnerable groups of renters. According to the New Zealand Medical Association:

Every day, doctors treat children who are sick because they live in cold, damp and/or moldy houses. The Office of the Children's Commissioner reports that the effects of cold, moldy and damp housing on children contribute up to 42,000 hospital admissions and 15 deaths each year.¹

A face to these statistics is the tragic case of Emma-Lita — a toddler who died of pneumonia after her family rented a cold, damp house in South Auckland. The coroner concluded that her cold, damp living conditions “cannot be excluded” as a potential factor contributing to her death.²

In Wellington it is likely that renters are getting sick, even dying, because New Zealand politicians delay action to improve housing quality.

As the Paediatric Society of New Zealand wrote last year:

Time is of the essence... Every year that passes is, for the cohort of infants who live in unhealthy housing, an opportunity missed.³

Cold, damp rentals affect the broader wellbeing of our city

Poor quality housing also affects our city more broadly. Renters are a key part of our economy and when they become needlessly sick, our productivity is damaged. Poor housing may also affect vitality of specific sectors, as noted by the Wellington Youth Council:

... the strong contribution from tertiary education to Wellington's economy is dependent on high quality student experiences, something undermined by poor quality rental housing available for students. We believe that stronger minimum standards in rental housing will support the development of the tertiary education industry in Wellington by improving student health and quality of life.⁴

There is widespread support for a WoF

Numerous groups support the concept of a mandatory rental WoF, including the Office of the Children's Commissioner⁵, the Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty⁶, Child Poverty Action Group⁷, Presbyterian Support⁸ and the New Zealand Medical Association⁹.

For example, in 2016 the Office of the Children's Commissioner said:

We continue to believe that a comprehensive rental WOF is required to address the issue of poor quality rental housing.¹⁰

Other groups have highlighted the urgent need to improve housing quality, such as Plunket:

Improvements in New Zealand's housing stock cannot happen quickly enough for the health of our children.... improved housing standards for these children and their families are an absolute priority here in Wellington.¹¹

The general public is also increasingly impatient for action. Emma-Lita's death led to an outpouring of public concern and demands for higher standards. The Office of the Children's Commissioner wrote last year, "The public find it unacceptable that children are needlessly becoming sick and dying due to poor quality housing."¹² Renters United believes that support for a WoF will continue to grow, as providing a healthy property comes to be viewed as a normal cost of doing business for landlords.

It is time for Wellington City Council to introduce a WoF

We believe that it is within the power of Wellington City Council to introduce a rental WoF. There are a range of options that can and should be pursued using existing powers. There is also the option of using differentiated rates categories to incentivise landlords to improve poor quality housing (which we have already discussed with councillors and Council officials). Council has acknowledged that introducing a WoF is within their power by including it as a goal in their three-year work programme.

Ultimately, Renters United will continue to campaign for a national rental WOF legislated by central Government (as well as other improvements to renters rights such as greater security of tenure). Nevertheless, the current political climate makes it difficult to predict when, or if, central Government will act.

The Council now has the opportunity to show leadership by becoming the first council to introduce a WoF. This would pave the way for other councils and ultimately central Government to follow.

It is worth noting that during last year's election many councillors pledged their support for a WoF. According to VUWSA, 8 of 13 councillors pledged to "take all possible steps to ensure Wellington rental properties are covered by a compulsory Rental WoF within the next Council term".¹³ These councillors now have the opportunity to turn their pledge into action.

Introduce two steps into your Annual Plan

Renters United requests that Council include the following two steps in this year's Annual Plan. These measures would lay groundwork towards a WoF while also helping renters now.

Begin independent rental inspections

- Train existing Council public health officers (PHOs) to inspect against the He Kainga Oranga Warrant of Fitness, as well as the Public Health Act and the upcoming Wellington housing standard.
- Allow renters to request an inspection against the He Kainga Oranga standard. Provide the renters with a written report that they can share with their landlord and/or use to enforce their rights.
- If the number of renters requesting this service exceeds the capacity of existing PHOs, the Council should hire more PHOs.

Estimated costs:

- Initial training of PHOs: **\$5,000**
- Additional PHOs (as needed): we are not privy to the Council's costs here and it would scale depending on the required additional capacity.

Fund a comprehensive advocacy service for renters

- As mentioned above, under current legislation the primary way for rental standards to improve is by individual renters asserting their right to a safe and healthy home.
- The Council should support this by funding a dedicated tenancy advocacy service designed and led by renters. This could include two tenant advocates and an educator to teach tenants about their rights, supported by an administrator.
- One or more of a number of existing non-government organisations could be funded to provide this service.

Estimated costs:

- Initial setup costs (recruitment, establishing governance systems etc): **\$25,000**
- Operational costs: \$200,000 per year, based on the following estimates:
 - 1.5 FTE advocates: *\$75,000*
 - 0.5 FTE administrator: *\$25,000*
 - 0.5 FTE educator: *\$25,000*
 - Office space and resources: *\$75,000*

Summary

Wellington City Council should urgently introduce a WoF to protect the wellbeing of renters. The Residential Tenancies Act is inadequate to keep renters warm, dry and safe. Furthermore, with the onus on renters to enforce their rights, many will not enjoy the protections available to them. Stronger minimum standards are needed, enforced by independent, mandatory inspections. A WoF would address both these problems.

There is already widespread support for a WoF from expert organisations and an increasingly impatient public. This is an opportunity for Wellington to show leadership by acting on the conditions that harm renters' health.

We urge the Council to introduce first steps to a WoF into this year's Annual Plan. These steps would lay groundwork towards a WoF, and begin to help renters now.

1. Begin independent rental inspections against the He Kainga Oranga Warrant of Fitness standard.
2. Fund a comprehensive advocacy service for renters.

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Appendix: Consolidated feedback from Renters United on the Housing Forum “Better Homes – Address Housing Quality Issues” section

Develop a Wellington Housing Quality Standard

Renters United wants to see all Wellington homes covered by a mandatory rental Warrant of Fitness. We believe the *He Kainga Oranga* standard, which has already been tested, is ready to be implemented and provides a thorough minimum standard for rental housing.

We support Council’s goal of developing a more comprehensive standard for Wellington — for instance adding resilience measures — but only where that will enhance and complement the *He Kainga Oranga* standard.

We are concerned that developing a Wellington standard will be slow. We do not want to see this slowing down implementation of a universal, mandatory rental WoF.

We therefore recommend that the Council first adopt the *He Kainga Oranga* standard. This can then be extended to address areas such as resilience in due course.

We hope for, and expect, a mandatory WoF scheme, and believe this is within the power of Council to implement. However, if the Wellington standard is at first voluntary, then we emphasise the importance of renters being able to request inspections. We believe this will mitigate the concern raised in your document, that “Opt-in inspections may lead to skewed results if predominantly good quality properties taking part.” (see our notes under “Strengthen Council Enforcement of Poor Quality Housing”).

We do not feel that a self-assessment tool has much value for renters. An independent assessment is essential for the standard to have teeth. See below for more of our thoughts on this.

Strengthen Council Enforcement of Poor Quality Housing

We wholeheartedly support Council increasing its enforcement of existing standards. We also support the Council working more closely with other government agencies. We believe that this has a great deal of overlap with inspections in support of the WoF (and/or the Housing Quality Standard).

We are also heartened by the reference to requiring higher standards than have traditionally been pursued.

We recommend that Council extend its enforcement service to assessing rental properties against the *He Kainga Oranga* standard. As well as directly inspecting properties believed to be “dangerous or unsanitary”, the Council should provide inspections when renters request them. The output should be a detailed written report provided to renters. This would provide renters with an independent assessment which they can use to address any issues with their landlord.

These additional inspections may require Council to increase staffing, but we are confident that this investment would be in line with the Council's commitment to address the quality of rental housing in Wellington.

Develop an Integrated Incentives Package

This section mentions incentives for tenants but to our reading the suggestions relate to various subsidies for landlords. We are keen to hear more about what incentives the Taskforce envisions for renters.

In our view, the most important incentive Council can provide is one to promote compliance with a mandatory Warrant of Fitness. With regard to differentiated rates, we have already provided significant information to the Taskforce on our suggestions around this. However, but we wanted to restate specifically that **we do not think that landlords who comply with the standard should receive reduced rates. Instead our proposal is that non-compliant rental properties are rated at a significantly higher rate** than those that have been independently inspected against the standard. No rental property should pay less rates than if the same property was owner-occupied.

We consider the WoF standard a minimum standard, and as such something that all landlords should meet without the need for subsidies. That said, the Council may wish to incentivise improvements beyond a minimum standard.

We do understand that the uptake of insulation subsidies by landlords has been low. Furthermore, we have heard about renters using their Community Services card to qualify for subsidies — then being given notice shortly after insulation was installed so the landlord's family could move into the property themselves.

If Council does offer subsidies to landlords, these should carry conditions that they benefit tenants, and are not used by landlords to raise rents or give notice unreasonably.

Education Programme

We welcome education campaigns and are of course open to supporting their design and implementation. By itself an education programme will have very limited effect, but in concert with the implementation of a mandatory WoF and the various other initiatives described here we believe it can play a valuable role.

In devising these campaigns, it is important for us that the Taskforce acknowledges the fundamental imbalance of power in the relationship between landlord and tenant. This is especially true in Wellington's current rental market.

It is also for this reason that we have proposed in our submission on the draft Annual Plan that Council should fund and support a dedicated advocacy service for renters. Here is our description from that submission:

Under current legislation the primary way for rental standards to improve is by individual renters asserting their right to a safe and healthy home.

The Council should support this by funding a dedicated tenancy advocacy service designed and led by renters. This could include two tenant advocates and an educator to teach tenants about their rights, supported by an administrator.

One or more of a number of existing non-government organisations could be funded to provide this service.

Estimated cost: \$200,000 per year.

If such a service was established it would likely be an appropriate agency to deliver the components of the education programme that are aimed at renters.

Advocate for Legislative Change

We agree that many of the issues with our rental housing quality and rental rights more broadly are best addressed at a national level. We campaign for this change already and are interested in working with the Council to support their efforts in this area as well.

Submission to the Wellington City Council 2017/18 Annual Plan and the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

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Introduction

1. Enviroschools is a nationwide programme that supports children, young people, their schools, and whānau to plan, design and implement sustainability actions that are important to them and their communities. The programme is thriving in Wellington City and is contributing to Wellington City's triennium goals to be *"more sustainable, more resilient, and people focused"*, along with helping to implement the Biodiversity Strategy, Resilience Strategy, Social and Recreation Strategy, and local actions in the Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan among other strategic goals.
2. Independent research¹ shows that the Enviroschools programme results in the following outcomes in local communities:



Citizenship and ecology such as global connection, connection with nature, interdependence, community responsibility.



Educational such as curriculum, engagement, motivation, whole person development.



Social such as healthy eating and physical activity, community, caring, ethics.



Cultural such as connection with tangata whenua, integrating Māori perspectives, pronunciation.



Economic such as financial savings, financial literacy, shifting patterns of spending.

3. This submission acknowledges Wellington City Council (WCC) for its support for the Enviroschools Programme in Wellington City for most years since 2006. It acknowledges the

¹ Kinnect Group, 2014. Nationwide Enviroschools Census

Grants Subcommittee decision to grant \$26,000 per year for three years to deliver the Enviroschools programme, and funding of \$20,000 for 2017/18 through the Waste Levy.

4. The key requests in this submission are for WCC to:
 - a. Note the contribution that the Enviroschools programme makes, and has the potential to make, to achieving Wellington City's strategic social, environmental, cultural and economic goals.
 - b. Note the progress achieved with the Enviroschools programme so far during 2016/17
 - c. Note that Enviroschools thanks WCC for full funding of the Enviroschools programme for 2017/18.
 - d. Provide additional funding through the Long Term Plan to ensure full funding for the delivery of the Enviroschools programme for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
 - e. Further strengthen the partnership between Enviroschools and the council through a long term partnership agreement of at least six years.
 - f. Work with the joint councils of the Wellington region to adopt a more ambitious overall target for reduction in waste to landfill that takes a step change in waste management that will enhance Wellington's reputation and show leadership nationally.
 - g. Note that the Enviroschools programme in the Wellington City can play an important role in meeting the goals in the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan
 - h. Amend goal E1 on page 102 of the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan Wellington City Action Plan to indicate stronger support for Enviroschools.

Progress during 2016/17

5. With funding of \$45,755 from WCC, the following key highlights have been achieved so far during 2016/17:
 - a. Demand to join our programme is strong and growing. Six early childhood centres (ECE) have become Enviroschools, bringing the total number of Enviroschools in Wellington City to 31.
 - b. Clyde Quay School and Churton Park School have both reflected at Bronze.



- c. EnviroSchools regularly connects with people from a wide range of organisations. We have collaborated with Zealandia, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, Wellington Zoo, Sustainability Trust, Berhampore and Island Bay Community Orchards, and we are leading the connection of education for sustainability providers through the Wellington Regional Environmental Education Forum (WREEF).
- d. A successful and varied professional development and networking schedule is being delivered with positive feedback, for example *“Thank you for the warm welcome, in spirit and food. The focus was relevant, interesting and presented in different ways.”*
- e. Wellington City EnviroSchools have been involved in many exciting sustainability projects. For example Clifton Terrace Model School students noticed that the street and walkways around the school often had issues with rubbish, and after reading an article in the Dominion Post about misuse of our council bag system, the lead team decided to produce a pamphlet explaining ways others can best manage their waste. They then delivered packs consisting of the information pamphlet, a recycling bag, and a lollipop, to the households in the street and to the school community. Johnsonville School has set up a nature trail and skink garden on their grounds. Last year EnviroSchools organised a native plant audit at their school carried out by students. Teachers and students from neighbouring schools came along too to help out and become inspired by the work Johnsonville had done.

We request the following:

- 6. WCC notes the positive progress made in the delivery of the EnviroSchools programme in Wellington City so far during 2016/17.

EnviroSchools funding for 2017/18

- 7. We thank the WCC for awarding funding to our programme of \$26,000 through the Grants Subcommittee, and \$20,000 through the Waste Levy. This provides us with full funding to deliver another successful year of our programme. We look forward to working with WCC to deliver the EnviroSchools programme in Wellington City in 2017/18.

We request the following:

- 8. Note that EnviroSchools thanks WCC for funding the EnviroSchools programme in full for 2017/18.

EnviroSchools strategy and funding beyond 2017/18

- 9. We want to continue to build and develop our healthy, vibrant network in the city and region, and continue collaborating with other providers to maximise community outcomes. We wish to continue helping to build the skills and knowledge of future generations to tackle the sustainability challenges they may face. We have support from all local authorities in the

Wellington Region, and see ourselves as a lead provider of sustainability education to the region.

10. We expect continued demand from schools and early childhood centres in Wellington City to join our programme including secondary schools. Our goal is to take on new schools and centres at a steady but sustainable rate, while continuing to deepen and strengthen sustainability practice within schools and centres in Wellington City and the rest of the Wellington region.
11. The Enviroschools programme contributes in the following ways to Wellington City's long term goals and strategies:

Wellington City Council strategic documents	Demonstration of alignment by Enviroschools
Triennium Plan 2016-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong alignment with Goal 1: More resilient, particularly focus area 2: Connected and Prepared Communities, particularly in relation to communities knowing each other, and adaption to climate change. ● Alignment with Goal 2: Smarter Growth, particularly around connection of schools and children with cycleway proposals. ● Strong alignment with Goal 3 people focused, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong promotion and support for Matariki within schools ○ Arts and creative focus within schools, including we have supported arts events in schools ○ Focus area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city, particularly around the child friendly city goal, and inclusivity ● Strong alignment with Goal 4: More sustainable, in all areas, including predator free with schools trapping, biodiversity with many projects happening in collaboration with communities, waste minimisation which is a focus of our programme.
<p>Wellington Resilience Strategy. Draft 25 January.</p> <p>Key priorities of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● people are connected, empowered and feel part of a community ● decision making is integrated and well informed ● our homes, natural 	<p>The Enviroschools programme aligns with, and can support, the implementation of the strategy, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student empowerment and sustainable communities are two of our 5 guiding principles and central to our programme. - Programme 1.2: develop sustainable food networks. Enviroschools often have food gardens and orchards and strong links with community gardens. - the programme helps communities build resilience - adoption of EV's can be promoted through schools - resilience into transport projects through promoting

and built environment are healthy and robust	<p>active travel to and from school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enviroschools can support low decile schools.
<p>WCC Long-term Plan 2015-25, and Wellington's Smart City 2040.</p> <p>Key priorities of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people-centred city • eco-city 	<p>Page 28 of WCC's Long Term Plan, under <i>"Our contribution to climate change"</i> states <i>"We will also - Extend our support for Enviroschools"</i>. This indicates that the support for the Enviroschools programme that we've been receiving over the last two years should be continued under this Long Term Plan.</p> <p>The Enviroschools programme aligns with, and supports the Long Term Plan outcomes particularly including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The progressive approach to the programme shows leadership by WCC and supports leading eco-city goals. - Support for climate change outcomes through education and action projects (see page 28) - help implement Biodiversity Strategy goals through tracking and trapping actions in schools and native tree planting - help managing harm from stormwater through education and drain art actions - support for and promotion of the children's garden - alignment with goals for a child friendly city, particularly around children influencing decisions, and support for the goal of strong families, connected communities.
<p>WCC Social and Recreation Strategy, and the Social and Recreation Fund criteria</p> <p>Projects showing evidence based need and have positive social impact on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community and neighbourhood resilience • Wellington working towards being a UNICEF child and youth friendly city 	<p>Enviroschools strongly supports social and community outcomes. One of the guiding principles of the programme is "sustainable communities". Other guiding principles are "respect for the diversity of people and cultures" and "Māori perspectives".</p> <p>Enviroschools are strong hubs for resilience in their communities. The programme endeavours to extend links of schools into their communities and neighbourhoods through projects and actions. The programme also helps to develop students skills, values and behaviours to deal with future sustainability challenges.</p> <p>Enviroschools also supports the goal of Wellington being a UNICEF child and youth friendly city.</p>
<p>Our Natural Capital: Wellington's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protect the ecologically significant areas on both private and public land 	<p>The Enviroschools programme includes a theme of 'living landscapes' which encourages education in, about and for the natural environment, including biodiversity. Many Enviroschools undertake biodiversity initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pest tracking and trapping - native tree planting - lizard gardens

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restore these areas, create safe buffer zones around them and connect them together. • reduce pest numbers throughout Wellington City to a point where our native species can survive and expand. • raising awareness of the issues facing indigenous biodiversity and connecting people to their natural environment. We will enable our community to continue restoration work across all of our reserves and we will support them in these efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - planting and weeding on reserve land <p>Learning for sustainability, one of Enviroschools guiding principles, emphasises education in the environment to build that sense of connection to nature and the environment around us.</p> <p>Enviroschools also works with Enviroschools to share stories of the environment, including Māori stories and history to build connections.</p>
Draft Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	The Enviroschools programme assists in providing education on waste in schools and ECE, with the outcome of reducing waste to landfill in schools/ECE, and educating future generations about waste minimisation. (see submission below for more detail)

12. We note that the Triennium Plan states on page 16 under Education and Information *“We work with schools, community groups and the business sector, providing support services including the Enviroschools programme to organisations wishing to explore opportunities for waste reduction.”* We support this statement.
13. We have considerable concerns that despite our strong alignment with WCC’s priorities, we only have full funding confirmed for 2017/18. Currently for 2018/19 and 2019/20 we only have partial funding of \$26,000 when we need between \$47,000 - \$50,000 each year. Funding of only \$26,000 would mean the following:
- Significant loss of momentum for the programme.
 - Reduced support for all current registered Enviroschools (from 16 hours per ES to approximately 10 hours per ES if all remain the programme)*
 - No new Enviroschools over 2 year period
 - Minimal contact of facilitators with WCC staff and other providers
 - Events and workshops limited in number and restricted to registered Enviroschools

- No northern and southern student hub events.
- Reduced reflection support (so schools are less likely to progress through the bronze, silver and green gold stages).
- Unlikely to be able to support the new contingent of early childhood centres who have just joined the programme
- Likely need to reduce the number of Enviroschools and/or some Enviroschools choosing to drop out of the programme
- Loss of at least 1 Wellington City facilitator.

14. We request that Wellington City Council seeks ways of providing full funding for the Enviroschools programme in 2018/19 and 2019/20 in accordance with our 3 year Business Plan, to avoid the loss of momentum, and ensure positive outcomes of our programme. This would mean WCC contributing an additional \$21,000 - \$24,000 for these two years over and above funding currently confirmed.

15. We would also like to point out that short term funding increases our administrative costs, reduces the ability for us to take a strategic approach, results in uncertainty of support to our Enviroschools, and job insecurity for facilitators. We would really like to work with WCC towards developing a long term partnership of 6 years or more, supported by a strong partnership agreement, annual agreed goals, and a financial and business plan that allows for growth and development over this time.

16. Our team works closely with many staff in Wellington City, who provide invaluable advice and support. Our team is committed to continuing to work alongside staff and councillors at Wellington City Council to ensure that our programme closely aligns with Wellington City's vision and aims.

We request the following:

17. WCC provides full funding for the delivery of the Enviroschools programme in 2018/19 and 2019/20 to a total of \$47,500 - \$50,000 per year.

18. Wellington City Council works with Enviroschools to develop a long term partnership agreement to continue the delivery of the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City for at least 6 years.

Draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

This section sets out Enviroschools Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui's submission on the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Set more aspirational targets

19. We support the aim of the draft plan to reduce waste to landfill to 400kg per person per year by 2026, and realise this goal will require considerable effort and multiple actions to achieve. However we do not consider this target shows sufficient leadership on waste reduction.
20. We urge the joint councils to adopt a braver, more ambitious target that aims for a step change in the way waste is generated and disposed of, and is more aligned with the goal of the plan to be “*waste free, together*”. This more ambitious target should set Wellington up to become a leader around zero waste in comparison to other parts of New Zealand.
21. We also consider the wording of parts of the plan is cautious and takes a conservative approach. This includes the following:
 - a. Section 3.1 of the draft plan paints a picture of a range of challenges that the region faces around waste management. We acknowledge these challenges. However, there are also opportunities that could be highlighted too, and more positive, inspirational language used in the plan to support the changes required.
 - b. We challenge the statement made under section 3.6.4 that “*Total waste and recovered material quantities in the Wellington region are estimated to grow slowly over the next 10 years in line with population and economic growth.*” We realise that this is based on a scenario of “*no significant change in systems or drivers*”. However we think this plan should set out a number of possible scenarios into the future instead of using only a business as usual scenario of demand. This could include modelling strong approaches taken in other countries around zero waste.
22. Section 3.6.1 outlines how we are doing as a region compared to the rest of New Zealand. This paints a poor picture of the Wellington region’s performance, particularly around household waste per capita and recycling rates at a regional level (realising there are differences across the region, particularly in the Wairarapa). We support the goals of the plan to address this performance, as we think it is critical for the Wellington region to be demonstrating strong leadership around household waste, recycling, and organic waste. We urge the joint councils to take strong measures to reduce household waste, particularly to significantly reduce the waste to landfill that could easily be diverted.

We request the following:

23. Set a more ambitious overall target for reduction in waste to landfill that takes a step change in waste management that will enhance Wellington’s reputation and show leadership nationally.

24. Include a number of scenarios for future waste projections based on changes in systems and drivers.
25. Use more positive, inspirational language in the plan.
26. Take strong measures to reduce household waste with the aim of being seen as a leader in this area nationally within the next 10 years.

Contribution of Enviroschools to regional waste minimisation actions

27. One of the regional actions of the plan (under R.E.1, and 9.4 Regional Engagement) is *“working together to deliver more consistent and effective forms of regional communications and education around waste services and minimisation, so households and communities are inspired*



and supported to play their part”. We support this action.

28. The Enviroschools programme provides a critical role in supporting waste education currently to 107 schools and early childhood education centres in the region. The 2014 census showed that 100% of Enviroschools were taking actions around waste. Schools reach out into their communities through their whānau, students, teachers and others they connect with. They can have considerable influence over the behaviour of communities. Enviroschools provides support on zero waste to Enviroschools as it is one of our



five key theme areas. This is through professional development, networking, sharing stories, resources, and other support.

29. In addition, a key feature is that the Enviroschools programme is region-wide and supported by all councils in the Wellington region. Enviroschools is also a leader of the Wellington Regional Environmental Education Forum (WREEF). That makes the programme a key connector, able to operate in different local authority areas, with relationships with many staff in waste teams in councils, along with waste management providers .
30. One of the actions in the plan (R.LM.3 and R.LM.4 under 9.7) is *“Collaborating with other local government organisations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders on undertaking research, lobbying and actions on various waste management issues such as (but not limited to) product stewardship, electronic waste, tyres, and plastic bags.”*
31. Enviroschools could contribute to this action. Enviroschools is a nationwide programme which has partnerships with most local authorities and other key national agencies including Ministry for the Environment². Waste is a key theme area of our programme. Enviroschools often take action around plastic, including plastic bags. For example, in Dunedin, the Envirogroup from Carisbrook School are petitioning parliament to change the law to ban single-use plastic shopping bags in NZ. Enviroschools in the Wellington region have supported this. Enviroschools in the Wellington region are also taking many waste related actions, seeking to demonstrate citizenship for the future.

We request the following:

32. Recognise the importance of the Enviroschools programme for contributing to regional actions around waste education and engagement. In particular, actions R.E.1, R.LM.3 and R.LM.4.

Contribution of Enviroschools to local Wellington City waste minimisation actions

33. We partially support clause E1 on page 102 in terms of action Wellington City Council will take to implement the engagement on waste in Wellington. *“E1: Provide support services to schools wishing to explore the effects of waste and waste reduction opportunities. For example (but not limited to) through school and early learning centre visits, landfill tours, and other resources. Activity may also include support for Enviroschools programme”.*

² The Toimata Foundation, the national charitable trust that oversees the Enviroschools programme nationally has six years funding from the Ministry for the Environment.

34. We support the reference to the Enviroschools programme. However we do not support the wording “*may also include*”. We think this wording should be amended to demonstrate stronger, more definite support for Enviroschools, similar to the action plans of other local authorities.
35. There are a number of other Wellington City actions that Enviroschools can support and connect with through promotion within our network, and working with schools. These include E2 to E8. We look forward to working with the waste team at Wellington City Council to ensure our work and the work of schools and centres maximises the ability to achieve these goals.

We request the following:

36. Note that the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City can play an important role in meeting the goals in the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan
37. Amend goal E1 on Page 102 to state: “*Provide support services to schools wishing to explore the effects of waste and waste reduction opportunities. For example (but not limited to) through school and early learning centre visits, landfill tours, and other resources. Activity also includes support for Enviroschools programme.*”

Conclusion

38. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan for Wellington City and the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.



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Sent: Friday, 19 May 2017 2:53 p.m.
To: BUS: Annual Plan
Subject: Annual Plan

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Kia ora,

I would like the council to acknowledge the importance and significance of food, beer and coffee to the culture of this city. This is what it means to be a Wellingtonian and what makes Wellington such an amazing place to live. It is part of our culture, a flat white is a daily occurrence, you can find craft beer on any menu whether it Ortega Fish Shack or Capital Food Market and we're a food obsessed city. Where else would people stand out in the rain in the middle of winter to line up for oysters and beer for 30 minutes? This is what makes Wellington so special. It is also the collaborative community around food and beer – we have beer with local peanut butter in it, peanut butter with local chocolate in it and chocolate with NZ hops and malt in it. We're a symbiotic food community. For this reason I would like food and beverage to be considered part of the "Capital of Culture".

I would like to see the council nurture events in Wellington that not only bring people to the city – but that the locals enjoy also. The sevens would actually drive people AWAY from the city. I am seeing WOW head that way too. You say as part of Goal 3, Area 1 "*A new major event has been secured for winter – a traditionally quiet time in the events calendar and for accommodation providers*" – I'd like to see you nurture those events already established in winter – Wellington On a Plate, Beervana – in fact both of these events have been used to showcase Wellington winter events in the latest WREDA tourism campaign. With more funding, more staff, there is the ability to bring more people to this city, through international guests and major attractions to compliment the activity.

The restaurant business is tough, these people do not start a restaurant with the hopes of making millions – it is a passion project. Much like craft beer, artisan peanut butter or bean to bar chocolate. I support the non-smoking discount – this rewards those who choose to create an outdoor environment for non-smokers, not punishes those who do not.

I believe Wellington is a wonderful place to live, so much of this is due to our thriving hospitality industry. This is what makes us who we are. When people come to WOW or The International Festival of the Arts – where do they eat? Where do they go out for drinks? This is how visitors to Wellington experience our wonderful city and what keeps them coming back.

Kind regards,

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Dear Councillors,

Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park is recreational facility of regional significance.

There is an estimated 100,000 uses a year. These numbers are rapidly growing with users including bikers, runners and walkers. The range of users is broadening with riders as young as 7 using the park each week. The Park is part of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor and produces carbon credits for the benefit of the WCC. The park is has an international reputation, with Redbull recently featuring Makara Peak and Wellington in a feature on mountain biking. Guided tours of Makara Peak will form part of the upcoming LookSee promotion.

Historically the tracks have been largely built and maintained by volunteers who currently contribute about 2,000 volunteer hours per year. The Supporters also contribute financially to the park. The most recent project was a 70 metre swing bridge on which the Supporters through grants and donations contributed \$120,000 of the \$140,000 cost for the bridge. Over recent years the WCC has increased resourcing for the park, however every year the numbers using the park continues to grow.

The Supporters are requesting an increase in operational funding for the next financial year, to be used for the following:

1. \$5,000 to assist with outbreaks of noxious weeds in the park. With the amount of users with dirty bikes and shoes the transfer of weeds into the park is inevitable. The aim will be to prevent the spread of these weeds.
2. An additional \$10,000 for track maintenance. With the growth in users it is increasing difficult to maintain all of the tracks consistently to desired grade with volunteers. Easier grade tracks in particular require more maintenance, but it is important to keep these to the right grade so that new users get a good experience in the park. This money would supplement volunteer time, rather than replace it.
3. An additional \$10,000 for vegetation control. \$40,000 per year has been allocated over the last few years, but this amount tends to only cover 80% of the network.

The Supporters and the WCC are in the final stages of completing the 10 year plan for the park. The plans include a significant expansion of the tracks in the park as well as a new car park and entrance. The present carpark overflows every weekend and often after work. The Supporters will be making a more detailed request for a significant increase in funding for capital expenses in the 3 year annual plan.

Thank-you,

Iain Feist
 Chair, Makara Peak Supporters.

Accessibility Advisory Group Submission on the Draft Annual Plan

19 May 2017

Introduction

The Accessibility Advisory Group is a Wellington City Council initiative whose purpose is to provide the Council with feedback and suggestions as residents with lived experience impairments.

The main roles of AAG are:

- Provide feedback and advice to all Council business units when required.
- Be an information channel to and from the Council.
- Advise the Council on accessibility issues of national and international interest.
- Help the Council's engagement and consultation on accessibility issues with people who have impairments and with the wider community.
- Represent the broad spectrum of issues for people with impairments in relation to the Council's activities.
- Recognise that accessibility relates to services, information (web and print), technology and the environment.

It is difficult for the AAG to provide specific feedback on the draft annual plan. The plan does not contain any initiatives that are specifically intended to improve accessibility in Wellington. The draft does not mention accessibility, disability or impairments anywhere.

The key points of our submission are:

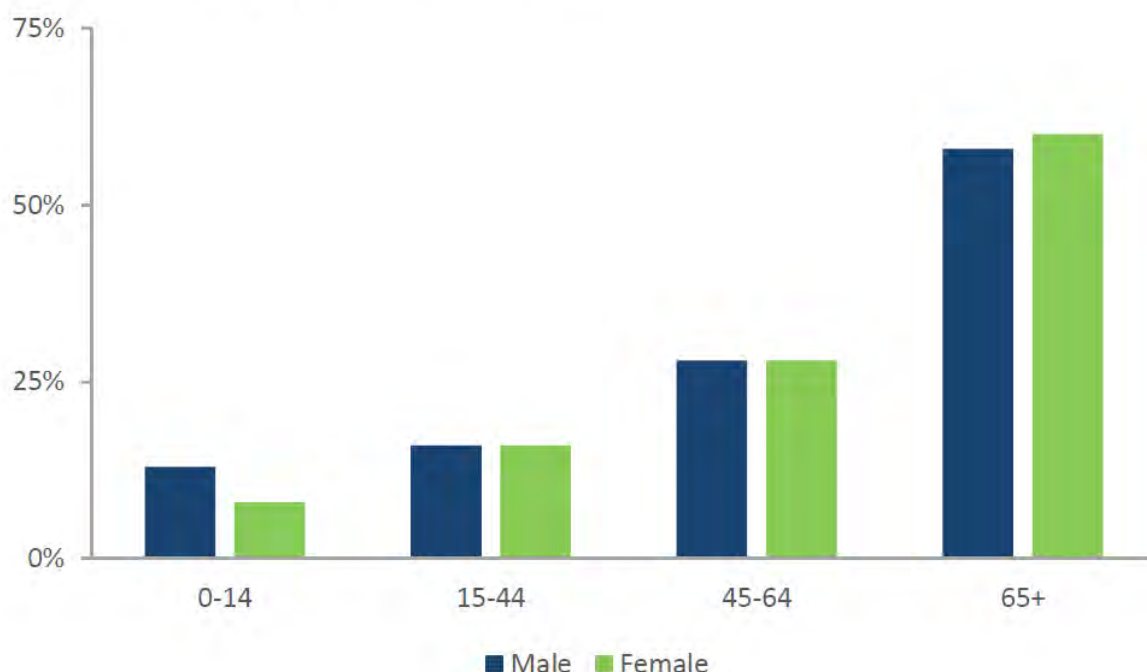
- The number and proportion of residents and visitors to Wellington that would directly benefit from accessibility improvements in increasing as the population ages.
- The council needs to actively invest in its understanding and institutional knowledge of accessibility improvement future proof the city.
- The draft has no initiatives that will improve accessibility in Wellington City- why not?
- Accessibility is not mentioned in the draft anywhere. It is not clear to the AAG that accessibility improvements were considered in the preparation of the draft.

- The draft is not accessible and we want to remind the Council again what the requirements for accessible information are.

The ageing population will increase demand for accessibility improvements and the Council needs to plan for the this increase in demand.

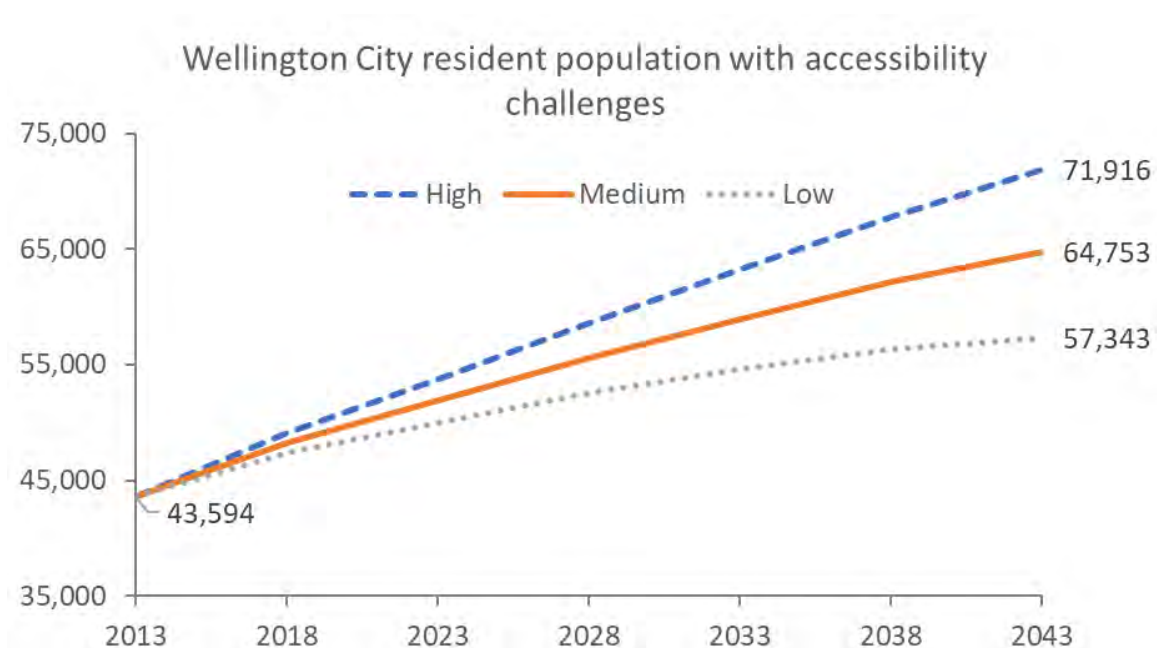
The aging population will lead to an increase in the number and proportion of the population that would benefit from accessibility improvements. A more accessible Wellington will be of increased economic benefit to the City. The graph below shows the relationship between age and disability.

Figure 1: The prevalence of disability by age and gender in New Zealand



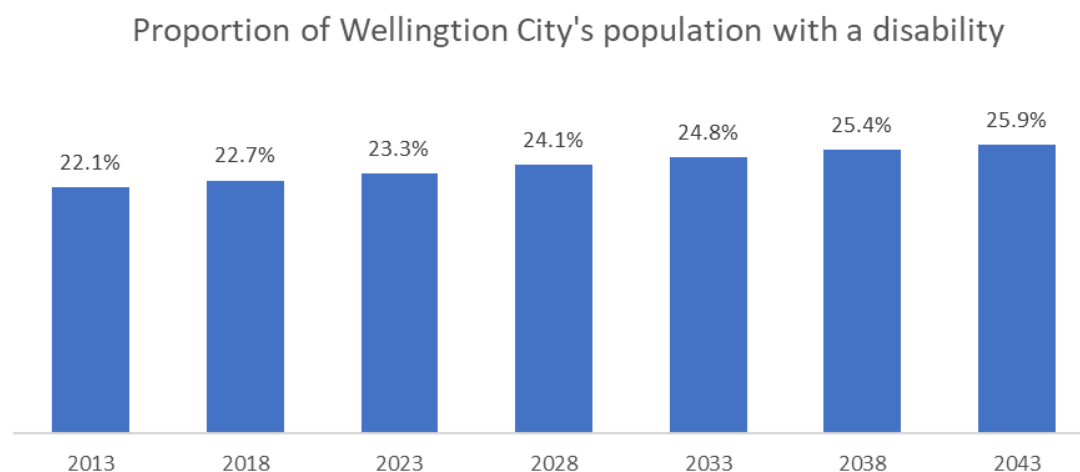
Source: NZIER Valuing access to work

The next graph shows the projected population of people with disability will grow. The projection is based estimated by applying the current profile of disability by age to the Statistics New Zealand forecasts for Wellington City. It shows that the number of people who would benefit from accessibility improvement from 43,594 in 2013 to up to 71,916 by 2043.



Source: AAG¹ based on Statistics NZ data

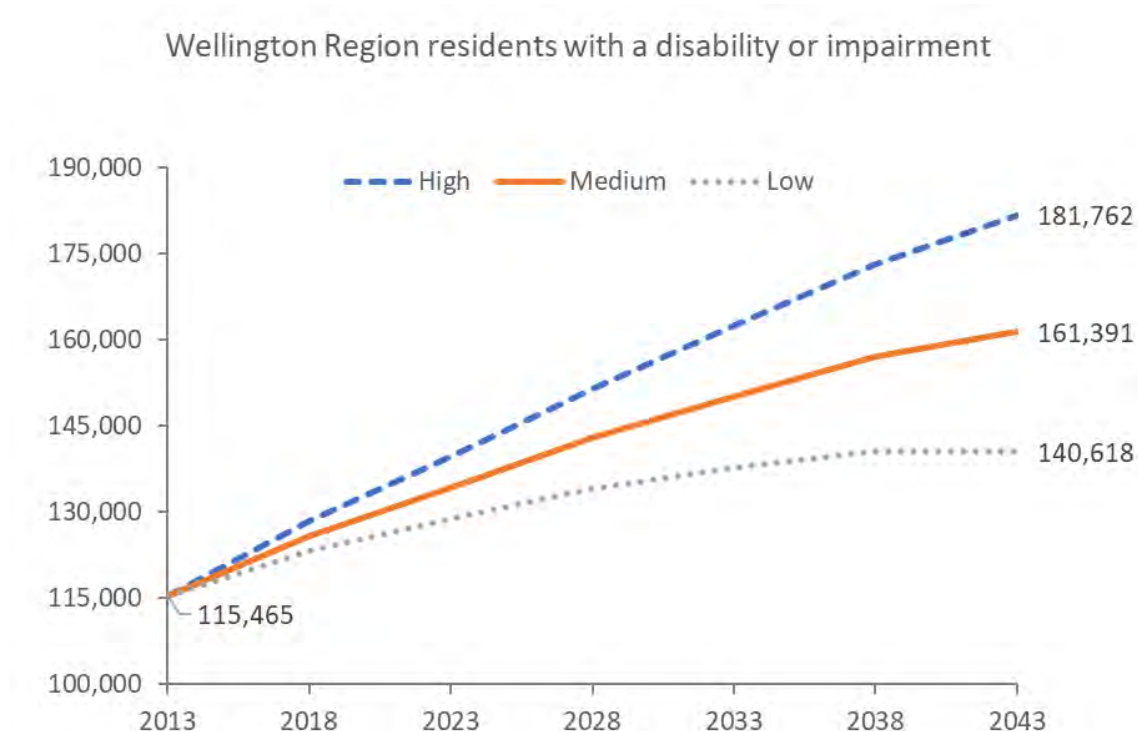
The proportion of Wellington City's population with a disability is projected to increase from 22.1% in 2013 to 25.9% in 2043, as shown in the graph below. This indicates accessibility improvements will direct benefit an increasingly significant proportion of the ratepayers. The Council need to plan to deliver more accessibility improvements.



Source: AAG based on Statistics NZ data

¹Michael Bealing a Co-Chair of AAG is a consulting economist.

The regional forecast shows the same increase in demand for accessibility. We projected that the number of people that would directly benefit from accessibility improvements in the region will increase by 25,000 to 62,000 in the next 25 to 30 years. Many of the people in the regional come in to Wellington City to work, shop and play. Wellington City has a role to play in regional leadership in accessibility.



Source: AAG based on Statistics NZ data

Is the Council's capability and capacity sufficient make a difference?

The draft has no initiatives that will improve accessibility in Wellington City- why not? Accessibility is not mentioned in the draft anywhere It is not clear to the AAG that accessibility improvements were considered in the preparation of the draft.

AAG is concerned that there is very limited institutional expertise on accessibility issues in Council beyond AAG and some urban designers. We feel that AAG is the main source of thought leadership on accessibility in Council. The council needs to actively invest in understanding of and institutional knowledge of accessibility improvement future proof the city

Accessibility documents and consultation

The draft is not accessible and we want to remind Council about the recommendations for accessible information. They are that Information should be provided in accordance with Government Web Standards e.g. If you publish content in formats other than HTML, it must be published in at least two formats, ONE of which must be accessible. For example, if you publish a PDF document, there must be an accessible HTML or other version of the PDF made available. The question also arises whether digital forms and documents on the website have been checked for accessibility, and by which impaired groups?

Recommendation

Our advice is that the Council should build a team of Accessibility Advisors to ensure it has the knowledge, capability and capacity to deliver the future demands for more accessibility in Wellington City.

The Wellington City Youth Council is excited to submit on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18, and on the 3-year work programme for 2016-19. We recognise that this work programme is going to feed into the long term plan, and hope to see the fruition of our feedback influence the draft of this plan also. We are looking forward to being involved in the development of the Long Term Plan at the end of this year.

Wellington City Youth Council (WCYC) have chosen to structure our feedback to concentrate on the areas that we have collectively agreed to prioritise based on our experience and work with young people.

These priorities will be the foundation for the youth council's forward programme also; we look forward to working with Councillors and Council Officers to develop these priorities.

Goal 1 – More Resilient

Focus Area 1: Safer Homes, locations, and More Robust Infrastructure

We support the funding of \$1 million for unreinforced masonry, as well as other measures to make out CBD safer in the event of a major earthquake.

We would like to see more youth input into the development of future transport links in the region. It is vital that we plan a transport network that is not only resilient, but protected for future growth, and utilises public transport where possible.

Focus Area 2: Resilient Economy

We would like Council to ensure support packages being developed are tested with young focus groups, and also ensure these accommodate for, and applies to young people who will be businesspeople and entrepreneurs themselves in years to come.

Focus Area 3: Connected and Prepared Communities

We would like to note that young people are not particularly engaged with or active participants in the neighbourhood community initiatives such as Neighbours day. Young people being involved with such initiatives has great benefits, not just for community resilience, but also for the future of Wellington – eg. If young people who have moved here for University feel part of the community, they are more likely to settle in Wellington in the long term.

We are excited to hear more about the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Measures such as this are vital for local government to progress, given there is no national policy on Climate Change at present.

Goal 2 – Smarter Growth

Focus Area 1: Economic and Job Growth

We strongly support the development of a 'One stop shop' for establishing a business in Wellington. Young people can often feel overwhelmed by the amount of Council regulation

needed to establish a business, so removing these barriers by streamlining the process is a great idea.

We have already been consulted on the use and promotion of city libraries and are continuing to work on this. We are excited by the opportunities that technology presents to our libraries, and hope Council adopts new approaches in libraries in the coming years.

We would like more work done on what were previously the ‘eight big ideas’ to ensure the business case for them is still sound. We would also like for community consultation to be carried out by these items when planning has progressed sufficiently.

Focus Area 2: Housing People

We strongly support the idea of a \$5000 rates remission for new home builds. It is vital for housing supply and affordability that we encourage new builds, and as part of this, housing choice. We also support Build Wellington, and hope that Council strongly focussed on first home builders with these schemes.

We feel that implementation of the *Te Mahana* programme has been done well so far. We encourage Council to continue with the implementation of this programme, and to also progress their work on social housing, and the Wet House.

We strongly support the Rental Warrant of Fitness Scheme, as we have done in our previous submission to Parliament on this issue. It is vital that renters have warm, dry homes. This is particularly important to young people, most of whom are renters.

It is vital that Council focusses on housing and rental affordability in the coming years. Many young people reported that finding a flat this year was extremely difficult, and when they did find a flat, the rent was far overpriced.

Focus area 3: Designing the City for Growth

We would like to thank Council for their work so far on advocating for affordable public transport. The work is not over yet, and we would appreciate Council continuing to lobby Greater Wellington on this important issue for young people.

We would like to be involved in the development of the Future Central City programme, as the ease of pedestrian use of our central city is something we care about, as many young people do not drive.

Goal 3 – People Focussed

We really look forward to a Matariki Festival. This is significant event in the New Zealand calendar that, until now, has not had much attention.

We strongly support a Youth Summit in the coming year, to identify priorities for young people. We look forward to working with Council on developing this, and hope to play a major part in the development and delivery of this summit.

We support Wellington becoming a Child Friendly City, and look forward to Council's work on this.

Goal 4 - More Sustainable

We strongly support the initiatives in this section. Predator Free Wellington has the opportunity to make Wellington a one of a kind, predator free City.

Additionally, the measures to improve Council's Carbon Footprint are good. Simple things, such as dealing with sewage sludge, while in the overall picture do not seem significant, are issues that have many flow on effects. It is important that we deal with these matters now as a City.

Goal 5 - Improving How We Work

We really support Council finding ways to improve how they work with residents of the city. We continue to support implementation of the living wage.

We really look forward to working with Council to improving the ways they engage with young people. The Youth Council is currently developing a Youth Engagement Strategy to align with this focus, and hope to bring it to Council later this year. As part of this, we are currently holding a series of Hui to find out how young people think Council can engage better in the future.

This is a major piece of work for the Youth Council, and we hope to deliver a comprehensive strategy to Councillors soon.

We support the Smart Council work, and would like to see Council develop a better digital presence. We would really like to be involved in testing such a presence, as it is vital young people can easily utilise any new measures in this area.

The Youth Council is excited by this year's annual plan, and the three-year work programme. We look forward to working with Council on the initiatives we have identified in each plan.



NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS
Te Kauae Kaimahi

19 May 2017

To: **Wellington City Council**
Re: **Annual Plan 2017/18**

Dear Councillors,

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions *Te Kauae Kaimahi* and many of our affiliated unions are active members of Living Wage Aotearoa. We write to affirm Wellington City Council's significant steps since 2013 towards introducing a Living Wage for Council workers. We are particularly pleased to be writing to support proposals in this year's Annual Plan which further extend commitments to the Living Wage previously undertaken by WCC.

Local Government's role in combatting low wages, poverty and addressing inequality is an important one. Local communities, their leaders and community organisations are looking for solutions to reduce poverty and address income gaps in their communities. These concerns have led to widespread community support for the Living Wage.

We commend the WCC for the steps taken so far in implementing a Living Wage. We recognise WCC's leadership on this and its commitment to the Living Wage, and we note the strong public support that has accompanied this stance: our organisation was one of just many who have called for WCC to take these steps, and we join with many organisations and individuals in acknowledging the progress made.

A progressive implementation of the Living Wage in all WCC services represents a substantial difference to the lives of workers. You have heard on many occasions the difference that a Living Wage will make to workers and their families' lives – the ability to afford better food, heating, meet school costs, and having a chance to participate more fully in society. The CTU also has made previous submissions to the WCC in support of the Living Wage and cited research that demonstrates the many benefits that are created by the implementation of the Living Wage, including increased worker productivity, improved morale, and reduced turnover.

The 2017/18 annual plan further extends the application of the Living Wage, both for staff directly employed and through CCOs and contractors. Specifically, we are in favour of:

- Directly-employed staff and those in CCOs to be paid the Living Wage by July 2017
- Building on the steps taken towards extending the Living Wage to cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, and lifting those workers to the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- Developing a plan to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed via contractors.

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Submission on draft 2017/18 Annual Plan and Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme 2016-19

The Mount Victoria Residents' Association Inc (MVRA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on our city council's Draft Annual Plan for 2016/17 and on the draft 3-year Work Programme 2016-19. Our comments are made in the context of how well the draft plans will move our city towards realising our community outcomes:

- a people-centred city
- an eco-city
- a connected city, and
- a dynamic central city.

General comments

1. The MVRA welcomes the reduced average rate of increase in rates to 3.3%. However, this increase still exceeds the BERL forecast average change in the Local Government Cost Index of 2.2% for the year to June 2018 (and which is not forecast to be higher than 2.6% in any year to 2026). The rates increase also exceeds the Treasury's 2016 half-year economic forecast update's CPI inflation change to June 2018 of 2%. It is unreasonable for the Council to continue to expect ratepayers to tolerate such increases when ratepayers themselves must continue to live within tight financial constraints.
2. A major contributor to large rate increases is staff remuneration increases. The Council's 2016 Annual Report shows no attempt to 'achieve ongoing efficiencies' from staff remuneration. The number of employees paid more than \$100,000 per annum was 192, the same as in 2015, and of the latter, 13 earned more than \$220,000 - almost as much as the basic salary of a Minister of the Crown.
3. In contrast, 1,105 employees earned less than \$60,000. We applaud the Council's Living Wage policy, and the proposal to raise the rate to the latest official Living Wage level of \$20.20 an hour. We urge the Council to fully implement the policy as quickly as possible as the estimated cost of \$700,000 a year is minimal (the equivalent of removing about five staff from

the group of 192 paid over \$100,000). In the interests of fiscal responsibility, we urge Councillors to review staffing and pay rates, particularly the CEO's and managerial salaries, to reflect the responsibility levels of employees of a city with fewer than 200,000 residents.

Information for effective public participation

4. We appreciate that section 95A(3)(b)(i) prohibits the consultation document from containing a draft of the proposed annual plan, but it is unhelpful to have to refer back to the Long-term Plan and modify it for the proposed changes. Also, section 95A does require sufficient information for effective public participation in the decision-making process. Unfortunately the consultation document, Mayor and Councillors' work programme, and the supporting document do not provide sufficient information, for example:
 - There is nothing to indicate the effects on 2017/18 of projects deferred from 2016/17, or of projects planned for 2017/18 which have been advanced in 2016/17 instead.
 - There is no comparison of the proposed 2017/18 funding impact statements and prospective financial statements with statements in the Long-term Plan for 2017/18, and explanation of differences.
 - The funding impact statement and footnotes (pages 20-21 of the supporting information) suggest there might be some explanation of variances (even if only from 2016/17), but the funding impact statements for each activity are not provided in the following pages as stated.
 - Page 9 assures us more details on re-phased projects are contained in the supporting document but there is nothing on this matter in the document. The 3-year work programme has a bit more information on some projects, but nothing on the financial side. This is a major omission.
 - While there is an outline of re-phrased capital expenditure, there is no disclosure on any re-phased operational spending.
5. Resolving the above points is key to understand some major unexplained differences in figures provided, for example:
 - Why are we told \$115 million less capital is required on page 9, page 16 lists \$134.6 million of capital spending deferred to the future, but the decrease in capital expenditure on page 17 shows only \$44.8 million less?
 - If less capital is required in 2017/18, and page 9 says the Council will have \$80 million less debt than forecast in the Long-term Plan, why is the increase in debt on page 20 of the supporting document (\$78.1 million) the same as was forecast in the Long-term Plan, and why are borrowings only \$32.8 million less than forecast?
 - If \$11 million savings has been achieved for 2017/18, why is the proposed total operating expenditure (\$475.4 million) for 2017/18 \$1.9 million more than forecast in the Long-term Plan? In addition, there is no explanation of where the \$11 million savings have been made except a general statement on page 9 that it comes from lower costs, rephrased projects, and improved efficiency.

Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme

6. This document appears to be the new Council's first draft of the next Long-term Plan 2018-28. Overall, we agree with the approach and content, but are concerned that:
 - the five goals have unfortunately moved away from the goals in *Wellington Toward 2040* without being an improvement
 - the original "people-centred" is much stronger than "people-focussed"
 - "eco city", "well-connected city" are no longer goals, although we can see the sub-goals

connected to them are included in the focus areas

- the Long-term Plan objective of increasing the use of existing assets is regrettably overlooked and should be reinstated, perhaps as a focus area for the more sustainable goal.

7. We comment further on the new proposals and focus areas for 2016-19 below.

Proposed 2017/18 projects

8. We agree it is essential that the Council should continue to deliver core services – it is important to do the basics well. We also agree the November earthquake was a timely reminder that building resilience for such events should be a priority.
9. Because a council consultation document need only show changes from the Long-term Plan, then we comment only on some of those, rather than the substantive part of the whole plan. In addition, we comment on some of the projects in the Mayor and Councillors' 3-year work programme. Some of the proposed projects appear to be what might fall within existing activities and budgets, for example, a one-stop shop delivery of key council services seems to be a matter for internal re-organisation of staff and processes, and improving community engagement a matter of changing what the Council currently does to keep the community alongside with directions and activities.

Housing

10. The MVRA agrees to rates remissions for first-home/apartment builders for one year only, but not to remissions being in perpetuity, and wonder how the Council will ensure the buyers are genuinely first-home buyers.
11. We also agree to a business case investigating supported living for people who experience ongoing or intermittent homelessness. This should include single and older women's experience with homelessness.

Urban development agency

12. The Association recently made a submission opposing the Government's proposal regarding urban development authorities as it enables development projects to override the fundamental purpose of the Resource Management Act and local government plans, undermines local democracy, and removes people's appeal rights. We also opposed WCC becoming effectively a speculator in the property market through the proposed agency's being an active participant in the Wellington property and development market, especially if it is a CCO at arms length from the Council. A CCO would have minimal public accountability, and its own board of directors who would be subject only to governance oversight. Wellington has had bad experiences with such arrangements, for example, Wellington Waterfront Limited that turned out to be a financial failure and citizens had to raise large amounts of money to take it to court to protect our waterfront from being built on and privatised.
13. An urban development agency would be a very high risk to ratepayers, on top of the high risk convention centre commitment. If property developers are unwilling to create more housing in Wellington, this should not be interpreted as an indicator of market failure, but rather a sensible response to great uncertainty over how much longer the property market will hold up, and what central government might do. The business case presented last year had no analysis of the future property market or risk analysis but rather read like a marketing document. We suggest

the specialised housing task force work with developers, and also explore how to reduce housing vacancy rates – NZIER reports that consistent data from 1966 show the national housing vacancy rate has typically ranged between 8% and 10% but rose to higher levels more recently (NZIER Working Paper 2014/4, July 2014).,

Capital of culture

14. Maintaining this reputation for Wellington requires ongoing development of new public events and so we support funding for this proposal.

Money saving idea

15. This is a much preferred investment to spending capital of \$65 million plus ongoing operating costs on a single-purpose concert arena for occasional large music events with little public benefit. The arena proposal should be scrapped rather than wasting money on a feasibility study. Lavishing large amounts of public money on a convention centre, and indoor arena essentially supports private benefit and single-purpose uses.

Continuing implementation of the living wage

16. This must be a high priority as a tangible demonstration of recognition of the importance of the work done by our city's lowest paid employees and people contracted for core services. As stated above, the money required is minimal in comparison with what is paid to many council staff.

Low-carbon capital

17. We fully support the aspiration to be the low-carbon capital, and to continuing the work to deliver the Council's Low Carbon Capital Plan for reducing carbon emissions as this is essential to minimising the extent of climate change's adverse effects. The transport part of this Plan needs to be much bolder. It should include walking initiatives, school travel plans, better public transport including work on better bus stops, and longer-term activities such as light rail, full electrification of the public transport network, and encouraging private vehicle owners not to bring their vehicles into the city.
18. We fully agree with the Council's promotion and support of electric vehicle uptake through the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the city, and working with car-share providers to reallocate car parks in the CBD and suburbs to electric vehicles, and to car-share vehicles.
19. We support the plan to phase out minimum parking requirements for new buildings but this needs to be carefully implemented in areas such as Mt Victoria, to reduce the adverse impacts of residential densification and pressure from daily commuters. Work to encourage more walking, cycling and public transport use must be coordinated with implementation of minimum parking requirements.

Money saving idea

20. The Council should not be pursuing the plan to extend the airport runway as both the construction phase, with an estimated additional 50,000 diesel truck trips across Wellington city, and possible subsequent increases in air travel and passenger traffic to and from the airport, will add to the city's carbon emissions, negating any emissions savings elsewhere. It must also drop its large subsidy to Singapore Airlines for the Wellington-Canberra route, as other airlines already provide this service without public funding support. There is no public

good benefit from propping up an uneconomic enterprise when clearly other airlines are able to provide the same service without public subsidy.

Wellington Town Hall and civic centre

21. Earthquake-strengthening the Town Hall should be a top priority. The Town Hall has served Wellington's capital culture reputation very well over long years as a multi-purpose venue with wonderful acoustics for music, and this should continue as soon as possible. It is disappointing that the agreement (without public consultation) to hand over its and the Michael Fowler centre's use as convention venues to the new convention centre has meant other uses must be found.
22. Operating as a music hub seems to be a good idea, and we would like its multi-purpose role to continue (for example it has been a venue for the Diwali festival, large public meetings and mid-winter celebrations).
23. The civic precinct has been a strong anchor for civic affairs and multi-cultural enjoyment through the co-location of council offices, the central library, city gallery, Town Hall and Michael Fowler Centre. It should be kept in public ownership and not be leased off in perpetuity to private interests. The Municipal Office Building, along with the Civic Building, should continue to house the Mayor, Councillors and council staff and this would also contribute to the Long-term Plan objective and using existing assets rather than others. Jack Illott Green and the small lawn above Capital E should be retained as important open green spaces for the increasing city population, and not be built on - that would wall off the civic square from the harbour.

Resilience initiatives

24. Given the urgent need to address the consequences of a major earthquake in Wellington, we agree to the Council's exploring a seismic building intelligence system, and to carrying out resilience assessments of 500 Wellington homes.

Emergency preparedness

25. In addition to communities being prepared for earthquakes, we need to be ready to respond to the impacts of climate change. The MVRA looks forward to assisting in developing a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. We note the Council plans to develop a community engagement and communications plan and we urge that this and the Strategy be developed in close liaison with WREMO so as not to duplicate existing community efforts.

New low-cost spending

26. Last year the MVRA and other people in our community and in Oriental Bay participated in three WREMO-led workshops to develop a community emergency hub plan. We have received back from WREMO the beginning of a good plan, and we continue to work with it to improve and complete this planning for our community. Community resilience building takes time and resource, it cannot be done in 'one hit' and needs to move at the pace of all its participants. It is particularly important that council staff are retained over time to enable relationships with communities and response agencies to form.
27. We strongly urge that work to support these efforts is properly resourced so our neighbourhood networks remain sustainable. More specifically, we request the Council to work with WREMO to fund tsunami blue lines and signage in Mt Victoria and other communities who still do not

have them.

Basin Reserve upgrade – savings and spending

28. We note there is capital of \$3.058 million in the Long-term Plan for 2017/18. We do not support any further redevelopment of the Basin Reserve until a reserve management plan is completed. There was no consultation to develop the 'Master Plan' or on how to spend the \$21 million budgeted for it. In particular we strongly oppose demolition of the historic 1924 pavilion - it should be refurbished instead of wasting money on floodlights and upgrading the carpark. We would like to see the historic fence reinstated around the Basin, as this is an essential element of the 'Basin landscape'.

Waterfront developments

29. As an overall principle, our waterfront should be protected as public open space for the enjoyment of Wellingtonians and visitors. We're saddened to see how often commercial ventures make large parts of the waterfront unavailable for the public to access. We note the draft Plan defers \$3 million capital for Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Park to 2018/19. This provides an opportunity to reconsider the plans for Frank Kitts Park.
30. We urge that Frank Kitts Park be retained in its present form, with some expansion and safety enhancement of the very popular children's playground. We disagree to adding a Chinese garden here as it does not need to be on the waterfront and does not add to waterfront heritage. It should be located elsewhere such as in the Botanic Gardens where it would greatly enhance visitors' experience of the Gardens (as does the Japanese Garden in the Brooklyn, New York, Botanic Gardens). A Wellington garden featuring local plants would be more appropriate.
31. It is regrettable the 'horse'float' building at North Kumutoto is proceeding. We also urge the Council not to proceed with proposals to put more structures in the space next to the Meridian building as this is a waste of money and ruins the open space feeling of this waterfront area. We oppose any further development of buildings on Chaffers/Waitangi Park, including the proposed transition building adjacent to Te Papa. Wellingtonians have clearly stated for many years their desire to see the Park kept as public open space. While the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour is not specifically mentioned in the draft Plan or work programme, we continue to support improving public access around it, and preserving it largely as is. As an important publicly-owned historical feature, this marina deserves careful and widespread consultation if any changes are to be made.

Redevelopment of Adelaide Road and Kent & Cambridge Terraces

32. We urge that the development of the next Long-term Plan earmark funds for a formal review of District Plan provisions for Kent and Cambridge Terraces and Adelaide Road. To assist this work, we suggest shading diagrams are prepared to reflect current, permitted, and discretionary heights along both sides. It is important that planning rules governing height limits, sunlight planes, shading effects, view shafts etc. are thoroughly reviewed and consulted upon before concept plans and designs are finalised. and are consistent with Mt Victoria heritage values.
33. In our submission on the Long Term Plan we agreed in principle to funding for the upgrade of the city end of Adelaide Road, and of Kent and Cambridge Terraces. As the median parts of Kent and Cambridge Terraces are Canal Reserve land governed by a Trust Deed, a reserve

management plan, as required by legislation, should be prepared prior to any development. We do not want to see a repeat of the development of Victoria Street with removal of large trees of various varieties, five lanes of traffic that are alienating and dangerous for pedestrians. The Terraces have the potential to be a proper ceremonial route from the sea to the historic precinct including the Basin Reserve, Pukeahu Memorial Park, and Government House. Ideally, the New World supermarket could be relocated so the route looks down from the Basin Reserve across Chaffers/Waitangi Park to the sea, and the underlying stream opened up in parts of the Terraces, as historic reminders of the canal.

Transport

34. If Wellington is to become the low-carbon capital and be transport resilient, more needs to be done on changing the way we move within and to/from the city. Funding priority should be given to making our city accessible and safe for pedestrians and for cyclists, and to encouraging public transport use. Encouraging more walking and cycling is critical as they may be the only available transport modes after a major earthquake. We agree the Council should continue to advocate for affordable public transport, family fares, student concession, off-peak fares, and to move to a fully electric public transport fleet at the earliest opportunity. However, more needs to be done to improve pedestrian flows and safety in the CBD.
35. The MVRA has been participating in the Let's Get Wellington Moving process, but is very concerned at the lack of public involvement since the principles for a better transport network across the city were developed, except for some over-complicated workshops. We continue to urge for improvements to the Basin Reserve roundabout area so it functions as a proper roundabout. We also strongly oppose NZTA's short-sighted plans for a third Mt Victoria tunnel, the seizing of Town Belt land to widen Ruahine Street, and widening of Wellington Road. The Board of Enquiry found the severity of congestion in the area is exaggerated – slower trips occur only during a few peak times per week. We note with interest information in the Council's 2014/15 Annual Report on peak travel times for vehicles between the CBD and Miramar and Island Bay shows the upper times have been reducing since 2010/11. Upper times of 16.9 minutes and 15.3 minutes suggest no great delays in journeys. More information is required on the delay to pedestrian and public transport journeys in this area. Any problems could be better addressed by encouraging people out of their cars and into active or public transport modes.
36. Public transport plans should take a long-term sustainable view and plan for a light rail link between the railway station and the hospital and airport, (this could use the Pirie Street bus tunnel), and a move to full electrification of the bus fleet. We question the advisability of the larger buses for Bus Rapid Transit as these are more likely to increase bus congestion in the CBD because they will need to stop for longer to allow more passengers to enter and exit. Larger buses are also likely to be too heavy for our roads, too long to negotiate tight corners, and double-deckers potentially too high for our tunnels.
37. We urge the City Council to advocate strongly to retain the iconic Wellington trolley buses in the interim at least, as they are already fully-electric.
38. We recommend the Council include in its next Long-term Plan plans for discouraging private vehicle commuting into the city, and reducing all-day parking spaces (including not replacing the car-parking building demolished on Tory Street). We would support reallocation of parking spaces for instance along Oriental Parade to create better on-road bike lanes.

39. Of great concern is the concentration of diesel exhaust near bus stops during peak hours. We would like to see funds allocated for air quality monitors in the inner city at bus stops and near schools (especially at the Basin Reserve) and by high-volume roads. Nanotechnology has significantly reduced the cost of air quality monitoring devices. Also, by having display panels on the monitors, the travelling public could be more informed on the long-term cumulative health impacts they are being subjected to.

Convention centre and movie museum

40. The MVRA supports in principle the proposal for a film museum in central Wellington to increase the range of visitor attractions in the city, but not its public funding. From the beginning we have strongly opposed funding a new single-purpose convention centre and deplored the decision not to allow Council-owned venues to compete with it. It is contrary to the Council's objective to increase the use of existing assets and uses public funding for what will primarily be private gain. Until the agreement to hand over all conference business to the proposed convention centre, Positively Wellington Venues had a suite of flexible, multi-purpose and closely-located venues which adequately catered for most conferences and had created a good niche conference market for Wellington locally, nationally and internationally. The convention centre will provide little benefit to most Wellington citizens, apart from mostly casual, low-paid hospitality jobs, and the growth in large conferences in Wellington may not materialise in light of major government and local investments in Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown.

Other improvements to be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan

Changes to District Plan to recognise two Heritage Precincts

41. The MVRA supports the Civic Trust's proposal to establish within the heritage section of Wellington City's District Plan two Heritage Precincts, both emphasising the city's role as the capital:
- A Pukeahu Precinct would be the first area to be designated, to be followed by incremental expansion to include the Basin Reserve and the Governor-General's residence and grounds. This would constitute the nationally and internationally important Heritage Precinct on the southern boundary of the CBD.
 - A Parliamentary–Justice–University Heritage Precinct. This would raise the capital city status of the area on the northern boundary of the CBD.

Improved training for council officers

42. In our experience, council officers have made decisions contrary to requirements in legislation, the District Plan and other policies and guidelines. For example, we had to spend \$6,000 for a Judicial Review regarding a brothel – the judge found in our favour as council officers had not taken account of the provisions of the Prostitution Act.
43. In our discussions with Councillors and council staff we have expressed our concern that the District Plan rules are not being enforced to preserve the heritage character of M/t Victoria (see below) and the Council's own processes are not being adhered to. To address the problems, we suggest funds in the staff training budget for 2017/18 are directed to developing a training module so officers are properly cognisant of the legislative, District Plan and other relevant policies and requirements.

Protecting heritage buildings

44. We appreciate that the Council is funding a heritage survey and look forward to hearing about its results later this year.
45. Specifically on the heritage issue for Mt Victoria, council actions are accommodating inappropriate demolition and new developments which do not comply with the planning rules on site coverage and on the North Mt Victoria Character Area. Such actions are undermining the amenity values which make our suburb attractive for residents and prospective residents, and which the Council itself values in promoting Wellington as a tourist destination. We urge the Council to play its part by opposing any demolitions of pre-1930s buildings, with demolition only as a last resort. Any assessment of structural integrity when considering demolition must be done by a truly independent structural engineer.
46. We do not agree with funding for rates remission being available where the owner chooses to remove the building. This is likely to encourage the removal of further character buildings from Mt Victoria, in particular, fine examples of art deco, rather than encouraging their owners to strengthen them.

Funding for improvements in Mt Victoria

47. We suggest some funding is allocated in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for the following improvements in Mt Victoria:
 - a. *Road safety.* Many Mt Victoria children attend schools in the area and must cross some very busy streets. To encourage them to walk or cycle, rather than be driven, we suggest a speed limit of 30kph is introduced throughout Mt Victoria using some of the funding set aside for this purpose. This is in line with similar limits in other city neighbourhoods. The nature of Mt Victoria footpaths is such that they cannot accommodate pedestrians and children learning to ride their bikes, or being nervous of 50kph traffic on the roads. Many of Mt Victoria's residents are elderly or very young, so need to be free of impediments on the paths.
 - b. *Public seating.* There are a few public seats in the neighbourhood and we would like to see more so residents and visitors can rest, reflect and enjoy shade or sunshine. We have surveyed the area and have suggestions as to suitable locations. We suggest funding of \$5,000 each for four new seats and two replacements seats.
 - c. *St Gerard's Monastery area.* The steps running up the side of the Monastery between McFarlane and Hawker Streets need repairing immediately as they are uneven, cracked and dangerous and must be particularly difficult to use at night. Some extra funding is also needed for the maintenance and improvement of the adjacent land reserve.
 - d. *Real-time bus displays.* We suggest adding display boards at the stops between Kent Terrace and the bus tunnel in both directions.
 - e. *Minor street works.* Pedestrian safety would be enhanced by ensuring all corners have six-metre broken yellow lines, and replanting native trees in empty street boxes which people can otherwise trip over.
 - f. *Cycle feeder routes to the CBD and waterfront.* Many Mt Victoria residents commute and recreate on their bikes. The intersections at Majoribanks St and Pirie St are not laid out to support cyclists to safely access Kent and Cambridge Tces, and it is unclear how cyclists are to safely and legally access the waterfront from Majoribanks St. We would like to see, at the very least, control boxes at the traffic lights, as are currently in place at Elizabeth St.

SUBMISSION

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2017-18

Thank you for the opportunity to submit against your Annual Plan 2017-18.

Sport Wellington is the independent body for sport and recreation. We were established in 1990 with charitable status under the Charities Act. Our main funding partners are Sport NZ, New Zealand Community Trust, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Ministry of Health, and Wellington Community Trust. We are one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts (RST) operating throughout New Zealand.

We operate within a wide geographical area, spanning the region between Otaki in the west across to Masterton in the east and Wellington City in the south so have a regional focus. We are committed to everyone in the greater Wellington region having a life-long involvement in sport and active recreation and provide region-wide leadership and support to the sport and active recreation community wherever they are in the region. We have an office in Wairarapa where our dedicated team works across a wide range of areas.

The spectrum of our work covers sport, recreation and health and we have a strong focus on realising the value of sport and active recreation through increased participation. Regularly participating in sport and active recreation creates a wide range of benefits to individuals, communities, our region and the nation. Some of the proven benefits are outlined below.

Health	Social	Personal	Community	Economic
Contributes to higher levels of self-esteem and self-worth	Creates positive alternatives to youth offending, antisocial behaviour and crime	Empowers, inspires and motivates individuals	Provides opportunities for social interaction	Eases pressure on the health system
Reduces stress and helps to manage depression and build resilience	Provides work/life balance	Kids who participate learn better and are more likely to enjoy school	Creates opportunities for, and promotes, volunteering	Healthy workers are more productive and take less sick days
Promotes a healthy, active lifestyle	Provides opportunities to develop friendships	Develops life skills and leadership abilities	Clubs can become hubs of communities especially in the regions	Reduces pollution – promotes use of active modes of transport like walking and cycling
Tones and strengthens the body		Provides a sense of belonging	Binds families and communities through shared experiences	Creates employment opportunities
Reduces obesity		Contributes to lifelong learning	Fosters community pride and strengthens social networks	Economic growth through business investment, employment, major events and tourism
Can help to prevent cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers		Supports and enhances cultural values and identity		

Sport Wellington provides regional leadership through four core activities: building partnerships; sharing knowledge about sport and active recreation; providing subject matter expertise where required; and advocating on behalf of the sector and others in order to bring positive change to the region.

We view councils as key partners in the provision of sport and active recreation opportunities and wish to signal our intent to further develop our current relationships into more complementary partnerships in order to align goals, outcomes and objectives where appropriate.

Sport Wellington operates as a 'knowledge gatherer' as a consequence of the relationships we hold with key sport and recreation organisations including Sport NZ. We are able to provide relevant and valuable insights and knowledge relating to sport and active recreation that can inform planning and decision making.

We advocate on behalf of the sport and active recreation sector particularly on issues that are common across the sector. In this role we can become a conduit for information both to and from sport and recreation groups which may be beneficial for Councils in their sport and recreation planning in areas such as facility and sports field provision and programme development.

Currently many of the regional sport organisations (RSOs) are facing a range of issues/challenges as they work to grow participation. Some of these challenges are likely to be similar to those faced by Councils and include:

Changing demand

- The changing demographic make-up of some of our communities (both in terms of population groups and population growth or decline) changes demand for sport and recreation opportunities and experiences. This means that sports need to be able to respond quickly to change and adopt a more targeted approach to provision. This places strain on planning and programme development and capability development.
- Changing participation trends affect the way people want to participate. Currently the trend is towards more casual sport and recreation options which are outside of current organised provision putting pressure on the traditional membership model and subsequent income streams.

Facilities

- Demand for access to facilities remains strong. This becomes a challenge when balancing the needs of all community users. A particular issue for sports is having consistent experiences across the region and meeting the costs of facility use.
- Some sports own their facilities and for some this is becoming a burden as a result of increasing maintenance costs and ensuring optimum usage to generate income. Increasingly they must consider the long-term value of ownership and investigate code-sharing (although many older facilities have been purpose-built for a specific sport /activity). Some may end up walking away from their facilities as they no longer have the means to keep them open and/or viable. As most are built on council-owned land this can become a problem for Councils.
- In addition, as new forms of sporting activities arise, demand for spaces and places changes. A good example of this is futsal. Football traditionally requires access to sports fields while this version is generally played indoors increasing the demand for indoor space in competition with other indoor sports.

Funding

- RSOs, like their national counterparts, are reliant on gaming funding as a main source of other income. There is risk associated with this funding as legislative change impacts distribution and access.
- Additionally, these organisations are operating in an increasingly competitive financial (funding and sponsorship) environment. There are challenges too around balancing income between user pays and other sources where getting the balance wrong may impact on participation growth. The capacity of clubs especially to continually meet increased fees is finite and in the future some may be priced out of existence.
- Many in the sector feel that whilst user charges to pools, indoor courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities.
- It is important that there is monitoring of the impact of user charges on participation levels, in particular for those communities whose participation levels are low and for whom cost is already a significant barrier. We need to ensure that increased charges do not impact negatively on the survival of community-based clubs and the wellbeing of residents.

Volunteers

- Most, if not all, sport and recreation organisations are reliant on volunteers to help run their businesses and provide services to participants. Recent studies show that the number of volunteers has remained at about the same levels while the number of volunteer hours has reduced by almost 42%.

Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy

Sport Wellington values its partnership with Wellington City Council and the planned approach to achieving shared outcomes for Wellington city communities through sport and active recreation. Of note are the programmes of work around Shift – a Wellington City Council led initiative to provide teenage girls with physical activity, health and wellbeing opportunities and the WCC Talent Development programme which Sport Wellington leads to support athletes and coaches to improve performance and success on the national and international stage.

Of particular value is the input and support provided by Wellington City Council officials into the development of the Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Regional Strategy) which is being facilitated by Sport Wellington on behalf of providers across the region.

Through implementing the Regional Strategy we hope to achieve:

- A more coordinated, efficient, productive and sustainable sport and active recreation sector, with better leverage on central government and others for funding opportunities
- Increased participation and better social and community outcomes for individuals and communities
- Greater contribution by sport and active recreation to economic, social and community development outcomes.

Funding request

Sport Wellington is an independent industry advisor and is well placed to operate as a regional facilitator. We have sought financial support from TAs to help us fulfil this role by:

- providing oversight and governance support

- coordinating information and workflows
- holding workshops for the development of the regional planning framework
- monitoring and evaluating the framework for the Regional Strategy
- advocating on behalf of the region in support of sport and active recreation to agencies, including central government.

To support this work we have requested \$24,000 per year for 3 years from Wellington City Council as part of the 2017/18 Annual Plan and 2018/2028 Long-Term Plan.

Specific feedback on Annual Plan proposals

We acknowledge Wellington City Council's wide-ranging work in support of active recreation and sport across the city, in particular your focus on community planning, facilities and utilisation of spaces. Generally we strongly support initiatives that will encourage and support greater participation because of the benefits that can be accrued by individuals and communities.

To that end we support your focus on:

- ***Economic and job growth***

While major and mega sporting events provide an obvious economic return to the city we would ask for consideration of second-tier sport and recreation events to be included in any policy development or funding in this space. These events could include national age group or secondary school competitions and events that support smaller sports such as dragon boating or ocean swimming, for example. Aside from a return to the local economy such events help to define communities and add vibrancy to city.

- ***Cycling network***

Cycling/bike riding is one of the top three physical activities in Wellington. People wanting to cycle, either for active transport or recreation and sport purposes are encouraged to cycle when there is a connected network of safe places to cycle. Research shows that when there are more people cycling, visibility by motorists improves and adds to the safety of the activity while more people on bikes contributes to other economic and environmental benefits such as reduced use of motor vehicles and lower demand for parking space.

- ***Removal of fees at swimming pools***

Cost of activities remains one of the key barriers to participating in sport and active recreation, for some groups more than others. Often it is not the single cost of access to a facility or activity but the accumulated cost of access including equipment and transport costs. Removing the swimming pool spectator/parent/guardian fee will go some way towards encouraging greater use of Wellington's pools and programmes. In supporting this we acknowledge the balance required to still meet revenue targets for facilities and maintaining current levels of service.

- ***Council fees and user charge increases***

Most sport and recreation activities are reliant on access to a council-owned facility or sports ground. Increases in fees and user charges have a flow-on effect when organisers are no longer able to absorb increases and end up passing these on to participants. As identified earlier, increasing costs pose challenges to clubs, secondary school sport and RSOs affecting their ability to continue to provide services and opportunities and grow participation. RSOs also seek consistency across the region around fees and user charges and assurances around value-for-money as these increase.

Again, it is important that there is monitoring of the impact of increasing user charges on participation levels, in particular for those communities whose participation levels are low and for whom cost is already a significant barrier.

- ***Sports hub development***

Working together and sharing resources help to reduce the costs of provision and ultimately the cost to participants. Sports hubs help to drive this collaboration and contribute to a more efficient delivery system for community sport. They can also support skill sharing which is a credible way of increasing the capability of volunteers who run community sport. Other benefits include linking transport plans and walking and cycling strategies with sports hub development ensuring integrated planning and facilitating greater community use.

- ***Community places and spaces***

While the focus of community places and spaces is not necessarily sport and active recreation, the availability of community places and spaces provides opportunities for community-based organisations such as sport and recreation clubs to access services and to connect with their communities.

- ***Makara Peak Mountain Bike Master Plan***

We know that Makara Peak is a popular mountain biking destination for locals and tourists and that there is high use of the trails and tracks provided and an expectation of high quality experiences. While supporting the master plan we would advocate that this work aligns with, and references, the Regional Trails Framework that is currently being developed - involving all councils in the wider Wellington region, the Department of Conservation and trail users.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Plan 2017-18. We are happy to discuss our submission further with you.

Kind regards



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SUBMISSION TO WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18

Our Association's Response

This response is based on member's consensus at our May 2017 committee meeting.

Wish to Appear in-person

We do not wish to appear in person in support of this submission.

Format of DAP Document

Once again we wish to complain that line items of Capex & Opex under each Business Unit are even further aggregated than last year to the extent that it is not possible to identify individual projects which have significance to any suburb or district, let alone our own.

We urge a return to the more traditional format for this DAP and 3 year work plan – or at least make such a document publicly available at the time of release for comment.

Level of Proposed Rate Rise

This year the overall proposed rate rise is quoted at 3.3% but no attempt whatsoever has been made to announce the level of rate rise for the residential sector vs commercial. This is an example of seemingly purposeful spin to soften the perceived impact on householders.

While spending is reduced against forecast for the 2017/18 period the changes are in large part due to planning & design delays to big ticket items.

The public deserve more reassurance that restraints will be effective & flow on into future years "forecast" rates levels. A clear statement on the decision to invest heavily into the Airport runway extension was expected as was some sort of review of the ongoing subsidy for the Singapore Airlines long haul flights out of Wellington. When the Annual Plan fails to reveal such intentions then confidence in this document & the consultation process is lost.

We maintain that Council support of commercial enterprises (such as the runway extension) should be limited to initial rates relief, reduced charges for services & other Council compliance costs rather than direct injections of borrowed funds required to be serviced by rates.

Our Response to New Proposals in the 2017/18 DAP

Proposals which this Association Supports.

Discount on fees for Smokefree outdoor dining pavement areas

Removal of swimming pool fees for adults accompanying children under 8 years old

Rates remission for first home/ apartment builders

Predator free Miramar & Wellington project Director

Investigate supported living for the homeless

Stage 2 funding of work on recovering from recent storm surge damage & South Coast protection

Improving Community Engagement

Continued implementation of the living wage

Resilience Initiatives

- Seismic Building Intelligence Systems
- Assessment of 500 homes

Proposals for which we are Neutral.

Expand Wellington Arts & Culture programme to include Matariki etc.

One stop approach for key Council services

Working with car share providers to allocate 15 purposed electric & share car parks

Town Hall earthquake strengthening & managed music hub

Other Issues we regard as priority for & within our Suburb

We are heartened to read in the 2017/18 DAP that Council intends to engage with local community representatives - viz.

“Integrated suburban plans

Develop a community participatory approach to suburban planning to ensure local services and programmes meet local communities' needs”

The following are issues which we wish to progress from those we have submitted on previously through to new issues raised within the last year.

Tsunami Public Noticeboards

About 3 years ago the Tsunami discussions and painting of blue lines in Strathmore Park were successfully undertaken.

Whilst there is good awareness of the purpose and meaning of the signage among the initial stakeholders there has still not been any placement of promised Notice Boards within our Suburb to inform our residents and public.

This Association requests that the roll out of notice boards be provided for in the DAP (specifically within our suburb) in accordance with the plan that we signed up to during the analysis and execution phase of the project.

Road Safety Around Schools

Our Association has consistently requested traffic controls around our schools.

An active school speed zone has been provided on Strathmore Avenue for Kahurangi School and Strathmore Park Kindergarten and ***we request Council to provide similar active school zone traffic indicators on Monorgan Rd. for Scots College.***

In view of the narrow street width, pohutukawa tree lined berms and unmarked/uncontrolled car parking regime we also believe that the lower part of Monorgan Rd (at least from Raukawa St. intersection) should also be a 40k speed zone at all times.

Scots College has for some years now given us their support in these requested measures.

We are also aware from the resident at No.48 Monorgan Rd. that parking outside his residence causes a hazard.

Vehicles park on the corner outside his house and create a real traffic hazard as the shape of the corner means that oncoming vehicles in each direction are required to take evasive action in a narrow section of a very busy intersection with Raukawa Street.

Our suggested remedy is to extend the broken yellow lines to eliminate the hazard. In our view the distance required is the order of a vehicle's length but this should be verified by a traffic team assessment.

Stormwater Flooding Monorgan Rd.

Flooding on Monorgan Rd. affecting properties opposite Scots College entrance has occurred many times in the past. A number of proposals have been put forward by Wellington Water, some of which sought to divert stormwater via the Golf Course. The status over 2 years ago was “awaiting a review of the Miramar stormwater network”. No further advice has been

received.

With the certainty of an increase to the severity of rainstorms over time we again request that Council urgently action (finalise?) the stormwater network review and provide substantial capacity augmentation for Monorgan Rd.

Monorgan Road Playground

This Association has consistently recommended that provision be made for family friendly facilities at this popular playground within our suburb.

We request that a picnic table & toilet facility be provided for this playground to allow parental, grandparent & caregiver support to younger children to be more easily provided. This playground is fairly well sheltered & lends itself to more extended family use than other playgrounds in our community.

Some consideration should also be given to facilities for older teenagers such as a more extended court area for use with various ball sports.

The grassed area which is infrequently mown has proven too lush for “backyard soccer” & we believe that extended tar seal court area is more versatile for this play.

Beautification of grassed area opposite Strathmore Park shops

Paul Fredricksen, our local pharmacist, has made a suggestion that the option of beautifying and/or increasing the leisure options for green area in Strathmore Park opposite the shopping precinct should be explored.

Our Association agrees with Paul that this could potentially be a great area for Strathmore residents to have picnics, lounge etc but at present the facilities for this to happen are very limited. At present there is a solitary bench seat located there which on a good day looks lost!

We request that Parks & Gardens Team accept this suggestion as a local project.

Lighting of Monorgan Rd. to Raukawa St. Steps & Track

This issue has been taken up with the Mayor’s office and is recorded here for completeness. The correspondence has been acknowledged and a formal response is awaited.

Recently the Wellington City Council extensively upgraded a track and steps from Raukawa Street to Monorgan Road that leads onto the Monorgan Road children’s play area.

The work improved the location immensely but from a safety aspect we have a concern that young children could be at risk from the fact that established trees form an umbrella which hides the track from view.

In the interest of child safety we request that lighting be added to complete this project of value to our suburb.

Residential Solid Waste Disposal Process

Our understanding is that annual Community Cleanups are no longer offered by WCC. This has no impact on our Association since we ceased holding these some years ago.

At our AGMs residents have asked that we encourage Council to follow the system used in

some overseas Cities and introduce a user pays system to record, schedule, collect & dispose of household solid waste items which cannot be easily disposed of in bags or bins.

Accordingly we request Council to consider this activity as a self funded extension to the Waste Disposal program.

Widening of Feeder Streetwidths in Wellington suburbs

Whilst consulting with members and residents regarding Broadway tree & centre islands removal a number of comments were received about inadequate road width of Strathmore Avenue.

With the move toward providing for cycling this Association urges Council to seriously consider streetwidening as an infrastructure improvement policy.

Strathmore Avenue is a prime example of a street with wide berms and Council provided planting is well past its use by date. Long term planning should begin to redefine the location of kerbs & channels on streets of this nature with a view to increasing road width to cater for increasing vehicle widths, adequate parking and ultimately cycleways.

From observation around the city there are many such streets with inadequate roadway widths that serve communities with increasing car ownership & journeys for school, work & local reasons. Mein Street Newtown is also a good example which should be listed high on a street widening agenda.

Undergrounding of Services

The undergrounding policy adopted some years ago is clearly not providing any significant undergrounding in Suburban Wellington. We consider the existing policy elitist, assisting only the well healed to claim grants for private enjoyment & to improve their home's asset value.

We urge Council to adopt a policy & strategy to eliminate all overhead services in (say) 60 years from its inception.

This would require drawing up street priority lists, encouraging public input and gaining the co-operation of the various services currently using overhead plant.

In suburbs we see a proliferation of mysterious and unsightly overhead cable arrays, many of which are expedient temporary arrangements which remain for years following relocation of a single pole or support.

Other Matter of Concern

Economic Development Funding/ Destination Wellington/ et al

Our Association is dissatisfied with this/ these unit(s) which goes well beyond their brief in setting up deals with commercial enterprises and operators which commit substantial ratepayer's funds without their detailed proposals being first discussed by full Council.

We disapprove of the rates implications of the subsidy to WIAL in funding the bulk of their resource consent application, apparent ongoing support of the commitment to fund \$90M, by

way of a 40 year loan, as an upfront payment towards the airport extension without a robust business case or a single airline offering to fly. The lack of transparency on the basis of, level and duration of subsidy for seats on Singapore airlines to operate the Wellington/ Canberra to Singapore hub flights is also down to Destination Wellington proposals.

The history of encouraging airlines to provide direct services to Wellington is abysmal. Council spent considerable ratepayers funds in encouraging direct flights Wellington to Adelaide some years ago at the time that the runway end safety areas were installed. Not one such flight has ever eventuated but support (& no doubt ongoing spending) continues for even more grandiose direct flight destinations.

As the spending levels are not verifiable in the 2017/18 DAP we request that the Unit be funded for its premises & staff operational expenditure only and that all other proposals by way of subsidy, cash payments, event underwriting etc. be required to be fully consulted & entered into annual and long term plans with the same rigour that all other Council departments require to observe.

As we have seen with car street races, WoW festival and Stadium events Wellington is really good at fostering new ideas and programmes – but all of these have their peak time & eventually reach a use by date. WCC must reign in unplanned and unconsulted subsidies to commercial enterprises. Council should restrict their support to reduced rates, waived fees etc during times of establishment rather than committing continuing rates funds to lobbyists with grandiose plans.

Signed,



Glenn Kingston (Sec./Treas.)

End of Submission



Edo de Waart Music Director

**New Zealand
Symphony Orchestra**

Te Tira Pūoro o Aotearoa

18 May 2017

Annual Plan
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra

Please find enclosed a submission on the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18 on behalf of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

Yours sincerely

James Henry
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Submission from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18

1. Introduction

1.1 Two projects within the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/18 have particular relevance to the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and a commentary of each follows. As New Zealand's international standard national orchestra resident in Wellington, the NZSO plays a key role in contributing to the vibrancy and life of the city and we support initiatives to invest in and grow the arts and cultural opportunities within the city.

2. (d) Improving Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:

- A new public event celebrating Matariki
- A diverse, city-focused outdoor event series

2.1 Increasing cultural opportunities in the city is strongly supported by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Cultural events bring both visitors and new residents to the city, helps build audiences for all cultural experiences, increases opportunities for collaboration and increases the capability of Wellington's creative industry as more artists are attracted to the city. It will also further reinforce the city's position as the Creative Capital and increase the engagement of residents in cultural experiences.

3. (J) Town Hall earthquake strengthening

3.1 The NZSO strongly supports the strengthening of the Wellington Town Hall and the development of a full Civic Music Hub operating across the Town Hall, Michael Fowler Centre and the Municipal Office Building.

3.2 The Civic Music Hub will further reinforce Wellington's position as the Creative Capital. The strengthening of the Town Hall and the associated redevelopment will create a facility of national significance.

3.3 Wellington Town Hall will provide a permanent home for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. This will allow us to offer a wider range of performances, recordings and broadcasts to all Wellingtonians and New Zealanders.

- 3.4 With the state-of-the-art recording facilities proposed for the Town Hall, we will have the professional resources needed for film scoring, which will attract more of this work to Wellington. It will enable the NZSO to expand the recording and the film scoring activities that we have built up over recent years with considerable success, including films such as *The Hobbit* and our recent Grammy nominated recording. All this activity has ensuring benefits for the Wellington economy.
- 3.5 The collaboration between the NZSO and Victoria University's New Zealand School of Music bring a range of benefits and opportunities for musicians, students and audiences. The Civic Music Hub will become a centre of music, creativity, adventure and energy with professional musicians, teachers and students interacting, learning from each other, trying new things and above all making music accessible to all Wellingtonians.
- 3.6 The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and Victoria University are committed to the project and fundraising work is underway to ensure its viability.

38 MATREW RD
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18th May 2017

FEEDBACK:-

ANNUAL PLAN 17/18

3 year work

Programme

MIRNERS STREET
BUS STOP.

THE OUTWARD BUS STOP
NEAR CUBA STREET
HAS NO SHELTER OVER

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IN THE PAST BUT USUALLY
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BY A COUNCIL OFFICER THAT
IT HAS NOT BE INCLUDED
IN ANY PLANS NOW IS THE
TIME TO DO THIS

BRIAN BURELL

38 MAREVA RD
HATAITAI
WELLINGTON 6021
18TH MAY 2017

FEED BACK
ANNUAL RUN 17/18
3 YEAR WORK
PROGRAMME

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TOWN BELT

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BRUCE BURRELL

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FEEDBACK
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 3 year work
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LIGHTING - BUS SHELTERS
 COASTWAY PLACES

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 DGC 1414

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SOME QUICK ACTION WOULD
 BE APPROPRIATE BY THE
 BUS PASSENGER.

WE ARE OFTEN PROUDLY
 STATING OUR "SAFE CITY"
 IMAGE. LETS MAKE
 THESE SHELTERS PART OF
 IT.

BRIAN BARRER



Living Wage Wellington

Submission to the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/2018



**WE WANT TO LIVE
IN A FAIR CITY**

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1. Living Wage Wellington's submission

Living Wage Wellington welcomes the Council's commitment to the Living Wage in the draft 2017 Annual Plan. The Living Wage proposal builds on the commitment to become a Living Wage council made by Council in 2013 and the steps taken in subsequent years. It proposes concrete steps forward and sets out priorities to put Wellington City Council on track to seek accreditation within this triennium.

"I am happy my council rates can contribute to a Living Wage for all council employees."

Suzanne McNab,
Northern Ward.

Living Wage Wellington has collected individual submissions in the community on the Council's 2017 draft Annual Plan. Over 700 submissions have been delivered to Council calling for provision in the Annual Plan for:

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

We note that the word "contractors" is a broad term that also includes workers employed by subcontractors.

We welcome the Council's inclusion of these three points in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

The implementation of the Living Wage for the whole council workforce, including those employed in CCOs and via contractors, has been overwhelmingly supported by Wellingtonians in annual plan and long term plan community consultations since 2014. It was supported by the Mayor and Deputy and majority of successful candidates in the 2016 local body election campaign. Council has a very strong mandate to fulfil these commitments.

2. Living Wage Wellington

Living Wage Wellington is part of Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ. Living Wage Wellington was formed in 2012, and launched at an event at the Wesley Church in Taranaki Street.

Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand is a broad-based community movement committed to addressing poverty and inequality by lifting low wages. Living Wage Wellington brings together a wide range of faith-based and community organisations and unions representing many thousands of Wellingtonians and others who work in Wellington and live outside the city. Member organisations of the Living Wage Movement include:

- St Peter's on Willis
- The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, Te Kauae Kaimahi
- ChangeMakers Refugee Forum
- St Andrews on the Terrace
- E Tū
- The Anglican Diocese of Wellington
- DCM
- First Union

- Newtown Union and Community Health Service
- New Zealand Educational Institute Te Riu Roa
- Wellington Methodist Parish
- Unions Wellington
- Workers Educational Association
- New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services
- The Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi
- Victoria University of Wellington Students Association
- The Tertiary Education Union Te Hautū Kahurangi o Aotearoa
- Methodist Public Issues
- Manufacturing and Construction Workers Union
- United Community Action Group (UCAN)
- Maori Women's Welfare League
- Diary Workers Union
- Child Poverty Action Group
- Post Primary Teachers' Association Te Wehengarua
- Postal Workers Union
- Rail and Maritime Transport Union
- Unite Union

"A better city and community result
if we address inequality."
Wayne Linkletter,
Western Ward

Living Wage Wellington also enjoys support from a range of organisations which have not formally become member organisations of the Living Wage Movement.

3. The Living Wage

Living Wage Aotearoa NZ defines the Living Wage as: "The income necessary to provide workers and their families with the necessities of life. A Living Wage will enable workers to live in dignity and to participate in society."

In 2012 independent research commissioned by the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ was undertaken by experts in their field to determine the New Zealand Living Wage rate. The first NZ rate was identified by Charles Waldegrave and Dr Peter King, who are highly respected for their work in establishing the poverty line. The original rate of \$18.40 an hour was announced in 2013. The NZ rate was set using similar methodology to that used elsewhere in the world. The calculation takes into account Family Tax Credits, Childcare Assistance, and Accommodation Supplement payments.

Because it is a "Living Wage" the rate has been updated every year. Because it is a rate in the market, it is updated by the average movement in wages. The updated rate of \$18.80 was announced in February 2014; \$19.25 in February 2015 and \$19.80 in February 2016. The 2017/2018 rate is \$20.20 an hour. Over this time the Living Wage rate has increased by \$1.80 an hour. Over the same time frame the minimum wage has been increased from \$13.00 to \$15.75 — \$2.75 an hour.

Ann and Alana's Story



Ann Simone and Alana Moss are Wellington City Council cleaners, employed by the contract cleaning company, Spotless.

Ann and Alana came from Samoa in 2011 and have worked as cleaners on the minimum wage ever since. They have a 2½ year old child and a baby on the way. Like many other couples who clean, he does the night shift and she does daytime. It's hard to find time to spend together, especially when low hourly rates necessitate long hours.

Says Ann: "Even though we both worked hard we had to work long hours just to get the necessities, as well as to cover rent, power and food. We were squeezed into a tiny room, as we couldn't afford anything else. We never made ends meet."

Last August Ann and Alana's hourly rates were lifted to \$18.55 and then \$18.63 as a direct result of the Council's commitment to the Living Wage. Ann says: We are now working 40 hours a week and spending more time with our baby. We managed to move into a two-bedroomed place with more space for our baby to play in. We are still looking forward to being paid the actual Living Wage rate. We are not living a life of luxury but it just got better."

4. Extending the Living Wage to workers employed via contractors

Although Wellington City Council has taken some steps to address this, many workers delivering core council services such as cleaning and recycling, who are employed via contractors and subcontractors, are paid poverty rates as low as the minimum wage. These workers are an important part of the council workforce. Their work should be valued and services will improve with a stable, motivated and experienced workforce.

There are many reasons why all contract workers must be included in the implementation of the Living Wage. Apart from the fairness issues, if the Living Wage coverage does not include procured services it incentivises the process of outsourcing services.

Assessing the cost of lifting the pay of workers employed via contractors to the Living Wage must take into account the benefits. Paying the Living Wage benefits the city by ensuring a basic yet decent standard of living for workers and their families. The relationship between wages and well-being is well documented. Health, education, and social participation all improve when wages are lifted. Paying workers the Living Wage will ensure they can participate in the amenities of the city and have access to recreational and community facilities.

A prosperous economic environment depends on consumers having the spending power to support local business and the low-paid workers who would benefit from receiving the Living Wage spend their entire incomes on retail and basic services.

Living Wage Aotearoa has collated the experiences of Living Wage employers in a survey report released in March 2017ⁱ. While it is very early in the life of the accreditation system (less than two years) employers report benefits such as improved reputation, happier and more productive staff, better alignment of organisational values, a sense of being part of a wider movement and the potential for a market edge through leadership in implementing the Living Wage.

2012 research in the UKⁱⁱ reported that paying the Living Wage benefits employers by reducing costs of turnover, improving morale and motivation of workers, and enhancing public image and reputation, and can encourage more competitive industry.

Council's own surveys show that introducing the Living Wage at Parking Services has lifted resident satisfaction and the skills of staff. Wellington City Council needs a stable, motivated staff to deliver quality services to residents.

Substantial research has been done on the benefits to employers, including the benefits to both employers and clients in extending the Living Wage to workers employed via contractors.

One of the most recent reports on the benefits of paying the Living Wage is a 2015 report by the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow), which highlighted clear evidence demonstrating how UK employers paying the Living Wage benefit from improved staff morale, retention and productivity.

The report, commissioned by Barclays, uses case studies demonstrating business benefits and examples of how to mitigate associated costs. Strathclyde Business School academic, Dr Andrea Coulson, the primary author of the report, said: "The report highlights detailed case study evidence of how costs of adopting the Living Wage are being mitigated and value created for employers, their employees and on-site contract staff."

Key findings include:

- Increased skills development among existing staff
- Increased staff performance and job satisfaction
- Increased staff retention
- Long-term reputational benefits for Living Wage employers
- Implementing the Living Wage encourages businesses to re-evaluate their approaches to staffing and payment, leading to more effective and efficient working patterns in the long term
- Implementing the Living Wage encourages businesses to re-evaluate their business model, leading to more effective and efficient working patterns in the long term

"People deserve to feel valued."

Kate McGuinness,
Southern Ward.

Jenny Stewart, Head of Infrastructure and Government at KPMG, said since rolling out the Living Wage to all full-time staff and suppliers, including on-site contractors, KPMG has seen an increase in employee motivation, higher employee retention, and reduced absenteeism. This in turn has resulted in lower recruitment costs, more opportunities for staff development and the opportunity for KPMG to mitigate costs by broadening responsibilities of current staff. The firm has also seen improvements in bottom line performance in both financial and non-financial indicators such as employee engagement and overall customer satisfaction levels.

A 2008 study of Queen Mary, a college of the University of London, which adopted the London Living Wage for its cleaners, outlines the benefits. Although in this case, the cleaners were brought in-house, the results of the study are relevant to contract workers. The study, led by Professor Jane Willis, Professor of Human Geography at the university, showed that, after they were lifted to the Living Wage, the cleaners had higher levels of morale and job satisfaction, worked more productively and completed a broader range of tasks. The authors concluded: "The research has revealed that the move has stimulated improvements in the job quality, productivity and service delivery, with very little increase in costs."

A report on the impact of the London Living Wage was commissioned and published by the Greater London Authority, and conducted by *London Economics*, in 2009. Researchers interviewed

Stevan's story



Stevan is a Wellington City Council parking officer, whose life has transformed since Council began to adopt the Living Wage.

Six years ago, Stevan was working as a security guard on the minimum wage. Says Stevan: "All I could do was exist." He was living at his brother's and feeling isolated and depressed. "I struggled to make ends meet. All my money would go on bills and I would have no money to spend on myself."

Now his life is different. Stevan is paid \$19.73 an hour and is looking forward to moving to the full Living Wage of \$20.20 an hour.

"It's made a big difference," says Stevan, who got married last year and was able to save up for a honeymoon and wedding expenses.

But he says, even on the Living Wage things can tight. "I'm just lucky I have food in my pantry. People who are solo parents, they can't feed their children very well if they are not on the Living Wage. We do have that money and when friends come over, we supply them with a good home-cooked meal."

representatives from 11 employing organisations that had moved to the Living Wage and found that the: *"most significant impact noted was recruitment and retention, improved worker morale, motivation, productivity and [the] reputational impacts of being an ethical employer"* (London Economics, 2009). The study found that more than 80% of employers believed that the living wage had increased the quality of the work.

Paying a Living Wage can and should ensure staff, whether they are directly-employed or employed via a contractor, are well-trained and skilled to do their work. It provides an opportunity to require contractors to ensure all their staff are working towards or have formal qualifications (such as ITO qualifications). This is more achievable with a stable and long-serving workforce.

With reduced turnover and training, a skilled, qualified and experienced workforce will perform better and provide better service delivery for WCC and the community. For example, skilled, trained and experienced cleaners will achieve a better result and therefore WCC property and grounds will look better and people using the facilities will be more satisfied. This will also reduce the likelihood of infection and increase the safety of council facilities and grounds.

It is superficial to argue that these are benefits solely for the contractor and not the client. A more stable, productive workforce with greater morale will provide a better service for the Council and ultimately the people of Wellington City.

5. Seeking accreditation as a Living Wage employer

Over 50% of UK councils are Living Wage councils and an increasing number are fully-accredited. The London Mayor, Sadiq Khan said in October 2016: "Paying the London Living Wage is not just the right and moral thing to do, it makes good business sense too. As many employers already accredited know, the benefits are clear - including increased productivity and reduced staff turnover. The London Living Wage is a fantastic campaign and I will be working to encourage more businesses across our great city to get involved. This will not only help London become a city where it's a badge of pride for employers to pay the London Living Wage, but help us become a city where everyone benefits from the capital's success."

Vancouver Council has voted unanimously to become a Living Wage council. Mayor Gregor Robertson said: "A Living Wage has a direct impact on health and well-being, and

helps create stronger local communities and economies. This motion will allow the city to lead by example, and encourage other organisations to join the living wage movement.”

The people of Wellington have shown strong support for Wellington leading the way to become New Zealand’s first official Living Wage council. Accredited Living Wage employers have six months each year after the updated Living Wage rate is announced to match that rate to maintain accreditation.

“People deserve to live properly and have a chance in life.”

Evin Litchfield,
Eastern Ward

Becoming an accredited Living Wage employer will enable Wellington City council to show leadership in the city. It will encourage local employers to follow the Council’s example and join other accredited Living Wage employers, like Pivotal Print, La Boca Loca, Bicycle Junction and many local faith-based and community organisations and unions.

6. The Living Wage is affordable

The Annual Plan states that WCC’s finances are “on a strong, sustainable footing” and “we are in good financial shape”. The introduction to the draft plan states: “We have looked closely at our spending over the next three years to ensure it is focused where it can do the most good”. The plan includes a lower rates rise than previously predicted.

The Living Wage is a clear example of focussing Council’s budget where it can do good. It is very clear that the implementation of the Living Wage at Wellington City Council is affordable.

The Wellington Mayor, Justin Lester, was reported in the New Zealand Herald as saying: “We wanted a prudent budget, a budget that was affordable, but that also ensures we treated our staff well.”

He said previous experience showed paying a Living Wage could save money. When the Wellington City Council stopped contracting for parking wardens and instead employed them directly at a Living Wage rate, they saved overall.

"Because previously the contractor was taking the majority of the benefit from the contract, and not the staff," Lester said. "We've had greater loyalty from staff, reduced turnover, and increased services, at a lower burden for ratepayers." ⁱⁱⁱ

Given the many local authorities that have introduced the Living Wage around the world, there is a large body of literature on the costs and benefits of doing so. International experience has been that initial estimates of the cost of implementing the Living Wage are almost always higher than what eventuates. For example, when Los Angeles introduced the Living Wage in 1997, it was predicted to cost somewhere between US\$30-40 million. However, the total increase to labour costs was \$US2.5 million.^{iv}

7. Background

- In July 2013 WCC voted to support in principle becoming a Living Wage Council and requested officers to develop a framework providing for the phased implementation of the Living Wage for

“WCC is leading the way to become a Living Wage city. I am very proud of this!”

Robert Ferguson,
Lambton Ward.

directly employed staff, staff employed by CCOS and those employed by contractors.

- In December 2013 the new council reaffirmed their commitment to become a Living Wage Council.
- In January 2014 WCC moved nearly 500 directly employed staff to the (then) Living Wage of \$18.40. Soon after the parking wardens, who were employed via a contractor, were taken in-house and lifted to the (then) Living Wage.
- In consultation on the 2014 Annual Plan, over 80% of submitters supported the Living Wage proposal to pay all staff, including those employed by contractors, the Living Wage.
- The 2015 Long Term plan included \$750,000 over two years tagged to lift workers employed by contractors to the Living Wage.
- In October 2015 Council voted to award the contract for security and noise control services on the basis of the Living Wage.
- In August 2016, around 60 WCC security guards and cleaners moved to \$18.55 as a result of the commitment to the Living Wage.

The 2017 WCC draft Annual Plan includes the following section:

A Living Wage Council

The minimum pay rate for all employed by Wellington City Council, its Council Controlled Organisations and contractors will be the official New Zealand Living Wage rate.

This completes the journey begun in 2013 when council committed itself to paying the Living Wage and sets Wellington City Council on a path to be the first accredited Living Wage Council in New Zealand.

Specifically, this policy will see council adopt the official New Zealand Living Wage rate (as commissioned annually by Living Wage Movement Aotearoa) as a minimum pay rate for;

- (a) All staff currently included in the council's Living Wage programme (*specifically; directly employed staff, CCO employees and contractors covered by the Recon security and Spotless Cleaning contracts*).
- (b) All staff working for contractors delivering services on behalf of council, to be included as contracts come up for renewal or tendering (*this specifically excludes those only providing goods*).

ⁱ J. Stansfield, A Living Wage At Work: Experiences of Employers and Employees in the Accredited Employer Programme of the Living Wage Campaign Workplaces

ⁱⁱ The costs and benefits of the London living wage, October 2012, Jane Wills and Brian Linneker, School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London

ⁱⁱⁱ (http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11830515)

^{iv} (Andrew J Elmore, Living Wage Laws & Communities: Smarter Economic Development, Lower than Expected Costs, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, 2003, p. 2).

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2017 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION



I want to live in a Fair City!

I congratulate the new council for their commitment to making our city a Fair City by ensuring all workers are paid the Living Wage and call on Wellington City Council to include in the 2017 Annual Plan:

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs to be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, to be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

I support this because:

Name:

Signature:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I want to join Living Wage Wellington to make an oral submission to Council.
(Please tick the box).

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Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: We at St Andrew's on The Terrace have done this and become a Living Wage employer . This included getting our contracted cleaning service to improve the wages they pay their cleaner. This cost us more! So in a small way we know some of the difficulties the Council will face. We are convinced however that people on the Living Wage feel better about themselves and have more leisure time to enjoy the good facilities which the WCC provides. They are also able to buy more which compensates for Chamber of Commerce objections that this will be difficult for business.



Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: Submission re Living Wage

Submission from Social Justice Committee, St Peter's on Willis

The Social Justice Committee of St Peter's on Willis Street firstly wishes to congratulate the Wellington City Council for its vote in 2015 to pay contractors the Living Wage and its further commitment in the 2017/2018 Plan to become an accredited Living Wage employer by 2020. The expected cost of this is 0.2% increase in rates which can be expected to flow straight back into the community in the form of greater engagement in the community and contribution to the local economy by those persons paid the living wage. The Social Justice Committee of St Peter's on Willis supports the next stages of 'the pioneering journey to ensure that those delivering core council services are paid a decent wage' (quoting Councillor Paul Eagle, Oct 29/10/15) and believes that the fundamental issue is indeed about decency and fairness to enable people to live in dignity.

The St Peter's Social Justice Committee also supports the recommendation that Council and Council controlled organisations and contracts should pay the Living Wage on a case-by-case basis. Our committee asks the council to endorse a more general policy that all council contractors, without exception, adopt the Living Wage by 2020.

St Peter's Social Justice Committee would also like to highlight to the Council that working towards a living wage for all staff, including both city council staff and contracted staff, will fit well with Sustainable Development Goals 8 'Decent work and Economic Growth' and 10, 'Reducing Inequalities' of the World Health Organisation's seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Working towards a Living Wage for everyone also fits with the demands for action from the recent World Congress of Public Health held in Melbourne in April 2017, These

demands include (1) Improving health outcomes for all, (2) fighting inequity as the primary driver for poor health, and (3) demanding political, social, environmental and economic change across all sectors for better and more sustainable health.



Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: The United Community Action Network, UCAN, is committed to advocating for the Wellington City Council (WCC) to becoming a fully accredited Living Wage Employer.

UCAN is a health advocacy group that is committed to ensuring the voice of people on low-wage and no-wages are able to get their voice heard. Increasing there are significant barriers that people have to face in navigating health services and UCAN attempts to ensure these voices are heard by those who make the wide-reaching decisions.

In 2016 UCAN launched the second UCAN Charter for Health. This document is co-written, and in consultation, with Professor Don Matheson, a GP who has played a significant role in establishing the Union Health movement along equity-based principles such as access to health care is a human right. The 2016 UCAN Health Charter identifies access to a Living Wage as one of six key determinants to ensure everyone has access to health as a fundamental right.

The stories UCAN hear tell us that the lacks of access to basic resources are a familiar experience for many living on low incomes.

We know an adequate income is the key component to accessing healthy housing, health-promoting food options, the ability to visit a GP and then buy medication, and to be able to encourage and nurture children or dependents in the care of the wage earner. However without that adequate income, opportunities to participate in the health and well being of a whanau, family and community are severely reduced. An income that is pegged below the Living Wage rate can therefore appear as active denial to the services and resources to support a healthy and well community flourish.

UCAN has been committed to supporting the Living Wage campaign to ensure the WCC pays the employed staff, and also the contracted workers already on a Living Wage. This has been bold and mana-enhancing action.

Now it is time for the WCC to bring the other contracts on board and pay these workers a fair and equitable rate as identified by the Living Wage movement Aotearoa. These other WCC contracted workers, such as landfill, cleaning and waste workers, receive less than a Living Wage, “the gap between rich and the poor is rapidly growing... this is bad for our health” (UCAN Health Charter 2017). To close this gap will send a positive statement that this Council is committed to value-based governance in which the most vulnerable is cared for. This will also enable the WCC to obtain the proud status of being the first Living Wage accredited city council.

UCAN supports unreservedly the WCC to move swiftly to becoming an accredited Living Wage employer.

Annual Plan Submission by the Makara/Ohariu Community Board

Submitters:

Makara/Ohariu Community Board

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Makara

The Board agrees in principle with the 3 year work programme development providing that the impact on rates is kept to a minimum.

However in particular the Board wishes to comment on the following aspects.

Resilience

It is seen as vital to ensure that the road network within the Makara and Ohariu Valleys, and in particular the Takarau Gorge Road is maintained to a good standard because the access through Karori to Makara and Ohariu to Johnsonville provides a potential alternative access route in and out of Wellington in the event of a major disaster. It is therefore most important in the Board's view that the Takarau Gorge Road is kept in good repair.

Communication

There are areas with both the Makara and Ohariu Valleys which has little or no coverage for cell phones and broadband. Bearing in mind that most of the area is within 10 km of central Wellington yet even now, without a national emergency, communication can best be described as "patchy". Wellingtonians who use the area for recreational purposes are by and large unaware that in the event of any accident or emergency, there is little or no access to call for assistance.

Growth

While we support the concept of growth within the Wellington area, we consider that it is important for the Greater Wellington community, that the rural identity and amenities which are to be found within both Makara and Ohariu are retained and enhanced, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure that urban encroachment is kept to a minimum and within the current Rural Guidelines. We take this view because firstly these areas are used by a substantial number of Wellingtonians and overseas visitors for recreational activities, and secondly we see it as important to have such facilities in close proximity to a major urban base so people do not have to travel substantial distances to engage in such activities.

This would involve the development and maintenance of walking tracks, horse riding, cycling and trail riding tracks in consultation with the residents.

It would also mean that Makara and Ohariu add to the image of a clean, green inclusive city as they form approximately 63 % of the land area of Wellington.

More Sustainable

We support the Council initiatives on developing Predator Free Zones, and would like to see it extended into the rural areas. Local residents are already active in this endeavour, and assistance from WCC and GWRC would be most welcome.

We support the Council engaging and consulting with communities so that the Rural Area of Makara and Ohariu feel part of the city and not detached from it.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these submissions.

WELLINGTON RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Dear Mayor, Councillors, CEO

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission from the Wellington Rugby Referees Association (WRRRA).

Background

The WRRRA was founded in 1894 and we have 160 members in our Association, of which 130 are active referees. We appoint referees to Rugby Union fixtures all across the Wellington Region, including the Wairarapa and Horowhenua districts on occasion. During the winter season we appoint referees to over 150 matches a week, and over a calendar year we provide referees for over 3,000 fixtures. Each match usually has at least 44 people involved and this does not include coaches, managers, volunteers, supporters and spectators.

The WRRRA is an Incorporated Society and has Charitable Trust status. Most of the rugby matches our referees are involved in range from age grade junior rugby to senior men's and women's club rugby.

All our referees are volunteers, with our youngest referee being 12 and our oldest who is 72. The association also has a number of members who are referee coaches and organisers within the Association. We don't have a clubroom, and instead use a room each week at the Petone Working Men's Club during our winter season.

Operation of the WRRRA

For the past three years, like many community organisations, we have found it difficult to find income to support the operation of our Association.

Each year we need to find funding for:

- Uniforms (referee jersey, shorts, socks, tracksuit etc)
- Whistles, lanyards, cards and other ancillary gear
- Assistant Referee flags
- Communication Equipment (for Ref's to communicate with AR's)
- Cameras, CD's, USB's for coaching and development
- Referee development and training programmes
- Interchange programmes (hosting and sending refs around the country for development purposes)
- Dress & Polo shirts, ties
- Referee Coach jackets, beanies
- Recruitment and retention of referees

The total expenditure to run our Association ranges between \$50-60,000 per annum.

Our main sources of funding are sponsorship, membership fees, and grants through lotteries, gaming trusts and other funding organisations. However, over the past three

years we have struggled to find a major sponsor after our last sponsor went into liquidation mid-way through their commitment.

Our Proposal

Recently, the Association met with stakeholders involved with the 'Live Well' Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy, and Nicky Sherriff from Sport Wellington who currently leads the strategy.

Live Well has been adopted by the Hutt City Council and will be coming before the Wellington City Council and all other Councils in the region over the next 2-3 months. Part of the focus of this strategy is to increase participation in sport and active recreation in order to:

- Contribute to improved mental and physical wellbeing
- Support individual development and achievement
- Positively impact social and community development

The strategy also includes a document focusing on supporting volunteers within the sport and recreation sector.

Given that the WRRRA operates on a regional level with matches all across the Wellington region, we believe a partnership between our Association and City Councils would help promote and implement the goals outlined above across all our communities in the Wellington region.

We are approaching all of the City Councils in the region with this proposal.

What the Wellington City Council will receive from WRRRA:

- Your Council's logo printed on the front and back of our referee match jerseys. This will be along with the other Councils who partner with us. This will provide significant exposure to a minimum of 60-80 people per match, with 3,000 matches per annum.
- A message (alongside the logos) agreed upon by Live Well stakeholders to promote the strategy's vision.
- Your Council and the strategy would receive promotion through our Website, Social Media Accounts, Social Functions, Weekly Training Sessions.
- Representatives would be nominated from our Association to become 'Live Well' ambassadors to help with education across the region.
- Monthly updates and annual reports back to the Council.
- A commitment from our Association to work with other stakeholders on regional initiatives that promote sporting organisations to work more closely together.

What we are requesting from City Councils across the region:

- A commitment of funding for the 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20 financial years to assist with the operational costs of running the WRRRA.
- We are asking for a modest amount from each City Council and have taken into account each Council's size and our involvement as an Association in each City.

The amounts we are requesting:

Wellington City Council - \$10,000 per annum for 3 years

Hutt City Council - \$8,000 per annum for 3 years

Upper Hutt City Council - \$6,000 per annum for 3 years

Porirua City Council - \$6,000 per annum for 3 years

We acknowledge that there are significant funding pressures on each Council as you work through setting your Annual Plan. However, we do see a partnership between the Wellington City Council and our Association as being of major benefit to Wellington and the rest of the region. This partnership can help act as a vehicle for regional cooperation and promote people and families to get active.

For our Association, this partnership will go a long way towards us being able to focus on recruiting new referees and retaining old ones. Currently we are losing more referees than we gain, and not being able to appoint 1 referee to a match means that on most occasions 44 people can't play rugby that day.

This is the first time we have approached the Wellington City Council, and rather than ask for a lump sum to support our Association, we would like to have an innovative long lasting partnership that will benefit the Wellington City Council, our Association, sport and active recreation across the region, and the health and wellbeing of people in our community.

We will be speaking to this proposal, and look forward to meeting you during your hearing.

Yours Sincerely,

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Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3 year Work Programme

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

We want to hear your views on the Draft Annual Plan 2017/18. You can answer these questions online at wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay, email your thoughts to annual.plan@wcc.govt.nz or post this form to us (no stamp needed). Tell us what you think by 5pm, 19 May.

Guidelines

Please ensure that your feedback is on the topic. Council will not be able to consider feedback that is not on the topic regardless of how the feedback is delivered. Should you wish to speak to your feedback you can talk to your councillor or participate on-line in virtual forum(s) in May 2017. Council will also be running in May 2017 a forum with stakeholders focused on the 3 year work programme. Please indicate in your feedback if you are interested in speaking about the 3 year programme.

Privacy statement - what we do with your personal information

All submissions (including name and contact details) are provided in their entirety to elected members and made available to the public at our office and on our website. Personal information will also be used for the administration of the engagement process including informing you of the outcome of the engagement. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

Section 1 – your details

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You are making this submission:	
as an individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
on behalf of an organisation. Your organisation's name:	

*mandatory field

Section 2 – Feedback

*Please note if you use more than the text boxes provided, your text will not show if printed. If you do have additional comments please include when emailing, posting or submitting online.

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10-15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Apology, but we have had a scam in our computer and lost a lot of files so attaching copies of relevant comments on Page 16 2017/18 Financial Overview we have made in earlier submissions.

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

Page 13 - Support raise the living wage
 " 16 - " Johnsonville library upgrade
 " 16 - Kōwhiri Public Space - should be consulted
 see over

3 year work programme

1. The Goals - Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the "Building a Better City" document.

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neutral

Comments

The attached refers to "focus area 3" not unfortunately have lost the recent emails re cutting of grass verges, hillside banks, play areas etc.

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Over many years we have made submissions to Council plans and yet again of concern is the comment on Page 3 -- "THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS PLAN"! It is hard to find any reference to the basics most ratepayers expect ie. Regular cutting of grass verges, hillside banks, and play areas, cleaning of gutters and drains of leaves, and in particular cabbage tree leaves, which do not compost down and block drains. However, we are pleased to read on Page 8 - Current Services - "We will maintain existing levels of service for pools, recreation centres, sportsfields and other Council-funded facilities"

Revitalise Civic Square ... **We totally support the strengthening of the Town Hall** and have made previous written and oral submissions on this subject and agree that the 100 year old Town Hall is not only a Category 1 Heritage building but its acoustic quality makes it one of the world's top venues for performing and recording music. In an oral submission March 27th 2014 I quoted from a music review by John Button on a Chamber Music Concert during the NZ Festival about the unsuitable size of the Michael Fowler Centre and I understand he has repeated his concern at the recent performance of the Brodsky Quartet where it was hard to hear the programme unless you were right in the front.

3. The Focus Areas - Do the Focus Areas include activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

☐ Yes to all ☐ Yes to some ☐ Unsure ☐ No to some ☐ No to all

Please specify which Focus Area you are commenting on.

Comments

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

As stated in our written submission on the 3rd March 2016 we would like to refer you to our written submissions made in March 2014, August 2014 and April 2015 and email 1st February re Annual Plan 2016/17.

In August 2014 we had no problem with the proposal for a Hilton hotel incorporating a Convention Centre but we did not support the provision by ratepayers of the funding of \$2million a year over 10 years to sustain this project. We questioned has the council done any research to show how many conventions with 1200 participants are being held every year in New Zealand, a convincing business case is needed. The benefits to ratepayers are illusory whereas the commercial community will be the main beneficiaries if indeed the economics prove viable.

Then in April 2015 we followed up and said we were still waiting for the reply to how many conventions of a 1,000 or more would be held a year and at what cost and pointed out there is already so much on offer at the Michael Fowler, Town Hall (which we have covered many times with our concern at the delays to restore this heritage treasure which is world renowned for its acoustic qualities), Opera House, St James, Te Papa, TSB Arena and Shed 6 (in October 2012 approval was given for \$6million plus for a temporary convention facility while the Town Hall was to be seismically strengthened), not to mention the many excellent hotels available like the Inter Continental and Amora.

However, all this is now history and as we said in March 2016 our concern was the meeting held by the council on the 8th December 2015 (public excluded) when the subject was a proposal to bring forward by five years for the city to spend \$134 million on a new building to house a Movie Museum and a council owned and operated Convention Centre. This plan was reported on the 11th February 2016 in the Dominion Post and we can only question again - 67 new conference events will be held in Wellington - that is more than one a week and where have these figures come from?

Would also like to refer you to an article by Patrick Smellie in The Listener February 26th 2015 where he quoted an article by Texan academic Heyward T Sanders where he says "how limited and elusive the returns from convention centre investments have proven to be in the USA, despite a kind of arms race among cities to build more of them" (copy attached for all to read)

With regard to the Movie Museum would refer you to the DomPost 11.02.16 editorial under the heading - NEGOTIATING FAIR MUSEUM LEASE VITAL- where it questions WHAT IS A FAIR LEASE DEAL? THE COUNCIL MUST ENSURE IT DOESN'T GET TRAMPLED ON.

However, do we need another movie museum as on the 29th February 2016 there was an article in the Dompost under the heading "KUDOS FOR WETA TOURS" and the English Guardian has ranked Weta alongside Warner Bros studios in Los Angeles and the Leavesden studios near London as being one of the 10 best places for movie buffs to visit. We would recommend a visit to the Weta Workshop website which shows all that is currently available. Again we question whether 310,000 people a year will visit the museum with an entry fee of \$35 (just across from Te Papa which is free).

We have read the Strategic Priority Summary of the Draft Play Spaces Policy October 2016 and agree that with the increasing intensification of buildings in the suburbs and many new apartment buildings in the Central Business District we need to ensure that not only are more new green spaces provided but existing ones are upgraded and maintained.

The Play Space document states that wherever possible there will be provision for kick about space and nature play. We would agree and given its close location to the CBD Workers and apartment residents in the area, Civic Square and Jack Hott Green are large appropriate locations for keep fit classes and kick around areas. The slope down from Civic Square to the JIG should be utilised to provide natural climbing areas, a slide, hop scotch path for children and comfortable seating for grandparents, parents and library users and workers in their lunch hour.

We have also noted the comments on Page 11 of Wellington Play Spaces Policy October 2016 Draft "What do people want from play spaces in Wellington" and the top five most engaged activities (from a list provided) included things like free play, trees and sliding on banks). In regard to this we are totally opposed to the flattening of the current playground at Frank Kitts Park and moving it closer to the street and the southern end of the TSB Arena and Shed 6.

The current area for the Lighthouse slide and other equipment provide views out to the harbour and plenty of sunshine whereas the area proposed is in the shade at certain times of the day and trucks, vans, cars are to be seen delivering or collecting goods from exhibitions etc held at these venues. Only minor improvements are needed with the provision of more play equipment where the swings are now.

Over many years we have spoken with families and comments were "awesome" and they love to picnic under the trees and the children love the undulating grass surrounding the play area where they can roll and tumble down the slopes. Also very popular is the "bouncy" and small hired electric cars during the holidays.

On the Upper Lawn and open space in the amphitheatre families can be seen kicking footballs, playing cricket and watching boats on the lagoon and kayaks on the harbour.

We therefore feel that the \$5.5m to redevelop this Park would be better spent on more play spaces in the CBD and suburbs not to forget the playground at the Basin Reserve.

The City is a prime recreation hub for shopping, leisure, entertainment (ie the amphitheatre in Frank Kitts Park is so popular day and night) and the open spaces are place for people to move around and meet, socialise, watch, shop, sit, walk and generally participate in city life. With a steady trend towards inner city residential living, often in apartments with little or no private outdoor space, these parks also serve as "local neighbourhoods".