Your rates make this city great

Wellington ratemakers get value for money, with rates funding the infrastructure we need and the lifestyle we want.

Rates are a form of tax paid to councils to fund vital services, infrastructure and more in local communities. Your rates pay for a wide range of services that, together, ensure you live, work and play in a safe and attractive city.

Your rates bill also contributes to building and maintaining city facilities like parks, sports fields, libraries, galleries and museums – things that are important to Wellingtonians.

Some of these services are funded by rates, some from user fees, and others from a combination of rates, fees and/or other sources of income such as government subsidies. In some cases we fund other organisations to provide these services and activities.

In 2014/2015, the proposed average residential rates bill will be $2080 (this is based on an average property value of $526,940). This compares favourably to what the average residential household in New Zealand pays: electricity – $2012; insurance – $3426; petrol – $1856; phone and internet – $1869.

8 Big Ideas: Developing a Tech Precinct

Wellington is New Zealand’s Smart Capital with knowledge-based service industries accounting for over 55 percent of the city’s GDP.

From special effects to accounting software, from cartography to mobile applications, we have smart people in smart companies choosing to connect to the world from right here.

As the city’s best and brightest step up, so is the Council. We are moving to strengthen Wellington as a globally significant technology city and reinforce its position as home to New Zealand’s premier technology industries.

Why? Because we want to provide the best environment for our entrepreneurs to create the innovative high-growth companies and high-value jobs that are fundamental to Wellington’s economic growth.

Wellington is home to a number of superb tertiary institutions and some of the smartest businesses in the south Pacific. We also have the most exciting tech sector in the country and a vibrant start-up culture in tech and creative industries.

The Technology Investment Network recently released its 8 Big Ideas agenda for the next three years to provide the kind of environment we need to foster growth in high-tech companies and encourage connections between start-ups, incubators, established businesses, training providers and investors.

Innovation will flourish, new skills, jobs and companies will be generated, and the economy and city will prosper.

The Council cannot do it alone. We are working with incubators and New Zealand start-up ‘accelerators’ and investors.

We’ll need our universities involved as well as some New Zealand and global corporations to have a presence in the precinct.

We believe this is possible and are now working with developers, universities and tech companies to investigate a precinct, possibly in the Cuba Street area.

We need start-up CEOs like those in Lisbon to be involved in the tech precinct.

What are the 8 Big Ideas?

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For more on the 8 Big Ideas, please visit our website.

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MEETINGS IN MARCH

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Environmental Reference Group
5.30pm, Monday 17 March
Committee Room 2, ground floor
Council offices

Economic Growth and Arts
9.15am, Tuesday 11 March
5 Cambridge Street
The Boardroom, Tawa Service Centre, Tawa Community Board

Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group
11am, Thursday 6 March
Council offices

Youth Council
4pm, Thursday 13 March
Council offices

Community, Sport and Recreation
9.15am, Tuesday 18 March
Council offices

Economic Growth and Arts
2.30pm, Thursday 13 March
Council offices

Safe and Sustainable Transport Reference Group
11am, Wednesday 12 March
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Transport and Urban Development Committee
9.15am, Tuesday 12 March
Council offices

Pacific Advisory Group
4pm, Thursday 13 March
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Economic Growth and Arts
11am, Thursday 6 March
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Traffic Community Board
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Road Resurfacing

Road closures and parking restrictions

All roads will be closed at 8am on Tuesday 11 March for the AMI Round the Bays, Half Marathon and 5km. AMI Round the Bays is the major fundraising event for the NZCT Dragon Boat Festival.

Information on parking restrictions can be found on the ‘Your rates make this city great’ section of Wellington.govt.nz or at http://www.ami.co.nz/events/ami-round-the-bays-

You can do this either by phoning 0800 303 024, faxing 0800 303 025, emailing public.participation@wcc.govt.nz or writing to Sean Dennis, Greater Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington. Address your name, telephone number and the issue you would like to talk about.

ROAD RESURFACING

Road resurfacing information

Road resurfacing will take place on Wakefield Street, Courtenay Place, Wakefield Place, Featherston Street, Seaside Lane, Gloucester Street, Willis Street, and Manners Street.

Rosedale Street will be resurfaced this week.

The resurfacing work will be carried out on the following dates:

• 8 – 9 March
• 16 – 17 March
• 24 – 25 March

Road resurfacing will be undertaken between the hours of 7am and 6pm.

There will be no parking on the streets being resurfaced during the work. Cars and trucks will be able to use the streets as normal except during the roadwork.

For more information on the road resurfacing project, visit Wellington.govt.nz/works.

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