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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**COMMUNITY, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

Time: 9.15am  
Date: Wednesday, 13 April 2016  
Venue: Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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Submission to Wellington City Council

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A busker's suggestion to create a Fair Solution, to deal with Begging in Wellington

#### Question

1. What is the first thing Visitors experience on the streets of Wellington? Is it the famous live street arts of Busking, or masses of people reduced to begging? Those begging have taken all the best spots. Because there are no rules, some are nasty.

#### Problematic Points

- Since the 1991 Black Budget, with 27% cuts to the basic benefit rates, there have been hardly any adjustments for inflation since, in order to keep wages down. You are world leaders regarding the Living Wage. There is a lot of genuine poverty in every major OECD City. So clearly, you understand this tragedy already.
- Wellington City Council can create a fair and just solution, to reduce the most intimidating aspect of this complex situation. Some folk do need to spend a few hours doing something, just to get by. But there are a growing number of thugs bullying everyone away from the best spots. All day, every day on the same spot.
- In the past 2 years there has been an explosion in the numbers of those begging in the street. It's a massive growth un-industry. Wellington has become a tourist-begging destination. There are so many economic refugees here from Auckland & Christchurch after Councils elsewhere started getting tough.
- Busking, has since the early 1980's when I started, been part of the unique quality of this city, with a high standard of musicianship and production values from most of the regulars. Many of us have been threatened and intimidated by some of those begging. They hog the best spots all day, every day. It's just too easy for them.
- Many hard liners are calling to make begging a criminal act. New Zealand is just getting used to this change and it not going to be easy. I am proposing a solution that would put a stop to the fighting and intimidation with a compromise that will make everybody share all the best spots and locations to set up, or down.
- Even a bad busker, with practice and investment into equipment will improve. All that a begger contributes is a huge guilt Trip, becoming a more clever con artist.
- To become Mayor one should care about the entire City. I do not support the plan to follow the Liquor ban from the City out into the Suburbs. Kilbirnie business has been affected already by so many begging, for buskers & shopkeepers alike.

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#### My Proposal

1. Make it an offence with teeth, so beggars can be removed from the streets if they do not comply with the following conditions.
2. Create a PAN-HANDELRS LICENCE. Do not issue Beggars with a Busking Permit. Busking is hard work. A few recommended conditions are as follows;
3. Make a TIME LIMIT of 3 hours. Then one must move on, even if it's just down the road (eg; 50 m). This is to **compel everyone to share** all the locations.
4. Do Not set up next to any busker (eg; 50 m min. distance).
5. Do Not set up next to a Money Machine (eg; 20 m).
6. Stop targeting Old People like they are a soft touch
7. Do not hustle everybody walking by for spare coins. Let the sign do the talking.
8. Only Locals should be permitted to resort to Begging on the streets of Wellington. Auckland is bringing their rat race here in some most frightening forms.

#### Conclusions

Most of the problem is fighting over Turf, so thugs can hog on the best spot all day. If everybody had to move after a few hours, then that should reduce the stakes and make it safer for Buskers and other beggars alike, all those who need access to those spots for just a few hours. But the Hosts must have enough teeth to actually enforce the 3-hour Time Limit, and make everyone share.

The Health Ministry Policy to slash DHB Funding, has seen the closure of many drop in centres like Courtneys and the Tin Palace, places for Mental Health consumers to hang out. The most vulnerable in the community have just been thrown out into the streets with nothing else to do.

Prepared by Mark G. Hayes

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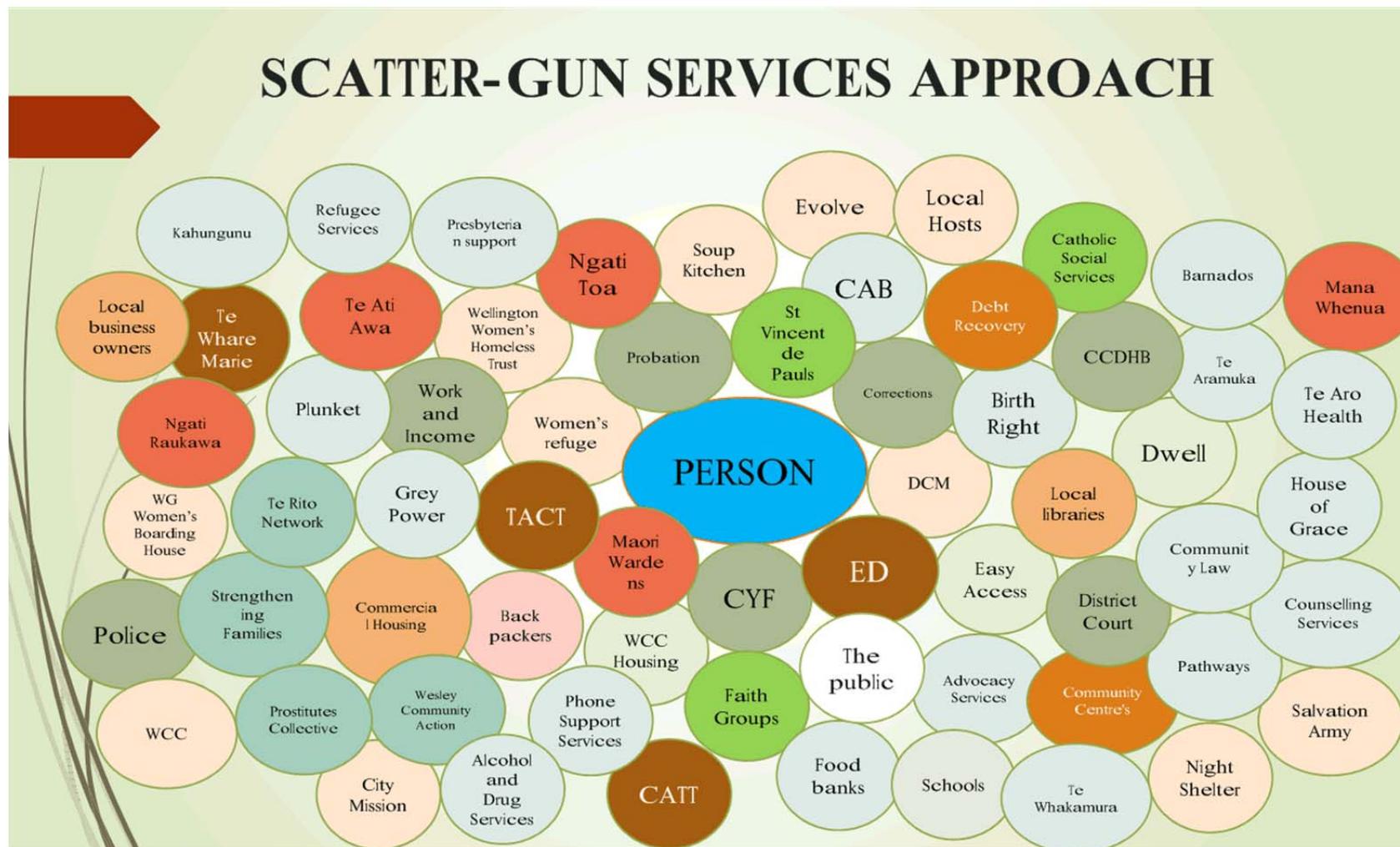
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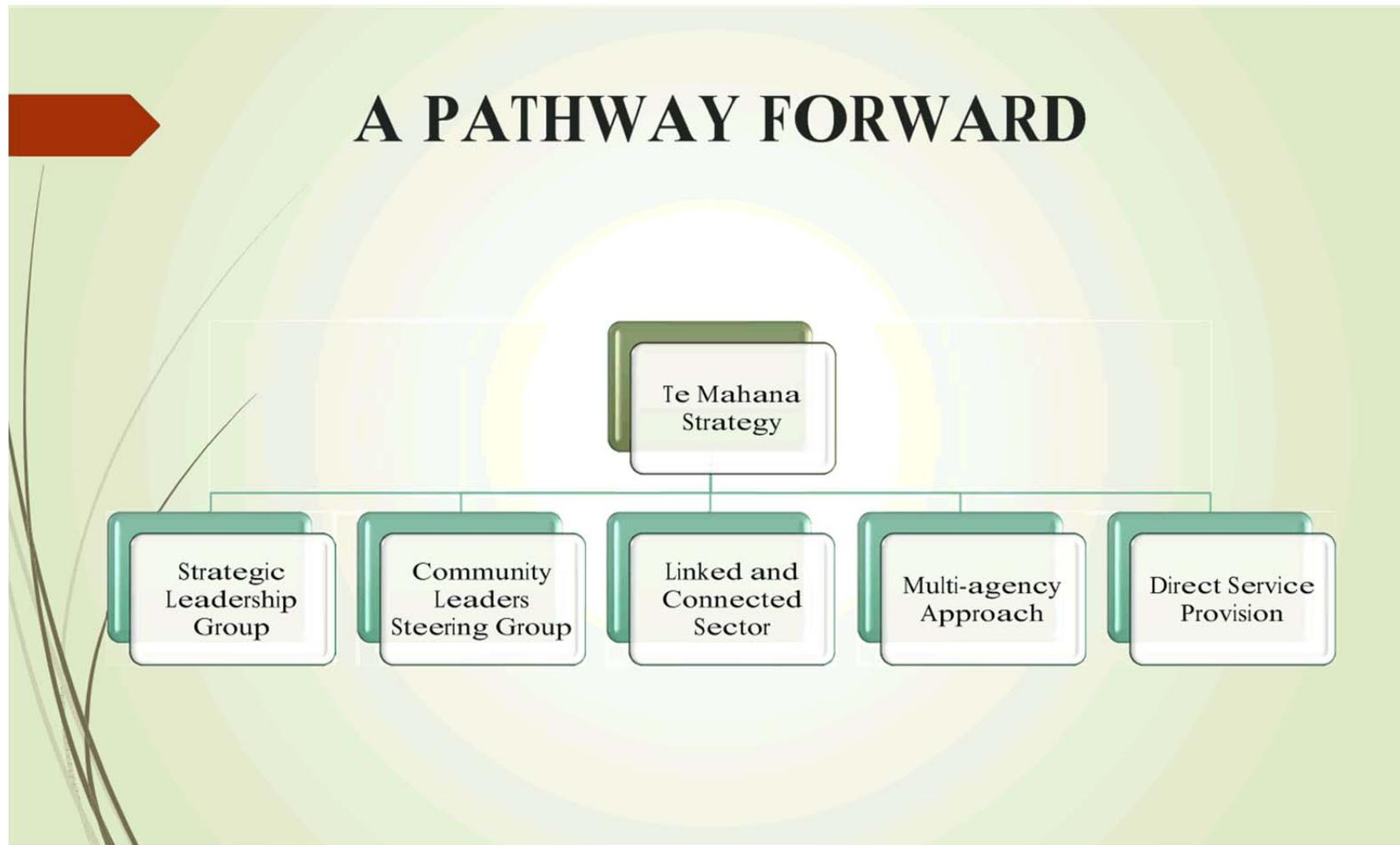
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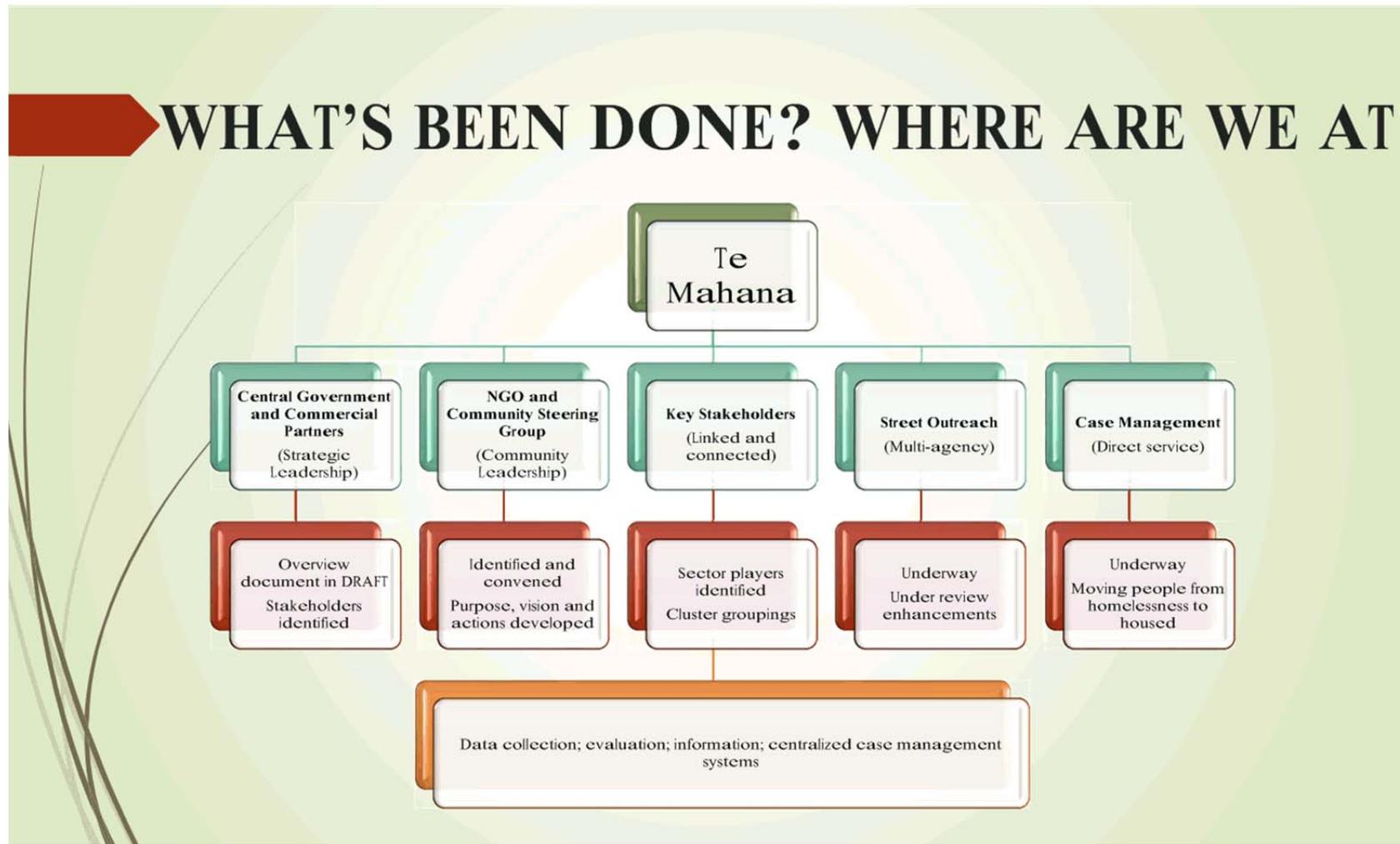
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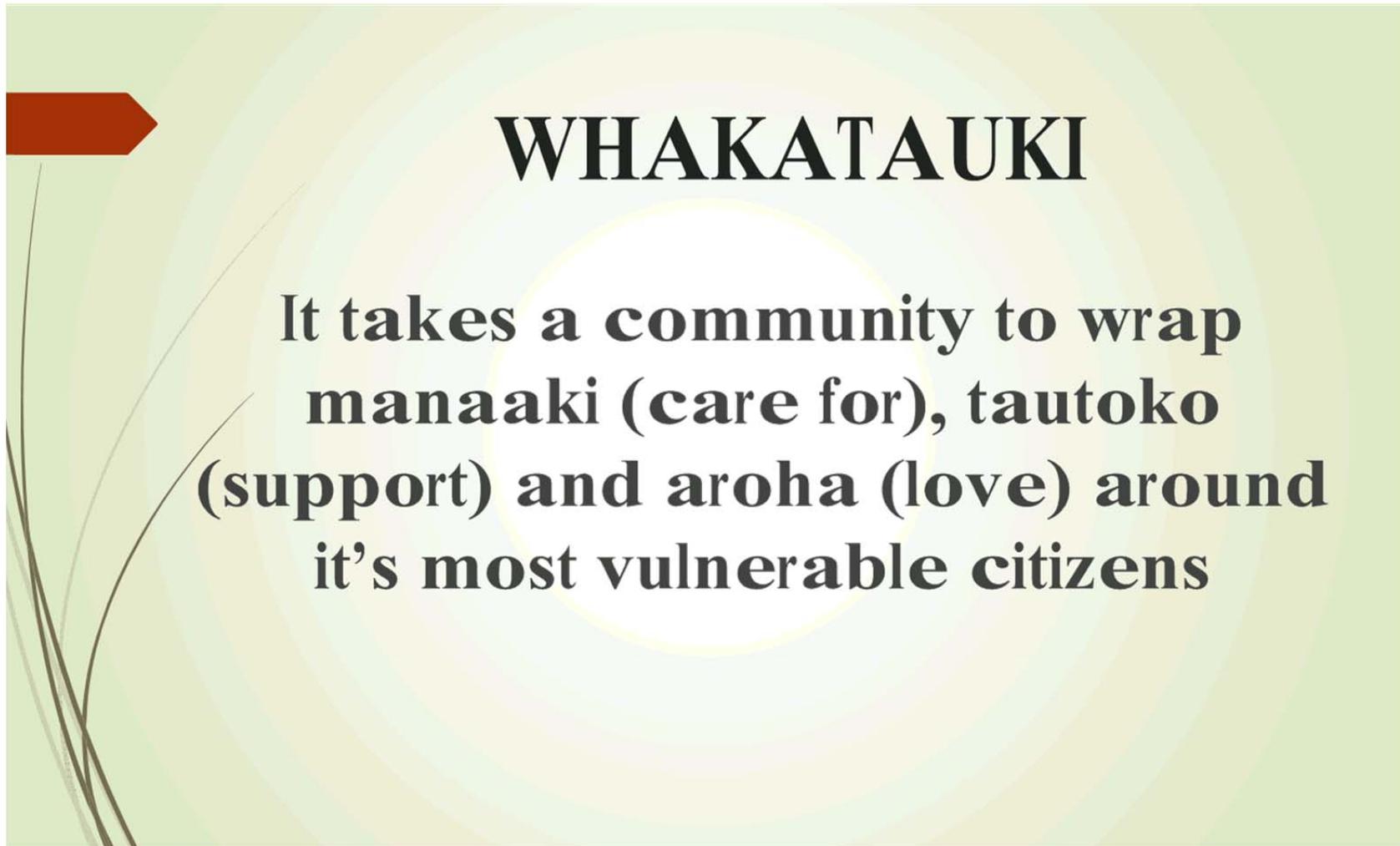
the **Soup Kitchen**  
compassion

# A response to the 'Begging Report'









# WHAKATAUKI

**It takes a community to wrap manaaki (care for), tautoko (support) and aroha (love) around it's most vulnerable citizens**



The report recognises that  
there are two parties in the  
begging relationship –  
  
*the giver and the receiver*



**People who are housed beg.  
A key driver is genuine financial  
hardship – people paying high rents,  
with high debt levels, surviving on  
unsustainably low incomes.**



People with unaddressed  
alcohol and drug dependence  
need access to appropriate  
addiction services that are  
located within community  
agencies



## **CNW supports a multi-agency, systemic approach to:**

- Prevent homelessness occurring
- Stop the pathways from prison,  
health services and eviction
- Increase affordable housing in the  
city
- Ensure 'housing sustainment' is  
adequately resourced



## Smokefree outdoor dining: Sydney



## Smokefree outdoor dining: Brisbane



**Wellington hospitality areas:  
Predicted increase in patronage  
with smokefree policies**

Outdoor dining: **54% net gain**

Outdoor bar areas: **48% net gain**

*Wellington City Council* survey: September 2015

## Requested additions to the *Smokefree Wellington Action Plan*

‘Engage businesses and explore options for smokefree [outdoor] dining, *including the option of smokefree outdoor dining by 2018*’

‘Develop a longer-term plan to make Wellington smokefree *including the option of smokefree outdoor bar areas*’

Child Friendly Cities



## Smokefree dining: Darwin



## Support by *smokers* for smokefree building entrances: 76%

Requested addition to the *Smokefree Wellington Action Plan*:

‘Develop a longer-term plan to make Wellington smokefree *including the option of smokefree entrances used by the public*’



## Smokefree dining: Hobart





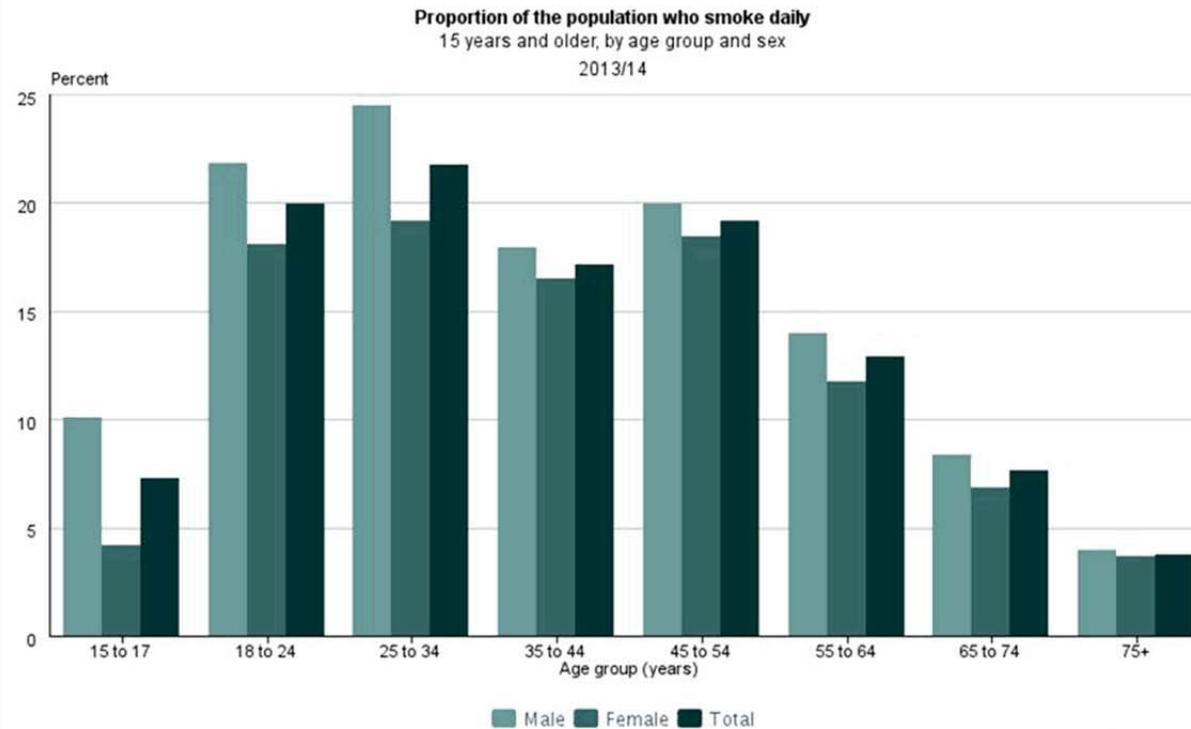
## What is great

- Strong current Smokefree policy (base)
- Action plan approach
  - Shows strong leadership for Wellington and region
  - Comprehensive
  - Extension includes; bus stops, civic square/ precinct, Botanical Gardens, Waitangi Park, entrance ways to libraries, swimming pools, community centres and ASB Sports Centre
  - Strong commitment to communication of messages

## What could be strengthened

- Timeframes need to be added to actions in plan
- Would like the action
  - *Engage businesses and explore options for smokefree dining to specifically mention bars*
- Would like an action to be added
  - Explore the feasibility of a tobacco retailer licensing scheme

## Youth up-take now appears to link with the age at which they can legally drink

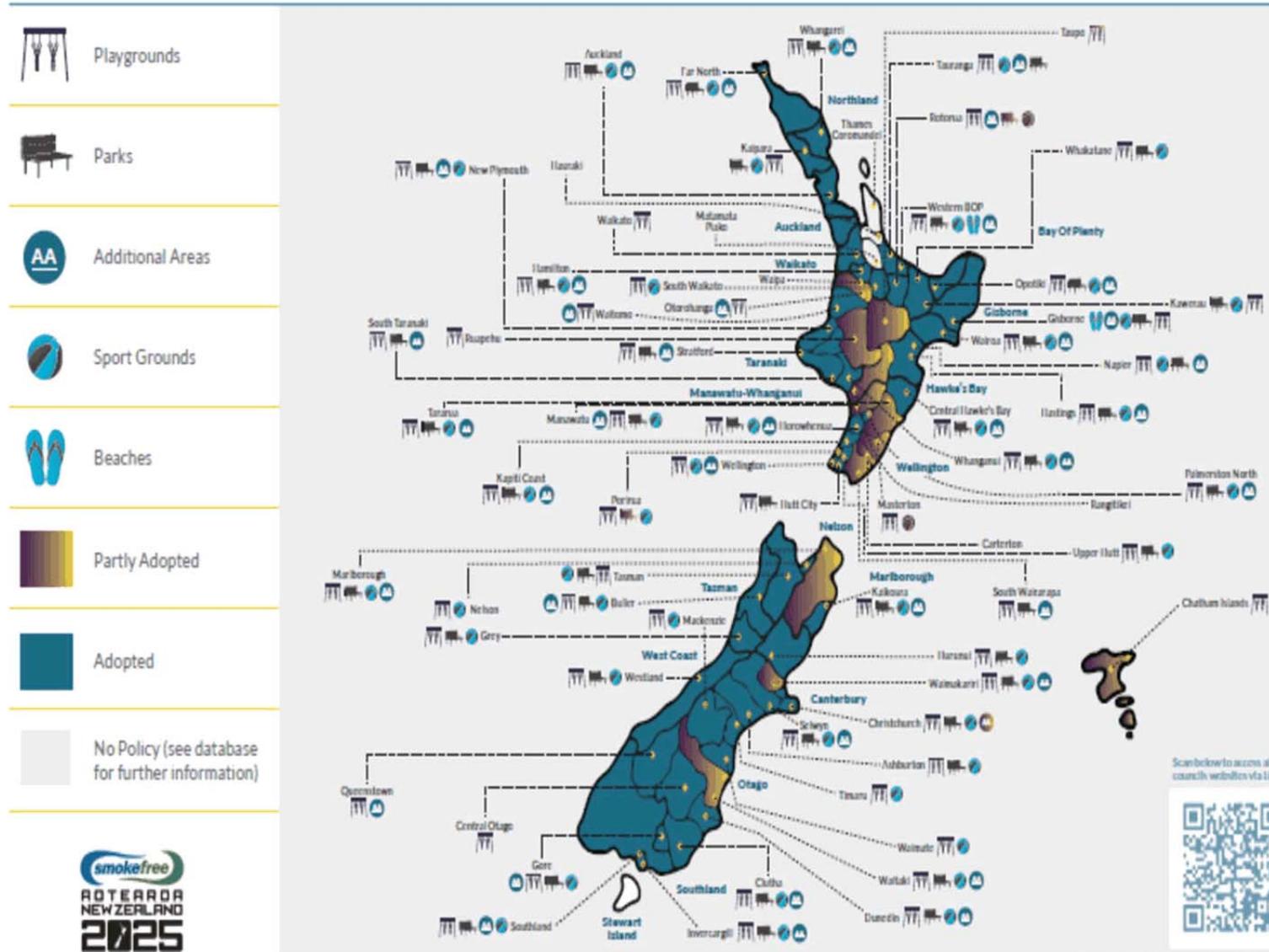


Source: Ministry of Health



## Mass Open Area Audit (MOAA)

- Regression
- Increase the number of premises who are compliant with Part 1 of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990.
- To ensure that all licensed premises understand their responsibilities under Part 1 of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990.
- Smokefree premises help to prevent up-take and reduce relapse.



<http://www.sfc.org.nz/resources/smokefree-outdoor-areas-map-2292.pdf>

*“We’ve seen that since the smokefree areas have been introduced our businesses in those areas have got an absolute boom out of it.*

*They’ve profited from it simply, because families have returned to those areas. That was the main reason we went for it – firstly for the health impacts and secondly for the impacts to businesses”*

*Melbourne Councillor Richard Foster, on introducing 10 Smokefree precincts*





**Wellington City Council**

**Community, Sport and Recreation Meeting**

**13 April 2016**



## Lyall Bay SLSC

- Largest surf life saving club in Wellington
- Essential facility providing lifeguarding services
- Part of the community



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## Membership

- 300 members
- Focus on culture
- 'Best club to belong to'



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# Membership





## Lifeguarding

- 1,350 hours of voluntary patrols
- Over 75 volunteer lifeguards
- Community engagement

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## New clubhouse

### Current facility not fit for purpose

- Club's members and equipment are overflowing from clubhouse
- Building condition quickly deteriorating



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## Current status

- Fit for purpose community facility
- Current building funds: \$2.3 million
- Staged approach to construction

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## Questions?

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**Smokefree Wellington Action Plan - Actions and Activities 2016–2017**

<b>Policy development and community engagement</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with project partners <b>and the sector</b> to develop and test key messages to promote Wellington's Smokefree goal and make smokers feel supported to quit.</li> <li>- <b>Work with project partners and the sector to</b> develop a longer-term <b>action</b> plan to make Wellington Smokefree <b>by 2025</b> (eg. <b>and</b> align with the 2018 – 2021 Long-term Plan period).</li> <li>- Report back to the <del>Community, Sport and Recreation Committee</del> in November 2017 <b>relevant council committee every 6 months on progress.</b></li> <li>- Engage businesses to <b>develop</b> options for Smokefree <b>outdoor dining areas. Look at the issue of a regulatory approach (bylaw) as part of reviewing the Public Places Bylaw including for cigarette butts.</b></li> </ul>	Policy project manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct public opinion and smoking point prevalence surveys in 2017 <b>annually to 2025.</b></li> </ul>	Research Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with <b>policy</b> partners <b>and the sector to</b> launch a social marketing campaign on World Smokefree Day, 31 May, to promote Wellington becoming a smokefree city.</li> <li>- <b>Work with policy partners and the sector to</b> develop and implement a 2 year communications and engagement plan.</li> <li>- Develop a longer-term communications and engagement plan <b>to make Wellington Smokefree by 2025.</b></li> </ul>	Policy and Communications Teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage mana-whenua <b>with Iwi/Maori</b> on working together to make Wellington Smokefree.</li> </ul>	Treaty Relations Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore making <b>Make</b> all new <b>council housing</b> tenancies Smokefree.</li> </ul>	City Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore connections with the Child and Youth Friendly Cities and Social Strategy projects <b>Align our relevant council social policy and projects that relate to children and young people.</b></li> </ul>	Policy and Community Services Teams
<b>Smokefree events and extending Wellington's smokefree outdoor areas</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make bus stops Smokefree. <del>with a supporting marketing campaign</del></li> </ul>	Transport and Comms Teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designate Civic Precinct and Civic Square Smokefree, including all public entrance ways <b>out to 10 metres.</b></li> <li>- Make the entrances of all Council community centres and branch libraries Smokefree.</li> <li>- Reflect key themes and messaging in signage <b>and include cessation support.</b></li> </ul>	Property Team

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designate the Botanical Gardens of Wellington Smokefree.</li> <li>- Designate Waitangi Park Smokefree.</li> <li>- Make the entrances of all swimming pools <b>and recreation centres</b> the ASB Sports Centre smokefree.</li> <li>- Reflect key themes and messaging in signage <b>and include cessation support.</b></li> </ul>	Parks, Sport and Recreation Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and update material provided to event managers (ahead of the June 2016 Community Events Sponsorship Fund) to integrate key Smokefree messages.</li> <li>- Work with <b>policy partners and the sector</b> to have Smokefree and cessation support <b>(such as space for stalls etc)</b> at events</li> </ul>	Events Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore designating <b>Designate</b> laneways Smokefree.</li> </ul>	Urban Design Team
<b>Internal support for smokers and frontline staff</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Include Wellington's commitment to being Smokefree by 2025 in all recruitment material.</b></li> <li>- Help connect staff wanting to quit with cessation support</li> <li>- Provide training for the Council's frontline staff <b>(such as Local Hosts, parking services, parks and recreation etc)</b> in ways to best communicate and encourage <b>our Smokefree policies goal.</b></li> </ul>	HR Team
<b>Advocacy to Central Government</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Work with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Local Government to explore an effective bylaw.</b></li> <li>- <b>Advocate for higher taxes on tobacco products to further reduce smoking prevalence.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Appropriate elected members</b>