Planning Committee

Notice of Meeting
A meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

Wednesday
8 April 2015
10.00am

Committee
Councillor G C Innes (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor
Cr S J Bell
Cr S J Bretherton
Cr C B Christie
Cr P A Cutforth
Cr S J Deeming
Cr S M Glen
Cr P R Halse
Cr C M Hermon
Cr G M Martin
Cr B L McLachlan
Cr S L Morgan
Cr J D T Williamson
Planning Committee
Terms of Reference

Chairperson
Councillor G C Innes

Members

Mayor
Section 41A(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 provides that the Mayor is a member of each committee of the territorial authority


Attendance at Meetings
The Chief Executive Officer, Group Managers, Department Managers and such other Council Officers as deemed necessary may attend committee meetings.

Quorum
A quorum for a meeting of this Committee shall be:

- half of the members if the number of members, including vacancies, is even or,
- a majority of members, including vacancies, if the number of members is odd.

Delegated Authority

1. Does not have the powers of Council to act in the following instances as specified by Clause (32) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
   a) the power to make a rate; or
   b) the power to make a bylaw; or
   c) the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan; or annual plan; or
   d) the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan, or annual report; or
   e) the power to appoint a chief executive; or
   f) the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the Long Term Plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement; or
   g) the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.

2. Does have the power of Council to enter into contracts up to a value of $3 million + GST, provided that such contracts are in accordance with the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.

3. Does have the ability to appoint Sub-committees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the Committee’s terms of reference and areas of responsibility and to make recommendations to the Committee on such matters and provided that the Sub-committee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the Committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstances.

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4. Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

5. The powers and functions of council to act in respect of the following:
   - Health Act 1956 and Regulations
   - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
   - Dog Control Act 1996
   - Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987
   - Building Act 2004
   - Council Bylaws
   - Resource Management Act 1991
   - Food Act 1981
   - Such other legislation relevant to the committee’s terms of reference.

**Terms of Reference**

The determination and implementation of policies in respect of the regulatory functions and responsibilities of Council.

The approval for public notification of proposed reviews, designations, removal of designations and changes to the District Plan.

To hear and determine objections, appeals and applications as required in respect of the regulatory functions and responsibilities of Council (sub-delegated to the Exemptions and Objections Committee).

**Areas of Responsibility**

- Environmental Health
- Building Control (including Property Information and Land Information Memoranda)
- Subdivision, Land Use and Development Control
- District Plan Changes
- District Plan Administration
- Village Planning
- General Bylaw Administration
- Animal (dog and stock control)
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Control
- Parking Enforcement
- Noise Control
- Food Act
- Submissions on relevant legislation
- Strategic Planning and Policy related to the issues listed above
- Community sector liaison and support
- Community Safety, City Safe, CCTV
- Community Funding
- Community Halls
- Museum/Art Museum liaison
- Heritage, Culture, Arts and Creative Industries sector liaison
- Such other functions as may be delegated by Council from time to time.
OPEN MEETING

APOLOGIES

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
Members are reminded to indicate any items in which they might have a conflict of interest.

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Recommendations contained in this agenda may not be final decisions. Please refer to the minutes for resolutions.

Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 – Decision making

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 in relation to decision making and in particular the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses. Consideration has also been given to social, economic and cultural interests and the need to maintain and enhance the quality of the environment in taking a sustainable development approach.
1. Minutes: Planning Committee
Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 10.00am.

Present:
Cr G C Innes (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai (10.08am), Crs S J Deeming, P A Cutforth, P R Halse, C M Hermon, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

Apologies:
Crs S J Bell, S J Bretherton, C B Christie and S M Glen

Moved: Cr Innes
Seconded: Cr Martin
“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:
Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Policy and Monitoring Manager (P Waanders), Resource Consents Manager (A Hartstone), Senior Specialist Policy (D Hebart-Coleman), Policy Planner (N Murphy), Media Relations Adviser (A Midson) and Senior Meeting Co ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 February 2015

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Cutforth
“That the minutes of the of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 11 February 2015, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.”

CARRIED


Moved: Cr Williamson
Seconded: Cr Morgan
“That the report be received.”

CARRIED

Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 10.08am during discussion on Item 2.

3. Revision on Policy for Variations and Plan Changes Policy 0053

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“1. That the report and attachments be received.”
2. That the Policy for Variations and Plan Changes Policy 0053 be replaced by the revised policy in Attachment 3 of the Agenda report.

3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor amendments, typographical/formatting/editing changes if required.”

CARRIED

4. Village Planning Programme Update

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Hermon

“1. That this report be received.

2. That a Council Workshop on Community Village Planning be scheduled in the near future.”

CARRIED

5. Kamo Walkability Environment PC120 – Recommendation of the Hearing Panel

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Williamson

“1. That the report be received.


3. That the necessary notification of Council’s decision be given in terms of Clause 10 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.”

CARRIED

6. Submission on proposed cost recovery regulations – Food Act 2014

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Council receive and ratify the submission dated 17 February 2015, made to the Ministry of Primary Industries on the proposed cost recovery regulations.”

CARRIED

7. New Road Names – Resource Consents

Moved: Cr Williamson
Seconded: Cr Hermon

“1. That the new private road at 2 Aubrey Road, Pataua North be named Christie Close.

2. That the new private road at 2/284 Whau Valley Road, Whangarei be named Bullock Ridge.

3. That the new private roads at 226 Tarata Place, Waipu via Langs Beach be named Langsview Drive, Langsview Lane, Lacebark Close and Coprosma Place.

4. That the new private road at Millington Road, RD9 Whangarei be named Jean Millington Lane.

5. That the new private road at Matapouri Road, RD3 Whangarei be named Taurawhata Way.”

CARRIED
The meeting closed at 11.03am

Confirmed this 8th day of April 2015

G C Innes (Chairperson)
2. Minutes: Community Funding Subcommittee
   Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee of the Planning Committee held in the
Council Chamber Forum North on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 8.30am

Present:
Cr S J Deeming (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai, Crs S M Glen, G M Martin and B L McLachlan

Apology:
Cr S M Glen

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Martin

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

Also present:
Cr P R Halse (8.43am)

In Attendance:
Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Community Services Manager (O Thomas), Community Funding
Officer (B Kurtovich) and Senior Meeting Coordinator (C Brindle)

1. 2014-2015 Resident and Ratepayer Administration Grants

   Moved    Cr Martin
   Seconded Her Worship the Mayor

   “1. That the information be received.
   2. That grants of $700 be made from the Residents and Ratepayers Administration Grant Fund to
   the following groups:
   a. Hikurangi Friendship House Charitable Trust
   b. Kamo Community Incorporated
   c. Maungakaramea Recreation Society Incorporated
   d. Onerahi Community Association Incorporated
   e. Pataua Area Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated
   f. Portland Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated
   g. Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated
   h. Ruatangata Public Hall Society Incorporated
   i. Teal Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated
   j. The Urquharts Bay Association Incorporated
   k. The Lang Cove Residents Association Incorporated
   l. Tikipunga Community Trust (Tiki Pride)
   m. Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated
   n. Waipu Riding Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated
   o. Whakapara Hall Society Incorporated
   p. Whananaki Beach Association Incorporated
3. That the application from Onerahi Resource Centre Trust be declined, on the basis that Council already supports Onerahi Community Association Incorporated which services the Onerahi area."

CARRIED

Cr McLachlan declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from discussions and voting on Item 1. Cr McLachlan answered questions for clarification when invited to do so by the Chair.

2. 2015-2016 Annual Operating Fund

Moved Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded Cr McLachlan

"a) That the information be received.

b) That the following grants from the Annual Operating Fund for the 2015-2016 financial year, recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee, to be confirmed by that year’s Annual Plan process, be referred to the 8 April 2015 Planning Committee:

   a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated $45,190
   b) Hikurangi Historical Museum Society Incorporated $5,316
   c) Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Incorporated $26,480
   d) Northland Craft Trust (Quarry Arts Centre) $37,829
   e) Northland Society of Arts Incorporated (Reyburn House) $9,917
   f) Northland Youth Theatre Trust $9,917
   g) Ruakaka Recreation Centre Incorporated $33,024
   h) Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated $38,851
   i) The Culture, Heritage and Arts Resource Trust (CHART) $188,940
   j) Tornado Youth Community Trust $19,835
   k) Waipu Centennial Trust Board (Waipu Museum) $57,459
   l) Whangarei Art Museum Trust $277,684
   m) Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust (Kiwi North) $361,930
   n) Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust $36,193
   o) Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust $10,940

c) That the following indicative figures for the Annual Operating Fund for the 2016-2017 financial year, recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee be referred to the 8 April 2014 Planning Committee:

   a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated $46,297
   p) Hikurangi Historical Museum Society Incorporated $5,447
   q) Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Incorporated $27,129
   r) Northland Craft Trust (Quarry Arts Centre) $38,756
   s) Northland Society of Arts Incorporated (Reyburn House) $10,160
   t) Northland Youth Theatre Trust $10,160
   u) Ruakaka Recreation Centre Incorporated $33,833
   v) Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated $39,833
   w) The Culture, Heritage and Arts Resource Trust (CHART) $193,569
x) Tornado Youth Community Trust $20,321
y) Waipu Centennial Trust Board (Waipu Museum) $58,867
z) Whangarei Art Museum Trust $284,487
aa) Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust (Kiwi North) $370,797
bb) Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust $37,080
cc) Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust $0.

CARRIED

3. Volunteering Whangarei

Moved Cr Martin
Seconded Her Worship the Mayor

“1. That this information is received.
2. That the Community Funding Subcommittee invite Volunteering Whangarei to apply to Round 2 of the 2014-2015 Community Fund.

CARRIED

Cr Halse joined the meeting at 8.43am during discussion on Item 3.

The meeting closed at 8.46am

Confirmed this 8th day of April 2015

S J Deeming (Chairperson)
3. District Living Group Monthly Report March

Reporting officer  Paul Dell (Group Manager District Living)
Date  13 March 2015

Significance and Engagement
Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal or decision is not considered significant and the public will be informed via agenda publication on the website and Council News.

Resource Consents Manager
The number of resource consent applications being received remains steady, although there has been a marked increase in the number of post-approval Section 223 and 224 applications.

One decision was issued by a Hearings Commissioner during the month of March. Commissioner Les Simmons granted consent to a two lot subdivision at Bland Bay for J Pita.

It is noted that the amendments to the Resource Management Act that took effect from 3rd March 2015 has meant that an increased number of applications have been rejected for not meeting the mandatory information requirements. The three applications rejected were prepared by local professionals.

Policy and Monitoring Manager
Staff are doing their best to progress the Draft Plan Changes but the number of appeals and compilation of evidence from expert witnesses not only takes time but is also expensive. Discussion on details of plan changes with interest groups continue.

The Consent Order documents for the Regional Policy Statement are being circulated for approval before being submitted to the Court upon which these will be submitted to the Court. The number of points of appeal that will progress to a Court hearing is reducing as a result of settlement of Consent Orders. The RPS will bring an additional workload to the Policy Planners to prepare the necessary plan changes and to administer the notification and hearing process.

The Whangarei Growth Strategy 30/50 Sustainable Futures forms an important justification of many projects in the Draft LTP. Various strategic studies are being completed which will assist in the revision of the 30/50 Strategy to be guiding the next LTP revision.

The implementation of the Village Plans is progressing with funding from the emerging community funds which are presently under the Parks budget.

Recommendations are provided at the end of this report in order to appoint Councillors Innes and Williamson as Hearing Commissioners to Plan Change 112 Te Hape Village and Plan Change 110 Noise and Vibration respectively.

Building Compliance Manager
The month of March has seen a steady rise with 98 building consent applications received and a combined project value of $11,785,837.00. Notably the majority of work is in the residential area. However the split between residential and commercial building is still around the 80/20 mark. The industry remains busy with inspections levels on track with 548 inspections performed and Council delivery within 48 hours of customer request is at 100%. It is expected to continue at this level as we head towards the new financial year.

The LIM area timeframe is at 100% and has seen a continued increase in activity, which may relate to business activity in the building sector.
Regulatory Services Manager

During the month liquor licensing staff met with licensees in the Central Business District (CBD) in order to finalise the implementation of the new One-way-door system, which will come into effect on 7 April 2015.

This system will allow patrons to freely enter CBD premises only until 1.00am. Patrons that are already in licensed premises at 1.00am, can remain there until the 3.00am closing, but once they choose to leave, prior to 3.00am, won’t be able to re-enter another premises. In order to publicise the new system, Council with the assistance of licensees, have engaged in a publicity campaign, including radio and newspaper advertising and the distribution of pamphlets and flyers.

Community Services Manager

The last month has continued to be diverse for the Community Services Department. Activity in the Funding area has included the administration of four funds, a community workshop, quarterly reporting and a range of online activities through Council’s website and Neighbourly presence. Our Community Safety activities continue to deliver reliable levels of service through City Safe, Summer Safe Carparks, Graffiti removal and CCTV.

A new activity for next month will be City Safe Community Officers operating at night in the CBD during the introduction of the 1-way door policy and work has been going on in readiness for this, as well as an upcoming uniform change. Finally, the advisory groups have got into the swing of things with all groups having presentations on the Draft Long Term Plan. New membership on Council’s Youth Advisory Group has also been a big part of this area of work over the last month.

Resource Consents

The Resource Consents Manager (A Hartstone) reports for March

![Volume of Resource Consents Received](image-url)
Distribution of when a decision is made for Non-Notified Resource Consent and other Permission Applications

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Appeals and other Matters

No further mediation has taken place on the Panoho matter associated with the subdivision at Portland. There were agreed actions from the initial mediation meeting that are being carried out by parties at present.

The enforcement order application by Longview Estuary Estates Limited against Red Rock Bay Limited and Council has been withdrawn. There are now no outstanding appeals or legal action being taken in regard to this matter.
The Court will be hearing the R and J Donald subdivision appeal during the week commencing 20 April 2015.

**Policy and Monitoring**

**The Policy and Monitoring Manager (P Waanders) reports for March**

**District Plan**

The rolling review of the District Plan stays on target with Staff working hard to progress plan changes. The review has been segmented into three portions: the Rural Plan Changes; review of urban and business zonings leading into plan change drafting; and the overarching district wide Resource Areas to be informed by the new RPS.

Behind the scenes general maintenance of the Operative District Plan is ongoing; this includes minor fixes to wording and an alignment project updating the District Plan maps with the most recent cadastre layer (property boundaries).

**Plan Changes**

The following illustrates progress on the more significant plan changes presently being undertaken:

i) **Plan Changes 85, 85 A – D Rural**

As part of the review of pre-consultation comments, staff have met with some key stakeholders including Fonterra, Horticulture NZ and Golden Bay Cement to work together to progress the re-drafting of the proposed plan changes.

ii) **Plan Change 94B Papakainga**

Several written responses have been received after the close of the pre-consultation period. An update was presented to the most recent Te Karearea meeting. On-going communication and discussion was noted as important to inform the proposed plan change. Staff will continue to do this while drafting the section 32 evaluation and proposed plan change.

iii) **Plan Change 100 – Sites of Significance to Maori**

Some data has been received from three hapu/iwi to date and staff are assessing the information for completeness. Staff are preparing an update to the delegations manual to ensure sensitive information is protected under Section 42(1) of the RMA.

iv) **Plan Change 110 – Noise**

The further submission period closed on 10 March 2015. Fifteen further submissions were received. A hearing date has been scheduled for 15 June and staff are currently preparing s42A Hearing Reports. A recommendation has been provided to appoint Councillor Williamson to this hearing.

v) **Plan Change 112 – Te Hape Village**

The summary of submissions was notified on 10 March 2015. The closing date for making a further submission was Monday 23 March 2015. At the date of writing this report two further submissions had been received. A hearing date has been scheduled for 8 June. A recommendation has been provided to appoint Councillor Innes to this hearing.

vi) **Plan Change 113 – Ruakaka Racecourse**

A further Environment Court mediation has been scheduled for 9 April 2015. This is the final of three permitted by the Court. Negotiations are continuing with the aim to avert the necessity to go to court for a hearing.

vii) **Plan Change 120 Kamo Plan Change**

Council adopted the recommendation of the Hearing Panel for PC120, at the Planning Committee meeting in March 2015. This decision has now been notified and the appeal period runs for 30 working days and ends at the end of April.
viii) **Plan Change 130 Okara Park Plan Change**

One appeal has been lodged with the Environment Court, with the 15 working days for parties to join as s274 parties having ended on 18 March 2015. Five submitters have registered; Mr Davies-Colley / Westpoint Management Ltd, Mr Quinn, Mr Cocurullo, Mr Calvert and Chamber of Commerce & Industry Northland Inc. It is intended to have a meeting amongst the parties to narrow down the issues and start preparing evidence towards a hearing.

ix) **Plan Change 131 GMO**

A timetable is being established to work towards a hearing in August/September this year. This will coincide with the Auckland hearing but will also be influenced by the RPS hearing.

x) **Plan Change 124 Built Heritage – Pre Consultation**

Section 32 evaluation and re-drafting of the proposed plan change is underway being informed by the pre consultation comments and feedback.
District Plan Change Progress

Plan Change #

Operative
- Adopted by Council
- Appeals Resolved
- Appeal Period Commenced
- Council Decision

In Progress
- Operative
- Adopted by Council
- Appeals Resolved
- Appeal Period Commenced
- Council Decision

Completed
- Operative
- Adopted by Council
- Appeals Resolved
- Appeal Period Commenced
- Council Decision

Hearing Commenced
- Report
- Pre-Hearing
- Further Submissions Close
- Summary Notified
- Submissions Close
- Public Notification

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Further Submissions Close
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Pre-Hearing
- Further Submissions Close
- Summary Notified
- Submissions Close
- Public Notification

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Plan Change #

Rural
- Rural Production Environments
- Strategic Rural Industry Environments
- Rural Village
- Rural Living Environments
- Papakaiinga Housing
- Site of Significance to Maori
- Noise
- Te Hape Road
- Ruakaka Racecourse
- Kamo Change Environment
- Built Heritage
- Okara Park
- GMO's

Plan Change #: PC85, PC85A, PC85B, PC85C, PC85D, PC94B, PC100, PC110, PC112, PC113, PC120, PC124, PC130, PC131
Plan Formulation

a) **Implementing the Urban Growth Strategy**

The Urban Growth Strategy informed the Structure Plans which were to be implemented via the District Plan. Significant progress with developing plan changes has been made with five Urban Structure Plans. Implementation of these existing Structure Plans will continue to occur with PC112, PC120, PC130 and the Rural Urban Interface (currently being evaluated). The work on the Central Whangarei Structure Plan will provide valuable background to future urban plan changes.

b) **Coastal Management Strategy**

The Rural Plan Changes include the rezoning of coastal villages. The section 32 evaluation and potential zoning is being reviewed against the Coastal Management Strategy.

The Proposed Regional Policy Statement (RPS) contains maps defining the extent of the coastal environment tested against the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010. These maps and the associated draft policies will be given effect to through the District Plan rolling review once the RPS is operative. Court mediation has been continuing and agreement on the Coastal environment is slowly being reached. A timetable for exchanging evidence for a Court hearing has been issued if agreement is not reached.

c) **Landscape**

The Regional Council has adopted the Proposed Regional Policy Statement where areas have been identified as Outstanding Natural Landscapes, Outstanding Natural Features and Natural Character areas through the Northland Mapping project. Various appeals have been lodged to the Environment Court on both the policies and some individual properties. The District Plan will ultimately have to be amended to give effect to the RPS when operative and will prescribe the performance standards. Court mediation has concluded and most matters have been agreed to through expert caucusing with many parties accepting the compromise. Dates for circulation of evidence have been set down to finalise the matter with an expected hearing set after 1 June 2015. The Outstanding Natural Features have been accepted but mapping of these continue. The three Territorial Authorities and the Regional Council have met to co-ordinate the performance methods in the Coastal Environment.

d) **Urban Design**

The Urban Designer has left the employ of Council and the urban design work will have to be undertaken by consultants where required. Our architect/urban design scholarship student will complete her studies at the end of this year where after we will have that function available again.

e) **Preparations for the Northland Regional Policy Statement (RPS)**

The Regional Policy Statement was notified on 28 September 2012 and hearings conducted by three independent Commissioners. The Regional Council has adopted the Proposed Regional Policy Statement.

The Whangarei District Council’s appeals have mainly been dealt with and the outcomes have been agreed to. WDC also registered as a sec 274 party against several appeals and through the Court assisted mediation all the issues have been mediated. A timetable to hear the outstanding matters has been set with a possible hearing after 1 June 2015. The outcomes will have an effect on the District Plan and future plan changes such as the Coast, Landscape, Biodiversity and Natural Hazards provisions as the District Plan has to give effect to the RPS ie the District Plan has to implement the RPS, not only having to be consistent. Policy 6 also directs the District Plans and the consenting processes to be cost effective and expedient.

The RPS will also trigger the revision of the Regional Plans such as the Water and Soil Plan, Air Quality Plan and the Coastal Plan – all which will require further District Plan amendments as well. The District Plan can not be inconsistent with these Regional Plans. Staff remain involved with the RPS, the various Regional Plans, and will ultimately incorporate these into the District Plan which is at the bottom of the hierarchy. Staff are doing a gap analysis to compare Regional Plan provisions with the District Plan to identify areas of inconsistencies and required amendments through the rolling review.
Strategic Planning

a) Sustainable Futures 30/50

Various actions from the Whangarei Growth Strategy Sustainable Futures 30/50 Implementation Plan are being implemented, including those mentioned below. The adopted Implementation Plan for 30/50 has been used to guide infrastructure planning in the LTP process.

b) Central Whangarei Structure Plan

Following consultation with land owners, business owners and Maori on the Hīhīaua Precinct Plan, an agenda item is being submitted to this committee.

Research continuing on Inner City Development Plan.

c) Village Plans

Revive Hikurangi held a meeting on 29 March 2015, and has collated material for the written preparation of their village plan. Staff have prepared concept plans of the gateway areas (North and South) for the group to consider as part of the preparation of their written plan.

In Otangarei, the walkway was opened to the public on 9 March, beginning with a Dawn Blessing. The Mayor, local Councillors, a local MP, and staff attended the ceremony. There are still a number of ancillary works to be completed. Otangarei Neighbourhood Safety Panel also hosted a community clean-up day on 21 March 2015, in which approximately 120 people took part. Rubbish was collected from throughout Otangarei, with a focus on the parks, the waterways, and locations near busy roads. A number of agencies also took part including Housing New Zealand, the Police, Northland District Health Board staff, a local church and members of the community. Approximately four skips of rubbish were removed from Council reserves, roadsides, and local streams. The community build of the natural playground was postponed until April/May due to different technical elements needing to be completed, as well as scheduling local contractors.

The walkway connecting the Parua Bay School and the Kioreroa Wetland has been completed. The PBCFG have now turned to developing the reserve beside the Community Centre, following a successful community meeting on 2 March. Concept plans are being prepared that integrate the reserve with the community centre as well as other projects going on in the community, including the relocation of the Old Parua Bay School Building.

The requested Council workshop will be organised for May.

d) Catchment Reports

The Whangarei Harbour Catchment Group met on 23 March 2015, where the agenda included the results of the fish barrier passage survey, the seagrass survey, development of objectives and policies, the project list approved by the Infrastructure and Services Committee, and Whangarei Falls. The Group also discussed the desirability of using an independent facilitator to help the group in its later deliberations.

The Mangere Catchment Group met on 11 March 2015, and has identified key indicators for previously identified uses and values. This is important as the group begin deliberations on the tradeoffs that will be important for this particular catchment. The group also attended a field trip that visited Pukenui Forest on 22 March 2015.

e) State of the Environment Monitoring and Reporting

Work is progressing on the Blue/Green network/Emerald Necklace. Background information has been received and further discussions are taking place.

Staff have recently attended Biodiversity Northland, Northland Kiwi Forum Working Group and Kiwi Coast meetings.

Council’s covenant monitoring contractor has started work for this financial year to monitor the state of covenants and providing is providing advice to land owners on weed and pest management.

f) Demographic Profile

The Demographic Profile report is being finalised by Policy staff. The profile identifies key population characteristics that might influence future resource and environment needs for the District.

Statistics New Zealand released high, medium and low growth projections for the District for the next 30 years. This data is being analysed and will be placed in the final report. The final report should be available for Planning Committee by May.
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Value of Building Consents

Lodged Issued Suspended
Performance Indicators

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Building Consents Issued - Commercial and Residential Percentages

23 February 2015 - 20 March 2015

Regulatory Services

The Regulatory Services Manager (G Couchman) reports for March

Environmental Health

The following is a summary of inspections/samples/notifications addressed:

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<td>655</td>
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<td>New VIP exemptions granted</td>
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<td>Number of Health Act nuisances e.g. odour, noise, dust, drainage, rodents, offal etc</td>
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<td>Number of infectious diseases notified</td>
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<td>AEE – Assessments of environmental effects including monitoring</td>
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**Premises Inspection Grading**

Each month inspections of food premises are undertaken prior to their annual registration.

This annual registration inspection includes an assessment of the premises in terms of Council’s Food Premises Risk Evaluation System which assesses four areas of performance:

1. Premises layout
2. Food hygiene conduct and practices
3. Cleaning and sanitising
4. Food handler training

A grade is allocated to the occupier of each premise from this assessment.

**Food premises gradings**

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<td>Onerahi Shopping Centre, 118 Onerahi Road, Onerahi, Whangarei</td>
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<td>Botannix</td>
<td>Palmers Garden Centre, Corner Walton Street and Central Avenue, Whangarei</td>
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<td>Shop 44, The Strand, 41 Cameron Street, Whangarei</td>
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<td>J &amp; J’s Cakes on Wheels</td>
<td>14 Mariposa Place, Kamo, Whangarei</td>
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<td>The Press – Cafe in the Park</td>
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<td>26-28 Bank Street, Whangarei</td>
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<td>6 Rathbone Street, Whangarei</td>
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<td>Discovery Settlers Hotel Whangarei</td>
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<td>1 James Street, Whangarei</td>
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<td>No 7 Espresso</td>
<td>Library, 7 Rust Avenue, Whangarei</td>
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![Graph showing food premises grades]

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  - Last year: 186
  - Cumulative year to date: 198

- **A**
  - Last year: 153
  - Cumulative year to date: 121

- **B+**
  - Last year: 17
  - Cumulative year to date: 4

- **B**
  - Last year: 15
  - Cumulative year to date: 13

- **C**
  - Last year: 0
  - Cumulative year to date: 0
### Liquor Licensing Monthly Statistics

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<td>Number of Building Act 2004 complaints</td>
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<td>Number of Resource Management Act 1991 complaints</td>
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<td>Number of Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 complaints</td>
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<td>Number of complaints resolved during the month</td>
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Pool Inspections
Environmental Northland

Excessive Noise Complaints

Stock Complaints
Dog Complaints

Community Services

The Community Services Manager (O Thomas) reports for March

Funding

On 11 March the Community Funding Subcommittee referred its recommendations for the 2015-2016 Annual Operating Fund to the April Planning committee. The recommendation includes an inflation adjustment of LGCI for all 15 grants.

The Community Funding Subcommittee has considered the 2014-2015 Resident and Ratepayer Administration Fund applications. 20 resident and ratepayer organizations were allocated grants of $700 each. An application from Onerahi Resource Centre Trust was declined as Onerahi Community Association already services the Onerahi area.

Round 2 of the 2014-2015 Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) closed on 27 February. 19 applications were received. Applications and project reports have been provided to the Creative Communities Assessment Committee for consideration. The committee will meet on 31 March 2015 to make its decisions.

Applications to the Community Halls Fund closed on 13 March 2015. A significant number of the applications were late and/or required further information, which put pressure on the processing time. The 20 applications received have been referred to the April Community Funding Subcommittee for its decision.

Round 2 of the 2014-2015 Community Fund opened in February. Application forms can be accessed on the website or at the customer service counters. A workshop to support potential applicants was held at the May Bain room at 4.30pm on 18 March, but was poorly attended. This may be due to strong attendance at the last Community Fund workshop, or greater interest in the round later in the calendar year. Applications close on 10 April.

The Civic Honours nominations are still open. Nomination forms have been made available on the website and at the customer service counters. The 2015 Civic Honours nominations close on 22 May 2015.

As per last month’s report, the grant of $8,000 for The ‘About-Time’ Project from Round 1 of the 2014-2015 Community Fund is still to be uplifted by the recipient. They are now in regular contact with Council staff and expect to meet requirements shortly.
Safety

The City Safe programme continues to work well with the Call Centre recording 211 reported activities for the period, compared with 228 for the last period and 240 for the same period last year. Approximately 40% of the total calls were for maintenance reporting, particularly for graffiti removal, roading, waste, parking and property maintenance issues; and 60% were for information reporting, such as truancy, safety concerns such as gang members or insecure buildings, begging, abandoned trolleys, etc.

The Community Officers continue to act as ambassadors and have reported 98 activities, compared with 90 for the last period and 93 for the same period last year, with 30% of the City Safe Community Officers activities being reports for maintenance and 70% were for information recording.

The Community Officers have noticed a lot of visitors to the CBD area, especially the Cameron Street Mall, where visitors on bikes have had to be advised of the Council bylaw prohibiting bikes from being ridden in the Mall. They noticed that there has also been an increase in truancy and have reported 78 truants, to the respective high schools, over the last period.

With the One-Way Door Policy due to commence on the 7th April, when patrons will not be able to enter licensed premises in the CBD after 1:00 a.m. and all premises are to be closed by 3:00 a.m., preparation is being done to engage four part-time community officers to work as ambassadors in the CBD on Saturday and Sunday mornings, where they will work from midnight through to 4:00 a.m., in a similar manner to our day time City Safe community officers so as to assist with a smooth transition when this policy takes effect.

The CCTV network has seen another increase in offending, with reported incidents remaining around the same level. Observed breaches of the liquor ban have continued to increase for the 3rd month running and are now at the highest reported level in the 13-month period to date. There has also been a further rise in disorder, being at the second-highest level in the 13-month period, as well as an increase in reported damage; however, other offending, dishonesty and drugs are virtually nil. There has been a spike in “other” reported incidents; however, there has been a marked decrease in bikes in the Mall and skateboards in the CBD. The CCTV Volunteers are providing full coverage for shifts during the week, with additional coverage on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, which has to be taken into account for the increased reporting for both offences and incidents, however, this additional coverage provides for a safer night-time environment.
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- **Incidents & Offences:** Feb-Mar 2014 to Feb-Mar’15

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- Breach Liquor
- Damage
- Dishonesty
- Disorder
- Drugs
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### Total CCTV Activity Bar Graph

- **Incidents**
- **Offences**

### Total CCTV Offences Line Graph

- **Breach Liquor**
- **Damage**
- **Dishonesty**
- **Disorder**
- **Drugs**
- **Other**
The Stop Tags database, for this period, showed there had been 406 graffiti removal jobs entered, 1,010 tags photographed and 1,983 tags removed. This averages out to be 4.9 tags per job attended, with a total of 1,223 square metres of graffiti vandalism removed. Last period there were 476 graffiti removal jobs were entered, 888 tags photographed, and 1,831 tags removed at a rate of 3.8 tags per job attended, with a total of 1,071 square metres of graffiti vandalism removed. In this period last year, 371 graffiti removal jobs were entered, 1,468 tags photographed, and 3,435 tags removed at a rate of 10.5 tags per job attended, with a total of 1,662 square metres of graffiti vandalism removed.

D'Tag, being Council’s principal contractor for graffiti removal, have for this period, attended 189 graffiti removal jobs, entered 508 tags photographed, and removed 832 tags at a rate of 4.4 tags per job attended, with a total of 867 square metres of graffiti vandalism removed. The remainder of the graffiti removal has been carried out by the Lion’s Den youth supervised work programme, Community Probation Service, Councils Waste contractor for toilet maintenance, North Power and the Graffiti Doctor. The total amount of graffiti vandalism for the district still remains at the lowest levels for the past 13-month period.

D'Tag reported that there has been a lull in high visual tags this month but still a lot of low visual graffiti continues. The CBD continues to feature high in the statistics, as well as, the usual suburbs of Kensington, Otangarei, Whau Valley, Kamo and Tikipunga. Tagging in Laurie Hall Park has quietened down in recent times due to the installation of the new CCTV Camera and pruning of the trees around the new monument.
The Ministry of Justice funded Community Crime Prevention Initiatives, consisting of the CCTV Activate Programme, the Supervised Work Programme and the Summer Safe Carparks Programme; continue to be a significant benefit to the District. The CCTV Activate Programme has reviewed 78 camera jobs and raised concerns about levels of intoxication and related anti-social behaviour. Following these concerns up with the Police, along with the commencement of the One-Way Door Policy, is expected to mitigate some of this behaviour. One of the people reported for graffiti vandalism in the CBD has been identified and reported for significant tagging in the CBD on two occasions in the early hours of the morning.

The Supervised Work Programme, operated through the Lion's Den Ministries on Saturdays, have had another month with low referral numbers from the Police, but regardless of this, the 2 referrals consisting of 1 boy and 1 girl, that have taken out have been very good, with both showing respect and engagement in work. Enquires made with the Police revealed that they have been referring youths to an Iwi service provider and discussions are being held to continue referring youths onto this programme.

The Summer Safe Carparks Programme is operating on weekends and statutory holidays (when able), with ambassadors at Whale Bay, Whangarei Falls, A H Reed, Parihaka, Abbey Caves, Ocean Beach, Ruakaka and Waipu Cove. Since the programme commenced on the 6th December 2014, our ambassadors have looked after in excess of 22,000 vehicles and have handed out over 19,000 vehicle safety and sun safe brochures. The ambassadors continue to be warmly received by visitors who have given positive feedback for this service to the community by the community. The Tiki Pride ambassador group at the Whangarei Falls have looked after close to 10,000 vehicles and were the only group to venture out in the wake of Cyclone Pam on the Sunday, where they still looked after 80 vehicles from visitors going to the Falls to see it in flood.

Advisory

On 5 March the NRC Regional Public Transport hearing panel invited submitters to speak in support of their written submissions. Stephanie McMillan, the chair of the Positive Ageing Advisory Group (PAAG) and Mhairi Collins, a member of the Disability Advisory Group (DAG) who frequently uses public transport, attended to present their respective group’s concerns.

Following a call for new members of the YAG, applicants were interviewed and seven new members were selected. The new members represent a diversity of cultures and geographical areas of our District and were informally introduced to the remaining members of last year’s group over an induction programme facilitated at the Whangarei Youth Space on 7 March. Prior to the proceedings of the monthly meeting on 11 March, new members of the YAG were formally welcomed by Matua Solomon Tipene with Matua Andre Hemara speaking on behalf of the group. The group was addressed by Mayor Sheryl Mai and Paul Dell (Group Manager, District Living) with Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sharon Morgan and Councillors Stuart Bell and Cherry Hermon (who represent WDC on the group) also part of the welcoming party. All group members introduced themselves.

The draft LTP has been the topic of discussion at all the advisory group monthly meetings this reporting period, with presentations from Alan Adcock (Senior Manager Support Services) and Sheryl Gavin (Strategic Planning Co-ordinator). The presentation included explanations of Council's income and expenditure, budgetary constraints and the significance to the groups of multi-generational distribution of costs.

All three advisory groups intend to meet to ensure Council hears the perspectives of the communities they represent and participate in this important consultation process.

Arts Culture and Heritage

Whangarei Art Museum

*From the Matuku Trust Collection - Works by Billy Apple* is a new exhibition opened on 2 March. This privately owned collection features works from his *Art Transaction* and his *Fundraising* series. Also included are two early pop art pieces produced after the artist graduated from the Royal College of Art in London in 1962. In 1990 Billy Apple returned to live in Auckland and began a series of fund raising projects. Exhibited here are works from the Art for Aids, Women's Refuge, Turn Your Life Around and Youthline art projects. For this exhibition, *Te Puna O Te Aroha Women's Refuge Inc., Whangarei, 1999*, will be reproduced as a postcard available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the Te Puna Women’s Refuge.

A second exhibition is of Wellsford artist John Foster’s woodcut prints entitled *Four Seasons*, after the quarterly Department of Education’s school journal publications. The 32 prints are displayed in four seasons and are accompanied by some excellent work by local printmakers from the Te Kowhai Print Trust archives. Both exhibitions run until 26 June.
CHART
A highlight of the month was the biennial event *Collaborationz*. This intensive week long workshop is a collaborative event where overseas and New Zealand artists practicing different creative disciplines work together in a variety of mediums. *Collaborationz* includes a public open day and an auction on the last day of the event at Forum north where the pieces are sold.

On 4 and 18 March, the Old Library initiative, Midday Music, provided lunchtime entertainment for a gold coin donation. This initiative is to encourage local performers to provide an eclectic range of musical offerings to the public. CHART staff have also provided support to diverse creative events held in the community, including SPCA - *Cause for Paws*, the EarthBeat festival, Northland Ballet and dance – *Dance Fusion* and the Shutter Room’s exhibition, *Objects and Person*.

Kiwi North
The organization continues to provide a diverse range of activities for the young and young at heart. Over the last month they have hosted several local community groups such as 140 members of the 60’s Up groups from Dargaville, Bream Bay and Kamo on 5 March, 90 Elim church members visited on 7 March and 26 visitors from Kensington Educare enjoyed an outing on 20 March

On 5 April, Kiwi North is looking forward to holding another very popular Steampunk Sunday.

**Recommendation**

1. That the report be received.
2. That Councillor J D T Williamson be appointed as Commissioner to join the Hearings Commission on Proposed Plan Change 110 Noise and Vibration.
3. That Councillor G C Innes be appointed as Commissioner to join the Hearings Commission on Proposed Plan Change 112 Te Hape Village.
4. Hīhīaua Precinct Plan

Reporting officer  Dr Kerry Grundy (Team Leader Futures Planning)
Date of meeting  8 April 2015

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement as the Hīhīaua Precinct Plan outlines Council’s strategic direction to manage growth and development for the next 20-30 years. The Precinct Plan will create attractive inner city living/mixed use to invigorate Whangarei’s Central Business District.

Background

At a Council workshop on 25 March 2014 a presentation was given by Council staff on a draft Hīhīaua Precinct Plan. The content of this plan was largely the same as the attached plan. The workshop recommended that discussions take place with the other main landowner (NRC) and following that a report be taken to the 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee. Subsequently, a presentation was given to the NRC and the Precinct Plan appeared to be well received. A report was presented to the meeting of the 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee on 18 June 2014. The Committee passed the following resolutions:

1. That the Draft Hīhīaua Precinct Plan and Hīhīaua Precinct Plan Summary Document are received for stakeholder consultation.

2. That the 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee recommends to the Planning Committee that the Draft Hīhīaua Precinct Plan is adopted following stakeholder consultation and that a Plan Change to the Operative District Plan is prepared to enable implementation of the Precinct Plan.”

Subsequently, consultation was undertaken with the business owners/leaseholders in the Precinct and with Māori. This is described below.

Hīhīaua Precinct Plan

The Hīhīaua Peninsula has previously been recognised by Council as suitable for inner city living and mixed use development (20/20 Plus Whangarei CBD Development Guide, 2006 and Whangarei District Growth Strategy: Sustainable Futures 30/50, 2010). Changes in land use are already occurring - there are now 17 residential units on the peninsula. Further changes are best managed proactively rather than occurring in an ad hoc fashion so as to ensure high quality outcomes and minimise conflicts between different land uses.

The Hīhīaua Precinct is bounded by two waterways; the Hātea River and Waiarohia Stream, and Reyburn Street. The Precinct was selected for redevelopment to accommodate some of Whangarei’s growth and transform the area into an attractive residential/mixed use area as it is:

- Located close to the central City.
- Located within walking distance to employment, amenities and services.
- Identified by Council as a strategic location for residential/mixed use development.
- A large consolidated area of land in local government ownership.
- Adjacent to Whangarei’s waterways, and high amenity areas for example, the Town Basin.
- Potential high impact catalyst projects, e.g. Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, Hundertwasser Art Centre.

The proposed Hīhīaua Precinct Plan outlines Council’s strategic direction to manage growth and development in the Precinct for the next 20-30 years, and is intended to assist with the efficient delivery of key infrastructure, land use planning and community services for the area. The Precinct Plan will also provide a framework for introducing residential and mixed use activities in the Hīhīaua Precinct, by way of a plan change to the District Plan. It is envisaged that the Precinct Plan will be progressively implemented through partnership between the public and private sectors, community groups, business owners and landowners.

Over time, as land becomes available, changes to land use will create a vibrant and attractive inner city residential mixed use precinct. Objectives, policies and rules in the District Plan along with a change of land use zoning will assist implementation of the Precinct Plan in a staged and controlled manner.
There are a number of constraints on development in the Precinct that are identified in the Precinct Plan. These include: flooding (along with sea level rise), geotechnical issues, and potentially contaminated land. These constraints do not prohibit a change of use from light industrial/commercial to residential/mixed use, but will affect the type of development, i.e. building heights and construction techniques. Further site specific investigation will be required for some constraints, e.g. geotechnical and land contamination. Despite these constraints it is envisaged that because of its location in proximity to waterways and the city centre, the Hīhīaua Precinct could develop into a high amenity and highly desirable residential/mixed use neighbourhood that would considerably enhance and invigorate the inner City.

The Precinct Plan consists of four sub-precincts: the Hātea River, Central Hīhīaua, Waiarohia Stream and Reyburn Street Sub-Precincts. The Hātea River and Waiarohia Stream Sub-Precincts would be designed to make the most of the benefits offered by the adjoining waterways and likely consist of medium density residential and mixed-use development 2-3 storeys in height. The Central Hīhīaua Sub-Precinct is envisaged to allow for higher density residential development to around 4 storeys, including the potential for larger projects such as a hotel. This higher density of development would be supported by associated open space either within developments, or a neighbourhood park. The Reyburn Street Sub-Precinct would also allow for mixed-use activities but have a predominantly commercial outlook onto Reyburn Street.

Consultation

In mid-October information packs were sent to approximately 160 leaseholders and local business owners, inviting them to attend an information evening from 5pm on Thursday 6 November 2014. The meeting was held at the Riverbank Theatre and included a 30-minute presentation on the Precinct Plan. Questions continued for about an hour beyond the presentation, and further informal discussion took place with Council staff until 7:30pm. About 60 people attended the meeting. Overall, the proposal appeared well-received, supported by multiple comments that the direction towards mixed-use development and encouraging residential activity in the area was a good idea. There were some attendees who expressed concerns.

Further feedback was sought from landowners, leaseholders, local businesses within the Hīhīaua Precinct along with local business development groups (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, Northland Inc). A feedback form was distributed to assist this. Feedback was received from 11 individuals. Responses ranged from expressing strong support for the proposal, to opposing it in its entirety. Some business owners expressed concern over effects on their businesses, land values, rates, etc. A few were concerned about being pushed out of the area. They were assured that their leases could not be terminated unilaterally by Council and their consents or existing use rights cannot be terminated against their wishes.

The Precinct Plan was presented to the Te Huinga Committee on 11 February 2015. The plan was received favourably by the Committee, as reported in the meeting minutes (15/12197). At the meeting Te Huinga representatives were asked to provide any feedback/comments they would like to make regarding the proposed Precinct Plan including information on historical and cultural matters relating to the Precinct. To date, no comments have been received. Should comments be received they can be incorporated into the Precinct Plan at a later date. Further consultation with Māori will take place during the statutory plan change process.

Process from here

As the Precinct Plan is non-statutory it will not have any legal effect if adopted. A District Plan change will need to be initiated to give effect to the Precinct Plan. It is proposed that Council initiate a plan change to implement the Precinct Plan. This will encompass further consultation with stakeholders, Māori and the public and the opportunity for all to make submissions on the proposal during a submission and hearing process. Rights of appeal to the Environment Court are also part of the statutory process.

A plan change would introduce a Residential/Mixed Use Environment into the District Plan to allow for medium/high density residential, and compatible commercial activities. There would be four sub-precincts identified by sub-zones, overlays or policies that would allow for the staged release of land for development. It is envisaged that redevelopment of the Precinct will take place over an extended period of time. This development would be staged with the Hātea River Sub-Precinct being developed over the next 10 years, the Waiarohia Sub-Precinct over 0-20 years, and the Reyburn Street and Central Sub-Precincts 0-30 years.

A policy and design led new Environment will ensure development is guided strongly by good urban design with reference to urban design guidelines. It is anticipated that over time much of the Hīhīaua Precinct will transition into a high amenity, medium/high density residential mixed use area. Complementary mixed use activities such as boutique retail, cafes, office, community services, education, entertainment, tourist-related activities and residential uses would be encouraged. Cultural activities complementary to the proposed Hīhīaua Cultural Centre could also be appropriate.
Significance and Engagement

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal or decision is not considered significant and the public will be informed via agenda publication on the website, responses to individuals who provided specific feedback, and to all landowners/leaseholders covered by the Precinct Plan. Consultation with the general public will take place as part of the statutory plan change process.

Recommendation

1. That the Hīhīaua Precinct Plan be adopted.
2. That a Plan Change be initiated to give effect to the Hīhīaua Precinct Plan.

Attachment (under separate cover - available on request contact Senior Meeting Co ordinator)

Hīhīaua Precinct Plan
5. 2015-2016 Annual Operating Fund

**Reporting officer**  Bree Kurtovich (Community Funding Officer)

**Date of meeting**  8 April 2015

**Vision, mission and values**

This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement as it supports the provision of grants to ensure public services and community facilities are able to operate and meet the needs of our district’s communities.

**Background**

Under the Council’s Community Funding Policy the purpose of this fund is to give “a rolling year over year funding cycle designed to provide ongoing operational support to selected organisations which provide valued services to the district”.

The Annual Operating Fund is non-contestable.

In past years eligible organisations with a positive history of Council funding from the Three Year Operating Grant Fund or the Operational Support Fund were invited to apply to the fund. These two funds are no longer operating and there are no new applicants to the fund this round.

In April 2013 the Community Funding Subcommittee agreed that access to the Annual Operating Fund by new applicants be by submission to the Annual Plan.

**Significance and Engagement**

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal or decision is not considered significant and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

**Funding allocation**

Funding allocations to the eligible organisations, since the inception of the Annual Operating Fund, are outlined in the attached table (see Attachment 1).

The fund provides a confirmed figure for the upcoming financial year that is ratified through the Annual Plan and an indicative figure for the following financial year. For 2015-2016 this figure has been based on the current year’s (unconfirmed) indicative amount plus an inflation adjustment based on the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) as appropriate.

The inclusion of a yearly LGCI increase to Annual Operating Grants will bring these grants in line with other grants within Council.

**The Process**

Each year applicants are invited to apply to the fund in December and applications generally close in February. The application form shows Council’s indicated grant amount from the prior year. Applicants generally apply for this amount, however, increases in funding are considered.

With the application form, applicants are required to submit performance measures reporting and documented evidence that reporting measures have been met for the current financial year to 31 December. This information is assessed and an application summary is prepared for each application.

All applications, with their application summaries, are referred to the Community Funding Subcommittee for consideration.

The Subcommittee has made recommendations for funding and referred these to the Planning Committee. Final grant amounts will be confirmed by Council’s Annual Plan process.
Potential changes

The funding review during 2014 and 2015 has been discussed at two Council workshops. A draft policy and proposed budget changes is planned to be presented to Councillors for consideration in April 2015. If adopted, these changes will impact on the Annual Operating Fund in 2016-2017 and beyond. The 2015-2016 grants are not expected to be affected other than the inclusion of an inflation adjustment.

2015-2016 Applications

In November 2014 the fifteen grant recipients from the 2014-2015 Annual Operating Fund were invited to apply to have their indicative funding levels for 2015-2016 year confirmed. An explanation was required for any requested variance to the indicative amount.

Applications closed on Friday 5 February 2015 and applications were received from all fifteen organisations.

The assessment of applications and rationale for funding recommendations is outlined in the Community Funding Subcommittee agenda item of 11 March 2015 (see Attachment 2).

Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated has applied to Whangarei District Council for the full amount it needs to run surf life saving services in the Whangarei District over the summer season ($89,574). It is also working with Northland Regional Council (NRC) to get this funding for the entire Northland region through a potential NRC emergency services rates levy. If it receives the full amount it needs (approximately $220,000) for the entire region from Northland Regional Council, then the grant from Whangarei District Council will no longer be required.

The future of the Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust (The Pulse) has become unclear. Council staff are liaising with the Pulse to ascertain its direction. Until such time as this direction is clear, staff do not have the surety required to recommend a grant for this organisation in 2016-2017.

Community Funding Subcommittee Meeting 11 March 2015

At their meeting of 11 March 2015, the Community Funding Subcommittee resolved that:

“a) That the information be received.

b) That the following grants from the Annual Operating Fund for the 2015-2016 financial year, recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee, to be confirmed by that year’s Annual Plan process, be referred to the 8 April 2015 Planning Committee:

   a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated       $45,190
   b) Hikurangi Historical Museum Society Incorporated   $5,316
   c) Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Incorporated      $26,480
   d) Northland Craft Trust (Quarry Arts Centre)          $37,829
   e) Northland Society of Arts Incorporated (Reyburn House) $9,917
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   n) Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust                     $36,193
   o) Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust     $10,940

   c) That the following indicative figures for the Annual Operating Fund for the 2016-2017 financial year, recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee be referred to the 8 April 2014 Planning Committee:

      a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated      $46,297
Conclusion

All fifteen organisations are recommended to receive the indicated figures for 2015-2016 plus a LGCI inflation adjustment of 2.24%.

The adoption of the following funding recommendations for 2015-2016 will require expenditure of $1,159,505 for the 2015-2016 Operational budget of the Community Services Department.

Fourteen organisations are recommended indicative figures for grants from the 2016-2017 Annual Operating Fund. This equates to the figures for 2015-2016 plus an expected LGCI inflation adjustment of 2.45%.

A nil grant is to be indicated for Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust for 2016-2017, due to concerns about this organisation’s future operations.

The 2015-2016 and/or 2016-2017 grants to Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated may be cancelled or reduced if this organisation receives a grant or grants for the same purpose from Northland Regional Council. This would require further consideration and resolution of Council.

The adoption of the following funding recommendations for 2016-2017 will indicate the expenditure of $1,176,706 for the 2016-2017 Draft Operational budget of the Community Services Department.

Recommendation

1) That the information be received.

2) That grants from the 2015-2016 Annual Operating Fund recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee be made to the following organisations:
   a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated $45,190
   b) Hikurangi Historical Museum Society Incorporated $5,316
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3) That the following indicative figures for grants from the 2016-2017 Annual Operating Fund recommended by the Community Funding Subcommittee be notified to the following organisations:

a) Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated $46,297
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c) Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Incorporated $27,129
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n) Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust $37,080
o) Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust $0

Attachments
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2015-2016 Annual Operating Fund

Reporting officer  Bree Kurtovich (Community Funding Officer)
Date of meeting  11 March 2015

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement as it supports the provision of grants to ensure public services and community facilities are able to operate and meet the needs of our district’s communities.

Background

In November 2009, Whangarei District Council’s Finance and Support Committee resolved to replace the Three Year Grant Fund to drive efficiencies in community funding approval and administration processes, as well as providing a window for recipient organisations to make financial decisions. The new system was named the Annual Operating Fund and commenced in the 2010-11 financial year.

Under the Council’s Community Funding Policy the purpose of this fund is to give “a rolling year over year funding cycle designed to provide ongoing operational support to selected organisations which provide valued services to the district”.

The Annual Operating Fund is non-contestable.

In past years eligible organisations with a positive history of Council funding from the Three Year Operating Grant Fund or the Operational Support Fund were invited to apply to the fund. These two funds are no longer operating and there are no new applicants to the fund this round.

Significance and Engagement

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal or decision is not considered significant and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

Current Process

Each year applicants are invited to apply to the fund in November/December and applications generally close in February. The application form shows Council’s indicated grant amount from the prior round. Applicants generally apply for this amount, however, increases in funding are considered. An indicative amount for the following year’s funding is also provided to grant recipients. This figure has been based on the current year’s (unconfirmed) indicative amount plus an inflation adjustment based on the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) as appropriate.

All applications are referred to the Community Funding Subcommittee for consideration. The Community Funding Subcommittee can make decisions for those grant requests that fall within their delegated authority.

For those grant requests that fall outside of the delegated authority of the Community Funding Subcommittee, the Subcommittee will make recommendations for funding and refer these to the Planning Committee for consideration.

Final grant amounts will be confirmed by Council’s Annual Plan process.

All grants are subject to the performance of the organisation against the agreed performance measures for the previous funding year.

Potential changes

The funding review during 2014 and 2015 has been discussed at two Council workshops. A draft policy and proposed budget changes will be presented to Council for consideration on 25 March 2015. If adopted, these changes will impact on the Annual Operating Fund in 2016-2017 and beyond. The 2015-2016 grants are not expected to be affected other than the inclusion of an inflation adjustment.
2015-2016 Applications

In November 2014 the fifteen grant recipients from the 2014-2015 Annual Operating Fund were invited to apply to have their indicative funding levels for 2015-2016 year confirmed. An explanation was required for any requested variance to the indicative amount.

Applications closed on Friday 5 February 2015 and applications were received from all fifteen organisations.

Required information

As part of the performance measures associated with each grant, organisations were requested to provide a range of information. The requested information and what was supplied by each applicant is detailed in Attachment 1.

Some organisations did not provide all of the required information, and what was provided in many instances was not of the expected standard. A mitigating factor is that as this application process occurs half way through the 2014-2015 year, some 2015-2016 budgets and business plans were yet to be completed.

Increased grant requests

Eight organisations have requested in total $210,225 more than the 2015-2016 indicative amounts. These requested increases are outlined in Attachment 2 and the application summaries provided to the members of the Community Funding Subcommittee.

Summary of applications

A summary of significant items is below:

Citizens Advice Bureau Whangarei Incorporated
- CPI increase requested

Hikurangi Historical Museum Society Incorporated
- No increase requested

Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Incorporated
- No increase requested

Northland Craft Trust (Quarry Arts Centre)
- No increase requested
- Requested increase discussion for 2016-2017

Northland Society of Arts Incorporated (Reyburn House)
- No increase requested
- Application was not submitted on time, and is missing significant information
- Significant Council staff support is required to ensure this organisation meets reporting requirements.
  Alternately, consideration could be given to reducing the reporting requirements, as they are consistently not being met.

Northland Youth Theatre Trust
- Requested additional funds to extend programme to satellite locations

Ruakaka Recreation Centre Incorporated
- Requested large increase for emergency building repairs

Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated
- Requested large increase for full cost of summer patrols

The Culture, Heritage and Arts Resource Trust (CHART)
- No increase requested
Tornado Youth Community Trust
- Requested large increase for increased costs
- Already received a large one-off grant extra grant in 2014-2015
- Financial situation appears to be improving, but some required documents are still outstanding

Waipu Centennial Trust Board (Waipu Museum)
- Moderate increase requested to cover essential staff costs for visitor centre function

Whangarei Art Museum Trust
- Moderate increase requested to cover inflation, losses and education programme
- Manager was not available to complete application

Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust (Kiwi North)
- Excellent report submitted
- Moderate increase requested for required staff wages

Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust
- No increase requested

Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust
- No increase requested
- Application does not give sufficient information to assess the performance of this organisation
- Concerns have been raised by the Council representative about the viability of this organization
- As such, the 2015-2016 grant is recommended to go ahead, with advice that this will be the final grant to this organisation (i.e. no grant indicated for 2016-2017).

Community Events Reporting
Reporting is now required monthly and quarterly for the three recipients of Annual Operating Grants of more than $100,000. This has provided excellent additional information to Council about the activities it supports.

Considerations

2015-2016 Budget
The total indicative figure for the 2015-2016 year is $1,134,100. The figures indicated to applicants did not include the LGCI increase for 2015-2016. Total available budget for this period is $1,159,505 (indicated figure plus LGCI at 2.24%).

2016-2017 Financial consideration
The inclusion of a yearly LGCI increase to Annual Operating Grants will bring these grants in line with other grants within Council. LGCI is expected to be 2.45% for 2016-2017.

As such, the indicated budget for 2016-2017 Annual Operating Grants would be $1,176,706 once LGCI is applied, and the grant for Whangarei Youth One Stop Shop Charitable Trust is removed.

Local Government Act
The amendments to the local government act gained royal assent on 4 December 2012 and have changed the purpose of local government. Previously the impetus for Council’s decisions lay with the four well-beings; however, the 2012 amendment act requires us to consider the following:
- Are we providing local infrastructure, local public services or regulatory functions?
- Are we helping meet the current and future needs of our communities?
- Are these activities “good-quality”? 
- Are these activities cost effective for households and businesses?
Local infrastructure and public service

Local infrastructure is not defined in the act but section 197 offers a comprehensive interpretation of what it could comprise of. Fundamentally this section refers to community facilities, community infrastructure and network infrastructure; these would be deemed local if they occurred within the district’s boundaries. A number of our grant recipients provide community facilities and community infrastructure, all of which are “local”.

Public service is not defined in the act either but there are a couple of sections that provide clarity in the context of this agenda item. Section 11 A (e) states that libraries, museums, reserves, recreational facilities and other community infrastructure are core services to be considered by Council in performing its role; and Section 51 (b) identifies the provision of grants as an activity of Council.

With this information, due consideration can be given to all of the grant recipients and that Council is ensuring the provision of local infrastructure and public service.

Current and future needs of communities

All of these grant recipients contribute to meeting our district’s needs; whether these are cultural and heritage needs, through the provision of art centres and museums; social needs, by providing youth services, community and recreation centres; or environmental needs, through community activities and places such as the quarry gardens. All of our ward councillors are aware of the needs of their local communities and are knowledgeable of the contributions these grant recipients make to address these needs.

Good quality and cost effective service

Section 10 (2) defines what this means as the following:

a) efficient; and
b) effective; and

c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

Sections 5 and 11 highlight the provision of grants for the delivery of public services and infrastructure as council activities. The contribution to these must be appropriate and cost effective. The provision of annual operating grants is both significant and consistent to ensure these services are sustainable and able to provide services and facilities to meet the needs of our district’s communities.

The level of Council’s contribution to each of these grant recipients is broad ranging. The grants provided range from 1.3% to 70% of total revenue.

At no stage is Council providing all of an organisation’s revenue and as such these grant recipients are able to secure additional investment and funding outside of local government. This an effective community partnership where Council’s contribution is significant but limited and whereby grant recipients can grow their services through funds other than rates. This type of model shows an appropriate and cost effective approach for Council to ensure public service delivery and provision of community infrastructure.

Summary

The Community Services Department's Annual Operating Fund offers excellent results in meeting the Council’s obligations under the Local Government Act. It is working collaboratively with fifteen of Whangarei District’s well established local community groups, to ensure a range of community need is acknowledged, explored and met appropriately, efficiently and effectively at a local level.

The provision of Annual Operating Grants to these organisations provides reliable long-term benefits to this developing District, via an efficient and effective funding delivery model. The service delivery is measureable through the required performance measures reporting. The public visibility of funding provided by Council has been increased in 2014 with additional reporting requirements on the three organisations receiving grants of more than $100,000 per annum.

All fifteen organisations are recommended to receive the indicated figures for 2015-2016 plus LGCI at 2.24%

The adoption of the following funding recommendations will require expenditure of $1,159,505 for the 2015-2016 Operational budget of the Community Services Department and is within budget.
Recommendation

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Attachments

6. Annual Operating Fund - March 2015 Quarterly Reporting

**Reporting officer** Bree Kurtovich (Community Funding Officer)

**Date of meeting** 8 April 2015

**Vision, mission and values**

This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement as it supports the provision of grants to ensure public services and community facilities are able to operate and meet the needs of our district’s communities.

**Background**

The Culture Heritage Arts Resource Trust (CHART), Whangarei Art Museum (WAM), and Whangarei Museum and Heritage Park (Kiwi North) each receive an Annual Operating grant of over $100,000. In order to increase public visibility of the activities supported by Council’s financial contribution to the events and activities co-ordinated by these groups, since April 2014 these three organisations have been required to report regularly to Whangarei District Council’s Community Services Department.

Monthly reporting of significant community events directly or indirectly supported by Whangarei District Council’s Annual Operating grants is included in the Community Services Department monthly report to the Planning Committee under the heading “Arts, Culture and Heritage”.

The quarterly reporting involves details of the last three months’ activities, a summary of the last three months, and details of the activities planned for the next three month period. CHART is also required to report on stakeholder support provided, as this is an identified requirement in its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council.

Quarterly reporting is required by the 20th of: September (for 20 June to 19 September); December (for 20 September to 19 December); March (for 20 December to 19 March); and June (for 20 March to 19 June).

Three sets of quarterly reporting have been presented to this committee to date. The reporting for the 20 December 2014 to 19 March 2015 period has now been received from all three organisations. A summary of the information provided in each follows. The full reports are attached.

**Significance and Engagement**

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal or decision is not considered significant and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

**The Culture, Heritage and Arts Resource Trust (CHART)**

CHART both directly organises events, and supports other stakeholders in Whangarei District’s arts, culture and heritage sector. The full report is included as Attachment 1.

At CHART’s request, the Community Funding Officer met with CHART staff in February to clarify these reporting requirements. The resulting report is much clearer and more streamlined than previous reports.

In the three month period to 19 March 2015 CHART reported an estimated total of 2000 direct contact and audience visitors/participants, the same as in the September & December quarters.

It reported on 11 events in the March quarter. Seven of these events were led by CHART/Creative Northland/Old Library. Regular events at the Old Library are no longer being reporting on.

CHART sought and received alternate funding from ASB Community Trust, COGS and Northland Regional Council.

In this quarter, CHART report that stakeholder support was provided to a range of organisations, including significant support for The Old Library; meetings with Packard and Pioneer, the Quarry Arts Centre and Te Kowhai Print Trust; governance support for Northland Youth Theatre, and increased awareness and audience numbers for WDC.

CHART advises that continuation of projects and relationship management has gone well this quarter, while staff changes have slowed productivity a little. The internal review continues with CHART reviewing its strategic direction.
Activities planned for the next three months include Northland Youth Summit 2015, a FIFA U-20 inspired art exhibition, and CHART sponsorship of the Uku North Emerging Northland Artist Award.

**Whangarei Art Museum Trust (WAM)**

The full report is included as Attachment 2.

In the three month period to 19 March 2015 WAM reported a total of 1695 visitors/participants, well down from the December quarter (3657), and back down to the levels of the previous two quarters. Based on the reporting, the end of year period is clearly the busiest period for the museum.

In this quarter WAM reported on seven activities; compared to eleven and five in the previous quarters respectively. These comprised of five exhibitions and two exhibition openings.

In the last four quarters WAM has not advised that it has sought any other funding in regard to events.

For the next quarter the Cross Currents and Te Papa wall continue, as permanent exhibitions, and the Billy Apple and John Foster exhibitions continue until late June. A LEOTC Education Programme is reported as planned, but no detail was provided.

WAM does not provide any meaningful commentary or insight into its operations in these reports.

**Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust (Kiwi North)**

The full report is included as Attachment 3.

In the three month period to 19 March 2015 Kiwi North reported general visitor numbers of a total of 4114, comprised of 1880 visitors recorded through the point of sale system (POS), and a further 681 visiting due to venue hire, 770 for education, and 783 through events. Visitor numbers are slightly down on the previous quarter, with total figures of 4800 (2300 POS); and up on approximately 2628 (1878 POS) in the September quarter.

Kiwi North reported on the school holiday activities and Medieval Madness event it ran, and a wide range of venue hire events. The WW1 exhibition continues with some additions.

Kiwi North adviser that in the March quarter, Medieval Madness, venue hire and visitor flows all went well. It also reports that due to the excellent weather this summer, visitor numbers were not quite as high as hoped for, as coastal activities appear to have been preferred by visitors.

Kiwi North’s Stage 2 Accessibility Project continues with support from ASB and Lotteries. Progress on this project is provided in the full report. Further grants continue to be requested and received from several funding agencies.

Kiwi North advises it is disappointed to be still waiting on Transit NZ tourism road signage which was promised in October 2014.

At the time this report was prepared, the activities planned for the next three months included Steam Punk Sunday, School holiday programmes, a WWI book launch, an ANZAC ceremony, and Deaf Aotearoa NZ Language Week visit and workshop.

**Conclusion**

This quarterly reporting continues to provide vastly improved information for Council about some of the arts, culture and heritage activities it contributes financially to in the district.

With this reporting system in place, identified trends in reported activities at CHART, Kiwi North and WAM are now able to be reported to this committee on a regular basis.

Reporting from Kiwi North continues to be robust and well thought out. The reporting from CHART has improved significantly, with no further changes required. The reporting from WAM could be more robust and detailed to better inform Council of its activities. Council staff will formally request this for future reporting.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**Attachments**
1. CHART 20 December to 19 March 2015 reporting
2. WAM 20 December to 19 March 2015 reporting
3. Kiwi North 20 December to 19 March 2015 reporting
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<td><strong>Northland Youth Summit Initiatives 2014:</strong></td>
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<td>Facebook and newspaper articles and presence Install completed on the 16th of January - Facebook</td>
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<td>Facebook, Northland Youth Summit website and newspaper articles and presence Marketing for 2015 event (yet to go ahead)</td>
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<td><strong>Northland Youth Summit 2015</strong></td>
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<td>Cross-collaboration with many agencies:</td>
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<td><strong>Poetry Walk</strong></td>
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<td>$6,500</td>
<td>E-newsletter, posters, media and communication plan to be established</td>
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<td><strong>Progress on 2nd Sculpture</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SUP App Development</strong></td>
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<td>Media &amp; communication plan to be established</td>
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<td><strong>Artbeat 2015</strong></td>
<td>February 14th</td>
<td>$10,944.95</td>
<td>Various incl. radio, newspaper, poster, flyers etc.</td>
<td>Feedback collated and attached to the Monthly Reporting document for Feb-Mar 2015</td>
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<td><strong>Sculpture Symposium 2016</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Midday Music – Old Library</strong></td>
<td>18/2/15 4/3/15 18/3/15</td>
<td>Staffing costs</td>
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<td><strong>Achieve more with Social Media Workshop</strong></td>
<td>28/1/15</td>
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**Last three months – stakeholder support provided** (including specialist arts advice to Council and Council staff)

*Note: CHART’s MOU with WDC includes agreement to provide support to the following stakeholders as required: Old Library, Whangarei Art Museum, The Quarry Arts Centre, Reyburn House, The Papermill, Northland Youth Theatre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, Whangarei Youth Music, Te Kowhai Print Trust, The Packard and Pioneer Museum, Whangarei Museum and Kiwi North, Channel North, and Creative Northland.*

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<td>Old Library</td>
<td>Assist with initiatives, management and budget</td>
<td>Working with our Regional Arts Development Manager and Administrator</td>
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<td>Old Library</td>
<td>Increase awareness and audience numbers</td>
<td>Regional Arts Development Manager commissioned a Facebook audience initiative through The Audience Connection and provided project management and reports on initiative to help engage a wider audience</td>
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<td>The Quarry Arts Centre</td>
<td>Meet the teams and discuss expectations</td>
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<td>Te Kowhai Print Trust</td>
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<td>Northland Youth Theatre Trust</td>
<td>Governance</td>
<td>Regional Arts Development Manager as Trustee</td>
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<tr>
<td>WDC, Forum North, Venues and Events Whangarei</td>
<td>Increase awareness and audience numbers</td>
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<th>2000 approx.</th>
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<td>7 Chart/Creative Northland/Old Library led</td>
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<td>Other funding sought</td>
<td>Applications under development for ASB Community Trust, COGS and funding request submitted to Northland Regional Council</td>
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<td>Other funding received</td>
<td>ASB Community Trust – 2nd installment</td>
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<td>What has gone well?</td>
<td>Continuation of ongoing projects and relationship management with our stakeholders. Event reporting improvements.</td>
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<td>What has not gone well?</td>
<td>Productivity has slowed due to changes in staff, and while new staff become familiar with the organisation and their roles.</td>
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<td>Anything else you would like us to know about?</td>
<td>Our organisation is currently undergoing an internal review, led by the CHART board from a governance level. As part of this review, CHART has committed to delivering on any agreed activities, while the organisation reviews it’s strategic direction for the future.</td>
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<td>Northland Youth Summit 2015</td>
<td>30&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; &amp; 31&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; July</td>
<td>A wide range of marketing tools are to be used, however the finalised communications and marketing plan is yet to be confirmed.</td>
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<td>Midday Music</td>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; Wednesday of each month</td>
<td>Various incl. radio, newspaper, poster, flyers, Facebook etc.</td>
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<td>FIFA U-20, inspired visual art exhibition</td>
<td>25 May to 15 June</td>
<td>Various incl. radio, newspaper, poster, flyers, Facebook etc.</td>
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### Attachment 2: Whangarei Art Museum (WAM) 20 December to 19 March 2015 reporting

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<td>Te Papa Wall</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Signs at i-site / website / media / posters / FB</td>
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<td>Crosscurrents</td>
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<td>$0</td>
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<td>Korean Exhibition</td>
<td>15-12/14-22/2/15</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Signs at i-site / website / media / posters / FB</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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<td>Exhibition Opening</td>
<td>22/12/14</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Mailchimp / website / media / posters / FB</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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<td>Billy Apple</td>
<td>2/3/15-22/7/15</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Signs at i-site / website / media / posters / FB</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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<td>Four Seasons</td>
<td>2/3/15-22/7/15</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Signs at i-site / website / media / posters / FB</td>
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<td>Exhibition Opening</td>
<td>5/3/15</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Mailchimp / website / media / posters / FB</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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#### Last three months – summary

- **Total visitors/participants**: 1695
- **Total number of events**: 7
- **Other funding sought**: Nothing this period
- **Other funding received**: N/A
- **What has gone well?**: Exhibitions
- **What has not gone well?**: All events have gone well
- **Anything else you would like us to know about?**: No

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<td>Billy Apple</td>
<td>2/2/15-26/6/15</td>
<td>Opening / invitations / WDC / media / website / posters</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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<td>John Foster</td>
<td>2/2/15-26/6/15</td>
<td>Opening / invitations / WDC / media / website / posters</td>
<td>Visitor book – comments</td>
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<td>LEOTC Education Programme</td>
<td>2/2/15-26/6/15</td>
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<td>WW1 Exhibition ongoing with additions</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Website, eventfinder, exhibition notices in papers, Channel North showing some of the interviews from exhibition.</td>
<td>Visitor book, customer survey, facebook – “Great WW1 exhibition. Lot about Maori contribution. Liked the cartoon in the foyer. Very interesting the Moa exhibition – well worth a visit.”</td>
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<td>School holiday activities</td>
<td>Jan 1st to 30th</td>
<td>$230.00</td>
<td>Community notices mixed media, website, facebook, email, posters</td>
<td>Visitor book, customer survey, facebook “Absolutely amazing experience”</td>
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<td>Super Wednesday</td>
<td>7th, 3rd Feb, 3rd March</td>
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<td>Website, email, posters</td>
<td>Visitor book, customer survey, facebook</td>
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<td>Medieval Madness Family Fun Day</td>
<td>25th January 2015</td>
<td>$3918.83 plus staff. ($2500 rec from Oxford Sports Trust to cover jousting, bouncy castle, archery)</td>
<td>Community notices mixed media, paid advertising Report, Leader, Advocate, Kaipara Lifestyler, Mangawhai Focus, Large signs on WDC boards spaces, roadside signs, posters, email, website, facebook, eventfinder</td>
<td>Comment capture on departure, facebook, visitor books, “awesome day”, “really enjoyed the jousting, so well organized”, “Beautifully constructed. Place of where it hits the heart” “I got to ride a horsey!”</td>
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<td>Venue Hire - Wedding (booking result of Wedding Expo)</td>
<td>6th Feb</td>
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<td>“Awesome location, wish there was a reception venue too, stoked we chose Kiwi North’s Heritage park for our wedding. Best decision!”</td>
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<td>Venue hire – Luncheon Hardie House</td>
<td>7th Feb</td>
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<td>“Ideal venue – suited purpose very well”</td>
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<td>Southern Secret Tours</td>
<td>10th Feb</td>
<td>Repeat customer</td>
<td>“Lots of changes since last visit.” “Enjoyed war exhib”</td>
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<td>Venue hire – Wedding – 215 Booking result of wedding expo</td>
<td>21st Feb</td>
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<td>Venue hire - Seizure Support</td>
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<td>Venue hire – Whangarei 60’s Up (Wr, Dargaville, Bream Bay, Kamo) 140 members</td>
<td>5th March</td>
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<td>“Wonderful day, prepared to hire again in future, memorable day for us all.”</td>
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<td>Venue hire - Elim Church-90</td>
<td>7th March</td>
<td>Repeat customer</td>
<td>“Outstanding service, perfect day, perfect venue, amazing staff, will recommend and will be back”</td>
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<td>Kensington Educare - 26</td>
<td>20th March</td>
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### Other funding sought

**Late Dec to mid March 2015**

- **Feb 2015** - National Services Te Papa $520 – travel subsidy for conference MA15, Dunedin (in May)
- **Dec 2014** - Sargood Bequest $5000 – for LEOTC school travel subsidy & educator travel costs to reach mid north outreach cluster groups for 2015-16.

**Awaiting Outcomes:**

- NZ Lottery Community $52,000 - contribution to operating costs, salary, community engagement, volunteer costs - outcome April 2015.

### Other funding received

**Late Dec to mid March 2015**

- NRC $467.50 for fencing contribution – Hihi Stream project (capital costs)
- Oxford Sports Trust $1000 for contribution to event costs – Medieval Madness Day
- ASB CT $1288 – for stage 2 project costs re archives labour. (captial project funding release)

### What has gone well?

- Medieval Madness a very popular theme, with real jousting and archery. Funding from Oxfords Sports Trust made it possible.
- Venue hire – growing all the time, positive feedback and some constructive suggestions. Customer satisfaction high.
- Wonderful weddings!
- Visitor flow held out throughout February and March

### What has not gone well?

- Summer/School holiday period – although Northland had a very good season with figures up, the weather was TOO GOOD for us with visitors preferring beaches, baches and camp grounds.

### Anything else you would like us to know about?

- Still waiting to see in place the Transit NZ tourism road signage – this was promised in writing in Oct 2014 – still no signs up at Western Hills Dr /Maunu Rd main intersection. We have missed out on this opportunity for attracting extra visitors from within the summer vehicle traffic, and the advantage of this signage giving all visitors the confidence in knowing they are on the right track.

In regard to our Stage 2 capital project progress:

- Carpark works to extend the parking area, create new driveway access was completed in February 2015.
- The rest of the project construction works are expected to start in late March/April 2015 once project budget finalized & contracts signed off.

Balance of funding will be drawn as main portion of project progresses, as per project funder’s terms & conditions.

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<td>5th April, Easter Sunday</td>
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<td>Visitor book, customer surveys, facebook, departure survey.</td>
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<td>School holidays</td>
<td>3rd April – 19th April</td>
<td>Community notices mixed media, paid advertising Report, Leader, Advocate, Kaipara Lifestyler, Mangawhai Focus, roadside signs, posters, email, website, facebook, eventfinder</td>
<td>Visitor book, customer surveys, facebook</td>
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<td>WW1 book launch in Museum</td>
<td>17th April</td>
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<td>ANZAC – Conserving and rehousing of the colours for the North Auckland Mounted Rifles in new display case and a ceremony to commemorate this.</td>
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<td>Ceremony date to be confirmed in cooperation with RSA.</td>
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<td>Deaf Aotearoa for NZ Language Week</td>
<td>4th to 10th May</td>
<td>Group visit plus sign language workshop for Kiwi North staff.</td>
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7. Jewel of the City Report 2015

Reporting officer  Carla Janssen (Community Services Adviser)
Date of meeting  8 April 2015

Vision, mission and values
This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement with the information contained in the report supporting meeting the current and future needs for good quality local infrastructure and local public services in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses

Executive Summary
This item reports on the continuation of a successful project conducted by the Community Services Department and Council’s Youth Advisory Group (YAG) in 2014, published then, as it is now, as the Jewel of the City Report.

When presented to Council in April 2014 the report was well received for highlighting the value of public space to the District’s residents and visitors alike, and for providing a youth development opportunity to members of our YAG. This project provided project based work experience for the participants that also strengthened their connection to their city, deepening their ‘sense of place’.

Subsequent to the release of the 2014 report, the 4.2 kilometre Hatea Loop – Huarahi O Te Whai (“the loop”) was completed with the opening of Kotuitui Whitinga and the Port Road walkway in September 2014. The completion of the loop has had an observable impact on the utilisation of this precinct, which generated the interest in seeing the Jewel of the City project continued. The 2015 report provides a graphic and descriptive account of the many benefits of the completion of the loop, as well as reporting on Council’s response to suggestions from the public recorded in the 2014 report.

Background
Over the summer holiday period, the Community Services team presented members of the Youth Advisory Group with the opportunity to participate in the report project. Several members were engaged in producing the 2014 report and were keen to do so again, as well as new members expressing interest. As in 2014, the aim of the project was to “take a snap shot of the Town Basin and Pohe island area” – to observe and report how this precinct of the city is used and enjoyed by both residents and visitors and compare the findings to the earlier report. The purpose of the project was twofold.

At an output level, the purpose of the report was to document the public utility of the area for others to read and reflect on – much like a literal photograph.

At an outcome level, the purpose of this report was to develop stronger engagement in Council activities by youth that live in the district to enhance their sense of place through engaging the methodology of Participatory Action Research

Significance and Engagement
Having Considered the Significance and Engagement Policy this proposal is not considered significant and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website, Council News and Facebook.

Discussion -Youth Participation
It is important to recognise that youth participation is a process rather than a specific event or project, and that through our Youth Advisory Group the organisation demonstrates its commitment to youth participation in helping to meet the District’s needs. Through applying a Participatory Action Research model to our development of the Youth Advisory Group, we recognise that we are supporting our organisational commitment to engaging meaningfully with our youth sector.

Academics, Ardoin et al., writing for the Journal of Children’s Geographies (Vol.12, Issue 4, 2014, pp479-496) on Participatory Action Research in their U.S. study of youth researchers, demonstrated how youths’ involvement in the research process affected their sense of place and self-efficacy for creating community change.
The study indicated that not only did participating in the research benefit the youths, but also how the youths' interactions with adults in the community shifted adult perceptions of youths' abilities and roles in the community. It is hoped that this project has had similar positive outcomes.

Eight members of our YAG expressed an interest in participating in the project and attended meetings with staff where the brief was explained. A budget was allocated to the project and it was up to the participants to develop how it was to be achieved. Our staff’s role from then on was to provide support and feedback to the project when asked.

**The Report**

Following the first meeting with members of the YAG and our staff, the youth prepared their action plan based on a full brief, including survey questionnaire and data collection forms.

The survey was well conducted with the members taking responsibility for their work. Community Services Staff regularly checked in with the group to ensure all was well. The sites or activity nodes where the observations and survey took place were the Canopy Bridge, Town Basin, Playground, Art Park, Hihiaua, Kotuitui Whitinga & Port Road Walkway, Te Matau a Pohe Bridge, Dog Park, Pohe Island Walkway, Family BMX Track, Skate Park.

The survey captured data and recorded observations to compare with the 2014 report. For example, in 2014 the youth counted 3,339 people in the survey area, compared to 7,746 people or a 132% increase in 2015. Interestingly, the increased number of people using the loop for exercise was reflected in 50% less people being interviewed from 1,000 in 2014 to 556 in 2015, as people were either running, cycling or using headphones as they walked. This marked rise in activity illustrates that the development of the loop has not only created a space but an experience.

The size of the survey sample engaged in this snapshot provides a reliable reflection of the use of the walkway by the District’s population. Overall the feedback received from members of the public was positive, and indicated that improvements made by Council over the year were much appreciated. Feedback received during the survey has provided useful suggestions for on-going enhancement along the loop.

**Conclusion**

The intended use of the attached document is to provide readers an updated and comparative snap shot of the completed Hatea Loop, including the Town Basin and Pohe Island to be shared across various departments of Council and other organisations. The report also illustrates the success of the development of this extensive public space in meeting the various needs (both present and future) of our District’s residents.

Engaging young people and supporting them to develop this report has provided them with a leadership/coordination role that has also given them greater knowledge of their community and a stronger sense of belonging. It is also hoped that the project provided an opportunity for all participants to reflect on and appreciate their surroundings, and grow a better understanding that the creation of public spaces is an important role of Council. When done well, as it has been in our district, such ‘sense of place’ projects can evoke a visceral experience that profoundly changes how people feel and connect with their environment.

**Recommendation**

That the report be received

**Attachment**

*Jewel of the City Report*
JEWEL OF THE CITY REPORT
HATEA LOOP (Huarahi o te Whai) 2015
VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Vision
To be a vibrant, attractive and thriving District by developing sustainable lifestyles based around our unique environment; the envy of New Zealand and recognised worldwide.

Mission
Creating the ultimate living environment.

Values
The Vision for our District and the Mission for our organisation are underpinned by Whangarei District Council’s commitment to the fundamental core values of:
• Communication
• Customer first
• Innovation and excellence
• Valuing employees and partnerships
• Visionary leadership.

Tirohanga
Ka kites to ihi, te ataahuatanga kiaanga mua tonu nga mahi i roto i to tatou rohe. Kia pumai tonu te ahurei o te taaio. Ka ahua pūhaehae te titiro mai o te ao whanui ki Aotearoa

Aronga
Auaha mutunga kore o te ao tūroa

Wariu
Nga tirohanga mo to tatou rohe, me nga aronga mo to tatou roopu whakaniterite, na te roopu tautoko kaupapa. Te Kaunihera a rohe o Whangarei. Kia roho here ki nga pu taketake whai wariu
• Whakawhitiwhtinga korero
• Te kai tono i te tuatahi
• Whakatakoto kaupapa hou, whakahirahira
• Wāriūtanga o nga kaimahi i roto i te haenga tahitanga, pera i nga tikanga o te Tiriti o Waitangi
• Tirohanga kaiārahi (nga tirohanga whakamua kaiārahi)
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February 2015
INTRODUCTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Whangarei District Council’s Community Services Department commissioned the Youth Advisory Group to conduct the survey that forms the basis of the 2015 Jewel of the City Report, undertaken over the 9 days between Saturday 24 January and Sunday 1 February 2015.

The Report provides a valuable comparison to the data and observations found in the 2014 Report. It includes an expanded analysis allowing for deeper insight into the use of the activity nodes along the 4.2 kilometre Hatea Loop.

This new data provides information on the gender, age group, place of origin and frequency of use statistics of those interviewed and their companions (if any).

Observations for each activity node were undertaken for one-hour periods and included number counts and questionnaires completed by willing participants.

The 2014 edition of this Report recorded 3,339 users in the survey area, compared to the 7,746 users recorded in 2015, a 132% increase in use. When viewed in the context of the Whangarei District, with a population of 76,995 (2013 Census), this data reliably reflects the population, and provides a snapshot of the Hatea Loop.

Positive feedback was received from members of the public who noted the improvements Council made over the year (refer Appendix). Feedback during the survey has provided useful suggestions for on-going enhancement along the Hatea Loop, with an overarching theme of ‘community infrastructure’ being prominent.

The 2015 Jewel of the City Report demonstrates that the Hatea Loop is a popular route for many, residents and visitors alike, to enjoy. It is a dedicated multi-use connection to a number of recreational opportunities found close to the CBD of Whangarei City.

FINDINGS & COMPARISONS TO THE 2014 REPORT

Users of the Hatea Loop were enthusiastic about the increased opportunities it brings, and expressed how it is increasing the connection between the recreational resources on Pohe Island and the Town Basin area.

Significantly, a number of survey respondents commented on the narrowness of the Riverside Drive portion of the Loop, and suggested that this be expanded and a barrier from the road be installed to increased safety and convenience.

Following the tragic death of a member of the public in May 2014, the world-class BMX Track surveyed in the 2014 report was fenced off from public use, meaning this area has been omitted from the 2015 report.

The Kotuitui Whitinga bridge and connecting Port Road walkway opened in September 2014, completing the 4.2 kilometre Hatea Loop, and as such was incorporated as a separate area for the 2015 report.

The 2015 report provides a greatly expanded subset of data than found in the 2014 edition.

As previously mentioned, total users of the Loop counted during the survey period increased by 132% from 3,339 to 7,746. All survey areas also recorded increases, as seen in tabulated form across page

In contrast, the number of users surveyed dropped by approximately 50% from 1,000 in 2014 to 556 in 2015. This was attributed to the vast increase in those using the Loop for exercise. Many users were either running the Loop or were using headphones as they went. It was decided that it would be unfair to interrupt these users, hence the lower interview count.

Demographic data for the total survey period is also included here.

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OVERALL FINDINGS

Total users counted daily

Frequency of groups

Gender

Place of origin

Age range

Frequency of visit
OVERVIEW: HATEA LOOP (HUARAHI O TE WHAI)

The Hatea Loop (Huarahi o te Whai) and Kotuitui Whitinga pedestrian bridge were jointly opened in September 2014 by Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai at a dawn ceremony on the Hihiaua peninsula. This Loop increases access to a number of recreational opportunities in close proximity to Whangarei City. The Loop encourages an active lifestyle and caters for all ages and multiple uses.

It links the William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island (Pohe Island) to the Town Basin Marina, via the Te Matau a Pohe, winding along Port Road where Kotuitui Whitinga crosses the Waiarohia Stream to the Hihiaua peninsula.

Whangarei’s Town Basin is the heart of the city, and offers a peaceful place to eat, have coffee or take in the views of the marina. The Town Basin is a major stop on many international yachting voyages, especially during the summer when they seek to escape the Pacific cyclone season. It is a family-orientated area, and has plenty for users to enjoy, not least the shopping and museum opportunities, along with areas to relax and play in.

Commercial activity here consists of a number of eateries and local handicrafts stores, as well as Clapham’s National Clock Museum, Whangarei Art Museum and visitor information centre. Pohe Island boasts a large area for passive pursuits. It lies adjacent to the Hatea River, and has significant connections to the water; with the Whangarei Rowing Club having clubrooms located on Pohe Island. It is managed by the Whangarei District Council as a recreation reserve through the Reserves Act 1977, the District Plan, and various bylaws. It is a large open area close to central Whangarei. However, its future development is constrained by past landfill operations which occurred until November 2005. The protective clap cap limits planting on Pohe Island.

METHODOLOGY

Members of the Whangarei District Council Youth Advisory Group gathered statistical data for this Report between Saturday 24 January and Sunday 1 February. The period from Saturday 24 to Wednesday 28 was fine and sunny, which then transitioned into rainy and/or overcast conditions for the remainder of the survey period, which also included a public holiday — Northland/Auckland Anniversary Day on Monday 26 January. There were a total of 164 survey hours, consisting of 6 hours of surveying taking place over the course of weekdays, and 12 hours over weekends and the public holiday. The youth worked in pairs with one counting the number of people at each activity node and the other conducting a simple survey interview.

The 11 activity nodes surveyed were: Canopy Bridge, Town Basin, Playground, Art Park, Hihiaua Peninsula, Kotuitui Whitinga & Port Road walkway, Te Matau a Pohe Bridge, Pohe Island walkway, Dog Park, Family BMX Track, and the Skate Park.

The information collected was both quantitative and qualitative. The quantitative data consisted of the time and the number of people at the sites over a one hour period. The qualitative information included statistics on the gender, age group, place of origin and visitation frequency of the sample, along with information detailing why they had come, what they liked about coming to the location, and what would make the experience more enjoyable for them.

A total of 7,746 people were counted at the 11 activity nodes. The total number of people interviewed was 556.

For the purposes of numbers counted the following boundaries around each site were used:

- **Canopy Bridge**: The Bridge itself, between the bordering bollards
- **Town Basin**: From the corner of Clapham’s National Clock Museum to the bollards on the Canopy Bridge
- **Playground**: From Reyburn House to the corner of Clapham’s National Clock Museum
- **Art Park**: From the Riverbank Theatre to Reyburn House
- **Hihiaua Peninsula**: From the tip of the Peninsula to the Riverbank Theatre
- **Kotuitui Whitinga & Port Road walkway**: From the Hihiaua entrance to Kotuitui Whitinga to the Te Matau a Pohe Control Office.
- **Te Matau a Pohe**: On the bridge itself or its approaches
- **Pohe Island walkway**: The concrete pathways on Pohe Island
- **Dog Park**: The park itself, inside the fence
- **Family BMX Track**: The track itself and the immediate grass surrounding
- **Skate Park**: The actual park and the immediate grass surrounding

Viewed in the context of the 2013 Census, which records 76,995 residents residing in Whangarei District, a considerable number of Whangarei residents have had their comments reflected in this report.
ACTIVITY NODES
The Canopy Bridge is a major part of the recently completed Hatea Loop, linking the Town Basin to Pohe Island. The wind barrier and distinctive peaked canopy make this a convenient sheltered route for residents to walk into the CBD or complete their exercise around the walkway.

The bridge is home to the Artisan’s Fair, which brings both residents and visitors to the bridge regularly over the summer months.

During the surveying period, the Artisan’s Fair was held on the 26th of January. During just one hour of the market, over 450 people visited the bridge. However, the average number of people on the Canopy Bridge without the Fair was considerably lower.

Whangarei residents described the bridge as being handy and practical, and also as tranquil and beautiful. Residents enjoyed the design and appearance of the canopy while commending the fact that it provided shade and shelter from the rain.

Visitors to the bridge commented that they used it for looking around the area as a vantage point for viewing the Town Basin. Visitors also mentioned how much they enjoyed the shade and shelter provided by the canopy and the way the bridge lit up at night, which they felt was a great feature. Both residents and visitors alike really enjoyed the markets held on the bridge.

**Suggestions**
- More frequent markets
- Placement of water fountains
- Have decorations on the bridge (e.g. hanging flower baskets)
- Tagging and graffiti to be cleaned off bridge
- Unobstructed seating

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The Town Basin is one of the most developed and busiest areas in Whangarei, because of the variety of specialty shops, cafes and restaurants, and its location near the CBD and next to other popular areas such as the playground. The weekday average number of people counted at the Town Basin was 158 people an hour, rising to a weekend average of 427 per hour.

During the survey period, 13 visitors to Whangarei were surveyed at the Town Basin. These visitors came from towns and cities within New Zealand such as Matamata and Auckland and from international destinations such as France and Italy. Many visitors had stopped at the Town Basin for a period of time during a sailing trip, and commented positively on the shops, scenery, friendly people and relaxed atmosphere of the Town Basin.

Whangarei residents were largely drawn to the Town Basin because of the Hatea Loop. Like visitors, many residents commented on the relaxing atmosphere of the area. They were generally pleased with the open spaces, safety, child friendliness and overall cleanliness of the area.

Suggestions
- More shade to sit under
- More car parking
- Increased wheelchair access (it was noted that wheelchair access was already at a high standard)
- Painted lines on the platforms in front of the cafes to warn people of the step
- More BBQ/cooking facilities
- Cafes and restaurants to stay open later to increase the evening/night life

Gender
- Female: 64%
- Male: 36%

Place of origin
- Local: 56%
- North: 6%
- South America: 3%
- North America: 3%
- Asia Pacific: 13%
- Europe: 6%
- Africa: 0%
- NZ: 6%
- Other: 13%

Age range
- Adults: 52%
- Seniors: 20%
- Children: 14%
- Teens: 13%

Frequency of visit
- Daily: 52%
- Weekly: 42%
- Monthly: 6%
- Less often: 6%
PLAYGROUND

The Playground is a huge drawcard for children and parents alike because of the number of different activities for children. The design of the playground separates it into two parts: a toddler’s area and children’s area to maximise safety and enjoyment. There are also a number of seats and shade for parents watching their children, with the addition of a BBQ area making it a popular place for family recreation throughout the year.

The food outlets in close proximity to the playground provide a great attraction when the playing is over. The popularity of this area is evident as numbers of playground users reached over 300 during the period of fine weather. Many playground users surveyed said they came at least once a week. People commented that organised music would be a good idea in the area and were keen to see the proposed water feature to go ahead. Playground users appreciated the open area and the views of the water and boats.

Suggestions
More shaded areas for parents
Native tree plantings
Adjustments to the Hatea Loop, opposite the Playground

Gender
Female 65%
Male 35%

Place of origin
Local 83%
North America 10%
South America 0%
Europe 0%
Asia Pacific 7%
Africa 0%

Age range
Children 32%
Teens 11%
Adults 49%
Seniors 8%

Frequency of visit
Daily 12%
Weekly 58%
Monthly 21%
Less often 8%

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Weekday Average
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Weekend Average
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ART PARK

The Art Park is another passive recreation zone that many members of the public take full advantage of. There is space for young people to run, lots of seating with stunning views, modern art and a number of interpretive heritage signs, which recount much of Whangarei’s early history, both Maori and European.

The Art Park provides an easy and accessible path for the public to enjoy the Hatea River. The Art Park also hosts the Whangarei Carving Symposium every two years. Local and New Zealand artists have crafted many of the prominent sculptures, which stand within the area and around the Town Basin. The artwork attracts both locals from the Whangarei community and visitors from out of town.

Local residents commented on the beautiful scenery along the Hatea River, the flat path and open space, as well as it being child-friendly and that it has a peaceful and friendly atmosphere.

Visitors also commented on the informative signage, unique sculptures and their enjoyment of the new improvements made to the area.

The Art Park has a constant flow of people using the area. The weekday average per hour and weekend average comparison show little difference, with an average of 90 and 93 respectively.

Most local users were found to be exercising or going for leisurely walks through the Art Park, taking in the interpretive heritage signs as they went.

Suggestions

More toilets; rubbish bins
Exercise facilities
Additional native fauna planted alongside the walkway
Shaded seating areas

Gender

Total users counted daily

Place of origin

Age range

Frequency of visit

Weekday Average 90
Weekend Average 93
HIHIAUA

Hihiaua is one of the recently developed areas, a major connection in the Whangarei District’s 4.2 km looped walkway linking the Town Basin to the Te Matau a Pohe bascule bridge and Ray Roberts Promenade with the addition of Kotuitui Whitinga bridge.

This area remains a simple strip of land with the Waka and Wave sculpture and offers a brilliant view of the renowned Te Matau a Pohe. One of the major additions to the walkway in the past year was the Kotuitui Whitinga bridge, which has increased the appeal of this area hugely and provides a connection between the peninsula and Ray Roberts Promenade. Kotuitui Whitinga has made a noticeable positive change in usage of the peninsula as it allows the public to fully enjoy Whangarei’s local walkways, and provides the ability to easily stay connected to all parts of the city on foot.

Both local residents and visitors enjoyed the scenic and peaceful nature of Hihiaua Peninsula. The sculptures and layout were often noted along with the addition of the new bridge and accessibility it offered to such a safe and visually appealing destination used for exercise, relaxation and play. This area is suitable for all ages and abilities, which was widely appreciated. The majority of local residents visited Hihiaua weekly.

Most visitors surveyed were from abroad; Europe, Japan, USA, South Africa. Many commented on the scenic attributes of the peninsula, similar to local consensus.

Hihiaua Peninsula is an integral part of the completed 4.2 km walkway and with the completion of the walkway, usage has increased by nearly 70%.

Suggestions

More plantings
Rubbish bins; water fountains
Exercise facilities
BBQ area with picnic tables
Shade
Sculptures for children to climb on
Pop-up food options and toilets in Te Matau a Pohe carpark

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KOTUITUI WHITINGA & PORT ROAD WALKWAY

The recently opened Kotuitui Whitinga pedestrian bridge has completed the Hatea Loop and provides the vital link in Whangarei’s recreational space – with a well landscaped Port Road connecting walkway between the stunning walking bridge and the award-winning Te Matau ā Pohe, this area of the Hatea Loop provides a relatively flat walk with great views across the water to Pohe Island, and back onto Hihiaua peninsula.

A high proportion of users in this area visited the site weekly, often for exercise purposes. Many stated that the tranquil nature of the walk was perhaps its biggest draw card. The area was popular with a number of adults bringing children to cycle or ride scooters, and it was also observed to be a popular dog-walking route.

Users in this area enjoyed the scenic views offered along the walk, enhanced by the feature landscaping of the Kotuitui Whitinga design and the adjacent plantings. The atmosphere was described as very social and peaceful, and led to relaxing walks.

Another common theme was the close association with the water and marine life of the inner harbour. At high tide, the area provides spectacular vistas of the harbour waters with Pohe Island as the backdrop. The design of Kotuitui Whitinga also combines well with these elements, as it incorporates the Ko (Maori digging sticks) in the pile design, and woven, weaving patterns reminiscent of a net and kete (food bag).

Many in the community reflected on the increase in spirit and community pride that has become apparent as more people used the area – many enjoy using the Loop and sharing their experiences with others in Whangarei.

Suggestions

- More shade over seats
- Installation of rubbish bin /water fountain station next to seats
- Toilet facilities in Te Matau ā Pohe carpark
- Development of Te Matau ā Pohe carpark
- More art etc to disguise industrial area on Port Road
- Food truck, small dairy/cafè around Te Matau ā Pohe carpark.

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Te Matau ā Pohe bascule bridge connects Riverside and Pohe Island to Okara, and provides a much-needed link from Onerahi to Central Whangarei. It was designed by Knights Architects, and was opened by the then Mayor Morris Cutforth and MP for Whangarei Phil Heatley in July 2013.

The stunning architecture of this bridge is an eye-catching addition to Whangarei. Its iconic design has won a number of national and international awards, including the Supreme Engineering Excellence Award in 2014. The bridge is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and not only is a wonderful piece of architecture, but also adds to the character of the Town Basin and draws many visitors to our District.

People surveyed were mostly on the bridge for exercise, with the walkway around the two bridges and through the Town Basin a destination in its own right. There was a significant increase in usage when compared to 2014, with the number counts showing a 1,400% increase! Despite bad weather quickly reducing the number of hourly users, the data shows that the Hatea Loop has become well used since its completion.

### Suggestions
- More native trees and plants along the pathway to enhance the wonderful natural environment and to encourage birds into the area
- Public toilets on Pohe Island
- Rubbish bins on Hihiaua

### Gender
- **Female**: 62%
- **Male**: 38%

### Place of origin
- **Local**: 82%
- **North America**: 0%
- **South America**: 0%
- **Europe**: 0%
- **Africa**: 0%
- **Asia Pacific**: 5%
- **Other**: 5%

### Age range
- **Children**: 8%
- **Teens**: 5%
- **Adults**: 67%
- **Seniors**: 22%

### Frequency of visit
- **Daily**: 12%
- **Weekly**: 65%
- **Monthly**: 2%
- **Less often**: 0%

### Total users counted daily

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**Total users counted daily: 120**
**POHE ISLAND WALKWAY**

A number of shared-use concrete paths have been finished on Pohe Island since the 2014 report, adding capacity to the Hatea Loop and connecting Te Mataū ā Pohe to the Dog Park and the Family BMX Track. These paths are located primarily around the coastal edge of Pohe Island.

Pohe Island walkway is at the far end of the Hatea Loop where from the Te Mataū ā Pohe one can walk to the Family BMX Track, or to the Dog Park parallel to Dave Culham Drive. Currently, this area is mainly grassland with an uninterrupted view of the Town Basin.

This area recorded a weekday average of 36 users in a one-hour period, rising to 79 users on average during the weekend.

People surveyed commented that it is nice to have an open area without buildings and suggested a family picnic area or sports field. They also liked the peaceful atmosphere provided on their walk, bike or exercise.

**Suggestions**

- Small coffee shop
- Native plantings to provide shade
- Water fountains
- Public toilet next to Dog Park

**Total users counted daily**

![Chart showing total users counted daily]

**Gender**

- Female: 67%
- Male: 33%

**Place of origin**

- Local: 83%
- North America: 6%
- South America: 0%
- Europe: 0%
- Asia Pacific: 0%
- Africa: 0%
- Northland: 6%
- NZ: 4%
- Other: 11%
- Overseas: 0%

**Age range**

- Children: 8%
- Teens: 8%
- Adults: 60%
- Seniors: 26%

**Frequency of visit**

- Daily: 6%
- Weekly: 25%
- Monthly: 30%
- Less often: 19%
DOG PARK

Whangarei’s Dog Agility Park was built in November 2008 to create a space close to the centre of Whangarei where dogs could legally run and play outdoors, off the leash. The dogs are able to exercise unrestrained in a fenced environment, which ensures the public and the dogs’ safety.

Many owners want their dogs to exercise off the leash and to socialise with other dogs. However, this is illegal outside of their homes. The Dog Agility Park provides owners with a purpose built area for their pets to exercise, train and socialise with other dogs. It also provides opportunities for owners to meet like-minded people with a common focus and interest.

Only two visitors to Whangarei were observed at the dog park during the survey period. They were from Kerikeri, visiting family and friends for the summer holidays and commented positively on Whangarei having a Dog Agility Park for them to exercise their dogs.

The Dog Park also saw a marked increase in participation when compared to the 2014 Report. Residents commented on how they liked the dogs being able to socialise with one and other, the training aspect of the Agility Park and allowing the dogs to have freedom to run around and exercise.

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Gender

- Female: 63%
- Male: 37%

Place of origin

- Local: 100%
- South America: 0%
- North America: 0%
- Europe: 0%
- Asia Pacific: 0%
- NZ: 0%
- Other: 0%

Age range

- Children: 16%
- Teens: 2%
- Adults: 2%
- Seniors: 6%

Frequency of visit

- Daily: 0%
- Weekly: 14%
- Monthly: 14%
- Less often: 66%

Suggestions

- More shade
- Winter drainage
- See saw for dogs
- Make it more like a park*
- Separate puppy section
- Toilets
- Water feature
- Cleaning out the large trough more often
- Smaller bags, paper not plastic
- Community notice board
- Refill bag dispenser more often
- Second park for smaller dogs**
- All year round friendly

* with big trees, then a separate small space.
** An optional second park for smaller dogs as they can feel intimidated by the larger dogs (this could be where the old dog park was).
FAMILY BMX TRACK

Pohe Island also features a Family BMX Track, which is both an urban and scenic attraction within Whangarei. The track is designed as suitable for riders of all abilities, with a spacious layout and excellent flow. The Family BMX track has several benefits, including being open for public use at all times of the week and being easily accessible. The track is very popular with locals as it is a child safe and friendly environment, as well as being alongside the Hatea Loop with scenic views of the Hatea River.

Local Residents commented that the track is a great place for youth to occupy themselves and provides great recreational opportunities. Also, that the area was well maintained, and a fun and friendly place for children.

Visitors to the area also commented on the pleasant atmosphere, safety and beautiful views of the Hatea River and extended area of the loop walkway.

The Family BMX Track was again only sparsely used during the particular survey period, however is known as a popular place.

Suggestions
More rubbish bins; toilets
Bigger jumps
Donation box to make the BMX track more extensive

Total users counted daily

Gender

Place of origin

Age range

Frequency of visit

Weekday Average
10

Weekend Average
13
SKATE PARK

Located just off Riverside Drive is Whangarei’s most used skate park. It is an important gathering point for young people, and accommodates skateboards, scooters and bicycles on its range of jumps, bowls and drop-ins. It provides a limited number of parking areas and has an adjacent drinking fountain and public toilets.

The skate park is medium sized, with large trees and occupies a prime location near the Town Basin and on the looped walkway. Skaters can reach these in just a few minutes by foot, bike, scooter or board from the park. It caters for our talented skaters, bikers, and the like to perform their tricks, enhance their skills and meet others.

Those that were interviewed said they enjoy the inclusive atmosphere or “vibe” that the park offers, the smoothness of the concrete along with the enjoyment of skating/biking etc. Many also commented on the social atmosphere between skaters. Users often frequented the Skate Park to take advantage of its space and location removed from the general public.

Suggestions
- Extend the concrete to accommodate the increase in skaters
- Implement lighting to allow night time skating
- Shade or shelter over the complex to stop the sun/rain from interfering.
- When upgrading, consider adding: bowl; small halves; smaller spine; fun boxes; streetscape; fly out; roll in; bigger speed ramp; better drainage

Total users counted daily

Gender
- Female: 5%
- Male: 95%

Place of origin
- Local: 95%
- NZ: 0%
- Other: 0%
- Asia Pacific: 0%
- Europe: 0%
- Africa: 0%
- North America: 0%
- South America: 0%
- Northland: 0%
- NZ: 0%
- Other: 0%

Age range
- Children: 38%
- Teens: 48%
- Adults: 12%
- Seniors: 2%

Frequency of visit
- Daily: 43%
- Weekly: 43%
- Monthly: 0%
- Less often: 14%
FURTHER INFORMATION
APPENDIX

Review of Council’s response to suggestions made during 2014 survey.

The following table was compiled by WDC Community Services Department to record Council’s improvements to the Hatea Loop in the context of suggestions received from members of the public in the 2014 report. The table is correct as at January 2015.

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<td>Canopy Bridge</td>
<td>Add a second wind barrier to the Town Basin side of the Bridge [However, this would transform the Canopy Bridge into a virtual tunnel, and detract from the experience of the walks over the Bridge].</td>
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<td>Have movable seating on the bridge, to complement the scenic view and recognise the location as a great meeting point for people.</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>This is a thoroughfare so important not to be cluttered - seating to be accomodated in Car park to park project</td>
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<td>Enable a community notice board.</td>
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<td>On the container office - Whats On</td>
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<td>Removal of more mangroves to allow for more of a view.</td>
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<td>Continue to monitor - presently good balance mangroves already removed</td>
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<td>Increase the water quality in the Town Basin, both for safe water recreation and to make the Town Basin a cleaner place for visitors to visit.</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Natural system of fresh and marine water - cosmetic dredging is planned -but outside current sewage and stormwater controls little can be done</td>
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<td>Allow/promote buskers or other musical performances to occur regularly.</td>
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<td>Town Basin</td>
<td>Help reopen closed shops</td>
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<td>Tenant found for former Tahuna Reef - Property actively considering tenancy options - changes in tenancy ongoing - opening hours expected to increase</td>
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<td>Continue with the introduction of temporary activities</td>
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<td>This is seen as an important activity space - and as a venue rather than just a site. An increase in activites promoted</td>
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<td>Implementation of an increased evening atmosphere or night life.</td>
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<td>Alfresco dining to be introduced soon</td>
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<td>More tables for those not using cafes</td>
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<td>Picnic table at stage platform location but not directly infrom of cafes</td>
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<td>Free WiFi</td>
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<td>Spark has wifi booth</td>
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<td>Aim at furthering the Town Basin’s commercial potential.</td>
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<td>Sundial gardens - Gardens reflect environment</td>
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<td>Affordable Family Restaurant</td>
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<td>Music, either passive through speakers or live acts</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Some suggested a mild fence around the playground to ensure the safety of the younger children as a result of having the waters edge on one side and car park on the other.</td>
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<td>Low barriers in place - eg seating, supervision of all children is expected</td>
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<td>More seats for parents, along with shelter over these seats to ensure all-weather usefulness</td>
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<td>more seating commissioned from Men’s shed - various heights</td>
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<td>Finish landscaping</td>
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<td>Provide water fountains</td>
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<td>More rubbish bins,</td>
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<td>stations with water dog bins and rubbish</td>
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<td>More landscaping works, including vibrant gardens.</td>
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<td>A small number of visitors also visited the Hihiaua Peninsula. They mostly agreed with local residents that more adequate services should be provided by Council to allow for better utilisation of the area through the increase of seating and rubbish facilities.</td>
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<td>Add binoculars to the end of the peninsula to better view the area in front, including Te Matau ā Pohe</td>
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<td>Seats have been placed</td>
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<td>Keep Pohe Island peaceful; leave the commercial side to the Town Basin.</td>
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<td>Develop Pohe Island into a sportsorientated area with fields or pitches with the aim of an enhanced community sporting spirit.</td>
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<td>Dog Park</td>
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<td>There is a shade sail and picnic table - users have formed a group and are seeking funding for permanent shade</td>
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<td>Water feature for the dogs,</td>
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<td>Other than tubs currently provided - a pond etc not suitable for site</td>
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<td>Improve the water bath by enlargement of the existing bath and creating a</td>
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<td>To work with users group - re looking after the trough that is there</td>
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<td>concrete surround (instead of the current muddy surround).</td>
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<td>Increase the number of rubbish bins</td>
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<td>Include a plastic bag dispenser at the park.</td>
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<td>Plant Trees</td>
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<td>Create a dog notice board to provide dog-related information to owners.</td>
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<td>Many owners identified a disparity between the activities on offer for</td>
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<td>small and those on offer for big dogs; it may be worth investigating the</td>
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<td>feasibility of a two tiered area with different equipment and landscaping</td>
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<td>for different sized dogs.</td>
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<td>BMX Track</td>
<td>Old Track: Add shade over the nearby picnic tables and water fountains.</td>
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<td>In 2-3 years to be developed as a family zone - with more trees</td>
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<td>New Track: Add more rubbish bins, toilets, drinking fountains, more</td>
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<td>accessible parking and a better link to the old BMX track. !</td>
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<td>Add more seating and a rent-a-bike service for tourists.</td>
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<td>For consideration</td>
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<td>Increase depth of information on the WhangareiNZ.</td>
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<td>com tourism website through combining the pages’ content with the BMX club</td>
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<td>Skate Park</td>
<td>People want this skate park to be as well used as the Victoria Park Skate</td>
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<td>yrs2-3 of the LTP provide for an extensive upgrade of the skate park</td>
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<td>Increase the area of the skate park,</td>
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<td>Add rails, stairs, drop-ins, a half pipe, and a street course [If these</td>
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<td>were to be implemented, it would be vital that skaters met with designers to</td>
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<td>Increase lighting</td>
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<td>Seen as an important activity zone - as developed lighting on walkway will be improved</td>
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<td>Improve drainage of the skate park to ensure it is usable during the winter</td>
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<td>part of skate park upgrade</td>
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<td>months</td>
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<td>Include seats, rubbish bins and an upgraded water fountain.</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>as above</td>
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<td>Skaters asked that Council consider facilitating a skate competition at the</td>
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<td>To be explored - the skate park seen as a youth activity space -? External partners eg Inferno</td>
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<td>skate park.</td>
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8. New Road Names – Resource Consents

Reporting officer Sonja Weston – Planning Assistant (Support)
Date of meeting 8 April 2015

Vision, mission and values
This item is in accord with Council’s vision, mission and values statement as it supports clear and unambiguous property addressing for emergency and utility services, contributing to community safety and wellbeing.

Application for the naming of a New Public Road & Private Road – Resource Consents

1. Cato Bolam Consultants Ltd - Evo Holdings Limited – Stage 1B - SL1400005
   This is the public road at Karanui Road, Kamo, Whangarei
   - Heartstone Place
   - Cornerstone Close
   - Capstone Place.

2. Cato Bolam Consultants Ltd - Evo Holdings Limited – Stage 2 - SL1400005
   This is the private road at Karanui Road, Kamo, Whangarei
   - Howie Lane
   - Holman Lane
   - Neil Mclean Lane.

Recommendation

1. That the New Public road at Karanui Road, Kamo be named Heartstone Place.
2. That the New Private road at Karanui Road, Kamo be named Howie Lane.

Attachment

New road name application and map for subdivision at Karanui Road, Kamo
Application for the naming of new public & private roads

Subdivision at 390 Three Mile Bush Road, Kamo, Evo Holdings Ltd – SL1400005
Below is a summary of the road name submissions from the developer in order of preference

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Proposed status &amp; class of road</th>
<th>Proposed road name</th>
<th>Reason and relevance</th>
<th>Accepted/Rejected</th>
<th>Local Māori consulted &amp; evidence supplied</th>
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<tr>
<td>Road to Vest:</td>
<td>Hartstone Place</td>
<td>Rock walls in the area are the most significant topographical &amp; historical feature which impact onto all the lots and the road itself. The proposal road sits in the ‘heart’ of the rock walls of the development. Hearting are the small stones that fill the wall. The applicant advises that these are commonly referred to as heart stones or hart stones. Also a stakeholder in the development has the name of Hartstone.</td>
<td>Hartstone Rejected, Heartstone Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>Public Road</td>
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<td>Cornerstone Close</td>
<td>Cornerstone Close</td>
<td>Cornerstone is common terminology for rock wall construction as the foundation of one corner.</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>Capstone Place</td>
<td>Capstone Place</td>
<td>Capstone is common terminology for rock wall construction as the end capping fence.</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>Private Access</td>
<td>Howie Lane</td>
<td>Early European settler family who owned the land for a long period. The family was responsible for land clearance, rock wall construction and native vegetation preservation.</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>(Jointly Owned Access Lot)</td>
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<td>Holman Lane</td>
<td>Holman Lane</td>
<td>Henry Holman was an early European settler and established large areas of productive land.</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>Neil McLean Lane</td>
<td>Neil McLean Lane</td>
<td>Neil McLean worked with Henry Holman and made the main road stone wall.</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
<td>yes</td>
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Consultation
TRIM 15/11816 Consultation has been undertaken with Ngaratunua Marae through Richard Shepherd on all proposed road names. The Marae has indicated that it does not need to be involved if the names are not Maori.

Discussion
The proposed name for the road to vest requires careful consideration. The developer is establishing a road naming theme based around the stone walls in the area. The main road into the development is called Karanui Road which can be translated as large basalt stones. The suggested name of Hartstone Place is more appropriately amended to Heartstone Place as it is these stones that provide the “heart” of the wall. Whilst the applicant has advised that their wall contractor states that either spelling is used, extracts from the book “Stone Wall Country – Drystone walls of the Whangarei District by Catherine Ballard (as provided by the applicant) utilises the heart spelling rather than hart.

The applicant has also advised that a stakeholder in the development has the name of Hartstone.

It is noted that 5.6.8 of the Road naming policy discourages the naming of roads after any living or recently deceased person. This adds weight to the recommendation not to accept Hartstone.

In relation to the private access it is considered that the proposed name of Howie Lane is appropriate.

Recommendation
That the new Public Road at Karanui Road, Kamo be named Heartstone Place; and
That the private access be named Howie Lane.

Document References
TRIM 15/11816 Original road name application received on 16 February 2015.
TRIM 15/24595 Emails from Simon Reiher
TRIM 15/22442 Scheme Plan
RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

1. The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}

2. To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {Section 7(2)(i)}.

3. To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.

4. Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.

5. To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section 7(2)(c)(i)}.

6. In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.

7. To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

**Move/Second**

“That _____________________________________________ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item _____________________________.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because _____________________________________________.

Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.