

**Whangarei District Council**

**Tuesday, 16 April, 2019**

**2019-20 Annual Plan**

**Notes from Community Consultation  
Meetings**

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## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	5 March 2019
Time:	7.00pm
Area:	Whangarei Heads/ Parua Bay
Venue:	Parua Bay Community Centre
Staff Attendees:	Rob Forlong, Shelley Wharton, Jeff Devine, Andrew Carvell, Tracey Schiebli, Merryn Statham,
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cirs Innes and Halse
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	Approx. 55

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Water mains maintenance, placement of pipes in middle of the road, disruptive and causes safety issues
- Critical of timing of sewer works, timed to enable high intensity housing?
- Upgrade of the sewer – smell impacting on those in Ritchie Rd

#### Transport

- What is the response to the Road Safety Plan and requests for a zebra crossing? Traffic islands as a suggested solution for traffic calming
- Need more footpaths
- Sign for speed management needs replacing
- More guardrails needed
- Is there planning for a by-pass?

#### Parks

- Resource Recovery Centre in Whangarei Heads – decisions needed
- Maintenance of path between Parua Bay Tavern and Boating Club needed
- “Climate change makes all the above irrelevant”

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	6 March 2019
Time:	5.00pm
Area:	Otangarei
Venue:	Te Kura o Otangarei
Staff Attendees:	Dominic Kula, Sue Hodge, Andrew Carvell, Tracey Schiebli, Merryn Statham, Claire Wilson
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cr Tricia Cutforth, Cr Crichton Christie, Cr Vince Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	5

### Issues raised:

- Connectivity to Otangarei from cycleways
- Tree removal – can Council work with Housing NZ on property upkeep
- Housing – WDC role is provision of pensioner housing, and consenting
  - What about interim housing, grants to the Housing Trust?
  - Compliance for the papakainga is challenging, raises costs
- Lights for Fishbone Park – times for start of winter sport season, end of daylight savings
- Safety issues with buildings in Otangarei, what powers do Council have to act?
- Grass and weeds growing up to fence line on walkways
  - Monthly monitoring about to start at Puna Rere – William Jones
  - Decisions need to be made about future use of walkways and connectivity
  - Maintenance needs to be much better
  - Rata Street walkway is better but needs maintenance. Lighting discussed but does not meet CPTD (Crime Prevention by Design) design criteria
  - Any opportunities for local procurement for maintenance services?
- Toilets are in and appreciated. Touch tournaments now running, improvement in facilities and participation. Lighting placement is critical for on-going improvements.
- Disability access to Central Reserve. Need to create Child Friendly Cities, with bike racks and good off road paths

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	7 March 2019
Time:	6.30pm
Area:	Hikurangi
Venue:	Parua Bay Community Centre
Staff Attendees:	Alan Adcock, Andrew Carvell, Sue Hodge, Merryn Statham, Leanne Cameron
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Clrs Murphy, Martin, Halse and Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	22

### Issues raised:

#### Parks:

- Maintenance of berms and trees
- Shade cover at Lake Waro
- What can council do about section next to the Hikurangi Hall?

#### Transport:

- How do we stop people parking on the footpaths?
- Need barriers at each end of Clark Street and George Street
- Need an EV charging station – good sponsorship opportunity
- Footpaths need urgent maintenance or replacing
- Walk/cycleway linked from Kamo to Hikurangi
- Raise the View Rd bridge overpass to move SH1 from the main street
- Don't move the pedestrian crossing

#### Planning:

- Spatial planning for Hikurangi – very strong demand
- Plans for other areas have come over the top of Hikurangi
- If Hikurangi is a growth node, we need direction for growth

#### Other:

- Vocal reluctance to make submissions

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	11 March 2019
Time:	7.00pm
Area:	Tutukaka
Venue:	Tutukaka Marina Office
Staff Attendees:	Sandra Boardman, Alison Geddes, Sue Hodge, Tony Collins, Merryn Statham, Shireen Munday
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Murphy, Martin, Christie and Halse
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	26

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Why has Council used Epoxy paint on the boardwalk in the basin? It is flaking off into the water.
- What is Council doing to prepare for climate change?

#### Transport:

- Speeding through Ngunguru is a real safety issue
- Traffic management, particularly round the Ngunguru Shops, is needed
- Council needs to consider effect of all projects – eg effect of cycleways on cars (being stuck behind bikes), on the environment

#### Parks:

- TCR&R happy to pause in the Ngunguru Sea Wall process for a good outcome
- Sandy Bay carpark needs reassessing. Is dangerous, losing valuable amenity

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Ecological evaluation before any projects that affect the environment
2. Control speed limit
3. Impact of tourism, freedom camping infrastructure

#### For the District

The impact of tourism

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	12 March 2019
Time:	6.30pm
Area:	Ruakaka
Venue:	Ruakaka Rec Centre
Staff Attendees:	Simon Weston, Alison Geddes, Merryn Statham, Alison Puchaux, Jacki Cooper
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Deeming, Halse and Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	33

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Drinking water quality is terrible, pipes need flushing
- Fix the source of the problem rather than temporary solutions
- Water quality is better than it was, keep improving please
- Low water pressure
- Object to providing free showers for beach goers when we have to pay for water

#### Transport:

- Parking in CBD inadequate
- What about a park n ride?
- Need footpaths across the area, especially landing at One Tree Point
- Reseal of Kowi Lakes Road and Sando Way should have been tar seal, its disintegrating and we have stones through our carpets, houses etc.
- Albany Rd is still a serious issue, ongoing safety concerns
- Main Rd intersection by McDonalds and Bunnings – traffic lights need to be coordinated
- Need more sealing

#### Parks/Community:

- Skate park needs more funding and maintenance
- Funding for Rec Centre a challenge
- Shade cover for beach playground and more equipment
- Ruakaka Beach needs changing sheds and toilet
- Funding for library extension denied

#### Other:

- Zoning not consistent across Ruakaka – higgeldy piggeldy

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Coastal erosion protection
2. Aging population requirements – eg footpaths
3. Recreation Centre

#### For the District

1. District wide spend across townships and rural areas

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	13 March 2019
Time:	6.30pm
Area:	Whangaruru North and South
Venue:	Oakura Hall
Staff Attendees:	Simon Weston, Sue Hodge, Merryn Statham, Tracey Schiebli
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Murphy and Martin
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	19

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Wetlands project should fit in priorities – role in storm water management
- Punuruku Rd is a key issue – flooding
- Storm water issues affect students schooling – school closures

#### Transport:

- Roading – the main road is route for over \$100 million in foreign trade money. It must be maintained.
- Roads and roadside maintenance have improved, management of ginger, looks better
- Why do we need a roundabout at Kamo?

#### Parks/Community:

- No money being spent up here – spending money on new Civic Centre is just feathering Councils nest.

#### Other:

- How does Council determine how surplus is used?
- If projects aren't in the LTP, how do we ensure they can get in there?

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Wetlands project / stormwater mitigation
2. All weather access for Russell Rd
3. Community Centre for Whangaruru North

#### For the District

1. Roading/footpaths



## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	14 March 2019
Time:	7.00am
Area:	Business Network
Venue:	Afare, Lower Dent Street
Staff Attendees:	Tony Collins, Rob Forlong
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllr Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	25

### Issues raised:

- Business rates – too high
- CBD issues – empty buildings
- Parking – not enough, too expensive
- Maintenance of CBD – general shabbiness
- Roothing - general state of repair throughout district
- Access to Councils procurement processes. How transparent are the processes and are the criteria in RFPs and ROIs clear?

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	14 March 2019
Time:	7.00pm pm
Area:	Ruatangata
Venue:	Ruatangata Hall
Staff Attendees:	Simon Weston, Merryn Statham, Tracey Schiebli, Nicole Stanton
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Murphy, Martin and Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	19

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- How much of the district are on water mains connections?

#### Transport:

- Safety of cyclists on our roads – very dangerous with trucks leaving no room
- Increased road sealing – if all the people on the road agree and contribute, can we get the subsidy?
- Pipiwai Rd 80km speed limit is too fast past the school etc.
- How does the council calculate speed?

#### Parks/Community:

- No money being spent here – how much has council spent on Ruatangata?
- Our rates should be spent here, locally
- Coast gets all the money spent because of tourists
- We need more funding for hall maintenance

#### Other:

- Community safety – fearful to do shopping in CBD. Acknowledgment of the positive impact and change that City Safe has made
- What does debt cost council?
- Why don't council wait until they can afford things?

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Footpaths
2. Improvement in unsealed road network
3. Road safety

#### For the District

1. City Centre revitalization

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	19 March 2019
Time:	7.00pm
Area:	Onerahi
Venue:	Onerahi Community Hall
Staff Attendees:	Simon Weston, Merryn Statham, Andrew Venmore, Jeff Devine, Nicole Stanton
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	HWM, Cllrs Glen, and Cocurullo. Apologies Cllr Hermon
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	18

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Water quality is very poor, plastic getting into storm water system, leaving toxic residue
- Storm water requires bigger investment

#### Transport:

- Need better car parking in Goodwin Street
- Shop owners using the public parking in Goodwin Street – needs a 2-hour limit and to be monitored
- Park n Ride – opportunity to develop in pub carpark
- When is the decision about the by-pass/Riverside Drive 4 laning to be made (poss 2024)
- Need traffic calming in Beach Road
- Concerns about amount of traffic through Onerahi considering new developments

#### Parks/Community:

- Where is the money for re-sanding Onerahi Beach?
- Beach Rd path down by the Yacht Club is unsafe
- Great to see so many people enjoying the foreshore – need improvements in amenity so that it is real destination
- Bike path at Waimahanga Rd – surfaced either end but gap in the middle, unsafe
- Manage growth on sides of Waimahanga path

#### Other:

- When Council sets the LTP, are the rates then set to the amount needed?
- No money being spent in Onerahi
- Education programme required to promote recycling
- Climate change adaption is critical

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Re-sanding the beach and developing it into destination
2. Village Plan
3. Parking / by-pass

#### For the District

1. Environmental Protection including wastewater, waste management, plastic in eco system

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	25 March 2019
Time:	6.30pm
Area:	Kamo
Venue:	Kamo Bowling club
Staff Attendees:	Alan Adcock, Dominic Kula, Andrew Venmore, Merryn Statham
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	HWM Mai, Cllrs Morgan, Benney, Cutforth, Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	5

### Issues raised:

#### Transport:

- What is the next stage of the shared path? Is there a staged plan? Dip Rd should be connected.
- Mark parking spaces on road sides to maximize parking space
- Congestion in Clark Road, routing and numbers need to be addressed
- Where are we at with the Traffic Management Plan – has it progressed?
- Footpath in shopping area not wide enough, mobility scooters need more room
- How do we make shopping area more pedestrianised?
- Heavy trucks coming through village to commercial centre instead of using by-pass. What impact will the new roundabout have?
- EV charging station for Kamo? Good sponsorship opportunity.
- Footpaths for Pipiwai and Three Mile Bush Rd needed
- Why is the barrier placed outside the footpath at Station Rd/Corks Rd? Was supposed to protect pedestrians
- Roadside maintenance could be better, new weeds encroaching
- If the trees were cut back along Woodlea Lane corner people could walk along Three Mile Bush Road

#### Community:

- What are doing for the elderly, it's all about young people
- Put seats in parks and playgrounds for adults, good community project or sponsorship opportunity
- A park at the bottom of Kamo Rd NZTA owned land, would make a great park
- Land between railway and walkway suggested for skate park

#### Water:

- Need more water traps to pull solid objects out of storm water

#### Other

- Publicise the bio gas generator more
- Feedback loop – for projects and submissions could be better
- Generally supportive of sustainability initiatives

#### Priorities

1. Transport management including parking
2. Footpaths / shared paths

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	27 March 2019
Time:	7.30pm
Area:	Waipu
Venue:	St Peters Anglican Church
Staff Attendees:	Alison Geddes, Shelley Wharton, Alison Puchaux, Merryn Statham, Jacki Cooper
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Deeming, Halse, Christie
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	29

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Impact of new nursery development on Waihoihoi River? (NRC responded explaining Resource consent process)
- Pipes are getting past their use by date, need upgrading
- Are new builds being encouraged to catch and store water?

#### Transport:

- Massey Rd – contractors do such a poor job, graders required multiple times per year. More economical to seal the road.
- Massey Rd is a Health and Safety issue. Letterboxes wiped out. Kids not safe waiting for the school bus. Action needed to prevent injury/tragedy.
- Waipu is growing so quickly, infrastructure is not keeping up
- We need footpaths

#### Parks/Community:

- Freedom camping – inadequate infrastructure to cater for this
- Uretiti is available – object to freedom camping when this should be used
- Can we get money for infrastructure from campervan companies?
- Will the Community Led Projects enable us to apply for external funding too?
- Why are we still waiting for a skate/recreation park?

#### Waste:

- Transfer station – hours are not long enough, can it open until 3pm?
- Rubbish bins – filling up faster, need to be emptied more often, need more funding

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Roding
2. Footpaths
3. Transfer station

#### For the District

1. Freedom camping management – infrastructure and rubbish

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	28 March 2019
Time:	6.00am
Area:	Mangakahia
Venue:	Mangakahia Sports Ground
Staff Attendees:	Simon Weston
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Morgan and Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	10

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Why don't council encourage water tanks in town to assist storm water management and availability?
- Can council charge people who are on town supply a higher rate when they fill their tanks from town supply?
- It grates that those who irrigate are frowned on, we use water responsibly

#### Transport/Roading:

- Are red light cameras planned for Whangārei? What is the cost?
- Why don't road user charges come back to this area for improvements/maintenance?
- Why have seal extensions slowed so much over that last few years?
- Council need to make the criteria and prioritisation for new sealing transparent
- Why can forestry close off public roads, install gates etc
- Unsealed roads create Health and Safety issues; poor visibility, dust over roofs and in water tanks, air quality
- Why seal dead end roads – eg One Tree Point? Need connecting roads sealed.

#### Community:

- Spending is skewed towards sports and outdoor activities. What about the culture and heritage component?

#### Other:

- What is council doing about major disasters – does insurance cover this?
- Is debt level similar to other councils? Is council comfortable with this debt level?
- What is internal debt?

#### Priorities

1. Sealing extensions – especially through roads
2. Community facility funding (eg Halls)
3. Better spatial planning

#### Whangārei

#### Multi modal transport infrastructure

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	3 April 2019
Time:	6:00PM
Area:	Raumanga
Venue:	The Pulse
Staff Attendees:	Sandra Boardman, Merryn Statham, Jacki Cooper, Leanne Cameron
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllrs Hermon and Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	7

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- How are we cleaning waterways?
- Is this just focused in town? There are still cows in waterways
- Overseas tourists are shocked at pollution at Whangārei Falls

#### Transport:

- Murdoch Cres is being used as a speed loop – needs traffic calming
- Shared pathways will benefit all community
- Footpath along main highway is broken and needs urgent fixing. Why are NZTA and WDC not working to fix this?
- This is a safety issue, need footpath and lighting
- Parking in the Town Basin is \$2.00 per hour, too expensive, that's why it's empty
- Tauroa St, Bunnings to Murdoch Street – trees need trimming, lighting for safe use
- Junior Cycle Track for learning to ride bikes safely
- Connectivity – if SH1 is blocked by accidents, no alternative entry to Whangārei
- Heavy trucks parking on pavements in Raumanga – breaking them
- Connectivity of Maunu to Raumanga – what is the future plan?

#### Parks/Community:

- Tarewa skate bowl needs attention/upkeep. Its old and needs fixing up
- We need a Hub/recreation area for South End
- This needs to link Ruakaka/One tree Point with South End
- Community garden needs support
- Water feature as a play feature
- Entranceway to Whangārei an embarrassment, needs maintenance

### Priorities from the meeting:

#### For this area

1. Community hub at South End
2. Roads and footpaths fit for purpose, lighting for safety
3. Connection between Raumanga and Maunu to avoid heavy traffic queues

#### For the District

1. Parking in Whangārei – not enough and it's too expensive

## Annual Plan 2019/20 Information sharing session summary

Date:	4 April 2019
Time:	7:00PM
Area:	Rotary
Venue:	The Cricket Pavilion
Staff Attendees:	Dom Kula, Merryn Statham
Elected member Attendees (delete as appropriate)	Cllr Cocurullo
Number of attendees (excl. staff and elected members)	35

### Issues raised:

#### Water:

- Has anyone measured how much water would need to be stored to hold back stormwater until low tide
- What is the storage capacity for stormwater?
- No proper drainage at the end of Smeatons Drive

#### Transport:

- Walkways and cycleways – good progress has been made. Choke point at Port Rd though. Good to link Kioreroa Rd into Port Rd
- Trying to cross Lower Dent Street to do the Loop with grandchildren – terrifying. Lack of parking, this will get worse with new park in Town Basin
- Entrance to City from south is totally depressing
- Parking should enable 10-minute walk to destination
- Great to hear more parking at Pohe Island, won't help city parking issue though

#### Parks/Community:

- How about a plaque at Pohe Island to say Kingsford Smith Landed here?

#### Economic Development:

- Query of the level of council involvement in CBD revitalisation – so many vacant shops

#### Other

- Love the video, feels like Whangārei is forging ahead and the future is positive