

**Whangarei District Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 16 June 2020**

**Submissions Annual Plan**  
**2020-2021**

**Consultation Document**

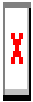
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Alex Smits - 2020- ANNPLAN-100

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-100**

### Your Details:

Name:	Alex Smits
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	Hikurangi Business Association Incorporated

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it. The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially</p>
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and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the clubs going forward.

There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

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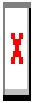
This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses



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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - LINDA VANSTONE - 2020-ANNPLAN-92

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-92**

### Your Details:

Name:	LINDA VANSTONE
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	HIKURANGI FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>We agree in principle with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>We would also like to support, in part, the submission by Shane Rouse on behalf of the Hikurangi Business Association for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment) regarding a proposal for council land at Gomez Road Hikurangi.</p>
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# HIKURANGI SCHOOL

## Vision:

"To develop children who are life-long learners, who can communicate effectively, are self-managing and socially adept"

## Utilization of Council Land at Gomez Rd Hikurangi to Establish a Community Recreational Facility

26 May 2020

## To Whom It May Concern:

1. Hikurangi School would like to make a submission supporting, \$15000 of council resources, including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).
2. This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to operate fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi, with the old dam in it.
3. The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.
4. There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self-funded going forward with a portion of the riders fees going towards the maintenance & running costs of the facility, such as toilets and traffic management.
5. The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.
6. With the Covid 19 lock down halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the clubs going forward.
7. There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fundraise for a local facility. i.e. a school or hall. It is envisioned that such a facility would be able to provide 2 – 3 rides a month. Providing a source of funds for 24 to 36 organisations.
8. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the inconvenience of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club cannot organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get an opportunity to fund raise through trail bike rides.
9. With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.
10. This would be a more positive use of council land than currently leaving it fallow.
11. Each event would benefit the local businesses and employment to Hikurangi.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Crawford  
Principal

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Principal Bruce Crawford

**From:** [Justine Rowe](#)  
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Good Afternoon

Please find attached a feedback submission with supporting letters from all 9 Hikurangi Swamp Scheme Pocket Representatives in regard to the Whangarei District Council Annual Plan 2020-21.

We are available to present the submission in person to the Council as may be required.

Acknowledgement of this email would be appreciated

Thank you

Regards  
Justine Rowe  
M: 021611192

# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

## **The closing date for feedback is Thursday 4 June 2020**

As you can see from this Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document, we have had to make some decisions and changes to our plan. Let us know if you think we are on the right track.

### *Points to remember when submitting your feedback*

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
- All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
- Your feedback will not be returned to you once lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference.

### *How to get this form to us*

**Mail to:** Annual Plan feedback, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148

**Email to:** mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

**Deliver to:** Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

### *Your details*

Name

I am making this submission:



As an  
individual



On behalf of an  
organisation

Organisation name

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Philip

Justine

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*Your feedback*

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

Please see attach 2 page submission document and supporting letters from members of the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme Pocket Reps (Land Owners)

Thank you.



**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council

**From:** Philip Bayly / Justine Rowe, Members of the Hikurangi Flood Scheme Working Group – Tenakaha Pocket Representatives

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

**Purpose:** Annual Plan 2020-2021 Submission - Rate Relief for 2020/2021 Year to defer the planned 8% increase on Hikurangi Swamp Rates Activity (Drainage & Major Scheme) for this financial year. *Please note that this is a ringed fence Hikurangi Swamp scheme. Only rate payers in the catchments pay this rate.*

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- The Hikurangi community (rate payers to the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme Activity) are under significant financial strain due to the sudden impacts of Covid-19 on their livelihoods, the increased compliance costs and the excessive expenses due to farming through the worst drought in New Zealand's history.
- In Whangarei District Council Long Term Plan, the 2020/2021 flood protection prospective funding impact statement for the Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme displays a operational funding surplus of \$572,000 for the year ahead. This includes the planned annual 8% increase (\$97,000) across the Hikurangi Swamp Rates Activity. This is an increase figure that the local community can't afford to pay and the scheme can afford to defer.
- The Hikurangi Flood Scheme has made significant capital debt reduction payments during the current 10 year plan with previous operational funding surplus's. The remaining scheme debt is circa \$1m and a surplus of \$475,000 would still be forecast if the 8% rate increase was deferred.
- On 22 May the Treasury Economic Update stated the combined impacts of the current drought and Covid-19 has decreased animal stock price by 12% in the last quarter (March) and Fonterra's milk price forecast for 2020/20201 reflects the massive uncertainty in the current environment.
- The Labour Government Covid-19 business recovery messaging is asking New Zealanders to support locally in our communities and this submission is seeking the local support of the Whangarei District Council to provide assistance to the Hikurangi Rate Payers by deferring the upcoming 8% rate increase, to do this there is no cost or loss to the Whangarei District Council

## BACKGROUND

The Hikurangi Flood Scheme has the purpose to help to minimise flooding across the 5,600 hectares of farmland within the Hikurangi Swamp area. The aim of the scheme is to protect the farming productivity of land within the swamp area. This is highly productive agricultural land that generates considerable economic benefit to the region. The Whangarei District Council are responsible for managing, operating and maintaining the Hikurangi Scheme to ensure the required environmental, cultural and economic results are achieved. The scheme is funded by targeted rates from properties within the scheme area.

In recent years the Hikurangi Flood Scheme stakeholders who own the land in the seven farming pockets have changed. This has been a positive outcome for the Hikurangi Swamp working group dynamics as these individuals collaborate towards common goals with unity and harmony. Under the management of the Whangarei District Council and with the agreement of the Hikurangi Flood

Scheme stakeholders there has been a significant debt reduction with the annual funding surplus during the current 10 year plan. Using the operational funding surplus's the Hikurangi Flood Scheme has made significant debt reduction payments since 2010 circa \$3m (2012) to circa \$1m (30 June 2019) over 8 years.

The Swamp Scheme is funded by targeted rate activity which applies to properties in the Hikurangi Swamp Special Rating District to defray (provide money to pay) costs of the Hikurangi Flood Scheme. In the Long Term Plan (page 106) the Hikurangi Swap rates are projected to increase by 8% to "*fund additional expenditure required to maintain the effectiveness of the scheme*". The annual 8% increase of the targeted rate activity has applied for the past 3 years with a total increase \$168,000. If the 8% increase is applied for 2020/2021 this will be an additional financial burden on the Hikurangi Swamp Activity Rate payers of \$97,000 and this submission requesting a change to the Annual Plan for 2020/2021 to defer the 8% targeted rate activity increase.

Based upon the Whangarei District Council Long Term Plan Prospective Funding Impact Statement for Flood Protection (Page 52 & 53) the forecast additional expenditure for 2020/2021 is only an increase \$12,000 above the 2019/2020 costs. Without the rate increase an operational funding surplus of \$475,000 would still be forecast for 2020/2021 as a capital debt reduction.

The Hikurangi local community is experiencing financial hardship across the local unemployment, decreased business & retail activity, covid-19 economic impacts and the cost of the drought on local farms. By way of example, one farmer who owns 772 ha in the Hikurangi Swamp in the Tanekaka Pocket, 2019/2020 rates charged for the Hikurangi Rate Activities of Drainage & Major Scheme were over \$78,000 for Class A and \$16,000 for Class B. Excluding the C-F class charges the 8% increase on this farm's rates would be \$7,600 for 2020/2021. To allow livestock to survive during the drought the farm has purchased addition feed at a cost of \$400,000 and will still need to purchase feed for the winter. Recent agricultural pests have damaged the pasture this remediation cost has exceeded \$90,000. There has been a loss in milk production revenue due to the drought & covid-19 impacts of approximately \$560,000.

The targeted rate activity is ring fenced for the Hikurangi Flood Scheme and therefore this sits outside of the Whangarei District Council budget.

Please find appended to this submission signed support by each of the Hikurangi Flood Scheme land pockets:

Junction Pocket - Stephen Brown

Te Mata Pocket - Evan Smeath

Otonga Pocket - Philip Hindrup

Mountain Pocket – Todd Imeson

Tanekaha Pocket - Philip Bayly

Ngararatunua Pocket - Ken Finlayson

Okarika Pocket - Geoff Crawford

Whakapara Catchment - Simon Donelley

Waiotu Catchment - Luke Beehre

2 June 2020

**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council

**From:** Philip Bayly, Tanekaha Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

I support the submission to request a change the Whangarei District Council Annual Plan for 2020/2021 to defer the 8% targeted rate activity increase for the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage & Major Scheme due to financial hardship on the Hikurangi local community members.

Thank you

Signed by Philip Bayly :

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Tanekaha Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

Email: philipbayly1@gmail.com

Date:

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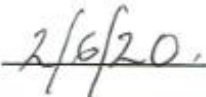
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**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council  
**From:** Evan Smeath, Te Mata Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you

Signed by Evan Smeath:   
Te Mata Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme  
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Date: 

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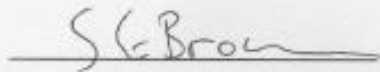
**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council

**From:** Stephen Brown, Junction Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you

Signed by Stephen Brown :



Junction Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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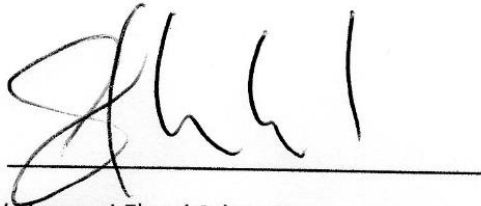
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**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council  
**From:** Geoff Crawford, Okarika Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you

Signed by Geoff Crawford:

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Okarika Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Date:

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**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council  
**From:** Ken Finlayson, Ngararatunua Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

I support the submission to request a change the Whangarei District Council Annual Plan for 2020/2021 to defer the 8% targeted rate activity increase for the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage & Major Scheme due to financial hardship on the Hikurangi local community members.

Thank you

Signed by Ken Finlayson:

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Ngararatunua Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

Email: mezandken@gmail.com

Date:

2 June 2020

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**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council

**From:** Todd Imeson, Mountain Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

I support the submission to request a change the Whangarei District Council Annual Plan for 2020/2021 to defer the 8% targeted rate activity increase for the Hikurangi Swamp Drainage & Major Scheme due to financial hardship on the Hikurangi local community members.

Thank you

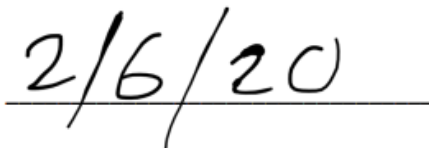
Signed by Todd Imeson:

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Mountain Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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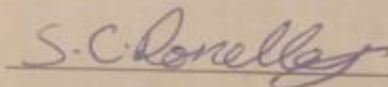
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To: Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council  
From: Simon Donelley, Whakapara Catchment Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you

Signed by Simon Donelley:



Whakapara Catchment Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Date:

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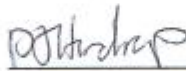
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**From:** Philip Hindrup, Otonga Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you


Signed by Philip Hindrup:



Otonga Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Date:



2 June 2020

**To:** Mayor & Councillors, Whangarei District Council

**From:** Luke Beehre, Waiotu Catchment Pocket Representative, Hikurangi Flood Scheme

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Thank you

Signed by Luke Beehre: \_\_\_\_\_ ***Support provided however unable to provide electronic signature  
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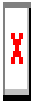
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Brett Hogan - 2020- ANNPLAN-104

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-104**

### Your Details:

Name:	Brett Hogan
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	579 kamo road, Kamo

Contact Phone Number:	094354050
Email Address:	brett@kamoparts.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

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clubs going forward.

There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses.

Many thanks  
Brett Hogan



John Horrocks

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Whangarei District Council, Whangarei

20 May 2020

**SUBMISSION FOR TARSEALED ROAD, WAIPU, TO 717 HELMSDALE ROAD, WAIPU**

In July 2020, a new 10 year draft plan is be approved by Whangarei District Council.

Please support my submission for a tarseal road to 717 Helmsdale Road, Waipu.

My reasons are:

- Reduce dust and noise from passing motor vehicles.
- Dust going into water tanks and into tap water.
- Current road is dangerous.
- Reduced ware and tare on motor vehicles.
- Improved access for customers, clients and visitors.
- Bicycle to Waipu township.
- School bus route for children.
- Increased vehicle activity from subdivisions in Grant Road, Waipu.
- Through traffic from Taipuha and Ruarangi.

Yours faithfully



John Horrocks



## Hospitality New Zealand Northland Branch



### **Submission on Annual Plan 2020 - 21 June 2020**

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Hospitality NZ is a voluntary trade association which has operated since 1902 and currently represents over 3,000 hospitality businesses throughout New Zealand, including Taverns, Pubs, Bars, Restaurants, Cafes, Retail Liquor and Commercial Accommodation providers such as Camping Grounds, Lodges, Motels, Hotels and Backpackers.

The Northland Branch of Hospitality New Zealand includes and represents 95 Hospitality and Commercial Accommodation businesses. This submission is made on behalf of the Northland branch of Hospitality New Zealand.

Hospitality New Zealand has a 115-year history of advocating on behalf of the hospitality and tourism sector and is led by Chief Executive, Julie White. Hospitality New Zealand's Northland Branch President is John Maurice and the Regional Manager for the Branch is Kim Odendaal.

We appreciate the opportunity to give feedback to the Whangarei District Council.

#### CONTACT DETAILS:

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Regional Manager

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027 503 5408

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We thank you for the information provided in the Annual Plan 2020 - 21 Consultation Document and Support Information, however given the current climate, we strongly urge the Whangarei District Council to consider no rate increases for the next twelve months at a minimum.

Central Government has taken substantial measures to help limit the damage inflicted to business and to ensure New Zealanders will have jobs moving forward. Most of the initiatives from Central Government have been focused on the employment relationship.

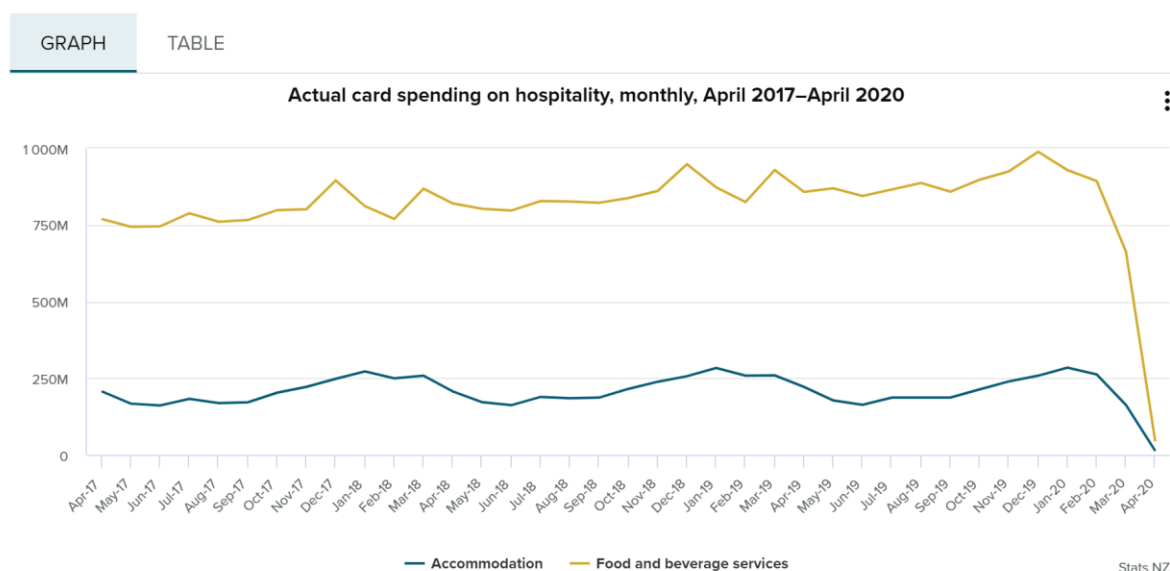
Further support is required for Hospitality businesses (especially small and medium businesses) who are adversely affected by Covid-19, who could not operate during levels 3 and 4, and who can only operate at severely reduced capacity during level 2, putting these businesses in peril.

The financial impact is yet to completely filter down to businesses as individuals restrict unnecessary spending, businesses have had to reduce operations as the economy contracts significantly.

Prior to COVID-19 trade was tough with two sequential increases in minimum wage equalled an 11% wage increase across hospitality businesses for no further productivity. Margins in hospitality businesses generally sit between 10-15% in an effectively run operation. Since March 2020, Hospitality New Zealand has received over 500 calls from members who are navigating the process of restructuring their business in order to try and survive the pandemic.

According to Stats NZ, <sup>1</sup>"In actual terms, spending on businesses including cafes, restaurants, takeaway food, and bars (food and beverage services) fell 95 percent (\$814 million) compared with April 2019. This followed a 29 percent (\$266 million) fall in March 2020 compared with March 2019.

Spending on businesses including motels, hotels, and other such accommodation fell 94 percent (\$209 million) compared with April 2019. This followed a 37 percent (\$97 million) fall in March 2020 compared with March 2019."



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/hospitality-hit-hard>

We acknowledge that draft annual plans were developed well before COVID-19, however as these are unprecedented times, unprecedented action is required. We propose the following:

**1. No Rate Increases**

It is alarming that some councils across the country are considering proceeding with large rate increases, some in excess of 10%. In the current climate, HNZ strongly urges you to consider no increases for the next twelve months at a minimum.

**2. Temporary Rates Remissions**

Councils should consider rate remissions or rebate options for business adversely affected by COVID-19, including delaying rate instalments and waiving late payment fees – these should be timebound, we suggest up to six-months.

**3. Alcohol Licencing**

Businesses with Alcohol Licences have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 restrictions and HNZ requests the following actions from Local Government.

**a) Decrease in licencing fees:** Licenced premises are currently unable to operate under Alert Level 3 and 4, and have faced significant restrictions at level 2, however their standard associated fees still apply (which are the highest in the entire country). We request that the Whangarei District Council provide financial relief in the form of a reduction in this year's licencing fees relative to the effective shutdown period.

**b) No Increases to Licencing fees:** Currently, licenced businesses are carefully managing their heavily decreased funds to ensure that they are able to keep their staff employed. For this reason, we request that the Whangarei District Council consider no increases to licencing fees, and to hold off on pursuing these for the foreseeable future.

We do understand the importance of revenue to the Council, to enable it to continue with service delivery, community projects, planned programmes and daily operations. Instead of increasing rates for already struggling rate payers, why does the council not look at another possible revenue sources?

In recent years, accommodation providers in the form of Airbnb's have entered the market and have had a significant impact on commercial accommodation businesses.

These properties pay residential rates yet operate in a very commercial capacity.

Hospitality NZ contends that in the interests of fairness, equity and user pays, that Airbnb hosts, or similar, who are operating in the District should be rated accordingly, and also be required to adhere to the compulsory compliance around guest safety and building codes, as do other commercial accommodation providers, bringing in yet more revenue for the Council.

AirBnB listings for the Whangarei area, have increased from 23 listings in 2013 to <sup>2</sup>821 active rentals as of 2 June 2020 according to AirDNZ. 70% or 652 of those active listings are entire homes, and only 167 being a private room.

Hospitality NZ does not begrudge property owners from capitalising on the Online Accommodation business opportunity and we acknowledge this type of accommodation

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.airdna.co/vacation-rental-data/app/nz/northland/whangarei-district/overview>

offering is here to stay. The accommodation market is definitely evolving and the participants in that market need to evolve accordingly. As such, we expect that businesses are treated as businesses where they operate as businesses and to contribute their fair share in the form of rates, especially in this current climate.

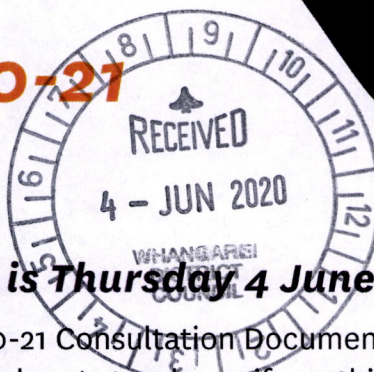
We are happy to further participate in consultation on this issue and look forward to continuing to work with Council on this important issue for our members.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Odendaal".

Kim Odendaal  
Regional Manager  
Hospitality New Zealand – Northland Branch



# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form



## **The closing date for feedback is Thursday 4 June 2020**

As you can see from this Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document, we have had to make some decisions and changes to our plan. Let us know if you think we are on the right track.

### **Points to remember when submitting your feedback**

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
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### **How to get this form to us**

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### **Your details**

Name

John Stephen Guy

I am making this submission:



As an  
individual



On behalf of an  
organisation

Organisation name

Jack Guy Trust

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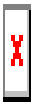
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NO!

Covid-19 is all but over in New Zealand and we haven't seen a new case in Northland in quite some time. However, it seems as though locals and tourists alike are not exactly flocking to the Central Business District in search of supplies - whether they be essential or not. To increase the rates on already struggling businesses would be diabolical and if anything they should go in the opposite direction and be decreased by no less than 5% across the board. It has been a long time since Whangarei's CBD was thriving with more and more ~~shops~~ emptying daily. If the rates are increased landlords are forced to increase rents to cover them - sooner rather than later you are going to have tumble weed running down Cameron Street. I know as a council this is the last thing you want, now is the time to do something about it. Keep in mind the people that keep this town and the economy ticking ~~are the~~ business owners. If it was n't for them there wouldn't be a CBD and the economy as we know it would come to a stand still.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Brian Jones - 2020- ANNPLAN-72

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-72**

### Your Details:

Name:	Brian Jones
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	Hikurangi Business Association

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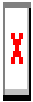
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Terri Joyce - 2020- ANNPLAN-91

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-91**

### Your Details:

Name:	Terri Joyce
I am making this submission:	As an individual
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Contact Phone Number:	0211153451
Email Address:	mowab72@hotmail.o.nz

## Your Feedback:

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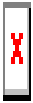
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Nick Karlovsky - 2020- ANNPLAN-117

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-117**

### Your Details:

Name:	Nick Karlovsky
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	PO Box 1579, Whangarei 0140
Contact Phone Number:	021708078
Email Address:	nickkarlovsky@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>I do not support reducing the proposed rates increase from 4.2% to 2.2%, .</p> <p>This has a value of less than \$1 a week to most residential households in Whangarei. In the context of an average household spend of more than \$1207 per week (<a href="https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/living-in-nz/money-tax/comparable-living-costs">https://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/living-in-nz/money-tax/comparable-living-costs</a>), \$1 a week is not of significant consequence.</p> <p>In times of downturn rates funded capital projects provide a stimulatory effect on on the local economy, and can help local companies to survive when other sources of work dry up. This helps keep money circulatiing in the economy and offsets Council policy contributing to what can become an ever downward economic spiral. At times of recession there is a greater need for public services to support people and families who are struggling. When households cannot afford holidays and movies they need great public libraries, community facilities and parks.</p> <p>I do support targeted assistance from Council for those having difficulty paying rates, fees and charges, especially businesses that are most affected by the recession. This will come at a cost and is further reason that the rate increase is retained for those who can readily afford it.</p>
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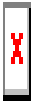
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Graeme Kerr - 2020- ANNPLAN-108

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-108**

### Your Details:

Name:	Graeme Kerr
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	21 Mill Road Whangarei
Contact Phone Number:	021975903
Email Address:	gkerr@hansenproducts.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>I believe the WDC should be looking to maintain its Balance Sheet in the strongest possible position given the current economic crisis facing NZ and the world. There are very few businesses in NZ at this stage of the crisis that are able to predict the level of trading activity they will have moving forward. This will not become clear until the end of the last quarter 2020 or the first quarter 2021.</p> <p>I believe the WDC should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postpone or defer any capital expenditure that is not absolutely necessary.</li> <li>- Review any operational expenditure particularly as the level of staff requirements and service offering to the district will be very different moving forward from what it was pre-covid. (If this is not already happening)</li> </ul> <p>There is likely to be many businesses that will not survive this crisis. There will be many empty commercial buildings that owners will struggle to pay the outgoings for.</p> <p>The fabric of our community has been permanently altered with the Covid lockdown. There will be many clubs, community centres, tourist activities, sporting associations, cultural and artistic groups and activities that will either struggling to survive or cease to exist.</p> <p>Most of the WDC supported facilities such as the</p>
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Events centre, Claphams Clocks, Heritage Park, Marina Trust, Northland Hockey, Kensington Stadium and the like will have suffered from reduced revenue while still having to contend with the same overheads. Decisions will need to be made if extra funding and support will be required in all these areas.

The Northland Polytech will be suffering and may only receive a limited amount of support from Central Government. The WDC may need to consider if they invest in this such as a zero fees scheme similar to Southern Institute of Technology. This may be required to support both our youth and the Whangarei Economy.

These are only a few examples of what may be facing the region in the next 12 to 18 months.

If the WDC keeps a strong Balance Sheet and minimal debt, then the choices available as the economic picture becomes clearer will be easier to make and execute.

The fabric and youth of our community will need considerable assistance in the near future.

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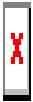
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - John Keswick - 2020- ANNPLAN-53

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### Your Details:

Name:	John Keswick
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	87 Mill Road

Contact Phone Number:	0211184496
Email Address:	john.keswick@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

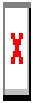
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No the rates should be increased at the higher levels proposed, improve our infrastructure a bit more before population growth occurs
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Oliver Krollmann - 2020-ANNPLAN-46

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-46**

### Your Details:

Name:	Oliver Krollmann
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	0210378967
Email Address:	olli.krollmann@live.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>The proposed changes have my full support. I would also have supported options 1 and 2 (4.2% or 3.2%) rates increase. No rates increase is not acceptable to me.</p> <p>I would like to make two suggestions for future consideration. Given the low level of compliance with water restrictions in my subdivision, I suggest introducing tiered water rates that become progressively more expensive with both restriction levels and water usage above the average for a given household type. For the future inner city living plan I strongly suggest to close the Laneway (Cameron St to James St) for cars except delivery vehicles. The amount of cars creeping and pushing through the Laneway and adding to noise and air pollution is just incredible and has a major negative impact on foot traffic and businesses providing outdoor seating in this area.</p>
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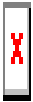
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Billy Leonard - 2020- ANNPLAN-75

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-75**

### Your Details:

Name:	Billy Leonard
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
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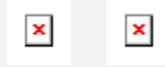
Contact Phone Number:	0272537768
Email Address:	bleon4477@hotmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>No, I am concerned about 45% of \$3,000,000 going to support business. My values are different from most of yours, so I suffer because of the decisions of typical Whangarovians. For instance, none of you would agree that the #1 problem in this District is the harming and killing of the innocent. Because this is an animal-exploitive culture, many of the businesses in the District provide animal products or animal-exploitive services. If these businesses are given part of my rates money -- no matter how little -- you make a killer or an abuser out of me, and that is morally unconscionable. As for your preferred option of a mere 2.2% rates increase, I will trust that you have spent a substantial amount of time deliberating that idea, and I am not in a position to argue it. Regardless of my belief in relatively high rates so that borrowing is reduced and a council feels freer to better support everyday needs like noise control and bylaw enforcement, I can imagine how sensitive this Council is about how it would look to most people across the country -- let alone its own electorate -- if it imposed the full 4.2% which had been previously planned. Such a reasonable figure probably looks enormous to most people in light of this recent little speed bump in our headlong race toward capitalistic oblivion.</p>
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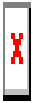
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Please find attached my submission on the Year 3 Annual Plan Changes.

Yours sincerely,  
Robin Lieffering

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Sharlene Morris-Ross - 2020-ANNPLAN-82

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### Your Details:

Name:	Sharlene Morris-Ross
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	Lighthouse Playgroup

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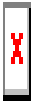
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Gerry Lindberg - 2020- ANNPLAN-71

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Organisation Name:	

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## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>One of the few good things that came out of the Covid-19 lock-downs and restrictions was a marked downturn in car traffic with consequent global reductions in air pollution. NASA have remarked on this phenomenon as being visible from space. A sideline to that is that there has been an exponential increase in interest in cycling and bike shops throughout NZ are inundated with enquiries.</p> <p>It is disappointing to note that none of the capital projects planned by WDC include adding to or improving cycling paths to keep cyclists off our busy and generally bike-unfriendly roads. Cycling paths are an integral part of traffic planning in Europe; in NZ, to the limited extent any exist, they appear to be an add-on, made to fit around a predominantly car-orientated transport plan. This is a short-sighted approach that takes no account of the environmental and health benefits of encouraging more cycling.</p>
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### Your details

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I am making this submission:



As an individual



On behalf of an organisation

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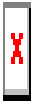
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I wish to submit on the increase in rates for the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme. We farm on the edge of the scheme and receive no benefit of flood protection, but are legally required to contribute. We have already had an increase in swamp rates from \$5,000 to \$8,000 last year. The region is still currently suffering from our second drought in a row, with this one being the worst in 70 years. There is also ongoing uncertainty as to what farm prices will do due to the Covid-19 recession. In the last 2 financial downturns commodity prices decreased substantially. We are totally opposed to any increase in rates for the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Tui Mahanga - 2020- ANNPLAN-85

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## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the clubs going forward.</p>
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There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses

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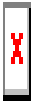
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Terryann Clark - 2020- ANNPLAN-62

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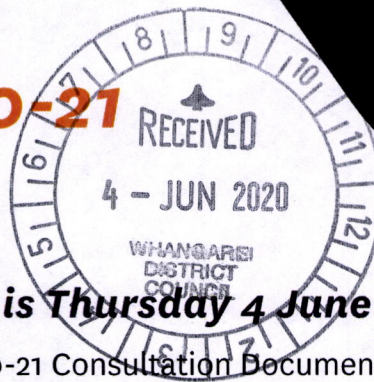
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Yes, I agree with a increase in rates given the need to have monies to support a range of core activities for the Council. We risk loosing our infrastructure and social connections if we do not increase our rates. Whangarei is a great place to live and we want to keep it that way.</p> <p>I would like to raise a few issues and concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can we look to address social procurement, spending local and using local expertise please.</li> <li>2. Can we ensure that we take an intergenerational approach - what will our children and future generations inherit if we do not maintain our infrastructure and investment in building a great place for people to live, work and play?</li> <li>3. Please ensure that an equity lens and a child health lens is placed on the priorities and policies that the Council pass. I am concerned that in our responses to Covid-19 that the voices of tangata whenua and children will be lost.</li> <li>4. Finally I note that community development is a core function of the Council but that this is an area that is likely to be 'non-essential' - I would emphasise that while there will be cuts, that social and community wellbeing are core to good society.</li> </ol>
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### **Your details**

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As an individual



On behalf of an organisation

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### Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

I do not agree! It is a great start but miles from a finished product.

The targeted relief programme is a disappointing solution to a problem that has been on-going for years. So what you are ~~pretty much~~ suggesting is that rate payers pay more than they already are but will be given 'rate relief' sooner or later - where is the logic in that?

Also, looking at your annual plan; 'revitalising our CBD' is bottom of list, only being beaten by 'reframing our Long Term Plan'. What I don't understand is the fact that the heartbeat of Northland (Whangarei CBD) seems to get lost and forgotten about. 'Revitalising our CBD' should be up near 'Supporting local businesses' because these two go hand-in-hand.

~~and~~ If you wish for Whangarei to continue to grow you need to give them something to come to and enjoy. The CBD does have the potential, it just needs some work to bring it back out of life support. An issue with town at the moment is the lack of parking, an increase in parking structures should be included in the plan.

**From:** Lee West  
**Sent:** 29 May 2020 13:08:22 +1200  
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**Subject:** WDC SUBMISSION  
**Attachments:** WDC Submission - Withdrawal of hub funding.pdf

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Hi,

Please find attached a general submission on behalf of Marist Football Whangarei in relation to the WDC decision to withdraw funding for the Tikipunga Football hub development.

Forwarded for consideration.

Thanks,

Lee West  
President  
**Marist Football Whangarei**

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To whom it may concern:  
*[delivered by email]*



## WDC SUBMISSION – WITHDRAWAL OF TIKIPUNGA HUB FUNDING

We are extremely disappointed to learn that the Whangarei District Council (WDC) is proposing to withdraw the \$511,000 it had committed to the development of the Northland Football Hub for the 20/21 Annual Plan. This submission is a plea to retain \$295,000 of funding to allow the project to go into the next critical phase of development.

The Northland Football Hub is the development of fields and facilities at Tikipunga Sports Park into a hub for Whangarei and Northland football. The Northland Football Hub is a much needed and significant asset for the Whangarei and Northland Football community.

We understand that only \$295,000 of the original \$511, 000 is required WDC's funding is vital for getting this significant community 'shovel ready' project off the ground. It would be extremely disappointing to have the project compromised by WDC not making this funding available.

Not only is the Northland Foot Hub a significant community asset, it is a \$3 million + construction project that would provide a much needed boost to the Whangarei construction industry. If WDC is wanting to make an investment in economic recovery then providing the seed funding support for the Northland Football Hub project will be a significant community and local economy win-win.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lee West', written over a white background.

Lee West  
President  
Marist Football

29 May 2020

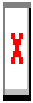
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Lesley Marshall - 2020- ANNPLAN-127

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-127**

### Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	



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## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Mostly yes. The council is right to recognise that the pandemic and the lockdown have had significant effects on many ratepayers and residents. I do not, however, support a cut in the overall rate level as a suitable response to that.</p> <p>Many people, including me, have not had our income affected by the situation. And we are keen to ensure that our discretionary money goes towards helping others to cope. We don't need a rates cut. In fact, you need more rather than less of our rates money to provide targeted rates relief to those who have been affected, and to invest in things that will make a difference to the recovery.</p> <p>In terms of investments, I would like to see the council focus on the following:</p> <p>1. Many small businesses have been able to hold onto their employees using the government's wage subsidy. If they need more time to re-build their businesses (e.g. in the case of tourism industries) or are still affected by the level 2 restrictions (e.g. hospitality, art galleries, etc), the council could provide payment for their staff to do jobs that will assist the community. Things I would like to see the council focus on are:</p> <p>a. Planting work. The timing is ideal for increasing the amount of planting that is done (if plants can be</p>
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sourced), including rural riparian planting, planting on council reserves, etc. Any reasonably fit person can help with that work as long as there is a supervisor to direct and train them. Many volunteer groups could provide supervisors if the council did not have staff available.

b. Clean-ups of small reserves. Both weed removal and rubbish removal are needed in a lot of small reserves around Whangarei. Again, that is work anyone can do with a small amount of supervision and basic PPE, and community groups may be willing to supervise.

c. Dealing with beginning infestations of weeds. The council has caused some of these by spreading weeds in road gravel. Before infestations of pampas etc move out from those road edges, they need to be eradicated.

d. Improving the pedestrian environment. Many people will be spending more time in their local community, including people who are now working from home, have children unexpectedly at home, or who are now unemployed or under-employed. They need a pleasant local walking environment and activities. That includes widened footpaths, kerb drop-offs and kerb extensions, improvements to local parks, more seats, simple things for kids to play on (even just a log surrounded by wood chips that small children can walk along), sensitive vegetation management on the edges of walkways, signage, etc. In many cases, council staff could deliver more of these improvements if they had an assistant. In some cases, staff of businesses affected (e.g. landscaping companies) could also design and implement fixes without council staff needing to do more than sign off the proposals. And some affected businesses could be paid to produce things like seats and simple play equipment.

e. Improvements to community infrastructure. A lot of community infrastructure such as public halls have deferred maintenance that could be done – washing down to preserve paintwork (particularly in coastal locations), painting, clearing paths, fixing gardens, removing rubbish, mowing lawns, fixing fences, doing small repairs to woodwork, and so on.

2. Now is the time to make major improvements to pedestrian and cycling networks and improve the walkability of the city. We have all seen how much nicer our communities are with fewer cars. One way to achieve that is to make walking and cycling easier, safer and faster. Encouraging people to use local services will improve business success and reduce traffic. To get that we need:

a. Footpaths or at least wide shoulders on rural roads. Ideally, footpaths would be slightly separated from the road, so pedestrians aren't affected by large trucks rushing past. In rural areas they don't generally need to be elaborate or paved, just a cut path with some chips or gravel to make the surface safe in wet weather.

b. Wide shoulders on all roads that don't have a cycleway.

c. Shortcuts. Whangarei has suffered from the curse of the cul-de-sac, with no pedestrian shortcuts to allow pedestrians to avoid the long route cars have to take to get anywhere. There are probably still opportunities to fix that in newer subdivisions by acquiring short cuts, and to create well-marked "greenway" walking routes by linking parks and streets to allow people to walk directly to bus stops, shops, etc. You could also take the time to review the district plan or subdivision policies to ensure that future subdivisions have a grid walking network and good local parks.

d. Seats. For many people, walking will only be

possible if there are places to rest along the way. These are often the people who also don't have a drivers licence or car, and easily become socially isolated. Just walking a short distance from home and sitting will help connect them to their neighbourhood, and with frequent rests they should also be able to carry out daily activities such as shopping on foot.

e. Toilets. Again, there are a lot of people who need frequent access to toilets – those with elderly bladders, irritable bowel syndrome, Crohn's Disease, pregnancy bladder, etc. And of course people also now want to be able to get to places where they can wash their hands. The city needs more toilets, but also more signage to tell people where the nearest toilet is. One way to provide extra income to small businesses is to pay them to allow their toilet to be used by the desperate – Hutt City Council pays a mall owner the cost of toilet paper and cleaning to have the mall toilets open to the general public.

f. Safe road crossings and re-design of intersections. For example in Maungatapere, most houses are separated from the only shop by the intersection of two state highways which is almost impossible to cross safely.

g. Town and village centre improvements. Most of our little shopping centres are not attractive places to linger. They seem designed to allow people to drive up and drive away as fast as possible. A good town centre/shopping hub will have seats, small spaces places for kids to play while waiting for the fish and chips to cook, shelter in all weathers, amenity (e.g. a mural, a small sculpture, a garden), some separation from traffic and fumes and traffic noise, and good lighting and CPTED design.

3. Another thing the lockdown taught us was that

we can buy local and have things delivered, and that doing so can create jobs. But it was often hard to find out about local suppliers of fruit and vegetables, butchers that will deliver, small local businesses that are worth supporting. This is a good time to educate people about the importance of buying local if you want to keep your local bookstore, hardware shop, etc. And to help businesses like organic gardens to grow their customer base. A council website with information on small local businesses providing niche products would be good.

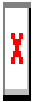
4. Public transport in Whangarei has been improving, but is still not good enough to allow households to go carless. One thing needed is a system to allow visitors and locals to find out how to use public transport to get places. For example to allow someone to travel to small rural locations, local beaches, walkways. That includes facilitating the development of track transport to good walking routes in the region (e.g. at Whangarei Heads) and to the coast. Those are essential to allow locals to get to know their region, and to encourage tourists to come without campervans.

I also want all future housing developments to be forced by our council to allocate land for the people who will live there. My area has none despite new subdivisions going in.



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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Ray Mason - 2020- ANNPLAN-5

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	I would agree with a 0% increase in rates..our rates increased by 7.5% this year. We have had many years of rates increases which is a problem when on the NZ super. One way of keeping rates down is to cancel the proposed building of Council's Civic Centre. With the proposed decrease in staff numbers. And with covid crowd restrictions likely to go on for many years, the theatre and centre are now a nonviable venture. On the face of it, this venture is the ultimate in self indulgence of behalf of the Council. It is also noted the water rates are the third highest in NZ, but still a service charge was introduced this year.
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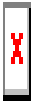
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Michael McCarthy - 2020-ANNPLAN-83

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## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Hello</p> <p>Please stop taking the money of hardworking home owners and redistributing it to 'community groups', yourselves and other special causes. We need government for things like roads and providing health care. However, it's unreasonable to expect the few who work hard to own homes to support the many seemingly unlimited 'programs' that politicians come up with.</p> <p>The fact is, I like many of you as people, but I'll be working hard to convince others to elect politicians that respect the fact that New Zealand already has some of the highest taxes on the planet. In other words I'll be voting for fiscal responsibility and less wealth redistribution.</p> <p>I imagine it's pretty easy to sit in chambers and with the stroke of a pen and a few raised arms decide that you are going to increase the already high tax burden of Whangarei home owners.</p> <p>Whats really sad is that propriety taxes are a compulsory tax that really penalize the hardest working members of the community. Many people already pay super high mortgages and you want more money from them? Also, property tax increases put a burden on the already strained resources of older people that are living on fixed</p>
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incomes.

While I appreciate that many have been adversely affected by the Covid 19 scare, is the answer really to be holding working people hostage to pay for things like foot paths, public art and failed museums? We are working hard to keep our homes and pay our mortgages council.

Stop taking our money.

Thanks for your time and consideration in reading this missive.

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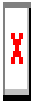
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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>No. I watched the streamed Council Meeting and was extremely disappointed with the outcome. I would like to acknowledge the four Councillors who I believe best represented Ratepayers interests.(Councillors Benny, Cocurullo,Golightly, and Halse) Thank you to them. The others reflect essentially what they platform they were elected on, with the honourable exception being Cr Cutforth, that being a collection of the Arts and Environmental interests. What Whangarei needs now however is a far greater business focus and to remember that Council is there to serve its' Ratepayers and their needs..Interesting that on the agenda, the vey day that Councillors talked about how difficult it would be to hold costs to below a 2.2% increase, you nodded through a Parks Maintenance Contract increase of \$2.2m on a base of \$6.2m. That's 37.2%! Hardly a murmur! No surprise 2.2% is going to be a challenge on that basis!</p> <p>I was disappointed that no mention was made, during the deliberations, of Capital Expenditure. The potential to achieve savings, or indeed to simply defer Capex in order to achieve a rates freeze is obvious. Year after year Council encounters 'slippage' where underspends are moved into the following financial year . This can be used as a deliberate mechanism. In the current year the Water Park project has clearly been deferred. I suspect that as a result of Covid-19 there will be significant capex underspend in the current financial year which will mean that the</p>
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projects teams are already in 'catch-up' mode!  
The proposed spend on a new Civic Building is clearly an emotive one. Would it not be wise to pause and draw breath. consider whether the recent experience of working from home for a large number of council staff has any implications on Council practice- the way meetings are run for example, and whether technology could be better used so that physical presence in council buildings is perhaps not necessary? Fewer meetings? Less space required? Smaller building footprint potentially? Could more staff work from home, indeed would they prefer to do so? Could they work a nine day fortnight?

Given the above as just a few considerations, I believe a significant amount of the \$12.8m earmarked for the Civic Building could be deferred, especially as I believe the building plan has not yet even be drawn and costed! Ask yourselves the simple question: how much would need to be deferred from this one project alone in order to facilitate a rates freeze? Surely it is clear what action should be taken?

I do incidentally applaud the reduction in expense on the New Airport Evaluation. At least common sense has prevailed there!

It does seem somewhat ironic too, that members of Council don't think they can find a way to 'reduce services' in order to be able to achieve a rates freeze, but yet can manage to fund a \$3million rate relief fund!! How do you reconcile those two positions? Wouldn't it be better to give that relief directly to ratepayers themselves?

I am concerned that I have heard no discussion or reference to the Hundertwasser project. I suspect there is a significant threat here that nobody wants to talk about! That being, that the project presses

on to completion and there is pressure to open but the number of International Visitors is unlikely to be anywhere near what was forecast. Is anyone looking at the impact that brings? The undewrite , as I understand is a maximum of \$250k per annum? WAM I believe will be looking for funding and I am wondering what Council's position is going to be?

I'm hoping to see the monthly finance report being given more prominence and more attention on an ongoing basis until the current situation has 'calmed' I believe there will be great interest among Ratepayers to see that finances are being closely controlled, more so than ever!

Please understand there are many on fixed incomes, many who will lose jobs (if they haven't done so already) and more too will be on reduced hours. Council needs to recognise this and its best way of serving its' ratepayers this year would be to enact a rates freeze. I urge Councillors to rethink their previous decision.

Thank you.

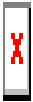
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Michael - 2020-ANNPLAN-57

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Michael - 2020- ANNPLAN-57

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-57**

### Your Details:

Name:	Michael
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	0110

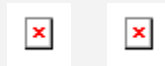


Contact Phone Number:	
Email Address:	pipermike@slingshot.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

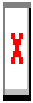
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No and I think any rates increase should wait and have no increase this year
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 3 Jun 2020 08:40:47 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Fred Morgan - 2020-ANNPLAN-116

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Fred Morgan - 2020- ANNPLAN-116

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-116**

### Your Details:

Name:	Fred Morgan
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	02040784266
Email Address:	fredmo022@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>A land use consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management. The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>There is a large demand for trail bike rides and</p>
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mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses and expose visitors to the attractions around Hikurangi.

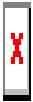
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Ashley - 2020-ANNPLAN-89

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Ashley - 2020- ANNPLAN-89

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-89**

### Your Details:

Name:	Ashley
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	324 Three Mile Bush Road, Kamo

Contact Phone Number:	021720288
Email Address:	ashley2morris@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

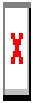
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Ashley Morris - 2020- ANNPLAN-90

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-90**

### Your Details:

Name:	Ashley Morris
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	021720288
Email Address:	ashley2morris@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers</p>
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There is a large demand for trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks in Northland. Currently there are only 5 or 6 trail bike rides in the greater Whangarei area per year, they generally fund raise for the local school or hall. Over the years many rides have been discontinued due to farmers health and safety requirements or the farmers not wanting the hassle of many riders on their land. So if a local group or sports club can not organize a ride with local farmers etc they don't get a shot at fund raising through trail bike rides.

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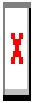
This would be a much better use of council land then leaving it for the drug growers and rubbish dumpers.

Each small event would bring extra customers to the Hikurangi town center which would benefit the local businesses



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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Sharlene Morris-Ross - 2020-ANNPLAN-80

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Sharlene Morris-Ross - 2020-ANNPLAN-80

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-80**

### Your Details:

Name:	Sharlene Morris-Ross
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	135 McBreen Road RD1 Hikurangi 0181
Contact Phone Number:	021616755
Email Address:	sharlene2012@hotmail.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the</p>
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