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Please find attached a submission from Manawatu Estuary Trust, Kelvin Lane and the Foxton Shannon Co  
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Regards  
Kathryn Lane

**Annual Plan Submission Form**

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Levin Splash Pad

At this uncertain time, this project should be put on hold. A good clean and paint may be all that is necessary .

**Long Term Plan 2021-2041**

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?

As a charitable organisation, we are concerned at the escalating rate rises set against the proposed budget and debt forecast.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

**Hearing of Submissions**

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing? YES.

Sign language interpretation required? NO

Would prefer to speak on –Wednesday 13 May 2020

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**Long Term Plan 2021-2041**

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?

I am concerned at the escalating rate rises set against the proposed budget and debt forecast.

I support the continuum of the water and stormwater policies; Also the wastewater policy of land based disposal consistent with the One Plan.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

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**Long Term Plan 2021-2041**

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?

The Manawatu Estuary Ramsar site at Foxton Beach is of international significance and an integral part of the Horowhenua . There are 3 statutory managers , Horowhenua District Council (HDC), Horizons Regional Council (HRC), and Department of Conservation (DOC), and there is a growing collaborative effort between them. The Manawatu Estuary Trust would request HDC that they continue to work collaboratively with HRC and DOC and local volunteer groups in the governance and care of the Estuary.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

Within the dune area at Foxton Beach there are plants growing , unique to the New Zealand Dune landscape .The Manawatu Estuary Trust request the protection of this area as part of the estuarine ecosystem.

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Chief Executive  
Horowhenua District Council  
Levin

Dear David,

Please find my submission attached.

Should an opportunity be available to present, I am happy to fit in on a Wednesday.

Kind regards,  
Allen

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24<sup>TH</sup> April 2020

Strategy and Development Team

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## Strategy and Development Submission 2020

### Introduction:

We share in common, a District wide community of interest which I earnestly believe is second to none. District wide the facilities are well managed and appear to be in good order and condition. This submission is made reflecting on our future about which I'm optimistic rather than pessimistic.

I applaud the effort put in by Council Staff reporting on and profiling our District today and into the future.

Our strength is in the people who collaborate, devise and design facilities in support of Community Wellbeing.

### Splash Pad:

I'm concerned that the "**Levin Splash Pad**" seems to be of paramount importance. Sadly there is little description around what we are actually concerned about and how this comes to be. I confirm we are speaking of the facility at Jubilee Park, Levin which I think we should develop.

We should be concerned about 'Public Amenity'. In the Horowhenua we provide an array of services for residents. Including public spaces and community facilities. Capital improvements include a variety of civic buildings, water and sewer lines and treatment facilities, parks and recreational facilities plus our network of local streets and pedestrian pathways.

"**Levin Splash Pad**" is a public amenity. I suggest it is of importance to younger people. It is a facility offered to the general public for their use and/or enjoyment, with or without charge along with other amenities such as Restrooms, Libraries, Rain shelters, Drinking fountains, etc. The quality of neighbourhood's with streets for pedestrians, plus frontage landscaping and general ease of movement for the people support the sense of wellbeing as do the array of interconnected parks, trails, and pathways etc.

Community facilities enhance the lives of residents in numerous ways. Parks provide green space and room to move. Libraries, museums, community centres, and performance spaces open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment. In the Horowhenua we have good parks and open spaces.



Other community facilities include our Libraries, small Museums and historic sites. Improving those facilities can mean different things for different communities. Some people may think adequate parks or facilities don't exist, and need to be created whilst others know about and access the existing facilities. **The 'Splash Pad' is a resource which should be maintained.**

Generally the accessibility and usefulness of community facilities needs to be actively monitored. We need to ensure they are not in a run down or dangerous state, and needing to be revitalized. In maintaining the public amenity of facilities we need to be assured they are both safe and fit for purpose.

**The major issues I think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan include.**

1. It is very important for people to move freely, with comfort, and in safety throughout the Horowhenua. The Integrated Transport Strategy which takes the issue of 'Public Transport' seriously needs to become a more Urgent priority. We need to secure improved Public Transport, refurbished the rain station; Improved Bath Street Bus stand.
2. Encouraging opportunities for our 'Community' to come together in appealing ways which celebrate our diversity as the people of the Horowhenua. enhancing our appeal as a community and welcoming destination of choice for traders or visitors alike.
3. Providing tangible infrastructure so new residents feel they are welcome and valued as new arrivals. The estimated 440 new houses each year should be assured they are within a trustworthy, safe and congenial society where its people matter.
4. Its really important to encourage domestic tourism and an opportunity to sample the Horowhenua at its best. Our Destination Management needs to project our district as a great place to live, work, play and visit at all times and stages of life.
5. Moving the last of our wastewater discharges from disposal to a waterway to land-based disposal.
6. We need to do more than pay lip service to Inter-Ethnic relations. It is good for Council to recognise and maintain special collaborative relations with the tangata whenua of our region. I believe Council should show its working relationships with the Maori community who see people and the environment as closely inter-related and this should be reflected through a strong interest in maintaining and protecting the environment as well as developing the economic future of the District. Through its decision-making processes, Council recognises the principals of the Treaty of Waitangi and kaitiakitanga, providing for the relationship of Maori and their traditions with their ancestral lands, water sites, waahi tapu and other taonga. Council should remain committed to continuing process of consultation with Maori in our District.

In all the preceding the six issues I think Council needs to consider and anticipate more opportunities for across the board collaboration, consolation and communication. The essential core component to all of these is fostering and promoting open, honest communication. We need to take care and ensure adequacy of our Districts Community Development and Communication Team charged with accentuating the many Positive and Life enhancing opportunities available to Citizens of the Horowhenua.

**Key challenges or opportunities facing this district.**

The big challenge which faces our district are a combination of 'Apathy', 'Misinformation' and 'Negativism' generated by the disaffected minority. People need to feel good about themselves and their living location. Sadly some don't want to belong to a positive vibrant community where its OK to care and share one with another. Sadly some people remain disaffected and unengaged.

We have an awesome Community of caring engaged people doing what they can to thrive in fast changing times. So I believe the key challenge we face as a Community is not about the 'Cost' of our local living but motivating and encouraging people to do their best and build a community committed to caring.

**Conclusion:**

To some this submission may seem like a lot of words. As we look to our shared future first show me the people, empower their purpose and liberate their energies for the common good.

Thank you sincerely



**Allen Little**

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form



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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please provide any further comments:	Please see attached. It is somewhat rushed but I wanted my opportunity to be heard.
Attach any other comments:	<a href="#">Submission for the Horowhenua District Council annual plan 2020.docx</a>

## Submission for the Horowhenua District Council annual plan 2020/2021

Contact information:

Virginia Corrigan

[Redacted contact information]

24 April 2020

Many years ago when I was running my Riding School I wrote an annual plan submission regarding in particular the safeguarding and development of riding access for horse riders in our district. I attended the council meeting where my submission was heard, and felt basically that I had wasted my time. From the progress that has been made in this area, despite regular input from others regarding this subject, this does not seem an unreasonable way to feel. If anything the situation seems to have deteriorated, which is of particular concern as in many cases road riding is no longer a safe option. Certainly I would not now consider letting my students ride out on the road, and this was one of the highlights for them when I was teaching.

It is unfortunate but I feel that within our council, both now and historically, there has been a discriminatory attitude towards the equestrian community, and that little if anything to help our situation. At one time our council had a slogan along the lines of "The best lifestyle district in New Zealand". Certainly this is not the case for horse riders – there are other districts in New Zealand that highlight this only too well. Other sports and activities seem well supported in comparison – the Horowhenua has no public equestrian sports facility for example – and yet the physical and psychological benefits of horse riding are well known and accepted. The latter point is especially relevant considering the number of young people with an interest in horse riding, and concerns around youth suicide rates. The local RDA group is an outstanding example in our district of the therapeutic benefits of horses and horse riding.

An assurance from the council that our concerns have been heard, understood and considered would, I am sure, be most welcome.

### The potential

The Horowhenua is a great place to live but safe riding access is currently very limited. Many people I know have bought a lifestyle block and moved to the Horowhenua for an equestrian lifestyle only to be disillusioned at the relative lack of non-competitive riding opportunities. However, the potential for riders is huge with our forest, beaches and even roads if the verges were safer and wider. Lowering the speed limits on rural roads is at least a step in the right direction.

Looking at the benefit to communities of opening up cycle trails highlights some of the potential benefits in terms of tourism. The increased recreational opportunities for local riders would be a welcome bonus.

The tourism aspect is especially timely right now as we all consider the post COVID-19 effect on both our local and global economy. With our borders now closed international travel for an indefinite period, increased internal and possibly trans-Tasman tourism offers opportunities to support our tourism industry. This is especially relevant to an area such as the Horowhenua with its relatively low household incomes. This is a good time to point out that horse riding is not just an activity for the wealthy as many people seem

to think. The number of horse owners in the Horowhenua – a relatively low demographic area – highlights this. People are willing to make a number of sacrifices in order to keep their horse. I feel the council should support this commitment.

Potential tourism opportunities may be as simple as providing riding access to out-of-towners staying in Equine Farmstay accommodation through to targeted Equi-Tourism enterprises.

#### Suggested

- The creation of shared pathways that include provision for horse riders – it is much easier to do this from the start.
- Improved access to parks and reserves.
- Formalised provision for beach access. This seems to be a grey area, and is causing some people considerable and ongoing distress.
- The management of rural berms needs to be addressed where these are being fenced off illegally for cattle grazing. The subsequent narrowing of the available riding space and in some cases the types of fencing materials used are dangerous. In many cases what is done is a breach of the council bylaws last time I read through them.
- Formation of a voluntary working group to work with the council in exploring the opportunities for supporting equestrian recreational pursuits and facilitating the development of equestrian enterprises and their associated tourism potential within the Horowhenua.

With thanks for this opportunity to comment,

Virginia Corrigan

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Attached is my submission to the annual plan 20/21.  
Please let my know you have received this submission.

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Vivienne Bold – Chair- Horowhenua Progressive Association.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>.2020**

**Submission #121**

We have been told **Hokio** Rates will be going up possibly 28%.

It seems a very HIGH INCREASE to pay - FOR WHAT.

Our people have the lowest incomes; majority on benefits. With 5 weeks of Lockdown, this year because of Covid-19. Council made a statement in Nov 2019, saying Rates wouldn't increase!!! From a statement flyer but out by HDC

We have the overflow of toxins from Lake Horowhenua, the Landfill and the Pot!

Leachate and other Poisons leaving the Landfill boundaries.

Under the old Council agreement 10a (I believe) No poisonous substances (leachate); neither liquid, gas nor other substances should not be allowed to pass out of the boundary.

2009 – Council; unbeknown to ratepayers, started pumping Leachate to Wastewater station and then out to the unlined Pot, then down the Waiwiri, Out to the Sea. . .

Why in 2019-2020 has is Council changing the ground rules; not for Maori or anyone living in the area. But to suit itself. . . . . There seems to be NO Plan B in place either.

The Lessee (HDC) is changing the Rules for another term of 35 years. Maori, Community and the NZ Health Dept. (Submitter no 5) object to the renewal of lease at the Pot. Why isn't the Leaser and the committee being listened too? Fish, shellfish and sea birds are dying.

The people have asked repeatedly, what the monitoring reports show. Mr Clapperton CEO, keeps refusing to show publically, what the results of the tests taken from the Landfill, the outlet of the Hokio Stream, the Pot and the Outlet of the Waiwiri are. Nov 2019-he said there was no need to report the results as they were waiting on an Environmental Court hearing, before showing about the results.

The Easterly Wind Blowing on Hokio in the Lockdown, April 2020, seem to have a different foul smell – The Dump site is getting MORE rancid. . .This gas that blows, makes Hokio residents feel nausea, sick and have very bad headaches.

The Water Table is also rising - too much Liquid going out from Town?? More to come with Growth explosion from Developments. Developers' should be paying their contribution to this. Not Hokio.

Horowhenua Trust companies are being sold cheap land and developing for the sake of increasing the city. No respect for the next generation or their needs.

Growth won't give Horowhenua MORE money; just more expenses. In the Chronicle Feb-Council told us about the increase in size of water pipes, over double to what we have now. This should be developers costs, not Ratepayers Costs.

Why- Build Gladstone Green. . .We need that land the Water storage and food. Future planning **FOR** Resources **NOT** Buildings.

Splash Pad – I vote For- Option 1

We haven't got the money for this badly designed slash pad.

Water Restrictions will be in place, PLUS no cover.????

If the Council tendered out the Option 1- Job could be done cheaper. – Horowhenua Alliance - don't need yet another job. This middle company- HDC have created, seem to have very high costings.

Just like Asbestos- which needs special care taken and a special Dumping place.

Surely – Foxton Wastewater SLUDGE with its TOXIC waste, should go to a Special dumpsite – NOT Hokio Landfill with all its leakage problems. The Landfill is on Porous Sand- 3 Km from Pacific Ocean.

The Spring and King Tides are coming in higher and higher. The Land fill should close.

Very dangerous for the contamination of the Moana(Sea). Our Eels need a healthy sea and Hokio stream to come home to multiply.

We need to do more replanting and caring.

I wish to speak to my submission –

Save our Wetlands.

Vivienne Bold

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Greetings

There are two papers. The first the Main Submission. The second is a CCTV recommendation.

The Association wishes to PRESENT our submission - even if that is online.  
Either 13 or 14 May is satisfactory. No interpreter is required.

Enquiries to chairperson Ted Melton <[tm67@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:tm67@hotmail.co.nz)> or 021 837 874.

Ted Melton  
Chairperson FBPAI

**Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc****2020/2021 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION****INTRODUCTION**

- Contains both Annual Plan 20/21 recommendations, and LTP issues;
- Recognises that LTP year3 and the Draft Annual Plan impose limitations;
- Also recognises that Covid-19 may complicate possibilities;
- We ask to present this Submission.

**GROWTH & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****ANNUAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS****Install traffic calming, and safe drop-off & crossing near Pump Track**

- Need observed by school children, citizens, neighbours & Police)
- Part of needed precinct development for Holben Reserve
- Step 1 of a wider FB traffic calming programme
- Part of addressing dangerous speeding & hooning

**Incorporate community feedback into MASTER PLAN for FB growth area**

- To achieve variety, liveability, lifestyle balance, and complement FB character
- To be sustainable, environmentally sound, and community friendly
- Provide safe & calm roading, shared-pathways, and open-spaces that are usable & attractive
- With infrastructure & amenities keeping up with growth.

**LONGTERM PLAN ISSUES****FB Community Plan becoming an important carrier of citizen expectations:**

- Carrying themes, initiatives and projects prioritised by citizens
- To be finalised & adopted prior to LTP review 2021
- Will request priorities are included in LTP for at least 10 years ahead.

**Growth revenues could be prudently projected in LTP:**

- To enable planning of needed social & other infrastructure to meet growth
- Freeholding Acct expenditure capability increased through asset investments
- Project rates and revenue increases from predictable growth & developments
- Reinstitute Development Contributions (Productivity Commission recommendation).

**Reviewed FB Freehold Fund Strategy & Policy:**

- Maximise returns through aggressive/entrepreneurial asset developments & investments
- Policy should allow expenditures to support growth-related projects within Community Plan

**Destination, Transportation and Economic Development Strategies are vital:**

- Economic development (like hard & social infrastructure) must match growth
- Foxton Futures, Proudly Foxton, River Loop flow restoration, & Ramsar Enhancement projects are significant economic opportunities
- Incorporate Branding and Signage strategy as vital components
- Incorporate Freedom Camping policy as important contributor.

**COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING**

**ANNUAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FB CCTV camera coverage:**

- Assn's CCTV Annual Plan Submission is attached.
- Benefits Foxton Beach and Foxton (as with Community Patrols)
- Comprehensive future-proof coverage to achieve prevention and security
- Seeking 100% FBFF funding up to \$115k.

**LONGTERM PLAN ISSUES**

**Move to 3-yearly Contract Funding of:-**

- Community Halls maintenance (not projects)
- Community Patrols operations
- Community CCTV Systems maintenance
- Consultation processes (not projects) expected of area Progressive Assns.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**ANNUAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Ramsar Estuary care:**

- Keep increasing good care and protection
- Strengthen coordination of Statutory Manager and community group contributions
- Vital first step in Ramsar Care & Enhancement Project (joint FBPA/MET via MEMT).

**LONGTERM PLAN ISSUES**

**Manawatu River System central to local identity, & environmental /economic future:**

- **Foxton Futures** has vital value for district, Foxton, & FBeach

- **Ramsar Care & Enhancement (projects)** should unfold alongside FF developments

**Growth Area Developments (via Master Plan):**

- Must minimise stress on Manawatu River & Estuary, and freshwater supply.

**RESERVES, OPENSOURCE & RECREATION**

**ANNUAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Progress completion of Holben Reserve:**

- Finalise & action whole-precinct plan (with community involvement)
- Wetland development critically important (& needs flow)
- Traffic calming, safe drop-off, & safe crossing needed near Pumptrack
- Perhaps upgrade Tennis Courts & Skatepark (at modest cost) in 2020/2021.

**Complete FB Shared-Pathway Loop:**

**Install Foredune WALL at Beach carpark promenade:**

- To enable cost-effective maintenance of wind blown sand.

**LONGTERM PLAN ISSUES**

**Complete Holben Reserve and its precinct, including roading:**

- Implementing the whole-precinct Concept Plan over 2/3 years
- Needs user & pedestrian safety, traffic calming & layout, and smart car-parking options
- Completing Wetland and other priority developments
- Complete a manageable Reserve Management Plan.

**Update FB Reserves Investment Plan:**

- Review existing & new options/priorities in light of Holben completion & other achievements
- Consider refinancing of Investment Plan, recognising growth needs
- Integrate completion of full Shared Pathway network
- Integrate a Volunteer Open Space Beautification Programme
- Progress other Reserves in line with updated priorities.

**Ted Melton**

**Chairperson – Foxton Beach Progressive Association – April 24 2020.**

## **Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc - April 2020 Attachment to ANNUAL PLAN Submission:**

### **Foxton Beach CCTV Camera Project**

#### **INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE:**

- Summarises the background, rationale and system proposed to provide appropriate CCTV coverage for Foxton Beach.
- Recommends the CCTV system be fully funded from FB Freeholding Fund through Annual Plan 2020/2021.

During 2018 Foxton Beach community people strongly urged the newly-formed FB Progressive Association to install CCTV camera coverage to help make our community safer. During 2019, our investigation of options & feasibility determined that surveillance of all exit & entry points was the most suitable and cost-effective approach. As at 23/4/20, the cost to provide & install is \$115k, including signage, contract assurance, & contingencies. Unanticipated need for solar-power, frangible camera & signage mountings, & alternative camera mountings have delayed finalising full costs. Lockdown and evaluating new technologies are other reasons. We originally hoped to provide the system at lower cost.

The Association seeks 100% funding from the FB Freehold Fund, outside the current 50% policy limit. Given community support, & with policy review imminent, we hope the Council will favourably consider this request. Our enquiries indicate the Association is extremely unlikely to find other sources of funding, and the Association itself cannot contribute as it is young, does not trade, and has no assets.

At its unofficial Zoom Workshop on 20/4/20, FCB agreed to recommend 100% FBFF funding of up to \$60K, for which we express our gratitude. However, 3 days later, we learn it will cost almost twice that, unless we prune important features. Staging is not recommended, and will increase costs further.

We intend bringing the new pricing to the Annual Plan hearings 13/14 May, and to Foxton Community Board's 25 May meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council approve the Foxton Beach CCTV initiative, and agree to 100% project funding, outside of current policy, of up to \$115,000 from the FB Freeholding Fund, through Annual Plan 2020/2021.**

**BACKGROUND:**

In mid-2018, inaugural Association members tasked the Management Committee to prioritise **Community Safety**. Strategy included Community Patrols, CCTV camera coverage, expanding Neighbourhood Support, and citizen reporting. These were seen as complementing effective policing.

Foxton & Beach **Community Patrols** became fully operational by late 2019, supported by the Association, NZ Community Patrol Trust, nearby Community Patrols & Beach wardens, NZ Police, & Foxton Community Board. HDC provided substantial support & assistance. Foxton Beach Wardens are integrating with the Community Patrol.

Member Patrick Doyle led the **CCTV investigation** and project development. This incorporated public surveying & engagement, dialogue with Foxton Community Board, studying & comparing CCTV systems in nearby & similar communities, Police and expert consultation, evaluating bids from potential suppliers, engagement with multiple HDC personnel, and exploring other funding prospects.

By April 2020, with assistance from HDC personnel, the Association had substantially finalised system specification, optimum camera locations, preferred provider, ownership & maintenance, street & site signage, and operational protocols. Preferred provider selection was based on criteria including product & system quality, credibility & reputation, local & regional presence, and cost-effectiveness. Complexities such as camera type, power, locations - and recently pricing & lockdown - have delayed final specification and cost at time of submission on 24/4/20.

**RATIONALE FOR CCTV COVERAGE:**

1. **High growth context:** FB community faces opportunities & pressures of at least two decades of substantial growth, gaining hundreds of new dwellings & many more visitors. Increased stress is inevitable on environmentally sensitive Manawatu River, the Ramsar-accredited Estuary and dunes, and Foxton Beach. Roads, footpaths, and cycleways – as well as parks, reserves, open spaces, and community facilities - will be even busier. In this context, the high proportion of elderly and fixed-income residents - indeed all residents - need to be safe and to feel secure.
2. **Problem behaviours:** Increasing vehicle offending and dangerous misbehaviours, minor & major crime, threatening behaviours, and public nuisance incidents are already concerning residents, and will increase with development. As will environmental vandalism and misconduct.
3. **Planned safety:** A safer community and improved sense of security are known to follow from:- (a) Sound community planning and well-designed amenities including traffic calming; (b) Positive & participative community; (c) Sufficient police to provide effective policing, (d) Watchful citizenry, and (e) Community-based programmes. These programmes include Community Patrols, Neighbourhood Support, Emergency Plans, and citizen reporting. In our

case, CCTV will complement effective policing & community patrolling, with other projects following in future years.

4. **Preventive value:** Alongside other initiatives, CCTV installations have demonstrated preventive value in many communities, where it has heightened community awareness and reduced misconduct through publicity, detections, educative follow-up, and enforcement.
5. **Community support:** Anecdotal, questionnaire, and forum feedback indicates substantial approval of this initiative. Unanimous support was voted by all 45 attendees at the Association's July 2019 AGM. Foxtton Community Board members have assisted, consistently voiced support, and expressed appreciation that Foxtton township cameras are able to be inexpensively added to this system.

#### **FEATURES OF FB CCTV SYSTEM:**

- Initially, up to 15 modern, fit-for-purpose cameras will record vehicle movements in & out of Foxtton Beach (covering all entry & exit points including north along the beach) in real time 24/7. 60 days of data will be available.
- Foxtton & Levin Police can access live & recorded data for specified reasons, governed by a public MOU and protocols similar to those in other communities such as Waitarere Beach. In special circumstances, trained & approved community patrollers may assist Police review of footage. Installation should occur this year.
- Camera locations are: -
  - Corner of FB & Palmer Roads (entry/exit);
  - Corner of Palmer & Wylie Roads (entry/exit);
  - Mid-Seabury Avenue (vehicle movements);
  - Pinewood Road (estuary, dune & river access)
  - Foxtton Surf Lifesaving Club (south & north exits, beach entry/exit, & carpark vehicle movements).
- The system has expansion capacity. Further cameras at the beach and at Foxtton township can be readily and inexpensively added.
- A Crime Prevention Camera Trust may own and maintain the CCTV system. The Association recommends that HDC contract-funds maintenance of community CCTV systems through the Long Term Plan from 2021.

**Ted Melton**

**Chairperson – Foxtton Beach Progressive Association Incorporated – 24 April 2020.**

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Submission is attached.

Trust you and your family are all well.

ERROL BROWN



23 April 2020

Submission To

**Annual Plan. Consultation Document 2020 - 2021**

I read in the local newspaper that submissions for the Annual Plan are being called for.

Like the great majority of the Horowhenua District residents I am unhappily aware of the havoc the COVID-19 outbreak is causing, has caused and will cause.

Alas, unhappily, it appears that those who submit proposals and advice to Horowhenua District Councillors are living in locations where COVID-19 does not exist. They appear not at all concerned that in the Horowhenua, as in the rest of New Zealand, people are losing their jobs, businesses are fighting for survival, tourism has been cancelled and the recession that is building is considered by some of this country's financial gurus as developing to be the worst they have seen.

When I read the HCDC plan what do I find? Once again, our rates are going up by over 6%.

It is more than time for Council to act constructively and adjust their planned expenditure to reflect the dawning national economic reality.

- What is their response to the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- How do they plan to help the Horowhenua District overcome the economic effects of this virus?

Immediate relief could come from a zero rate increase. **YES.**

Central Government has introduced policies to carry the country through, making funds available to help implement a recovery. This is the time for Horowhenua Councillors to adopt a policy that will help their ratepayers as we all grapple with reduced incomes, decreases in property values, job losses and rising costs.

Hold rates to the existing level and borrow for essential capital works that cannot be deferred for 12 months. Next year re-evaluate the position when hard facts are available.

It is time to take a deep breath and adjust plans to meet the reality that is evolving even as we talk.

It is really too much of a mind-set change and plan to reduce rates?

Perhaps we should accept that the days of small local authorities have passed and it would be better to amalgamate with our neighbours now, than get forced into it when overall economics are even more unfavourable.

Some of our Councillors are business owners. At this time their council income will help off-set any additional COVID-19 expenses their business may face. Not all of us have that cushion as for an as yet unknown number of ratepayers, their income is slashed and business failures can be expected.

As property values drop, we can surmise, that the actual rate increases will become excessive. Our Leaders, in this their first budget after elections, have the ideal opportunity to take a dose of reality and common sense.

Is any Councillor prepared to accept a salary cut to demonstrate solidarity with their ratepayers and other progressive councils in this small slice of paradise that abruptly, no longer has tourism income?

A zero rates increase and demonstrations from Councillors that they share the ratepayers income loss and concerns will speak louder than words.

Signed.....

*Errol C BROWN*

24 April 2020

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Good afternoon Mr Clapperton.

I hope all your staff and family are safe in your COVID-19 bubble.  
My submission for the Annual Plan is attached.

Best

Diane BROWN

Diane BROWN,  
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23 April 2020

Submission To  
**Annual Plan. Consultation Document 2020 - 2021**

Mr Mayor and Councillors,  
**HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

This submission will be short but to ratepayers and residents, it is hugely important.

Extra-ordinary times call for an extra-ordinary response.

COVID-19 Pandemic, is an extraordinary time and has overtaken Council during its planning process.

Local Authority Councils collectively have big balance sheets and an asset base of \$150. Billion. In the latest data available there is more than \$2. billion held in cash and term deposits. This gives an ability to borrow to support their local economy, just like Central Government does on a National basis.

Now is not the time to be increasing taxes on local households, farmers and business's, but to start looking at supporting people into jobs.

Financing community cohesiveness and having a sound kick start strategy for our community is the better alternative.

Do not raise our rates. This is increasing the tax burden on our ratepayers and residents. The timing is not right. (COVID-19)

Concentrate on our ratepayers and residents.

**NO RATE RISE.**

Signed.....

*Diane M BROWN*

24 April 2020

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Please find enclosed my submission on the Annual Plan.

Yours

Maisie Kimber.

**Submission for Annual Plan 2020-2021**

I am concerned about the Annual Plan Process being open for submissions on such a narrow timeframe in conjunction with our Nation being in a State of Emergency.

The budget for the Annual Plan 2020-2021 was set prior to the development of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The situation for the Horowhenua District Community has changed dramatically as a result.

It is of prime importance that the Council focus on how best it can serve the Community as the economic fallout takes effect.

I consider the Annual Plan Process should be suspended and the Council staff be directed to rework the Plan that would best serve the Community. What projects or operational costs can be cut or deferred? What is the Community going to be able to afford in the future?

Why is the Council consulting about a splash pad at this time of great uncertainty? Why should we the ratepayers, pay over half of cost of removing the pool and building the splash pool. The Council should consider paying a smaller amount, say \$100 000 and the community the rest.

Horizons Regional Council have suspended their Annual Plan Process while they rework their plan. In the leaflet handed out recently it was stated that consultation is a legal requirement. I am sure that central government would not hold any local body to account for postponing the process in order to review the plan.

I consider a 6.9% rate rise should also be suspended as this is likely to have a big financial burden on the community as it is much more than originally indicated. The promo leaflet handed out recently states 'you can compare your valuation with **others across the district**'. Surely we should be able to compare like with like but how do you do that without being able to look up all the others to get their increase?

Development Contributions should be reintroduced. Council says we have no need for them. In that case why do we have water restrictions every summer.

People who don't have access to a computer will be unable to engage in the process. That is not a fair and democratic way that denies a voice to a section of the community.

Thank you

Maisie Kimber

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #126



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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	My thoughts are to just rebuild the paddling pool or make it bigger
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #127



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	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	Especially at this time of widespread hardship, this project must proceed only to the minimum cost to our ratepayers. There is always the option to revisit the other proposals, along with any others deemed worthy of consideration, in the future when hopefully we all recover some financial certainty.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	



<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>The main issue Council must consider at this time regarding the Long Term Plan for 2020/2021 is the lack of a stable financial situation for most ratepayers, and Council MUST remove the following key projects :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - the Splash Pad replacement project options</li> <li>2 - the plan to improve al fresco dining areas on Oxford St. in Levin</li> <li>3 - redeveloping Queen St. in Levin to better reflect the historical links between Lake Horowhenua and the Tararua Ranges</li> </ul>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Most in the district are on fixed low income, and some will be new to low incomes at this time, so the Council must do it's bit by simply omitting 3 high cost items from the Annual Plan for 2020/2021 to avoid the need for any rates increase.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>During this period the legally required consultation process has been seriously compromised by -1- the lack of community meetings and -2- the fact that the on-line submissions form ONLY allows for Splash Pad submissions with regards the Annual Plan for 2020/2021, and then skips straight to submissions for consideration to be included in the next Annual Plan (2021/2041) with no other submissions seemingly possible for the 2020/2021 Annual Plan</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Hi there,

Please find attached the Cancer Society submission concerning the HDC Annual Plan item of alfresco dining

Ngā mihi nui,  
Kerry  
**Kerry Hocquard**  
Toitū te Whenua  
Community Health Advocate  
email: [kerry.hocquard@cancercd.org.nz](mailto:kerry.hocquard@cancercd.org.nz)  
*“He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!”*  
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

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*Improving community well-being by reducing the incidence and impact of cancer*



*“Naa te rourou naaku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. “*  
*With your resources and my resources the people will thrive.*

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<b>Organisation: Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Inc.</b>		
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Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? Yes

Re: Cancer Society Manawatu submission to the Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan  
2020/2021

**ABOUT THOSE MAKING THIS SUBMISSION:**

The Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre aims to reduce the rate of cancer in the Horowhenua region caused by harmful exposure to smoking, both active and secondhand exposure, and harmful exposure to Ultra violet radiation (UVR).

Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Incorporated is a charitable organisation covering the Midcentral DHB region of Horowhenua, Manawatu, Tararua, and Palmerston North city.

Our core services are in Health Promotion, Supportive Care, Information and Research. We work with our communities to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer.

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**Executive Summary:**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the proposed Annual Plan 2020/2021

This plan proposing alfresco outdoor dining, gives an opportunity to bring to life Horowhenua District Council's commitment to central Government's Smokefree 2025 goal, and vision of a Smokefree community, as outlined in the Horowhenua District Council Smokefree Environment Policy (2017).

To deliver on Horowhenua District Council's Smokefree 2025 commitment to our community it is important that Smokefree public places, including outdoor dining spaces, are included within the Smokefree Environment Policy, and essential in the development of the alfresco dining spaces.

Manawatu Cancer Society's submission rationale for why Smokefree and vapefree alfresco dining needs to be included:

Reasons for Smokefree Outdoor dining spaces:

1. Second-hand smoke harms patrons and staff in outdoor dining areas
2. The more children see smoking and vaping, the greater likelihood they will start.

Having Smokefree and Vapefree places in our community helps prevent children from starting to smoke.

3. Most people that smoke want to quit.
4. Reducing the places that people can smoke and vape encourages people to smoke less or quit.
5. Smokefree environments help those who have to quit to stay Smokefree.
6. Feedback from business owners overseas shows Smokefree and vapefree outdoor dining provides a better environment for staff and makes outdoor dining more enjoyable for patrons.
7. The lessons learnt from the Smokefree Environment Act- that people were more likely to visit cafes and bars if they were Smokefree and vapefree.
8. Smoking bans did not have a significant effect on businesses and often had a positive effect
9. Every state in Australia has now committed to Smokefree Outdoor dining.
10. Smoking in outdoor areas contributes to air pollution and cigarette butt litter

11. Local research conducted in the Palmerston North region shows that not only do the public want Smokefree outdoor dining and events, but they would be more or as likely to go if they were Smokefree.

**Manawatu Cancer Society's key recommendation is that the Smokefree Policy is amended to include outdoor dining areas and footpaths and that outdoor dining areas have no ashtrays available, smokefree and vapefree signage is displayed and that smoking and vaping are banned.**

In considering smoking rates nationally, controls on cigarette sales, advertising, and sponsorship, and the use of cigarettes in confined spaces, have contributed to a decline in smoking rates - the current estimate is that 12.5 % of New Zealanders smoke regularly (1). **In comparison, for the Midcentral DHB region, 15% identified as regular smokers, with 59.1% identifying as having never smoked regularly (1) and Horowhenua region have 19% identifying as regularly smoking.**

Research shows that children who regularly see smoking around them are more likely to start smoking (2). Making public places and events Smokefree and vapefree is about stopping our young people from starting to smoke and/or vape and supporting people to quit.

The Cancer Society (2019) review of *Vaping: degrees of harm E-cigarette and smokeless tobacco products Summary of evidence* reveals some concerning trends of Māori students were around 5 times as likely to report daily smoking as non-Māori non-Pacific students. Young New Zealanders (14- to 15-year olds) who had ever tried vaping more than tripled between 2012 and 2016, with 27.7% of young people having ever tried vaping in 2016. Just under 2% of Year 10 students reported using e-cigarettes daily in 2018 (Vaping: degrees of harm E-cigarette and smokeless tobacco products Summary of evidence) (3)

#### Horowhenua District Council Policy support

Horowhenua District Smokefree Environment Policy (2017) identified the following objectives:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of Horowhenua's communities by reducing the prevalence of smoking and de-normalising smoking behaviour.

- Protect Horowhenua's environment by decreasing risk of fire from cigarette butt litter and by reducing the amount of cigarette packet and butt litter that enters the environment. (4)

*High public support for Smokefree outdoor dining areas has been shown in Palmerston North Community*

Smokefree public places and in particular outdoor dining areas have wide public support and hospitality industry support both internationally and in New Zealand.

Internationally, NSW research (2013) shows strong community support for smoking bans in commercial outdoor dining areas and at entrances to public buildings by both non-smokers and smokers:

- four in five people support a smoking ban in commercial outdoor dining areas of restaurants, hotels, clubs and cafés
- four in five people support a smoking ban within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a restaurant, hotel, club or café
- seven out of ten people support fines being issued to those who fail to comply with the outdoor smoking laws (5)

The Victorian Parliament passed the *Tobacco Amendment Act 2016 (Vic)*. The Act amends the *Tobacco Act 1987* to include a ban on smoking in all outdoor dining areas where food (other than pre-packaged food or uncut fruit) is provided on a commercial basis. The amendments also prohibit smoking at certain food fairs and organised outdoor events (6).

In New Zealand, there has also been strong support for outdoor dining where 37% of the New Zealand District Councils have now adopted regulations prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining venues under council lease, or councils have included smokefree outdoor dining in their smokefree policy promoting a voluntary or 'educational' approach. smokefree outdoor dining areas. (7).

*Smokefree outdoor dining does not harm business*

Palmerston North City Council chose to adopt specific regulations prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining venues under council lease.

This decision was evaluated in 2017 and it was encouraging to see that the evaluation report of the smokefree permit conditions for outdoor dining illustrated positive support

by hospitality managers of the new permit conditions, and that the smokefree conditions have had minimal effect on businesses (8)

*Customer perceptions of smokefree outdoor dining*

New Zealand and other public support research indicate almost all people are more likely or as likely to visit outdoor dining areas if they were Smokefree, indicating a positive financial impact (9).

There is clear evidence of harmful exposure of patrons and staff to second-hand smoke in both outdoor dining settings and indoor locations adjacent to outdoor settings, through smoke drift (10).

*Smokefree outdoor dining de-normalises smoking*

The high visibility of smoking in outdoor dining venues acts to normalise smoking to young people, a powerful determinant of smoking uptake (11).

Evidence suggests that the normalization of smoking can have a powerful influence on the urge to smoke, particularly among children and youth (12, 13).

Research has shown that youth who observe adults or their peers smoking in public places are more likely to think of smoking as a socially acceptable behaviour and that youth who have a positive social image of smoking tend to be more likely to experiment with tobacco use (12).

Conversely, Smokefree outdoor dining helps prevent children starting. Studies have found that stronger restrictions around smoking in public places are associated with a significantly protective effect on smoking prevalence in youth (14, 15).

Smokefree areas help to de-normalise smoking, help to establish Smokefree role modelling for children (16) and communicate to smokers and youth the significant risks from tobacco use (17).

Limiting opportunities for people to smoke through the introduction of Smokefree policies, can help to reduce cigarette consumption and reduce smoking uptake by young people particularly if this is part of a more comprehensive tobacco control programme (18,19,20)



*Smokefree outdoor dining will help those who want to quit and those who have quit to stay Smokefree*

Most smokers in New Zealand want to quit (21). This was illustrated poignantly by one of the survey participants who smoked “I smoke and wish I could give up- I know the health risks, and I know we need to do this for our kids.”

The partner of a smoker commented “My husband smokes- and I wish he wouldn’t-I’d like him to be around a lot longer.”

Evidence has shown that Smokefree environments both encourage smokers to make quit attempts and help those who have quit to stay Smokefree. (22, 23)

An increase in quit attempts was evident with the introduction of Smokefree bars and restaurants in New Zealand, resulting in increased caller registrations increased issuing of NRT2 exchange cards through Quitline. (24)

When smoking was banned in outdoor dining and drinking areas throughout Queensland in 2006, 22 % smokers had attempted to quit because of the new laws (25). This is likely to be the case with the introduction of Smokefree outdoor dining in the Horowhenua region.

*Risk of second-hand smoke to hospitality workers*

(Chapman & Hyland, 2010) review considers the evidence about whether outdoor secondhand smoke (SHS) might also pose health risks to others. Because of repeated and cumulative exposure to SHS in outdoor settings like outdoor eating areas, occupational exposures to particulate pollution (PM2.5) from SHS are likely to be far higher than those experienced by patrons who are present for far shorter periods. (26)

*Dining experience*

Businesses report Smokefree outdoor dining provides a better environment for staff, as well as making outdoor dining more pleasant for patrons. (27)

A survey of 143 restaurants/cafes in NSW (41% of which had outdoor dining areas) showed that the majority of establishments when asked about a total ban on smoking believed that this would deliver: a much nicer environment for patrons (82% of establishments permitting smoking in outdoor dining areas and 92% of Smokefree establishments); a much nicer environment for staff (74% of establishments permitting smoking in outdoor dining areas and 90% of Smokefree establishments); and greater peace of mind for staff about their health (59% of establishments permitting smoking in outdoor dining areas and 85% of Smokefree establishments).(28).

*Reasons for a Smokefree outdoor dining bylaw:*

When asked about supporting a bylaw requiring ashtrays to be removed and smokefree signage to be displayed, 91.2% of those surveyed in PNCC Bylaw Consultation on Smokefree Outdoor Dining 2015 were in favour, recognising the importance of clear visible signs and the absence of ashtrays to the philosophy and vision of a Smokefree city as outlined in Palmerston North Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy 2013 (amended 2015) (29).

Clear visible smokefree signage and no ashtrays available could also enhance the outdoor dining experience and Smokefree commitment of the Horowhenua communities.

The final comments made by local people of Palmerston North summarise the Smokefree issue very clearly:

“I want to live in a society where nobody smokes!”

“Smokefree by 2025 won’t happen unless we make steps towards it.”

“Our goal- a healthier Aotearoa, healthier communities and healthier families”

## Conclusion

The Cancer Society of New Zealand is working hard to raise awareness about the on-going harm caused by smoking. We are fully aware however that we are only one player in a complex environment where we need the support of many agencies to achieve a successful outcome for the wellbeing of New Zealanders.

If further extensions to Smokefree Outdoor Areas are successful and more organisations are actively promoting smokefree, New Zealand could see a move towards whole communities, towns and cities becoming smokefree.

It is only by working together that we can hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by smoking in our community and our country.

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Hi there,  
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Kind regards  
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*“He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!”*  
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

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*Improving community well-being by reducing the incidence and impact of cancer*



*“Nau te rourou naaku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. “*  
*With your resources and my resources the people will thrive.*

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CANCER SOCIETY SUNSMART POLICY SUBMISSION TO HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? YES

**ABOUT THOSE MAKING THIS SUBMISSION:**

CSNZ Manawatu is a charitable organisation covering the Midcentral District Health Board region of Horowhenua, Manawatu, Tararua and Palmerston North.

Our core services are in Health Promotion, Supportive Care, Information and Research. We work with our communities to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer through prevention, raising awareness of the need for early detection and providing support.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre aims to reduce the rate of melanoma and other skin cancers in the Manawatu region caused by harmful exposure to the sun. This goal can only be achieved with a community commitment to reducing the risk of skin cancer through SunSmart policies in schools and workplaces, SunSmart behaviour in the outdoors and the creation of SunSmart environments in which we live, work and play

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the proposed Horowhenua Council's Annual Plan 2020/2021.

The Horowhenua District Annual Plan and Sun Protection Policy (2001) represent a unique opportunity to bring to life Horowhenua District Council's vision of a healthy Horowhenua community.

In 2001 Horowhenua District Council showed great leadership in adopting a comprehensive sun protection policy. The Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection Policy was a crucial step in establishing sun protection as a key principle of the Horowhenua District Council's commitment to the health of our community. The Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection Policy showed the council was prepared to take positive action to reduce the alarmingly high rates of skin cancer in New Zealand. The Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection policy was an opportunity to demonstrate that safety is important for all using parks, reserves and swimming pools and that HDC recreation areas are healthy environments.

The Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection policy incorporated shade planning as part of council's planning processes, recognised council responsibility as employer of outdoor workers and contractors, the role of council as community educators and community event organisers and council as consent authorities. This comprehensive policy has since become the model for local government sunsmart practices in our region.

**However, there remains real concern that without the Horowhenua District Council evaluating and prioritising actions identified in this policy, the intended SunSmart progress will not eventuate and our community will continue to be at increased risk of skin cancer.**

Manawatu Cancer Society's key recommendations:

This submission requests Horowhenua District Council recommit to the Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection Policy that was adopted in 2001.

The council goals proposed in the Horowhenua District Council Sun Protection Policy included a range of evidence-based sun protection strategies (shade, community education, personal protective equipment for outdoor workers) which helped the Horowhenua community and Council staff be protected from harmful exposure to UVR from the sun.

The Sun Protection Policy strategies serve as a useful framework from which to evaluate the proposed Splash Pad, the development of Donnelly Park, Waiatarere Beach Domain, and Playford Park in terms of shade provided.

Further recommendations:

- HDC conduct a shade audit of parks and playgrounds, and incorporate shade planning into all future playground and outdoor gym development across the region.
- An equity lens to be used in shade planning of neighbourhood recreational spaces
- HDC support 'sunsmart' community events through the provision of the CSNZ Manawatu sunsmart event toolkit for event planning and portable shade for loan to assist 'sunsmart' events.

The Cancer Society offers assistance with policy development and an implementation strategy.

The CSNZ Manawatu's aim is to reduce the rate of melanoma and other skin cancers in our region caused by harmful exposure to UVR. This goal will be achieved with HDC support

Local Government plays a vital role in the health and wellbeing of our community. The plans and strategies supporting the Annual Plan, could give great hope for us as a healthy, connected community and a place we are proud to call "home."

#### *Council commitment to infrastructure*

While the Cancer Society recognises the importance of Horowhenua District Council essential infrastructure maintenance of our roads, the water, wastewater and storm water networks; the parks, sportsgrounds and walkways; and community resources, we also need to:

- Maintain or improve public health and environmental outcomes or mitigate adverse effects on them
- Provide for the resilience of infrastructure assets by identifying and managing risks relating to natural hazards and by making appropriate financial provision for those risks (1)

This would include solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR), specifically minimising the impact of UVR, at peak times of September to April especially between 10am to 4pm.

*Why does the Council need to be involved in Sun protection policies and practices in our community?*

(Reeder & Jopson, 2006) made recommendations for strong council sunsmart commitment. As a community, we need to reinforce and complement personal sun protective strategies with environmental change and supportive public policies, including for many outdoor areas and facilities administered by territorial local authorities.

The public requires local government not only to inform, but also to offer the best possible opportunities to practice being sunsmart. The ultimate aim is to increase the number of environments in the community that provide protection from sunburn, and to increase public support for such environmental change. (2).

It is timely to encourage HDC to strengthen their sunsmart commitment and recommit to integrating sun protection strategies through Council departments into a sustainable sun protection policy, improving work place safety and community safety.

#### SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

##### *New Zealand Burden of Skin Cancer*

Whiteman, Green & Olsen's (2016) recently published study on invasive melanoma shows that Australia's rates are declining and predicted to keep falling over the next 15 years. In comparison, New Zealand's rates are increasing with the highest mortality rate in the world. (3).

Skin cancer, including melanoma, is New Zealand's most common cancer. It is estimated that skin cancers account for 80% of all new cancers each year. New Zealand and Australia have the highest rates of melanoma in the world. Skin cancer is largely preventable. Over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. (4)

##### *Council's Long -term plan*

In the Horowhenua District Council 2018-2038 Long Term Plan, the Council identified goals of:

Our communities have access to health, social and recreation facilities which enable people to enjoy positive healthy lifestyles.

Our communities live in a safe and supportive environment and are empowered to make positive and healthy lifestyle choices (5).

*Council's role as employer of outdoor staff*

Local government employ many staff working some of their day in an outdoor environment. Sun protection is an important workplace health and safety issue and there is a responsibility for employers to provide a safe environment for employees.

Outdoor workers have a particularly high risk of skin cancer because of regular and cumulative exposure to peak UVR in outdoor work settings (6). Outdoor workers generally receive five to 10 times more UVR exposure per year than indoor workers (7).

*Council as Shade Planners*

The development of a shade policy is a crucial step in establishing sun protection as a key principle of HDC's commitment to the health of our community. A sun protection policy makes possible shade planning to be incorporated as part of council's planning processes, recognises council responsibility as employer of outdoor workers and contractors, the role of council as community educators and community event organisers and potential role as consent authorities.

This policy would show that the council is prepared to take positive action to reduce the alarmingly high rates of skin cancer in New Zealand.

It is an opportunity to demonstrate that safety is important for all attending community events and festivals, using parks, reserves and swimming pools and a healthy environment is created in our recreation areas and work places.

As well as contributing to the health and safety of the community, the increased comfort levels are likely to increase community satisfaction, increased participation in community events and festivals and will result in increased economic benefits to the community.

Horowhenua District Council offers a range of sporting facilities, community events, festivals and playgrounds. Wouldn't it be great to ensure our community can enjoy these facilities in the safest possible environment?

**NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS**

Palmerston North City Council and Whanganui District Council have all recognised the need for UVR protection policies and now incorporate steps to address the burden of melanoma in the community through regular shade audits of parks and recreation spaces, providing sunsmart support for outdoor work employees, and sunsmart event practices. (8, 9).

**POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:***Shade*

A shade audit is recommended to be undertaken to assess existing shade and identify additional shade requirements as part of best practice planning for outdoor locations that cater primarily for children such as children's services, schools, playgrounds and parks. (10).

Anderson, Anderson, Jackson, Egger, Chapman & Rock (2014) highlighted the need for socio-economic status (SES) to be factored into shade audits of our community parks and reserves.

The study highlighted the disparities in the available shade in playgrounds in urban Sydney, leaving many families who use them without sufficient protection from the sun. The study drew attention to the inequities in shade availability for those living in lower SES areas. There was significantly more shade covering activity areas in playgrounds of higher SES areas, with these playgrounds making more use of natural shade than playgrounds in lower SES areas. Environmental sun protection is particularly important in lower socioeconomic status (SES) areas, as families on lower incomes can face economic barriers to improving personal sun protection such as the costs associated with buying appropriate sun protection. (11)

The provision of sun awareness education and shade by the Council can do much to raise the level of community awareness of skin cancer and the very simple and practical ways in which we can protect ourselves from it, yet still enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation. Contributing to the health and safety of the community, the increased comfort levels are likely to increase community satisfaction; tree planting will also reduce the effects of greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.

A decision to provide increased shade at local parks provides HDC with the opportunity to promote a healthier community and demonstrate that safety is important for those using its recreation spaces.

This action is supported by the community and has been illustrated by over 4,900 people nationally signing an Auckland mother's petition urging councils to provide shade at playgrounds to protect kids from skin cancer and heat-related risks. (13).

“Our children are our future we have to protect them in every way we can! Shade is an absolute must at playgrounds and should be mandatory if you build a playground add a sun shade you wouldn't build a tire swing without a tire why build a playground that children can't use because it is too hot to play on and far too dangerous to be out in the sun.” Lisa, a parent from Timaru. (13).

*Shade recommendations:*

It is recommended that:

- A shade audit is undertaken to assess existing shade and identify where additional shade is required as part of best practice planning for outdoor locations that cater primarily for children such as children's services, schools, playgrounds and theme parks ( 10).
- That HDC consider providing portable shade available for loan for low decile community and school events
- Trees are planted to provide shade and mitigate environmental effects of carbon emissions

*Community Education Recommendations:*

It is recommended that the community be made aware of the risks of UVR and encouraged to make use of any sun protection measures made available to them. These sun protection measures include:

- The display of sun-safety and skin cancer prevention information.
- Signage promoting sun protection messages to remind patrons to improve their sun protection behaviours while exposed to UV radiation.

*Community Events Recommendations*

Horowhenua District Council as community educators and consent authority for community events and festivals, commit to a range of evidence-based sun protection strategies to help protect current and future community events and festivals from harmful exposure to UVR.

These strategies include the following practices for Council staff, event contractors and volunteers:

- Ensure all Council-run events have risk-management processes that minimise sun exposure
- Shade: The need for shade assessment and provision
- Community marquees being made available
- Information and signage:
- Pre-event publicity and promotion encouraging audiences to be sunsmart
- Signage promoting sun protection messages is important to remind patrons to improve their sun protection behaviours while attending community events and festivals.
- Event timing: Timing of events to reduce exposure to extreme UVR levels (Christmas Parade frequently held during a time of extreme UVR levels with families waiting in the sun)

(Resources available: The Cancer Society SunSmart Event Planning Toolkit (13) and DHB Smokefree Event Planning Toolkit (14))

Council as consent authority recommendations

It is recommended that UVR protection be integrated into the council's long-term strategy rather than as a stand-alone mechanism. It is recommended that:

- Owners of outdoor eating venues are encouraged to provide shade for patrons
- Information on UVR protection is provided to people prior to making an application for consent to council
- A street tree policy is maintained to ensure appropriate selection, planting and maintenance of street trees
- Awareness of the issue is raised within council, highlighting sun protection practices within council goals and objectives.

Recommendations to Council as employer of outdoor staff:

- Provision of Personal Protective Equipment, that is, SunSmart clothing, broad-spectrum sunscreen, appropriately placed shade, scheduling of work and a commitment to SunSmart behaviour.

Potential Resources:

- Sunsmart accreditation for workplaces: Bay of Plenty District Health Board Toi Te Ora Public Health Service (2010) Work Well for Sun Safety Toolkit (15).
- The resource Work Well for Sun Safety toolkit provides an accreditation framework of quality assurance in sun safety for management, employees and potential stakeholders and community partners ensuring that sun safety is planned, implanted and evaluated and workplaces are recognised for their sun safety commitment.

Policy development:

- Policies supportive of sun safety, promoting sun safety practices as the norm among outdoor staff
- Review and monitoring of sun safety policy

Workplace Practices & Training

- Provide accessible information and training to all staff about prevention and early detection of skin cancer.
- Contractors and casual employees are expected to abide by sun safety regulations and demonstrate good sun protection behaviour.
- Limit or minimise exposure to peak UVR by reviewing work areas and practices. Peak UVR periods could be used to complete indoor tasks or rotate indoor and outdoor work so that outdoor work is shared during peak UVR times.

- Work environment and events:

- Ensure all staff events have risk-management processes that minimise sun exposure.
- Make use of shade, including permanent, portable or natural.
- Air-conditioned vehicles and large areas of glass tinted to provide UV protection.
- Canopies fitted to the tractor mowers that previously have no cover.



## CONCLUSION

The Horowhenua District Council offers a range of fantastic sporting facilities, community events, festivals and playgrounds. Wouldn't it be great to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy these facilities and community in the safest possible environment?

This is the time for local government to play an active role and help reduce the incidence and number of deaths from skin cancer in the Horowhenua region.

Our community has an increasing rate of skin cancer, and New Zealand men have the highest death rate from melanoma in the world. Every statistic represents a person's life, family, friends, workplace, and leisure activities all being affected by the impact of cancer.

The financial cost of loss of earnings, loss of productivity, the loss of physical health and for some, the loss of life, and for all, an increased emotional stress do much to diminish the heart of our community. Despite these cancers being preventable, they are serious public health problems, and we all have a role to play in finding a solution.

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Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	Yes
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	Wednesday 13 May; or
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	Because we need to reduce spending and reduce our over all debt that the council currently has
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	People's ability to pay their rates. If the rate continue to Rise
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The debt the council has and is not reducing needs to be addressed
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please provide any further comments:	This council. has huge potential but for too long now finances have clearly been mismanaged. This is an issue of correcting past mistakes. It appears to me the problems are snowballing.
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	Yes
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	Wednesday 13 May; or
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	I do not choose any of the above options, at this time I consider this expenditure to be non-essential and under the Covid-19 pandemic and immediate recovery period believe all non-essential activity should be carefully assessed as to if it can be deleted altogether, revised or deferred. I think the project looks fabulous and understand the many benefits but currently believe this should be deferred. Also, I note it is not in the Long Term Plan and not budgeted for.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Currently, with the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery, I think the absolute major issue Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan is the extent of the impact of this pandemic and it's associated implications on the district, plus a comprehensive recovery package for all in the communities being served, taking advantage of the opportunity presented to 'reimagine, redevelop and recast' what our society looks like.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>The key challenge we face is this current pandemic and the associated implications across the district. A crisis 'like no other', from which we anticipate global economic activity to decline on a scale not seen since the Great Depression (IMF) with both complex and uncertain outcomes requires a response 'like no other', one which is also complex, flexible and considers that as a district can not take social cohesion for granted; Council have the related key challenge of ensuring policies and resources are directed towards reducing inequality, protecting vulnerable residents and promoting access to opportunities for all. Rising to meet this key challenge aligns well with Council's six Community Outcomes and current vision of 'our district focuses on growing neighbourhoods and building stronger communities together'. These challenges are also our key opportunities: the chance to 'reimagine, redevelop and recast'.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>I note that I have prepared my submission with reference to a variety of Council documents and other sources on information obtained online and have referenced them as such. Please see attached. Kind Regards, Sharon Williams</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	<p><a href="#">HTH_HDC_Submission to Draft Annual Plan 2020.docx</a></p>

**Submission to Draft Annual Plan 2020-2021: Sharon Williams 24.04.2020**

In preparing for this submission, alongside personal communication with Council staff, an elected member and community members, I have read and referenced with quotation marks the following:

Draft Annual Plan 2020-2021 (DAP)

What's Our Plan 2020/2021 Annual Plan (WOP)

Annual Plan 2019-2020 (AP19-20)

Long Term Plan 2018-2038 (LTP)

Nine Month Report 1 July 2019 – 31 March 2020 (9MR)

Horowhenua Mayor Facebook video 2 (BWF/b)

Salvation Army Social Impact Dashboard 24.04.2020 (SA)

Submission to LTP – Sharon Williams page number 806 and Council response (SWLPT)

I thank the Council for the opportunity to submit to the Draft Annual Plan 2020-2021 (DAP) and would firstly like to take this opportunity to also thank those staff and members who have been working creatively, both all year to enhance the lives of those in our community and especially at this time of Covid-19 pandemic.

**Preamble:**

*The current global Covid-19 pandemic and implications, both in terms of health and economic functioning are still unknown. There is huge scientific uncertainty about the future pathway of the pandemic and a resurgence of its spread. However, it is stated by the IMF that we are being pushed into a recession worse than the global financial crisis, this is a 'crisis like no other', expected economic activity is likely to decline on a scale not seen since the Great Depression, this crisis is complex, uncertain and global. I consider that the Council have a duty to the district to review the Draft Annual Plan with this crisis as the 'lens' and primary decision-making influence at this time. I respectfully request that all activity be very carefully analysed and categorised as to if it is essential or not; if not, can it be deleted altogether, revised or deferred. If essential, can it be revised or modified to better meet the needs of Council budget restrictions that this pandemic brings. I accept there are essential activities and even non-essential but highly desired activities in terms of recovery and resilience for communities and again, respectfully request that Council do not consider increasing the debt burden on the district with further associated interest payments.*

Regarding the Draft Annual Plan 2020-2021, I respectfully request that Council consider the following issues and recommendations:

1. **Splash Pad (WOP):** Council defer this until a later date, as per reasoning in preamble. Plus, I note that this is not in the LTP and not already budgeted for.
2. **Footpaths (c.r.LPT, p242):** Council consider footpaths and the health and safety of the pedestrians using them as essential, they are an important part of infrastructure and in locations, such as Stout Street, Shannon, where there are no complete footpaths, consideration be given to the health, safety and well-being of residents; having people walk down the street because there are no footpaths or the footpaths need repair and are dangerous, is far from ideal. Council consider undertaking an audit of all the footpaths in the district, to enable them to prioritise the upgrades and new footpaths needed.
3. **Financial Strategy: LTP wider goal of managing growth while living within its means:** Council have an extremely different set of financial circumstances now and yet to discover what central government assistance will be given. Council consider their goal and strategies aligned with this goal and be as prudent and frugal as possible to keep these goals achievable, as per the reasoning in the above preamble.
4. **Community Facilities and Services: Key projects 2020-2021, DAP p45.** Council consider if any of these are essential, as per reasoning in preamble above, in particular I think of the lovely Domain at Waitārere Beach and why on earth would we be spending money on such a well-developed and enjoyed resource.
5. **Staff remuneration:** I understand that Council are proposing a \$1.5 million budget for this purpose. Whilst I agree that experienced and high-quality staff deserve fair remuneration I believe Council should consider the reasoning in preamble above and that many residents have lost their jobs, surviving on wage subsidy, taken remuneration cuts to retain employment and are struggling with their new reality of poverty. The Prime Minister has told the nation that herself, government ministers and public service chiefs are taking a 20% pay cut for the next six months and that they feel acutely about the struggles many New Zealanders were facing. I hope the Council too feel acutely about the struggles of residents in our district and act accordingly.
6. **Expenditure:** I note may items that appear to be non-essential, such as the Shannon Library refurbishment and shelving (\$26 / \$26) but accept that some contracts have already been processed and now have to occur legally. However, Council could check which contracts, services, activities and projects that are deemed non-essential and do not have to be legally provided and rewrite budgets accordingly. I especially highlight items such as library books (\$235,000), DVDs (\$16,000, in an era of rapidly increasing streaming), redevelopment of Te Takaretanga o Kura-hau-pō Te Ao Māori space ((\$22,000), RFID equipment replacement (\$154,000), Foxton Aquatic shower upgrade (\$26,000), Shannon Memorial Hall accessibility upgrade (\$52,000), Waitārere Domain Improvement Plan (\$53,000), Driscoll Reserve Improvement Plan (\$52,000), Playford Park Improvements (\$342,000), self-issue machine at libraries (\$10,000 plus \$20,000) and so on. Some other items, such as the Levin Depot pole shed roof replacement (\$84,000) and vehicles replacement JIL288 (\$37,000), Council

could consider rescheduling the expenditure to another period. Also querying expenditure over budget, such as outlined in the Nine Month report, although as spent now can not alter this but it would be good for Council to learn the lessons of this.

7. **Rates:** a complex issue with this being the main mechanism of raising revenue that we will so desperately need to reimagine, redevelop and recast communities. However, if I lived in Hokio Beach I would not have been at all happy with the percentage rate rise indicated, even prior to the pandemic and its implications. Other areas of the district may also be unhappy about their projected rises either. As per the reasoning in the preamble above, I request that Council carefully consider their response to communities, groups and individuals about rates increases. Council should create an immediate task group (if have not already) to problem-solve this complex issue of rate increases and potentially seek a variable response; so that those who have on-going employment and are able to absorb rates increases are able to do so, those that require rebates, as per current process or those who now find themselves in poverty, when previously not, including businesses going bankrupt and similar have mechanisms whereby they are not put under any further financial stress whatsoever.
8. **Housing:** This is such a huge issue nationally, district wide and in the Miranui Ward. Homelessness is rife and Shannon township has experience a 12.83% population growth between 2013-2018 (this is following a 9.6% decrease from the 2006-2013 census, so highlights a 22.43% increase since 2006, without the associated infrastructure to accommodate this) and we know that it has increased substantially since then, with recent infill housing on subdivisions and occupancy rates increasing with families and whanau groups taking in homeless members. What Shannon needs going forward, and I consider essential with the property values increasing significantly in the recent few years and the rental also increasing at a similar rate, is an investment in social housing, affordable housing, home ownership projects for those that can afford them plus long-term rental housing owned and supported by community providers and Council supporting all the above occurring, such as infrastructure requirements. I appreciate other areas in the district, specifically Waitārere Beach at 47.73% increase is a more urgent need but ask that the Council consider the population increases not from the last census but from 2006, as this gives a longer-term trend and highlights how Shannon fits potential criteria for infrastructure development in the future LTP and Annual Plan 2021-2022, as Ōhau-Manakau with a similar 20.67% in last census period.
9. **'Shannon Community Centre Feasibility Study:** Council will (my emphasis) be undertaking a feasibility study for the potential development of a Shannon Community Centre. Key aspects of the feasibility study will include: Community demand, Potential use, Consideration of whether Shannon Memorial Hall could be an appropriate building/site, Further engagement with the Shannon community, including Iwi and Hapu to understand its needs and aspirations.' (AP19-20, pp.3-4)



**‘Shannon Community Centre – Analysis:** ‘it appears that there is a level of support to justify Council further investigating the potential development of a Community Centre in Shannon, which could include repurposing an existing building (such as Shannon Memorial Hall), or constructing a new purpose-built community facility.

**Recommendation:** That Council completes a feasibility study by the end of year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2018-2038, including as a first step, an investigation of community demand to assess the need for, and anticipated use of, a Community Centre. That Council undertakes further engagement with the Shannon community as part of the feasibility study, including with the local iwi and hapu, to fully understand their needs and aspirations regarding the potential development of a Community Centre in Shannon. Recommendation made by: Sharon Grant, Group Manager People and Community’. **(SWLTP)**

**Submission recommendation:**

That this planned activity, which has in part been started with a Shannon Progressive Association Hui regarding the use of and management of the Shannon Memorial Hall and tasking to Cr Robert Ketu to liaise with the Council about the clear outcomes and proposed management of the hall, be deferred until the Annual Plan 2021-2022. Not only because there is the Shannon Memorial Hall management process to complete but also because of the pandemic implications mentioned in the preamble.

Council are responsible for maintaining essential services and the Mayor has asked us residents to ‘rest assured Council is doing everything in its powers to make sure that those plans and strategies will help, enable and facilitate the community to be strong and recover as best we can. Cr Robert Ketu has also assured me that elected members are working hard to manage this extraordinary process too. I hope more than anything Council will consider this opportunity to reimagine, redevelop and recast and that community consultation and partnership will be integral to that process.

Thank you.

Sharon Williams

24.04.2020

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #131



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Question	Response
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	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	None of the above options appeal to me as I feel this is not a priority and also this is concentrated in Levin. The Pools in Shannon need upgrading or a refurbishment.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Housing we need affordable housing and social housing. We need more employment opportunities or training sectors concentrating on the trade sector there was too much emphasis on tourism and hospitality. the lockdown has proven that the tourism sector is non-essential.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The key challenges are the lack of housing and the infrastructure in place to support the growth of this district.
<b>Your Comments</b>	

Please provide any further comments:	<p>I want to see finished upgraded pathways in Shannon as some of them are hazardous. Pathways along the Manawatu riverbanks from Shannon to Matarapa and from the Poutu pa to Moutoa also form Shannon Otauru Stream to Mangahao dam and a pathway from Mangaore village to Shannon.</p> <p>Restoration work is done on our lagoons in Shannon eg. Te Maire and Taita lagoon. Icons on the northern end of Shannon a carved limestone and at the southern end the waterwheel. We want to see the same work that Levin is getting also reflected in Shannon and Miranui ward</p>
Attach any other comments:	

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #132



Submission date: 24 April 2020, 7:11PM

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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	I actually wanted a no action, let's reconsider but that didn't exist. I think in light of COVID19 we need the space to reconsider public spending and potential amenities. Also why isn't this covered as part of the swimming pools?
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Shannon community centre. Our general long term plans as a district upon the impact of COVID19 and other potential impacts coming out of that this year. Priorities should be solid infrastructure first.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Opportunity: Beautiful natural resources. Strong Shannon community. I would like to have a community garden here. There is a lot of wasted land here and an appetite for a community garden.

**Your Comments**

Please provide any further comments:

I've only just moved up from Wellington in Feb so I'm still teething my head around the challenges and opportunities. But I'll be able to better give feedback in a month or two.

Attach any other comments:

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #133



Submission date: 24 April 2020, 7:45PM

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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	Covid- 19 economic stress. Also after hours issues for residential area should be a high priority. The adventure park would be a better location - easier for monitoring and would target more people (including visitors), and the adventure park offers alternative activities when the splash pad is too busy.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>A suitable playground for Tokomaru village area. Current one is very limited. The space behind the community hall is ideal. Children can access it on foot or bike safely. Currently the school is unfairly used by the community as council have provided such a small limited playground. The school has extra wear and tear and other issues it should have to be burdened with. The current playground would be an ideal space for a community garden which would be very well supported by locals.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>One or two people trying to speak for the whole district. We have had huge growth and pay similar rates to Levin but have no real presence in the long term plan.</p>
<p><b>Your Comments</b></p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #134



Submission date: 24 April 2020, 11:58PM

Receipt number: 106

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 2: Remove the paddling pool and Council build a splash pad. (Estimated cost \$450,000)
Why did you choose this option?	because option was not made available to not comment.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Growth as the first major hub (Levin) outside of the greater Wgtn region.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	infrastructure and community advancement to compliment future regional developments
<b>Your Comments</b>	
Please provide any further comments:	As a Waikawa beach resident i would like to see the installation of additional speed bumps in Sarah st. to control the speed of vehicles along this road. As a father of a young child the speed of some vehicles along this street raises concerns.
Attach any other comments:	



# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #135



Submission date: 26 April 2020, 10:24PM

Receipt number: 107

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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
Why did you choose this option?	Money could be better spent elsewhere (youth centres/recreational activities for teens) when there is already aquatic centres in levin and Foxton. The adventure park is sufficient enough.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Infrastructure
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Maintaining infrastructure with growing population. As Foxton, Shannon and many neighbouring suburbs continue to grow and increase in demand for new businesses is a sure thing. Furthering investments into more infrastructure projects (industrial and residential) would be ideal in maintaining a consistent growth in the surrounding suburbs
<b>Your Comments</b>	

Please provide any further comments:	As new highways from Wellington/Kapiti into Horowhenua are in the works an increase in visitors and residents are more than likely.
Attach any other comments:	

Horowhenua District Council LTP  
Submission



NAME:- Marilyn Cranson

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I wish to submit the following for consideration as part of HDC's Long term Plan:

- 1 That something be done regarding the vehicles travelling along East Road far exceeding the 50kph speed limit. There are often children playing on the berms, walkers, cyclists, and people exercising their dogs. This also applies to the number of motor cyclists who travel at breakneck speed, often with no crash helmets. The three way intersection at East Rd, Clapham and Stafford Streets seem to be first in best dressed with some not giving way at all from any direction. Someone will have a disastrous accident either at the Intersection or in East Road
- 2 That something be done regarding the farm between SH1 and Roslyn Road with the old carpet etc along the fences on ~~at~~ the Railway line side, it must surely be a vermin breeding ground. The whole farm is an eyesore.

3) Since Owlcatraz in Shannon is to be sold by Tender shortly, (Covid 19 notwithstanding) that the Shannon Jail be returned from there and relocated at Te Maire Park, Railway Station or wherever HDC deems the position for it to go. This jail is part of Shannons History and should not be sold as part of Owlcatraz out buildings or chattles.

Signed, ulc lempow

Date - 22/4/20

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To: David Clapperton

Cc: Aroha Parker, Sue Hori Te Pa

Bcc: Michael Feyen

From: footprint@xtra.co.nz

Subject: Submission for HDC 2020-21 Annual Plan

24th April, 2020

Hello CE Clapperton,

Please find my attached abbreviated submission for the HDC 2020-21 Annual Plan. I wish to speak to my submission.

I believe that any proposed rates increases be deferred until it is clear what the overall effects of the current Corona virus are, as this event will change so many things for our district and country over the next few years and the uncertainty of employment, travel, rebooting industry and business, housing and transport. Many things will be different in terms of how we operate as a district and a country.

That HDC finally request a full independent audit for the last 12 years as there has never been an independent audit to clearly and transparently show our true financial position and how we got into such a mess. This audit to also look at the processes of the Audit office for accuracy, relevance and the numerous breaches it either chooses to ignore or does not dig deep enough to find. Audit makes many recommendations and clearly HDC

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does not dig deep enough to find. Audit makes many recommendations and clearly HDC has for many years simply ignored them in the main and Audit seems to have very little real power to make any changes.

Many examples of which I am aware of were hidden by delaying the 2019 Annual Audit of my term in office as Mayor until after the 2019 elections and when I was out of office, to ensure I was unable to fulfil my enquiries and presentation of my evidence to show the disgusting state of HDC's finances and integrity and transparency of reporting.

Examples (just some) of my concerns relating to some areas of HDC'S financial practices are as follows:-

- The low level of qualification and competency of HDC's Independent Finance Audit and Risk Chair supplied by EQUIP an adjunct of LGNZ. This person is also chair of FAR Committees in numerous other councils and acting CE (at the time) for two other councils. This alone, clearly shows to me, concerns that one person can be in this level of position given their lack of academic back-ground. He also hid information from me, as Mayor, which was very disturbing.
- Reduce the staggering number of staff HDC has for such a small district. Especially as so much work is by way of external consultation or contractors.
- Councillors should investigate the reasons for such high staff turnover in key positions. Why do these people leave so quickly?
- investigate the real number of people who have left HDC with what started as a personal grievance but ended in 'non disclosure' (3 years) severance payments. Clearly it is costing ratepayers money unnecessarily due to poor CE management. Breaches of Human rights have also occurred. With those I have spoken to, settlements were always concluded when staff threatened legal action and the termination contracts never mentioned the CE's name, initial reason or complaint and had a 3-5 year non-disclosure enforced. Note that many affected have now passed the non-disclosure period.

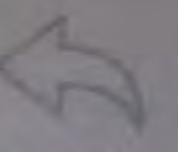
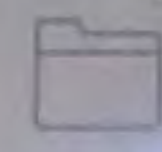
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enforced. Note that many affected have now passed the **non-disclosure period**.

- Employ a competent Project Manager if this has not **been done since** the last elections.
- Stop employing senior staff members who have very **little** in the way of relevant qualifications, if any, in the fields in which they are managing.
- HDC's practice of, in numerous cases, not conducting a transparent tendering process for HDC works including building.
- Hiding payments and true costs to Iwi and others by hiding the payments under other headings such as Roding etc.
- Since 2013 using Rate Payers money on playing the stock market by way of 'futures and swaps and what effect this will have on HDC's finances debt levels and the consequent impact on ratepayers with the current Corona Virus and it's aftermath?
- **the** raft of conflicts of interest, in my opinion, of both staff and some councillors in the **field** of development. Ie The 2019 sale of a business property to an elected member for 25% less than the 2015 valuation is but one small example.
- the reintroduction of DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS (for all house builds) is an absolute necessity so that individual house builders and developers pay their share towards the cost of infrastructure. The Chair of the FAR Committee repeatedly said that in the new term he would be pushing for Development contributions to be reinstated. Clearly self-interested elected members do not want this. Ordinary ratepayers are being sent to the wall covering the cost for infrastructure that benefits developers such as CE Clapperton, Cr Wayne Bishop, former elected HDC representatives and even MP's. Infrastructure is not required all the way to Manakau at this point in time. This is nothing more than covering for such developments as Speldhurst (on the way to Manakau) who are close to exhausting the old capacity of the Kimberley Home infrastructure and want someone else to pay for the extensive infrastructure that will be required to finish the project.

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project.

- Clearly the rates paid per house at Speldhurst is far less than houses with the equivalent value owned by others in the district. Even my modest home in Foxton paid over twice that of these far more expensive houses at this location. This can be corroborated by an Official Information request I made in late 2019.
- Also how is it that so many experience many additional expensive costs during the consents and building processes yet at the above location there have been very few callbacks etc by HDC. This information was also sourced by OIA Request. There is a single house in Foxton that had more (call backs which always have a cost) in total than the 200 plus houses at Speldhurst combined. Most of the inspections at Speldhurst have been carried out by the same two building inspectors (one left) who do not seem to set foot in the constructions themselves. You may wish to make public all of the inspection reports and compare them to those who only build a single house to see if HDC'S requirements are met fairly and equitably by all.

Lake Horowhenua.

That an independent expert be engaged to advise HDC exactly what is required to change our sewerage, stormwater and waste-water systems to no longer have a negative effect of Lake Horowhenua. So much has been spent on dubious litigation, legal fees and poor quality environmental consultancy over the years the money would have paid for the far better system already. The divide and rule tactics that HDC's management uses on it's constituents is a massive waste of money and ensures constant conflict. This has been most clear in the field of HDC/Iwi-Hapu relations. Why

That HDC acknowledges Phillips Taueke's right to live at the Lake. That in itself will save HDC a huge amount of money.



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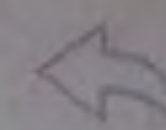
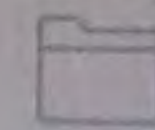
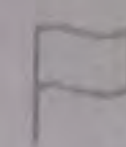
HDC a huge amount of money.

Miscellaneous.

- Fully support and fight for a regular run commuter train service to Levin from Wellington.
- Push harder for the 'flow' to be returned to the Manawatu River Loop at Foxton.
- Abide by the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Stop press releases to the Horowhenua Chronicle under the guise of an article produced by a reporter. A press release heading should be put at the top of the article. The Chronicle clearly lives in fear of repercussions from HDC if it does not do as it is told. Plenty of ex reporters and staff have told me this. It is, at best, a practice that is designed to mis-lead the readers and direct people to thinking the way HDC wants them to.
- Reintroduce live Facebook streaming of all council meetings and submission processes. This was hugely successful and had up to 4000 plus viewers. It was stopped due to its transparency and success. HDC clearly were uncomfortable with the public actually being fairly informed. To much to hide?
- That HDC become more proactive in challenging upstream provinces pollution of the Manawatu River to the detriment of much of this districts waterways and beaches and consequently the environmental and economic damage this causes to us.
- to more fully fund the Foxton community Board so that it is able to make more of it's own decisions on how to effectively spend money on it's own community. It is called Localism.
- Reconsider the 500 house development at Foxton Beach. It makes no sense on any level due to water tables, drainage, liquefaction, availability of water and waste removal. A dumber than dumb idea. Many at the beach want to retain the community feel and c

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A dumber than dumb idea. Many at the beach want to retain the community feel and not want to become a fully fledged town.

- Encourage Police to return fully to Foxtton Beach.
- Retain our Memorial Hall and upgrade the old court house.
- Address the chronic roading system now that one end of the Main Street was blocked off. It is dangerous and has now seen a huge increase of heavy trucks using totally inadequate roads. IE Harbour Street, Liddell Street, Clyde Street and Wharf street. Designed by who?
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- Liaise with the owners of the Mangahao Dam to build a business case to source water from the top dam to supply Levin when necessary.
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# What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #138



Submission date: 24 April 2020, 2:04PM

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Question	Response
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<b>Hearing of Submissions</b>	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	Yes
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	Thursday 14 May
Sign language interpretation required?	No
<b>Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)</b>	
Please select your preference:	Option 2: Remove the paddling pool and Council build a splash pad. (Estimated cost \$450,000)
Why did you choose this option?	Splash Pad compliments what is in the park and great for youngsters. However, this should be placed on hold for the next 12 months along with all other non essential work - this could be staged, remove the paddling pool now, build splash pad later.
<b>Long Term Plan 2021-2041</b>	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Continued growth impacts on things such as infrastructure and encouragement of transportation to, from and within the District.  Affordability - alternative ways of funding needs other than reliance on rates, eg Development or Financial Contributions.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Development of facilities that can meet the growth requirements.
<b>Your Comments</b>	

Please provide any further comments:	The 2020/21 year is unlike any of recent times - during this AP process Council must not add any projects for the year that segments of the community propose and in fact must seriously consider removing non essential expenditure from what has been consulted on to reduce the 2020/21 rates to either a NIL increase or that of the annual level of inflation only. This may mean some hard decisions such as looking internally of the organisation to reduce costs. During the recent election process some Councillors indicated that raising rate levels were of concern to them - now is an opportunity to stand beside those remarks. In respect of fees and charges these also need to be held at current levels.
Attach any other comments:	

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**From:** Christina Paton <malimidwe@gmail.com>  
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Please find attachment and acknowledge.  
Thankyou.  
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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Subject: Submission to Annual Plan 2020/2021.

#### Levin Splash Pad Option 1.

The Splash Pad is not an essential item.

The Horowhenua District is well served with swimming pools in Shannon, Foxton and Levin together with a very swimmable coastline.

There is already a significant debt burden in the Horowhenua District.

If the Levin ratepayers indicate a strong preference for the Splash Pad then it must be paid for with a Levin targeted rate.

#### Long Term Plan 2021-2041

Major issues to consider:-

1. Reconsider planned expansion of coastal communities given the advice contained in the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement i.e. implement managed retreat given that global warming is causing sea level rise.
2. Liquefaction must also be taken into consideration.
3. There are already constraints on public water supplies.
4. The national economy is already taking a big hit from the Coronavirus scenario and Horowhenua is not immune from those effects.
5. Noting that Manawatu District Council is sensibly advocating for a nil rates increase. That is a common sense approach to managing the economic crisis that is affecting us all nationwide and the Horowhenua District may do well to follow suit.

6. Development Contributions must be re-instated. It is totally unacceptable that developers should be subsidised by the ordinary ratepayer given that the developers are the ones to benefit from profits made on sales.
7. There is a significant portion of our communities right now that do not have access to computers or community newspapers and this is discriminating against them as regards their ability to engage with local government at this important time when all input should be sought as much as possible. In my view the discrimination is acute against low income and many senior citizens. The Horowhenua District Council in my view has not made a worthy effort at trying to communicate with the ratepayers.

I request speaking rights to my submission.

Signed: Christina Paton



30/04/20 Submission of Charles Rudd Sr;

Horowhenua District Council's

2020/2021 Annual Plan.

Comment:

The Blame Game comes into effect, when individuals/groups do not listen, and or take notice of what is placed in front of them.

Therefore, in such situations one of my favorite sayings when things are ignored is, "I told you so".

'One Must learn from the Past, to be in the Present, too go into the Future Positively.'

For the past years under the leadership of HDC's Mayor's Malcolm Guy, Tom Robinson, and Brendan Duffy, I had informed Council of those times the following examples to promote LEVIN and the Horowhenua District.

But, alas with ignorance and or arrogance, my words fell on hearing impaired ears:

Example's:

1/ 'Te Hokiōio', of which the Hokiō Stream and beach is named after, and is on the Maori carvings at HDC's office building entrance-way.

'Te Hokiōio' was the biggest and largest Eagle known to man.

Ohakune has the carrot, Paeroa has the Paeroa Lemon drink, so would it not be great to promote Levin/District, by placement of statue/mascot of the Great Eagle at the three main entrances into LEVIN?

2/ The 'Moutere' sand dune hill (Te Temiwha 'Waiopēhu') by the Levin Golf Club. Supposedly, the biggest sand-dune in the Southern Hemisphere.

Seen from afar, coming North and or South into LEVIN.

\* Since I am corresponding about this particular area, there is a paper-road between Moutere/Golf Road and the old Waitarere Rd;

Here, I am asking the Horowhenua District Council to look and think about placing a formed road-way over this paper-road.

The benefit for users/people, equates to time and space.

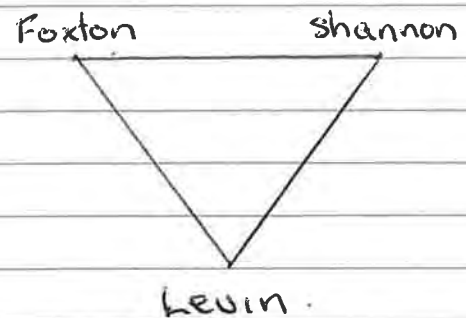
Have a survey on the issue..

3/ The three 'Mangahao Dam Reservoirs', on the Tararua Ranges, above Shannon:

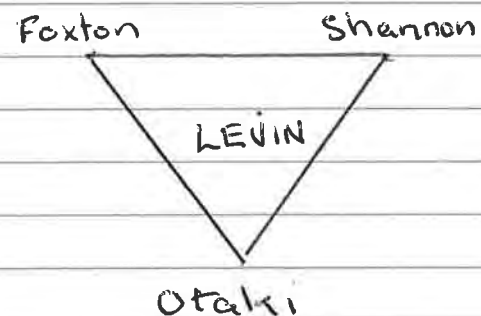
With the asking and the blessings of Parliament, the waters within the reservoirs would be a precious supply resource for Shannon, Foxton, (with their on-going fresh-water problems), Waitarere, Hokio, as well as Levin, when water restrictions apply.

4/ Promoting the main towns of the District and other.

Levin is part of an inverted triangle, which includes Foxton and Shannon.



Levin is also the HUB of an inverted triangle, which includes the outer main towns of Foxton, Shannon and Otaki.



So, all of you Decision Makers of the Horowhenua District Council, I have given four concepts to dwell upon, and you didn't have to pay me consultant fee's.

Comments, to 'Whats coming up in 2020/2021':

## 5/ Planning new residential area's

- \* This Council, HDC has to stop approving very valuable arable Agricultural, Farming and Horticultural land, for over-kill residential area's, for the back-pockets of Land Developers, and others.

If the above said is ignored by the majority of Council, history will tell that it will be 'I told you so' mistakes.

- \* There Must be a financial cost placed on Land Developers, in regards to utility placement and services, on any new residential area's.

Why should the rest of us rate-payer wear those start-up costs?

- \* Any new residential housing, whether urban and or rural, Must have Water-tank's for their water supply because of any water restrictions to the rest of the community.

- \* \* Residential housing up in the Gladstone area of the Tararua Ranges, is another future costly mistake.

The reason is because of water restriction takes from the Ohau River. In the future, there will be the possibility of a Dam placement in that Gladstone Area. Ref; Population Growth.

## 6 Comments to: Creating a Destination Management Plan:

See all the comments numbered at:  
1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

## 7 Comments to: Whats Councils Financial Strategy?

\* The Long Term Plan 2018-38, is what I call a Guessimation based on an assume fallacy, because things can and do change within annual plans, and unforeseen events such as this Covid 19 and increased inflation.

\* The Long Term Plan's wider goal of managing growth 'while living within its means' is a false statement, because Council cannot and or does not set out a 20 year rate charging term, and stick to it annually without increasing the rates annually.

This Council waste rate-payers hard earned money on non-essential things, instead of placing it where the main use should be.

8. I suggest that the Mayor, all the Councillors and the CE, Operation Managers should read the book 'Inequality' by Max Rashbrooke, then they may understand what life is all about in Godzone as it stand.

9 The Horowhenua District as you know, is the most polluted and contaminated geographical area in the whole of Godzone / Aotearoa.

By trying to beautify the place, does not detract from the situation as it stands.

Get with it, and what is the new Council going to do about it?

10 Redeveloping Queen Street / Levin:

Beautifying Queen Street from the Tararua Ranges to Lake Horowhenua, does not stop on-going pollution, contamination, and caseinogenics from the storm-water systems going into 'Te Waipunahanu', do it?

The Seventy five years plus, of reflective Historical links proves my point.

\* Have a thought for the people with the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, the residents of the Hokio Beach Township, and the Lakes Maori Owners.

11 Waste-water discharges to Land-based disposal?

\* All the Districts Landfills and Sewer plants are and or were sited very close to water-ways, and still continue to leachate into.

\* Levin's Waste-water Treatment Plant is an on-going threat to Lake Horowhenua, in times of heavy down-pouring rains, such as in 1998 and 2008.

It has to be re-located else-where. The odour from it can't be good for Donnelly Park sports people, International Hockey Turf visitors to Levin, and the children and Teachers at Levin Intermediate School.

\* The HDC's Resource Consent application, in regards to 'The Pot' at the end of Sands Rd; duhne sands country.

With Land based disposal of waste-water into porous sand, the leachate goes into two man-made drains which goes into and contaminates the Waiwiri Stream.

(You Councillors should go take a look for yourselves).

From there, the contaminated Waiwiri Stream goes into the coastal beach of the Tasman Sea, to infect all the edible shell-fish.

Also, the ground water table from The Pot flows into Lake Ratauhamanga, with Contamination and flooding of.

12 The Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy:

Question:

'Is this Council promoting to Parliament a proposal to continuation of the electrification of the Railway, from Waikanae to Palmerston North? If not, why not?'

" Who will be working with NZTA, to plan for the Otaki, to North of Levin, expressway to be built.

NZ does not need a feudal system, other wise we become a Police State run by Fanatic's.

- This intended express-way to pass below the Arapaepae foothill area, is a mistaken location, as time will tell.

It is one of those 'I told you so' scenarios.

Naku Noa na'

Charles Reuld

30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.



## Annual Plan 2020/2021

*Phone submission*

**Date:** 1 May 2020

**Submitter Name:** Olaf Eady

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Phone number:** [REDACTED]

**Contact details private:** Yes

**Hearing:** Yes

**Date of hearing:** Thursday 14 May

### Submission

#### Splash Pad

Option 1. It would be far more sensible to repair the hydroslide (which is out of commission) at the Levin pools, than spending money on a splash pad.

#### Comments

The Council must realise that the world is in the midst of an international pandemic. **Covid19.** As a Government institution HDC must revise the 20/21 Annual Plan to allow for and limit the damage and stress to the ratepayers of the Horowhenua. In such a revised plan undertaken by Council, this shall be prepared on a more modest basis. Only existing contracts in progress plus essential running costs should be included for the coming financial year. All other major proposals in progress to be cancelled immediately.

I predict at the next rate demand (June) there will be a shortfall of 20%.

Once this revision has commenced, progress should be reported by livestream daily. Weekly, a summary would be possible through the Chronicle which is now printed on a Friday and is selectively delivered by rural post.

The public in general are frightened and are looking for leadership. They seek answers and guidance to the deep issues caused by Covid19. Their trust and cohesion is fragile.

The public voted each of you onto Council to be a leader in handling all issues as they arose. This is the most major issue you will have in your lifetime.

Don't let them down.

Submission to the Annual Plan of Horowhenua District Council.

David Clapperton. CEO

Bernie Wanden. Mayor

Wayne Bishop. Councillor

Robert Keto. Councillor for Shannon.

Sirs.

I am a resident and ratepayer from Shannon where I have lived for 3 years. Formerly I was a resident and ratepayer living in Kuku.

I am also a superannuitant, with a low fixed income, still with a small mortgage and the usual outgoings of owning a home.

I am appalled at the amount of the rates increase and the debt incurred by this council of mostly higher income business/ farm owners who have absolutely no idea of the financial difficulties of coping with the increasing costs of rates and spending being carried out by the Council.

Further the flyer outlining the desire to create a Splash Pad in Jubilee Park beggars belief in the current situation of Covid 19, with the resulting losses of jobs and financial hardship which many residents of the Horowhenua are experiencing now and which is likely to continue for some time to come. That you could and would intend to spend this amount of money on any of the options is an outrage. You say the paddling pool has reached the end of its life, what exactly is wrong with it? Maybe it is outdated but that is no reason to spend this or any amount of money at this time. Rather you should be trimming your spending in areas which are for Council edification and making sure that core principals of Council are a priority.

I have to live on a very strict budget and if I wasn't prudent with my fortnightly superannuation I would be in a pickle of debt as you are.

I would like to speak to the Council Meeting and the Annual Plan when appropriate.

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**Submission for Annual Plan 2020-2021**

I am concerned about the Annual Plan Process being open for submissions on a narrow timeframe in conjunction with our Nation being in a State of Emergency.

The budget for the Annual Plan 2020-2021 was set prior to the development of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The situation for the Horowhenua District Community has changed dramatically as a result.

It is of prime importance that the Council focus on how best it can serve the Community as the economic fallout takes effect.

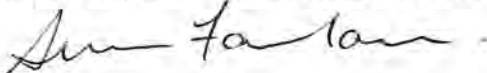
I consider the Annual Plan Process be suspended and the Council staff be directed to rework the Plan that would best serve the Community. What projects or operational costs can be cut or deferred? What is the Community going to afford going forward?

Why is the Council consulting about a splash pad at this time of great uncertainty?

I consider the Process should be paused while the plan is reworked. Horizons Regional Council have suspended their Annual Plan Process while they rework the plan. In the leaflet handed out yesterday it was stated that consultation is a legal requirement. I am sure that central government would not hold any local body to account for postponing the process in order to review the plan.

I consider a 6.9% rate rise should also be suspended as this is likely to have a big financial burden on the community. The promo leaflet handed out yesterday states 'you can compare your valuation with **others across the district**'. How do you do that without being able to look up all the others to get their increase?

People who don't have access to a computer will be unable to engage in the process. That is not a fair and democratic way that denies a voice to a section of the community.

Thank you 





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