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Submission #1



Submission date: 30 March 2020, 7:19PM

Receipt number: 3

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Contact Details	
Full Name:	Ashley Huria
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #2



Submission date: 30 March 2020, 8:02PM

Receipt number: 4

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Thomas Huria
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission date: 31 March 2020, 2:46PM

Receipt number: 5

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Helen Freebairn
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	Yes
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	No
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Put the money you save by not building splash pad into fixing the slide at the pools. We used to spend every weekend here with the kids swimming & using the slide. Since it has been out of use for over a year, we haven't been back. We have been travelling to Paraparaumu instead for their facilities. Embarrassing to have pools that haven't fixed the slide & have no plans to when you ring up numerous times.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Slide at the pools. Get the kids back using these facilities instead of loitering around town.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	Get the pools back to being a desirable destination. We were proud to have these facilities & knew people who would travel to Levin to come here. Now it's embarrassing & we are having to spend money to travel for fun instead of being able to put the money back into this community
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #4



Submission date: 1 April 2020, 4:33PM

Receipt number: 7

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Josh Madgwick
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	It would be a good feature for the town but is not worth full council investment as funds could be better allocated
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Infrastructure - ie quality of roads, ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY, wastewater etc. Planning for development and for long term
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Expressway creating opportunity for growth.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #5



Submission date: 1 April 2020, 8:56PM

Receipt number: 6

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Sam Ferguson
Name of Organisation:	
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Postcode:	5510
Telephone:	0278277037
Email:	sdf.blackbetty@gmail.com
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change - risk mitigation and transition to a low carbon economy 2. Unsustainable Urban growth leading to loss of land for other our purposes 3. Strengthen communities through business, transport, and social connections.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Growth and transport 2. Sustainable food production 3. Housing
Your Comments	

<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>Our district needs to be focusing and investing on active transport - primarily walking and cycling.</p> <p>There are significant benefits to the community with active transport, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - kids learn better if they walk or bike to school. - reduce health costs on the community. - more social connections. - safer for all users. - less environmental impact of vehicles - less road maintenance requirements. - free up land in the town center for other purposes - less carbon pollution - less dependency on fuel prices beyond our control - increase mobility for elderly - free up road space for essential services - extend capacity of existing roads - reduce vehicle conflict in the town center with SH1 and town traffic <p>With a relatively flat terrain and wide roads, there is plenty of opportunity to achieve multiple community benefits with a focus on active transport. This doesn't need to wait for central govt. and can be prioritised by this council.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #6



Submission date: 3 April 2020, 9:38AM

Receipt number: 8

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Amanda Fleur Murray
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
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Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:

I think the splash pad is a great idea as we take our grandson to Raumati to their one. However, as we have no certainty on what is happening with the outcome after covid19 I think everything needs to go on hold till next year. I think my household's jobs will be fine at this point but we know they won't be if this goes on much past the 4 weeks lockdown. I am sure there will be a lot of people in this situation or worse in our community. A mortgage holiday is not always the answer as the government has announced as I know this can usually cost a lot more than had you not take it, in the long run. Personally I think we just need to wait as this could mean financial disaster for some people in our community. We just do not know where this will end. I know that we still need to move on and keep money moving to keep the economy going but again, we don't know yet if there will be the money to do this.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #7



Submission date: 3 April 2020, 10:02AM

Receipt number: 9

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Greer Norma Dorne
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	183 Tiro Tiro Road, Levin
Postcode:	5510
Telephone:	0210578018
Email:	
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Urban spread using valuable production land
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The lake urgently needs addressing. It is an embarrassment to the district. There is nothing to draw visitors to Levin, no good shops, the lake could be a great asset for future generations.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #8



Submission date: 6 April 2020, 11:02AM

Receipt number: 10

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Cecil Day
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Upgrading roads. Town centre to be car free with paths for the future ie; electric scooters, bikes and other transport that is not a car. Walking soace. Gardens. Seating areas. Changing the frontage of buildings. New buildings. Development of residential areas complete with playgrounds.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Drugs. Gangs moving in such as nomads. Motels full of beneficiaries. Not enough people wanting to open businesses due to theft. Residential burglaries
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	

Attach any other comments:

Submission #8

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Submission #9



Submission date: 6 April 2020, 1:24PM

Receipt number: 11

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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Name of Organisation:	kapinua
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	This plan has been made pre- virus times and may not be relevant, achievable, health sensitive in a post virus environment. I would suggest freezing the plan to and re-visit when more certainty about the future economic situation in Horowhenua.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	The first half of this period will be seeing the bottoming of the coming depression. Unemployment levels will still be high but start to fall at the end of the first half. Business confidence should have been settled and starting to lift after the first quarter. We may have to deal with low private investment and a crashed real estate market. Potentially a larger number of empty buildings due to businesses, not surviving the next couple of years. Increased government spending in the construction/ infrastructure sector.

<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Challenges: High unemployment, reduced rate intake, negative growth. Generally poor mood amongst the people. Dropping property prices, bankruptcy, no/little tourism, Inflation.</p> <p>Opportunities: the government will keep spending on infrastructure projects. Plans should be made of what is required and what is desired and where exactly could the government inject money into. Those plans should be made NOW, so they can be presented if ask. There may be a trend of people leaving the big cities and move into the provinces. The memories of the virus will linger for a while, the lessoned learned and the use of modern communication technologies will remain and re-shape the business world but also the way the government conducts its business with the potential of small departments relocating and decentralizing. Freight logistics will put us into a good place. Low-interest rates and inflation should help to keep long term costs down.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>The entire plan should be held off for the moment until a clearer picture emerges of the post virus era. Currently, there are too many variables at work. To me, most of them point downwards before they go up again. A lot will depend on when a vaccine becomes available to satisfy the panic sentiment amongst the population. The other big question will be who is in government after the election and therefore the direction the re-build will take. If it remains a labor leed coalition we may see strong socialist/ communist policies coming thru.</p> <p>Therefore I recommend focusing on "tidying up the section" clean ou the house and develop some plans on the post virus future. I would not make any big decisions during this time as too much is bases on christal balling at the moment.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #10



Submission date: 6 April 2020, 9:33PM

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Tyson Maki
Name of Organisation:	Mr Rate payer
Postal Address:	[REDACTED]
Postcode:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	Why do we have to remove the pool? Couldn't we have both? And put the splash pad on the eastern side of the park by the Phoenix Palms. I picked this option as I think it will benefit the community, they will feel a lot better to actually see were our over priced rates go.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>The roading maintenance and upgrading. Why do the council start roading projects and only complete say 30-40% of it then leave it unfinished for months!?! Pot holes every wear ,poor traffic management. An in a lot of cases no traffic management! Just a cone in the middle of the road. It has been happening hea for years.I work around the lower north island an see a lot of towns an roading and have to say that our roads are the worst. Cheers.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Getting the community on board with the council.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>Can the council trees down Sussex street be cut down please? They block out all the council street lighting at night the leaves they drop clogs up roof gutters an the drains are always blocked when there is heavy rain due to the leaves. I see they have removed them down other streets in Levin kings drive, McKenzie Street, An probably a few more. I will happily cut the tree down out side my place an dispose of all rubbish for free. If council give me the green light. Cheers thanks for giving the public the forum to give feed back. All the best .</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #11



Submission date: 9 April 2020, 9:20AM

Receipt number: 13

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Kimberley Montaperto
Name of Organisation:	Ayurvanna
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Postcode:	5510
Telephone:	0224711280
Email:	vana2010@live.com
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	The council has obligation to ensure the children of Levin have an adequate facilities .
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	More local free facilities for young people. Branching out to ensure we have holistic, peaceful areas for people to walk and get sufficient eco therapy , easily accessible
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Mental health is a huge issue in our community . Mental health facilities lacking not only in our community but in New Zealand we need to be finding ways to ensure people have the tools to access nature and be encouraged to do so.. Poverty and job loss due to Covid19, we need to have more education around self sufficient living.

Your Comments

Please provide any further comments:

I propose at the jubilee Park we also build a community vegie garden & meditation area, where locals can grow seeds and also enjoy a area to relax with seating and spaces to do yoga practice. The space can also be used by local schools and kindergartens to teach children the basics of planting and harvesting seeds.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #12



Submission date: 9 April 2020, 9:34AM

Receipt number: 14

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Maria Clement
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	My grandchildren travel out of our district to use splash pools in other towns, it would be a huge benefit to our area to have this.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #13



Submission date: 9 April 2020, 9:43AM

Receipt number: 15

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Maria Clement
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	A community vegetable garden. It would bring so many people together and give the town a real boost in pride.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #14



Submission date: 9 April 2020, 3:45PM

Receipt number: 16

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	John Murphy
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	The splash pad could get underway soon rather than later and could be a great summer option to cool off hopefully by next summer.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Housing development There is a shortage and with refugees coming to the region along with people in need, we need to invest and build houses NOW!
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Housing options Low income area Aging population Few opportunities for young people.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	I would like to see the council help with the economic response from covid19 by choosing to implement a rates freeze this year.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #15



Submission date: 10 April 2020, 12:37AM

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Emma Swanson
Name of Organisation:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	Our family would really enjoy the splash pad. It would catch more people town as the pool there currently doesn't either fit many people our cater to a wide range of ages etc.. We really want to see a splash pad, but as home owners we wouldn't want to see a MASSSSSIVE increase to out rates.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	Submission #15
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #16



Submission date: 10 April 2020, 9:01AM

Receipt number: 18

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	Give the community a chance to rally up for money for something positive for horowhenua. Why do we have to get rid of the paddling pool tho? I feel like it would be more beneficial at the adventure park to have a splash pad. It is much bigger and the toilets are much nicer. If you have it at the adventure park, then there is also another water play option available
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:		Submission #16
Attach any other comments:		

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Submission #17



Submission date: 10 April 2020, 10:05AM

Receipt number: 19

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	candace vazey
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	I would like to see this project completed as soon as possible rather than be dependent on funding which could possibly cause delays
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #18



Submission date: 10 April 2020, 1:23PM

Receipt number: 20

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Meredith Krieger
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
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Email:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	I feel this would benefit all of Levin and be a strongly used attraction. The pool is very popular with families who may not have transport to get to our town pool. If this was an option to keep the pool but revamp it and add the splash pad I would strongly advocate for this.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Supporting local business get back on their feet after covid 19. More facilities that engage youth in physical activities. Keep adding walk ways in our town outskirts. These have been very popular on Queen St East and Fairfield Road.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Drugs, unemployment and families in crisis.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	I would love to see an extension on the playground in Kennedy Park. This is a widely used park by families who are actively working in our community with many young children. A few more pieces of equipment to support our younger children 1 to 4 years physical/ gross motor development would be amazing. Possibility to extend the pump track for older children.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #19



Submission date: 11 April 2020, 7:11PM

Receipt number: 21

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Sue-Ann Russell
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)

<p>Why did you choose this option?</p>	<p>I would love to see a splash pad, but it should be within the swimming pool complex. I have seen these in places like Dubai and they are secure well-run facilities with changing rooms and toilet facilities. I feel that children will be at the risk of many factors with the present design.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This could be used as a urinal if not specifically separated for the use of age specific children. 2. If there is no supervision of the area there is a possibility of grooming and harassment. 3. The hygiene factor will need to be considered. 4. If not a secure area the use of the equipment for other activities and vandalizations is high. <p>Therefore I would suggest the splash pool be included in the swimming pool complex or another secure venue for the health and safety of the children.</p>
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Long Term Plan 2021-2041

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Our three waters, this is my major concern. We are not treating our sewerage properly, we are treating our water ways as drains and fresh drinking water is getting more scarce. I would like to see Lake Horowhenua used as an example for the rest of New Zealand of how to take a dead poisonous lake and bring it to life. To create a fully recreational facility as well as a fully functioning environmental ecosystem supporting fish and bird life with the indigenous species flourishing in its surrounds.</p> <p>I would like to see the POT out of our vocabulary and the sewerage discharge treated properly so that the POT is no longer needed.</p> <p>We could support the Foxton and Foxton Beach areas of the Manawatu River and the Ramsar sites with protection from pollution and silting from drains and treat the sewerage to a much higher standard. The food source for these birds needs protection.</p> <p>Why is opening the loop at Foxton on the Manawatu River taking so long?</p>
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<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Poisoning ourselves with dirty water. Losing our recreation areas to pollution. Allowing new housing to be built on suspect ground prone to flooding and areas with global warming water level concerns. Allowing growth economic, social, retail and manufacturing without adequate infrastructure also being developed and expecting the already dying environment to cope.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>The public do have a voice and should be given every opportunity to speak. There needs to be a more open discussion round submissions and organisations that support our society should be approached for comment. Be pro active, invite people in to speak on topics of concern. Stop being scared of controversy and seek opposing views to form one view of strong integrity.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #20



Submission date: 11 April 2020, 8:53PM

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Drug and alcohol related issues
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #21



Submission date: 11 April 2020, 9:36PM

Receipt number: 23

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Sheena Lianne Williams
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #22



Submission date: 12 April 2020, 1:17AM

Receipt number: 24

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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Email:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #23



Submission date: 12 April 2020, 7:06AM

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Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #24



Submission date: 13 April 2020, 4:30PM

Receipt number: 26

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Roading. Infrastructure. Controlling its staffing levels--out of hand walkways are popular. Future is uncertain until effect of COVID is passed. Stop building on prime land.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	To get a balance between urban growth and productive base--whether rural or industrial. To get a rating system that is fair to everyone but does not restrict growth of any sector. To create social benefits that are core and not nice haves.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	The covid situation has created change. Must bring rates down to no increase and help keep business alive--rate deferment without penalty for hardship. Review growth predictions as may go backwards. Housing requirements may change.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #25



Submission date: 14 April 2020, 12:25PM

Receipt number: 27

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
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Name of Organisation:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	50/50 partnership with the community should have the community support a technically free outdoor area that offer lower socioeconomically challenged whanau the ability to enjoy some outdoor areas for children.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>I believe that focus on the long term planning must be to reduce current council debt levels. In doing so this would allow for council to then borrow further without increasing loan to rate payer ratio. Infrastructure costs associated with building development must not be passed onto the ratepayer total infrastructure costs should be the responsibility of the developer</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>The projected increase in population needs to be balanced with focusing on attracting industry and businesses to locate to the Horowhenua to provide sustainable employment for the population.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>As a rural property owner who is not provided water supply or waste water disposal who has to pay for rubbish collection and rubbish disposal I am a firm believer in user pay and I do not see the fair equitable balance as a rural rate payer as opposed to a urban rate payer, that said I believe in a social balance where focus should be on our elderly and vulnerable persons.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #26



Submission date: 14 April 2020, 2:20PM

Receipt number: 28

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Shopping area upgraded to make it a weekend destination with shops of interest and nice cafes with outdoor seating nice accommodation close by, also activities, biking/walking tracks family to do either small animal farm.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Funding to make it a desirable place to visit once highway completed. There is not a lot for visitors and we could see with our climate a great weekend destination. Need advertising in Wellington papers, social media to encourage visits. The shopping center needs a big clean up and the cafes in the center of town are needing a fresh up, so funding would be needed for this. Flowers around once traffic is gone
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #27



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 8:58AM

Receipt number: 31

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Therese Apatu
Name of Organisation:	
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Email:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Kids need something
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Footpath safety
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Growth of population means more pressure on current infrastructure ie water, plumbing, sewage, water treatment. We need to upgrade
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

From: [redacted]
Sent: annual plan
Wednesday, 15 April 2020 7:25 AM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: annual plan submission

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 April 2020 5:45 PM
To: annual plan <annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: annual plan submission

Hi team unable to complete the submission before the due date so submitting by this email

Sandra Mary Barclay
[redacted]

Details to remain private plz

Levin Splash pad – Option 1

Reasoning: How many rate payers actually use this feature This should not fall to ratepayers to subsidise especially when those rate payers in outlying areas or older rate payers will never use the splash pad.

Long term plan 2021- 2041

Including the outlying areas and developing plans rather than focus just on Levin. How will the new highway impact on the community as a whole? what will the demands on the services and can they cope with the increased growth that is expected. How about being proactive rather than reactive..

We would like to see Mangaore Village included in the long term plan for development. Some of the issues, Old pipework issues with sewage blockages and Shannon's water supply pipes running through properties with significant leaks constantly (esp with the need to conserve water.) Including a public BBQ shelter and picnic table that can be used by community, visitors (local, national and international). The green at the hall is used by family members picnicking, Canoe club using the White water rafting and hunters, trampers who exit the Tararua's by the Mangahao Power station. (approximate cost for BBQ, Shelter and picnic table and bench seating approximately \$24,500) Reliable internet coverage ?

Include all areas of Horowhenua in the long term plan? what are the issues for the smaller villages and areas

Key challenges or opportunities

what attractions does the Horowhenua area have? the lake could have been an asset however it's a disgrace and between Iwi and council not enough has been done to clean up the lake.

Look after the green space, a lot of green areas are over grown, full of banana passionfruit or other vine, and choking the trees. What is being done to keep these areas under control (Mangaore Village as a fabulous green area that is being choked out)

Keeping rates affordable

further comments

With Covid19 (and future pandemics) what contingency plans will council have in relation to assisting it's rate payers and community members with either Rates relief, business support to keep people employed etc

Also what have been the learnings from the Nelson fires, what contingency plans will council have for ppl who need to evacuate animals or properties in an emergency, again be proactive and have a plan and communicate this with the ratepayers so everyone can be included and prepared.

No I do not wish to present a submission

regards

Sandra Barclay

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Submission #29



Submission date: 14 April 2020, 6:46PM

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Related form version: 1

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	A splash pad is something I have talked about for the last couple of years! Great to see it on the plan ! Tamariki of levin would benefit greatly, especially those who cannot access or afford a lot of trips to the local pool. How bout the council work with the community on an event at Jubilee park specifically to raise funds for the splash pad. Concert? Children's event?? I was disappointed that the Adventure Park is out ? Regards Tanya Moleta
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	It's always going to be housing . Affordable housing . Also, getting that Levin to foxton Highway so Oxford Street can be the quiet dining Mecca amongst cobbled stones and divert traffic away round the back !
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Opportunity to increase tourism with the lake and walks in the hills, plus rjs of course. The challenge is obvious.... the lake.... such a shame
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #30



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 9:43AM

Receipt number: 32

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Rachel Rolfs
Name of Organisation:	
Postal Address:	
Postcode:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	I'm hoping the council is pushing through with the planning of the CWR along the new expressway. Also implementing safe horse riding tracks through the district. Float parking and mounting blocks at designated locations along riding would be useful too.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #31



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 4:00PM

Receipt number: 33

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Recovering from Covid-19 and what changes to local policies and rules will be required to help stimulate the recovery effort.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Working closer with local tourism organisations to foster domestic tourism opportunities.
Your Comments	

<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>Our members would appreciate a fresh water tap installed at the Foxton public dump station, Victoria Park. The majority of public dump stations around NZ provide access to fresh water, if access is available.</p> <p>We appreciate the financial struggles facing HDC, therefore subject to reviewing the estimated costs, the NZMCA would be open to funding all (or at least a large part) of the installation costs for a new water tap.</p> <p>We suggest the plan makes provision for the installation of a new water tap at the Foxton Dump Station, subject to the HDC receiving financial assistance from the NZMCA to install the facility.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #32



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 4:17PM

Receipt number: 34

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	To spend \$450,000 on a splash pad when there is so many other pressing needs is madness, get back to the core business of Council.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Water
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #33



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 5:08PM

Receipt number: 35

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	April Dale
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Email:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Much like Levin's adventure park, it will bring a lot of people to the Horowhenua to have fun with their whanau. Having younger kids this will be so much fun for them too.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	Ageing population and higher than average unemployment rate.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #34



Submission date: 15 April 2020, 5:46PM

Receipt number: 36

Related form version: 1

Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Tara Peters
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Email:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	we already have an aquatic centre that caters to all ages, and yes, myself and sisters played at this park as children, but we never used pool, to me this is a waste of money to put in splash pad, spend rates on other services, like improving roads and water quality here in foxton, medical services, more doctors, have these flash buildings and no doctors available.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	

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Submission #35



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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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	This I think is the best option
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
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Subject: FW: Personal submission on Draft Annual Plan 2020/2021

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From: Miraz Jordan <miraz@firstbite.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 April 2020 7:23 PM
To: annual plan <annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Personal submission on Draft Annual Plan 2020/2021

Submission from Miraz Jordan to Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2020/2021

1] Key projects:
"... connecting shared pathways..."

With a recent steep rise in the popularity of electric bikes, and recognising the extreme danger for everyone travelling along SH1 between Ōtaki and Levin, it would be excellent if shared bike / pedestrian / horse trails could be created to join the satellite communities to Levin and one another.

One possibility might be beside the railway line. These trails should NOT simply be beside the extremely dangerous traffic along SH1 as the current partial bike paths are, but should be completely separated.

Such trails would contribute to public health outcomes, and reduce pollution from taking a car on a shopping or cafe trip that could be achieved by electric bike or on foot.

If electric bikes continue to increase in popularity then people in Waikawa Beach, Manakau, Ōhau could reasonably cycle or walk between communities on a separate pathway for errands or just for fun.

It would also create an opportunity for the cycle tourists we sometimes see beside SH1 to be removed from that danger.

2] Waikawa Beach speed bumps

Under the Land Transport item on Page 34 and following I would like relief from the speed bumps on Strathnaver Drive and Sarah Street.

There are 5 speed bumps at Waikawa Beach: one on Drake Street, near the north end; one on Sarah Street and three in a one kilometre stretch of Strathnaver Drive. The Drake Street speed bump isn't of concern to me as it affects only the last few metres at the north end of Drake Street.

All the speed bumps use the old-fashioned half-circle profile, rather than the flat rectangular kind used for example on the road to the beach at Ōtaki.

The speed bumps are very uncomfortable and dangerous for cyclists.

The Sarah Street and Strathnaver Drive speed bumps are effective at slowing cars and trucks. On Strathnaver Drive motorbikes and quads simply drive around them on the grass verge. Many people avoid the speed bump on Sarah Street by using Manga Pirau Street instead.

However, as Waikawa Beach becomes more and more popular with families cycling on the relative safe streets, the speed bumps are not only inconvenient but dangerous for cyclists.

Riding around the ends of the speed bumps is a difficult and scary proposition. The grass verges on Strathnaver Drive are rutted, full of soft sand, rabbit holes, shingle and occasional bits of wood or other debris. While motorbikes and quads can easily handle that terrain with large tires, suspension and engine power, cycles have only narrow tires and usually no suspension. A bike can easily slide and slip on that kind of surface.

The speed bump on Sarah Street terminates right in the gutter and the grass verge on one side is barely navigable because of trees and shrubs. There are still bumps to cross the gutter.

Going over a speed bump on a bicycle requires slowing almost to a stop, standing on the pedals and jolting carefully over the bump, ideally crossing at an angle. That is very uncomfortable and also scary, especially when cars are heading for the same speed bump at a much greater speed than the cycle.

Surely speed bumps aren't intended to unfairly disadvantage cyclists?

I would like relief for cyclists so as to help "provide safe, convenient and efficient transit of people" within Waikawa Beach. Cycling has benefits for health and environment and the 5 or 6 Km return ride between the village and the beach via Strathnaver Drive is very popular, especially in summer as an exercise route or a family outing.

I suggest cutting the middle portion out of each speed bump or perhaps cutting the ends short so cars and trucks would still have to slow but cyclists could just bike through.

In this era where climate change is a major concern and now we all have a refreshed emphasis on good health and exercise thanks to Covid-19 I believe the Council needs to pay even more attention to making it easier for us to cycle and walk, for fun or for more serious reasons like errands.

Miraz Jordan

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Wednesday 15 April 2020

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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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	This will be a fantastic addition for our tamariki, as we live in a low socioeconomic area I do not think we should be asking our vulnerable community to contribute to this
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Water drainage, specifically storm water. Levin lake
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #38



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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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 feel there are more pressing issues in the Horowhenua area that require Councils attention, there is a perfectly fine Playground situated on the main highway in Levin township that would benefit from a spruce up without building a splash pad in Jubilee Park, it will just become another water danger for a lot of young children and the continual cleaning of this splash pad will end up being an unwanted cost for ratepayers plus all the other health and safety issues that come with this. Just remove it and spend the \$222,000.00 on roading improvements that the council want to spend on construction of the splash pad.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>repairing the roads properly instead of patch-up jobs putting in Road Calming along Queen Street, Andrews Street and Seabury Avenue in Foxton Beach to slow down speeding drivers.....this is an issue that has been ongoing for a long time, no matter how many requests and complaints these appeals appear to be falling on deaf ears. Make your Parks and Reserve Department more efficient by sorting out the mowing of Council Berms and roadsides which are not being done efficiently and weed spray the roadside drains on a regular basis so that Residents are not getting vermin coming onto their properties. Remembering that it is not only Ratepayers in Levin that need to be listened to Horowhenua covers a lot of other townships and your Long term plan should be reflecting this. All I can See in it is all Improvements are aimed at Levin and nowhere else!! Let's work on having a Council of adults working together as adults and not a bunch of children acting like children Ratepayers have lost a lot of confidence and belief in the council over the past years, so showing a more impartial decision making process would be a great asset in the LONG TERM PLAN!</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Getting a Council that can work together to get things done instead of spending a term in office arguing amongst themselves</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	There are many reasons, firstly the cost is money that should go towards something that benefits all rate payers not s specific group. Secondly it is not just the initial cost that ratepayers would need to fund but the continued maintenance costs. Thirdly it is something that is seasonal, put the money into sports fields which are used all year round. Fourthly with the increased cost of water this is a needless additional expense especially in a time where water restrictions often apply to the average home owner. Finally it is a health and safety risk that exposes the council to unnecessary risk.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Finding ways to help rate payers who will be struggling after the Covid-19 lock down and restrictions. Find ways to cutback unnecessary spending like splash pads and invest in ways to save the ratepayers from continued rate increases. Find an easier way to be transparent about actual costs of infrastructure so that ratepayers can understand rate increases better.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Re-building economic confidence post Covid.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>The council works for the residents of Levin, so consents, grants for events that benefit Horowhenua and any interaction with the council should be with a view to make things easy for your stakeholders (the residents of Levin) and should not be a case where people feel that they are answering to the council. You are public servants your role is to service the public. The feeling I get whenever I hear anyone speak of interaction with the council is that you are combative, restrictive and unhelpful. I don't think this is the case but I do know that consents are ridiculous over priced (\$2,000 to get consent to add a toilet to a house????). Also when dealing with the council while planning an event which would have benefited the community economy immensely we found that the consideration of grants only occurred quarterly and that because we would not get paid until after the event happened we were not eligible. That was red tape that was less than helpful. I understand the need for budgeting but there should be some ability to use common sense.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	It is unbelievable that you clowns would even consider spending 100s of thousands on a paddling pool at a time like this. Just leave the pool where it is at no cost. Anything that is not necessary should be canned. NO nice-to-haves.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Cutting costs. Cancelling any nice-to-haves. Reducing the bloated bureaucracy.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The biggest challenge is a council that would even consider spending so much money on a bleeding paddling pool.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	The only thing that council should be considering is how to provide either a zero rates increase or better still a rates reduction. Anything else falls into the category of stupid.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission for the Annual Plan 2020-2021.

The Committee for Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents Association present their submission via email requesting to be heard in person.

The Committee are very concerned about the economic fallout that will occur as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. We are concerned that Horowhenua District Council plan on pursuing the process without giving due consideration to the fact that families will be focused on their financial survival and therefore an Annual Plan will not be on their radar. It means the Council will not be getting a sound voice from the Community.

All the plans would have been made prior to the lockdown and as such need to be suspended, so the Council can rework the Plan to see what adjustments need to be made to lessen the financial impact on the community.

In particular the proposed 6.9% rate rise needs to be postponed. Development contributions should be reintroduced, operational costs revisited and unessential plans like building a splash pad postponed. What planned projects are no longer essential?

Another suggestion would be to follow the example of the leadership in Central Government and take a paycut, from The Chief Executive Officer, the executive team, down to staff and all councillors.

Many people in this district do not have access to a computer and as such their voice is unable to be heard during the current lockdown. The Council cannot claim it heard from a good cross section of the Community and would be remiss of the Council to proceed with the process under the circumstances of a State of National Emergency.

You State in the pamphlet the Council is legally required to adopt an Annual plan. We are sure no government would sue a local body for abandoning their current plan in order to revisit it to make it fiscally appealing to the Community.

Council needs to take heed that 66% of the population were living below the poverty line before the Covid 19 pandemic (DHB Statistics). That number is going to increase as the economic fallout becomes obvious.

Thank you
Leone Brown (Secretary)
p.p. The Committee for
Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents Association

From: annual plan
Sent: Friday, 24 April 2020 12:19 PM
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Subject: Addendum to initial submission sent on 16/04/2020

Please find attached document as an addendum to the initial submission sent on the 16th April 2020 on behalf of the Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents Association Committee. We request an hour of speaking time for this presentation by committee members.

Thank you

Leone Brown (Secretary)

Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents Association p.p Committee

**Addendum to the initial Submission (16/4/2020)
Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2020**

**Horowhenua District Ratepayers and Residents
Association Inc**

This document contains LGOIMA questions asked by HDRRA.

Executive Summary

This summary will provide an overview of the contents of this submission. The main points:

- It is fiscally and morally irresponsible of the Horowhenua District Council to be considering future development plans which include a 6.9% rate increase, whilst the district's residents are grappling with major disruptions to their lives on an as yet undetermined economic scale.
- The presentation looks at a projection of how the country will grind to an economic halt. It will use reference points from Shamubeel Equb, an experienced economist to highlight examples.
- It will ask Horowhenua District Council to look at new ways of processing its workings. It will require Council to work within a framework of business principles, using a bottom-up approach instead of the current top-down model. It will ask the Council to hold to the 4 well-beings - economic, social, cultural, and environmental in their deliberations with strong governance overarching.
- It will question if councillors have the skills to guide management, and question if management have the skills to be guided by the councillors.
- It will question Council's business model and how that is decided. What are the borrowing agendas? What are the methods are in place for mitigation of the accumulated debt?
- It will question how Council consider liabilities as assets and how are these shown in the accounts part of the Annual Plan?
- Finally, it will ask how Council's debt level can be sustained in the current climate so it lessens this huge burden on the ratepayer and asks what other ways this can be better managed.

Preface

Our top-down style of development has left households, workers, local business owners, and others here without the financial stability to weather months, or longer, of reduced or eliminated incomes. It has left them vulnerable not just to the virus, but to the economic downturn it has heralded.

The primary emotion driving many people is fear. Fear of losing their job. Fear of losing their business. Fear of losing all they have worked for. Fear of their very fragile existence. Fear of being impoverished. Fear of needing to ask for help.

We have all been amazed at how New Zealanders responded to quarantine orders to contain the spread of the virus. For families that save 20%, 30%, 40% or more of their income, how much less fearful is such a lockdown than it is for a family with no savings, huge debts, and an insecure job?

How ludicrous is it then for Horowhenua District Council to address infrastructure growth going forward by engineering a path on everyone taking on higher levels of debt?

This is just one of the many ways our top-down, centralized economic approach has cost us our stability.

Everything is about to change. The Economy will slow, businesses will go bust.

We will not go back to normal. Normal never was.

Our pre-Covid19 existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, and lack. We should not long to return to that.

We should be given the opportunities to stitch a new garment. One that fits nature, and all humanity.

Covid-19: key challenges

1. Do not raise rates or charges this year, nor sell assets

HDRRA states that no rate increases, nor charges for services are proceeded with this year. Further, if house prices fall over the next few years, which is expected, then the property valuations will not be a true reflection of property values on which rates are determined.

Similarly, we state that HDC not sell property assets during the next three years as commercial property values will decrease as businesses go bust and the economy downturns.

2. HDC – will Council transition to a new way of working?
<https://economicdevelopment.org.nz/free-covid-19-related-webinars/>

Bring down expectations, the economy will slow, businesses will go bust.

Get rid of pet projects, target projects that get local economy back running.

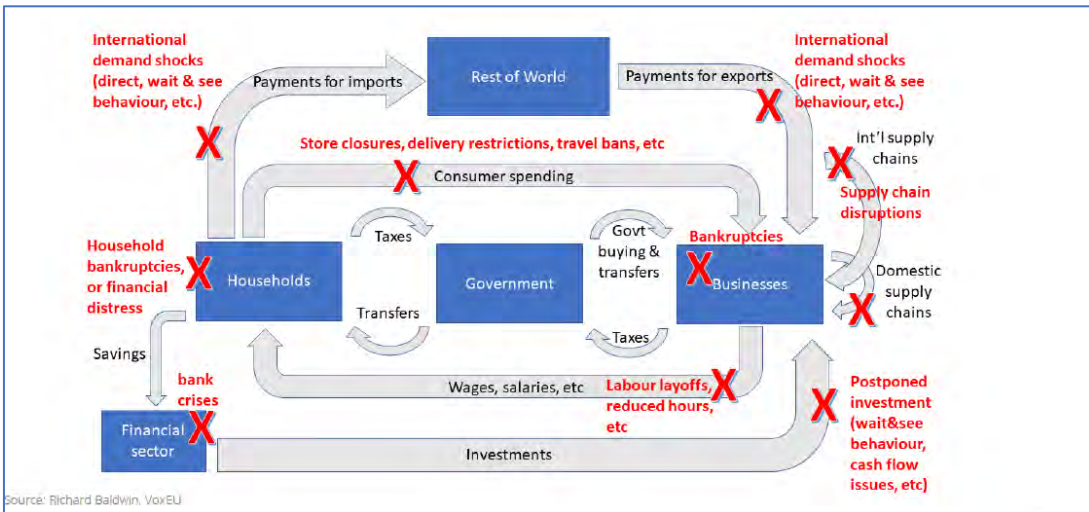
Take a bottom up approach, any investments should bring profit to council, not private investors.

With Govt borrowing \$70 - \$100 billion, council will be unable to borrow in about 12 months

Economic shock will be so big, so don't raise rates... council will lose the social license to increase them later.

Restricted borders – people and products – overseas markets, shortage of imports

3. All the economic plumbing is clogged up



4. Local government needs to carefully assess actions

- Austerity in crisis is bad
- Rates relief politically necessary, but:
 - \$1m of rates relief supports 8.5 jobs
 - \$1m of interest payments for investment supports 155 jobs
 - Run ruler over costs, reduce executive pay in solidarity
- Leverage existing tools/operations
 - Don't invent new channels
 - Use and co-ordinate central welfare mechanisms
 - Use and fund existing economic development operations

5. So, what do you do?

- Understand your region and businesses
- Triage:
 - Use flow diagrams and checklists
 - based on industry and financial position and need
 - Don't be afraid of insolvency
 - Proactively identify suppliers & customers of affected industries
- Plan for the recovery
 - It may be long
 - Be cautious & encourage good cashflows
 - New normal may be very different.
- Role of council
 - Essential services
 - Rates relief
 - Spatial planning
 - Infrastructure (prioritised projects)
 - ED funding & support
- Role of ED
 - Co-ordinate & communicate
 - Ruthlessly prioritise what works
 - Don't lose sight of strategic priorities.

“The economic shock will be so big on many people, losing jobs, losing businesses, so don't raise rates. Councils will lose the social license to increase them later” - Shamubeel Eaquab, Sense Partners

6. HDRRA asks: Will Council heed the advice from Shamubeel Eaquab and not raise rates? If not, why not? Should any fees be raised this financial year?



How can Horowhenua District Council transition to a new way of working within the 4 well-beings: Economic, Social, Cultural, Environmental?

Effective Governance is an appropriate and necessary requirement.

Do the Councillors have the skills to guide management?

Does the management team have the skills to be managed, and to be effectively guided by Councillors?

7. HDRRA's Post Covid-19 recommendations

House prices and purchases of houses are reducing: the future is uncertain. Foreign travel will be restricted for some time. There may be restrictions on imports and exports. Businesses will go bust. More people will be unemployed and for the next few years people face an uncertain future.

Governance

HDRRA seeks that there is no increase in rates, nor and charges for services of the foreseeable future.

Establish equity in rates, remove differentials.

HDRRA seeks that the role of governance be strengthened, so that guidance goes from elected Council members to management, not the other way round.

HDRRA seeks greater governance control of spending, not authorising major, up to one million-dollar expenditure, without oversight and authorisation.

HDRRA seeks that business practices, and business principles are applied to the decision-making processes.

HDRRA seeks that all projects initiated by HDC have an ROI provision, that local businesses, not multinational be preferred to ensure the net wealth stays within the community, not just the debt.

HDRRA seeks a different mode of operation, i.e. bottom-up with greater consultation and disclosure among the community that live in the Horowhenua District

Bottom-up processes are to be developed, true consultation from the prospect of a clean sheet, not already prescribed and agreed to. Real open discussion, involving community, not just HDC personal.

Common sense, driven by the big picture, not previously unidentified "PET PROJECTS"

Ground up development of ideas, supporting the councillors to make evidence-based decisions.

It has been suggested that borrowing may be untenable within 12 months.

Council may investigate funding local businesses for their procurements.

HDRRA seeks better management of the assets, be that through information technology, or other to ensure maintenance of infrastructure is performed on time, not before.

Economic

On page 102 of the draft annual report is increase of \$1.93 million to "Employee Benefit Expenses". What does this mean? Does it mean HDC is going to pay staff more salary or it does it mean employing more staff?

Annual plan/long-term plans are to provide more data on proposals for capital expenditure, including what, when, how much, and the ROI benefit to the community

Reduce expectations, reduce HDC spending, fewer staff, doing more.

Checking staff productivity....

Focus on people, not things, ensuring a return on investment.

Local procurement, multinationals where possible. Financial support to start-ups

Net profits to stay in the community, not go offshore to entities (Horowhenua Alliance)

Inventory of Assets, so that renewals are performed in a timely frame, not just because funding must be spent.

Horowhenua district can't just have growth; it needs productive growth.

Environmental

Sea level change. According to the insurance Council possibly two pay-outs for floods will make insurance unaffordable for the homeowner. It is expected that the long-term plans will provide information starting to address this issue.

Rainfall and water availability. Increased perturbations in the atmosphere may necessitate relocation of infrastructure

Earthquake. HDC does not intend to earthquake strengthen public buildings. There may be opportunity for these to be repurposed into accommodation and/or retail.

Lake Horowhenua ... Damages perceptions of the area. A priority, among others, is to sort this out.

Water quality. Many parts of the district rely on subterranean water supplies. Environmental degradation through leachate from animal farms and horticultural businesses must be controlled to ensure human health.

Food source. Many of the horticultural products we consume are based on first-generation hybridisation. Horowhenua could be an ideal place to grow heirloom seeds for export, and to process into high-value, exportable consumable products.

Social

With O2NL we risk becoming a dormitory suburb of Wellington, old people waiting to die, gardeners for Wellington, carers for the elderly.

The notion that Levin will grow because a bypass is constructed needs to be tempered with reality. What evidence can be produced that shows that there is an increase in the commercial GDP of a town that has been bypassed by traffic. Travellers will come to Levin for the "strip shopping" in the main street, they get their main supplies in their own hometown.

Cultural

Be inclusive of all residents in the district.

8. Business Practice-Income/Expenditure/ROI

Mr Pickwick (Charles Dickens David Copperfield)

Annual income - £20.0.0
Annual expenditure - £19.19.6 – result happiness
Annual expenditure - £20.0.6 – result misery

HDRRA asks: Does Council apply this adage to their finances? If not, why not?

HDRRA believes Councillors do so in their private lives and businesses, and the adage is not reflected in their Council decisions.

9. Usual business model:

a) REVENUE > EXPENDITURE outcome is profit = happiness

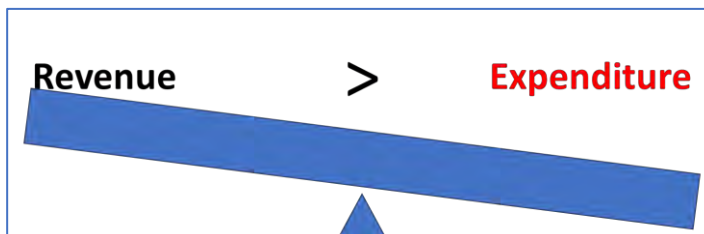


Profit = continued activity: Debt and deficit = bankruptcy

- Businesses come and go and are replaced as new players come into the market, trying their luck to succeed and make profit.

10. HDC’s business model isn’t balance!

b) REVENUE < EXPENDITURE outcome is debt = misery



- Towns and cities are perpetual, they are not replaced as new players come into the market. Town and cities can be therefore be running as insolvent or bankrupt.

11. HDRRA asks the question “Should council run as a profitable business model with business values?” If not, why not?”

Councillors governance roles are at odds with their professional life

Counsellors have cognitive dissonance and authority bias, as they run their own businesses based on revenue expenditure making a profit while allowing Council to continually run at a loss and mounting debt.

Cognitive dissonance - the state of having inconsistent thoughts, beliefs, or attitudes, especially as relating to behavioural decisions and attitude change

Authority bias - trusting and being influenced by the opinions of authority figures

Who sets the agenda? Governance, or those who manage?

Top-Down?

The top-down, master-plan approach to build is seductive. But it is also fragile. It depends heavily on the vision of a very small number of individuals and their ability to anticipate how the market and people’s preferences will respond to what they have built over 10, 20, 30 years or more.



or Bottom-Up?

Bottom-up development uses the expertise and work of the people who live in the community to build financial resilience and prosperity. We believe that one of the best ways to do this is by making small bets—low-cost, easily implemented experiments that can be repeated throughout a place if they prove successful, but won't cause ruin if they aren't.



The advice received from Shamubeel Equb to councils is to use a bottom-up approach. Investments should bring profits to Council, not private investors (see 1 above).

Proper effective governance. HDRRA seeks that Councillors fully engaged with the community (who elected them into their positions) in the bottom-up process, from early development, to ensure an open process, not just presenting a “we’ll show and tell you what we’ve decided on your behalf and ask for your agreement.”

12. Stop Consumptive Spending and Start Creating Wealth

We, the ratepayers, through HDC are making a huge investment, \$74.5 million next year in our community, what's the return on that investment?
 We are spending millions of dollars on roads and pipes and drainage systems, splash pools, alfresco dining, green streets.
 Is that value for money for the community, or does a huge net profit transfer out of the country?
 Whose job is it to track the spending, comparing actual costs with the dollars cited in a tender?
 Does a project we are funding even make sense?

 How is it that we can find millions of dollars for a big infrastructure product, yet we can't maintain the foot paths, yet we will patch holes multiple times in the likes of Cambridge Street rather than doing the job once, perfectly?
 Who tracks that, who make sure these things actually happen the way they say they're going to happen?
 Why do we keep reducing the number of books in the libraries?
 Are these the hallmarks of a prosperous place?
 For every dollar of rates collected Council will borrow another 41 cents. Is that how your household runs?
 Should local government try to make a profit?
 We are not about trying to make a profit from us, the citizens, rather ask that management ensure its revenue exceeds expenses.
 So, do these "pet projects" splash pool, al fresco dining, Queen Street-Green Street, Foxton i-Site, make a profitable return on investment? Are they financial assets or public liabilities?



HDRRA asks, “How probable are the economic benefits?” A pitfall of retail, dining and entertainment districts is that much of the activity they attract is not new spending, but rather local dollars that would otherwise have been spent in another part of the city. Economic impact analyses are easily inflated by failing to fully anticipate this displacement effect.

What is the cost of doing nothing?

Where do these “for public benefit” items register on their income side of the financial ledger?

13. HDRRA asks What Asset-management information technology processes are in place that help decide the value of HDC’s expenditure?



The repair work, estimated to cost more than \$400,000, is expected to extend the life of the hydroslide for another 20 to 30 years, estimated to cost ratepayers an extra 77 cents each year.

Who estimates the cost as \$400,000?

That’s more than a 200 square meter house build... Does it look like it’s as much as a house would cost?



Work is underway on a \$150,000 safety upgrade on the Bath St and Cambridge St roundabout.

Less concrete than in a house foundation. Does it look 3 times the size of a house?



This involves the water being treated using chlorine disinfection, coarse sand filter, carbon filters, cartridge filtration and UV disinfection. The compact full-scale treatment plant was installed within a shipping container and the relatively modest project cost of just \$350,000 – less than a sixth of the original estimate – meant there was a minimal impact on rates.



The tanks cost \$US1100 each... a container \$8000, pumps, pipes, computer and controls, UV light source.

Who checked the costings to see whether HDC got value for our \$350,000?

HDRRA asks, “What information technology processes does HDC have in place, right now, to assess a project management and ROI?”

Are IT processes being effectively used? Show us the evidence.

14. Current Asset Growth: Top-Down Economics

A developer invests in production of suburban growth, gets a return \$ on his investment (ROI)

INVESTMENT → **RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

The developer bankrolls the cost of infrastructure into the cost of the homes.

INVESTMENT COSTS

Soft Costs	Hard Costs
Permits	Land costs
Architect	Buildings/roads
Engineering	Storm water
Legal fees	Water
Marketing	Wastewater

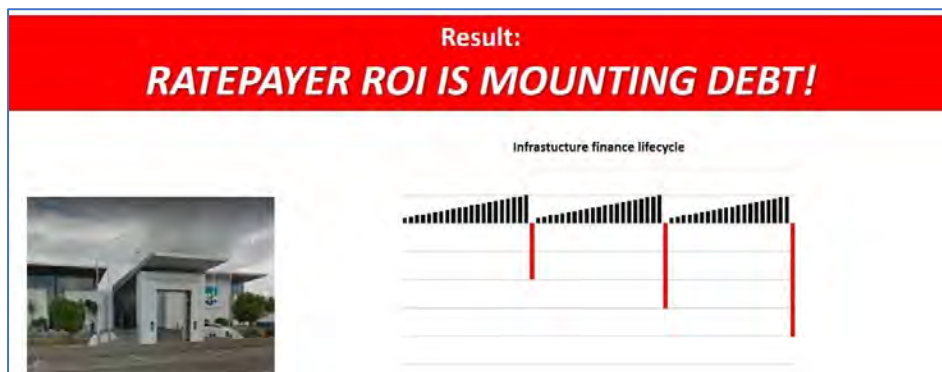
Infrastructure is Invested to Council at Zero Cost

Private Investor has NO FURTHER LIABILITIES

Hard Costs of Maintenance

Roads
Storm water
Water
Wastewater, etc.

No Ongoing Hard Costs



You can't allocate the cost of new piping to current property owners because the pipe is upsized for growth elsewhere. Those persons undertaking a development should pay fair, equitable, and proportionate portion of the total cost of capital expenditure necessary to service growth over the long term.

How much rate base do we need when infrastructure gets to the end of its lifecycle?
Who gets the profits in this process?

HDRRA asks: How much Return on Investment is achieved by Council?

Is this question even asked during the planning process?

HDRRA suggests that you stop outsourcing and paying consultants. Achieve planning and processing inhouse.

Use the expertise and work of the people who live in the community to build financial resilience and prosperity. Making low-cost, easily implemented experiments that can be repeated throughout a place if they prove successful but won't cause ruin if they aren't.

Change to a bottom up approach, any investments should bring profit to council, not private investors. – Shamubeel Eaquab

15. Horowhenua District Council is caught in the Growth Ponzi Scheme.

We experience a modest, short term bump in cash flow from the new growth, an illusion of wealth, while the community takes on an even greater amount of long-term liabilities.

We deprive our communities of prosperity, overload our families with debt and become trapped in a spiral of decline.

We bring in more people, so that revenue from new entrants is used to pay off past obligations.

This is a Ponzi scheme: it cannot continue.

HDC, like all local authorities have experienced growth using three primary financial mechanisms:

1. **Transfer payments between governments:** central government makes a direct investment in growth at the local level, such as funding a water or sewer system expansion.

- 2. **Transportation spending:** where transportation infrastructure is used to improve access to a site that can then be developed.
- 3. **Public and private-sector debt:** where cities, developers, companies, and individuals take on debt as part of the development process, whether during construction or through the assumption of a mortgage, and then pass on the liabilities to the district.

In very simple terms, infrastructure is a platform for expanding wealth. The reason to build infrastructure is that it builds wealth in a place beyond what would happen without infrastructure. Period. That’s it.

If infrastructure doesn’t build enough wealth to justify its construction, it’s not a productive investment. It’s merely a form of consumptive spending.

<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2019/12/17/best-of-2019-my-journey-from-free-market-ideologue-to-strong-towns-advocate>

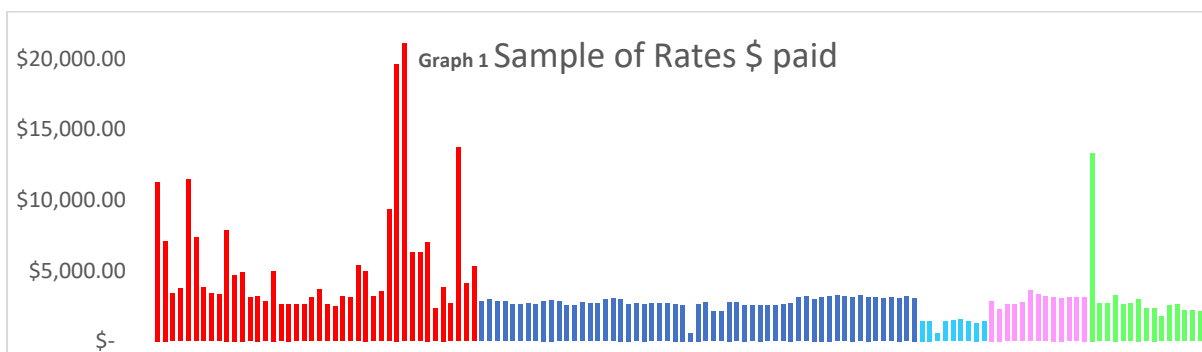
16. Rates are disproportionate for some ratepayer: how are they assessed

Differentials exist “rural/business” pay 25-30% less than “district other” i.e. residential ratepayers. Businesses get a subsidy from the rest. That’s not a fair playing field.

- 1. Businesses claim their rates as expenses and set that against income and take the resulting funds as profits.
- 2. Normal residents have no such avenue to offset rates against an income.
- 3. Graphs below are a sample of rates derived from Council’s rating information database.

Important insights can be made comparing the graphs (over) correctly: using **rates/area**, not raw rates data.

Where does council derive most value from the rates charges?

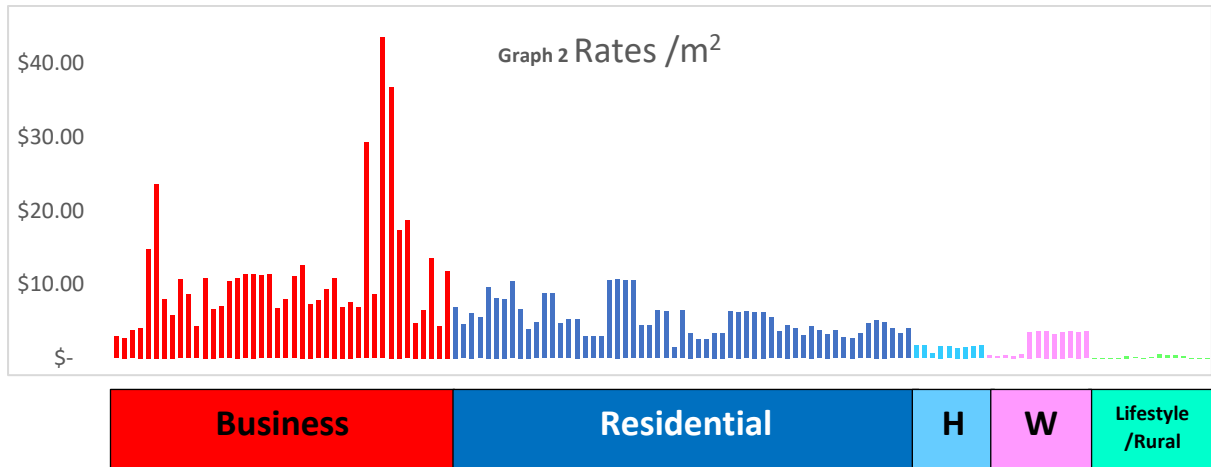


Graph 1 is a sample of rates paid by a sample of properties obtained from the HDC rates evaluation website. Examples were selected in Levin, Hokio Beach, Waitarere and lifestyle blocks. The graph indicates that some businesses and the only farm found on the sample pay large amounts of money compared to others.

The highest amount of rates paid is \$21,075.47, while the lowest amount is \$557.13, the average is \$3601.74, and the mean is \$2832.80.

By standardising the information to rates paid per square metre occupied, the information shown in the graph changes, and can be accurately assessed side by side in a way most people understand.

[HDRRA seeks the full database and will be analysing the whole Horowhenua district and will publish the data widely.](#)

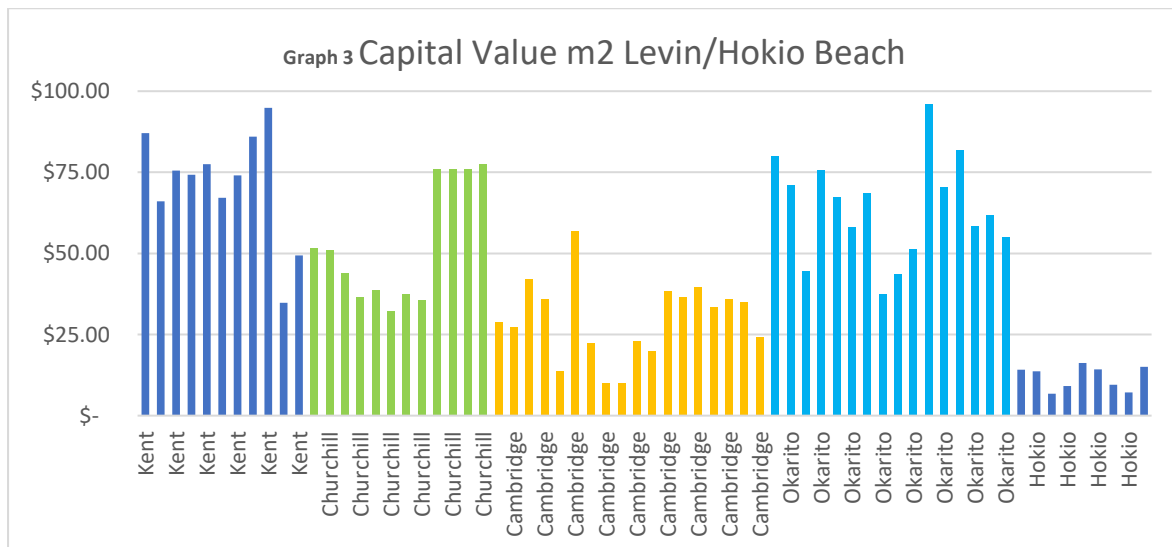


When comparing the raw data as a standardised set some anomalies immediately stand out.

Someone pays \$43.46 per square metre while another pays .076 cents per square metre. Businesses pay on average more (about \$10) than Levin residential (about \$5) and the lowest payment per square metre payment is in rural/lifestyle (5 cents).

Looking more deeply at the sample of residential Levin the data shows how streets have different capital values.

[HDRRA asks “Why are the values per m² not identical on the same side of the street?”](#)

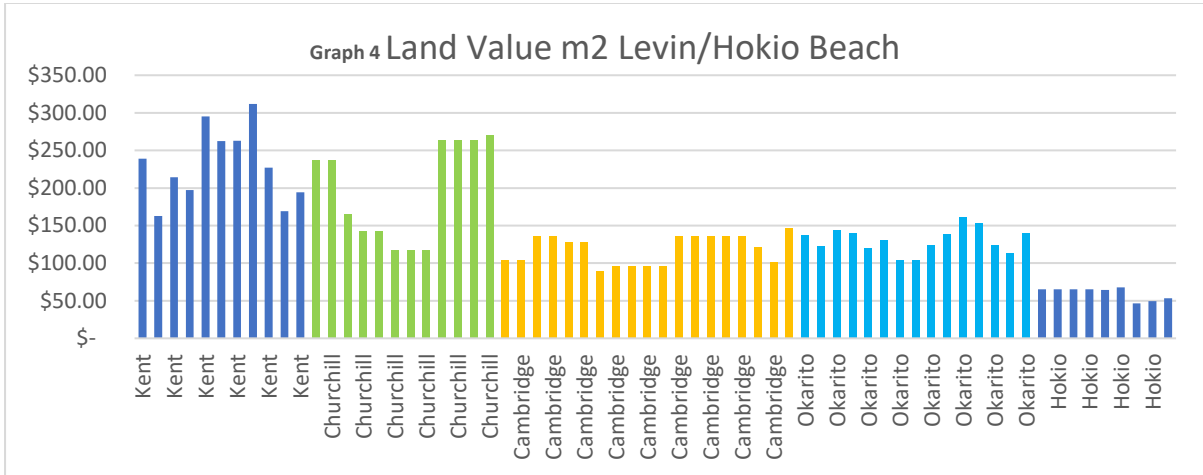


Because that is how they are valued: some build with brick, some wood, some old, some new, so Capital Value varies.

HDRRA asks “Therefore, is capital value a good measure of affordability to pay rates?”

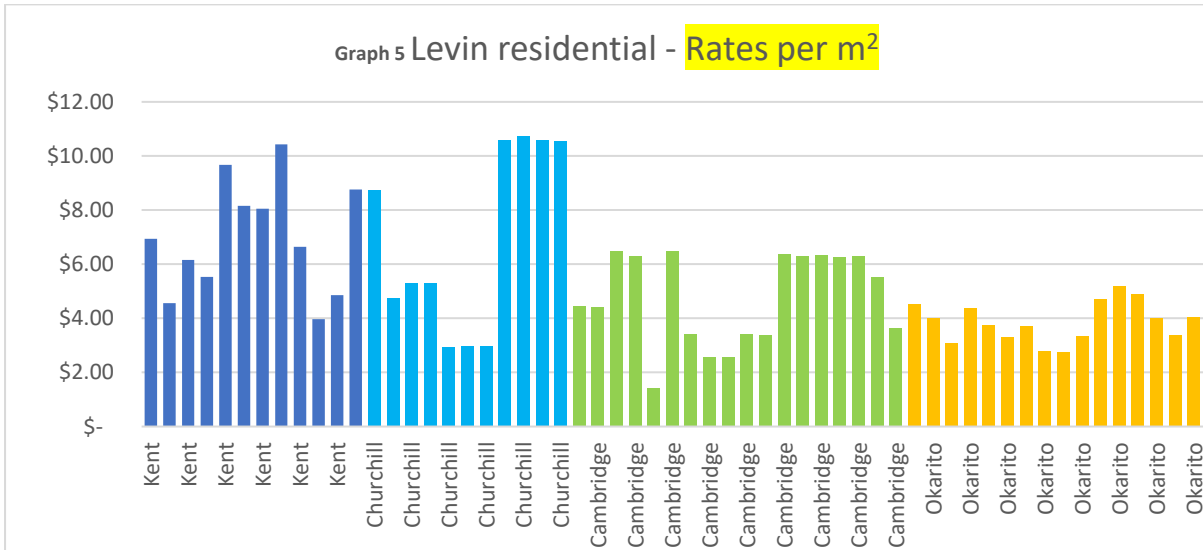
No because some people can afford gold taps, while others choose stainless steel.

HDRRA asks “Is land value a good measure of affordability to pay rates?”

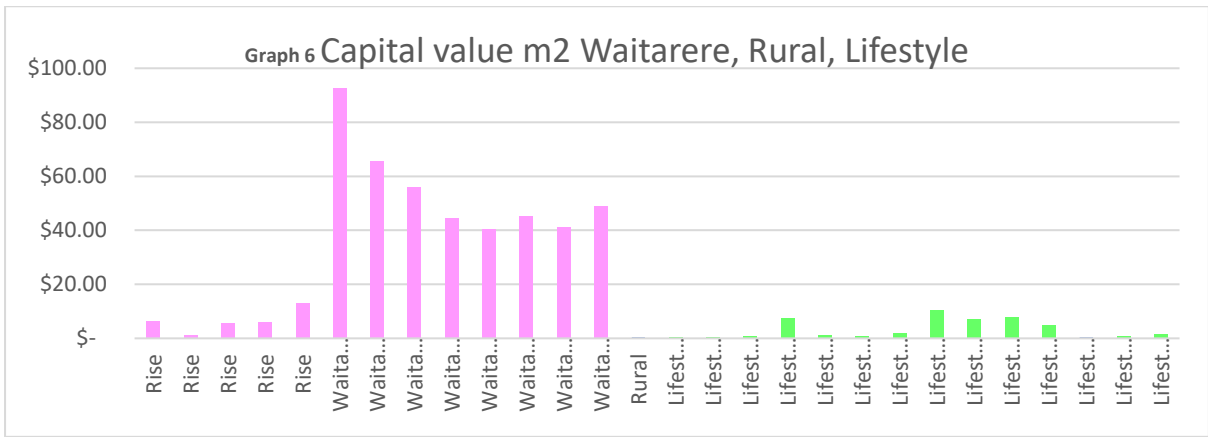


Land value varies between street, and within a street along the same side. So that is not uniform.

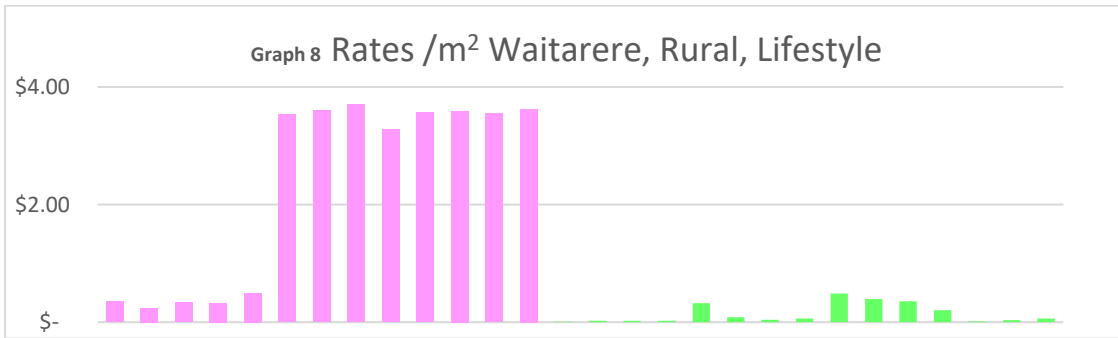
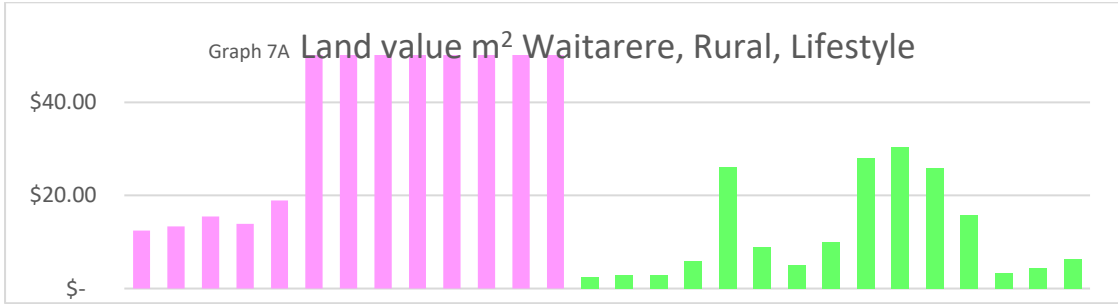
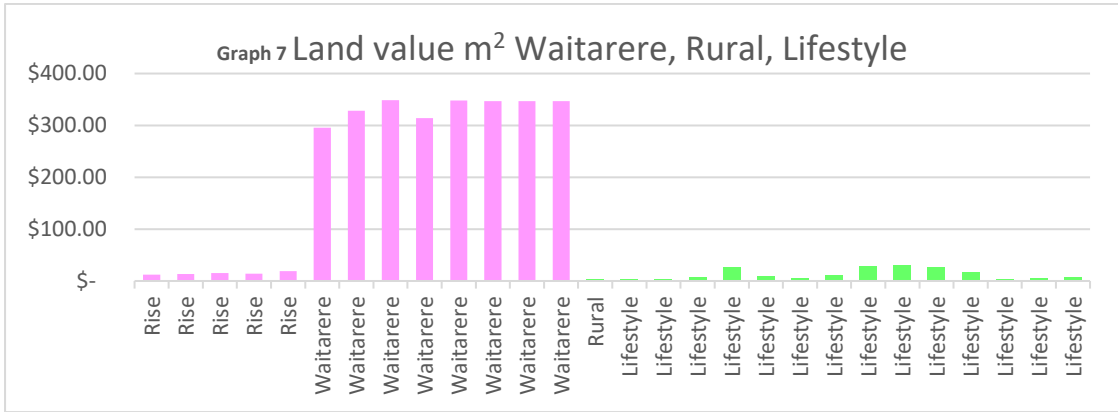
HDRRA asks “are rates per square metre a good measure of affordability to pay rates?”



Clearly not because the \$ value of rates paid along the same side of the street varies, as it does between streets whether in Levin or elsewhere.

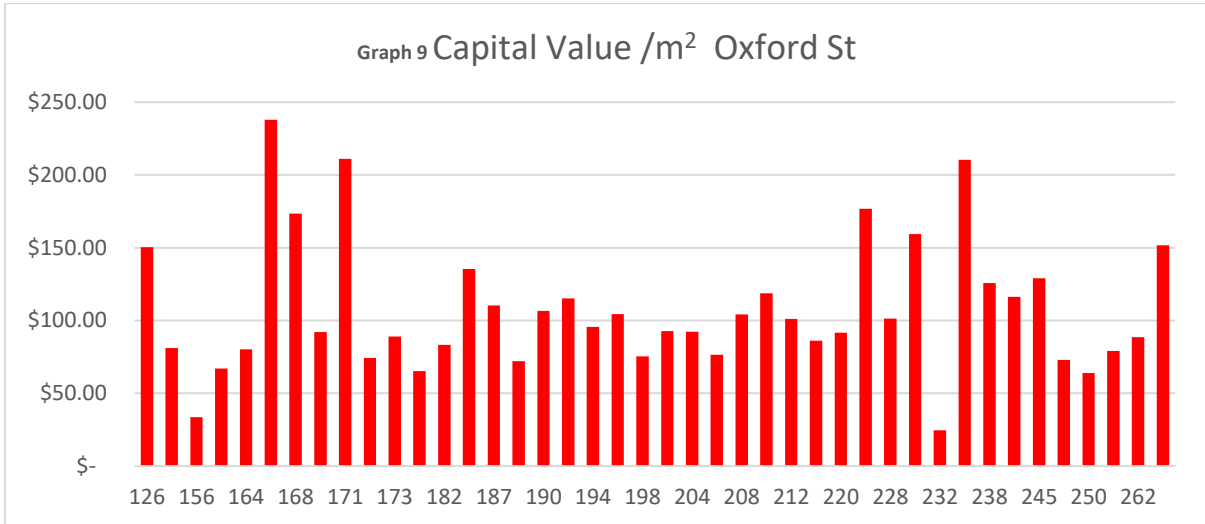


On the capital value per square metre beachfront properties have exceedingly high capital value compared with lifestyle blocks. Some blocks in the sample have water supplied, some do not: no distinction is made for this presentation.

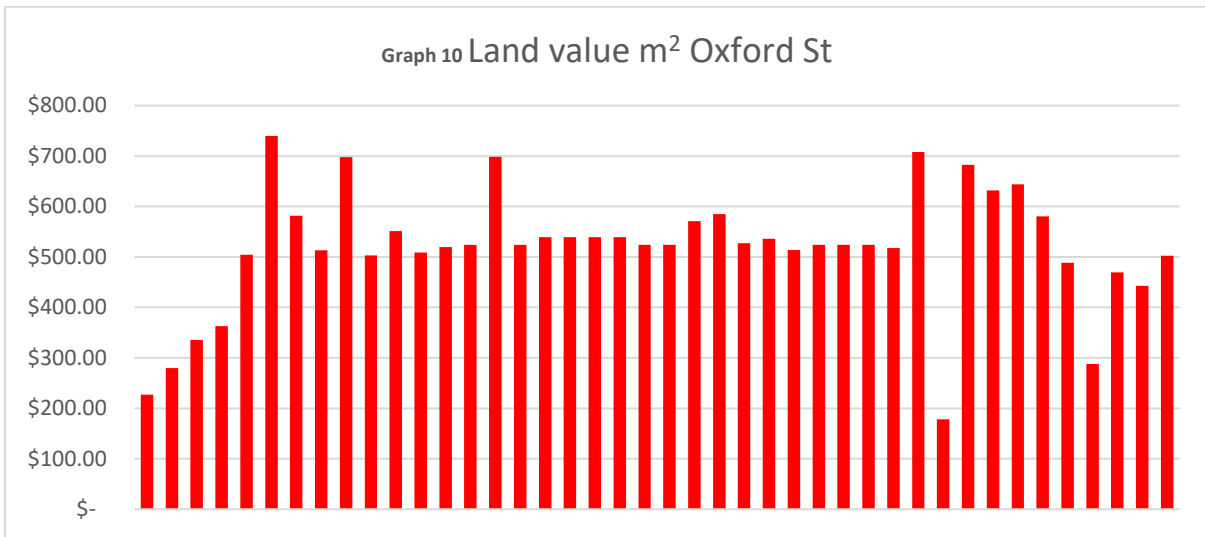


Again, we establish variations in the \$ value for each set of properties. Beach properties are highly values, yet these will be challenged by sea level rise and ocean perturbations. This graph shows that the choice of where you live affects the quantity of rates paid.

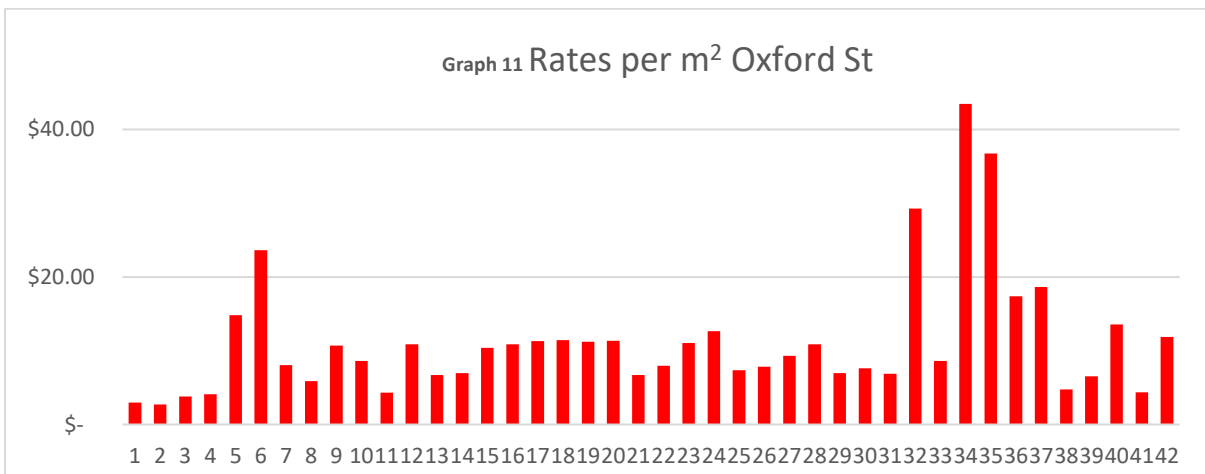
Graph 9 represents some properties in Oxford Street Levin, the business centre of the district.



The graph shows different buildings have different values.

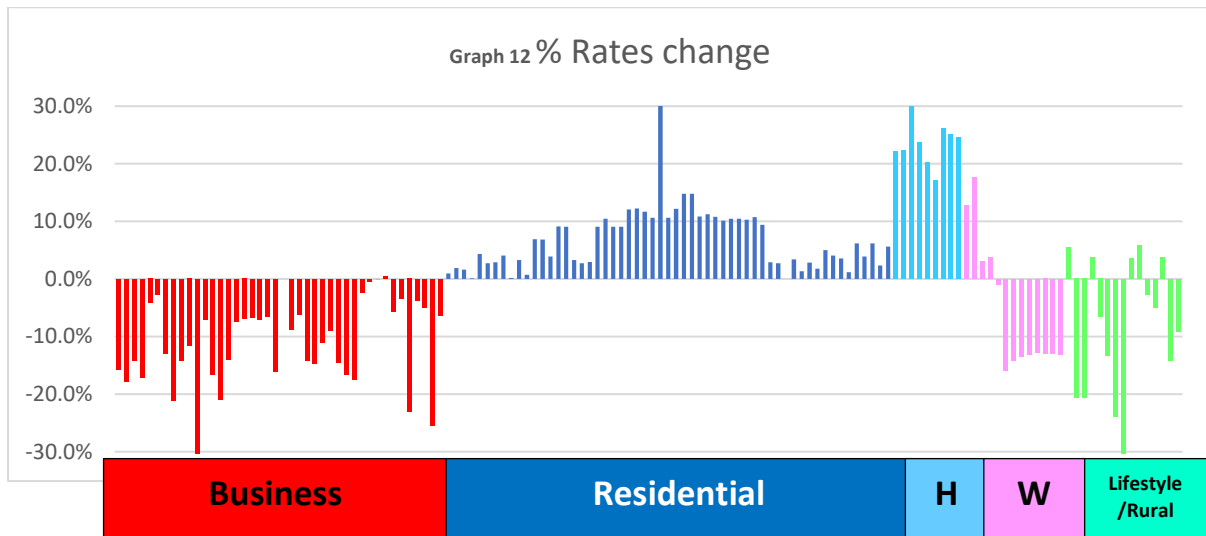


Land values in Oxford Street appear to be uniformly assessed, while other areas in Levin do not (Graph 4). One property seems out of sync. Why?



The Value of rates per m² is disproportionate, with properties around Oxford Street/Queen Street exceedingly high compared to those on Oxford Street.

Graph 12 shows the percentage of rates change for the sample of properties assessed.



The very high percent rates increase at site 64 is a vacant plot. Nobody lives there. No services are used, no water, no sewage, library services (all SUIPs) yet the rates increase. Why should their rates rise, they consume no services! The same applies to any bare section. For what benefit does HDC raise rates on these properties other than as an exercise to extract money!

Hokio Beach rates increases are proportionately higher than for residential Levin. HDC is extracting rates from poor people living there. They have no water supplied and must travel a greater distance to use the amenities and town compared with those residents in Levin.

Oxford Street businesses have variable reductions in their rates. For some very little, for others of the 25% less rates will be paid.

In this sample, businesses, beach front properties and some lifestyle blocks have reduced rates, Levin and Hokio Beach have proportionately large increases.

Significance: Graph 12 shows the disparity between urban Levin residential and Hokio Beach where rate rises are positive, and business and rural lifestyle where their rates rise is negative.



Alarminglly, no rating information is publicly available for the properties 169-221 Oxford Street.

One of these properties is the business premises of the Mayor, Mr Bernie Wanden.

Surely, it is in his best interests to ensure full transparency of not only his, but all these business premises.

Council could say that the data are commercially sensitive. Be that as it may, what changes of level of service have occurred, that bring the price of rates down? Could it be that services have not

changed, the occupants still use water, flush it away et cetera? The changes decrease in the general rates, land transport and stormwater provisions, even though the capital value in land value have been reassessed at higher levels. So, the differentials (the mathematical numbers used to calculate) have lessened compared to residential properties. Is that fair?

Maybe HDC might suggest that there making the rates more affordable to keep businesses operating in the district. Then the question becomes one of affordability. Is it more affordable for businesses with lower rates as affordability an issue, when the differentials applied to homeowners are not similarly adjusted? Affordability (see 17 below) is an issue for businesses and homeowners, not either, or!

What's going on? Is this a situation where there is one rule for the rich and one rule for the poor?

Maybe is there a conflict of interests on the part of the Mayor? After all, his business may be one of those that has a reduced rate payment. He benefits from the decision he made in Council to apply reduced business rates. For that reason alone, it is important for transparency and that all his property information is made public.

[HDRRA asks if Corporate businesses have national rates levels... the information is hidden; how do we check they are on the same playing field?](#)

[HDRRA seeks the full rates assessment database be made available to us immediately.](#)

Why is there a lifestyle/rural divide? Why is it that ratepayers living in lifestyle blocks have reduced rates get Hokio residence have theirs increased?

How have HDC's services to these properties decreased or increased? Have the costs of services they consume decreased or increased?

No, the changes occur not on the services but in the differentials for land value and capital value that have decreased. So why is it that the choice of a place to reside effects whether the rates increase or decrease?

Essentially what is being shown is that those ratepayers who can afford gold taps will pay less in those who use stainless steel taps. The service is the same, water runs through and is used, and is disposed of whether a ratepayer uses gold or stainless steel. The differential process favours those who use gold. That's unfair.

Business properties also have the differentials for land value and capital value decreased, as well as their stormwater costs. Have these businesses reduced their roof area and therefore the amount of water that flows from them? No, so why this reduction?

These reductions are questionable when the recent revaluation of properties increased land value and capital value for everyone.

Is this a system whereby the rich get richer as the rates are subsidised by the poorer ratepayers?

[HDRRA seeks a full explanation, answering all the questions in this submission](#)

17. Affordability

Businesses pay rates as expenditure against taxable profits.

Surely? ... the questions surrounding the “Affordability” of Council services, must be placed at the top of a list of achievable-feasible financial planning options... to be addressed by all Councils early on in their long-term budgeting-plan cycle.

Of the current population of Horowhenua, 34,066 about 47% are not employed or on fixed benefit or superannuation incomes.

Age Groups (years)	Census March 2018	Forecast 95th Percentile - June 2028	Forecast 95th Percentile - June 2038
<15	5,987	7,262	9,158
15-29	5,322	6,456	8,140
30-64	13,637	16,542	20,860
65+	8,315	10,087	12,719
Total	33,261	40,347	50,877

Horowhenua’s rates increases are highly inflated compared to the average income of residents.

Factor	Amount	Rank
Average household income	\$68,000	66 th of 67
Per Capita GDP	\$26,964	66 th of 67
Composite Index	267	66 th of 67
Average annual growth in rates per capita (1996–2017)	4.3%	5 th of 67
Compound average annual inflation rate (1996–2019)	2%	
Decline in purchasing power	37%	

“Comparing rates with income (or GDP) increases is just one way of considering rates affordability that focuses on changes for the average household. Rates affordability may still be an issue for many lower-income households and households on fixed incomes (eg, for people reliant on superannuation).

<https://www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiries/local-government-funding-and-financing/>

As an example, single superannuants will be receiving approximately \$21,380.

2020 rates for Levin will change from \$2658.44 to \$2972.68, **an increase of 11.82%**.

2020 rates for Hokio Beach will change from \$1,180.21 to \$1,478.59, **an increase of 20.18%**.

HDRRA states that the outcome is marginal prosperity to some residents is reduced i.e. decreasing disposable income because rates disproportionately rise for poorer residents.

Is the current rating system fair to all incomes?

18. SUIP – separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is a brutal way to collect rates

Library and Community Centres	\$257.40
Representation & Community Leadership	\$225.30
Solid Waste Disposal	\$30.70
Aquatic Centres (Swimming Pools)	\$151.30
Wastewater (Sewer) Disposal	\$654.30
Water Supply	\$480.40

A single-person occupancy pays the same SUIP as a household of 6 people.

Lower occupancy number subsidise higher occupancy. We know the central govt legislation is woeful to assisted legislation in this area.

HDRRA seeks that HDC take the lead in changing the central govt legislation for a fairer, proportionate outcome for all ratepayers.

19. Development Contributions: is this the only way to attract funding?

HDRRA seek that HDC apply the principle of the Purpose (LGA 2002 s197AA), fair, equitable, proportionate to exacerbator, not ratepayer debt.

- Processes to reintroduce immediately LGA 2002 s 106(6)
- sort out definition correctly – financial contribution is under RMA, not LGA
 - Put on the table at next council meeting
 - Call for submissions, publicise widely while allowing a short time for submissions
 - Hear submissions within 1 week
 - Take back to next council meeting and apply the result

The purpose of development contributions as set out in the Local Government Act 2002 s197AA reads “the purpose of the development contributions provision in this Act is to enable territorial authorities to recover from those persons undertaking development a fair, equitable, and proportionate portion of the total cost of capital expenditure necessary to service growth over the long-term.”

HDRRA seeks that Council apply the purpose as stated (LGA s197AA) and further asks Council to investigate other ways to leverage finance from growth-related projects.

20. Debt

How is HDC's debt sustained?

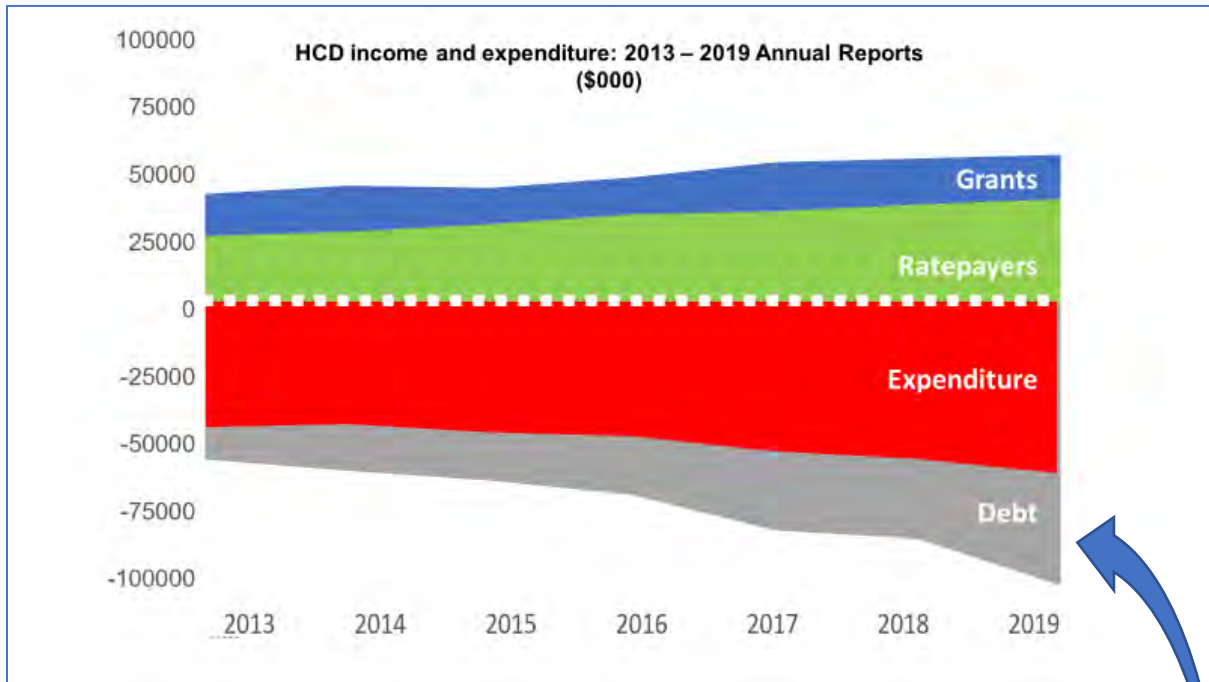
Funding Mechanism	Amount
● Subsidies and Grants (8%)	\$5,996,000
● Fees and Charges (11%)	\$7,898,000
● Debt (23%)	\$17,463,000
● Rates (58%)	\$43,000,000
● Others (0%)	\$127,000
Total	\$74,557,000

For every \$1.00 raised by the community as rates, HDC continues to borrow \$0.41 year on year.

Only ratepayer repay this debt, it is not funded from subsidies and grants, nor fees and charges.

HDRRA asks if a family budget is unable to operate in that way, is HDC debt sustainable? HDRRA seeks that the council does the right thing and lives with in the funding mechanisms shown above, excluding debt.

21. How are HDC's expenditure is financed



	Actual 2019 2008
Statement of operating funding	
General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties	9,547
(Targeted) rates	29,015
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	1,984
Fees and charges	5,350
Interest and dividends from investments	423
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other levies	3,970
Total operating funding (A)	49,844
Application of operating funding	
Payments to staff and suppliers	36,118
Finance costs	3,897
Other operating funding applications	—
Total applications of operating funding (B)	40,015
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)	9,829
Reconciliation of financial results	
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	—
Development and financial contributions	—
Increase (decrease) in debt	—
Other proceeds from sale of assets	—
Lump-sum contributions	—
Other dedicated capital funding	—
Total sources of capital funding (C)	—
Application of capital funding	
Capital expenditure	780
to meet additional demand	—
to improve the level of service	9,214
to replace existing assets	15,087
Other proceeds from sale of assets	—
Increase (decrease) in investments	—
Total applications of capital funding (D)	25,081
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)	(25,081)
Funding balance (A-B+C-D)	(14,383)
Depreciation	—
Loans	
Loans as at 1/07/2018	80,000
Raised during year	78,000
Repaid during year	80,000
Loans as at 30/06/2019	78,000
Total loans	78,000

	Actual 2019 2008
Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense	
Total operating revenue	49,844
Summary funding impact statement	
Sources of operating funding	49,844
Total operating funding	49,844
Less sources of capital funding	3,039
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	—
Development and financial contributions	—
Gain on derivative financial instruments	96
Other gains	453
Vested assets	—
Total revenues	53,364
Expenses	
Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense	
Total operating expenditure	35,006
Summary funding impact statement	
Total application of operating funding	40,015
Loss on derivative financial instruments	227
Other losses	—
Increase / (decrease) in landfill provision	1,298
Loss (depreciation and amortisation) expense	14,383
Total expenditure	56,923

\$ millions of debts does not show as revenue...

An accountant might suggest repaying debt, either raise rates, or sell assets. The alternative is to STOP GROWING DEBT by cut consumptive spending.

Do the people at the controls of HDCs economic system have a vested interest in long-term sustainable growth, rather than writing up just one more loan contract?

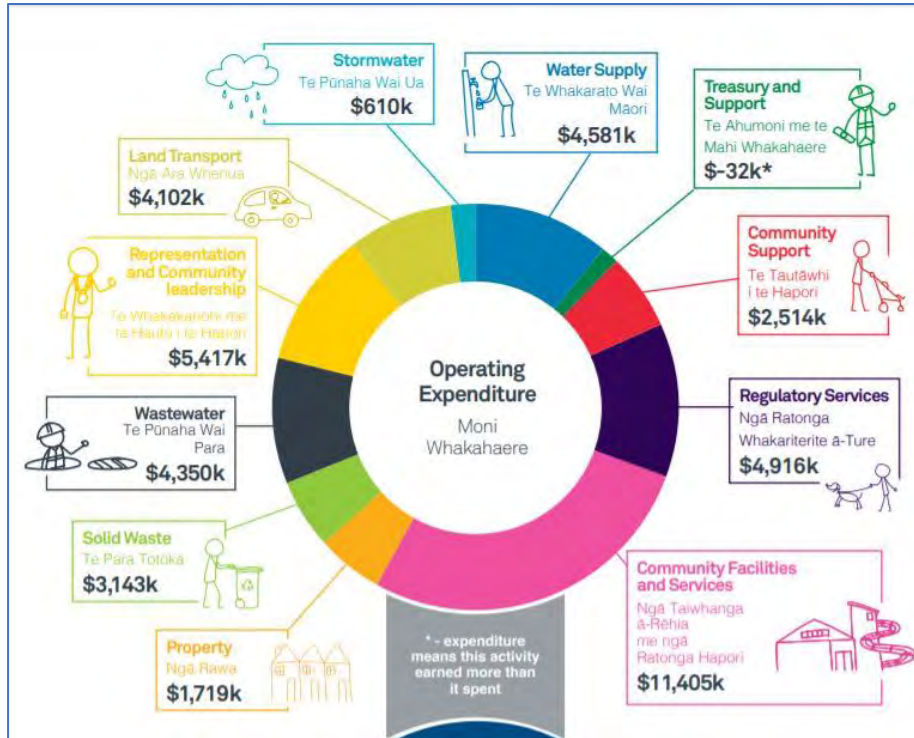
HDC is using the economics of making tomorrow pay for it decisions, but potentially having not realized that when tomorrow comes, probably the current management will not be there, leaving ratepayers.

We need to adapt a system of financially sustainable development that does not grow debt. To walk back from the system that makes debt to pay for debt.

HDRRA asks the Councillors actively explorer this concept with the view to changing management policy on increasing the debt burden on ratepayers.

In determining projects to run, HDRRA seeks that both Councillors and management focus on “RETURN ON INVESTMENT” before other outcomes.

22. HDC’s Expected Operating Expenditure



INCOME	\$74,557,000
EXPENDITURE	\$45,142,000
MISSING	<u>\$29,415,000</u>

- Income, expenditure figures do not show borrowings (debt) in Annual Reports.
- Where is “property rentals” itemised in the accounts?

WHY, SHOULDN’T COUNCIL PRESENT A REAL PICTURE?

Simple answer: legislation allows this type of presentation.

HDRRA seeks full disclosure of all accounts.

23. A query about assets and equity: Pipes and roads are Liabilities, not Assets



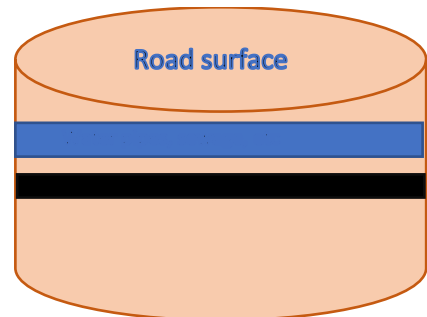
The pipe in this photo is about to be placed underground (to increase capacity). Right now, in this photo the pipe is an asset: it can be sold to another local authority.

It should be noted that the area surrounding the water pipe upgrade will not be using any greater capacity, so the increased capacity is for growth somewhere else. User pays? Certainly not.

Once buried in the roads, these pipes **are not assets, they are liabilities**, they cost money to maintain.

An asset is a product such as a house, or car, or computer, something that can be sold.

Try taking the road surface, the foundations, and the pipes from a location like in the photo below, which is not Horowhenua, and sell the bundle to a neighbouring town, like Otaki. You CAN'T!



[HDRRA asks “How does HDC show the value for assets and liabilities in the accounts of the Annual Report and Plan?”](#)

Christine Moriarty Chair

Leone Brown Secretary

What's Our Plan 2020/2021 - Submission Form

Submission #42



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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	as elderly and low income households makeup a large section of ratepayers at \$2 per ratepayer over 25 years is small and immediate building of splash pad is completed without waiting on fundraising possibilities.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Lack of social housing provided by the council- do we have a social housing policy? There are 29 mostly small parks scattered in just Levin and appears to be an Ad Hoc approach as areas of land become available. An integrated park with all facilities available for Toddlers thru Teens to Adults to enjoy cycling ,walks,bush,play,gardens,picnics, such as christchurch botanic, palmerston botanic.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Lack of adequate infrastructure for increased growth as seen by many towns and cities in New Zealand. The use of our beaches as a national road is disheartening to many who like to play and walk on it. Growth of horowhenua is an opportunity that requires skilled input to realise our future.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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	Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private.
Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	I think \$250,000 is a lot of money to fund raise and could take quite a long time. This splash pad would benefit everyone. For some in Levin travelling out of the area is not easy or affordable. This would make accessibility for them to have enjoyment with their children, which is a benefit for a community as a whole.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Roading and keeping businesses growing and open, at this time.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The lake is an opportunity for Levin. Everyone working together for Levin and the children of Levins future.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:		Submission #43
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	I choose this option because a splash pad should be built but not at this location. levin will be bypassed eventually and I think you need things to pull people in to the central city hub so I propose that it should be built in front of the aquatic center near the palm trees
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Focus on the town square makeover to service all the people for food .when transmission gully is finished to otaki next year being prepared for lots of people stopping in levin
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	We need good food stop points on oxford St and interesting things to see like horowhenua history wall photos,splashpads , good cafes,paved sitting areas with palm trees etc all in central levin

Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Focus on central levin with otaki bypassed we will have eight years of high retail impact. We need to show people the new levin!!
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #45



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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	No
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
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Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	A much needed facility that would cater to a wide audience and if council does not fully back it it may not get done
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Infrastructure such as waste water, roads footpath repairs
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Growing population and ageing infrastructure that will be stretched if not maintained and upgraded
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
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Submission #46



Submission date: 17 April 2020, 10:42AM

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	<p>A splash pad would be a wonderful addition to Levin. Already the adventure park attracts a lot of visitors to our area and the addition of a splash pad would be fantastic. The younger members of our community would benefit greatly from a splash pad and would allow many children and families to access safe water play at no cost. The free access is very important in our community as we have many families fighting to exist. As a member of Altrusa Levin, we feel a splash pad would be a huge benefit to Levin.</p> <p>Although I'm sure many service organisations would be happy to raise money for this project, it's a huge undertaking to raise \$200,000 in our cash strapped community.</p>
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Keeping rates at a reasonable level. People on fixed income are finding it increasingly difficult to meet every rates increase and although these people are eligible for rates rebates, it's still a very big demand on their limited incomes. Perhaps the council should look at other ways to raise money for works needed in the area.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Publicising our wonderful horticultural area. We are growing amazing crops and we should be encouraging people to visit the area to learn what is happening in the area. If the new road finally gets started, Levin needs to make the area a destination, where travellers will stop and spend money in the area.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
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Submission #47



Submission date: 17 April 2020, 10:46AM

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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	With the current situation created by the Covid19 virus i.e unemployment ,financial restraints it would be wise to put the splash pad on the back burner until the economy recovers.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Infrastructure to cope with the growth in new housing.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Recovery from the current pandemic.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	We all need to tighten our belts to help with the country's recovery from the pandemic. We need to concentrate on the basic's. Must have luxuries or whim's can wait until the economy recovers.

Attach any other comments:

Submission #47

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Submission #48



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	This is a "nice to have" project. Points to discuss: safety for kids; maintenance and cleanliness costs of splash pad; vandalism by unknown perpetrators; running or slipping on watery surfaces; keeping surface free from mildew, moss etc. And, in view of water restrictions, would this remain open?
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	The "al fresco" spaces on Oxford Street are questionable while SH1 runs through the town, and no sensible person will sit or eat amongst traffic fumes. It might improve once the bypass is completed. More important is the angle parking on the main street. Something better needs to be considered for town parking.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Placing good infrastructure in new subdivisions; and improving infrastructure in the older parts of Levin. Water supply is also of paramount importance

Your Comments

Please provide any further comments:

The Mayor and Councillors, plus permanent staff for HDC should keep their feet on the ground, and work inside parameters set by our rates and what our residents can afford to pay. Covid-19 has shown weaknesses around the financial structure of families in Horowhenua, and these should be taken into account in financial planning.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #49



Submission date: 18 April 2020, 9:04AM

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 our children are our future. Lets make there childhood as much fun as possible which will help and aid normal development. This option is the most direct way this proposal will happen. The community will pay one way (option 2) or the other (option 3). Option two spreads the financial load (shared by all) and gets it done
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	

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Submission #50



Submission date: 18 April 2020, 3:53PM

Receipt number: 50

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Keep the Rates down
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Ensure that the Market Gardeners get as much help from you to enable them to keep feeding the country Think of the rates money as a wonderful gift Not a right for you to spend willynilly Keep the ideas and spending to core issues thats what is important to people Stop cutting down trees in lovely leafy streets and turning them into boring dull horrible to look at and live in streets
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:

HOW can you even be thinking of putting up rates this year when so many people are suffering job money and even death losses other towns and cities are holding off on any increases while the country is in such termmole you should to. Help the people in this part of NZ don't make matters worse for anyone.

Also you say that recycling is costing more than ever the answer is to stop doing it Give every one a wheelie bin for all rubbish and have it picked up every week [you must want people to keep their places as clean as possible surely] Rubbish /Garbage breaks down much faster if it has a mix of all sorts of things AND stop using plastic rubbish bags at a price to consumers when they are already paying in their rates for collection and disposal and another thing that use to happen in NZ years ago was large waste bins were placed in different streets on Fridays and people could dispose of large items these bins were picked up on Mondays Yes a lot of stuff will be put in them to start with but over time less will happen Ever tried to get rid of a old bed or furniture that has had it when you have no transport, tow bar, or even the absorbent transfer or tip fees or your old and the pension dosen't come any where near those costs

Yes its a moan but some times I believe you in council and Governments don't think of the people only of the monies you can get from them.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #51



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 the community would overwhelmingly benefit from these upgrades and the park has been a huge part of my life since i was a child and for my own children we would love to have somewhere so amazing to go to locally
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Sewage and drain systems in shannon especially
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Gangs and domestic abuse-poverty
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
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Submission #52



Submission date: 19 April 2020, 10:29AM

Receipt number: 53

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	<p>Transport - more frequent train service between Wellington and Levin.</p> <p>Develop and promote the use of public transport overall in the region and between the region and Wellington, and Palmerston North.</p> <p>Bus service between Levin and Waitarere</p> <p>Transition from water tanks to council-provided water</p> <p>Increase safety of vehicles on Waitarere Beach (e.g. make certain, short sections of the Beach inaccessible to vehicles)</p> <p>Develop culture and arts opportunities, events, and venues in the region.</p>

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Challenges - managing growth while maintaining the current uniqueness of local communities. Opportunity - make Horowhenua an attractive multi-purpose destination. Develop culture and arts opportunities, events, and venues in the region, to create a local cultural 'brand/identity'
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
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Submission #53



Submission date: 19 April 2020, 11:51AM

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Your rate increase for Foxton Beach of \$350 about 13% is excessive in today's situation of covid19. The NZ Govt saw fit to increase my pension by \$10 per week and now you demand \$7 of it for things that have little concern for this community. I understand Foxton Beach grew by 85 ratepayers in the last year so this increase is beyond understanding. An explanation for the need of this increase would go a long way Thanking You. Graham Pringle
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #54



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
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Submission #55



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Keep rates low as the population of Horowhenua has a lot of lower socio-economic people and senior citizens on fixed incomes.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Growth
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Please consider this year not raising the rates at all considering the economic problems that Covid 19 will bring to the district with loss of employment and loss of economic production to businesses etc.

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Submission #56



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	This park is only used by a very few people, and a more community friendly project would be better to look at. Why not free swimming pool entrance for children under 5. The pools are in town, accessible for everyone, and a better place to be safety issue talking, because there will be safety issues to deal with if the park is bigger than a paddling pool. Already it has been or will be spent a certain amount of money to repair the water slide at the pools, so make it worth it by increasing the use of the pools with free entrance for kids under 5, which will help parents to use the pool with all their kids. More kids in that case will enjoy water play. In addition there is less opportunity for vandalism if it is at the pool. And how often during the year, is the weather warm enough to use an outdoor splash pad ? Already the paddling pool is not open all year around.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	The lake
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The expressway (in my opinion unneeded, but my opinion) Council to put pressure on the government to finish it and put land owners out of their misery... These people have already gone to hell and back just hearing they have lost their home, now it is time to help them move on and turn to another future with money in their bank account to do so.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Help will be needed as well for business owners after Covid19, would be great to see they will be supported.
Attach any other comments:	

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Date: 17 April, 2020

Like everyone else on the HDRRA Committee, I am concerned about the Annual Plan Process being open for submissions on a narrow timeframe while our country is in a State of Emergency, due to the Covid 19 panic.

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

It is of prime importance that the Council focuses on how best it can serve the Community as the economic fallout due to Covid 19 world-wide takes effect.

We consider the Annual Plan process should be suspended and the Council staff be directed to rework the Plan that would best serve the Community at this very difficult time for all the people living in the Horowhenua. What projects or operational costs can be cut or deferred? What is the Community going to be able to afford at the end of this highly-charged, difficult period?

No one knows yet. We should be waiting to find out.

We consider the Process should be paused while a proper plan is reworked. Horizons Regional Council have suspended their Annual Plan Process – for this very reason, one assumes.

We consider a 6.9% rate rise should certainly be suspended as this is likely to be a big financial burden on the community, particularly on people living on low wages in these very uncertain times.


Apart from that, everyone who thinks clearly, knows it is a very unfair burden on the general population and we feel it is a rather cunning plan to deflect some of the cost of the proposed Development fees that should properly be a charge on developers and their clients.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Bryers Holloway

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What's Our Plan 2020/2021



We've told you what's planned for 2020/2021. Now's the time to have your say.

Submission can be:

- Delivered to:** Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin
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- Emailed to:** annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz
- Completed online at:** www.horowhenua.govt.nz/annualplan2020/2021

Submissions must be provided to Council by no later than 5.00pm, Friday 24 April 2020.

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Long Term Plan 2021-2041

Submission #58

Next year, Council will be creating the Long Term Plan for 2021-2041.

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

As attached

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

The ongoing contamination of our lands and waterways, due to Council's own infrastructure and arrogant attitude!

Please provide any further comments.

As attached

Hearing of Submissions (please tick your preference)

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? Yes No

Sign language interpretation required? Yes No

If YES then would you prefer to speak on – Wednesday 13 May or Thursday 14 May

Note: It is not guaranteed that every submitter will get their preferred day to present.

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Horowhenua District Council memorandum..**Anne Hunt, dated 20 April 2020**

The Covoid 19 pandemic is a salutary lesson for all those who prioritised growth at the expense of fundamental issues such as the health and welfare of citizens.

There is no doubt whatsoever that your infrastructure – both consented and unconsented – is contaminating the soil and waterways of our district.

In the brave new post-pandemic world, who will want to invest in or inhabit communities where local authorities continue to pollute habitats that are vital for the survival of species, particularly humankind?

However, I will focus on one major issue that Council bothered me while I was a district councillor, and bothers me still. It is the subject of my on-line book.

I quote from page 20 of your summary statement:

The design toolkit for the Queen Street 'Green Street' project seeks to achieve an enhanced, consistent look, feel and design for Queen Street as it is upgraded in stages to: celebrate the significance of Levin's unique identity and natural features; emphasise the connectedness of the natural environment - Tararua Ranges to Lake Horowhenua; celebrate Maori history and values associated with the area and contribute to Council's vision for Lake Horowhenua.

First: The notion that Council can develop a vision for Lake Horowhenua is absurd!

- a) It is a privately owned property. Nobody can access the lake without crossing the surrounding land which is part of the lake title. A title was issued in 1899.
- b) It is Maori Freehold Land. Therefore it comes under the jurisdiction of the Maori Land Court who can issue an injunction to halt any proposed activity.
- c) The Maori Appellate Court has annulled the appointment of trustees, and directed the Maori Land Court to enquire into any objections to trustee candidates before appointing trustees. Following a three-day hearing during March 2019, Judge Harvey has yet to release his reserved decision.

- d) Lake Horowhenua is culturally sensitive due to the well-documented massacre that occurred. The report historian James Cowan presented to the Government in 1903 refers to the waters of the lake running red with blood, and seagulls swooping in from the shore to feast on the carcasses. With no body recovery, it must be treated with the same respect as an urupa.
- e) Maori tikanga remains customary law. Professor Mead points out that the desecration of waahi tapu is so offensive, it could invoke violent warfare as it reflected upon the mana of a Rangatira and/or hapu.
- f) Lake Horowhenua is ancestral land that belongs to and has always belonged to the Mua-Upoko owners. Therefore it meets the criteria for Her Majesty the Queen of England to *guarantee* 'full, exclusive and undisturbed possession' in Article Two of the Treaty of Waitangi that Taueki signed as the Rangatira of Mua-upoko. Prince Charles, as the heir apparent recently confirmed his commitment to this Treaty agreement, so it certainly has not lapsed.

Elected members cannot have it both ways.

If you as elected members renege on the contract that is the Treaty of Waitangi by imposing Council's vision on the customary owners of Lake Horowhenua, you forfeit your own status as councillors. It is as simple as that!

I might add that the Supreme Court in *Taueki v Queen*¹ has already established:

(22) Finally, we address Mr Taueki's own relationship with the relevant land. As indicated, he is a beneficial owner. His view that Lake Horowhenua is of "tremendous cultural and historical significant for his people" is not disputed.

Finally you refer to the "connectedness of the natural environment - Tararua Ranges to Lake Horowhenua; celebrate Maori history and values associated with the area".

It may be timely to remind you of the Maori history which is certainly not something to celebrate. This area, the Horowhenua Block exemplifies colonial corruption.

As Lands Minister, John McKenzie declared in Parliament that, "he had come across some disgraceful dealings, but none to equal those in this block".

¹ SC 64/2012 *Taueki v Queen* judgement (17 December 2013)

Due to the Royal Commission of Inquiry established by Parliament in 1885, we have a full account of these “disgraceful dealings”.

In its findings released on 25 May 1896, the Horowhenua Commission of Inquiry reported that:

It is a matter of great regret that much of the difficulty which has arisen in connection with this block, is directly traceable to the non-exercise by the Native Land Courts to the powers vested in them.

In 1873 the Court did not, as it seems to use it should have done, ascertain the particulars of the interests of the persons named in, and on the back of the certificate which it ordered to issue. From the time of this certificate may be dated, so far as the Mua-Upoko Tribe is concerned, the rise to power of Kemp and Kawana Hunia.

As Dr Bryan Gilling explains: there is so little evidence given at all in that early hearing, and none at all by Ihaia Taueki, who was the third name of the list. “For some reason the Court simply did not bother itself about such matters.”

To put it in simple terms, Kemp and Hunia laid claim to the Horowhenua Block, even though it was well known that the former was raised in Whanganui and the latter, in the Rangitikei. They did not bravely preserve ahi kaa, as Taueki, the Rangatira, did.

To cover the costs of this Commission of Inquiry instigated by Parliament, Parliament passed a statute (the Horowhenua Block Act 1886) to effectively confiscate 13,000 forested acres in the Tararua Ranges, held in trust by Ihaia Taueki for Mua-Upoko.

Therefore I would seriously recommend that you become more conversant with the history of the Horowhenua before promoting proposals that are utterly untenable.

I have attached some extracts from a comprehensive letter that I couriered to Police Commissioner Mike Bush on 13 March 2019. This date is obviously significant.

If there is a message, it is the final sentence in this correspondence.

If you truly appreciate Maori values, there will be no further contamination of our environment, desecration of waahi tapu or celebration of colonial corruption.

In such circumstances, utu is inevitable to protect both our habitat and our heritage.



Whenua

1. Lake Horowhenua and environs is the ancestral land of Mua-Upoko.
2. On 19 March 1899, a certificate of title CT121/121 was issued for this property which remains in Mua-Upoko ownership under British title.
3. The Mua-Upoko *Rangatira* never ceded possession in any manner.
4. This property has great historic and cultural significance. On this site, many men, women and children were massacred as they fled their artificial islands in Lake Horowhenua, created as a refuge for times of conflict. Armed with muskets, Ngati Toa warriors slaughtered so many that James Cowan reported in 1903, the waters of the Lake ran red with blood. The bones of those slain rest on the bed of this Lake.
5. Lake Horowhenua and environs remains privately-owned by this *iwi*.

Mana of Philip Dean Taueki

6. Philip Dean Taueki is a direct descendent of Taueki who signed the Treaty of Waitangi on 26 May 1840.
7. Taueki was the *Ariki* (Paramount Chief) of Mua-Upoko.
8. Mr Taueki's *tupuna* have lived on the shores of Lake Horowhenua since time immemorial. (An artefact retrieved from the bed of Lake Horowhenua has been dated to the 13th century.)
9. As the Supreme Court in *Taueki v Queen*² has already established:

(22) Finally, we address Mr Taueki's own relationship with the relevant land. As indicated, he is a beneficial owner. His view that Lake Horowhenua is of "tremendous cultural and historical significant for his people" is not disputed.

26. By virtue of his *whakapapa* to Taueki, Mr Taueki is a Treaty partner.

² SC 64/2012 *Taueki v Queen* judgement (17 December 2013)

Agreements

10. There are two 'agreements' of relevance to Lake Horowhenua.
11. The first is the Treaty of Waitangi which the NZ Police Force recognises as New Zealand's founding document.
12. In this Treaty, Her Majesty the Queen of England guaranteed the Chiefs of New Zealand their respective families 'full, exclusive and undisturbed possession' of their lands, fisheries etc for as long as they wish to retain these same in their possession, in exchange for ceding the rights and powers of sovereignty. Furthermore, the Natives of New Zealand were to be imparted royal protection and all the rights and privileges of British subjects.
13. There can no dispute whatsoever that on 26 May 1840, Tauheke (Taueki) signed the Treaty of Waitangi, because his name appears on the Henry Williams sheet. This Treaty is a binding contract between the Crown and the Chiefs of New Zealand who signed it.
14. The second 'agreement' is an 'agreement' cited in Parliament prior to the enactment of the Horowhenua Lake Act of 1905. This law grants the public access to Lake Horowhenua and establishes a Domain Board appointed by the Governor to control Lake Horowhenua.
15. Justice Ellis refers to this 'agreement' in her judgement³ at para 8:
In 1905, Parliament enacted the Horowhenua Lake Act (the HLA), as a result of an agreement between representatives of the Muaupoko iwi and the government. This agreement was subsequently referred to in the House, where the Attorney-General observed there "was no doubt the Natives had acted handsomely and generously".
16. Crown Law was challenged to produce a copy of this 'agreement' but failed to do so. The reason Crown Law could not produce a copy of this 'agreement' is because no such 'agreement' exists.

³ CRI 2016-454-000023 (2016) NZHC3098 *Queen v Taueki*

17. According to Waitangi Tribunal research, the document produced in Parliament by Colonel Pitt as Attorney-General was nothing but an unsigned list of conditions under the heading 'agreement', recorded by a Government official during a meeting between PM Seddon, Levin citizens and a few Maori who were definitely not *mana whenua*.

Current Statute

18. During 1956, the Horowhenua Lake Act 1905 was superseded by s18 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act.
19. On 30 August 2016, Crown Law issued a memorandum, stating that:
The Treaty itself envisages that Maori property rights are subject to change – in particular, by providing for the sale of land. Here the land has not been sold but the bundle of rights of the original owners had been modified to a lesser extent by statute, based upon antecedent negotiations and agreement between the Crown and those owners. The propriety of that legislation and the arrangements on which it is based is apparently challenged by Mr Taueki in the Waitangi Tribunal, but this Court is required to interpret and apply the relevant statutes enacted by the legislature.
20. Despite the absence of any signed 'agreement', the Crown decided that the owners of Lake Horowhenua have *less* rights than the public using free of charge ancestral land that remains in Maori ownership.

Maori tikanga

21. There is general acceptance that *tikanga* was developed over centuries, and is underpinned by core values and principles which govern Maori political, legal, social and spiritual behaviour.
22. The essential principle underlying *tikanga* is the notion of what is right and what is wrong. In this way *tikanga* defined general guidelines for acceptable behaviour, and generated compensation for unacceptable behaviour.

23. As this concept of right and wrong is evident in all pre-1840 Maori behaviour, justice is certainly not a British import.
24. *Mana tupuna* was acquired from birth in the form of *mana* handed down by one's ancestors. Mr Taueki's *mana* is his birthright.
25. *Whakapapa* was also used to maintain relationships with the land. A *whakapapa* link to the land formed the basis for rights to use this land. Only *Rangatira* could give rights in the land, as they alone had the requisite *mana* to do so.
26. The unsigned document held aloft by Colonel Pitt in Parliament is a nullity as it was drawn up by a government official with no input or endorsement by *Rangatira* with the *mana* to cede property rights.
27. According to Sir Eddie Durie, a former Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court, the spiritual, cultural and social life of the community was linked to the land. Pre-1840 Maori communities' right to land was validated by *whakapapa* which linked the land's occupiers to the earliest occupying groups, and to the *Atua* that formed it. The longer the shown link, the stronger the right to the land. This was important because pre-1840 Maori communities saw all things derived from the ancestors, and to establish a link of this kind gave descendants a legitimate right to use and occupy the land.
28. Professor Mead refers to the term *take-utu-ea*. Where there is an action (*take*), there must be an appropriate resolution (*utu*) to hopefully resolve the matter and restore the balance (*ea*).
29. The desecration of *waahi tapu*, for instance, could invoke violent warfare as it reflected upon the *mana* of a *Rangatira* and/or *hapu*.
30. Mr Taueki's *mana* is not derived from Pakeha values, but upon his spiritual affinity to Lake Horowhenua, where there was a major massacre in the 1820's. When Lake Horowhenua suffers, so does he.
31. By arresting Mr Taueki for the crime of walking across his own ancestral land, the Police have trampled on the *mana* of Mua-Upoko as *mana whenua*. This was wrong in British law and Maori *tikanga*.
32. In Maori *tikanga*, where there is a wrong, there is *utu*.

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Submission #59



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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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	<p>Splash pad great idea. Lived in Perth a few years ago when their local council installed one of these at a cost of \$13 million AUD. It was shut for over 10 months, after just a few days after it opened, as the water that was connected to it was not treated/filtered and a number of children became sick with bacterial infections as a result.</p> <p>Proper planning and consideration regarding these sort of developments remain vital to ensure that health of our tamariki is kept first and foremost as best as possible.</p>
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Housing, post Covid recovery
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	As above.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #60



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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	Less cost and it is reasonable to raise money from the community
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	how the town with expand in 20 years
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	creating more new jobs for sustaining the increase of rates and affording the same quality of life
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	The reason I have filled the Submission form was that it was not thought over and presented to the public how the increase of rates will coincide with Rates Rebates increase in those cases where household income didn't grow the same percentage as your new proposed rates
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #61



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Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	We need to prioritize our spending and this is not a necessity.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Get together with Horizons Regional Council and get the mess that is One Plan sorted. Keep spending to match income.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Keeping our growers and farmer's profitable. Getting express way done soon. Not waiting another 9 years will benefit the region immensely.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	No more rate increases this year at least Take a leaf out of Auckland book!
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #62



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Hearing of Submissions	
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If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 you didn't give me the option of Do none of the above
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Stop increasing rates every year and learn to live within your rate payers means. ie take an income reduction of 25% the same as many of Horowhenua's residents will take. Horowhenua's rates have historically been considerably more than inflation year upon year. It is the largest cost to most of our businesses for nothing in return.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	I suggest all HDC staff, Mayor and councillors all take at least 15 % pay cuts to reflect what is going to happen in our region. All rate increase must be frozen, all projects which are just feel good projects must be cut. Only core business, eg water, can be acceptable now
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #63



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	With the expenses of surviving thru Covid-19 and then returning to so called normality, I feel a good majority of the community are not going to be in a position to raise the additional funding. I know young people love having somewhere to splash around on hot summer days and the Splash Pad would be a wonderful place for them to have the fun of playing around in the various water outlets.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Roading is a major concern Enough suitable housing for everyone Global warming
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Same as above

Your Comments		Submission #63
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Submission #64



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a hearing?	Yes
If YES then would you prefer to speak on:	
Sign language interpretation required?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	This proposal is not in the best interest of the community at this time of uncertainty. Especially where employment is not guaranteed and any additional rates burden will be hard for households to manage. This proposal has limited use in winter and the operational cost of sanitising the facility is likely to exceed the budget because of the current virus pandemic.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Safe and potable water supply. Especially considering the predicted growth in population and the opening up of greenfield development for residential and commercial activities. Is the current water supply at its limit already. There needs to be more transparency by Council on the options. The need for adequate water supply for horticulture and farming which is the mainstay of the Horowhenua district.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>The long term effect of the Otaki to North of Levin expressway. How will Levin Town remain a destination of choice. The opportunities are quicker produce delivery to markets beyond Levin. An increase in businesses wanting to relocate to Levin because of easy access. This has to have a higher profile marketing approach whereby the district promoted widely for its horticulture and farming and attracting new people into these areas. A challenge is the loss of productive land to future residential and commercial needs. A major challenge is the electrification of the rail line from Waikanae to Levin.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>The Al Fresco dining on Oxford Street is ill-conceived as buildings Council will have identified as High risk and earthquake prone are along Oxford street. Additional maintenance of the existing streetscape should be considered a priority as it looks scruffy. The 2020/2021 Plan is light on the support for the horticulture and farming communities which are the lifeblood of the Horowhenua District. Yes the Town needs replacement of aging infrastructure but is not where the economic benefit to the wider community and country comes from.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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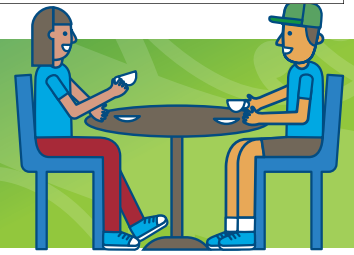
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Hi

Please find attached the annual plan response.

Thanks
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What's Our Plan 2020/2021



We've told you what's planned for 2020/2021. Now's the time to have your say.

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Levin Splash Pad (please tick your preference)

- Option 1:** Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)
- Option 2:** Remove the paddling pool and Council build a splash pad. (Estimated cost \$450,000)
- Option 3:** Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000)

Why did you choose this option?

The idea of a splash pad is great especially if removing the paddling pool. It will provide the community somewhere to cool down during the summer months.

Long Term Plan 2021-2041

Next year, Council will be creating the Long Term Plan for 2021-2041.

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

Easton Park in Foxton needs an upgrade as the current facilities are not currently suitable for use. The Grandstand needs an upgrade, and new Flood lights would enable the ground to be used at night during the winter and possible night matches being played on the rugby field.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

With the expressway opening a lot of people are moving North from Wellington and the area requires facilities to cope with the extra population and the ability to provide somewhere safe to do leisure activities.

Please provide any further comments.

A case is being prepared to make a sporting hub within Foxton at Easton Park. Currently there are only 2 changing rooms in the grandstand which we would like to see have a further 2 changing rooms added. A netball court added to the Park possibly where the old swimming pool is located which could have flood lights. The current flood lights be removed with new ones which would allow a safe training to happen at night for all that use them, and also allow the facility to have night games on the park as well.

Hearing of Submissions (please tick your preference)

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? Yes No

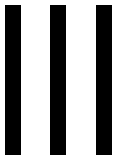
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If YES then would you prefer to speak on – Wednesday 13 May or Thursday 14 May

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	the community should contribute at least some of the cost...however I feel the splash pad should be at the big park on SH1 and the paddling pool retained and upgraded. Q: what happens when there are water restrictions? Will the splash pad be shut down and if so where will the kids have access to water fun? I also have a feeling the local vandals will be rubbing their hands with glee !
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>A decent, cost effective water treatment facility especially if the population is set to grow at the rate quoted</p> <p>Sensible rates increases- a lot of people will still be hurting after this Covid19 issue with many small businesses either struggling or going under completely and many people losing jobs and therefore struggling to pay bills- any bills. If Auckland City Council can consider a rates increase of between 2.3 and 3.5% (pop: 1,606,564 as of June 2018) and Palmerston North (pop:88,300 as of July 2018) with a rates drop from 5.2% to 4.4% why does this council have higher rates?</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Sensible spending: 1: upgrade of Queen Street ...is this absolutely necessary in the current climate? 2: more/ better al fresco eating facilities on the main road...again are these necessary at the moment for the reasons stated above and also if the new highway bypasses Levin will the increase in such facilities be justified if the traffic reduces =more businesses going under.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>While I understand that every council has a fine 'juggling act' to perform it must be remembered that people can only pay so much. The older population in the Horowhenua is steadily increasing....without much increase in their income to balance spending. Many families are struggling to pay the basics such as food and power bills so grandiose plans and ideas should be carefully considered and if possible shelved (see Splash Pad idea - is this REALLY necessary???)</p> <p>....and don't even consider awarding yourselves a pay increase...I've heard councillors get one or two perks already....</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #67



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 1: Remove the paddling pool, but have no splash pad. (Estimated cost \$30,000)

<p>Why did you choose this option?</p>	<p>Ideally, I would choose Option 4: Rethink this for a later time.</p> <p>In the current situation (Covid-19) we have soo many struggling local business that could be far better supported with the money your are designating for the splash pad. Don't get me wrong, I have a young family who would absolutely use this Splash Pad however, right now, that cannot be the priority.</p> <p>As a rate payer, I would be far more happier seeing some of my rates go towards supporting our business with whatever it is they need to stay afloat. With the 450k would we not be better to give 100 local businesses \$4,500 each to support staff, get online systems up and running and their general well-being. That is just one idea on how to better spend 450k in current times.</p> <p>My worry is that shops will shut, businesses will go and Levin will resemble a town like Huntly in the Waikato. But we can fix this, we just need to re-prioritise spending.</p> <p>If, you decide not to accept feedback and proceed anyway with a Splash Pad, it would be far more useful in the Aqautic Centre on the green. Families need quality changing facilities and toilets for a Splash Pad to succeed. Similar to the model run at Otaki Pool. Splash Pad users have access to their changing/wash facilities. The Donald Duck park should stay as it is, a great fenced playground for younger children.</p>
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Long Term Plan 2021-2041

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Housing, Roding, Employment, Social Wellbeing</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	
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Hello

Why create things that kids - and probably dogs will "piss in"? Seriously - if this was 1961 we may have been able to trust this kind of thing wouldn't happen - but reality is - IT DOES. (Dog owners who've left their dog's deposits for everyone to enjoy is completely disgusting). It is obvious to me people are taking advantage of the lockdown to get away with this.

Not just that but being a public park fairly close to alcohol outlets - there is also the 'throwing up' by people who should know better and so on. There are also weather conditions to consider - obviously.

With Covid19 still leaving us in lockdown (as I write) we need to realise this kind of venture is no good in these days. Generally speaking, people today are far too irresponsible and selfish ... I don't think it will work..

For myself I can't see any advantage in providing something that at least will cost plenty to keep up to health standards - let alone other aspects. Clearly all these public places are breeding grounds for all sorts of God knows what - please don't do such a "fun" pool in that park..

Why would it cost \$30,000 to "get rid" of the existing,damaged pool? Wouldn't it be better spent the money to fill the site to become a nice garden where the adults who accompany the children, to complement the already well-stocked for entertainment grounds? And, where the children can learn as well.

Why is everything so expensive in this (what we can call) hick town. It has hardly modernized or changed with the times - the southern entry on SH1 with old buildings and shabby properties would do much better for the town in being removed than yet another waste of time?

I lived in Tauranga prior to coming here and at that time (and still) **with rates lower than Levin**, we were also provided with buses, airport, many interesting walks and pathways, streets swept and relieved of leaves and rubbish etc etc etc.

It is good that at 75 I get a reduction for my age/circumstances (having worked all my life until age 70) but a friend in Tauranga pays pretty much the same rates - and lives in an established suburb near to town, in a 4 bedroomed house with two bathrooms and a big section, gas on tap etc.

Where I live (I now KNOW but was never told: even though I asked Council and developer at the time) that the complex I am in is on an old riverbed. Here my section is within 30cm of **literally ROCK bottom** and where thousands of dollars spent on developing my section with shrubs and surrounds only to have them **ALL die should never have been permitted**. The old boys of this county seem to have had a pretty fun time permitting and building on waste land, like mine. I have heard quite a bit about other areas where

permits have been given (old boys' club?) to build and with no responsibility taken by Council or the developer.

Levin is a reasonably pleasant place to live in, but why increase the rates? Why NOT reduce the outgoings to enable a less stressful life for everybody?

As it is, even to go to a beach involves driving, petrol, time OR the alternative of a swimming pool overcrowded with huge, ugly, ecologically shocking plastic blow-up rubbish and screaming children.

I strongly believe it is a waste of time.

Lyn MacDonald

From: annual plan
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2020 8:18 AM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Rates/splash pad/shared pathways/Queen and Oxford Streets

-----Original Message-----

From: jorgey <jorgey@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Sunday, 19 April 2020 3:32 PM
To: annual plan <annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Rates/splash pad/shared pathways/Queen and Oxford Streets

Hi

As the rates increase will the level of income earned to qualify for a rate rebate also rise. Say if it is now \$30000 will it increase by 12% to \$33600 Many of us in Levin are on fixed incomes and will find that rate increase of 12% more and more of a burden. I have a small extra amount coming in each year from the Government Super Scheme, over and above the pension, but it certainly doesn't keep up with the rate increase. In fact each year I lose ground.

We do not need cycle and walk ways, our roads are wide enough and our footpaths more than adequate.

Spending half a million on a splash pad in the current uncertain climate can certainly go onto a back burner along with improvements on Queen Street and develop eating places in Oxford Street, some who may well be out of business.

Stick to the core functions this year and put the fancy stuff to a vote when this virus created uncertainty resolves itself.

Yours sincerely

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Submission #70



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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	Would it be possible for people who have registered as interested to be notified (text or email) when weed spraying is happening (or has happened) on green spaces? I walk my dog on the Tokomaru Domain and my dog (along with most other dogs I've observed) go around the perimeter of the Domain where the weeds are sprayed. I'd like to know when spraying has happened so I know to wait at least 24 or 48 hours before exposing her to the sprayed weeds. My feeling is that this is probably the case on most open spaces where children or animals are playing. Thanks.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #71



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Overall rates affordability, controlling the increased cost of solid waste, funding growth
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Growth, environmental concerns, low incomes
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Aim for a zero increase in rates this year - Covid-19 has added to the traditional block of low income households. While there is no hard data at this stage, with over 40% of employees nationally on govt. supported incomes it is clear there will be reduced incomes, business failures and struggling businesses. There are as yet unknown effects on tenants, landlords, and home based businesses. The community needs all assistance possible as well as the psychological lift of being seen to be

supported.

Produce the zero increase by cutting costs rather than increasing debt. The effects of Covid-19 are predicted to be a cost to the community for years to come - possibly intergenerational. Do not add to this cost with increased debt until there is some certainty around the ongoing effects.

Revisit the decision on earthquake strengthening of priority buildings which is another cost many small business owners face in the near future. If it can not be reversed at local level, pressure central govt. to reverse/defer/overthrow this legislation to assist small business recovery in Levin.

Ensure all growth related costs are paid for by some form of development contribution/levy. Defer growth related spending until this can be charged accordingly.

It is clear from many people's reactions to the lock down that the lifestyle of a slower paced small community is seen as an asset which is devalued by growth. Those benefiting from growth should therefore pay the costs associated with growth, while existing residents should benefit from the gain of more ratepayers to lessen the cost to individuals of the fixed cost components of our rates. It was noted in the agenda of the last council meeting that Horowhenua is seen as a partial answer to the housing requirements of the surrounding regions, therefore it is reasonable that the surrounding regions should contribute significantly to the costs.

Defer for at least one year all possible improved "level of service" spending planned. I understand this is often tied in with essential capital expenditure and therefore some can not be deferred.

Revisit the solid waste and recycling programs which made up approximately half the proposed rates increase for this year and which will add considerable increases in the next few years if the current agenda is followed. This has already added significant costs to the community over the last couple of years. The effect of Covid-19 has produced much greater

environmental benefit than any solid waste programs, and it should be central government policy to lead waste reduction rather than continue to load cost on the community.

In future years the brief community consultation document should clearly identify the leading causes of the proposed rates increase. This would ensure the public have the opportunity to understand what the major issues are within the community. Few in the public domain have the time or skill to cull this information from the full plan. If this information was included it would give more relevance to specific issues such as the splash park included in this years document.

Attach any other comments:

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With the current crisis going on the economy will take a significant set back. A lot of this will fall on the shoulders of Rate Payers and Business.

The short answer is that we all have to shoulder the load.

Any projects that have a feel good theme about them and is covered by rate payers should be put back until such time as the full extent of the economic downturn is known. Governments & Councils destination plan will add some stimulus but the main focus of Council should be on infrastructure that is required for the Councils & Public long term well being.

John Baird

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Submission #73



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 2: Remove the paddling pool and Council build a splash pad. (Estimated cost \$450,000)

<p>Why did you choose this option?</p>	<p>I think the paddling pool would have more cost attributed to cleaning and maintenance, and possibly a greater health and safety hazard to the wider community, even though it is only a paddling pool.</p> <p>I think the splash pad will be a fantastic edition, with an easier cleaning and maintenance programme that can be implemented. Perhaps use a bucket type of apparatus to release a deluge of water over the participants and the splash pad instead of a 'pool'</p> <p>I also think in terms of Horowhenua and attractions the money spent will instantly create a fantastic attraction and activity for families, a place to gather during the summer to get wet and have a picnic. This will be a great social attribute to the region, and one that maybe called on to be replicated in other parts of the region.</p>
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Long Term Plan 2021-2041

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>Tourism and Event Community Facilities, Strategies and Plans.</p> <p>In terms of attracting larger and/or more sophisticated events we are very limited what we can do and who we can attract. Whilst we have great community hubs, they are community centres. Set up as a multifaceted centre that cannot be fitted out for bigger events. The centres are appropriate for small to medium events, with strict sound controls and activity requirements, and what can be safely done in these areas, with the myriad of risks associated with the venues themselves (ie bookshelves, public access to toilets, other general users and functions of the community centre).</p> <p>Parks and recreation areas - the designs in terms or power access and power point usage, the facilities that can be accessed on site, what grassed areas can be used for and what they can't, etc, etc also presents challenges in terms of attracting and hosting events.</p> <p>The elements - the region has no viable options for wet weather alternatives, the ability to put on medium to larger events, or for booking and hosting third parties. We also live in a hot and cold environment, but do not have facilities that cater to the elements, or can</p>
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attract and/or host festivals and events all year round.

If left for investors to build and managed, the community and the Council itself will be left paying market prices which will affect budgets and bottoms lines of business, community and government.

With the growth of the housing within the region and rising house prices, this generally encourages consumers to spend and leads to higher economic growth – due to the wealth effect. With this redistribution of wealth within the region and the economy, this will also have a flow on effect with respect to the appetite, participation in and type of events and festivals in the region.

Festivals and special events play important roles in destination development, image makers, animators of static attractions, and catalysts for other developments.

They provide opportunities for participation, skills development, volunteering and social, cultural economic and environmental developments. Community events and festivals can attract tourists and visitors at regional, national and international level. Events help to capture attention and promote attractions and infrastructures. They make it possible to maximize and rationalize the use of certain spaces and venues. They can make a significant contribution to the region and the community through the injection of cash into the economy and assist the tourism businesses of the region.

<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Well-defined goals, local level partnerships Well defined strategic plan and operational planning for Events and Venues Funding - local, regional and national government, private funding/sponsorship/investment Revenue - ensuring the facility/ies will have a well defined business development strategy that identifies and implements and sound revenue base.</p> <p>Ensuring the facility/ies are designed specifically with events and multipurpose events centre in mind in ensure maximum use. A single minded designed facility (ie a performance theatre) will lend itself to a very specific design, layout, and facility).</p> <p>Ensuing opportunities that will include and involve local people and suppliers are in terms of provision of services, food, beverages, and attractions, to compliment the festival and events. That is ensuring a strategy that will include the sharing of economic benefits to local vendors, artisans, craftspeople, restaurateurs, hoteliers and other associated businesses are able to contribute to their annual income during the course of an event and a calendar full of events.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>Rates for the rural ratepayer. As a rural rate payer we pay extra for services, for example rubbish collection, sewerage removal. Whilst I understand and I am happy to contribute to paying rates, I think the council could specifically give those rural ratepayers something. Whether a scheme to pay for extra water tanks for their property through rates with a discount, or being able to secure discount for upgraded sewerage tank system, or some environmental incentive to help with respect to land management. I think there is opportunity to recognise and give to this section of the community who can also contribute to the region as a whole, and may not receive all the advantages that someone living in the populated areas has access to.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Just to save money.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Illegal dumping of rubbish on people's personal properties and on public land, is an ongoing problem which I believe needs addressing.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	My suggestion is that perhaps the council could provide every home with a free standard wheelie bin for weekly rubbish collection. The money to pay for the collection could be taken out of the rates. Maybe have an opt out option so that people can choose to keep their current wheelie bin provider.
Attach any other comments:	

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Infrastructure Utilities upgrading Helping existing small businesses Creating a support local business and "Buy Local" campaign
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	The increase in population and keeping residents supporting the local businesses
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Please support the local businesses especially the existing shops and encourage our residents to "shop local buy local be a local". Encourage strip shopping - this is essential for a town like Levin and will help to create a friendly, local shopping area.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #76



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Please make a policy to control ferel pidgeons.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #77



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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 the adventure park has activities for all ages of children and this is a project the ratepayers cannot afford.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	The Major issues are that the population of Levin is ageing, on a limited income, or on an unemployment benefit, and there are not enough people in full time employment on a reasonable income to support the scale of these improvements that are planned. There are not enough job opportunities to keep the younger generation in the Horowhenua. The key challenge is to keep the rates at an affordable level so people can continue to live here.

<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>People chose to live in the Horowhenua because of its lifestyle The proposed changes to the town require a lot of input from ratepayers and the ratepayers should not be expected to pay for these grandiose ideas. The Council needs to live within its means without putting an extra burden on the already long suffering ratepayers. This is Levin not Auckland and people choose to live here because of its lifestyle</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>The Main Street of Levin is full of eateries of all descriptions. There is also a number of variety stores selling mainly cheap dollar and cents merchandise. There are no speciality shops and the town shuts at 2.00 pm on a Saturday and most don't open on a Sunday apart from the big box stores. No wonder people go out of town to the retail malls which provide a great variety of retail shops and seven day a week opening hours. No amount of cosmetic surgery on the town at the ratepayers expense will bring added revenue to the town.</p>
<p>Attach any other comments:</p>	

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Submission #78



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Residents already have the local and regional area swimming pools plus nearby beaches for aquatic activities. I feel in the current economic and health situation it is better to not spend the money at this time, keep rates for residents down as well as not encouraging people to congregate.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?

gangs and drug activity is high, we need to keep pushing the roading project and encourage/assist local businesses to remain open to keep money flowing through the community and attract a more desirable type of resident. More public commuter options could be attractive to first home buyers looking at the area as a more viable/affordable option than Kapiti or Wellington. The current train timetable ok is a bare minimum but could be better utilised.

Your Comments

Please provide any further comments:

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #79



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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 DID NOT PICK AN OPTION BUT CANNOT MOVE ON UNTIL ONE WAS SELECTED. Council has never explained why they have to remove the existing paddling pool within two years. The \$30,000 estimated cost to remove the pool could be used to maintain it. It would be irresponsible of Council to spend an estimated cost of \$250,000 of ratepayers money on building a splash pad on the site of an old Levin dump that would only be used over the summer months and would need maintaining over the winter months. If a splash pad is to be built in the future, it should be at the Levin Adventure Park where it would get more use and be built on firmer ground and at possibly less cost to build. It would be better to spend \$250,000 on maintaining our infrastructure in the meantime. I don't want our rate money spent on this project at Jubilee Park.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	

<p>What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?</p>	<p>The Long Term Plan needs to be put on hold. Make no changes at this stage until Covid-19 is over and see if New Zealand's economy spirals into a recession - and if so how long it takes it to recover.</p>
<p>What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?</p>	<p>Like the rest of New Zealand we could be in a serious economic recession for the next few years - you can't get blood out of a stone. Because of Covid-19 I do not see any opportunities for the Horowhenua District in the near future.</p>
<p>Your Comments</p>	
<p>Please provide any further comments:</p>	<p>We farm to the west of Lake Horowhenua - our rates for the 2019-20 rating year were \$62,255 (incl GST) - Horizons rates are in addition to this amount. There should be NO increase for the 2020-21 rating year. Farming incomes will be substantially reduced - income from sheep and beef has already reduced by 30% since January 2020, it could fall further. Dairy farm milk solids are predicted to be around \$5.60 kg for the 2020-21 season - down from the predicted \$7.30 for the 2019-20 season. At \$5.60 kg dairy farming is hardly sustainable.</p> <p>With any increase in rates Lakeview Farm Ltd would have to consider making one staff member redundant.</p> <p>Council needs to stick to the basics - maintenance of our major infrastructure only.</p> <p>A large percentage of our rates go to pay Council staff wages and our rates have supported a lot of staff through the lockdown. Did Council apply for wage subsidies from Government for those people that could not work through this period?</p> <p>With the country heading into what looks like a recession, rural ratepayers will struggle paying their rates let alone any increase on last years rates. Are Councillors or their staff willing to take a pay cut just like the rural ratepayers are going to have to because of lower farming incomes for the next season? Now is the time to wait and see what is going to happen over the next year - all key projects need to be put on hold. With economists predicting possible business closures, increased unemployment, falling incomes and increasing Government</p>

debt (in the billions) this will probably mean Government will have to increase taxes to repay the debt. The proposed Horowhenua District Council rate increase of 6.9% on the average to ratepayers at this time would be irresponsible.

I recall in the 1960's Levin was booming - there was lots of new industry and a large increase in population. This all died suddenly because of changes made by central Government and Levin stagnated for the next 50 years - it could happen again.

Attach any other comments:

Annual Plan 2020/2021

Phone submission

Date: 21 April 2020

Submitter name: Belinda Hanlon

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Contact details private: Yes

Hearing: No

Date of hearing: N/A

Submission

Splash Pad

- Concerned about the \$30,000 cost to remove the paddling pool. Should not invest any money in the paddling pool. Paddling pool has not been extensively used in the past. Not many children living in the area, they are mainly older people. Will be a waste of time.
- Concern about stage 1 restrictions for water all year. Thinks money should be used to address the water supply. A decent water supply is important.

Long Term Plan

Q1 What major issues do you think Council needs to consider for the next LTP?

Not answered.

Q2 What are they key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

Not answered.

Other comments

N/A

Annual Plan 2020/2021*Phone submission***Date:** 21 April 2020**Submitter name:** Michael Morgan**Address:** [REDACTED]**Phone number:** [REDACTED]**Contact details private:** Yes**Hearing:** Yes**Date of hearing:** Not specified.**Submission****Splash Pad**

Option 1

Concerned about the lockdown. Lots of people in Levin are not having an income.

Long Term PlanQ1 What major issues do you think Council needs to consider for the next LTP?

Debt reductions. Not liable for debt when CEO leaves.

Q2 What are they key challenges or opportunities facing this district?

High number of pensioners, low income residents.

Other comments

Concern about high levels of rates in Levin, my property has a rates increase of 9.8%.

Concern about high level of Council debt not being paid. This is a major concern. Concern that the community will be left with the debt when the CEO leaves. The CEO's salary is too high. No one seems to be worried about this. Not sticking to budget a concern. Should keep spending under what is received in rates to get debt down.

Don't need a loan to build a splash pad, should be rates funded. If all ratepayers contributed \$3.90 in one year this would be paid for without the need for a loan. This would save interest and stop us getting further in debt.

If someone was running a business and owed as much money as Council they would be bankrupt.

Concern about pensioners and the amount they are paying in rates.

People are just trying to survive and rates keep going up.

For most people wages do not rise as fast as rates. People will have a pay freeze but Council keeps putting up the rates. This is not just a concern for me, other people in the town are struggling.

Only concern from Council seems to be getting the houses built on the other side of town (other side of Arapaepae Road). Housing prices will drop soon and they won't be needed for a couple years. The people subdividing in this area aren't paying the royalties that they used to have to pay e.g. connections for houses.

If house prices and the cost of sections drop, then rates don't drop. Every time house prices have dropped in the past, rates have not dropped to adjust to this. This includes land prices.

Not just thinking of myself, thinking of a lot of ratepayers in Levin.

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Submission #82



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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	A slash pad would be amazing!
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Make an emergency hospital
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	There are more people living here but seems that the infrastructure doesn't seem to be getting bigger
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #83



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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	Less cost to council/ratepayers and those who would use the facility more have the opportunity to raise funds.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Housing and infrastructure to meet growth in the district.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Providing for growth especially housing.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	I recommend that council show serious restraint when setting rates during this unusual time of economic and personal uncertainty. Many people and businesses face hardship as a result of the necessary measures taken to combat covid-19. I believe that while repairs & maintenance must continue in the district, any possible cost cutting should be vigorously explored and rates increase should be minimal.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #84



Submission date: 22 April 2020, 8:13PM

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Not necessary. Cost seems overly expensive and then there's ongoing maintenance and sure to be costs due to vandalism. We have public aquatic centre for water activities.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Create employment opportunities in Levin by encouraging business here. With the expressway hopefully being built Levin could be a business hub between Palmerston North and Paraparaumu. Better affordable rail transport to Wellington and Palmerston North.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	More housing development to support business opportunities.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	Long term plan always seems to benefit Levin town but nothing appears to go to outer districts eg walkways, footpaths non existent.
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #85



Submission date: 23 April 2020, 10:10AM

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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	
Why did you choose this option?	
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
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?	
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	Hi I think this years long term plan should be scrapped due to Covid 19. The major and councilors and CEO and top staff should take a 20% pay cut to lead from the front as the government has. Just do only essential work until such time there is a vaccine for covid 19. All our new valuations are totally inaccurate due to covid 19 as according to most economist house prices may fall by 20% .
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #86



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Question	Response
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Hearing of Submissions	
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
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	Ideally the paddling pool would of been incorporated with the splash pad.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	the community has to travel out of Levin in order to access a wider range of retail stores if Levin was able to provide this the economy would be able to thrive better with in the area. another great initiative is if there was more activities to do in Levin perhaps not just a focus on retail stores but also on businesses that offer a service such as cloud 9 for children to partake in.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	It is often considered to be a 'boring ' area and not particularly attractive to the younger generation
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Submission #87



Submission date: 23 April 2020, 11:32AM

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Question	Response
Contact Details	
Full Name:	Caron Hobbs
Name of Organisation:	
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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
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?	<p>Whilst I think it would be good for the kids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it will require a lot of ongoing maintenance to preserve the cleanliness/hygiene - it being a public park, unless it is fenced I believe it would be prone to vandalism - thus making it dangerous and requiring more maintenance - in reality it is only likely to be used for about 3 months of the year - additional water usage when we already have annual water restrictions
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	Improving infrastructure to accommodate growth - transport, water, waste removal.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	

Your Comments

Please provide any further comments:

Believe property developers need to contribute (more?) to infrastructure improvements.
No rates increases as a lot of people have been affected by COVID-19 - otherwise believe there will be a lot of people applying for rebates.

Liaise with iwi to improve Lake Horowhenua water quality so that it can be used safely.
Like the idea of upgrading the town centre, but we have a lot of 'cheap' shops/take-aways. Restricting the numbers of these would be good. Also think should be put on hold until NZTA start the Otaki to Levin North project otherwise will be 'ruined' by transport going through town.

Te Takere is a great place, but it is not overly usable/accessible for those people who work away from Levin (Wellington/Palmerston North) and don't get back until 6:30pm - and these numbers will only increase as Horowhenua grows and there are not the jobs for people to work here. Only 1 late night. Saturday ok, but people often have things to do and then Sunday it's only open a few hours. Also, events/classes aren't able to be used.

Improve maintenance of stormwater drains - CD Farm Road frequent issues and not helped by mud off road from market garden tractors. Local rural road maintenance needs improving - lots of potholes - also due to above.

Permanent solution required for Gladstone Road issues.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission #88



Submission date: 23 April 2020, 12:18PM

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	I like the idea of a public/private partnership to complete this project. The option of naming rights could also be explored.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1/. Attracting new businesses to Horowhenua to improve employment opportunities. 2/. Improved public transport services to both Wellington and Palmerston North. 3/. Continue work to 'fix' the Lake water quality. The lake should be able to be enjoyed by all. 4/. Redevelop Levin CBD with a focus away from the State Highway corridor, creating more open space to deliver a more relaxed lifestyle vibe.

What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	With improved roading links to the south, population growth surging ahead the opportunities to grow a prosperous community with an enviable relaxed lifestyle vibe are ours to build. Will require Council to have a considered and cohesive approach to releasing land for new development, a strong focus on encouraging new business to the district.
Your Comments	
Please provide any further comments:	
Attach any other comments:	

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Hearing of Submissions	
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?	
Levin Splash Pad (Jubilee / Donald Duck Park)	
Please select your preference:	Option 3: Remove the paddling pool and Council contributes \$250,000 to the construction of a splash pad with the community raising the additional funding. (Council's Contribution \$250,000).
Why did you choose this option?	The rate payers cannot afford council to fully fund this.
Long Term Plan 2021-2041	
What are the major issues you think Council needs to consider for the next Long Term Plan?	How to reduce rates.
What are the key challenges or opportunities facing this district?	Unrealistic expectations of Councillors in regards to what rate payers can afford.
Your Comments	

Please provide any further comments:	The proposed rates increase is totally unrealistic in the economic climate we find ourselves in. I feel the "transforming Taitoko/Levin centre strategy needs to be put on hold and ways need to be found to decrease rates not increase them.
Attach any other comments:	

From: annual plan
Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2020 12:32 PM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Annual Plan submission from Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association

From: WBRA Committee <wbra.committee@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2020 10:57 AM
To: annual plan <annualplan@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Annual Plan submission from Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association

Kia ora,

Submission from WBRA to Horowhenua District Council Annual Plan 2020/2021

Thursday 23 April 2020

1] We approve of the key projects:

"Adopting the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy ... advocating for more public transport options; a refurbished train station; connecting shared pathways; and ... the Ōtaki to North of Levin expressway"

Waikawa Beach is a relatively isolated community. In particular we would welcome better transport options for residents to reach Levin, Ōtaki, Wellington and Palmerston North, especially if residents could leave their cars at home.

There is scope for a bus stop in each direction near the dairy on SH1, or perhaps a bus could come down to the beach a few times each week to allow locals to visit Levin for groceries and other errands, including vet visits (animals could be allowed under certain conditions).

2] Recycling.

For the last 2 summers a recycling station has been placed in Hank Edwards Reserve near the public toilets. Within 50 metres are 4 residences whose occupiers have been upset by the 3 to 4 months of continual noise from people arriving day and night, 7 days per week, to deposit bottles and other materials. It's impossible to deposit bottles without making a lot of noise.

We discussed this problem several times over last summer with officers from the Council, without any kind of satisfactory resolution.

On Pages 39 & 40 of the Annual Plan, under "Waste transfer and recycling stations" we would like to see added that recycling stations should "have a minimal impact on" not just the surrounding environment but also on the *people* who reside nearby.

In addition, "How we will measure our performance" should include noise complaints.

Most or all properties at Waikawa Beach have been supplied with recycling wheelibins and crates. We have an influx of visitors over a 3 to 4 week period at Christmas, and this is when a recycling station (or an alternative) would be most useful. The residents most badly affected by noise are willing to put up with a recycling station for a few weeks to benefit the wider community, but it is unreasonable to ask them to endure months of inconvenience.

We ask that the Annual Plan for this item be modified in such a way that the unique circumstance of an individual community can help determine if and how recycling options for summer are implemented.

We also ask that the Council find an alternate location for the recycling station that will not cause disruption to residents, with the option for the Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association to decline having it at Waikawa Beach at all.

3] Waikawa Beach speed bumps

Under the Land Transport item on Page 34 and following we ask for a local accommodation for cyclists with regard to speed bumps.

There are 5 speed bumps at Waikawa Beach: one on Drake Street, near the north end; one on Sarah Street and three in a one kilometre stretch of Strathnaver Drive. The Sarah Street and Strathnaver Drive speed bumps are effective at slowing cars and trucks, though many people simply make a detour around Manga Pirau Street to avoid the bump on Sarah Street. On Strathnaver Drive motorbikes and quads simply drive around the bumps on the grass verge.

However, as Waikawa Beach becomes more and more popular with families cycling on the relative safe streets, the speed bumps are not only inconvenient but dangerous for cyclists.

The grass verges on Strathnaver Drive are rutted, full of soft sand, rabbit holes, shingle and occasional bits of wood or other debris. While motorbikes and quads can easily handle that terrain with large tires, suspension and engine power, cycles have only narrow tires and usually no suspension. Riding around the ends of the speed bumps is a difficult and scary proposition. The speed bump on Sarah Street terminates right in the gutter and the grass verge on one side is barely navigable because of trees and shrubs. There are still bumps to cross the gutter.

Going over a speed bump on a bicycle requires slowing almost to a stop, standing on the pedals and jolting carefully over the bump, ideally crossing at an angle. That is very uncomfortable and also scary, especially when cars are heading for the same speed bump at a much greater speed than the cycle.

Surely speed bumps aren't intended to unfairly disadvantage cyclists?

We would like an accommodation for cyclists to "provide safe, convenient and efficient transit of people" within Waikawa Beach. Cycling has benefits for health and environment and the 5 or 6 Km return ride between the village and the beach via Strathnaver Drive is very popular, especially in summer as an exercise route or a family outing.

We would suggest perhaps cutting the middle portion out of each speed bump or perhaps sealing a short track around each end.

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