



**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Strategy and Wellbeing  
Committee Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, 21 October 2021  
9.00am  
Council Chamber, 28-32 Ruataniwha  
Street, Waipawa

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- 1 **KARAKIA**
- 2 **APOLOGIES**
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 4 **STANDING ORDERS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

- 21.2 Time limits on speakers
- 21.5 Members may speak only once
- 21.6 Limits on number of speakers

And that Option C under section 22 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Meeting - 26 August 2021

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 26 August 2021 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.



**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKES BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
STRATEGY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD VIA AUDIOVISUAL LINK —ZOOM  
ON THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST 2021 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Dr Roger Maaka (apology)  
Cr Jerry Greer  
Cr Kate Taylor (chairperson)  
Cr Exham Wichman  
Mayor Alex Walker  
Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand  
Cr Tim Aitken  
Cr Brent Muggeridge  
Cr Gerard Minehan  
Cr Pip Burne

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Doug Tate (Group Manager, Customer and Community Partnerships)  
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager, People and Business Enablement)  
Monique Davidson (Chief Executive)  
Joshua Lloyd (Group Manager, Community Infrastructure and Development)  
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)  
Caitlyn Dine (Governance and Support Officer)

**Strategy and Wellbeing Committee was held via zoom due to being in alert level 4.**

Councillor Taylor was chair of today's committee meeting.

Councillor Taylor lead the karakia

**1 APOLOGIES**

Dr Maaka apology noted.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**3 STANDING ORDERS**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Exham Wichman

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

THAT the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

- 20.2 Time limits on speakers
- 20.5 Members may speak only once
- 20.6 Limits on number of speakers

And that Option C under section 21 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

**CARRIED**

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor (Chair) Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That the minutes of the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 1 July 2021 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

**CARRIED**

#### 5 REPORT SECTION

##### 6.1 COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

###### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee the Strategy and Wellbeing Resolution Monitoring Report. This report seeks to ensure the Committee has visibility over work that is progressing, following resolutions from Committee.

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

**CARRIED**

Mrs Davidson presented this report.

##### 6.2 STRATEGY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE PRIORITY REPORT

###### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee to receive a report on the progress of key committee priorities.

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor (Chair) Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

Mrs Davidson presented this report. Mrs Wiggins presented the solid waste dashboard. Mr Lloyd presented the environmental strategy. Mr Tate presented the economic and social development priorities progress.

<b>6.3 CLASS 4 GAMBLING AND BOARD VENUE POLICY - STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTION</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b> The matter for consideration by the Council is to adopt a Draft Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy for public consultation as required by Section 102(5) of the Gambling Act 2003 and Section 97 of the Racing Industry Act 2020
<b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION</b> Moved: Mayor Alex Walker Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan <b>That having considered all matters raised in the report:</b> <b>a) That the attached Draft Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal be adopted for consultation.</b> <b>CARRIED</b>

Mrs Harrison presented this report.

<b>6.4 DELETION OF DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS POLICY AND UPDATE OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2019-2022</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b> The matter for consideration by the Council is the deletion of 2.15 District Licensing Committee Appointment of Members Policy and to update the Committee Terms of Reference 2019 – 2022.
<b>COMMITTEE RESOLUTION</b> Moved: Cr Brent Muggeridge Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan <b>That having considered all matters raised in the report:</b> <b>a) That 2.15 District Licensing Committee Appointment of Members Policy is deleted and</b> <b>b) That the updated Committee Terms of Reference 2019-2022 is approved.</b> <b>CARRIED</b>

Mrs Harrison presented this report.

**6.5 CEMETERIES POLICY FOR ADOPTION****PURPOSE**

The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the Draft Cemeteries Policy.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Pip Burne  
Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

**That having considered all matters raised in the report:**

- a) **The Draft Cemeteries Policy be adopted and the existing Cemeteries Policy be deleted.**

**CARRIED**

Mrs Leaf presented this report.

**6.6 DELETION OF SOLID WASTE POLICY****PURPOSE**

The matter for consideration by the Committee is the deletion of the Solid Waste Policy 2014.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Deputy Mayor (Chair) Kelly Annand  
Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

**That having considered all matters raised in the report:**

- a) **That the Solid Waste Policy 2014 be deleted**

**CARRIED**

Mrs Wiggins presented this report.

**6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor  
Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

**THAT** the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council Strategy and Wellbeing Committee be held on 21 October 2021.

**CARRIED**

**7 TIME OF CLOSURE**

Councillor Wichman closed with a karakia

**The Meeting closed at 10:30am .**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## 6 REPORT SECTION

### 6.1 STRATEGY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

**File Number:** COU1-1411

**Author:** Caitlyn Dine, Governance & Support Officer

**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. Resolution monitoring Report [↓](#)

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee the Strategy and Wellbeing Resolution Monitoring Report. This report seeks to ensure the Committee has visibility over work that is progressing, following resolutions from Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

#### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

#### DISCUSSION

The monitoring report is **attached**.

#### IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses;
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

#### NEXT STEPS

An updated Resolution Monitoring Report will be presented at the next Committee meeting in 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**



**Strategy and Wellbeing Committee - Resolution Monitoring Report October 2021**

Key					
Completed					
On Track					
Off Track					
Item Number	Item	Committee Resolution or Action	Resolution Date	Responsible Officer	Progress Report
6.60	Environmental Sustainability Fund Application	a) Approve the Hunterpark Kindergarten Environmental and Sustainability funding Application up to a maximum funding of \$10,000.	22/10/2020	Jordy Wiggins	On Track - Hunter Park Kindergarten are continuing the build of their sustainable water use / rain garden and environmental outdoor area. Council has paid invoices to date for composting facilities and is expecting a further and final invoice for completed work.
6.20	Committee Priority Report	That the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee write to the Ministry for the Environment to champion to increase the size of symbols and numbers on recycling products.	6/05/2021	Josh Lloyd/Jordy Wiggins	Council Officers have reached out to The Packaging Forum NZ. A letter has been written and sent awaiting feedback.
6.30	Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy - Statement of Proposal for Adoption	a) That the attached Draft Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal be adopted for consultation.	26/08/2021	Lisa Harrison	The Statement of Proposal has been publicly released for consultation in accordance with the Act.
6.40	Deletion of District Licensing Committee Appointment of Members Policy and Update of Committee Terms of Reference 2019-2022	a) That 2.15 District Licensing Committee Appointment of Members Policy is deleted and b) That the updated Committee Terms of Reference 2019-2022 is approved.	26/08/2021	Lisa Harrison	The Policy has now been deleted and the website updated.
6.50	Cemeteries Policy for Adoption	a) The Draft Cemeteries Policy be adopted and the existing Cemeteries Policy be deleted.	26/08/2021	Jennifer Leaf	Received confirmation that website updated 10 Sept. and Hive files & Governance policy spreadsheet updated

Item Number	Item	Committee Resolution or Action	Resolution Date	Responsible Officer	Progress Report
6.60	Deletion of Solid Waste Policy	a) That the Solid Waste Policy 2014 be deleted	26/08/2021	Jordy Wiggins	Solid Waste Policy is deleted.

## 6.2 STRATEGY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE PRIORITY REPORT

**File Number:** COU1-1411

**Author:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. [Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Priority Update Report](#) [↓](#)

### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee to receive a report on the progress of key committee priorities.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

### BACKGROUND

Following the 2019 Triennial Local Body Elections, Council took the time to reset Council priorities, and agree on priorities for Committees.

The purpose of the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee is to determine specific outcomes that need to be met to deliver on the vision and direction of Council, and set in place the wellbeing strategies, policies and work programmes to achieve set goals and targets.

To develop, approve, review and recommend to Council (where applicable) statutory and nonstatutory policy, plans, bylaws and strategies to:

- Focus on the social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing of Central Hawke's Bay through the development of vision and strategy while identifying and promoting community aspirations.
- Integrate an all of wellbeing approach to strategy, plan and policy development.
- Have effective statutory plans and bylaws to protect the community through a focus on the social, economic, cultural and economic wellbeings.

The Strategy and Wellbeing Committee is responsible for:

- developing and adopting strategies, plans and policies that advance the Council's vision and goals, and comply with the purpose of the Local Government Act
- monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of strategies, plans and policies
- monitoring the success of the key strategic relationships that support the implementation of key wellbeing related initiatives

- general coordination of Council policy and decisions.

The Strategy and Wellbeing Committee has delegations to:

- develop and adopt strategies, plans and policies that advance the Council's vision and goals, and comply with the purpose of the Local Government Act.
- monitor the implementation and effectiveness of strategies, plans and policies.
- make full decisions on the distribution of the Pride and Vibrancy Fund, Environmental and Sustainability Fund and any other contestable community fund.
- receive decisions of the Creative New Zealand Committee and CVOS Committee.
- make recommendations to council regarding the distribution of Ruataniwha and Aramoana/Ruahine Ward Reserves.

The Committee has delegations to establish a special committee, working group or community forum as needed.

## **DISCUSSION**

The seven Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Priorities are:

- Lead and monitor the implementation of the Waste-Free CHB Strategy.
- Lead the delivery of the Social Housing Strategic Framework.
- Monitor the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy.
- Monitor the implementation of the Environmental Strategy.
- Review the current Community Wellbeing Strategy and then monitor the implementation of a revised Social Development Strategy.
- Implement the Tuhono Mai Tuhono atu Māori / Iwi Engagement Strategy.
- Monitor development and implementation of Community Plans.

The monitoring report related to the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee priorities has been updated in order to better reflect the highlights and progress against the priorities.

As the review of the Community Wellbeing Strategy progresses, so too will the maturity of reporting to Strategy and Wellbeing Committee, with a particular emphasis on the community outcomes and targets identified by Council during the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2023.

The key priorities for the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee reporting are below and reported in the **attached** priority monitoring report.

## **IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
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- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses;
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- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

### **NEXT STEPS**

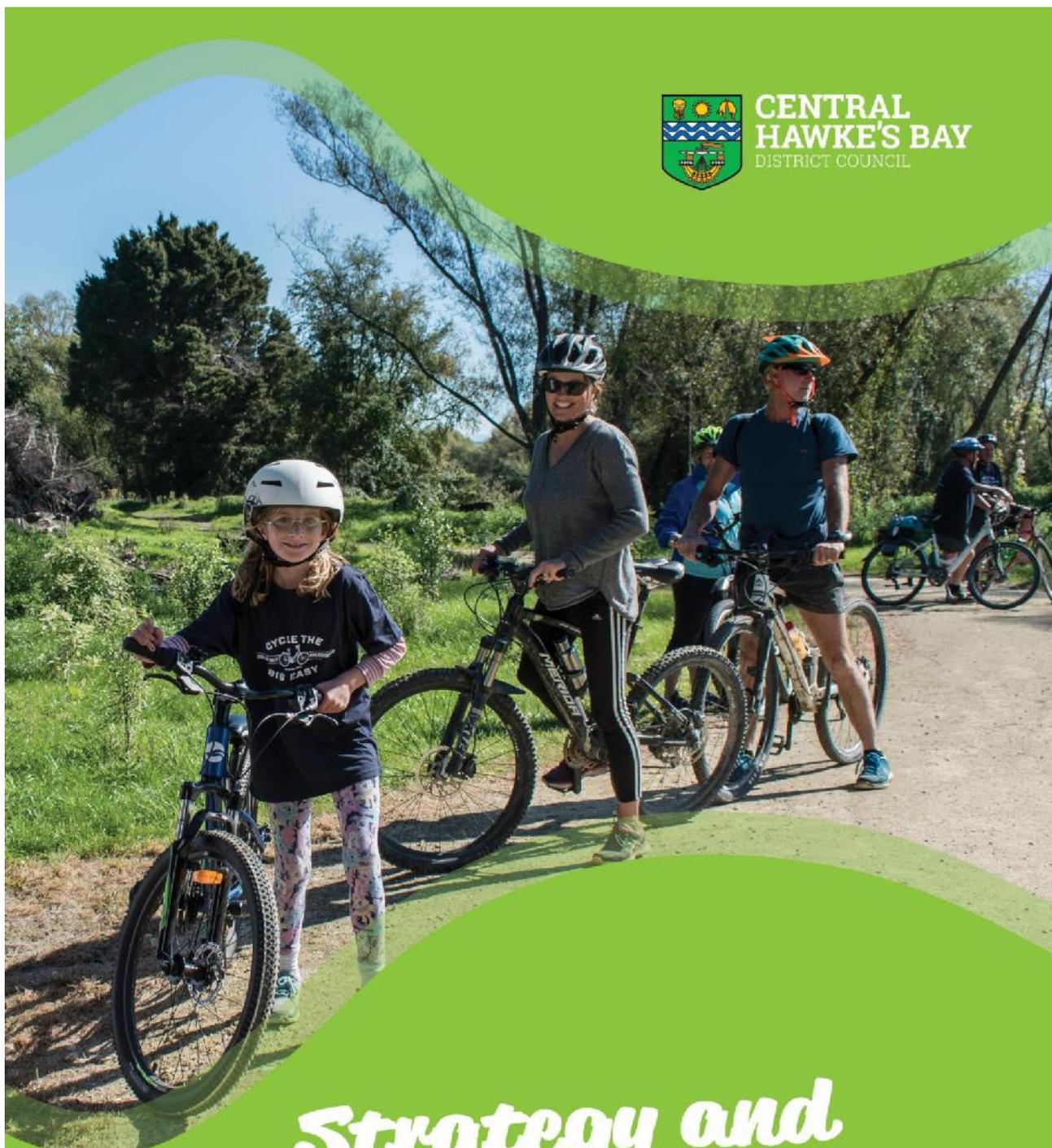
The Strategy and Wellbeing Committee will receive an updated monitoring report at its next meeting in 2022.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**



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# Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Priorities Report

*Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!*

### Governance Priorities and Projects: Thrive in Five

Following the October 2019 Triennial Election, Council took the time to identify key issues and opportunities facing Central Hawke’s Bay.

Council agreed that the platform provided by *Project Thrive* provided the building blocks for success, however with a need to sharpen the focus on key issues to truly transform the future for Central Hawke’s Bay.

Five Strategic Priorities that Council wanted to focus its attention on to ensure success were identified and these include:

#### #1 – #thebigwaterstory

Delivery of #thebigwaterstory and improved water security for Central Hawke’s Bay.

#### #2 – The District Plan Review

**The District Plan:** Deliver of a notified and operative District Plan.

#### #3 – Wastewater

**Waste Water Treatment Project:** Capital Works plan completed, initial improvements completed, and future funding strategy clarified.

#### #4 – Social Housing

**Social Housing:** Increased numbers of social housing in Central Hawke’s Bay, including improved leverage off Council’s retirement housing portfolio.

#### #5 – Creating a Wastefree CHB

**Wastefree CHB:** Reduce recycling to landfill and improved asset management and leverage of landfill.

### Strategy and Wellbeing Committee Priorities

In addition to setting the direction for Council, clarity on the role of the two full Committee of Council were also defined, by outlining the work programme for the committee in the next three years of the basis of ‘what we know now’. Priorities and projects can change at the direction of Council.

The Priorities of the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee are:

#### #1 Wastefree CHB

Lead and monitor the implementation of the **Wastefree CHB Strategy**.

#### #2 Social Housing

Lead the delivery of the **Social Housing Strategic Framework**.

#### #3 Economic Development

Monitor the implementation of the **Economic Development Strategy**.

#### #4 Environmental Strategy

Monitor the implementation of the **Environment and Sustainability Strategy**.

#### #5 Community Wellbeing Strategy

Review the current **Community Wellbeing Strategy** and then monitor the implementation of a revised **Social Development Strategy**.

#### #6 Tūhono Mai Tūhono Atu

Develop and monitor implementation of a **Māori/Iwi Engagement Strategy**.

#### #7 Community Planning

Monitor development and implementation of **Community Plans**.



# Elected Member Priorities

Following the October 2019 triennial election, Council has taken the time to discuss the key issues and opportunities facing Central Hawke's Bay District Council and have confirmed the general direction they wish to take Central Hawke's Bay.

Council has agreed that the platform built by Project Thrive has provided building blocks for success that now require continuation of momentum on building excellence for community with an eye to "sharpening our focus on the mechanisms that we have for true transformation for the future".

Council will continue to place its energy and investment on projects and priorities that deliver on the five key areas of focus.

## Key Areas



Protecting and promoting our unique landscape



Attracting and enabling business success



Planning for tomorrow as we future-proof Central Hawke's Bay



Strengthening our district and community identity



Promoting smart growth

## Strategic Priorities

These will be supported and delivered through five strategic priorities that Council want to ensure its success in:



Delivery of #thebigwaterstory and improved water security for Central Hawke's Bay.



The District Plan: Delivery of a notified and operative District Plan.



Waste Water Treatment Project: Capital works plan completed, initial improvements completed, and future funding strategy clarified.



Social Housing: Increased numbers of social housing in Central Hawke's Bay, including improved leverage off Council's retirement housing portfolio.



Waste Free CHB: Reduce recycling to landfill and improved asset management and leverage of landfill.

## Priorities and projects

In addition to setting the direction for Council, this report seeks to provide clarity on the role of the two full Committees of Council by outlining the work programme for the committees in the next three years on the basis of "what we know now". Priorities and projects can change at the direction of Council.

 Strategy and Wellbeing Committee	 Council	 Finance and Infrastructure Committee
Lead and monitor the implementation of the <b>Waste Free CHB Strategy</b> . Lead the delivery of the <b>Social Housing Strategic Framework</b> . Monitor the implementation of the <b>Economic Development Strategy</b> . Monitor the implementation of the <b>Environmental Strategy</b> . Review the current <b>Community Wellbeing Strategy</b> and then monitor the implementation of a revised <b>Social Development Strategy</b> . Develop a <b>Māori/iwi Engagement Strategy</b> . Monitor development and implementation of <b>Community Plans</b> .	Review and approve <b>Section 17a Reviews</b> as appropriate. Monitor the delivery of the <b>District Plan</b> project; and make any decisions related to this project. Lead the development of the <b>Long Term Plan 2021-2031</b> , and delegate to committees on specific functions as and when required. Lead the development of <b>Annual Plans</b> , and delegate to committees on specific functions as and when required. Monitor the implementation of <b>CouncilMARK</b> recommendations and progress. Provide advocacy, leadership and facilitation on <b>Water Security</b> initiatives for Central Hawke's Bay. Work with committees to undertake reviews of <b>Council Bylaws and Policies</b> .	Lead and monitor the <b>Wastewater Treatment Plan</b> projects for across Central Hawke's Bay. Monitor the implementation of <b>#thebigwaterstory</b> . Complete and lead the <b>Rates Review</b> . Monitor the implementation and progress of <b>Provincial Growth Fund</b> projects. Develop a <b>Land Transport Strategic Framework</b> and ensure governance input into the three-year business plan before NZTA submission. Lead the review of the <b>Financial Strategy</b> and associated policies that input into the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. Review the current <b>Treasury Policy – Investment, Debt and Liability Management</b> policies. Monitor the implementation of the <b>Non-Rateable Income Strategic Framework</b> .



## Lead and monitor the implementation of the Wastefree CHB Strategy.

A major focus of Council has been the vision of achieving a Wastefree CHB. This vision, established through the Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy in 2019, introduce three new targets:

1. To increase diversion from landfill to 48% by 2025.
2. To increase diversion from landfill to 70% by 2040.
3. To increase participation in kerbside recycling services (measured through set-out rates) to 60% by 2025.

Central Hawke's Bay was an early adopter of new approaches to rubbish and kerbside, however no major change to services has occurred since kerbside recycling crates were introduced. A Section 17a Review of the Solid Waste Activity in 2020, primarily focussed on changes on kerbside recycling, rubbish and transfer station provision and was an area of consultation during the Long Term Plan consultation process.

Through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, Council adopted a number of recycling initiatives including:

- Extension of kerbside recycling collection to Takapau, Tikokino and, Ongaonga and Otane.
- Introduction of a third recycling crate for cardboard and paper.
- Transition from rubbish bags to wheelibins in 2023
- Replacement of rural drop-off centres with mobile recycling trailers

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### New kerbside service roll out.

Through July and August Council began to roll out its new kerbside recycling collection services to the townships of Otane, Ongaonga, Tikokino and Takapau as well as service delivery improvements to Waipawa and Waipukurau. Below figures show the number of new recycling crates delivered to these townships to enable the new service offerings:

- Waipukurau Pink – 906
- Waipukurau Yellow – 1085
- Waipawa – 821
- Otāne - 293
- Ongaonga – 71
- Takapau – 242
- Tikokino – 87

The new services are being well-received in all townships with increasing participation rates and decreasing contamination/non-collection rates as those new to the service learn the ropes.



### Recycling Trailer Roll out

To support our more rural communities, in October Council began the roll out of the rural recycling trailer service. Two custom-made trailers were built and sign-printed for Council and service schedules have

been developed to see them rolled out across our rural areas to collect recycling at chosen times in chosen locations. In the first two weeks of the service there has been mixed uptake with some days busy and some very quiet. The service is being trialled for 1 month (October) before final decisions are made about removing Drop off Centres in rural townships.



**Weighbridge Funding**

Council were fortunate to receive funding for the installation of a new weighbridge at the Waipukurau Transfer Stations through a National Weighbridge Fund set up by the Ministry for the Environment. Council applied along with many other Council's across NZ and were pleased to be granted funding to install the weighbridge which will greatly improve the ability to capture data and improve waste management outcomes as well as provided a more streamlined service for customers at the Transfer Station.

**Clean Up Week**

National Clean Up Week initiatives coordinated centrally by Keeping NZ Beautiful have been hampered in 2021 by COVID restrictions. Based on the current COVID-19 restrictions we've made the call to further postpone the planned State Highway Clean up. The limitations around distancing is particularly challenging and in the context of the unknown with Delta and the pace of change is the key rationale behind pausing the Big State Highway Clean up. NZTA remain eager to continue with a clean-up activity, and we will look to re-confirm this later this year/early in the new year or such a time as we have greater confidence in the settings.

We're still pushing on otherwise with the promotion of the new clean up week, with the new dates being 25 – 31 October. We'll be using our collateral for services closures/changes in the CHB Mail and Facebook for the Hawke's Bay Long Weekend to give Cleanup week a further push, aligning this with free Greenwaste weekend, the Hazmobile being in place and also pushing the Plasback system. Currently 93 CHB farmers are already registered with the Plasback system for 2021.

### Refuse and Recycling Dashboard.

Key figures on recycling and refuse from the last two months are provided below

TOTAL DISTRICTWIDE RECYCLING (TONNES)			
August	September	Change	Note above figures impacted by COVID restrictions in August
<b>32t</b>	<b>143t</b>	<b>336%</b>	

BLACK CRATES COLLECTED (PLASTIC / CANS)			
August	September	Change	
<b>4,202</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>+46%</b>	

TEAL CRATES COLLECTED (FIBRE)			
August	September	Change	
<b>3,450</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>+44%</b>	

RED CRATES COLLECTED (GLASS)			
August	September	Change	Note one week data missing from September for Glass
<b>4,465</b>	<b>3,964</b>	<b>-11%</b>	

CHB REFUSE TO LANDFILL (TONNES)			
August	September	Change	
<b>152</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>29%</b>	

CONTAMINATION RATE (NON-COLLECTED CRATES)			
	August	September	Change
Contamination	<b>140</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-54%</b>
Non Recyclables	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-65%</b>
Unwashed	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-76%</b>
Too Heavy	<b>41</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-56%</b>



## Lead the Delivery of the Housing Strategic Framework.

The issue of housing is complex and with no one organisation able to address all housing needs, there is a role for Council to play, alongside other partners to achieve housing outcomes for the people of Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay.

In March 2019, Council adopted its [Housing Strategic Framework 2019 - 2029](#). The Framework recognises that the scope of activities that could be covered is vast, and while Council will work with community across the spectrum, the initial focus will primarily sit with those that are most vulnerable.

While in the future Council wants to be able to support our community across the spectrum of housing issues, for the first ten years however Council are focused on delivering on housing issues that impact the most vulnerable in our community.



Achieving the Framework's vision of 'supporting our community to Thrive through access to a home - He āhuru mōwai, e taurikura ai te hāpori' will be transformational for some in our community, simply meaning they will have access to the basic need of housing. The framework is supported by four strategic goals and eight result outcomes:

- Goal 1 – Increasing Social Housing Leadership
- Goal 2 – Working together to improve housing
- Goal 3 – Provide Access to suitable housing
- Goal 4 – Retirement Housing is provided in the most efficient and effective way.

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Tamatea Housing Taskforce

Council in the period has held two hui with representatives of the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust, Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea and Manawhenua on Housing opportunities in Central Hawke's Bay. These initial meetings seek to confirm priorities for housing in Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay.

### Kainga Ora Housing – River Terrace

At the time of writing, Kainga Ora are shortly to confirm the ownership of 8 new two-bedroom social housing units on the corner of River Terrace and Herbert Street in Waipukurau.

The units will boost Social Housing in Central Hawke's Bay specifically giving support to couples and individuals who are registered and are registered on the housing waiting list with the Ministry of Social Development.

Council are currently working collaboratively with the Ministry of Social Development, Kainga ora and community partners to identify couples or singles currently occupying larger 3 bedroom homes, who may seek to transfer to the new properties, freeing up larger homes for families on the waiting list for housing.



### Kainga Ora Porangahau Road Development

We are currently waiting on a detailed update from Kainga Ora on the Porangahau Road site, commonly known as the old Maternity Annex.

Councils last correspondence was that it was still going through feasibility testing. Officers

expect to have an update for the Committee at its meeting.

**Waipukurau South Growth Precinct**

Council in the period have again met with the adjoining land owners of the area known as the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct, that incorporates the area known as the 'Old Hospital Block'.

Council have included a submission to the Proposed District Plan to include a structure plan for the site, that will provide for the co-ordinated development of the area, maximising yield and ensuring co-ordinated development of services in this large area of residentially zoned land. The next stages include progressing conversations with the land owners on timing for potential development, starting to the north. The Precinct is already experiencing growth pressure particularly from the south with development concepts being considered.

The highlighted growth precinct below has the potential to yield over 500 homes, with their being sufficient capacity in the entire residentially zoned area to yield over 1,000 lots.



**Infrastructure Acceleration Fund**

In August Council made an application to Kainga Ora Infrastructure fund to fast track investment in the Porangahau South Precinct Block, with an application seeking \$12 million of funding from Kainga Ora to fast track infrastructure to service the area and support other associated projects including water, wastewater and stormwater. The programme identifies that parties will be identified to transition from the initial Expression of Interest Process to the Request for Proposal process. We expect to hear the outcome of this on 26 October.

**Retirement Housing**

During the lockdown period, tenants were contacted at least twice to see how they were doing and if they needed any support. They were appreciative of the call and only a couple were happy to be directed for assistance. The call-arounds identified a number of individuals that are concerned about their rent rises and are happy for Council to refer their names to MSD who have advised they will call them directly.

Visits will be re-organised in near future to Waipawa and Waipukurau as face-to-face allows. This is also to share and get feedback from tenants on the planned Retirement Housing Policy. The intention is to bring the updated policy to Council before the end of the calendar year.

Regarding the Healthy Homes Standard: All retirement housing units have heating and the project to get extractor fans in all units (a few already have them) is underway

### Social Housing Dashboard

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY FAMILIES IN EMERGENCY HOUSING		
<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>11 ↑</b>
LAST QUARTER JAN – MAR 21	THIS QUARTER APR – JUNE 21	CHANGE

<b>COUNCIL RETIREMENT HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>	<b>100%</b>
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TOTAL NUMBER OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES AVAILABLE IN	BASELINE NOV 2018		
	COUNCIL FLATS	KAINGA ORA	TRANSIT- IONAL
	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>
	AT TIME OF REPORTING		
	COUNCIL FLATS	KAINGA ORA	TRANSIT- IONAL
	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>COUNCIL RETIREMENT HOUSING WAITING LIST</b>	<b>9</b>
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BUILDING CONSENTS PROCESSED		
<b>75</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>86 ↑</b>
LAST QUARTER JAN – MAR 21	THIS QUARTER APR – JUNE 21	CHANGE
TOTAL VALUE OF PROCESSED CONSENTS		
<b>\$9.8m</b>	<b>\$20.1m</b>	<b>\$10.3m ↑</b>
LAST QUARTER JAN – MAR 21	THIS QUARTER APR – JUNE 21	CHANGE



## Monitor the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy

Council has recognised the importance of Economic Development for the future social and economic well-being of the District, successfully securing funding from the Provincial Growth Fund in 2019 to develop its first [Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan](#).

The strategy sets out the key actions for us to support and accelerate economic growth for businesses, communities and tourism in the District under seven key priority areas of:

- Skills
- Land use
- Tourism
- Business Development and Attraction
- Transportation
- Water
- Growth and Development

If we're successful, the outcomes that we're hoping to achieve are:

- **Increased job opportunities**  
Attracting new business, growing existing business, and increasing productivity will create more jobs and a wider range of employment across different industry types.
- **Increased prosperity**  
Increased productivity is a contributor towards providing more and better paying jobs, thereby increasing the prosperity of employees and employers.
- **Diversification and increased resilience**  
Diversification across a range of different industries protects the local economy against market shocks and increases economic resilience.
- **Improvement in local economic wellbeing**  
Employment enables members of the community to participate more fully in society. Regular income provides employees and their families with the ability to make lifestyle choices e.g. access to warm homes, participation in sports and recreation, food choices, health care.

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Economic Development Action Plan

As part of this Committee Agenda is a separate paper that provides further detail on the scope of implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan.

The next immediate focus for the Economic Development Activity include continuing to support existing initiatives underway, updating the Districts 'Great things Grow here' collateral as part of updated Growth Monitoring work to be completed in October and November that will provide investor and business collateral, and develop the focus groups for business entities as part of the wider Economic Development Action Plan focus areas.

### COVID-19 Business Support

There have been a number of regional and local business check-ins and online meetings since the resurgence of COVID-19. The general purpose has been to gauge how businesses and industry sectors were managing under Level 4 and Level 3 lockdown conditions, what their planning was for Level 2, what level of confidence they had around their business/economic recovery etc.

Common themes that came through included supply chain, shipping and subsequent stock issues, vaccination access for staff, long term effects such as costs of inflation and price hikes, critical skills shortage across the region and across all sectors.

Part of our approach is to ensure our local businesses are kept up to date with the various support resources available from COVID-19 and fact sheets produced by Council. This has included a business pack distributed to each business on the main street of Waipawa and Waipukurau and other businesses in the District (also available on request).



Ange from the MTFJ Team delivering packs to businesses.

### Provincial Growth Fund Projects

The resurgence of COVID-19 Delta variant has affected progress in August and September for our Kānoa and Crown Infrastructure funded projects. The closing date for the Tukituki trails extension has been extended to allow for new bridge consents to be processed.

#### Tukituki trails extension project

Over the August-September period, work on the Tuki Tuki trails has continued to process forward

#### Berm walking and cycling trails

Work has continued to maintain the new and old Tukituki trail berm trails. The project has kept on one staff member for this work who is working out really well. Although the loop is not complete a number of people have started exploring these new trails.

#### Kahahakuri Creek bridge

The resource consent has been granted through the Hawkes Bay Regional Council for the Kahahakuri bridge, due to material delays the work has been scheduled for the end of October. We have also put an application in for another bridge over Wilsons creek, this bridge will be 11m long and 1.2m wide and will be built and installed by abseil access at the same time as the Kahahakuri bridge.

#### Lime pathways

9kms of stopbank has been resurfaced with limesand to date with 6km further to be complete. Although there is continued work happening on the trails including work to trails access, signage and further extensions these new limestone trails are currently being well used by the community.



### Economic Development Review across Hawke's Bay

All five Hawke's Bay Councils are seeking business views on support for business and industry development in Hawke's Bay. A short 10-minute survey seeking Hawke's Bay business feedback on priorities for ratepayer funding assistance that is targeted at supporting business and industry development in Hawke's Bay has been sent out across the region.

This information will be used to build a more detailed picture of priorities, the funding that might be required, and the best way to deliver these activities and services for Hawke's Bay.

#### Growth Assumption Monitoring

Following this committee meeting, will be a workshop session from Nigel Pinkerton of Squillions. Squillions completed Councils growth assumption work in 2020 as part of the development of the 2021 -2031 Long Term Plan. Council has engaged Squillions to complete monitoring of the District on current growth numbers and assess current themes that are emerging.

#### Te Huinga Wai – Knowledge and Learning Hub

Our highly anticipated Knowledge and Learning Hub – Te Huinga Wai, opened its doors to the public for the first time on Monday 27 September.

Situated on Bogle Brother's Esplanade Waipukurau this building will be home to a temporary library and associated services for at least five years. It will deliver a range of

programmes to bridge the digital divide, offering access for businesses, self-employed people and the community; with free wi-fi, co-working spaces and areas to present digital products and services.

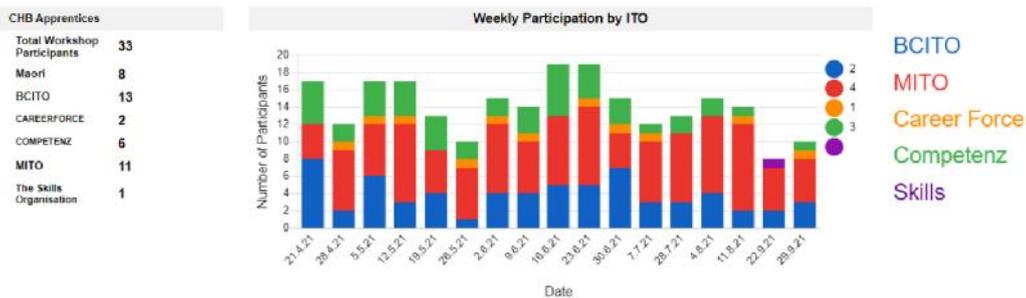


### ED Dashboard

- Total Domestic Tourism Spend in Central Hawke's Bay in the 12 months to July 2021 \$21.9m (Up 4.9% since this time last year which was \$20.9m)
- Total number CHB businesses in our directory for September: **381**
- Total Jobseeker referrals quarter July – September 2021: **47 compared to 103 from March to June (lockdown)**
- Total number of apprentices involved in weekly workshops from commencement: *see image*
  - o Training Provider i.e. BCITO, MITO, Career Force, Competenz, The Skills Organisation
    - o Colours refer to the numbers each workshop



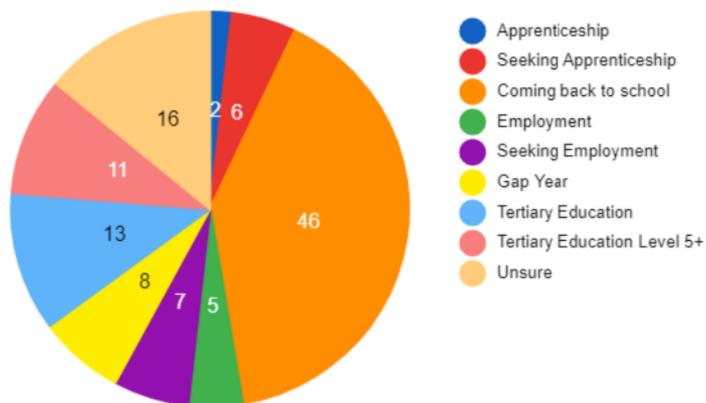
### Apprentice Support Workshops



**Student Pathway Survey**

Total Referrals	114
Year 12 Referrals	56
Year 13 Referrals	56

**Students Next Year**





## Monitor the implementation of the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy.

In May 2019 Council adopted its first [Environmental and Sustainability Strategy](#), which sets the direction for how it will manage its impact on the environment for years to come.

The strategy is a key deliverable of [Project Thrive](#), to deliver on the communities' aspirations for Central Hawke's Bay - a proud and prosperous district made up of strong communities and connected people who respect and protect our environment and celebrate our beautiful part of New Zealand.

Developed alongside the community with the support of a community reference group and external expertise, the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy captures activities and initiatives that the Council can influence, coordinate or facilitate, and in some instances deliver.

The strategy has four priority areas:

- Managing our impact on waterways,
- increasing recycling and reducing waste to landfill,
- conserving water
- managing climate change.

To deliver on these priority areas, the strategy focuses delivery around four key themes. Each theme features an assessment of 'where we are now and where we are going', and includes a table of actions to help the council, and the community, bridge the gap. These four themes are:

1. Leading the way in environmental sustainability
2. Ensuring environmental vitality through our way of working
3. Connecting our people and place
4. Building a sustainable economy

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Commissioning of Leachate to Land Scheme.

On Thursday 7th October, we held the leachate to land opening at our District Landfill. Construction began in 2019 and saw the removal of the old, damaged leachate pond followed by the installation of a new pumping system, pipework and pond which now provides 2,300m<sup>3</sup> of storage for leachate under normal operation and up to 3,100m<sup>3</sup> in emergency conditions.

Leachate will be stored in the pond when it cannot be irrigated, in most cases overnight and during wet weather. The new scheme represents a significant step forward in managing environmental outcomes as leachate is managed in a way that does not impact on our wastewater treatment plants and surrounding environment.



### Takapau Wastewater Consent.

On Thursday 7th October – our consent proposing the irrigation of wastewater to land was released for public consultation. This marks a significant milestone in the transformation of Takapau's current wastewater treatment and discharge scheme and a movement away from freshwater discharge.

Resource consent is being sought to irrigate land adjacent to the Takapau WWTP via a centre pivot irrigator. Treated wastewater will be applied in a way that allows nutrients to be beneficially reused. A new 18,000 m<sup>3</sup> storage pond will be constructed to carry over water for later irrigation. Should the pond be filled, then the overflow can be discharged via an overland flow system to the river. Wastewater will continue to be treated at the WWTP but there will be the addition of UV treatment. The layout of the proposed system is shown in the photo below.



#### **Regional Water Conservation Campaign.**

As part of annual efforts to focus on water conservation through dry summer months, Council are teaming up with its Regional neighbours to build and deliver shared messaging campaigns. A review of the previous 'saving H<sub>2</sub>O is the way to go' catch-cry is underway with input from external marketing/communications agencies who are providing support and advice.

Decisions will be made about the campaign approach in the coming weeks with messaging ready to be rolled out in November.



## Review the current Community Wellbeing Strategy and then monitor the implementation of a revised Social Development Strategy

Central Hawke's Bay District Council recognises that it plays a significant role in promoting the well-being of its community and, after consultation with a wide range of groups and organisations and in December 2017 adopted its first [Community Wellbeing Strategy](#).

The Strategy's vision is:

**"Central Hawke's Bay is the leading District for caring for the wellbeing of its people".**

The Strategy is served by [four action plans](#), that enable and support wider Community Wellbeing outcomes that Council seeks to achieve.

Central Hawke's Bay has changed significantly since 2017, and while fit for purpose in 2017 the strategy doesn't fully take into account the four well-beings reinstated under the Local Government Act 2002 in 2019. A key priority for Council is the review of the Community Wellbeing Strategy to ensure it remains fit for purpose and right sized for Central Hawke's Bay.

Council will prepare a Community Wellbeing Strategy to encompass the re-introduction of the four well-beings, and a Social Development Strategy, to specifically deliver on the social and community aspects of Community Wellbeing.

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Community Wellbeing Strategy

#### Background

The review of the Community Wellbeing Strategy was delayed by the Chair of the Committee early in the 2021 year, to provide for the completion of 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan process and the major focus on three waters. The intention was to pick the Strategy up again in September 2021.

#### Workshop on Strategy Development

In the workshop agenda of this Strategy and Wellbeing meeting is a specific session to share the detail of the strategies development with Councillors.

#### Social Development Strategy

As part of the Community Wellbeing Strategy review we now also need a new Social Development Strategy. This work will be completed in the same period and the approach included in the workshop mentioned above.

#### Positive Ageing

The network has formally met once during this reporting period however it has also come together remotely several times during the 3-week COVID Delta lockdown period to coordinate the welfare response and share information. Impact on our older residents was noticeably reduced during this latest lockdown, and this was due to a number of factors including:

- No requirement for over 70's to self-isolate during lockdown
- Continuation of some critical services including Meals on Wheels and Home Support Services
- Strengthened network and implemented learnings from the previous lockdown
- Quick community response by partner agencies

The Older Drivers Information pack has been completed and distributed to key organisations including General Practices. This pack collates information to assist our older residents who are confronted with the challenge of whether they continue to drive or not. It provides information on where to access local support to assist older residents and their families affected by this issue to make informed decisions.

The network also provided feedback to council officers on barriers to accessing drop off recycling centres.

#### **Waka Tākaro – Central Hawke’s Bay Play Trailer**

An application was made to Sport Hawke’s Bays Tumanawa Fund to obtain funding to build a Play Trailer which is a resource that will be used by community to encourage and promote the concept of “Play”. The purpose of this trailer is to educate and encourage free play within the Central Hawke’s Bay Community and is a resource to be used by community at events or gatherings.

Along with the trailer, an application was made for a resource to be able to promote, educate and encourage the use of the Play Trailer. This funding was for a wage for a year and the role is called a Play Activator. Blanche Paewai-Ashcroft has been contracted to complete the role of the Play Activator and a team of people from Council and Sport Hawke’s Bay are working alongside her to create the Play Trailer, which has been named Waka Tākaro.

Waka Tākaro was launched on Tuesday 12 October under COVID-19 restrictions, with a positive response for its future use.





## Develop and then monitor the implementation of a Māori/Iwi Engagement Strategy.

In August 2020 Council adopted its first [Māori Engagement Strategy – Tūhono Mai Tūhono Atu](#). At the establishment of the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee in late 2019, this committee identified the need to raise the bar of Māori engagement and development as a priority.

Tūhono Mai Tūhono Atu provides a framework for Council and Mana whenua aspirations for Māori cultural development, with a particularly strong focus on recognising how culture connects and strengthens communities, instils a sense of pride and identity and improves individual and community health and wellbeing.

Tūhono Mai Tūhono Atu seeks to deliver on the aim of:

**“Together, Tamatea - Central Hawke’s Bay values the place and role of tangata whenua in our history and our future – E ora ngatahi ana – Together we Thrive”.**

This aim is supported with four Pou being:

- **Pou Tahi – Whiriwhiri**  
Council iwi relationships
- **Pou Rua – Tikanga**  
Language, Culture and place
- **Pou Toru – Oranga**  
People and Prosperity
- **Pou Wha – Rauemi**  
Infrastructure and Resources

In late 2020 Councils first Pou Whatuia – Māori Relationships Manager was appointed, who has responsibility for the implementation of the Strategy.

## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Hui with Manawhenua

During this period there has been a noted increase in hui with mana whenua. Council also continues to support marae in a range of activities to build capacity.

### Leadership Support

Governance leadership support has been provided in discussion on the following;

- The future of Rakei ora employees and marae improvement possibilities with Taiwhenua and MSD
- To support projects that will enable hapu/iwi and community to flourish
- Assist in supporting leadership to work in partnership with hapu/iwi by setting up relevant training and support networks.
- Supported recruitment for Programme Manager for Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea to assist with building capacity and capability.

### Council commitment to Te Reo

Council currently has over 28 staff enrolled in Te Pōkaitahi Reo Māori (Reo Rua) L2, with community in attendance. The course also include members of the public and have included Wananga at Rakautatahi Marae.



**Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Week - Maori Language Week**

Through September Council and Community participated in Maori language week, with a number of programmes and initiatives promoted through the week.

Taking part in Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Week, was a simple for some as ordering a coffee in Te Reo or singing a Maori song. While COVID-19 restrictions made being able to do the usual group activities slightly more challenging, overall there was good support for the week.

Day	Activity	Time	Notes
Rāhina (Monday)	Karakia	9am - 9.30am	Opening Karakia We will sing! Te Kupenga Quiz
Rātū (Tuesday)	Māori Language Moment	12pm - 12.20pm	Māori Language Moment We will speak! Te Kupenga Quiz
Rāapa (Wednesday)	EIT	12pm - 1pm	EIT class We will learn! Te Kupenga Quiz
Rāpare (Thursday)	The Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi	1pm - 2pm	The Treaty of Waitangi with Dr Roger Maaka We will listen! Te Kupenga Quiz
Rāmere (Friday)	13-19 MAHURU 2021	10.30am - 11am	Kōrero over Kāwhē! We will read! Te Kupenga Quiz

Join us and celebrate Māori Language week



## Monitor the Development and implementation of Community Plans.

In the development of [Project Thrive](#) with the community in 2017, the need for a localised tool to capture the voice of the Districts rural local communities was clearly heard.

To deliver this voice, the community planning programme was initiated as part of the 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan Programme. The Community Planning Programme supports communities to develop a shared vision for their village. It provides a mechanism for collaboration between communities, council and other agencies to implement improvements.

The programme's objectives are:

- To set clear strategic direction for villages, reflecting each community's unique characteristics.
- To provide a pathway for village community's vision and priorities to be reflected in council's and other agencies strategies and work plans.
- To grow village community spirit, attract and retain residents.
- To enable village residents to create the communities they want.
- To further develop constructive working relationships between councillors, village residents, businesses and council staff

The intention is to roll Community plans to the communities of Tikokino, Ongaonga, Takapau, Porangahau, Kairakau, Otane and Elsthorpe.



## Priority Updates

In this reporting period, we provide the following updates:

### Otane Community Plan

We are working to confirm a date for the Otane Community Plan planning day, within the contexts of Level 2 restrictions. All going well this will be late 2021. From experiences attempting to run things virtually, for the best success we are best waiting for restrictions to ease.

### Tikokino Community Plan

Community Planning for the Tikokino district is underway and following the community workshop held on the 18 July, a draft plan has been developed and has been distributed to the working group for feedback.

A follow up workshop will be confirmed within the contexts of Level 2 restrictions before the end of the year.

### Ongaonga Community Plan

The Ongaonga Community Plan was adopted by council on 24 September 2020. Several smaller focus groups have formed and are now working on action points and priorities from the plan.

We will seek to provide a fuller update in the future with Ongaonga Community.

### Takapau Community Plan

The Takapau Community Plan was adopted by council on 24 September 2020. A number of smaller focus groups have formed and are now working on action points and priorities from the plan. Examples of this include the recent traffic and speed meeting held in Takapau, prompted by the plan.

### Dashboard for Community Planning

ONGAONGA COMMUNITY PLAN		
PHASE	IMPLEMENT	
TIMELINE	AUG 2022 <small>START DATE</small>	AUG 2024 <small>END DATE</small>
PROGRESS	40%	
PLAN DEVELOPMENT		
IMPLEMENTATION		
OTANE COMMUNITY PLAN		
PHASE	PLAN	
TIMELINE	NOV 2021 <small>START DATE</small>	AUG 2024 <small>END DATE</small>
PROGRESS	10%	
PLAN DEVELOPMENT	Planned to commence in December subject to COVID	
IMPLEMENTATION		
TAKAPAU COMMUNITY PLAN		
PHASE	IMPLEMENT	
TIMELINE	AUG 2021 <small>START DATE</small>	AUG 2024 <small>END DATE</small>
PROGRESS	40%	
PLAN DEVELOPMENT		
IMPLEMENTATION		
TIKOKINO COMMUNITY PLAN		
PHASE	DESIGN	
TIMELINE	AUG 2021 <small>START DATE</small>	AUG 2024 <small>END DATE</small>
PROGRESS	20%	
PLAN DEVELOPMENT		
IMPLEMENTATION		

### 6.3 THRIVING PLACES AND SPACES PROGRAMME

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- Attachments:**
1. **Thriving Places and Spaces Programme Introduction and Overview** [↓](#)
  2. **Play Discussion Document** [↓](#)
  3. **Play Discussion Document Summary** [↓](#)
  4. **Swimming Pools Discussion Document** [↓](#)
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  19. **Camping Discussion Document Summary** [↓](#)
  20. **Thriving Places and Spaces: High-level community engagement plan** [↓](#)

#### RECOMMENDATION

- a) That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.
- b) That the discussion documents and high-level engagement plan presented in the attachments to the report be noted
- c) That the Thriving Places and Spaces Programme be used to assist in the development of reserve management plans, and to satisfy Section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977, with community engagement in November 2021 – January 2022 providing the opportunity for initial community input into development of these plans.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Committee with an overview of the Thriving Places and Spaces programme. This report also provides the Committee oversight of the community engagement strategy for the next steps of the programme, and procedurally seeks a resolution in accordance with Section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977, pertaining to community engagement in the development of reserve management plans.

#### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

## BACKGROUND

Council's main focus in recent years has been on addressing legacy issues of historical underinvestment in key services such as three-waters and transport assets in Central Hawke's Bay. This was a major focus of the Long Term Plan 2021 -2031 'Facing the Facts' where while some investment for Community Facilities was introduced and identified, the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan, would be the timing and vehicle for Council to address many future aspirations and challenges relating to its community facilities portfolio.

The Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 began to draw to Council's attention historical underinvestment in Council's Places and Open Spaces portfolio and recent events including the closure of the Waipukurau Centennial Library, have demonstrated that decisions for Community Facilities historically have been made in isolation, without much consideration of the wider community facilities and parks/reserves network present in the district.

With a range of groups leasing, operating or using a number of Council facilities there are currently no coordinated plans to maximise use of Council's places and spaces, understand the need to invest in new places and spaces, or to fund and prioritise maintenance and renewals.

These places and spaces provide open space and facilities for a range of recreation, civic, and cultural activities. The uptake of activity is only partially understood as are the unmet needs for fit-for purpose spaces for community to gather and thrive. Additionally, a number of community facilities are aging assets with deferred renewals, and many are no longer fit-for-purpose.

Central Hawke's Bay is currently experiencing growth, this growth is projected to continue. In addition, demographic population changes inside this growth and changing trends in participation in many activities mean that different demands will be put on our places and spaces over the next 10 – 20 years.

Last year Council adopted the 2050 Integrated Spatial Plan (ISP) for Otane, Waipawa and Waipukurau. This will assist with planning and delivering for growth and development expected over the next few decades in Central Hawke's Bay. Earlier this year Council also adopted the 2021—2031 Long Term Plan (2021 LTP) to guide its investment over the next 10 years. The development of the district's places (including community and civic facilities such as community halls or libraries) and spaces is part of the implementation of both the ISP and the 2021 LTP.

The purpose of the *Thriving Places and Spaces programme* is twofold:

1. To understand and respond to the district's current and future play, active recreation, sport, culture, arts, community and civic facilities, and camping needs, and;
2. To develop a set of plans and strategies to guide Council's investment in, and management of, its places and spaces network, programmes and other areas that support people being active and connected. This is to ensure that these places and spaces are fit for the future, and to ensure that decision-making can be made in an integrated way, in order to best implement the 2021 LTP and ISP.

The Thriving Places and Spaces programme will develop broad strategies and detailed plans so that rather than a story of continued under-funded, disjointed, and quick fixes of places and open spaces, Council will be able to tell a story of coordinated planning of open spaces and facilities that are critical to the interactions of a vibrant and thriving district.

## DISCUSSION

### Scope of the Thriving Places and Spaces programme

Local authorities are key to good sport, recreation, and cultural facilities. Having a baseline to understand the role places, spaces and community and civic facilities play (or don't) in the well-

being of the district and plans for the future will help ensure that spending is well considered to achieve, where possible, the outcomes the community desires.

The scope of the Thriving Places and Spaces programme is broad, recognising that our community enjoys a range of activities and interactions across many different places, spaces and facilities. In order to gain a better understanding of how places, spaces and facilities are currently used, and how they could evolve in the future, the programme has been divided into 9 areas of focus. While it is evident that there are areas of overlap between these 9 areas (for example, active recreation often takes place in open spaces), at this early stage in the programme they are being kept separate to ensure that issues particular to each area are fully fleshed out.

However, at high-level it is important to understand, for each of the 9 areas, what levels of investment might be required, what type of investment this should be (maintenance vs new capital investment), who should be paying for this investment, and how to future-proof this investment to cater for the growth and demand Central Hawke's Bay is experiencing.

The following sections provide a brief overview of these 9 areas.

### 1. Play

Play is widely recognised as one of the most important activities communities can do to support young people to lead active and healthy lives, and to help them learn and grow. In later life play also supports our health and sense of wider wellbeing.

With support from Sport New Zealand, Councils all over New Zealand are developing play strategies to ensure simple things like how young people can travel to and from their friends' homes safely, through to how to create more playful environments in communities for people of all ages. This investment recognises the important role that play has in improving our wellbeing in the widest sense.

### 2. Active recreation

Active recreation contributes to our local identity, and is a part of where we have come from and who we are today. Some of our favourite active recreation assets like The Tukituki Trails have put Central Hawke's Bay on the map and provide great experiences and opportunities for our local community and visitors to the district.

Participation in active recreation is growing, helped by a growing awareness of the benefits of physical activity. In Central Hawke's Bay on the back of unprecedented growth, an increasing older population, and time pressures that demand greater flexibility of participation, ensuring we position our district and community to become or remain physically active, is critical to planning and delivering on a thriving Central Hawke's Bay for the future.

### 3. Sport

Participation in sport has many health benefits for all ages and is key to development of physical, social, and intellectual capabilities in children. Sport contributes to building strong, self-sufficient communities and community pride, as evident in many places across our district.

Levels of participation in traditional sports are continuing to decline, along with the availability of community and trust funding and often voluntary support. Despite this, the demands on clubs keep increasing, whether it be meeting new health and safety and legislative requirements, increased operating and insurance costs, auditing or growing building maintenance requirements.

While participation in structured traditional sports is declining, the pay-per-play market is increasing, along with a greater choice of sporting activities on offer. In Central Hawke's Bay sport participation levels while remaining fairly static, are being spread over a wider range of sports rather than the 'traditional' sports like rugby and netball.

We also know that we have a number of existing community sports assets that need investment and upgrading in the near future and historically Council hasn't always been equitable in its

investment or support for clubs or activities. With the current and forecast growth in Central Hawke's Bay, demand on clubs is likely to continue to increase.

#### 4. Swimming pools

Council has made large investments in the Waipawa Pool recently, but we also know that major investments in the Centralines Pool complex in Waipukurau are required, as identified in the 2021 LTP. Central Hawke's Bay is also growing and we need to make sure that we plan and think ahead for this growth.

Through the Thriving Places and Spaces programme we expect to gain a better understanding of community aspirations for swimming pools, as well as what future investment in pools might be required in the long-term. We also expect to unearth what challenges and support we need to advocate for locally, to see the continued use of school pools and to support other initiatives such as water safety and learn to swim activities.

#### 5. Open spaces

The Central Hawke's Bay Open Space network is comprised of 55 parks, reserves, or domains totalling over 140 hectares. These parks provide our community space for play, sport, and both active and passive recreation, as well as for enjoying native bush and biodiversity. Many sites provide basic amenities such as public toilets and access to the beach while others provide both indoor and outdoor community gathering spaces for socialising and celebrating family or community events.

As we look ahead, we know that significant investment is required to resolve long-term deferred maintenance on many assets located on open space, and to ensure that our network of open spaces continues to be fit for purpose and enjoyed by community and visitors alike.

The programme will also enable us to understand what rural investment looks like, and how we ensure that investment is equitably shared and paid for across the district. Currently ratepayers pay for open spaces through the general rate, meaning those that pay the most rates for open spaces often do not receive a higher value from these assets.

#### 6. Community halls

Council and community collectively own, fund and operate 13 community halls that provide a range of benefits and opportunities to their respective communities.

In 2011, Council made a shift to not fund major work on some halls, pushing this back to communities and seeking to fund smaller operational grants to those community halls only. Many community halls need major investment and over the next 20 years this investment requirement will continue to increase, despite some halls having very low levels of use.

Through this work we want to understand what the future liability and costs are ahead for our community. We also need to gain clearer direction on Council's ongoing role in community halls and where Council support and participation starts and finishes and what other support or leadership (if any) Council should be providing to other community halls.

#### 7. Civic and Community facilities

Civic and community facilities provide opportunities to strengthen our communities, support our local identities and enable our people to fully participate in society. They contribute to building strong, healthy and connected communities, by providing spaces where people can socialise, learn and participate in a wide range of social, cultural, art and recreational activities.

Council is facing some big decisions on the future of some of our buildings that require major investment and strengthening, including the Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre, the Waipukurau Memorial Hall and the Waipukurau Library – which are both earthquake prone despite expectation they had been strengthened. The Council is outgrowing the Council administration building in Waipawa as the district grows, and needs major investment as it does not meet the needs of modern ways of working. Collectively there is in excess of \$6 million of

investment required over the next ten years for Council's core civic and community facilities, with considerably more investment required over the remaining life of the assets.

From this work we need to ensure we support and deliver on the vision completed in our early town Centre Planning and the Integrated Spatial Plan work that sets the tone for the future of Waipukurau and Waipawa.

#### 8. Arts

Identified in Project Thrive and the Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050 the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy was an initiative to support this sector of our community. In early 2021 Council secured external funding from Creative New Zealand to develop an Arts and Culture Strategy, amongst the range of other strategic work it is completing for its Places and Open Spaces Assets.

Through this work we want to gain a better understanding of what is happening in Central Hawke's Bay in the arts, and how our community is currently involved, and where it sees the arts in the future.

#### 9. Camping

Central Hawke's Bay may increasingly become a prime destination for visitors who now, more than ever are looking for destinations where they have never been before. However, increased visitation will put additional pressure on our facilities, environment and on our communities, which are already facing several district-wide and location-specific issues.

This work aims to discuss a way forward to unlock several key barriers to ensure our community can continue to enjoy camping facilities, and to also enable visitors to camp in our district. Through this work we will also review our entire portfolio of campgrounds, with leases and resource consents coming to an end, investment required in the near future and changes to Bylaws required to meet legislative requirements.

#### Strategic and integrated planning for places and spaces

There has been historical underinvestment in Council's Places and Open Spaces portfolio. Additionally, when decisions have been made in the past they have often been made in isolation without consideration of the wider community facilities and parks/reserves network present in the District. With a range of groups leasing, operating or using a number of our facilities there are currently no coordinated plans to maximise use of Council's places and spaces, or to fund and prioritise maintenance and renewals

The outputs of the Thriving Places and Spaces programme will be a number of plans and strategies that will enable Council to make informed, coordinated and integrated decisions to manage our places, spaces and facilities, and to:

- Deliver on the 2021 Long Term Plan
- Implement the 2050 Integrated Spatial Plan
- Inform Asset and Reserve Management Plans
- Inform the 2024 Long Term Plan
- Inform future rates reviews.

#### Reserves Act 1977

The Reserves Act 1977 requires Council to develop a management plan for all Council administered reserves, except local purpose reserves. Reserve management plans help to establish the desired mix of use, development and protection for reserves subject to the Reserves Act 1977, and set in place policy to guide day-to-day management. They provide the community with certainty about the function and management of reserves, help with decision-making on future use and guide planning and budget requirements for development and maintenance.

Council has no reserve management plans, with historic draft reserve management plans for Aramoana Reserve, Whangaehu Beach and Hunter Memorial Park, but these were developed nearly 20 years ago and never formally adopted or confirmed by Council.

An initial procedural step in the management plan review process is to give public notice of the intent to develop an omnibus generic reserve management plan that sets out Districtwide and general policies for reserves, to be supported by reserve specific reserve management plans in the future. This then provides for the requirement to invite the public to make written suggestions to inform its content. For the Thriving Places and Spaces Programme, this part of the process will be achieved through the November - January phase of engagement (described below). Section 41(5) of the Reserves Act requires a resolution to outline how we are addressing this step in the process, which is included in this report.

A workshop will also be held with Elected Members to provide an overview of the Reserves Act requirements including the reserve management plan purpose and process, management and control of reserves (eg vesting, exchange, sale, leases, licences) and roles and responsibilities (eg Minister of Conservation, administering bodies).

### Community engagement and consultation

The success of the Thriving Places and Spaces programme relies on getting a robust understanding of how the district's places, spaces and facilities are currently used, and how they might be used in the future.

The programme therefore also relies on input from the community and from key organisations and stakeholders, all of which are the main users and operators.

A four-staged community engagement and consultation plan has been designed for the programme, as summarised below. A fuller description of the engagement and consultation plan can be found as an **attachment** to this report.

Engagement with community will be based on discussion documents, the purpose of which is to canvas what we know about each of the topics, and to describe some of the issues and opportunities that exist for each topic. The discussion documents are intended to be conversation starters for the community, which should enable us to draw out feedback pertaining to each topic. This feedback will then be used to develop the draft plans and strategies in the first part of next year, before reengaging with the community to finalise these plans and strategies. The draft discussion documents are **attached** to this report for the Committees receipt.

The key phases of the programme include:

#### **Phase 1 – Develop the draft discussion documents**

The engagement in this phase focused on involving people already active and known across the programme scope in finalising the discussion documents for wider engagement in Phase 2.

A series of workshops occurred in September 2021. The results of these workshops informed the final discussion documents attached to this report.

#### **Phase 2 – Discussion document – direction setting for draft Strategy development**

The purpose of this phase is to clarify direction for the draft strategies and plans and discuss specific place based and topic-based issues.

The engagement in this phase will focus on speaking directly with a number of active clubs, organisations, participants and users of our places and spaces. This targeted engagement will occur across the district. The need for comprehensive engagement will be balanced by the availability of resources, particularly staff time to support the engagement. Alongside this we will be opening up engagement with the whole community through web and print based methods.

A number of targeted methods will be used including:

- Workshops
- Focus groups
- Surveys

This is a key phase in the programme delivery as it establishes the needs and aspirations of people across the district and informs the delivery of the draft strategies and plans. This engagement will run from November 2021 to January 2022.

### **Phase 3 – Draft Strategies – consultation on draft strategies and plans**

The purpose of this phase is to formally seek feedback on the draft strategies and plans created based on the feedback on the discussion documents.

The engagement in this phase will focus on re-connecting with those engaged in Phase 2 to encourage submissions on the draft strategies and plan to inform the development of the final strategies and plans for adoption.

General community consultation will be supported by web and print based methods. This consultation will run from March to April 2022.

### **Phase 4 - Informing**

The purpose of this phase is to inform all stakeholders of the final outcomes of the strategies and plans and the next steps in terms of delivery.

Contact will be made with all those who were involved in Phases 1, 2 and 3 to ensure there is a high level of awareness of the final outcomes.

#### Phased decision-making for Elected Members

The Thriving Places and Spaces programme has broad coverage of a range of potentially complex issues. As described above, the purpose of the first phases of community engagement is to help flesh out the range of issues and opportunities pertaining to each of the topics being covered. While it is critical that community shares its visions and aspirations, community expectations will also need to be carefully managed. In a resource-constrained environment it will not be possible for Council to promptly address or resolve all of the issues that are likely to arise, as the investment required will be significant.

Throughout the next few months, as we gain a further understanding of the breadth of issues and opportunities across the different topics, Elected Members will be faced with choices and making some decisions on what issues should be actioned, prioritised and/or deferred.

Following phases 2 and 3 of community engagement described above, a comprehensive feedback report will be presented to the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee. This will ensure there are multiple 'touch points' for the Committee to consider and inform the direction of travel, the timing, and the scope of focus for each of the programme areas. It is anticipated that the first of such decision touch points will likely be in February 2022, following Phase 2 of public engagement on the programme (November 2021 – January 2022).

### **IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;

- Any decisions made will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses;
- Unless stated above, any decisions made can be addressed through current funding under the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Officers will finalise the discussion documents and supporting material, and engage with the community between November 2021 and January 2022 for Phase 2 of the community engagement.

A comprehensive feedback report will be prepared for the first Strategy and Wellbeing Committee meeting in February 2022 (date to be confirmed).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- a) That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**
- b) That the discussion documents and high-level engagement plan presented in the attachments to the report be noted**
- c) That the Thriving Places and Spaces Programme be used to assist in the development of reserve management plans, and to satisfy Section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977, with community engagement in November 2021 – January 2022 providing the opportunity for initial community input into development of these plans.**

Central Hawke's Bay District Council: Thriving Places and Spaces Programme

### Investing in Thriving Places and Spaces

We want to talk about making Central Hawke's Bay an even more amazing place to live, work, play and learn in the future. Over the past few years our focus has been on getting our water and transport infrastructure basics right. Now we are ready to talk about the future of all those other things that enrich our lives and help to build strong communities.

Great places to live have a wide range of facilities, spaces, activities and programmes that support communities to connect and thrive. Our district is growing, so we need to futureproof our places and spaces to ensure they are fit for purpose. Central Hawke's Bay is already a great place to live - let's continue to build on that!

We want to ensure we are providing opportunities for everyone to be active and participate whether it's through play, sport, recreation, the arts or other types of activities. To do this we are developing strategies and plans to help guide decision-making.

Project Thrive brought the whole community together in 2017 to create a vision for our District. How we deliver on Project Thrive is being continuously tested through our implementation projects. The purpose of the Thriving Places and Spaces Programme is to look across all those things we invest in as a community to make sure we are providing the right things in the right places. We are fortunate to have many great examples of our community partnering together that we can continue to build on. This will give us a greater chance of ensuring that everyone living in Central Hawke's Bay is connected and thriving, and every visitor gets to share that sense of belonging and identity.

Project Thrive set the following seven objectives:

A proud district. • A prosperous district. • Strong communities. • Connected citizens. • Smart growth. • Environmentally responsible. • Durable infrastructure.

We then recognised we needed to focus in on the following five areas to reach our objectives:

Promoting smart growth. • Attracting and enabling business success. • Strengthening our district and community identity. • Protecting and promoting our unique landscape. • Planning for tomorrow to futureproof Central Hawke's Bay.

The Thriving Places and Spaces programme will deliver across all these areas, but in particular:

- strengthening our district and community identity
- protecting and promoting our unique landscape
- planning for tomorrow to futureproof Central Hawke's Bay

There are so many things that contribute to building strong communities. For now, we want to focus on some of the key activities and facilities that are already in your community and that Council is involved in. To help us to discuss these things we have broken them down into these topics so that we have some serious (but fun) conversations about:

- Play
- Arts
- Sport
- Active Recreation
- Swimming Pools
- Open Spaces
- Community Halls
- Camping
- Civic and community facilities

Each of these things are a part of what collectively makes Central Hawke's Bay a great place to live for all of us, even with different interests and different needs.

Across all these areas we want to discuss:

- why we are doing this and why it's important you are involved
- what these activities and facilities mean to you
- what kinds of experiences you want to have
- the ways we can improve what we do
- how to prioritise what we do
- how all this links up to create the kind of place we will continue to be proud to call home.

We will also be talking about

- how to respond to growth, our future needs and ability to invest
- the role of Council in these activities and facilities
- how to continue to build on projects like Nga Ara Tipuna by working with Tangata Whenua to understand their aspirations and needs
- how to reflect the differences we have across the district while still applying consistency in our decision making
- understanding how to balance our past and traditions with future needs
- how to manage community expectations with our ability to afford our aspirations and how to apply innovative or in some cases traditional funding options to delivery
- opportunities to work in partnership to collectively achieve some great outcomes

We are always thinking about the outcomes and experiences that these places, facilities and programmes create. Because of this our discussions will include all experiences and opportunities, not just those owned or supported by Council. This is to make sure that Council investment is focussed where it is needed not duplicating the great things others are already doing across the district.

## Getting Involved

There will be many ways that you can get involved in setting our future direction across the programme. Here is the timeline when we will be out and about so we can hear your views.

### Engagement timeline

**November 2021 - January 2022**                      **Discussion Documents**

Making sure we have the right scope and then discussing the principles, problems and opportunities for each activity and network of facilities.

**March – April 2022**                                      **Draft Strategies and Plans**

With the feedback we receive on the Discussion Documents we will start to develop draft Strategies and Plans. In March and April next year we will be back out to test if we have got it right.

**June 2022**    **Finalise Strategies and Plans**

After this check in we will prepare the final Strategies and Plans

**July 2022 onwards**                                      **Delivering**

Our final Strategies and Plans will help us to prioritise investment, make consistent decisions and create clarity about what Council's role is across all the programme elements.

We have created a webpage for you to be able to keep track of these stages, please visit [xxxx](#) for more information, to stay in touch and learn how to get involved.

## Discussion Document

### The Future of Play

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#### **Introduction**

Play makes us feel excited, happy and connected. We often lose track of time when we play. As adults if we reflect on our own adventures as children, from flying kites to bullrush in the park, biking to friends' houses or playing cops and robbers, many children today don't experience those same simple pleasures we did 'back in our day', with concern about safety or danger of our precious tamariki.

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However, levels of play are declining due to changes all around us in the way that we live - whether the increased busy-ness or impact of roads or parents working long hours.

Not engaging in play can have detrimental effects on the learning, development and health of our tamariki and wider community, and negatively impact on our general health and wellbeing. Having health and well communities is key in supporting a Thriving Central Hawke's Bay!

#### **Isn't play just for kids?**

Play is now recognised as one of the most important things communities can do to support young people to lead active and healthy lives, and to help them learn and grow. In later life play also supports our health and sense of 'fun' and wider wellbeing.

With support from Sport New Zealand, Councils all over New Zealand are developing play strategies to ensure simple things like how our tamariki can travel to and from their friends' homes safely, through to how to create more playful environments in communities for people of all ages. This investment recognises the important role that play has in improving our wellbeing in the widest sense.

#### **Why are we having this conversation?**

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With Play and its connections to community sport and being more physically active intricately linked, we're partnering with support and funding from Sport New Zealand and Sport Hawke's Bay to bring play back to our Tamariki of Tamatea - Central Hawke's Bay!

Play is the shared responsibility of everyone. It needs clear and strong leadership from those who can enable play. This includes the views and opinions of young people. It is equally important in the settings of home, school and community.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of play across our district. This conversation will take many forms over the following months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of play that will guide our investment as a community and help us achieve healthy and active communities.

#### How play contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes

Connected Citizens	Play is a way in which our tamariki and rangatahi connect with each other, usually on their own terms and usually doing something that is lots of fun!
Proud District	Play provides a reflection of who we are as a community and where we have come from.
Strong Communities	Play helps us to be physically active in a fun way, improve social and emotional connections, improve learning and development skills, and connect with the physical and natural environment. Play is a critical element in improving people's individual wellbeing, as well as being of benefit to our wider community.
Durable Infrastructure	Play opportunities meet the needs of our community today and in the future.

#### Our Play opportunities now

Council's role in play is primarily through:

- the planning, funding and operation of open spaces, community facilities and active transport routes which enable play, as well as active recreation and sport.
- support for spaces, places, and initiatives to encourage more people to be more active such as play streets.

Council currently provides six playgrounds and monitor a seventh one that is on Council Road reserve. These are located in Waipukurau (x 2), Waipawa, Otāne, Takapau, Pōrangahau and Kairakau.

Council was recently successful in applying to the Sport Hawke's Bay Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund to obtain funding to build a Play Trailer and a person to promote, educate and encourage the use of the Play Trailer. The purpose of this trailer is to educate and encourage free play across Central Hawke's Bay. The Play Activator will promote the Play Trailer within schools and community and educate about the importance of free play for children. The Play Trailer will then be used by the community as a resource to promote play.

Communities across Central Hawke's Bay are providing their own play opportunities. For example, the hop scotch on the footpath in Pōrangahau, located next to the library fridge. We have been told that one of the most popular play activities for young people in Pōrangahau is to go to the 'third bend' in the river. Schools also provide their own playgrounds and other play opportunities. Our natural environment provides one big play opportunity for so many different play activities from jumping into the river through to building huts in the bush.

**During 2021 Sport Hawke's Bay engaged directly with children at primary schools across Central Hawke's Bay District to ask what kind of play they enjoyed and what they needed to play. The results of this survey will help us develop a strategy for the future of play in our district.**

Through this engagement, our tamariki have told us about their play preferences. We know their views on accessibility and connections, safety, barriers to play, where they go to hang out, what their favourite places to play are, and what we can do to help make it easier to play. We also know that some schools want to participate more in this process to determine the future of play in Central Hawke's Bay.

**Some national trends around the future of play include (sourced from Sport New Zealand):**

The Active New Zealand Survey identifies that 76% of young people participate in play, active recreation and sport for the purpose of having fun. 53% of young people's physical activity comes from play. The positive benefits of play include:

- Being physically active in a fun way that develops fundamental movement skills
- Encouraging self-directed creativity and innovation
- Improving social and emotional connection
- Improving a young person's understanding of their relationship with the physical environment
- Improving resilience, independence and leadership by determining their own outcomes
- Aiding better decision-making based around elements of challenge and risk.

Sport New Zealand have confirmed that their efforts over the period of 2020-24 will be focused on tamariki (5-11) and rangatahi (12-18-year-olds). With tamariki, the major focus will be through Play and Physical Education and with rangatahi it will be Active Recreation and Sport. In doing so, Sport New Zealand aspire to reduce the drop off in activity levels of rangatahi from age 12-18 and increase the levels of activity for those tamariki and rangatahi who are less active.

Play presents a significant opportunity for us to support the Government's goal for Aotearoa New Zealand to be the best country in the world to be a child. The lockdowns have forced most whānau with tamariki to be creative about their play opportunities and environments. With public playgrounds closed, being playful and active with their tamariki was challenging for a great number of whānau. We have knowledge and experience to activate play in communities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of play in our district could be:**

- Play is something that every single one can and should engage in.
- Play is a vital part of our community and we want all our tamariki and rangatahi to experience fun, joy and laughter through play.
- Play is the shared responsibility of everyone in our community.
- All young people should have access to enriched and varied playful experiences within their local environments.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- We have a really good starting point in understanding what our children's play needs are through the Play Survey. We can now look at how we can empower our communities to increase access to play experiences for our tamariki and rangatahi.
- We know that play for tamariki and rangatahi is a priority nationally, and that there are opportunities to access funding to get some really good play outcomes for our community.
- Given the extent of infrastructure provided by Council, there is an ability for Council to influence play in a broader way through a commitment to reflect a fun, playful, flexible approach in all our places and spaces.
- How might we leverage technology in our community to enhance play experiences? For example, through enabling connection, creativity, learning and relaxation utilising technology?
- How might we recognise and celebrate our culture, local stories and unique ways of playing within our district?
- How might we create a healthier balance between learning risks and child safety?
- How might we create public play spaces and opportunities that everyone can enjoy?
- Our natural environment is a strong enabler for play, how can we ensure our tamariki and rangatahi continue to feel connected to the great outdoors for their play opportunities?

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Population growth will see more tamariki and rangatahi wanting to access play opportunities as well as expectations of what is available. The increased busyness of urban and rural areas, as a result of growth, may mean there is less space for play or young people don't feel as safe in public areas eg. ability to safely cross a busy road to access play opportunities.
- Young people can feel isolated in rural areas with no public transport to get to urban areas that have specific play facilities; however, they do have greater access to the outdoor environment at their back door. How do we create equitable access to play opportunities across our district, while recognising the different characteristics of our communities?
- Play is deeply influenced by our culture and whānau experiences and expectations of play. There is a need to gain more insights into the multi-cultural perspectives of play to better understand what the barriers and opportunities for play are, especially for our young Māori and Pasifika people.
- The increased focus on safety and the resulting restrictions on play activities leaves less room for children to develop fundamental skills and confidence through risk-taking. Are we providing enough opportunities for unstructured play or play that enables young people to experience elements of risk?
- National benchmarking of playground provision highlights that our district is well below what other similar sized districts provide. We have two playgrounds per 1,000 children and the national median is over four playgrounds per 1,000 children. The five smallest councils participating in this benchmarking exercise (all under 25,000 population) have 5 playgrounds per 1,000 children.

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#### **What does success look like?**

We've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of play is:

- We want all of our community to be able to experience fun, joy and laughter through play.
- That our community are enabled to freely engage in play, across Central Hawke's Bay

**Want to know more?**

To understand more about play, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on play.

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## Discussion Document

### The Future of Pools

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#### **Introduction**

Our community love to be in the water whether it's swimming at the beach, in our rivers, at our community pools or the paddling pool at home. This conversation is about our two community swimming pools located at Waipukurau and Waipawa, the important role of school pools and how we interact with our natural swimming pools – being the rivers, sea and lakes of the district. While we have an amazing outdoor environment for water-based activity, we also need to have a good plan in place for the future of our swimming pools.

#### **Why are swimming pools important?**

While we are surrounded by outstanding beaches, rivers and lakes, with this comes the need for water safety. Too many people lose their lives due to preventative drowning each year in Hawke's Bay.

Swimming pools provide opportunities for people to feel safe and confident in the water, keep fit and have fun, or become competitive in swimming. Swimming is a healthy, low impact activity that can be continued for a lifetime from 0 to 100 years plus.

Central Hawke's Bay has an extensive coastline and network of rivers that connect the Mountains to the Sea. With our hot summers, water-based recreation is a popular activity for our community- whether it's swimming at the beach, in our rivers, at our public swimming pools, school pools or pools at home.

Public swimming pools at Waipukurau and Waipawa provide flat water space for lane swimming, fitness, recreation, learning to swim, events and training. Recreation swimming is usually made up of families, people coming with friends and groups for play, fun, relaxation, social activity and low-level competition or participation. Across all of these activities is the importance of growing people's confidence in the water and awareness of water safety.

#### **Why are we having this conversation?**

We've made some big investment in the Waipawa Pool recently, but we also know we have major investment in the Centralines Pool in Waipukurau in the near future. Our community is also growing and we need to make sure that we plan and think ahead for this growth.

We are also thinking about what support our community needs to access water to swim and promote water safety, whether it's the local river, the school pool or beach.

We want to understand what the community's future role and investment in pools might need to look like for the long term – but also what challenges and support we need to advocate for locally, to see the continued use of school pools and to support other initiatives such as water safety and learn to swim.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of pools in our district. This conversation will take many forms over the next few months, and we hope that

together we can all create a shared vision for the future of our swimming pools that will guide our community's future investment in these facilities.

#### How swimming pools contribute to our Project Thrive outcomes

Connected Citizens	Swimming pools provide places where people can connect with others and enjoy a range of water-based activities.
Strong Communities	Swimming pools provide places where our community can play, compete and be physically active and healthy.
Durable Infrastructure	Swimming pools are fit for purpose, meeting the needs of our community today and in the future.

#### Our Swimming Pools now

Council's current level of service is to 'provide access to good quality swimming pool facilities for fun, recreation and exercise'. This is achieved through provision of two public swimming pools located in Waipukurau and Waipawa.

Swimming Pools	Role of Council	Facilities	Availability and use
<p>Waipawa and Districts Centennial Memorial Pool (1965) Pools were replaced in 2019 Located on Madge Hunter Park, Harker Street</p>	<p>Council administered land Recreation Reserve (HMQ, NZGZ 1962 p195)  Operated via contract with Aqua Management</p>	<p>Outdoor pool: - 25 metre pool - Learner's pool - Grassed area  Not heated. Note pool covers approved in 2021/22 to ensure safe temperatures are provided.</p>	<p>Open November through to March.  Approx. 12,000 users each season.  Good use from local schools.  Disabled access ramp.</p>
<p>Centralines Sports Complex - Pool, Waipukurau (1998)  Formerly AW Parsons Indoor Pool  Located on Russell Park</p>	<p>Central Hawke's Bay District Community Trust owned and operated (via contract with Aqua Management).  Council provides an annual operational grant to recognise services provided to the community.  Council owned land Public Recreation ground NZGZ 1983 p2399</p>	<p>Indoor heated pool: - 25 metre pool - Learner's pool - Beach/waterfall - Outdoor space - Meeting room - Therapy room</p>	<p>Open year round.  Approx. 75,000 users per year.  Programmes include learn to swim, masters, aqua jogging, school holiday, squad training, little flippers.  CHB Swim Club base.  Disabled access (ramp and chair lift).</p>

There are also a number of school pools located throughout the district. Known primary school pools are located at St Josephs, Porangahau, Waipawa, Elsthorpe, Takapau, Sherwood and Ongaonga.

Council also provides parks and reserves that enable access to outdoor swimming opportunities including rivers and beaches. This places increased importance on the need for our community to feel safe and confident in the water.

**Some trends around the future of swimming pools include:**

Research throughout New Zealand and overseas indicates that the recreation and leisure market will continue to be the largest user of swimming pools (60-70%) as it includes people of all ages, ability, types, interests and gender and therefore has the greatest reach in our communities. Some pools are even providing specific 'manu' or 'bombing' areas within their facility.

The competitive/training/fitness is a more specialist market including younger, fitter and more active people who make time to train and compete, usually in a structured way.

Older (50+) age groups are a major growth area and they have different expectations for aquatic facilities, being: temperature, access, covered and water depth. They often require water of warmer temperature and activities or programmes associated with health and relaxation.

Learn to swim is an area which continues to grow, especially as schools move away from providing these opportunities. Public pools play an important part in building water confidence through these structured programmes as well as through informal recreational swimming.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of our swimming pools could be to:**

- Meet the needs of a diverse range of users and encourage lifelong participation to support a physically active, happy and healthy community.
- Provide fun, safe, inviting and accessible<sup>1</sup> places for all our community.
- Promote water safety education through the development of confidence and skills gained from both recreational play and learn to swim programmes.
- Recognise the role of swimming pools play in providing a safe and controlled environment to improve water safety and confidence and the importance of this for our district given our proximity to natural water areas including rivers and beaches.
- Provide swimming pools that service our district needs first and foremost, recognising our proximity to larger regional aquatic facilities in Napier and Hastings.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Swimming pools or aquatic centres today are being designed as community hubs, bringing together complementary wellness activities with more traditional recreation, pool and fitness offerings under one roof. Facilities that offer places to eat, relax, play or be with others as well as places to swim and exercise are those with the most appeal across age, gender, culture, ability and interests. Co-location with other community facilities and services also adds to the destination experience.
- We have two swimming pools that are an outcome of significant community fundraising efforts. Swimming pools are a significant investment both in terms of development and ongoing

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<sup>1</sup> Accessible means doing what we can to provide facilities that everyone can access regardless of age, gender, ability, financial situation or place of residence.

operations so it is important that we make the most of our existing facilities. Opportunities include extended opening hours, more play features (eg manu spaces and splash pads), increased school use, whanau days and integration with surrounding facilities.

- Our pools are clearly valued by our community as they are well utilised and consistently exceed their user targets. Customer satisfaction levels are high as well. We need to make sure they continue to meet the needs of our community today and in the future.
- Provision of affordable and accessible learn to swim/swimming lessons particularly for low decile families and schools.
- Recognise and promote water safety messaging and the role of swimming pools in helping our community to be confident around water.
- Using this process to better understand the value that our rural and urban communities place on having access to public swimming pool facilities in our district and expectations of the type of experience these facilities provide in the future.
- Using this process to determine community expectations for the future provision of swimming pools in the district and 'test' whether the current provision is adequate based on:
  - Provision of two public swimming pools for the district based in our two larger urban areas. One owned by Council and the other by the Central Hawke's Bay District Community Trust, with Council assisting with operational funding through a service agreement.
  - Swimming pools are district-wide facilities. This means that rather than having swimming pools distributed throughout the district, we have two facilities located in our largest urban areas. These facilities service our whole community and become destinations that people in our rural areas travel to access.
  - A higher level of service at the Centralines Pool through it being an indoor pool with year-round access, the facilities provided and range of programmes.
  - A lower level of service at the Waipawa Pool through the facilities provided, seasonal access and limited range of programmes available. Primarily focused on fun and leisure!
  - Recognition that there is a wider network of outdoor water-based experiences that includes our beaches, rivers, school swimming pools and private swimming pools.
  - Recognition that our community can access regional swimming facilities that provide a higher level of service (larger pools, more leisure facilities) in Napier and Hastings.
- Strengthen the connection of both pools to the town centre, schools, other community and recreational facilities and rural communities.
- Phase 2 of the Waipawa Pool upgrade is planned for 2026 to create accessible reception and family change rooms and additional storage. A family-friendly dry play area is planned with BBQ, seating, and shade on the grass area. Solar heating and covers will extend the season and improve use on cooler summer days. \$650,000 is included in the Long-Term Plan for Phase 2.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- The relative distance that people have to travel from rural areas to access the two main pools that are located only five minutes apart. How do we enable greater accessibility for those located in rural areas, further inland or along our coastal areas, particularly schools?
- What support is provided to rural school pools to enable them to keep operating? These pools are used by the local community and receive limited (if any) Ministry of Education funding towards their upkeep.
- Water safety is hugely important to the district given the many rivers we have and our proximity to beaches. Pools can play a key role in providing opportunities for all ages to learn to swim, including adults. How do we make learn to swim opportunities available to all our community?

- The Centralines Pool complex requires increased investment to ensure the facility continues to provide a safe environment and meet the needs of the community. Major costs include replacement of the ceiling tiles, seismic strengthening work in the main pool and the wider renewal of the facility as access to community funding for maintenance and renewals becomes more difficult. As the district continues to experience unprecedented growth, the Central Hawke's Bay District Community Trust looks to Council for guidance and direction on the implications of this growth and what a future service agreement and service provision could look like for the district in the long term.
- A better understanding is needed of the condition of assets, funding and required programme of improvements, including short, medium and long term priorities.
- The current provision operates under two different ownership models which has worked reasonably well to date; however, as the facilities age and have increasing levels of maintenance required and increasing health and safety requirements, clarity on future asset and funding responsibilities is needed. This will need to be considered in the long-term sustainability of the Trust model of ownership and operation.
- Understanding the implications of growth on our current facilities in terms of capacity to accommodate increased use and expectations for the type of experience these facilities provide (eg pool types, leisure, health requirements, programmes, activities etc). Known implications to date include an increased demand for Learn-to-Swim programmes that the Centralines Pool is limited in its ability to meet demand due to pool tank capacity issues.
- The cost of operating and maintaining swimming pools is high compared to other community facilities like indoor courts and community halls. Most aquatic facilities operate at a loss and a subsidy is provided mostly by councils. Users do not pay the true cost of providing the service.
- Waipawa Pool is only available within the summer season for up to 5 months of the year. When school is in term weekdays are open from 3pm. During school holidays and weekends throughout the summer the hours are 11am-6:30pm. Also, improvements to the changing sheds, maintenance of general infrastructure and consistent pool temperatures are required.
- The school pool network traditionally has played a critical role in the provision of swimming pools particularly in large rural areas which have a greater distribution of small towns. The challenge with school pools is the unclear funding mechanism from the Ministry of Education, which provides for some maintenance but not replacement or upgrades.

**Let us know your ideas?**

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## Summary for website

### The Future of Pools

Our community love to be in the water whether it's swimming at the beach, in our rivers, at our community pools or the paddling pool at home. This conversation is about our two community swimming pools located at Waipukurau and Waipawa, the important role of school pools and how we interact with our natural swimming pools – being the rivers, sea and lakes of the district. While we have an amazing outdoor environment for water-based activity, we also need to have a good plan in place for the future of our swimming pools.

#### **Why are swimming pools important?**

While we are surrounded by outstanding beaches, rivers and lakes, with this comes the need for water safety. Too many people lose their lives due to preventative drowning each year in Hawke's Bay.

Swimming pools provide opportunities for people to feel safe and confident in the water, keep fit and have fun, or become competitive in swimming. Swimming is a healthy, low impact activity that can be continued for a lifetime from 0 to 100 years plus.

#### **Why are we having this conversation?**

We've made some big investment in the Waipawa Pool recently, but we also know we have major investment in the Centralines Pool in Waipukurau in the near future. Our community is also growing and we need to make sure that we plan and think ahead for this growth.

We are also thinking about what support our community needs to access water to swim and promote water safety, whether it's the local river, the school pool or beach.

We want to understand what the community's future role and investment in pools might need to look like for the long term – but also what challenges and support we need to advocate for locally, to see the continued use of school pools and to support other initiatives such as water safety and learn to swim.

#### **What does success look like?**

We've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of our pools is to:

- Ensure our facilities are future focused and meet the needs of our community now and into the future.
- Continue to promote water safety education through the development of confidence and skills gained from both recreational play and learn to swim programmes.

#### **Want to know more?**

To understand more about swimming pools, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on swimming pools.

#### **Let us know your ideas?**

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## Discussion Document

### The Future of Sport

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#### Introduction

Tamatea – Central Hawke’s Bay is well known for its outstanding Sportspeople across the spectrum of sport in our community – from Rugby to cycling and bowls.

Sport in this conversation is about all the organised activity we do where there are formal rules, competition and conditions of play, such as rugby and netball. Most people who participate in sport often belong to a club, although ‘pay-for-play’ sport like indoor hockey at the Stadium, or business house tennis or squash are included, as they use similar facilities and often have similar benefits.

We’re thinking about play and active recreation activities like casual running and cycling separately, so we can best understand the specific sports needs in our district.

#### Why is sport important?

Participation in sport has many health benefits for all ages and is key to development of physical, social, and intellectual capabilities in children. Sport contributes to building strong, self-sufficient communities and community pride as evident in many places across our district. Some of our sports clubs have been around for over 100 years creating an incredible legacy for our communities.

Sport and Recreation Parks and some indoor facilities make up important infrastructure in the district for playing sport. These include (but are not limited to) Russell Park, Centralines Sports Complex, Central Park in Waipukurau, Coronation Park in Waipawa, Takapau Recreation Ground, Otane Recreation Ground and White Domain in Porangahau. There are also tennis and squash clubs, bowling clubs, and other sporting venues all with various ownership models. The majority of sports clubs and activities are run by volunteers.

#### Why are we having this conversation?

Levels of participation in traditional sports are continuing to decline, along with the availability of community and trust funding and often voluntary support. Despite this, the demands on clubs keep increasing, whether it be meeting new health and safety and legislative requirements, increased operating and insurance costs, auditing or growing building maintenance requirements.

Nationally, there is a move away from structured traditional sports and the ‘pay-for-play’ market is increasing, along with a greater choice of sporting activities on offer. In Central Hawke’s Bay sport participation levels while remaining fairly static, are being spread over a wider range of sports rather than the ‘traditional’ sports like rugby and netball.

We also know we’ve got a number of existing community sports assets that need investment and others will need upgrading in the near future. Historically, Council hasn’t always been equitable in its investment or support for clubs or activities. As a community we are also growing and need to be prepared for this.

We're partnering with support and funding from Sport New Zealand and Sport Hawke's Bay to understand what the future demand and need for our community is for sport. We want to do this collaboratively to understand not just the local need, but to also understand what facilities or services are best placed regionally. We also want to try and understand how we equitably fund and support our local clubs and sporting organisations and who pays for that.

Council also has a number of legislative responsibilities to meet under the Reserves Act 1977.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of sport within our district. This conversation will take many forms over the next few months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of sport that will guide our community investment in the future.

#### **How sport contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes**

Connected Citizens	Sport brings our communities together to engage and interact in a healthy, fun and competitive environment.
Proud District	Sport contributes to our local identity and is a part of where we have come from and who we are today. Our sporting participation and achievements make us proud of our place in our region and nation.
Strong Communities	Sport brings our local communities together and contributes to creating a strong and thriving district.
Durable Infrastructure	Sport facilities, activities and programmes meet the needs of our community today and into the future.

#### **Our Sports Facilities now**

Sports facilities are provided in a range of ways across our district with a significant amount of community involvement in the provision, management, funding and use of these facilities.

Sports facilities can either be:

- Provided by Council.
- Provided by community organisations with Council having a role in supporting this through land or a contribution to development, management or operational costs.
- Provided by community organisations with no Council involvement.

Sports facilities include:

- Land primarily provided for this purpose (e.g Sport and Recreation Parks),
- Facilities on that land including grass sportsfields, turf, courts, toilets, changing rooms, storage and clubrooms.
- Indoor facilities primarily provided for this purpose (Centralines Sports Complex – indoor stadium and area squash clubs). Community halls are also used for sport.

Council's current direction on sport is to provide "a range of parks and reserves that are affordable, well-maintained, safe and provide for the recreational (play and sport), cultural, and environmental well-being of the community." Attachment 1 of this document outlines our understanding of existing sports facilities and any known issues.

The majority of the sports facilities in the district are concentrated on or in the vicinity of Russell Park which hosts football, touch, dog sports, and had its first ki o rahi tournament this past Matariki. Russell Park includes Centralines Sports Complex. The Complex's outdoor turf caters for hockey and netball while the indoor stadium and gym has a sprung wooden floor and is used for basketball, indoor football, netball, indoor hockey and miniball. Miniball and Trampoline are available within Waipukurau Memorial Hall (also located on Russell Park).

Adjacent to Russell Park are the A&P Showgrounds and Central Park. A&P host equine events and Central Park is home to CHB Rugby and a boxing gym. Waipukurau Squash and Tennis border Central Park. There is also a nearby bowling club (Francis Drake Street/Mt Herbert Road) making this area a 'sports precinct.'

Council provides minimal turf maintenance and manages bookings for the Russell Park sportsfields while the operator of the Centralines Sports Complex manages the bookings for the outdoor turf complex and indoor stadium and pool. Sportclubs sited on other district sportsfields tend to manage bookings and usage of sportsfields.

Some buildings, mainly in sport and recreation parks, are owned by sport clubs. Similarly, the sporting assets such as goalposts, nets, and lighting are mostly wholly owned by the sports clubs. The Centralines Sports Complex within Russell Park includes a hockey turf, netball courts, fencing and lighting, stadium, gym, and swimming pools and is owned by the Central Hawke's Bay Community Trust.

There are also a number of clubs and sports facilities that Council has no involvement in and we are hoping that this process will help get a better picture of what else is out there.

Council works in partnership with Sport Hawkes Bay to promote and support sporting opportunities and participation within Central Hawkes Bay District.

**During the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan process submitters identified the following:**

- Support to further develop Russell Park making it more accessible with amenities and change rooms that are fit for purpose.
- Encouragement of clubs to actively participate in the *Thriving Places and Spaces* (the work that we are doing now).
- The growth of a number of sports that currently use Russell Park and vicinity and the need for facilities to service this growth (eg some clubs do not have a base to operate from, no changing facilities, ageing facilities, small facilities that clubs have outgrown etc),
- Support for exploring the feasibility of a multi-sports facility for a range of clubs on Russell Park and Central Park.

**Direction has also been provided through community planning processes:**

- The Ongaonga Community Plan recognises the importance of recreation and sporting activities to their community.
- The Takapau Community Plan has a strong focus on continuing to support the number of thriving sports clubs including tennis, rugby and squash. It seeks to ensure clubs are future focused and sustainable, and to promote and encourage community ownership and support for clubs.

**Some national trends around the future of sport include (sourced from Sport New Zealand):**

Levels of participation in traditional sports continue to be under pressure. Nationally, there is a move away from structured traditional sports and the 'pay-for-play' market is increasing, along with a greater choice of sporting activities on offer.

Active New Zealand surveys indicate that during teenage years there is a significant drop-off in participation, particularly the number of hours spent on sport and active recreation. Sport involvement trends have significantly reduced over time from 72% involvement in 2006 to 59% in 2019 of secondary school students. Research shows that teenage participation in sport is declining for multiple reasons, including the professionalism of sport at all levels from an increasingly younger age. A major focus for Sport New Zealand is ensuring young people develop a lifelong love of sport and recreation and continue participation into adult years. This focuses on maximising participation and skill development over early specialisation and winning.

Volunteer levels and family involvement in sport has also declined as this base of support is ageing and under pressure of time commitments elsewhere. Accountability requirements can be excessive, with volunteer staff time spending too much time on reporting requirements to show that funding conditions have been met. This can be at the expense of ensuring participants have good experiences. However, some sports have seen increased participation, in particular in informal, non-membership-based activities like 'pay-for-play' social sports.

National data indicates that those less able or on lower incomes continue to experience impediments in getting to or accessing facilities, events, or places. The lack of facilities or open spaces close to where people live combined with poor and expensive public transport exasperates the issue of accessibility. The sheer cost for some participants (e.g., fees, gear, travel, etc.) remains a significant barrier for broad participation for some community sectors.

Funding and memberships are often not enough to keep some local organisations viable. This can lead to organisations placing too much focus on securing funding at the expense of meeting the needs and aspirations of their communities. Costs for maintaining or building facilities are substantial. Securing sponsorships for many local and national competitions has become increasingly challenging.

#### **Some Active New Zealand survey trends for Central Hawke's Bay**

Secondary school student involvement in sport has plateaued over the last few years, with higher participation trends in lower decile schools.

Rugby and Touch Rugby have had significant losses in participation but sport participation rates in codes like Basketball and Softball has increased. Netball participation levels have varied over the last 10 years with a significant increase in 2015, followed by a decline and now growth in participation.

The data seems to indicate that participation levels while remaining fairly static, are being spread over a wider range of sports rather than the 'traditional' sports like rugby and netball.

#### **We think that the key principles guiding the future of sport in our district could be:**

- Our community and volunteers are critical to the provision of sporting opportunities in our district.
- Sport contributes to our health and wellbeing and creates community cohesion and identity.
- A wide range of sport opportunities are available across the district and are accessible to all our community regardless of age, income, ethnicity or ability.
- Sport is inclusive and flexible to cater to different and changing needs over time.

- Create pathways to enable clubs and individuals to be sustainable and to reach their full potential whether they are players, coaches, administrators or volunteers.
- Provide good quality sports facilities that service our district needs first and foremost, recognising our proximity to larger regional sports facilities in Napier and Hastings.
- Make the most of what we have available to ensure it meets the need of current and future communities.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Sport NZ has a bold vision of Every Body Active. This means that all tamariki, rangatahi and adults in Aotearoa are physically active through play, active recreation and sport. They have prioritised their resources and funding on tamariki (5-11 yrs) and rangatahi (12-18 yrs), geographic or social communities where there are barriers to engaging in physical activity, female participation and disabled participation in sport.
- Increasing physical activity levels through sport makes a huge contribution to improvements in physical and mental health, creation of social connections, reflection of cultural identity, improved knowledge and skills, and aspirations.
- Project Thrive engagement identified the need to develop a sports strategy and for this to explore opportunities to extend, supplement or consolidate sporting facilities.
- A better understanding of the condition of assets and required programme of improvements will enable us to work with our communities to make better investment decisions.
- A better understanding of the use and capacity of our sport facilities will continue to help us thrive and ensure we are able to provide for growth and identify opportunities for pooling of assets and resources.
- This work will mean we have a better understanding of the wider network of sports facility provision. This will provide us with a better picture of all the sporting opportunities available and help us to determine where Council is best placed to provide support.
- Facilitate korero with clubs, schools and colleges to develop coaching capability and increase youth involvement in sport.
- Explore opportunities to achieve efficiencies in the provision of sports facilities through hubbing and co-location.
- More accessible funding for sports clubs (know what is there, more funding options).
- Leverage the expertise of other coaches across the district
- Better promotion of sport opportunities available
- Greater opportunities for collaboration between all sports clubs across the district

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Facilities no longer fit for purpose due to growth, ageing assets and changing sport preferences.
- Accessibility influences participation. Difficulties in getting to or accessing facilities and events/competition lead to reduced levels of activity or enjoyment. The cost of travel (and time that it takes) is a real barrier to participation in sport across our district
- The relevance of changing sport participation trends in our secondary schools and what this means for our sports facilities and other requirements to respond to changing needs (for example if there are a wider range of sporting opportunities that students want to participate in such as basketball and softball).
- Increased demand for storage, changing and toilet facilities and irrigation across the network.

- Ageing buildings and structures creating health and safety issues and/or they are no longer meeting the needs of the sports clubs that use them and often own them, with limited access to funding to improve these conditions.
- Council investment and support for clubs or activities has not always been equitable in the past.
- Limited information on usage of our sports facilities and participation trends over time.
- Sport New Zealand activity and participation insights and local insights indicate significant growth in basketball yet there are limited indoor and outdoor facilities available in our district to enable this growth.
- To what extent are our sports facilities flexible enough to cater to changing demands and ensure inclusiveness of all our community, for example, growing cultural sports being provided for.
- Sport in our district has a huge reliance on volunteers to manage facilities, run clubs and sporting programmes. This places significant pressure on these groups to operate in a sustainable way, now and into the future.
- Sport was the most compromised domain in terms of ability to operate during the COVID-19 compared to other forms of physical activity like walking and cycling. Impacts include lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership. All these things have hit the sector hard and will present ongoing challenges to respond and adapt to.
- Increasing costs of participating in sport such as uniforms, travel and membership fees impact on the ability for everyone to be involved in sport.
- Requirement to meet legislative responsibilities under the Reserves Act 1977.
- The district receives just under \$10,000 for travel from Sport New Zealand, which the Council distributes through the Rural Travel Fund. The fund is always oversubscribed, recognising the volume of travel required for clubs to compete and train within the district and regionally, not even considering inter-regional or national travel.
- Coaching capability is stretched as there are limited training options and most coaches are doing this in a voluntary capacity.
- Need to look at how we can get more youth involved in sport in our communities.

#### **Let us know your ideas?**

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## Place Based Information - Council's Sports Network

## The Future of Sport

Place		Primary Club/Codes	Facilities	Key considerations already identified
White Domain, Porangahau	<p>Council administered crown land</p> <p>Have traditionally not been charged field hireage rates</p> <p>Recreation Reserve NZGZ 1982 p181</p>	<p>Porangahau Sports Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• Football</li> <li>• Netball</li> </ul>	<p>No. 1 field</p> <p>Training fields (lit)</p> <p>Playground</p> <p>Helicopter pad</p> <p>Public toilets</p> <p>Changing facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubrooms located separately, building issues.</li> <li>• Club working to develop multi-sport hub at White Domain to include squash and a gym.</li> <li>• Ability to help fund through sale of existing clubrooms land.</li> <li>• Travel costs and time for away games.</li> <li>• Membership increasing across all codes.</li> <li>• Netball travel to Waipukurau for training and competition.</li> <li>• Complementary to Country Club in terms of codes they provide for and users.</li> <li>• Most rangatahi play some form of sport.</li> </ul>
Otane Recreation Ground, Otane	<p>Council owns land Council mows and maintains public toilets.</p> <p>Have traditionally not been charged field hireage rates</p>	<p>Otane Sports Club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby</li> <li>• Netball</li> <li>• Tennis</li> <li>• Touch rugby</li> <li>• Basketball</li> </ul>	<p>1 field</p> <p>Clubrooms</p> <p>1 marked Netball/3 tennis courts (lit)</p> <p>Public toilets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club looking at options for upgrade or development of new change facilities.</li> <li>• Kitchen improvements, indoor and outdoor connections within building.</li> <li>• Basketball team, huge growth but limited facilities.</li> </ul>
Takapau Memorial Recreation Ground	<p>Council owns land. Recreation Reserve NZGZ1953 p671</p>	<p>Rugby</p> <p>Squash</p> <p>Netball</p>	<p>Clubrooms</p> <p>grandstand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ageing facilities – buildings and courts</li> <li>• Accessibility issues to the toilets</li> <li>• Need for basketball facilities</li> </ul>

Place		Primary Club/Codes	Facilities	Key considerations already identified
(Memorial Sports Park), Takapau	and owns the Grandstand clubrooms. Separate buildings for Squash and rugby are owned by clubs.  Council provides operational grant to Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association	Pony club	squash court and tennis/netball courts alongside skateboard halfpipe.	
Takapau Cenotaph Reserve, Takapau	Local Purpose Reserve (Public Park and War Memorial NZGZ 1994 p.3092	Takapau Tennis Club	Clubrooms Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site also includes RSA, Lions Club and Scouts</li> <li>• Council removing former bowling club shed and pump hous withasbestos</li> </ul>
Russell Park	Total 13.033 ha  Only the front sport fields and buildings 4.4 ha is council administered Crown Public Recreation Ground NZGZ 1983 p2399	On the Public Recreation Ground: Two grassfields, Public toilets & change rooms Skatepark Splash pad Playground Exercise/fitness trail Centralines Pool & Gym,	Football (junior main users) Softball Touch Rugby BMX track Dog sports	<p>Premier sports park for district Status of 2014 concept plan High utilisation Scout hall proposed relocation Insufficient funding to 'complete' past projects Inability to water/maintain sportsfields Only half of lighting on main fields is operational</p> <p>Funding in year 1 of LTP to complete footpath and lights</p>

Place		Primary Club/Codes	Facilities	Key considerations already identified
	The remaining 8.6ha is fee simple Council land	Paved carpark Waipukurau Memorial Hall,  On the remaining Council land: BMX Track Centralines hockey turf and netball courts, Carpark and Tukituki Trails access point, Back (junior) field 2 <sup>nd</sup> toilet block Some land leased to A&P and has our bore		Funds included in Year 4 of the Long Term Plan of \$217,909 as a capital grant towards Russell Park Changing Rooms, part funded by development contributions.  There is a request to put in artificial cricket pitch between two main fields.
Centralines Sports Complex – Stadium  (Russell Park)	Council land (and lease).  CHB Community Trust own the stadium. Council has a service agreement with the Trust to provide swimming and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basketball</li> <li>- Indoor Soccer</li> <li>- Netball</li> <li>- Indoor Hockey</li> <li>- Miniball</li> <li>- Holiday programmes</li> <li>- Meeting room</li> <li>- Gym - largest in town and well used.</li> </ul>	Sprung wooden floor Full court markings for basketball and netball Pull out seats Protective flooring and curtains to enable use for functions and other purposes.	Opportunity for indoor and outdoor flow.  Demand for another court space out towards the fields. Utilises Waipukurau Memorial Hall for overflow miniball  Gym has enough demand for it to be extended, and include Pilate’s space

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	recreation services to the district.  Aqua Management contracted by the Trust to manage pool, stadium, gym and turf.	- Mezzanine used for yoga and spin classes - Functions		
Centralines Sports Complex – Multi sport turf  (Russell Park)	Council land (no lease) and \$250k contribution to development.  CHB Community Trust own the turf.  Aqua Management contracted by the Trust to manage pool, stadium, gym and turf.	HB hockey HB netball  User fees and charges for turf?  Hockey turf primarily used for hockey but marked for netball as well. Also used for league and holiday programmes.	Full size hockey turf Three asphalt netball courts Lights	Future developments have also been proposed to include a canteen, changing room and toilet facilities.  Issues with turf users accessing indoor court change facilities but do use for competition purposes.  Lots of demand for turf – bookings info available
Central Park	No involvement.  CHB Rugby Trust own land CHB Rugby lease from the trust	CHB Rugby  Boxing club in basement Rugby and netball.  Also adjacent is Tennis and Squash	Clubrooms building Grandstand No 1 field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission to CHBDC LTP for development of a multipurpose sports hub.</li> <li>• Rugby identified need for a bigger building and change facilities.</li> </ul>

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	Council provides access to our bore for irrigation	located on Mitchell ST next to Rugby. And A&P Showgrounds bowling club is nearby on Francis Drake Street		
Coronation Park, Waipawa	Council owned land. Subject to Section 308(4) Local government Act 1974	Waipawa United Rugby Club	Used for most sports. 4 sportsfields Grandstand Public toilets Access to Regional Council's River trails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partly closed due to Chilean needle grass.</li> <li>Underutilised at the eastern and western end.</li> <li>Irrigation issues impact on the fields in summer when water levels are low.</li> <li>Potential site for motor caravan dump station.</li> <li>Artificial cricket wicket soon to go in between the two main fields.</li> </ul>
Forest Gate Domain, Ongaonga	Council owned land Recreation Reserve NZGZ 1981 p1919  Domain Board manage and Council provides an annual grant for mowing.	CHB Cricket Ongaonga Golf Club	Golf Cricket pitch and oval, and pavilion  Council-owned Toilets	
Takapau Golf Course	Council land Public park or pleasure ground subject to resrves	Takapau Golf Club	Golf walkers	

Place		Primary Club/Codes	Facilities	Key considerations already identified
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**Other known sports facilities where Council has limited involvement or no involvement**

- Waipukurau Bowling Club
- Waipukurau Racecourse
- Waipukurau Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club (Clubrooms and 9 courts)
- Porangahau Country Club – golf, tennis, bowls, fishing base, netball
- Waipawa Bowling and Tennis Club (Clubrooms and 9 courts)
- Ongaonga - Private sportsfield and courts
- Tikokino rugby fields North of Tikokino` (private) Matthews Memorial Park (Trust)
- Elsthorpe rugby fields
- CHB College – sportsfields, cricket pitches, hard courts, grass athletics track
- Otane Lawn Bowls
- Waipawa Golf Club - Some crown land involved
- Waipukurau Golf Club
- Takapau Squash Club
- Waipukurau Karate Club, based in own building at CHB College grounds
- Wallingford Smallbore Rifle Club at Wallingford Hall

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## Discussion Document - Summary for website

### The Future of Sport

Tamatea – Central Hawke’s Bay is well known for its outstanding Sportspeople across the spectrum of sport in our community – from rugby to cycling and bowls.

Sport in this conversation is about all the organised activity we do where there are formal rules, competition and conditions of play, such as rugby and netball. Most people who participate in sport often belong to a club, although ‘pay-for-play’ sport like indoor hockey at the Stadium, or business house tennis or squash are included, as they use similar facilities and often have similar benefits.

We’re thinking about play and active recreation activities like casual running and cycling separately, so we can best understand the specific sports needs in our district.

#### **Why is sport important?**

Participation in sport has many health benefits for all ages and is key to development of physical, social, and intellectual capabilities in children. Sport contributes to building strong, self-sufficient communities and community pride as evident in many places across our district. Some of our sports clubs have been around for over 100 years creating an incredible legacy for our communities.

Sport and Recreation Parks and some indoor facilities make up important infrastructure in the district for playing sport. These include (but are not limited to) Russell Park, Centralines Sports Complex, Central Park in Waipukurau, Coronation Park in Waipawa, Takapau Recreation Ground, Otane Recreation Ground and White Domain in Porangahau. There are also tennis and squash clubs, bowling clubs, and other sporting venues all with various ownership models. The majority of sports clubs and activities are run by volunteers.

#### **Why are we having this conversation?**

Levels of participation in traditional sports are continuing to decline, along with the availability of community and trust funding and often voluntary support. Despite this, the demands on clubs keep increasing, whether it be meeting new health and safety and legislative requirements, increased operating and insurance costs, auditing or growing building maintenance requirements.

Nationally, there is a move away from structured traditional sports and the ‘pay-for-play’ market is increasing, along with a greater choice of sporting activities on offer. In Central Hawke’s Bay sport participation levels while remaining fairly static, are being spread over a wider range of sports rather than the ‘traditional’ sports like rugby and netball.

We also know we’ve got a number of existing community sports assets that need investment and others will need upgrading in the near future. Historically Council hasn’t always been equitable in its investment or support for clubs or activities. As a community we are also growing and need to be prepared for this.

We’re partnering with support and funding from Sport New Zealand and Sport Hawke’s Bay to understand what the future demand and need for our community is for sport. We want to do this collaboratively to understand not just the local need, but to also understand what facilities or

services are best placed regionally. We also want to try and understand how we equitably fund and support our local clubs and sporting organisations and who pays for that.

Council also has a number of legislative responsibilities to meet under the Reserves Act 1977.

**What does success look like?**

With the help of others, we've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of sport is:

- A wide range of sport opportunities are available to all our community.
- We make the most of what we have available.
- We ensure our facilities meet the needs of our community now and into the future.

**Want to know more?**

To understand more about sport, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on sport (add link).

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## Discussion Document

### The Future of Open Space

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#### Introduction

Open Space makes a major contribution to the quality of life in Central Hawke's Bay and is integral to achieving our community's vision of Project Thrive! There is a growing understanding about the importance of the relationship between green space and wellbeing, the interdependence of people and their surroundings, and how connections to vibrant open spaces and streets supports the economic and social wellbeing of business and people.

We're doing some work planning ahead for the future of our open spaces and want to check in on with you on some key points before we get too far ahead.

#### Why are open spaces important?

Open spaces are all our parks and reserves that the community and visitors are able to enjoy. From the Ruahine Ranges through to small local parks, streets and civic spaces, river margins and the Tukituki Trails through to our coastal reserves and beaches, we have access to an amazing diversity of experiences in Tamatea – Central Hawke's Bay that significantly enhance our social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing.

The Central Hawke's Bay Open Space network is comprised of 62 parks, reserves, or domains totalling over 160 hectares. These parks provide our community space for play, sport, and both active and passive recreation. Some contain native bush and foster biodiversity offering a connection to nature.

Recognition of our cultural values is emerging through our open space network with Ngā Ara Tipuna presenting traditional stories as mana whenua know them. Multiple platforms are being used to make this knowledge available including carving, illustration and sculptural features at Pā sites around the district, many of which are part of the open space network.

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Our [Environmental and Sustainability Strategy](#) seeks to raise awareness of our natural environment and how to care for it. An important role of open space is to enhance environmental quality by providing natural filters for stormwater and green parks and corridors that provide habitat for our unique flora and fauna.

Many sites provide basic amenities such as public toilets and access to the beach while others provide both indoor and outdoor community gathering spaces for socialising and celebrating family or community events.

#### Why are we having this conversation?

Through the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan, fixing our three waters – our wastewater, drinking water and stormwater was our big focus. As we look ahead, we know that, like our three waters, we've got some significant investment to make; resolving long-term deferred maintenance requiring urgent investment in the renewal of many assets located on open space. A silver lining of COVID-19

lockdowns has been an increased awareness of the opportunities provided by, and use of, local neighbourhood open spaces, walkways and cycleways.

Amongst our existing investment priorities for three waters, we need to further understand what the future demand and need is for Central Hawke's Bay and how open space reflect and supports a thriving and growing Central Hawke's Bay. With the growth we are experiencing, we need to make sure that we are thinking ahead and planning for walkway connections and parks and open spaces for our District identified in the [Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050](#). We want to better understand and continue to support those organisations and groups doing amazing voluntary work in these spaces.

We also need to understand what rural investment looks like and how we ensure that investment is equitably shared and paid for across the district. Currently we pay for open spaces through the general rate, meaning those that pay the most rates for open spaces often don't receive a higher value from these assets. We're also going to have to make some tough decisions around what we prioritise investment in – as we simply can't afford to do it all.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of open spaces across our district. This conversation will take many forms over the next few months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of our open spaces that will guide our community investment in these important spaces.

#### How open space contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes

Connected Citizens	Our open space network provides places where people connect and enjoy activities.
Proud District	Our open space network contributes to our local identity and is part of our local history. It provides great places for people, attractions and opportunities that make our patch of paradise an outstanding lifestyle location to live and raise a family.
Strong Communities	Our open space network connects and supports strong communities.
Durable Infrastructure	Our open space network meets the needs of our community today and into the future.
Smart Growth	Our open space network responds to our growth needs through ensuring that the accessibility, quality and quantity of our open space network provides for our existing and future community. Open spaces contribute to building the liveability of our district of the future.
Environmentally Responsible	Our open space network helps us to protect our environment and ensure we continue to provide a unique and beautiful landscape.
Prosperous District	Our open space network provides opportunities for our community to actively engage in through planning, design and use, and contributes to the lifestyle and experience of living, working and playing in our district.

#### Our open space network now

Council's current direction on open space is to "provide a range of parks and reserves that are affordable, well-maintained, safe and provide for the recreational (play & sport), cultural, and environmental well-being of the community."

Council owns/administers over 62 parks that total over 160 hectares. These are made up of:

Park Category	Purpose and use	Examples
Sport and Recreation Parks	Often large areas used for organised sport and recreation activities, often multiple use, providing for a range of community activities and facilities.	Russell Park White Domain
Community Parks	Local parks typically provided in urban and town centres. Designed for use mainly by local community but catchment may be wider.	Nelly Jull Park Otane Playground
Nature Parks – Bush	Experience and protection of natural environment, native bush, wetlands, riparian areas.	Ōtaia/Tukituki Scenic Reserve (Lindsay Bush) Waikareao Bush Reserve
Nature Parks – Coastal	Experience and protection of natural environment, native bush, coastal margins, wetlands, riparian areas.	Ouepoto Domain Mangakuri Reserve
Cultural Heritage	Protect cultural and historical environment, education, commemoration and celebration.	Paul Hunter Memorial Park/Pukekaihou Ongaonga Historic Village All our Cemeteries
Civic space and street gardens	Open areas in town centres, space for social gatherings, amenity, meeting places, events, enjoyment.	Bogle Brothers rest area Otane Town Hall Reserve
Recreation and Ecological linkages	Linear spaces that provide pedestrian connectivity, wildlife corridors, our rivers, environmental protection and access to water margins.	Many of our rural esplanades The Tukituki Trails located in road reserve (adjacent Mt. Herbert Road and Tapairu Road)
Streetscapes	As well as being the way we all drive around, the streets in our towns and villages can also be meeting points, places that provide some interest and a play space for kids on bikes and skateboards	Ruataniwha Street gardens High Street gardens  Future opportunities in other sites?

Department of Conservation administered land within our district includes:

- Te Angiangi Marine Reserve (access from Aramoana and Blackhead Beaches)
- Elsthorpe and Mohi Bush Scenic Reserves
- A'Deanes Bush and Monckton Scenic Reserves

- Ruahine Ranges

Hawke's Bay Regional Council owned/managed land within our district includes:

- Tukituki River Corridor (berm, stopbanks, and access points)
- Waipawa River Corridor (berm, stopbanks, and access points)
- Gum Tree Mountain Bike Park (plantation)

There are also areas of open space that contribute to the categories above and that are owned by other organisations such as Central Park, home of CHB Rugby in Waipukurau.

Council provides a maintenance grant to the CHB chapter of Forest and Bird for the Otaia Reserve and a mowing grant to the Forest Gate Domain Committee

**Earlier this year we received submissions to our Long-Term Plan on open spaces with the following requests:**

- Work with Central Government and Hawke's Bay Regional Council to restore areas of natural habitat in the district, and expand these areas. Undertake restoration work of wetlands for biodiversity, habitat, flood protection, water retention and groundwater recharge, and as a carbon sink.
- Improve entranceways for Waipawa and Waipukurau.
- As funding opportunities present themselves, seal Lindsay Road to Otaia Scenic Reserve (Lindsay Bush), seal the carpark area, and provide shelter and picnic amenities at the bush entrance.

**Some national trends around the future of open spaces include:**

As our climate changes, people are becoming more aware of their impact on the environment. Our district is likely to face changes to temperature and rainfall, have more frequent droughts, flooding and storms, and sea-levels are modelled to rise. The health of our ecosystems and freshwater quality are under pressure. The way we develop and care for open spaces will play a part in addressing our environmental challenges.

Māori participation in our parks and open spaces will become more influential as we seek stronger relationships and co-governance/co-management partnerships. Māori cultural activities will be celebrated and Tikanga Māori and customary activities will influence how open spaces are planned, developed and managed.

Our lives are getting busier, so making the most of our leisure time is important. Concerns about obesity and physical inactivity mean there is an increasing focus on healthy living. People want opportunities to be active that are affordable, convenient and close to home. Open spaces are the venue for many play, active recreation and sport activities. They also provide active ways to get around by bike, scooters or on foot. As we grow, it is essential that people have access to quality recreation facilities and a connected open space network that allows communities to live healthy lifestyles.

There is an increased awareness of the benefits of being outdoors, playing outdoors and interacting with nature as demonstrated by increasing demand for 'natural play' areas within parks. During the COVID-19 lockdown more people walked in their neighborhoods or accessed parks and natural areas. Cycling also increased. Increased usage of the river berm areas and Tukituki Trails is evidence of this occurring in Central Hawke's Bay.

Family play is another growing concept. Parks are not just swings and a slide but areas the whole family can engage in play and stay longer. This also means that facilities should be inclusive and welcoming by being both physically accessible and providing non-threatening environments. Novelty is another aspect whereby parks are not all the same and playgrounds are not all the same and this encourages visits wider than just the closest park. The provision of unique programmes and events will also foster more family involvement. Open space where a range of activities can occur is future-proofing the area for continued use and engagement.

Our population is ageing fast. By 2030, about 1 million New Zealanders will be over 65 years. In Central Hawkes Bay, the percentage of our population over 65 years of age is projected to increase from 20% in 2019 to 29% in 2051. We know that older people would like to do more active recreation and that the provision of inter-generational opportunities are of particular value as it can reduce the sense of isolation and increase physical, mental and creative activity levels. We also know that equity is an issue for this age group (including having little or no income) and that people's recreation preferences are diverse so one size does not fit all.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of our open space network could be to:**

- Support community health and wellbeing through physical and emotional connections to a diverse range of experiences from our open, park-like spaces through to the bush and our dramatic coastline.
- Maximise community partnerships in the provision, design, use and care of our open spaces.
- Provide safe, inclusive, welcoming and accessible open spaces for all our community to enjoy.
- Protect and reflect our local identity, history and culture.
- Protect and enhance the environmental values and benefits of our open space network.
- Create a resilient, open space network that responds to environmental and growth challenges.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Our [Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050](#) provides us with a good starting point in identifying open space needs within Waipukurau, Waipawa and Otane. This includes improvements to existing parks, and new parks and green links along waterways and streets.
- Ngā Ara Tipuna has signalled a step change in how we work in partnership to acknowledge and understand our culture and history, creating unique, visible and engaging places for our community and visitors to the district to connect and experience.
- Council has set aside funding to improve access to the margins of rivers and lakes identified in the district as having important recreational values. This includes provision of esplanade reserves and strips required through the District Plan.
- Continuing to partner with passionate community volunteer groups on the protection, development and management of open spaces, and improve our understanding of the role of open spaces not within local or central government ownership.
- This process provides the opportunity to better understand our community aspirations for our open spaces so that we can establish provision, development and maintenance service levels that respond to these needs. This is not intended as a one size fits all approach, it will need to be reflective of the distinct communities and local characteristics across our district.
- The Department of Conservation estate contains a number of high quality experiences in our district that could be further enhanced, including Monckton Scenic Reserve, the Ruahine Ranges (including Sunrise Track and Hut), and Te Angiangi Marine Reserve.

- Central Hawke's Bay is built on the backdrop of rural open spaces, mountain ranges and coastal areas that contribute to the uniqueness of our district.
- Increased promotion and understanding of the open space opportunities within our district.
- Promote ways to increase use of open spaces that are not well utilised through initiatives like pop-up play opportunities and provision of accessible playgrounds.
- Physically connect communities to open spaces through the use of trails, streets and walkways.
- Emotionally connect communities to open spaces through the use of stories of our history and culture and environment.
- Utilise all available means to continue to build our open space network such as marginal strips, easements and unformed legal road.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Significant long-term underfunding and deferred maintenance requiring urgent investment in the renewal of many assets located on open space, in particular playgrounds and public toilets. Tough decisions are needed on what we prioritise investment in as we can't afford to do it all.
- No strategic or tactical documents to help guide Council investment in open spaces. The combination of new actions identified through recent planning processes (eg. park upgrades) and deferred maintenance will require a robust prioritisation process to determine areas of highest need and allocation of funding across the district.
- Open space has not been provided for in new growth areas and in the past, no growth funding has been collected to improve existing open spaces or develop new ones.
- Rural communities often note that there are play facilities and 'more things to do' in our larger urban centres and that there is limited provision in more rural areas. This creates a demand for similar levels of service and feedback of not being provided for adequately compared to urban areas. How do we ensure that investment is equitably shared and paid for across the district.
- The distribution, use and management of our open space network varies across the district. Council recognises that Central Hawke's Bay is made of towns and villages each with its unique set of characteristics. It is important to Council that local issues are addressed by local solutions, rather than a one size fits all approach.
- There are growing expectations of the quality and type of experience open spaces provide, and there will be greater use of open spaces as we continue to grow.
- We have natural assets that are not currently being leveraged for their visitor potential. Our Tourism Destination Plan identifies the need to further investigate and address identified infrastructure gaps and challenges in priority areas including coastal settlements, Waipukurau, Monckton's Bush and the Ruahine Ranges. Opportunities include working together with the Department of Conservation to increase awareness of these natural assets, encouraging people to stay longer in our district and contribute more to our economy. Conversely there is the potential for population growth and increased visitors to have a negative impact on the natural characteristics of these areas (eg rubbish, noise, wear and tear, expectations of a higher level of service in terms of built infrastructure).

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## Discussion Document

### The Future of Community Halls

#### Introduction

Community halls are located at the heart of our communities, providing places for many different activities including community gatherings, arts, culture, recreation, celebrations and learning. Many of our halls are between 40 and 100 years old and are the result of local community fundraising efforts.

We're doing some thinking and planning ahead for the future of our facilities like Community Halls, so we can understand the future demand, investment and approach we need to take to secure their future.

#### Why are community halls important?

Community halls contribute to building strong, healthy and vibrant communities and creating connections within our villages, towns and district.

Our community place a lot of value on having these facilities located in their local area and in many rural communities, are all that remain of once bustling rural settlements, often reflecting the historic values of the area. In some rural communities, other than roading, community halls are also the only recognisable service that Council provides.

#### Why are we having this conversation?

Council and community collectively own, fund and operate 13 community halls that provide a range of benefits and opportunities to their respective communities.

Additionally, to this, there are other community halls such as the Waipawa Senior Citizens Hall, Waipukurau Freemasons Hall and other community halls such as the Takapau Scouts available for use and funded by the community rather than Council.

In 2011, Council made a shift to not fund major work on some halls, pushing this back to communities and seeking to fund smaller operational grants to those community halls only. Many community halls need major investment and over the next 20 years this investment requirement will continue to increase, despite some halls having very low levels of use.

Community Halls are run by passionate community members who often have very articulate plans for the future of their hall, and clear ideas about how to improve its sustainability for the future. This comes however with a backdrop of increased costs and responsibilities includes insurance, electricity, and compliance with regulatory and health and safety requirements.

Community expectations also continue to increase, making many community halls not fit for purpose or relevant to the needs of today's community. Like most Sporting Clubs, identifying volunteers to support the operation of community halls is also becoming increasingly difficult.

Through this work we want to understand what the future liability and costs are ahead for our community. We also need to gain clearer direction on Councils ongoing role in community halls and

where Council support and participation starts and finishes and what other support or leadership (if any) Council should be providing to other community halls – such as the Takapau Scouts Hall.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of community halls across our district. This conversation will take many forms over the next few months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of our halls that will guide our community investment in these important facilities.

**How community halls contribute to our Project Thrive outcomes**

Connected Citizens	Community halls are places where people connect and enjoy activities together.
Proud District	Community halls are part of our history and contribute to our local identity.
Strong Communities	Community halls connect and support strong communities.
Durable Infrastructure	Community halls are fit for purpose, meeting the needs of our community today and into the future.

**Our Community Halls now**

Council’s current direction on community halls is to ‘provide safe, affordable and appropriate facilities that provide for the cultural and social wellbeing of communities.’

There are thirteen Council supported community halls across the district (ten owned by Council and three owned by the community - see Attachment 1). These are managed by local hall committees who promote use, manage the bookings process, set the fees and manage any minor maintenance work. A District Halls Policy and District Halls Committee Policy outlines the Council and Committee responsibilities as follows.

Council	Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ownership of halls.</li> <li>- Provide an annual operational grant to the Committees.</li> <li>- Responsible for major maintenance.</li> <li>- Assess annual maintenance requirements and recommend to Council on this.</li> <li>- Meet the costs of annual Fire and Building WOF charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Day to day management/operation of halls.</li> <li>- Responsible for minor maintenance requirements.</li> <li>- Annual reporting on use, maintenance, expenditure, requirements for management, user fees.</li> <li>- Retain hall hireage income which may be used at their discretion towards the maintenance of the hall.</li> <li>- Allocating and accounting for expenditure of Council funds.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping account and sufficient documentation for a statement of income, expenditure and assets and liabilities.</li> </ul> |
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It is important to acknowledge that Marae are of special significance to Tangata Whenua and are the focal point for a range of activities of social, economic, and cultural importance to Māori. Marae play an integral role in supporting Māori customary and traditional uses and applying Māori principles and protocols. Many different types of activities take place on a Marae including meetings and social gatherings, festivities, knowledge and education, and the provision of specialised services such as health and advice. Marae can also support other community activities such as operating as a civil defence emergency base.

Schools can also fulfil a similar role to community halls by providing the hub and focal point for the surrounding area. Often schools have a hall that is used for similar activities that are undertaken in community halls or are regular users of their local community hall.

**Some trends around the future of community halls include:**

The role and function of community halls has changed over the years as the needs of communities change over time and the facilities become dated. Facilities that provide different sized and flexible spaces for different activities to occur are often better placed to respond to changing community needs.

The majority of halls provide one large area of indoor space and have limited flexibility in terms of the size and type of spaces provided and the ability to respond to the changing needs of the community. Community centres that provide a variety of sized spaces to enable a number of different activities to occur at the same time are often used as a replacement for community halls if they no longer can service the needs of the local community, usually due to building issues.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of our community halls network could be to:**

- Provide active and vibrant places for our community to meet, play, laugh and learn.
- Provide safe, welcoming and accessible<sup>1</sup> places that respond to local community needs.
- Be inclusive and flexible to cater to different and changing needs over time.
- Continue to be highly valued and utilised by the local community.
- Encourage active participation, diversity and involvement in the community.
- Be reflective of the local community; people, culture and history.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Community halls are one of the most highly valued facilities in our network so how do we ensure this continues. All community halls are actively managed by members of the community who have a good understanding of local community needs.
- The ability to enable more use for some halls that may be underutilised where there is still a strong association and existence value. This could be through making it easier for people to book, more promotion, increased knowledge of the network of halls available (e.g. capacity of all

<sup>1</sup> Accessible means doing what we can to provide facilities that everyone can access regardless of age, gender, ability, financial situation or place of residence.

halls to accommodate different activities), encouraging new programmes to utilise the hall, or building improvements.

- A better understanding of the condition of assets and required programme of improvements.
- A better understanding of how or whether these facilities are meeting the needs of our community, and what is needed to ensure they continue to do so.
- A better understanding of the role of the wider network of facilities where Council is not involved, for example, schools, marae and privately owned facilities.
- Greater recognition of the role of community halls in contributing to our local identity.
- The ability to use community halls to ensure digital connectivity and social isolation are not barriers for local communities seeking to grow their skills and knowledge.
- The role of community halls in supporting the provision of programmes that encourage people of all ages to keep themselves healthy and well such as recreational, educational and fitness programmes that encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
- Look at ways to streamline processes and create efficiencies that make it easier for community hall committees to operate on a day-to-day basis. For example, development of guidelines and templates for health and safety requirements.
- Explore different funding options to recognise that these facilities are ageing assets, some require minor/major upgrade work and operational costs are increasing yet community expectations are that they are low cost to use.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Increasing costs and responsibilities of managing and operating community halls. This includes insurance, electricity, compliance with regulatory and health and safety requirements, and the increasing need for major upgrade work on some halls due to their age.
- Varying levels of asset condition with most requiring some form of minor or major upgrade work. This follows significant deferred maintenance and investment over the years. A comprehensive understanding is needed of asset condition, maintenance, renewals and seismic compliance across all community halls.
- Varying levels of utilisation across the network, some have lots of capacity for additional use while other are well utilised throughout the year.
- Many buildings still configured in traditional approaches to building design making them not fit for purpose or inefficient in terms of design or layout.
- Reliance on volunteers to manage the facilities. This puts a lot of responsibility on volunteer community members. Community resources are stretched and we have limited resources available.
- Waipukurau Memorial Hall has been identified as earthquake prone. This follows Council and community expectations that the building had been strengthened as part of upgrade works completed in 2016 and 2017.

- Current policy direction is that Council will not build or take over any additional halls which assumes that the current provision is adequate for future growth and/or that if there is demand for additional halls this will be met by other organisations.
- The need for clearer direction on Council's ongoing role in community halls, and where Council support and participation starts and finishes.
- Access to safe drinking water (for some community halls).

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Place Based Information - Council's Community Halls Network

The Future of Community Halls

Community Hall	Council Role			Management and user fees	User	Operational funding approach	Known issues/opportunities
	Own land	Own building	Provide funding				
Waipukurau Memorial Hall (1955)  Public Recreation Ground	✓	✓	✓	A community volunteer with support of Council  \$35.00, half day community \$75.00, full day community \$75.00, half day business \$150.00, full day business	Ruahine Cadets (Deed of Lease with Council for cadet services to community, exclusive areas within hall, expires 2033 includes ROR) Sports and overflow from stadium Schools CHB badminton CHB trampoline club Children's birthday parties Events Community groups  Prior to becoming earthquake prone: Council organised events Active Seniors fitness classes Church groups  166 bookings in 2018/19 across 23 user groups	Council funds minor repairs and provides 1-day per week cleaning	Earthquake prone  Ability to refer people to other facilities for use when they can't be accommodated here

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<p>Ongaonga Hall (1920)</p> <p>Reserve for the purpose of a public hall</p>	✓	✓	✓	<p>Committee managed and operated.</p> <p>Koha for community groups at discretion of committee, otherwise no charge</p>	172 bookings in 2018/19	<p>Council fund operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).</p>	<p>Develop a long-term plan for the hall future keeping its character whilst making more modern to meet the needs of the community now and in the future.</p> <p>Trees maintained Painting Toilet maintenance Online booking system</p>
<p>Tikokino War Memorial Hall (1978)</p> <p>Local Purpose Reserve (War Memorial community Centre) NZGZ 1982 p1565</p>	✓	✓	✓	<p>Committee managed and operated</p> <p>Playcentre \$330 per term School \$500 annual fee Casual hall hires full day - \$200 plus power, part day \$110 plus power</p>	<p>Playgroups</p> <p>296 bookings in 2018/19</p>	<p>Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).</p>	<p>Heating Trestle tables replaced</p>

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				Supper/meeting rooms \$12/hr			
Takapau Hall (1960)	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated meeting room- \$25- half day + power (bond \$25) \$50- full day + power (bond \$50) Hall complex- Half day \$50 + power (bond \$50) Full day- \$100 + power (bond \$100) Events- \$250 +power (bond \$200)	Lions Club Fundraisers Private functions Events Training Dance groups Meetings School use COVID vaccinations 49 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).	Leaking windows Roof needs attention soon External cladding needs upgrade Replacement of hall lighting system Draught proofing
Otane Hall (1935 and 1978)  Local Purpose Reserve (confirm)	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated  1 hour meeting or dance class- \$10.00 \$50.00/ 1-3 hours hire \$200.00 /whole day and night	Markets out front on green space.  137 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).	Hall roof leaking Damage to floor and walls due to leak Continue to promote hall
Elsthorpe Hall (1960)  Public hall Site	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated  Hireage \$15/hr	Yoga Anzac service School use	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity	Toilet maintenance work Building leaks Traffic issues

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	Own land	Own building	Provide funding				
NZGZ 1950 p1711				\$150 /function	Community meetings and courses Regular use 61 bookings in 2018/19	line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).	Kitchen upgrade
Wallingford Hall (1950) Local Purpose Reserve (Public Hall Site) NZGZ 1982 p1565	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated  Daily \$50-\$100 Evening \$200 with a \$300 bond	Shooting range  58 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, minor repairs \$500, electricity line charges, custodian contribution \$1000).	Minor works – bifold doors and deck General maintenance including cleaning of spouting Outside painting
Argyll Hall (1920)	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated.  Playgroup \$15/session School \$150/Annum Private Functions- \$100	Playgroups School Private functions  60 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000).	Kitchen upgrade
Porangahau War Memorial Hall (1951)  Historic Memorial and Community Gardens and sport court is in	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated.  \$80- full day \$40- half a day \$20- A Meeting	Good amount of use for wide variety of activities  48 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000).	New entrance door to supper room Kitchen door Reseal main hall floor Upgrade kitchen More community involvement –

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Recreation Reserve NZGZ 1970 p420							longer term classes and courses Include garden area
Otawhao Hall (1922)  Reserve for a site for a public hall	✓	✓	✓	Committee managed and operated.  hireage \$50/ 3+ hours	5 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000).	Ongoing maintenance Protection of this historic asset
Omakere Hall	×	×	✓	Waiapu Diocesan Trust  \$150- Local Private Functions \$250- non local private functions (using all facilities) \$100- public meetings/seminars	Playcentre School use Private functions Meetings  47 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000).	Tree removal Painting Heat pumps
Sherwood Hall (1997) (Also known as Ashley-Clinton / Makaretu Hall)	×	×	✓	Makaretu Hall Society - Ashley Clinton  User Groups \$300/yr Casual hire \$30/hr Corporate hire -\$100	School use Playgroups Ruahine Rifle Club Casual community use  110 bookings in 2018/19	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000).	New cladding Long term maintenance issues Upgrade needed with heating and safe water supply

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	Own land	Own building	Provide funding				
Flemington	x	x	✓	Flemington Community Trust  Night/day Functions- \$100 Half day meetings -\$50 Flemington School- \$2500 +GST/ Annum	School use Function hire Exercise groups Play groups	Council contributes operational costs (insurance, rates, electricity line charges, minor maintenance or custodian \$1000)	Increased costs becoming more of an issue Continued maintenance and improvements eg steps/ramp, window replacement Compliance issues

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## **Discussion Document – Summary for website The Future of Community Halls**

Community halls are located at the heart of our communities, providing places for many different activities including community gatherings, arts, culture, recreation, celebrations and learning. Many of our halls are between 40 and 100 years old and are the result of local community fundraising efforts.

We're doing some thinking and planning ahead for the future of our facilities like Community Halls, so we can understand the future demand, investment and approach we need to take to secure their future.

### **Why are community halls important?**

Community halls contribute to building strong, healthy and vibrant communities and creating connections within our villages, towns and district.

Our community place a lot of value on having these facilities located in their local area and in many rural communities, are all that remain of once bustling rural settlements, often reflecting the historic values of the area. In some rural communities, other than roading, community halls are also the only recognisable service that Council provides.

### **Why are we having this conversation?**

Council and community collectively own, fund and operate 13 community halls that provide a range of benefits and opportunities to their respective communities.

Additionally, to this, there are other community halls such as the Waipawa Senior Citizens Hall, Waipukurau Freemasons Hall and other community halls such as the Takapau Scouts available for use and funded by the community rather than Council.

In 2011, Council made a shift to not fund major work on some halls, pushing this back to communities and seeking to fund smaller operational grants to those community halls only. Many community halls need major investment and over the next 20 years this investment requirement will continue to increase, despite some halls having very low levels of use.

Community Halls are run by passionate community members who often have very articulate plans for the future of their hall, and clear ideas about how to improve its sustainability for the future. This comes however with a backdrop of increased costs and responsibilities includes insurance, electricity, and compliance with regulatory and health and safety requirements.

Community expectations also continue to increase, making many community halls not fit for purpose or relevant to the needs of today's community. Like most Sporting Clubs, identifying volunteers to support the operation of community halls is also becoming increasingly difficult.

Through this work we want to understand what the future liability and costs are ahead for our community. We also need to gain clearer direction on Councils ongoing role in community halls and

where Council support and participation starts and finishes and what other support or leadership (if any) Council should be providing to other community halls – such as the Takapau Scouts Hall.

**What does success look like?**

With the help of others, we've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of Community Halls is to:

- Provide active and vibrant places for our community to meet, play, laugh and learn.
- Ensure Community Halls are inclusive, fit for purpose and flexible to cater to different and changing needs over time.
- Be reflective of the local community; people, culture and history.

**Want to know more?**

To understand more about Community Halls, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on Community Halls (add link here).

**Let us know your ideas?**

We're still in the early phases of this work, however we are keen to hear any your ideas you've got to support Community Halls in Tamatea -Central Hawke's Bay. You can do this by completing our online survey or emailing us on [thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz](mailto:thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz)

## Discussion Document

### The Future of Active Recreation

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#### Introduction

We are fortunate to have a wide range of choices when it comes to active recreation; walking, swimming, cycling, equipment-based exercise, fishing, running, scootering, skating and more.

Active recreation is the term used to describe the way in which our community participates in physical activity, connecting with each other and with the outdoor environment, regardless of our age, life stage, income, culture, or physical ability.

We're thinking ahead with support and funding from Sport New Zealand and Sport Hawke's Bay to ensure we create places that support our community to be involved in active recreation for the future of our District.

#### Why is Active Recreation important?

Active recreation contributes to our local identity and is a part of where we have come from and who we are today. Some of our favourite active recreation assets like The Tukituki Trails have put us on the map and provide awesome experiences for our local community and visitors to the district, amongst a depth and breadth of outstanding local opportunities we have in our patch of Central Hawke's Bay paradise.

Participation in active recreation is growing. This is helped by a growing awareness of the benefits of physical activity and participation on one's personal wellbeing and wairua. On the back of unprecedented growth, an increasing older population, and time pressures that demand greater flexibility of participation in Central Hawkes' Bay, ensuring we position our District and Community to become or remain physically active is critical to planning and delivering on a thriving Central Hawke's Bay for the future.

#### Why are we having this conversation?

While we've already got some outstanding assets across our District, we want to understand how those assets' current and future use will change with growth and changing expectations and demands from our community. As a result, we want to make sure that we are appropriately planning ahead so that we are ready and prepared for the changes that will be required ahead.

We also want to better understand what inequalities there are currently in the provision of active recreation assets or services in our community, what else (if anything) we need to be planning for in the future, or simply supporting existing community initiatives to ensure their ongoing success.

Like all of our services, we also want to better understand how we pay for these services and assets and where the cost of these should lie. In a Central Hawke's Bay context, where major investment is required across all of our assets and with the pressures of growth, we want to ensure we have carefully considered our investment requirements and achieve the 'best bang for our buck' for our communities.

With the potential for other external funding opportunities ahead, such as the funding recently received for the Tukituki trails, we also want to make sure that we can clearly identify future opportunities that can be funded and delivered from sources other than ratepayer funds.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the future of active recreation across our district. This conversation will take many forms over the following months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of active recreation that will guide our community investment in the future.

#### How active recreation contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes

Connected Citizens	Active recreation is a popular way in which our community connect with each other and connect with the outdoor environment.
Proud District	Active recreation contributes to our local identity and is a part of where we have come from and who we are today. Places like the Tukituki Trails have put us on the map and provides awesome experiences for our local community.
Strong Communities	Active recreation is where our community participate in physical activity that best meets their needs without the pressure of a competitive or structured environment. This contributes to creating a strong and thriving district.
Durable Infrastructure	Active recreation spaces and places, resources and opportunities meet the needs of our community today and into the future.

#### Our active recreation facilities now

Some active recreation facilities are provided on Council's open space network.

Examples include:

- Russell Park where in addition to the sports complex and sportsfields there is a BMX track, splash pad, playground, fitness equipment, skatepark and dog park/training area.
- Madge Hunter Park where in addition to the pool, there are a range of experiences for youth including a basketball half-court, skate park and BMX track.
- The Tukituki Trails and other river trails are used extensively for walking and cycling. The tracks provide for a range of activity including mountain biking and separate bridle trails for horse riding in some areas.
- Otane Playground and it's 'not quite a half court' basketball area.
- Takapau Recreation Ground skate ramp.
- Our rivers and coastline provide numerous opportunities for swimming, fishing and having fun in the water.

Council also supports community organisations to deliver or enable active recreation programmes and activities, in particular ones that align with Project THRIVE and our Community Wellbeing Strategy.

- Council supports Sport Hawke's Bay with a service agreement to facilitate the advancement of sport and recreation to increase participation across the district.

- Through Council's Community Pride and Vibrancy fund community groups are able to apply for funds that activate the community. There are also commercial and community groups that provide access to active recreation opportunities either through facilities or through programmes, activities and events. For example, the Hatuma Half Marathon has built up a reputation as a relaxed and friendly family event. The Half Marathon starts and finishes at the Waipukurau Racecourse and takes in the entire circumference of Lake Whatumā.

It is interesting to note that historically, Lake Whatumā was used for a range of recreational uses including rowing, sailing and speed boating. However, due to the frequently low lake levels, these activities ceased some time ago. There is also limited public access to the lake as most land surrounding it is in private ownership.

The Centralines Sports Complex in Waipukurau offers a wide range of programmes including spin classes, water aerobics, and active school holiday programmes.

**Earlier this year we received submissions to our Long-Term Plan on active recreation with the following requests:**

- Support funding proposed for a cycling strategy recognising the growth of our area and increasing access to Tukituki trails and other walkways and cycleways connectivity throughout the district.
- Ensure the correct education programmes are in place to allow young people in our community to benefit from the funding invested into these trails.
- The concrete cycleway originally planned to run along the entire shoulder of State Highway 2 between Waipukurau, Waipawa and Otane should be resurrected. This would become a commuter trail, especially with the increasingly popular use of electric bikes, that would alleviate highway congestion and promote healthy lifestyles.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of active recreation in our district could be:**

- Provide an environment that gets more people, more active, more often, for life.
- Provide a wide range of active recreation opportunities for everyone, regardless of their age, income, culture, ability, or geographical location.
- Work together with a diverse network of individuals, groups and organisations to effectively meet the active recreation needs of our community.
- Provide safe and accessible active recreation opportunities.

**Some trends around the future of active recreation include:**

Sport New Zealand's Active New Zealand survey consistently shows that the most popular activities undertaken by New Zealanders are 'recreational' in nature: walking, swimming, cycling, equipment-based exercise, fishing, jogging/running and pilates/yoga. The majority of survey participants take part in these and other activities on a casual basis, on their own or with others, with just one in five taking part in activities through regular club competitions. This highlights how significant active recreation is as a component of people's lifestyles. The most recent Active New Zealand survey results show that walking is the most popular form of recreation activity in our district.

Within the recreation sector, there is a widely held view that participation in active recreation is growing, fuelled by a growing population and societal change such as a growing older population, increasing cultural diversity and time pressures that demand greater flexibility of participation (as compared to activities that require set times).

Sport New Zealand have prioritised rangatahi as a key focus group for active recreation and sport and seek to reduce the drop off in activity levels from age 12-18 and increase levels of activity for those who are less active. The Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund is an initiative to support the delivery of quality active recreation opportunities for rangatahi. The Fund prioritises groups who are more at risk of missing out or being less active, including girls and young women, disabled people and those living in higher deprivation communities.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Active recreation participation for young people can positively contribute to them being happy and healthy, respected and connected, and involved and empowered. These are all outcomes of Central Government's Child and Youth Wellbeing Framework (2019). It provides opportunities for young people to be active, create social connections and a sense of belonging, establish cultural connections and get out amongst nature.
- Our Youth Action Plan supports the provision of programmes that encourage young people to keep themselves healthy and well such as recreational, educational and fitness programmes that encourage healthy and active lifestyles.
- Regular active recreation participation impacts the physical, mental and emotional health of older people. It keeps them well for longer and allows them to stay connected to their communities and age in place. Walking is the most preferred activity by older people followed by gardening. Physical wellbeing is the biggest motivation to participation in active recreation for older people.
- We have a really good starting point to build on active recreation opportunities in our community. This is helped by a growing population, an active ageing population with more time to participate in recreational activities, facilities that increase accessibility to recreation opportunities and societal trends of preferring to participate in non-competitive, unstructured and flexible forms of physical activity.
- This process is a great opportunity to understand what connects people to the places where they undertake active recreation. This will also help us understand the barriers that impact on our community's ability to participate in active recreation and look at how we can respond to these.
- Cycle skills and on-road cycle safety education is important and has a strong connection to active recreation. There is a need to make it a priority in schools and the wider district as part of a larger focus on Active Transport. An effective and sustainable delivery model needs to be identified and implemented to ensure all Central Hawke's Bay children are provided with the opportunity to learn and develop age and stage appropriate cycle skills, including on-road safety knowledge and learning experiences in safe and appropriate spaces and places. We also need to ensure we provide safe streets and cycle paths for children to use.
- The increasing popularity of cycle tourism and electric bikes is likely to see the number of cyclists increase in coming years. The Central Hawke's Bay is in a strong position to enhance its position for recreational cyclists due to the Tukituki River Trails and planned extensions and the Gumtree Mountain Bike Park. The opportunity exists to develop a suite of on and off-road cycling trails between towns and out to key points of interest including coastal and inland towns and villages. This was picked up as a key opportunity in the Tourism Destination Plan completed in 2020.

- Supporting culturally distinctive pathways that enable Māori to participate in active recreation opportunities. For example, MaraeFit is a marae-centric initiative that provides opportunities for sport and recreation organisations, whānau, hapū and marae to increase their physical activities and capability in an 'as Māori' context. This initiative was undertaken by Sport Hawke's Bay and included marae located in Central Hawke's Bay.
- Ensure that active recreation is integral to all planning processes that shape the future of our district, including town centre development, transport networks, and provision of water infrastructure. We need to provide linked up infrastructure that is flexible to meet the diverse and changing needs of those participating in active recreation. For example, the growing popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters.
- We need to provide and promote a variety of active recreation experiences for all ages including easily accessible walking tracks with regularly placed seating, skate facilities, fishing spots, BMX facilities, basketball courts, frisbee golf, and events such as the Tukituki raft race.
- Promotion of all the active recreational opportunities we have on offer in Central Hawke's Bay so our community and visitors know what is there, and what can be used for what purpose.
- Potential for further external funding opportunities, such as the funding recently received for the Tukituki trails.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- We need to better understand existing inequities in the active recreation sector particularly for young women, disabled rangatahi, and rangatahi Māori, and what else (if anything) we need to be planning for in the future, or simply supporting existing community initiatives to ensure their ongoing success.
- Growth will impact on our active recreation experiences. More people will be using existing parks and services. There are likely to be expectations that they offer higher levels of service (e.g., more playgrounds and walking trails) reflective of people's experiences in places they have lived in before or that different and new experiences are provided.
- Participation needs are changing which may be due to a range of factors including growing cultural diversity, growing social inequality, the impact of social media and technology, and growing demand for more flexible active recreation opportunities in preference to more structured, club-based activity.
- The impact of a more rigorous regulatory environment on the ability to deliver active recreation programmes and events. For example, Health and Safety legislation and Adventure Activities regulations.
- National benchmarking on the provision of youth facilities (eg skate parks, basketball half courts) highlights that our district is well below what other similar sized districts provide. The number of youth facilities (skate parks or basketball half courts) has a median of 2 per 1,000 youths (aged 15 to 24 years). Our provision is currently 0.9 youth facilities per 1,000 youth.

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## Discussion Document

### The Future of our Civic and Community Facilities

#### **Introduction**

Civic and Community Facilities in this conversation are the bigger facilities that Council provides in Waipukurau and Waipawa in particular, such as the Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre, Libraries, and the Civic Theatre.

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#### **Some conversations we've already had**

In this Discussion Document we focus on the larger facilities that are provided once or potentially twice across our whole district, generally for non-sporting purposes. These are the facilities most closely associated with the Arts, Democracy, Heritage and Culture and include:

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The way we use our community facilities is changing as our district continues to grow and change. We are currently going through this process of thinking about the future of our civic and community facilities in our towns and settlements to make sure they continue to be accessible and valued places for our communities now and well into the future.

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From this work we want to understand and test the community's appetite for investment opportunities in civic and community facilities and where we should be prioritising our investment. In particular, we want to ensure we support and deliver on the vision completed in our early Town Centre Planning and the Integrated Spatial Plan work that sets the tone for the future of Waipukurau and Waipawa. The Community Halls Discussion Document is also particularly relevant to this conversation across the rest of our District. This conversation will take many forms over the next

few months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the future of our towns and settlements that will guide our future community investment in these important spaces.

#### How civic and community facilities contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes

Connected Citizens	Our civic and community facilities provide places where people connect, learn, take part in a wide range of activities and, in the case of our council offices, the way our elected members make decisions informed by the community and technical experts.
Proud District	Our civic and community facilities contribute to our local identity and are part of our local history. For example, the Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre has over its 111 years served as the Waipawa Town Hall and Library, attracted a number of performances, and shows that connect us beyond our district (many performed by locals), as well as the building being part of Waipawa and Central Hawke's Bay since 1910.
Strong Communities	Our civic and community facilities connect and support strong communities.
Durable Infrastructure	Our civic and community facilities need to meet the needs of our communities now and into the future.
Prosperous District	Our civic and community facilities provide opportunities for our community to actively engage in decision making, learning, exploring, and connecting beyond the district for leisure and business purposes.

A list of the civic and community facility centres is provided at the back of this discussion document.

#### Some trends around the future of civic and community facilities are:

Across New Zealand towns and cities are considering how to:

- increase the use of these types of facilities
- make sure these facilities are able to provide the outcomes that are needed now and into the future

One trend that has increasingly picked up pace over the past couple of decades is the concept of 'hubbing' and providing multi-purpose spaces that are flexible to meet the community's needs. In part this is due to the large investment that these facilities require and the need to make sure that the community is getting best value from their investment in these facilities.

In Waipukurau the new Learning and Knowledge Hub – Te Huinga Wai (Digital Hub) is a great example of a project that begins to hub activities, where clustering activities means the whole is greater than the parts. The Hub includes:

- Waipukurau library services, including workshops, School Holiday Programmes, Justice of the Peace services
- AA Service, Learner licensed testing, car registrations
- Free WI-FI services
- Shared working spaces
- Digital products and services

Basically, hubs provide multiple way to connect and multiple reasons to gather for a wide range of people.

Local government is facing a number of changes. For example, the need to respond to structural, planning, and legislative changes at a national level including the potential of the Three Waters shifting outside direct Council control – although Council would still play a key role in future planning to set the direction for infrastructure investment.

As these changes happen and our population grows, we are continuously exploring how we stay connected to our communities in the way we make decisions and deliver services. The ability for Council staff to work in fit for purpose buildings connected to the services we deliver has raised the question of ‘should the Council offices move to Waipukurau and become part of a more multi-service / multi- use facility? We reiterate this later in this document as something that could be both a challenge and an opportunity.

The context for doing this is often about identifying ways to accelerate cultural and social outcomes providing a greater range of experiences in one place, while rationalising investment. Other cities and districts are going through similar processes. For example, Napier, Palmerston North, and Masterton are currently going through an in-depth process to consider the key elements of their main centres and the role of civic and community facilities within this.

**We think that the key principles guiding the future of our civic and community facilities could be to:**

- Meet the needs of our communities and contribute to the way we connect contributing to our pride and our strength as a district.
- Protect and improve the way our civic and community facilities present our stories to the world.
- Continuously look for ways to make sure the use of our current and future investment in civic and community facilities increases accessibility and relevance, this includes locating and “hubbing” to encourage activity, increasing the ease of access and connecting to other facilities.
- Future proof our facilities from an environmental sustainability perspective.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- The situation with the Waipukurau Library being closed and unlikely to be economical to refurbish in its current building gives us the chance to reimagine not only library services but what a library looks like in the future and what kind of other services could be hubbed or clustered with it.
- The changing world of work and local government means we can think differently about how the Council offices could look and where they might best be located to connect more effectively with the community and to support more efficient and effective service delivery.
- We have the chance to increase the use of our civic facilities by being innovative in the way we use the facilities and the investment we could make to make them more flexible and multi-purpose.
- Continuing to partner with others to deliver services that are prioritised by the community through our civic facilities - but ensuring its clear what the community receives through that partnering.
- This process provides the opportunity to better understand our community aspirations for our civic spaces, which includes not only the buildings but the spaces between and around them and the connections between these spaces and our other major destinations, like our open spaces, sports facilities, and town centres.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Some of our civic facilities are no longer fit for purpose including those that are earthquake prone. We need to address this and make wise investments that will stand the test of time.
- The speed of change and technology means that some 'rational' investments are becoming obsolete more and more quickly. We need to be able to respond quickly to change and ensure our investments are clearly aligned to evidence and certainty that they will be future proof.
- With the majority of our civic facilities being located in Waipukurau and Waipawa we need to consider how to connect the services and opportunities provided from the facilities to people across the district.
- Different facilities are currently operating under different models, including the level of support from Council. This needs to be understandable and equitable.

**Let us know your ideas?**

We're still in the early phases of this work; however, we are keen to hear your ideas on the future of civic and community facilities in Tamatea - Central Hawke's Bay. You can do this by completing our online survey or emailing us on [thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz](mailto:thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz)

**Civic and Community Facilities Network**

The facilities included in this Discussion Document are outlined below, along with the issues/opportunities Council and the community have already identified for each facility.

Current location	Facility	Council role	Services and programmes	Action/Issue/Opportunity already identified
Waipukurau	Waipukurau Centennial Memorial Library (late 1940's)	Council owned building and land	Information resources (books, magazines, DVD etc) Free internet access eBooks access Knowledge and Content in its widest sense community programmes afterschool, holiday programmes to increase digital literacy and confidence in use of technology social interaction facilitator of community initiatives and events relationship with schools, retirement homes etc agency for AA (driver and vehicle licencing) council service centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refurbishment and earthquake strengthening work in 2015.</li> <li>▪ Closed due to critical seismic vulnerabilities.</li> <li>▪ Temporary pop-up council services, AA and visitor information at Waipukurau Railway Station and library returns.</li> <li>▪ The Knowledge and Learning Hub – Te Huinga Wai as a temporary library until a long-term solution is identified will open on 27 September.</li> <li>▪ Opportunity to align future provision with Integrated Spatial Plan and town centre planning to ensure fit for purpose, accessible and future proofed facility provided, integrated with other activities to create a hub and one stop shop to make it easier for the community to access.</li> <li>▪ Leverage community funding and volunteers to support programmes that enhance community wellbeing utilising these facilities.</li> </ul>
Waipukurau	Waipukurau Civic Theatre (1980)	Council owned building and land  Contractor manages and Council funds through a lease agreement.	Shows, meeting spaces and restaurant Movies Was a theatre then converted into a cinema  Agreement in place to recognise benefit to community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council leases the building for a period up to 2031,.</li> <li>▪ Council pays for movie procurement (the playing of movies for the theatre</li> <li>▪ The building has been assessed as being a moderate to low EQ risk</li> </ul>

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		Council funds maintenance and upgrade.	from having an active movie theatre facility. Lessee sub-leases to Central FM	
Waipukurau	The Knowledge and Learning Hub – Te Huinga Wai (new CHB Digital and temporary library) Hub) 4 Bogle Brothers Esplanade	Council lease premises and carpark	Opened 27 September Temporary library service Digital and Business Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lease until 2032</li> <li>▪ New Digital Business Hub, Library services for at least five years</li> </ul> <p>The Library is temporarily going into the Digital Business Hub that was the former Buck's Green Grocers. CHBDC has received \$400,000 from Central Government to create the Digital Business Hub that includes leasing and other costs. This will serve as a community facility/meeting space as well as house books and a range of community programmes. Council's total contribution of funding from loans towards the capital fit out of the facility is less than \$150,000.</p>
Waipukurau	Memorial Hall On Council administered Recreation ground	Council own Agreement with Ruahine Cadets Bookings volunteer	Ruahine Cadets War Memorial ANZAC service Expos Meetings Rug sales Church groups, Birthday parties Fitness classes Trampoline Overflow miniball from Centralines Stadium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High EQ risk</li> <li>▪ Lacks sufficient heating</li> <li>▪ Unable to book areas separately due to noise</li> <li>▪ Affordable venue for hire.</li> </ul>

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## Discussion Document – Summary for website The Future of our Civic and Community Facilities

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**Want to know more?**

To understand more about Civic and Community Facilities, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on Civic and Community Facilities ([add link](#)).

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## Discussion Document

### A Strategic Vision for the Arts in Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay

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#### Introduction

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There are touring performances in our venues such as Dave Dobbyn at the Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre and Reb Fountain playing recently at the Ongaonga Hall, and a new readers and writers festival. Ngā Ara Tipuna puts authentic cultural stories of Tamatea hapū on the landscape and showcases traditional and contemporary Māori artforms. There is a huge range of opportunities for people to engage in the arts, as makers, creators, presenters, participants, and audience members.

Identified in Project Thrive and the [Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050](#) the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy was an initiative to support this sector of our community. In early 2021 Council secured external funding from Creative New Zealand to develop a Arts and Culture Strategy, amongst the range of other strategic work it is completing for its Places and Open Spaces Assets.

We have created this discussion document to start the conversation about the vital role the arts play in the social, cultural, and economic life of our district. This conversation will take many forms over the next few months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for the arts that will guide our investment as a community.

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#### Background

Arts and culture play an essential role in our communities. We know they bring people together, create a sense of place and belonging, and contribute to community wellbeing.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC) is committed to developing an Arts Strategy and action plan as a key pillar of the Council's overarching Community Wellbeing Strategy. We want to strengthen relationships with our arts community and together explore how our community can benefit from the social, cultural and economic gains that the arts can provide. We know our creative sector has faced major disruption due to COVID -19 and believe the district's first Arts Strategy can help us to understand the issues and opportunities for our community.

Council currently supports arts and culture in the district in several ways. From provision of venues and facilities including a theatre and a museum/art gallery, contestable funding through our Vibrancy Fund and administration of Creative New Zealand's Creative Communities Fund. We want to confirm what Council's role needs to be to strategically allocate resource to the arts to have the greatest impact.

We know there is a proud and diverse arts community in Central Hawke's Bay who are presenting and participating in a wide array of arts activity. From our nationally significant Waipawa Music and Dramatic group to our full time working visual artists, from artists working in education to people participating in recreational artforms, from touring arts performances in our venues to opportunities to take part in our new readers and writers festival, there is a huge range of opportunities for people to engage in the arts.

As a country, we're more positive than ever about the vital role the arts play in our lives. The arts are making a powerful contribution to New Zealanders' wellbeing and are helping us get through COVID-19. More people are also appreciating the role that the arts play in connecting whānau and communities, but we know that access could be improved. The arts are helping more of us explore and build our own sense of identity too, as well as growing our connections with other New Zealanders. While we're feeling better than ever about the arts, New Zealanders' engagement with the arts has taken a hit due to COVID-19. Despite attendance at the arts events declining somewhat, participation has held steady. How we want to experience the arts is changing<sup>1</sup> it is a good time to look at what we need to be focussed on to continue to support arts in our communities.

A strategic framework for the arts was developed by Hastings District Council in 2019 with the intention to grow this in the future to be appropriate for the region. Toi-Tū Hawke's Bay<sup>2</sup> have received funding from Creative New Zealand to regionalise this framework to guide development of current and future arts, culture, and creative strategy and projects within Hawke's Bay. Through collaboration, projects and partnerships it aims to align collective effort across sectors and disciplines towards a common vision and community outcomes. The three focus areas of this framework are *identity*, *creativity* and *sustainability*. We will be using this framework to help inform this strategy for Central Hawke's Bay, as well as considering how Central Hawke's Bay contributes to the implementation of Toi-Tū across the region.

Creative New Zealand has funded the development of this strategy through their Local Government Arts Fund which has been initiated as part of their COVID-19 response to develop the resilience of the arts and culture sector.

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### Defining the arts

For the purpose of this strategy, we are using Creative New Zealand's definitions of the arts as a starting point. As part of the conversation we expect to define further what the arts means for Central Hawke's Bay.

Creative New Zealand's definition includes community and professional: *performing arts* (such as dance, theatre, music); *visual arts* (ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, architecture, printmaking, photography, film, video, design and crafts); *literature* (fiction, non-fiction, essays, poetry); *inter-arts* (such as new-media and digital work); and *pan art-form festivals*. It also includes *Ngā toi Māori* (Māori arts) which include, but are not limited to, Māori heritage arts practice such as: taonga puoro, tārai waka, kaupapa waka, whakairo, rāanga, tāniko, kākahu, tukutuku, kōwhaiwhai, tā

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<sup>1</sup> From NZers and the Arts Ko Aotearoa Me Ōna Toi, 2020

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moko, kapa haka, mōteatea, waiata ā-ringa, waiata tawhito, poi, waiata haka, pao, mau rākau, whaikōrero, karanga, whakapapa recitation, te reo me onā tikanga, whakairo, kōrero paki, pakiwaitara, karetao, whare tapere and whakaraka. It also includes the work of Māori artists across all forms of contemporary arts practice.

Within community arts Creative New Zealand recognises three core strands of activity and these are:

**Community Cultural Development**

- Collaboration of arts practitioners with communities to achieve artistic and social outcomes
- Processes of collective creativity
- Community-based issues focused on through the arts (for example in relation to the environment or to issues of social equity).

**Maintenance and Transmission of Cultural Traditions**

- Māori and Pasifika Heritage Artforms, including Ngā toi Māori.
- Defined groups of interest (such as migrant communities) maintaining and preserving their distinctive artistic and cultural traditions from one generation to the next.

**Leisure and Recreation Activities**

- Community-based arts groups devoted to the recreational pursuit of diverse artforms.

**What does success look like?**

With the help of others, we’ve done some early thinking and think that success for the future of Arts and Culture is to:

- The arts enable us to take pride in ourselves, where we have come from, what we have and who we are and celebrate diversity within our community.
- Increasing understanding and an awareness of the value that arts makes to our community will support the arts sector to grow.
- Enrich our towns and villages with art that reflects the uniqueness of our places and people.
- Strengthening and building stronger links within the arts sector locally, regionally, nationally, internationally, and with other sectors such as education and health will benefit our community.
- Resources (facilities, funding mechanisms and programming) must be fit for purpose, accessible, inclusive and supportive for arts opportunities and projects.
- More investment into developing our creative people, projects, and places will support a robust, sustainable sector.
- Central Hawke’s Bay will uplift and celebrate Nga Toi Māori in our district.

**How the arts contribute to our Project Thrive outcomes**

<b>Connected Citizens</b>	The arts connect people to each other within the community, in the creative sector, and with other sectors such as health, education and the environment. The arts contribute to social inclusion.
<b>Proud District</b>	The arts contribute to a sense of identity and sense of place.

<b>Strong Communities</b>	The arts make a positive contribution to supporting strong, thriving communities. Participation in the arts increases personal wellbeing, improves educational and health outcomes and contributes to the economy.
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#### Arts and Culture in Central Hawke's Bay now

This is the first Arts strategy to be developed for Central Hawke's Bay. As such there is no comprehensive database or analysis of what is currently happening. We will work with the community to map out current arts activity in Central Hawke's Bay.

We do know that there is a rich and diverse arts community in Central Hawke's Bay who are presenting and participating in a wide array of arts activity.

Here is a very brief (and incomplete) snapshot of what we know:

- Waipawa Musical and Dramatic (M & D) Club is a nationally renowned recreational theatre company, which has been entertaining the district since 1896. New Zealand's most well-known living playwright, Sir Roger Hall, is a fan and an advocate after attending one of his own pantomimes and seeing the joy and magic they had created. In 2020 he adapted his script of Cinderella specifically for the Central Hawke's Bay community. The Waipawa M & D are based at and perform in the Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre.
- The Central Hawke's Bay Museum in Waipawa houses Central Hawke's Bay's only public art gallery, with a regular rotation of exhibitions. Its 2019 exhibition Ngā Taonga o Tamatea – Hokinga Mai, was a finalist in the NZ Museum Awards.
- Between the Lines is Central Hawke's Bay's own literary festival, now in its third year. The festival takes place in homesteads, private houses, cafes and public facilities throughout the district. It has caught the eye of literary critic and writer Steve Braunias who said "Central Hawkes Bay doesn't exist in the national imagination... It's not especially rustic. It's not what you would call lush...But actually it staged a very, very distinctive literary festival."
- The Ngā Ara Tipuna cultural storytelling project worked with rangatahi and tamariki to build and paint traditional palisading, which now stand proud on Pukekaihou Pā site/ Hunter Park, reflecting traditional Toi Māori techniques.
- The Hawke's Bay Arts Trail is a network of dealer galleries and artist studios which has traditionally been focused on Napier and Hastings. More recently the studios and galleries of Central Hawke's Bay have been included and promoted in this network.
- The Small Hall Sessions is a new initiative by Hastings promoter Jamie McPhail. Jamie brings top class New Zealand musicians to small Hawke's Bay community halls, to provide locals with an intimate concert in their own backyard, or visitors with an opportunity to travel to the likes of Onga Onga and Argyll to experience their favourite act.

- For 27 years the Paul Hunter Centre in Waipukurau, has provided weekly art classes for people with mental health conditions, physical or intellectual disabilities, and linking them with other community services and recreational opportunities.
- The Arts and Crafts Corner in Ōtāne has just celebrated 50 years of service to the community through painting, patchwork, pottery, planting and papercraft.
- Centralines is on their own journey of discovering art in the everyday. They have commissioned local Māori artists to help create designs for their new Offices. Centralines has also given permission for their electricity cabinets to be painted around the district. Artists have been commissioned with funding from Creative Communities to brighten up the streetscape through this scheme.
- Film director David White grew up in Central Hawke's Bay and his 2020 feature film This Town was set in and shot in Central Hawke's Bay. The world premier was held at the Civic Theatre in Waipukurau.
- Events like the Spring Fling, Nelly Jull concert series, Christmas Parade, Matariki and the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival feature local talent and bring visiting artists to our stages, streets, halls, and parks.

Some of these examples of current arts activity are only known to us because Council is involved in some way, either through the provision of funding or our facilities. But we believe that this is just scratching the surface of what is out there. We want to know what else is happening in our district and understand what the needs are in the community to build a strong and resilient arts sector that contributes to the wellbeing of our communities.

**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Gaining a better understanding of the arts activity happening in the district and how we can support this, for example, through marketing and publicity.
- Supporting more public art (street art, murals, sculpture etc) to enhance our urban spaces and places.
- Developing a more strategic approach to our existing arts and events funding mechanisms to achieve the greatest impact for our community.
- Supporting arts activity that engages young people.
- Increasing access to the arts for people who experience barriers to participation as artists, performers, audience members and museum/gallery visitors.
- Recognising the role of the arts in contributing to our identity and sense of place.
- Exploring our facilities in terms of providing fit for purpose spaces for people to showcase their talent, express themselves and participate in the arts.
- Celebrate and support Ngā Toi Māori in Central Hawke's Bay.
- New people are moving to Central Hawke's Bay – how do we engage and harness their knowledge and energy to increase our range our arts experiences, and connect them to opportunities to participate in arts and culture?

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- A lack of sustainable funding opportunities, and the capability and capacity to apply for funds and sponsorship.
- Not knowing what is happening in Central Hawke's Bay in the arts, and how people can get involved. Opportunities are not always promoted.
- A lack of a district and regional approach – creates duplication and silos.
- Advocacy - little awareness or understanding of the benefits of the arts in our community.
- Building sustainable career paths in the arts.
- Resilience in the arts sector to manage the effects of COVID-19.

**Let us know your ideas?**

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## Discussion Document Summary – for Website

### The Future of the Arts in Tamatea Central Hawke’s Bay

There is a proud and diverse arts community in Central Hawke’s Bay who is presenting and participating in a wide array of arts activity. From our nationally significant Waipawa Music and Dramatic group to our full time working visual artists, from artists working in schools to people participating in recreational art such as ceramics or textiles.

There are touring performances in our venues such as Dave Dobbyn at the Central Hawke’s Bay Municipal Theatre and Reb Fountain playing recently at the Ongaonga Hall, and a new readers and writers festival. Ngā Ara Tipuna puts authentic cultural stories of Tamatea hapū on the landscape and showcases traditional and contemporary Māori artforms. There is a huge range of opportunities for people to engage in the arts, as makers, creators, presenters, participants, and audience members.

Identified in Project Thrive and the [Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050](#) the development of an Arts and Culture Strategy was an initiative to support this sector of our community. In early 2021 Council secured external funding from Creative New Zealand to develop a Arts and Culture Strategy, amongst the range of other strategic work it is completing for its Places and Open Spaces Assets.

#### **Why are the Arts important?**

The arts are making a powerful contribution to New Zealanders’ wellbeing and are helping us get through COVID-19. More people are also appreciating the role that the arts play in connecting whānau and communities, but we know that access could be improved. With help from others, we’ve identified some unique opportunities for the District:

- Recognising, supporting and promoting the benefits of the arts in contributing to our identity and sense of place.
- Connecting, networking and collaborating to have a greater collective impact and to publicise what is going on and how people can get involved.
- Nurturing the diversity and vibrancy of Central Hawke’s Bay through more visible and accessible arts activity – on the streets, with our young people, in public spaces and at events.
- Celebrating and supporting Ngā Toi Māori (traditional and contemporary Māori art) in Central Hawke’s Bay.

#### **Why are we having this conversation?**

The District currently does not have an Arts Strategy. This makes understand local priorities and how to contribute to a regional approach to the arts difficult without an understanding of our local priorities.

We’ve also heard the sector would benefit from increased co-ordination in the District, with many not understanding what is happening in Central Hawke’s Bay in the arts, and how people can get involved. Opportunities are not always promoted in a coordinated way and despite an abundance of arts activity happening, it is not always visible in the community.

We also want to focus on ensuring the sustainability, resourcing and resilience in our arts community, especially due to the effects of COVID-19, and understand what Councils role is long term in the Arts.

**What does success look like?**

With the help of others, we've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of Arts and Culture is to:

- Enable us to take pride in ourselves, where we have come from, who we are and celebrate diversity within our community.
- Enrich our towns and villages with art that reflects the uniqueness of our places and people.
- Provide for investment in developing our creative people, projects, and places will support a robust, sustainable arts community.
- Ensure Resources (facilities, funding mechanisms and programming) must be fit for purpose, accessible, inclusive and supportive for arts opportunities and projects.

**Want to know more?**

To understand more about Arts and Culture, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on Arts and Culture (add link here).

**Let us know your ideas**

We're still in the early phases of this work, however we are keen to hear any your ideas you've got to support Arts and Culture in Tamatea -Central Hawke's Bay. You can do this by completing our online survey or emailing us on [thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz](mailto:thrivingplacesandspaces@chbdc.govt.nz)

## Discussion Document

### The Future of Camping

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#### Introduction

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#### Why is camping important?

Camping is in our DNA. The Central Hawkes Bay District is the gateway to nearly 40 kilometres of the Ruahine Forest Park ranges, features a network of fresh waterways and has over 70 kilometres of rugged and diverse coastline, all with a range of camping and recreation opportunities. The district is also home to a wealth of Māori and colonial history.

Many of us camp in our own backyard, and have for generations: heading to the beach for summer or making the most of the Ruahines. Making sure we continue to have access to these places in ways that protect our environment is critical. Tourism is one of several important economic focus areas for the district moving forward. COVID-19 provides an opportune time to review tourism in Central Hawke's Bay and offer 'something different'. Central Hawke's Bay may increasingly become a prime destination to Kiwis who now, more than ever, are looking for destinations where they have never been before with spectacular natural landscapes and scenery, and opportunities to relax and refresh at the top of their lists.

#### Why are we having this conversation?

Increased visitation will put additional pressure on our facilities, environment and on our communities which are already facing several district-wide and location specific issues. This document looks to discuss a way forward to unlock several key barriers to make it easier for visitors and locals to access and explore our backyard.

Some of our biggest challenges are:

- The capacity and quality of our aging existing infrastructure and facilities.
- Several location specific issues, including expiring leases and consents, water supply issues, climate resilience, anti-social behaviour, and equitable access.
- The lack of clear, concise, and accessible information on camping in the district.
- Determining how to pay for camping investment - should everyone contribute or more focus on users?

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Tourism New Zealand's '[Domestic Travel View Report April 2021](#)' has found that domestic tourism remains steady with 66% of New Zealanders currently planning a domestic holiday within the next twelve months. Many of these people are looking for camping experiences well off the beaten tourist track. With our many scenic rural areas and remote beaches this makes Central Hawke's Bay a prime destination. This influx of campers puts additional pressure on our environment and on our communities.

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We have created this discussion document to start the conversation of the future of camping within our district. This conversation will take many forms over the following months, and we hope that together we can all create a shared vision for camping within the district that will guide our community investment in the future.

**How camping contributes to our Project Thrive outcomes**

A Prosperous District	Camping facilities in the right places promote visitation to the district's natural, cultural, and historical sites. Increased visitation and duration of these visits leads to a direct positive impact to the district economy.
Strong Communities	Through fit for purpose camping facilities, the community can promote and share the unique opportunities of the district, creating income to further strengthen these experiences.
A Proud District	Camp facilities are a part of the wider marketing CHBD campaign showcasing and promoting the geography, climate, community, and opportunities of the district to visitors as a place everyone wants to live.
Durable Infrastructure	Fit-for-purpose, quality and enduring infrastructure that will meet the needs of the camping and local communities, promoting responsible camping practices and having minimal impact on the surrounding environment.
Nature Friendly	Responsible camping is sustainable and environmentally friendly with either a positive impact or no impact on the surrounding environment, while promoting visitation and access to the district's natural attractions and experiences.

**Our Camping Facilities now**

There are a number of existing campsites and camping facilities across the district. Council own and lease a number of campgrounds and also manage a number of freedom camping sites on our coasts. In addition to this, there are the privately owned campsites and two Department of Conservation (DOC) owned and administered freedom camp sites.

There are broadly three types of camping carried out in NZ. Freedom camping (tent or self-contained), camping in designated areas for 'freedom camping' (this may be self-contained only), and camping within a defined camping ground.

For the purpose of this discussion, we have adopted the following camping definitions, the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment's (MBIE) definition of freedom camping:

**Freedom camping** *"is when you camp on public land that isn't a recognised camping ground or holiday park. It includes camping in a tent, caravan or motor vehicle."* [Reference](#)

**Self-contained** camping refers to camping in a vehicle that meets the ["New Zealand Standard, NZS 5465: 2001 Self-containment of motor caravans and caravans"](#). The MBIE describe self-contained camping as *"a fully self-contained vehicle which must be able to support a given number of people for 3 days without needing additional water supplies or dumping waste"*.

**A camping ground** *"means any area of land used, or designed or intended to be used, for rent, hire, donation, or otherwise for reward, for the purposes of placing or erecting on the land temporary living places for occupation, by 2 or more families or parties (whether consisting of 1 or more persons) living independently of each other, whether or not such families or parties enjoy the use in common of entrances, water supplies, cookhouses, sanitary fixtures, or other premises and equipment; and includes any area of land used as a camping ground immediately before the commencement of these regulations"* as defined by the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985. There are provisions for Territorial Authorities to make exemptions to the regulations, as have been [investigated and defined](#) by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

**Some trends around the future of camping include:**

There is a long history of camping in New Zealand with many Kiwis considering it a birth right. Freedom camping is a trend that continues to build momentum as it enables travellers to traverse off the well-known tourist tracks to find isolated scenery and destinations less known. However, it can put strain on some communities, predominantly from campers choosing not to stay at an established camp site and those that are not self-contained and creating environmental impacts.

A MBIE survey in 2019 found that 91,000 New Zealanders freedom camp with this number expected to be much higher since the closure of the border and increased domestic tourism. Many of these freedom campers utilise the full spectrum of camping options during their trip from holiday parks to allocated self-contained sites to freedom camping.

Responsible freedom camping, in particular, camping utilising self-contained vehicles, will continue to grow in NZ. MBIE are currently working through consultation and legislation to make freedom camping in New Zealand more responsible, but we also need to think about how we do this locally.

To encourage and empower visitors to camp responsibly, these campers require access to potable water and dump stations. Central Hawke's Bay's recent investment in a dump station at the Waipukurau Holiday Park will attract campers and encourage an increase in duration of stay.

In 2020 Council completed a [Central Hawke's Bay Destination Plan and Need Assessment](#). The plan picks on the opportunities of camping.

As pressure comes on from visitors to our district, there is also a rising feeling of the need to protect certain areas, particularly our beach camping sites, for locals. We will need to discuss what this could look like in the future including possible management approaches and also potentially extending and diversifying our camping network.

Other issues we need to consider across our camping network include global climate change and the impact of rising sea levels. Coastal erosion is a growing risk requiring discussion to seek solutions to future-proof sustainable and environmentally friendly camping within the district.

#### **What does success look like?**

- Allow for and promote camping in a way that protects, respects, sustains, and enhances our natural environments. Promote the 'Tiaki Promise and the Tamatea Way'.
- Camping solutions need to be fit for purpose and reflect the values of each community to promote visitation and meet community needs.
- Have a Freedom Camping Policy to guide where and how people can freedom camp across the district.
- Provide quality and diverse camping experiences that reflect the pride we have in our district, its places, and its stories.
- Ensure easily accessible, clear, and consistent information on camping facilities within the district.

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NEW ZEALAND IS PRECIOUS, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND TRAVELS HERE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER IT.

BY FOLLOWING THE TIAKI PROMISE, YOU ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO NEW ZEALAND. TO ACT AS A GUARDIAN, PROTECTING AND PRESERVING OUR HOME.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI KI AOTEAROA, WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND.

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IN NEW ZEALAND I WILL

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TREADING LIGHTLY AND LEAVING NO TRACE

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**The opportunities we have identified so far include:**

- Further Develop and refine both the Tiaki Promise and the Tamatea Way into one CHB specific concept. 'The Tamatea Way'.

- Diversification of Camping opportunities throughout the district to relieve pressure on current sites and promote visitation to the district's destination attractions.
- Develop a district specific camping framework that enables and promotes responsible camping throughout the district.
- Engage with third party stakeholders to provide tourists with accurate camping information and promote visitation to the district.
- Carry out an access and infrastructure assessment of the current camping and camping related facilities within the district on a location specific basis.

**The challenges we have identified so far include:**

- Inconsistent provision of facilities across our camping areas.
- Increasing visitor numbers over the peak holiday periods reduces accessibility to facilities for local and regular facility users.
- Social licence in some communities could be a barrier to successful site establishment or existing site development.
- Information regarding CHB camping facilities and opportunities is not currently easily accessible, nor promoted by key tourism industry stakeholders.
- There are a number of location specific issues at particular camp sites related to lease renewals, land ownership, boundary encroachments, land zoning issues, water take and wastewater consents expiring, seasonal impacts, and coastal erosion/climate resilience that need to be resolved and/or improved to provide certainty in camping opportunities into the future and fair accessibility of these sites for all campers.

**Let us know your ideas?**

We're still in the early phases of this work, however we are keen to hear your ideas on camping in Tamatea - Central Hawke's Bay.

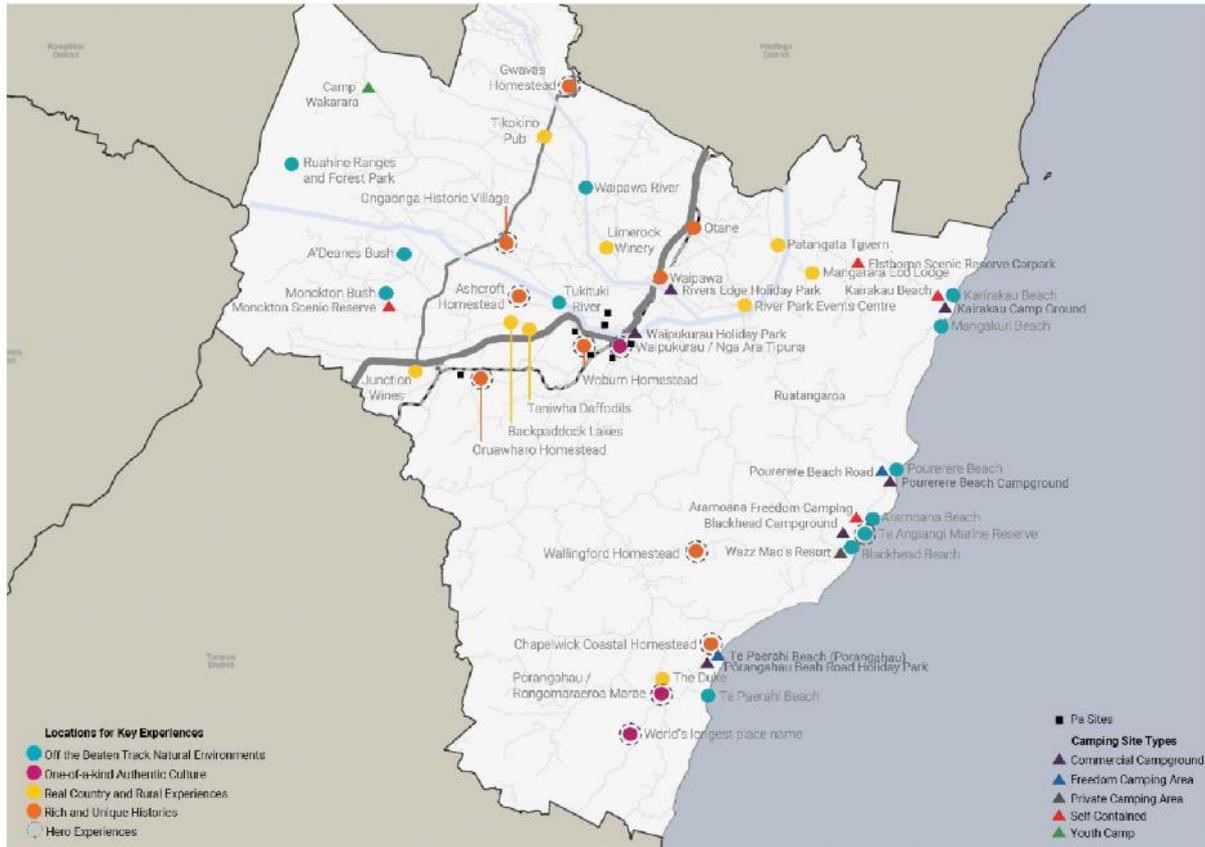
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*These are the current camping experiences that we know about:*

Camp Sites	Facility Management	Facilities	Availability and use	Type
<b>Camp Wakarara</b>	Private owner/manager	School/youth group camping facilities, including dorms, activity areas, kitchens, bathrooms etc.	Available year round for bookings by youth groups and schools.	Youth Campground
<b>Elsthorpe Scenic Reserve Carpark</b>	DOC owned	Nil	Restricted to Self-Contained vehicles only the duration of a stay may be no more than 4 nights in any single calendar month	Self-Contained
<b>Kairakau Beach Freedom Camping</b>	CHBDC managed	Public Toilet (caters to approximately 23 caravans/motor homes)	Freedom - Fully certified self-contained only - Side of the road / Beach side. No more than 3 nights stay	Self-Contained
<b>Kairakau Campground</b> <i>Located on Road Reserve</i>	Managed by the Kairakau Development Society	Powered sites and communal kitchen and bathroom facilities. 26 sites total.	Open 29th Sep to the end of April. All sites are bookable.	Commercial Campground

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<b>Waipawa Rivers Edge Holiday Park</b>	Private owner/manager	Full holiday park facilities, including a range of cabins, powered and non-powered sites and communal kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities.	Year-round availability for all campers	Commercial Campground
<b>River Park Event Centre</b>	Private owner/manager	13 toilets (including a wheelchair accessible toilet & shower) 10 showers. Large fully commercial kitchen & a separate small kitchen that may be used. Fully licenced - 2 bars. 2 Cabins available with queen beds. Facilities to cater for up to 500 people.	Year-round availability. Bookings are essential.	Event Centre & Commercial Campground
<b>Monckton Scenic Reserve</b>	DOC owned	Public Toilets	4-night max stay, Large Vehicle accessible, No dogs	Self-Contained
<b>Waipukurau Holiday Park</b> <i>Public Recreation Ground</i>	CHBDC owned. Leased to operator	Full holiday park facilities, including a range of cabins, powered and non-powered sites and communal kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities.	Year-round availability for all campers	Commercial Campground
<b>Punawaitai Purerere Beach</b>	Private owner/manager	Holiday Accommodation can sleep up to 22 persons. 1 queen bed, 2 double beds, 16 single beds are provided (with mattresses). Tents and camping are encouraged.	Year-round availability. Bookings are essential.	Event Venue and Accommodation
<b>Purerere Beach Road</b> <i>Located on Road Reserve</i>	CHBDC owned.	Public Toilets	Freedom Camping (tent, or self-contained). Permit Required for 14 Dec - 8 Feb on a ballot system. \$35 admin fee and pre-reg required for periods of up to 14 days. Applications open October.	Freedom
<b>Purerere Beach Campground</b> <i>Recreation Reserve</i>	CHBDC owned. Campsite is to operator.	Small communal kitchen and gathering room, bathroom and laundry facilities, workshop and guest room. 3 bookable sites	By phone booking. A large number of long-term leased sites with semi-permanent structures located.	Commercial Campground
<b>Aramoana Freedom Camping</b> <i>Council carpark adjacent to Local Purpose Reserve</i>	CHBDC owned.	Public Toilets	Freedom - Fully certified self-contained only - Side of the road/carpark location. 3 marked carparks on a first come first served basis. - No more than 3 nights stay	Self-Contained
<b>Blackhead Campground</b> <i>Recreation Reserve</i>	CHBDC owned. Campsite is leased to operator.	3 bookable powered sites, some tent sites, communal kitchen, laundry facilities, toilets are also available to public day trippers (agreement with Council)	By phone booking. A large number of long-term leased sites with semi-permanent structures located.	Commercial Campground
<b>Wazz Mac's Camp</b>	Private owner/manager	Leasehold semi-permanent caravans and annexes that form part of a private campground, with amenities including ablution block.	Private site occupation. No general camping.	Private Campground
<b>Pōrangahau Beach Road Holiday Park</b>	Private owner/manager	Powered and non-powered sites and communal kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities.	Year-round availability for all campers. There are also some permanent sites with semi-permanent structures.	Commercial Campground
<b>Pōrangahau: Te Paerahi Beach Freedom Camping</b> <i>Adjacent to Recreation Reserve</i>	CHBDC owned.	New Public Toilets, Potable water via drinking fountain, Dog water dish and outdoor shower	Freedom Camping (any freedom or self-contained). No ballot system in place and is first come first served	Freedom

The map below is indicative of key experiences and identified camping locations within the district.



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#### **What does success look like?**

With the help of others, we've done some early thinking and think that success for the future of camping is to:

- Make sure our camping experiences will reflect the 'Tamatea Way' – being distinctly unique to Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay putting our people and our environment first.
- Ensure camping is provided and managed in a way that protects, respects, sustains, and enhances our natural environments and future proofs our facilities.

- Have a Freedom Camping Policy to guide where and how people can freedom camp across the District.
- Ensure camping solutions are fit for purpose and reflect the values of each community.
- Diversify camping opportunities throughout the district, relieving pressure on existing sites.

**Want to know more?**

To understand more about the future of camping, what we are trying to achieve and who is involved, read our full Discussion Document on the future of camping ([add link](#)).

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Thriving Places and Spaces Programme: High-level community engagement plan

Phase	Phase One: Draft Discussion Documents – making sure we are discussing the right things	Phase Two: Discussion Document – setting direction for draft Strategy development	Phase Three: Draft Strategies – checking in that we have heard correctly and confirm direction	Phase Four: Final Strategies and Plans
<b>Target</b>	1. Community Working Groups	1. General Community 2. Key stakeholders	1. General Community 2. Key stakeholders	All
<b>IAP2</b>	Involve	Involve	Consult	Inform
<b>Purpose</b>	To: - introduce programme - get feedback on Discussion Documents - confirm working group and role	To: - clarify direction for Draft Strategies across programme - discuss specific place-based and topic-based issues and set future direction - understand stakeholder and community views on Discussion Documents - Meet Reserves Act requirements for community engagement when preparing Reserve Management Plans	To: - get feedback from key stakeholders and community on the draft strategies and plans - Meet Reserves Act requirements for community engagement when preparing Reserve Management Plans	To inform everyone of final outcomes of strategies and plans
<b>Tools</b>	Draft Discussion Documents - Overview - Draft Discussion Documents	Discussion Document - Overview (updated) - Summary Discussion Documents (one page) - Full Discussion Documents	Draft strategies and plans - Overview (updated) - Summary strategies and plans - Draft strategies and plans	Final strategies and plans - Overview - Summary strategies and plans - Full strategies and plans
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<b>Timing</b>	September 2021 - COMPLETE	November 2021 – January 2022	March – April 2022	June – July 2022

## 6.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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**Attachments:** 1. Economic Development Action Plan [↓](#)

### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to bring Committee members up to date on the implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan (2019) so far and highlight key activities that have been completed across the seven work streams in the Plan. Ongoing implementation status updates will be provided as part of regular Strategy and Wellbeing Committee priority reporting.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

### BACKGROUND

The Economic Development Action Plan was adopted by Council in 2019 to deliver on Project Thrive – a prosperous community turning opportunities into action. Seven work streams were identified; Tourism, Growth and Development, Land Use Diversification, Water Security, Business Development and Attraction, Skills and Transport, with a total of 68 actions varying from short to medium and long term implementation.

With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and the dry summer, a COVID-19 and drought economic response and recovery plan was adopted in 2020. The eighteen actions in that plan accelerated much of the work in the Economic Development Action Plan.

A detailed breakdown of progress against each of the actions is **attached** to this report.

The next section of this report outlines a summary of key activities completed in each of the seven work streams since 2019,

#### **Tourism – we utilise our full tourism potential to increase visitor spend in our District**

- With funding from MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund, we completed a Central Hawke's Bay Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment (TINA) and Destination Management Plan.
- Secured approx. \$800k in Tourism Infrastructure Funding to upgrade public toilets and water at Pourerere, Te Paerahi, and Kairakau.
- Began process of becoming motor home friendly district accredited
- Closed visitor information centre as per review recommendations
- Developed Central Hawke's Bay specific visitor guide
- Attracted two major events (Spirited Woman and National age Group Cycling champs)
- Supported Ngā Ara Tipuna Phase one and two
- Secured Provincial Growth funding for Tukituki trails expansion and implemented project
- Helped secure funding for Coles building restoration (Ongaonga)
- Those Spring Fling events which could still go ahead safely under COVID-19 restrictions have been a great success and a closing ceremony in November is planned.

**Growth and Development – Take advantage of upcoming infrastructure decisions to future proof our District for business growth and investment**

- Worked with industry to complete stocktake around trade waste to assist with designs on capacity for future
- Completed early investigation on private public partnerships to assist with funding infrastructure investments

**Land use Diversification – We will capitalise on natural assets and climate shifts to help diversify the primary sector and create a more sustainable land use**

- Held Land Use diversification forum and forum for Māori land trusts
- Supported Food East with seed funding of \$20k
- Supported applications to Provincial Growth Fund for: Te Mata Mushrooms, Ludlow small seeds, Kanapu Hemp expansion, Tipene farm and Nopera Trust
- Leading a project to investigate use of almonds as a niche market in partnership with a number of key stakeholders and about to apply for Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures funding for this investigation.

**Water Security – Achieve a step change in the sustainable productivity of our primary industries through smart water security solutions.**

- Provided support to Hawke's Bay Regional Council on Managed Aquifer scheme historically
- Provided guidance to the Central Hawke's Bay Water Holdings Limited, to support wider community ambitions for water security.

**Business Development and Attraction – We leverage and promote our strengths to attract and grow businesses, extracting additional value from our core sectors**

- Supported and funded Shop Local CHB programme
- Provided support across range of platforms for businesses during COVID-19 initial pandemic and resurgence of Delta Variant including business recovery forums connecting businesses to funding and support, providing free local business support packs including: covid posters and a covid tracer collection box to store private details for those who cannot scan into their business
- Secured funding for Te Huinga Wai – The Knowledge and Learning Hub and completed project with official opening September 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Skills – Our people are well skilled and prosper from employment opportunities**

- Developed a regional high-level skills strategy for Hawke's Bay in conjunction with other Councils.
- Implemented coordinated response and recovery programme (Jobs in CHB) in partnership with Mayors task force for jobs.
- Updated Council procurement policy to include guidance on how to contribute to local employment and social procurement outcomes, and by providing cadetships at Council.

**Transportation – We successfully manage and maximise the value from increased traffic volumes on our roads**

- Completed HPMV (High Performance Motor Vehicles) Business Case
- Rolled out R52 HPMV programme
- Advocated for freight study in regional Land Transport Plan which has recently been successful in its funding application

Other key activities from an economic development perspective include:

- Strengthening partnerships with representatives from Ministry departments including MBIE, MSD, MPI to ensure Central Hawke's Bay continuing presence
- Collaborating with Economic Development leads across other Councils on opportunities to leverage "Great Things Grow Here" branding going forward

**DISCUSSION**

Due to changes in staffing, successful funding applications, proposed changes in local Government reforms, recent resurgence of COVID-19 in New Zealand and upcoming Community Wellbeing Strategy review, this is the opportunity to summarise economic development successes so far as a district, and the direction we are heading.

Ongoing updates on the implementation of the Economic Development Action Plan will be reported as part of Strategy and Wellbeing Committee monitor reporting on an ongoing basis.

As an integrated approach to Economic Development, the District has seen success with a range of initiatives underway or completed.

The next immediate focus for the Economic Development Activity includes continuing to support existing initiatives underway, updating the Districts 'Great things Grow here' collateral as part of updated Growth Monitoring work to be completed in late 2021 that will provide investor and business collateral, and develop the focus groups for business entities as part of the wider Economic Development Action Plan focus areas.

**IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Any decisions made are consistent with the Council's plans and policies

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**



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# Delivering on Project Thrive

Central Hawke's Bay District  
Economic Development Action Plan  
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Water Security						
Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
1 Work collaboratively with industry partners to identify the full range of feasible water storage and security initiatives, as part of a local package of solutions	Short Term	Ongoing	This is an area of work that Council is not leading, however is supporting primarily through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. In June 2021, Mike Petersen was appointed the Independent Chair of the Tukituki Water Security Project with a view to taking a multifaceted approach on water. A steering group to oversee the Tukituki Water Security Project made up of iwi and community leaders are considering the options for two key issues, being water security and restoring the health of the river and its people. Council continues to receive updates on the project and will support the wider effort, being led by the Project Steering Group and Hawke's Bay Regional Council as opportunities arise.	Monique Davidson, Josh Lloyd	HBRC	
2 Actively engage in the Managed Aquifer Recharge project	Short Term	Underway	Council are active participants in the Managed Aquifer Recharge Project, being led by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and substantially funded by the Provincial Growth Fund. Council receives regular updates on the project with a trial intending to commence in late 2021 /early 2022 in Central Hawke's Bay.	Monique Davidson, Josh Lloyd	HBRC	
3 Ensure proposed waste water designs include options for irrigation	Short Term	Complete	Council have been actively progressing work on its wastewater treatment plants across the District, with a view to recognise the potential future value of wastewater as an asset for irrigation. This is an activity that has been looked at across all six towns - and forms a key part of Councils Wastewater strategy adopted in Oct 2020 by Council. Already two farms have signed up to receive Councils wastewater discharge for irrigation, and as further technology allows for greater treatment of water, we can expect further parties to consider the use of the this waste as an asset.	Darren de Klerk	HBRC	<a href="https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/CHBDC-Wastewater-Strategy-FINAL-20201009.pdf">Wastewater Strategy: https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/CHBDC-Wastewater-Strategy-FINAL-20201009.pdf</a>
4 Partner with Hawke's Bay Regional Council and NIWA to deliver a series of water efficiency programmes across our district	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	This work is yet to commence and has not been prioritised at this time.	TBD	HBRC	
5 Support the development of landowner clusters and collaboratives to implement small to medium water security schemes and efficiency improvements	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	Landowner and Industry Clusters are yet to be formed, with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council being a key partner in this initiative. To date Council has made significant progress through its Bylaw Review in June 2021, required every new dwelling to contain a water tank for water security.	TBD	HBRC	

Transport							
Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)	
1	Invest smartly in key transport information to support investment cases for the 2021 Regional Land Transport Plan	Short Term	Complete	Regional Land Transport Plan submitted and approved. Stantec input into our needs enhanced our ability to get our funding requests approved	Shawn McKinley	Stantec	<a href="https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/projects/article/801/investment-in-central-hawkes-bays-roads-confirmed?t=featured&amp;s=3">https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/our-district/projects/article/801/investment-in-central-hawkes-bays-roads-confirmed?t=featured&amp;s=3</a>
2	Establish a road transport advisory group to assist in developing our approach to the 2021 Regional Land Transport Plan	Short Term	Complete	No formal group was formed although a business case was completed with the freight industry which has identified safety issues around intersections which have now become part of our next 3-year programme	Shawn McKinley		
3	Active engagement in the Tararua Rail Hub Feasibility Study	Short Term	Complete	This action was identified following the announcement in June 2019 from the Provincial Growth Fund that funding for a rail hub feasibility study would occur in Tararua, primarily based in Dannevirke. CHBDC engaged with Tararua District Council and Kiwi rail on the project, with a small Rail Hub for logging already being in place at the time in Woodville. The funding for the Tararua Rail Hub Feasibility Project provided to Tararua District Council was directed into an Economic and Social Impacts Study of upgrading the remainder of Route 52 for the Tararua District. We have provided Tararua District with the information that we had in regards to their feasibility study. To this end, the Tararua Rail Hub Feasibility Study is at an end.	Karina Campbell Shawn McKinley		
4	Investigate public transportation needs and input to the Regional Public Transport Plan in 2021	Short Term	Complete	Ensured through the Regional Transport Committee that Central Hawke's Bay concerns regarding public transport are part of the Regional Land Transport Programme	Shawn McKinley		
5	Implement the "spade ready" projects funded by Provincial Growth Fund application HPMV improvements on Route 52 between Waipukurau and Wimbledon.	Short Term	Underway	Council received funding in June 2019 for Route 52 - the Porangahau to Wimbledon Road upgrade. This project is currently being successfully delivered and is on schedule for completion in June 2022. Formally updates for this project are presented at Council's Finance and Infrastructure Committee. The key function for Economic Development is monitoring the project to ensure that the key benefits and outcomes identified in the original business case from the work are realised.	Darren de Klerk	MBIE	<a href="#">Porangahau Wimbledon Road Upgrade</a>

Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
6 Undertake a full freight study that focusses on the district	Medium to Long Term	Underway	This is part of the combined freight study that was requested in the Regional Land Transport Plan and has yet to be progressed	Shawn McKinley	Waka Kotahi	
7 Investigate opportunities to better capture value of 'land bridge' traffic at key points in journey. <i>This Project seeks to understand what opportunities there are for Central Hawke's Bay, being physical connection between services in the South of Tararua and wider Manawatu-Whanganui Region to the Port of Napier and other businesses and processing plants in the Hawke's Bay Region.</i>	Medium to Long Term	Underway	We are currently developing a business case to present to Waka Kotahi which will include some options to recognise the change in function of the roads from being local roads to being a high use inter-regional connection. All potential opportunities will be evaluated in the business case	Shawn McKinley	Waka Kotahi	
8 Implement the medium-term projects for HPMV (High Productivity Motor Vehicle) roading improvements	Medium to Long Term	Underway	These are being progressed through the programme of work which was funded through PGF	Shawn McKinley	Kanoa / MBIE	
9 Assess potential for inland port as primary industry grows on back of water security solutions	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	There is a wider regional freight study that was submitted in the Land Transport Plan which may advise the opportunity for an inland port. This would fall into the economic development arena. Independently, a local company has established a logging inland port at the rear of James Street in Waipukurau has begun operation. There are opportunities to assess the viability of this for wider inland primary industry portfolios, however this has not been prioritised at this time.	Shawn McKinley Karina Campbell	Waka Kotahi/ Kiwirail	

Growth and Development						
	Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Links (further information)
1	Decide on future capacity in wastewater design needed for industrial and commercial growth	Short Term	Underway	Modelling work is underway across our 3 waters network to understand growth impacts and development on our assets, and to inform the future investment and projects required to cater for this including for industry through our trade waste bylaw and the design basis for our wastewater programme.	Darren de Klerk	<a href="https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Links/WB.35b-WWTP-Basis-of-Design-2020-FINAL.pdf">https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Links/WB.35b-WWTP-Basis-of-Design-2020-FINAL.pdf</a>
2	Consider the potential for irrigation output as part of wastewater upgrade designs	Short Term	Complete	Council have been actively progressing work on its wastewater treatment plants across the District, with a view to recognise the potential future value of wastewater as an asset for irrigation. This is an activity that has been looked at across all six towns - and forms a key part of Council's Wastewater strategy adopted in Oct 2020 by Council. Already two farms have signed up to receive Council's wastewater discharge for irrigation, and as further technology allows for greater treatment of water, we can expect further parties to consider the use of this waste as an asset.	Darren de Klerk	<a href="https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Links/TC.15-RE-10690-CHBDC-Takapau-land-discharge-concept-design-210413-fin.pdf">https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Links/TC.15-RE-10690-CHBDC-Takapau-land-discharge-concept-design-210413-fin.pdf</a>
3	Identify existing capacity for commercial and industrial growth, work with large businesses to meet immediate needs	Short Term	Underway	Modelling work is underway across our 3 waters network to understand growth impacts and development on our assets, and to inform the future investment and projects required to cater for this including for industry through our trade waste bylaw and the design basis for our wastewater programme.	Darren de Klerk	
4	Undertake early work on potential role for PPPs in assisting to fund infrastructure investments	Short Term	Complete	Private Public Partnership. Early investigation - considered when doing procurement planning (\$1billion type projects i.e. large only)	Darren de Klerk	
5	Identify role of urban areas as part of town centre planning e.g. Waipawa/Otane boutique shop and accommodation growth, Waipukurau rural service industry focus.	Short Term	Underway	This work has commenced as part of the Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050, and the commencement of Town Centre Planning for Waipawa and Waipukurau, that will be further raised and discussed with the community in late 2021/early 2022.	Dylan Muggeridge	

	Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Links (further information)
6	Undertake survey of industrial and commercial land needs, factoring in existing growth needs and longer-term spatial planning	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	While this work is yet to commence, the Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan and supporting work to the District Plan Review, places the District in a good place for this work. We will continue to monitor industrial and commercial land development and demand in the interim.	Dylan Muggeridge	
7	Connect growth and development aspects of town centre planning with the focus on creating a great place to live by developing place-based initiatives to increase inclusiveness and diversity.	Medium to Long Term	Underway	This work has commenced as part of the Central Hawke's Bay Integrated Spatial Plan 2050, and also the commencement of Town Centre Planning for Waipawa and Waipukurau, that will be further raised and discussed with the community in late 2021/early2022.	Dylan Muggeridge	

Land Use Diversity							
	Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
1	Make baseline soil type and alternate land use information held by Council available to landowners	Short Term	Underway	This information is available in Council's suite of documents that form part of the Proposed District Plan. We are currently collating key information that may be of benefit and determining the most appropriate method and place for this information on our website.	Dylan Mugeridge	MPI	
2	Facilitate landowner/industry/investment network opportunities to support land diversification decisions	Short Term	Underway	While this initiative is yet to formally commence, Council has already been involved with a number of diversification and investment opportunities. Examples include Te Mata Mushroom Investment in Central Hawke's Bay, the Land Use Diversification Forum held in Waipawa in 2019, and recent support for Almond investment in the District. Council will continue to support local initiatives as they arise and use these to highlight and celebrate the diversification work underway or being explored in the District.	Karina Campbell		<a href="https://www.nzherald.co.nz/hawkes-bay-today/news/hawkes-bay-landowners-get-lowdown-on-diversifying-their-property-land-at-waipawa-session/ODO35OM37CB4R7PB5XEXCQCKUA/">https://www.nzherald.co.nz/hawkes-bay-today/news/hawkes-bay-landowners-get-lowdown-on-diversifying-their-property-land-at-waipawa-session/ODO35OM37CB4R7PB5XEXCQCKUA/</a>
3	Take an active role in connecting landowner clusters to central government funding for diversification (such as Ministry of Primary Industries and Te Puni Kōkiri)	Short Term	Ongoing	Council has been instrumental in supporting connections with organisations such as the Ministry of Primary Industries and Te Puni Kōkiri. The funding opportunities will continue to be explored and supported and funding, resourcing and support is required.	Karina Campbell		
4	Assist landowner cluster groups to consider land uses that have processing and market structures in neighbouring districts	Short Term	Not yet Started	At this time, there are no immediate plans to progress this, with the formation of landowner cluster groups yet to commence.	TBD		
5	Explore the preparation of a forestry investment prospectus	Short Term	Not yet Started	This has not been progressed at this time, with the impact of the Emissions Trading Scheme seeing many productive regional farms being purchased and afforestation turning large productive farms into forests, that in some communities are having detrimental societal effects. The Hawke's Bay Regional Councils Right Tree Right Place Programme, has been heavily pushed with support from the Provincial Growth Fund, with the Regional Council and the Right Tree Right Place Programme supporting a number of initiatives throughout the Region.	TBD		<a href="https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/environment/farmers-hub/right-tree-right-place/">https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/environment/farmers-hub/right-tree-right-place/</a>
6	Facilitate network opportunities that bring land owners, industry leaders, and investors together	Short Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
7	Provide the community with roading and land use overlay information to inform forestry investment decisions	Short Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
8	Assist landowner groups to explore investment propositions for secondary focus crops and grazing animals, including aquaculture	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
9	Work with landowner clusters to obtain more detailed climate data that can be shared (including accessing funding for this)	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		

	Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
10	Facilitate sharing of additional alternative land use information between landowners groups	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
11	Consider best way for landowners to obtain land use option information as part of new environmental regulation requirements	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
12	Link to business development plans to ensure we capture value from the harvest, creating additional jobs	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		
13	Link to infrastructure plans to effectively manage the impacts of increased logging traffic	Medium to Long Term	Underway	Priority business case created as part of PGF projects to understand freight movement across the district	Shawn McKinley	Stantec	<a href="https://stantec.shinyaps.io/hbrc-freight/">https://stantec.shinyaps.io/hbrc-freight/</a>
14	Identify how forest investment can be a key part of any sustainability point of difference for the district	Medium to Long Term	Not yet Started	This work has not yet started	TBD		

<b>Business Development and Attraction</b>					
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Update October 2021</b>	<b>CHBDC Lead</b>
1	Issue a Central Hawke's Bay-specific investment prospectus designed to attract new business investment	Short Term	Underway	Work has already commenced on a Central Hawke's Bay business brochure in conjunction with a review of the Great Things Grow Here brand and collateral. Expecting to progress this early 2022.	Karina Campbell
2	Update the district business capability and capacity lists to support the investment prospectus	Short Term	Not yet started	Whilst this work has not yet started, it will be progressed as part of the Central Hawke's Bay brochure work in Action above	TBD
3	Facilitate a series of provenance marketing events/workshops with key local businesses/farms	Short Term	Not yet started	Whilst this work has not yet started, it will be progressed as part of the Central Hawke's Bay brochure work in Action above	TBD
4	Support Māori business growth through developing Ngā Ara Tipuna Phase 3	Short Term	Underway	This work is currently underway.	Doug Tate, Pam Kupa, Karina Campbell
5	Map the potential for growth of primary sector service industry	Short Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started	TBD
6	Develop shared business support toolkit in collaboration with business clusters	Short Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started	TBD
7	Build networks into national ag-tech and ag-innovation programmes to complement Business Hawke's Bay's work	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started	TBD
8	Engage community around positioning the district as leaders in sustainability	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started	TBD
9	Implement a strategy to grow primary sector service industry	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started	TBD
10	Develop a strategy to grow retirement village sector and associated service industry	Medium to Long Term	Underway	This work is currently underway.	Doug Tate, Dylan Mugeridge, Jennifer Leaf

Skills					
Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	
1 Establish local industry cluster advisory groups, schools and work with Eastern Institute of Technology (and PTEs) to deliver demand-led skills training locally	Short Term	Underway	While Industry Clusters are yet to be established, Council has been proactive in the re-establishment of the Skills, Talent and Employment Network, supported by the Local Skills, Training and Employment Action Plan. Upon the establishment of the industry clusters, there are opportunities to further bring together trades and EIT to reassess the Local Skills, Training and Employment Action Plan to address shortfalls in trade skills and resources.	Bridget Cover	
2 Support PGF application for Hatuma Lime private training enterprise	Short Term	Complete	This project was not supported by the Provincial Growth Fund, with the timing of the announcement of the New National Polytechnic the New Institute of Skills and Technology, further creating uncertainty on the proposition. At the time, Council supported Undersecretary Fletcher Tabuteau to visit Hatuma Lime, however again the funding was unsuccessful. As opportunities arise, we will continue to explore and consider the viability or feasibility of the initiative.	n/a	
3 Seek funding for 'Connect to Learn 24/7' to provide improved accessibility to digital skills and skills training support	Short Term	Complete	This project has been superseded by the Provincial Growth Funds Regional Digital Hub Funding. The Knowledge and Learning Hub - Te Huinga Wai, will fulfil this function with programming seeking to ensure that the facility is relevant to all of community. The apprenticeship workshops where attendees will be given access to digital support and resources are an example of this, plus other business support services that will be available to the community.	Bridget Cover	
4 Develop a Regional (High Value) Skills Strategy	Short Term	Complete	Strategy funded and complete - The development of the Skills, training and employment action plan which is specific to CHB is continuing to be developed which will align with this Regional Skills Strategy.	Bridget Cover	
5 Explore opportunities for Te Ara Mahi funding (transitions to work connections and youth work- ready programmes)	Short Term	Ongoing	The funding secured through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Programme has largely superseded this initiative, with Te Ara Mahi Funding currently difficult to secure. The work that is being completed with MTFJ is continually looking at how it can remain sustainable and therefore we are trying to set the programme up to be able to apply for future funding like Te Ara Mahi. Long Term is unclear what government funding support will look like beyond 30 June 2022. Skills Training and Employment Action Plan will cover this.	Bridget Cover	
6 Seek funding to pilot a work ready programme in collaboration with industry	Short Term	Complete	Again, the services and funding secured through Mayors Taskforce for jobs achieves this. There are already examples of this at work, including the Rapid Redeployment Programmes that have been hugely successful.	Bridget Cover	
7 Update Council procurement policy to include guidance on how to contribute to local employment and social procurement outcomes	Medium to Long Term	Complete	Council has created a Progressive procurement toolkit, with the District CHBDC is leading the way with work being completed between a recently established internal Project Management Office and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Programme. Local contractors who are tendering for work are encouraged to speak with MTFJ about finding an employee. If we knew the longevity of MTFJ it would be good to write this into the procurement strategy for sustainability.	Bridget Cover	

	Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead
8	Implement Regional (High Value) Skills Strategy	Medium to LongTerm	Underway	This Strategy was commenced in 2020, with Business Hawke's Bay taking a key lead in the Strategy Development. Business Hawke's Bay as an entity have now been wound up and the Project has stalled, with the timing of the future development of the Regional Economic Development Agency potentially picking this work up again. This is also now a Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) for Hawke's Bay, with their purpose being to identify and support better ways of meeting future skills and workforce needs in our regions and cities. They are part of a joined-up approach to labour market planning which will see our workforce, education and immigration systems working together to better meet the differing skills needs across the country. At this time Council will provide support as needed.	Karina Campbell Bridget Cover
9	Review Council investment in young people, social and business development to improve local employment outcomes	Medium to LongTerm	Underway	MTFJ - working with PMO - Also MTFJ initiatives are focussed on business development and social development. Growing Great Entrepreneurs works with up and coming businesses to support them to thrive. We are working alongside Chamber of Commerce who run this unique CHB program and have brought Chamber and MSD together to allow for funding in the future to increase the sustainability of this program should MTFJ no longer be able to fund it.	Bridget Cover
10	Provide increased opportunities for local employment via social procurement and by providing cadetships at Council	Medium to LongTerm	Underway	Contracts (Darren) PGF contracts. Grad Engineer taken on. Council have become active employers within the Gateway program at the CHB College and have taken on 2 students who work once a week within Council. We also participate in CHB Work Experience Day and had a significant number of kids come and see what it's like to work at council. MTFJ also work closely with Veolia to assist with finding cadets for their roles.	Bridget Cover Darren deKlerk

Tourism						
Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
1 Undertake a Tourism Infrastructure Feasibility Study (including gap analysis)	Short Term	Complete	This study was completed in 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the effects on tourism i.e. having to concentrate on domestic tourism rather than international, the work also included a Destination Management Plan - known as TINA (Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment). This study has helped with obtaining additional funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund, and helped with the content of the CHB visitor guide	Karina Campbell	HB Tourism	<a href="https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/002509-TourismPlan-aR-web.pdf">https://www.chbdc.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/002509-TourismPlan-aR-web.pdf</a>
2 Support development of Ngā Ara Tipuna Phase 1 and 2	Short Term	Complete	Ngā Ara Tipuna celebrates the stories of the people of Tamatea, focused on six culturally significant sites (pā's) in and around Waipukurau. It is a partnership between Tamatea Hapū, Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea and Central Hawke's Bay District Council. Award winning 'place-based storytellers' Locales were engaged to manage and deliver the project. A governance entity (Charitable Trust) has been established. Phase 1 and 2 were largely completed in August 2021, with some residual work remains into September 2021 and beyond (tying in with Phase 3). Official opening to happen late 2021 (COVID-19 restrictions dependent)	Karina Campbell	Te Taiwhenua, MBIE	
3 Ensure visitor information is relevant and promoted (implement the Review of Visitor Information Services)	Short Term	Ongoing	Some elements of the review were implemented as per separate actions and some have dependencies on other projects not yet realised. This work is ongoing.	Karina Campbell	HB Tourism	
4 Develop a range of "point of difference" marketing campaigns alongside our tourism operators to target different tourism audiences	Short Term	Ongoing	Partly implemented as part of the Visitor guide and the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment. This work is ongoing	Karina Campbell	HB Tourism	
5 Position the district as a distinct destination to audiences within a 2hr drive radius	Short Term	Ongoing	Partly implemented as part of the Visitor guide and the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment. This work is Ongoing	Karina Campbell	HB Tourism	
6 Build relationships with neighbouring districts to extend our tourism reach across the region	Short Term	Ongoing	These relationships have been built up through a number of regional initiatives such as "Great things grow here" which is a brand to assist the region's economic growth by promoting the benefits of doing business and living in Hawke's Bay. Work will be ongoing.	Karina Campbell	Other Councils, businesses etc	

Action	Timing	Status	Update October 2021	CHBDC Lead	Partners	Links (further information)
7 Undertake infrastructure assessment to support future growth of tourism	Short	On Hold	Partly implemented as part of the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment. More work is required to develop			
associated with longest place-name and the Porangahau area	Term		relationships and soft infrastructure in Ngati Kere.	Doug Tate	Ngati Kere	
8 Build tourism networks and programmes that complement Hawke's Bay Tourism work	Medium to Long Term	Ongoing	This is an ongoing relationship management and partnership model across the district and region.	Karina Campbell		
9 Develop a Cycle Strategy identifying route enablers e.g. Middle Road, Tuki Tuki trail	Medium to Long Term	Underway	This work is underway and will be informed by the Thriving Places and Spaces programme - specifically Active Recreation and town centre planning.	Jennifer Leaf	Cycling Governance Group	
10 Develop an Event Bidding and Support Strategy	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	Was mooted to be a part of the future of play programme but not actioned as of yet. Budget for this in LTP for 2022/23	Bridget Cover		
11 Support implementation of regional destination management plan	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	The regional destination management plan overall sits with Hawke's Bay Tourism and Hastings District Council. However when Central Hawke's Bay undertook the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Assessment in 2019/2020 we also incorporated a district destination management plan. As we look to implement this from early 2022 onwards, opportunities exist to align with the regional destination management plan.	Karina Campbell	Hawke's Bay Tourism Other councils (incl CHB)	
12 Develop Department of Conservation estate opportunities as part of destination management for district	Medium to Long Term	Not yet started	This work has not yet started.	Jennifer Leaf	DOC	

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## 6.5 COMMUNITY PRIDE & VIBRANCY FUND - WHAKANUIA MATARIKI KI TAMATEA FESTIVAL

**File Number:** COU1-1411

**Author:** Christine Renata, Social Services Lead

**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea Festival - Update Report [↓](#)

### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee of the event funded by the Community Pride & Vibrancy Fund namely the Whakanuia Matariki Ki Tamatea Festival held at Russell Park, Waipukurau on Friday 18 June 2021, in accordance with the Community Funding Policy.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

### BACKGROUND

Matariki, also known as Māori New Year, is a time for celebration, growth and renewal. It is a time to get together and remember whānau who have passed away, share food, tell stories, sing and play music. Matariki is the Māori name for the group of stars also known as Pleiades of the Seven Sisters.

The Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund supports projects that are an activity, programme or development that will occur in a public space and promotes our Community to THRIVE.

The application to the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund was considered by two representatives of Council on 3 June 2021 as per the Community Funding Policy. An amount of \$4485.00 was granted to support the 2021 event which took place on Friday 18 June at Russell Park, Waipukurau.

The event was extremely well organised and succeeded in attracting a wide cross section of the community, with organisers reporting an estimated 1500-2000 people in attendance - the largest number ever at this event in Tamatea/Central Hawke's Bay. This free family/whanau event included live entertainment, a bouncy castle for younger tamariki, food stalls and an impressive controlled fireworks display.

Without the support of the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund this event would not have been as successful as it was.

### DISCUSSION

This report is being presented to the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee to note the funds that were provided by the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund, which allowed for this free community event to occur. In accordance with the Community Funding Policy, these funds were approved and are now being formally presented to the Committee.

Philip Morris and Te Rangimarie Ngarotata will present an update on the the Matariki Celebrations on the day.

**IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT**

This report confirms that the matter concerned has no particular implications and has been dealt with in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002. Specifically:

- Council staff have delegated authority for any decisions made;
- Council staff have identified and assessed all reasonably practicable options for addressing the matter and considered the views and preferences of any interested or affected persons (including Māori), in proportion to the significance of the matter;
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- No decisions have been made that would alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or would transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

## Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea 2021

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars known right across the world as Pleiades. It signifies the beginning of our New Year once visible in the sky. Matariki celebrations in Tamatea have been a significant time for local hapū and mana whenua and has included an array of events and festivals since 1992.

In 2021 the Tamatea Matariki committee managed to secure a full week of events for Central Hawke's Bay residents to attend and enjoy for free. The week included ancient ancestral sport tournaments, exhibitions and a Matariki theatre show.

We celebrated the end of a successful week with the hugely successful Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea festival on Friday 18 June, 2021. This year's festival was held at Russell Park with plenty of parking for general public and the buses that brought our small communities and local hapū in from Pōrangahau, Takapau, Otane and Waipawa. The site was packed with 20+ vendors, local stalls, businesses' and organisations such as EPIC Ministries who raised a great amount of money for their youth groups. There were enough activities for the whole whānau to enjoy including 3 bouncy castles and a 20metre stage and 2 kaumātua tents to keep our elderly warm during the 3 hour event.

The festival was an efficacious event for all involved and brought community pride and vibrancy to those who travelled near and far to enjoy the festivities that Central Hawke's Bay hosted. The entertainment line up had several genres ranging from local and national performers including the Epic Ministries hip hop and worship band, E.I.T Te Reo Māori class, The Terrace School, Miss Tutus Dance Academy, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga Kapa Haka, Turei Kire Hapuku, and our very own local talent Hikawera Ferris. We paid tribute to those who have left us with a very touching presentation of memories of our loved ones and a moment of silence. The night ended with a very well controlled and mesmerising display of lights fireworks and music for whānau to immerse themselves in the present moment and enjoy their surroundings followed by karakia to ensure the safe return of all who attended. Within the one night we managed to encapsulate the great essence of Matariki for our people of Central Hawke's Bay.

**Main Characters and Contributors**

- Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (\$19,000)
- Tamatea Matariki Committee (\$1,000)
- Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea (\$3,000)
- Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund / Central Hawke's Bay District Council (\$4,485)

## Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea 2021

Whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga are some of the founding contributors to an event that celebrates significant days for Māori. These attributes consist of building strong relationships and networks and ensuring the well-being of our people is taken care of in every essence. We believe we championed this and the proof is in the people who came together and made the night (and week) successful, the 1500- 2000 people who attended the Friday night festival, the people behind the scenes, the kaumatua(elderly) who prepped 200 rourou for general public to collect free kai during the event, the security and traffic control teams who worked in the dark and cold to ensure our people were safe, these teams were imperative to the flow of well managed traffic control, without our community champions and the funders this event wouldn't have been possible.

**Future plans**

The event was a success with the numbers involved and the numbers attended. In the future we would like to see a full day event in the district, showcasing the talent that we have in our community. We would like to work alongside community members co-design a programme or activity that would cater to our future leaders in early childhood, Kohanga reo, Kura Kaupapa and local schools. We would also like to exercise the idea of Council and Taiwhenua leading the way and performing one or two songs together at the night time event as this would encapsulate great partnership and the strong relationships we have built. There is a great deal of cultural capacity movement within both organisation's and I see this as a possible topic of discussion. The week of events can be altered in each their own ways and the Matariki committee have met to discuss forward thinking plans to ensure more and more of our community attend each event.

**In Summary**

Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea would not have been possible without the relationships between iwi and local hapū, mana whenua and council and the contribution from great community champions here in Tamatea. The communities of Central Hawke's Bay are fortunate for the strong networks that were forged during the preparation and delivery of these auspicious events, they have made an impact on the way we aim to take things to the next level and deliver the very best for our small communities in order for our people to feel pride and mana when celebrating such significant days in Aotearoa, New Zealand. The Tamatea Matariki Committee consisted of 5 great community champions who volunteered their time sweat and tears to ensure our people could celebrate in great style and abundance. The greatest gift we received was the reciprocity of joy laughter and smiles from all who

Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea 2021

attended the night and week. We would like to thank the Strategy and Well-being committee for their contribution to Whakanuia Matariki ki Tamatea Festival and hope to collaborate each year to ensure our community places and open spaces are activated with pride and vibrancy.



## 6.6 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTING SUMMARY

### File Number:

**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships

**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

**Attachments:** 1. **Central Hawke's Bay Community Reporting Summary** [↓](#)

### RECOMMENDATION

**That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide to the Strategy and Wellbeing Committee for its formal receipt, reports from community partners and organisations required annually or biennially.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as not significant.

### BACKGROUND

Council has a number of agreements and relationships with community organisations and partners that provide services and activities for Council on behalf of the community. Annually and biennially are requirements within each contract and agreement for reporting to Council to occur.

This report provides a summary of all of the Annual or Biennial reports for the Committee's receipt. At the time of writing, a community meeting on the evening of 20 October with community organisations and partners to come together and present to the Committee in a more informal, setting was planned. The reports due to be presented in the evening session, are attached and form part of this report.

### DISCUSSION

This section of the report, provides a high level summary of each of the reports:

#### Sport Hawke's Bay

Council has a six year funding support agreement with Sport Hawke's Bay, with the agreement coming to an end in 2024. The funding that Council provides, only supports the outcomes the District receives with funding from Sport Hawke's Bay being received through other national channels.

Despite the challenges of COVID, the 12 month reporting period for Sport Hawke's Bay is another repertoire of great successes for the Central Hawke's Bay Community, promoting and supporting the range of great activities and services Sport HB are involved in.

The report focusses on the three key focus areas of Sport Hawke's Bay being:

1. Active Lifestyles
2. Workforce Development
3. Regional Leadership

Some notable highlights include the introduction of ki-o-rahi for the District, both in schools and with a tournament as part of Matariki Celebrations, 721 visits for seniors to Sport HB programmes, pulling off the 2020 Hatuma Half Marathon, establishing the Play Streets Programme, Celebrating success at the 2020 CHB Sports Awards and other great initiatives.

Overall, despite the challenges a super year for Sport HB.

### EPIC – Youth Development Annual Report

This year is the final year of the EPIC Inspire Youth Contract, with a new Agreement being executed for the 2021 -2024 period.

This Annual report, draws on the last three years, with the 2020 year being reflected on as a difficult year, particularly for youth events and activities, however with particular successes being achieved through the Central Hawke's Bay College Youth Hub and College associations. Despite this the report draws out a number of successes supporting and enabling our Districts Youth to thrive.

In other activities, two particular points drawn from activities that have been identified in the report impacting youth were; the lack of rental homes in Central Hawkes Bay, and a desire for more positive and safe places to spend time when youth are not at school. While not for Council to solve alone, there are a number of opportunities for Council to leverage existing facilities and connections to understand where synergies exist to address these points.

As part of this presentation, attendees at the Te Puawaitanga o nga Taiohi received to attend "Festival For The Future" (FFTF) will also give an update on their experiences attending this forum.

### Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society – Central Hawke's Bay Chapter

Council holds a Memorandum of Understanding with the Society, receiving a small amount of funding each year, with a new Memorandum of Understanding being signed for the management of Ōtaia (Tukituki/Lindsay Road Scenic Reserve).

Ōtaia Bush is a gem on the doorstep of Waipawa and Waipukurau, with Forest and Bird dedicating hundreds of hours each year for restoration, trapping, planting and educational activities in the reserve. 325 volunteer hours were recorded this year.

The report highlights a number of successful initiatives they Society has achieved, supporting the overall wellbeing of this important environmental taonga.

A particular focus for the coming 12 months is seeking to gain traction on the development of the carpark areas, combined with the replacement of toilets, which is planned in the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.

### Rotary River Pathways Trust

The Rotary River Pathways Trust holds a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council, with a new MOU currently awaiting on Hawke's Bay Regional Council to execute with the new MOU.

The new MOU provides clarity on the maintenance and obligations of the parties on the new tracks, but also establishes operational and strategic meeting patterns and regularity between the parties. This new operational and strategic meeting has already paid off with Council seeking to align wastewater works and other activities programmed in the 2021-2024 Long Term Plan for projects, to ensure these are delivered in a cohesive and consistent manner for the future.

The major efforts for the 2020 – 2021 financial year has been the development of the Tukituki Trails with support of funding from the Provincial Growth Fund. The project has been a major enabler of over 10 kilometres of new track, new berm trails, new tracks in Gum Tree Park, and new connecting bridges and activities. This additional work further cements the trails as a highlight of the District for the community and visitors alike.

A highlight was in early 2021 welcoming the Prime Minister and other dignitaries to the District to hear about the great work achieved with the trails.

### Central Hawke's Bay Musuem

The Museums Report acknowledges some great achievements for the period, however also a changing of the guard for the Museum. It also recognises the passing of Clive Pearson a long standing member of the Musuem team since 2008.

Despite the challenges of COVID, the Museum ran a number of outstanding exhibitions and programmes including the 'Local Lockdown' exhibition, the first exhibition from the 2020 major lockdown. Other exhibitions included Cefyn Gauden's – A colourful life, Onward to Victory WW2 1942 – 1945 and multiple community partnerships and programmes.

The report also notes the retirement of the museums Chairman Hans Dresel, who served on the Committee of the Musuem for 12 years, 9 of those as Chairman. Hans was acknowledged with a Community Service Award as part of the Central Hawke's Bay 2021 Civic Awards.

At the time of writing, the Musuem is holding its AGM on 13 October, which will confirm its annual report.

### Other reports:

Council will receive reports from both the Central Hawke's Bay District Community Trust, and the Hawke's Bay Tourism over the next four months.

The Central Hawke's Bay District Community Trust are yet to meet for confirm their annual report and hold their AGM and will be presenting separately to Council in the near future, recognising that Council are working proactively with the Trust on other activities including the assessment of the existing pool and stadium structures, and wider engagement as part of the Thriving Places and Spaces

Central Hawke's Bay Tourism will provide a fuller separate presentation at a Strategy and Wellbeing workshop in the new year.

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**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Strategy and Wellbeing Committee  
Community Group Annual Reporting

Wednesday 21 October 2021

*Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!*

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# ***CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY***

***January 2021 – July 2021 Report***

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## 1.0 ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

### Community Well-being

Inspiring the community into Sport, Active Recreation & Play

#### Green Prescription

GRx continues to be a kickstart pathway to developing a long term routine to improve overall health and wellbeing. Working collaboratively with CHB referrers such as GP's, nurses, mental health workers and physiotherapists, the more information we have about the client

gives us better tools from a starting point and securing that important first contact which establishes a connection.

#### Key areas of work - January to June 2021:

- Continued to work with Te Waireka in Otane to help integrate clients back into society as part of their prison release conditions.
- Worked alongside pool/gym management and staff to arrange a suitable time with adequate supervision.
- Offered goal setting workshops with trainers for clients rather than just the use of the gym.
- Email collaboration with Physiotherapists and rural community nurse after referring clients – ongoing communication throughout the clients time on the programme with feedback to and from referrer and ALA ensuring best results for client.

Rongoā Kākāriki  
**GREEN**  
PRESCRIPTION

**116** NEW Referrals

**80** Active

**20** Completed

**71% Female - 29% Male**

#### Client Feedback

Every client's story and every journey is different, especially in what success looks like to them. Here is just a snapshot of some the success stories of some of our CHB clients as described by them in their feedback since starting on the program:

*"Yes enjoying the gym and the aqua jogging, given my diet an overhaul and so far lost 6kg. Cheers. "*

*"Thank you! I love walking. I'm going to start walking to the mailbox and back which is about 2km. The belt helped so much in the water thanks for showing me that, because I tried to do some swimming but couldn't breathe. I'm excited to keep coming back."*

*"I am not able to swim but I have just been in the pool and did 8 lengths walking while my grandson was swimming next to me. Thanks for getting me started. "*

*"Since seeing you we have definitely upped the good vege intake. We have been having lots of hidden vegetable dishes and using lots of leafy greens. After Ben had his op (5 weeks ago) I have brought fizzy once (2 bottles). Ben opted to drink water straight after his op which has been great."*

## 1.0 ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

### *Community Well-being*

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### CHB Kiwi Seniors

Waipukurau Kiwi Seniors started back on Tuesday 2 February 2021.

A great team of motivated and enthusiastic participants led by Judy Stuart. Kiwi Seniors is a programme specifically tailored for older adults. This programme engages seniors of all abilities and includes the following elements: Line Dancing, free style movements to music, resistance exercises with the use of dynabands, light hand weights and aspects of Tai Chi. Always welcoming of newcomers and appreciate when other instructors come in to make a guest appearance.

The group has continued to slowly grow in numbers, however having relocated to a smaller venue at the St Mary’s Church Hall in Waipukurau they are finding it more and more challenging to accommodate new interest. With no alternative venue able to accommodate the size and H&S requirements of the group they will continue to remain at the Hall for the foreseeable future.



### Kī-o-Rahi

#### *Omakere School Kī-o-Rahi Programme*

Sport Hawke’s Bay worked with Omakere school to help develop student knowledge and practical experience of Kī-o-Rahi which included teaching senior students the pūrākau, rules and role of the game. So once learnt those students then go on to teach the rest of the school and follows ‘tuakana-teina’ principals.

The resulting impact was that students were able to participate with confidence in future Inter-school Kī-o-Rahi competitions.

#### *Ōtāne School Tuakana-Teina Kī-o-Rahi Competition*

A Kī-o-rahi competition was organised and hosted by Ōtāne School with assistance from Sport Hawke’s Bay and Sport NZ’s Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Funding. The competition was held in early Term 2 with Otane schools teams competing alongside invited schools Elsthorpe, Omakere and Pukehou Schools.

The tuakana-teina relationship, is an integral part of traditional Māori society, it provides a model for buddy systems. An older or more expert tuakana (brother, sister or cousin) helps and guides a younger or less expert teina.

The kids were able to practice their newly learnt Kī-o-Rahi skills, showcase these skills and make connections with the others involved. Whānau were

## 1.0 ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

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invited to come down and support, some even stepped in and helped with umpiring on the day.

#### **Matariki Kī-o-Rahi Interschool Tournament**

A Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Funded initiative with 10 school participating in a one-day Interschool tournament held at Russell Park.

Sport Hawke’s Bay provided support in the lead up to the event providing initial event management guidance along with event support on the day with staff helping to umpire games.

The students and schools have all embraced Kī-o-Rahi with schools already asking for more competitions.



## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

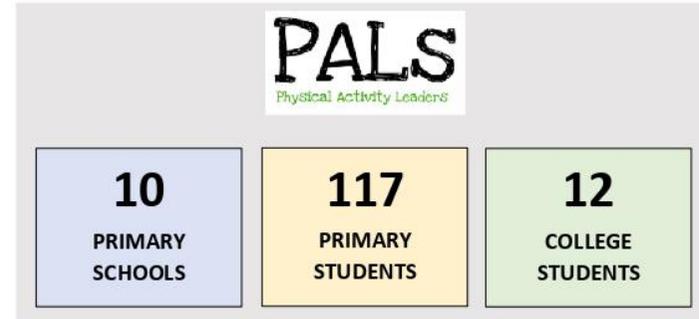
### Community Support

*Supporting the community to provide quality recreation & sporting experiences*

### Physical Activity LeaderS (PALs)

The Physical Activity Leaders programme allows senior students to put their leadership skills to good use by taking games and activities for younger students – this aligning well with the tuakana/teina concept. The training day involved a variety of leadership style activities including communication, leadership, problem solving and games. Students then use these games and the delivery skills learnt from the training to go back into their respective schools and run lunchtime activities.

This training day is supported and by Central Hawke’s Bay College and provides coaching and leadership development opportunities for the Year 9 Sports Academy students who help to run the activity stations.



## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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### EVENT SUPPORT

#### Norsewood to Takapau FUN Challenge (N2T)

For the Takapau School PTA this was the second time delivering the N2T due to the event being cancelled in 2020 with the nation going into Covid Level 4 lockdown.

Sport Hawke’s Bay worked alongside the organising committee providing event management/operations advice and guidance. Connecting the group with ONETIME Timing developers and securing a promotional offer to trial ONETIME’s new end-to-end registration/timing/results service free of charge as part of a case study looking at reducing the amount of administration involved and the number of volunteers required. This enabled the N2T organisers to redistribute volunteers into other marshalling roles on the day, and was found to be easy to use, easy to manage and overall a great event asset.



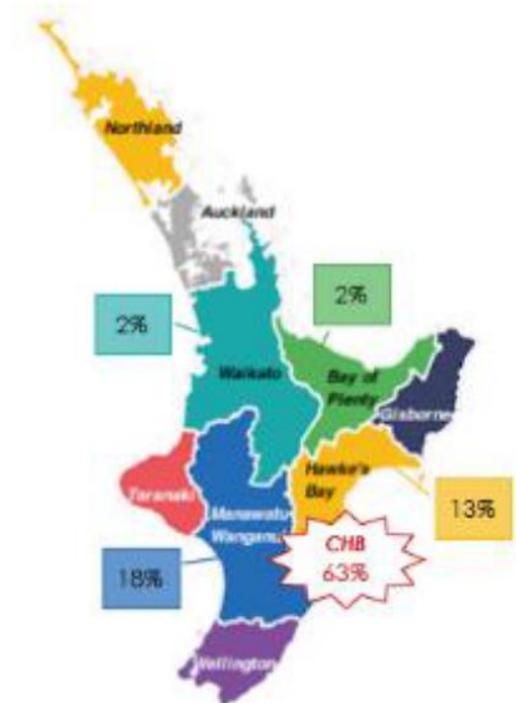
The event ran smoothly with 102 participants taking part and enjoying a warm and sunny Central Hawke’s Bay day with no major incidents or set backs to note. Feedback from participant surveys showed the participants felt it was a well organised event with friendly volunteers and a supportive atmosphere with 94% of participant giving the event a rating of 4 out of 5 star rating or above.

- *“Well organised and great vibe at the finish!! Love the baking as you cross the finish line. Was great being able to register that morning as well”*
- *“Great atmosphere and the fact that it was raising money for a school”*
- *“It was a well run family friendly event. Everyone involved was friendly and it was a real community event.”*

## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Even though participation numbers were low the school still managed to raise just over \$8,000 to go towards the purchase of a new school van and attracted participants/visitors from outside the district.

Sport Hawke's Bay collated the event stats, participation & volunteer surveys responses feeding back the key insights to the organising committee and the wider leads group. Main area of concern was in the low attendance numbers – which had identified as being under resourced and a skill gap within the group. Further encouragement for marketing and promotions to be increased to help raise awareness about the event and attract more people.

Concerns were raised by the committee that the on-road event is a lot of work for the organising leads – the PTA has confirmed that it will not be continuing with the event in 2022 and is considering alternative fundraising options that may be easier and less demanding to organise.



## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Community Support

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#### CHB Swim 4 Lives Group

Assistance was provided to the group in developing systems and processes to be able to successfully (and eventually independantly) plan, organise and deliver it's annual fundraising event as Sport Hawke's Bay transitions itself into an external advisory & support role.



Templates, tools and training developed and implemented to effectively and successfully plan, organise and deliver it's annual fundraising event. Identify gaps within the group and recruit

capable local volunteers to build organisational capability with the event successfully raising over \$4500 from the 2021 Swim-a-thon.



With more schools engaging with the group to access funding for water safety programmes each year the group has engaged Sport Hawke's By to help them in developing funding/sponsorship plan for both their short term goals and long term sustainability of support of schools.

## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### Community Support

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#### Waipukurau Rotary Club

The Waipukurau Rotary Club approached Sport Hawke's Bay for insights within youth sport to identify key opportunities and barriers facing youth sport in Central Hawke's Bay. With an upcoming fundraising event – A Night with Mark Inglis, in the pipeline Rotary was looking ahead to plan where they could potentially direct event proceeds to support youth sport.

Through insights gathered from working with Council in the distribution of the Sport NZ Rural Travel fund and community feedback Sport Hawke's Bay was able to identify a gap within current funding (structures/systems?) with limited options for individual youth participating in regional or national competitions who are required to travel out of the district to attend trainings & compete. Majority of funding criteria only supports teams, clubs or organisations.

With the Rotary Club already having structures in place as supporters of youth participating in the Spirit of Adventure and Outward Bound Programmes, it seemed like a natural fit to utilise these existing processes to support youth sport.

Further work is needed to support Rotary in developing application processes specific to meet the needs of youth sport and then raise awareness and communicating this opportunity to the community.

Waipukurau Rotary, Vet Services (HB) and Centralines present an evening with

**Mark Inglis**

mountaineer, researcher, writer and motivational speaker relating his remarkable achievements as a double amputee, from climbing Mt Everest, Olympic Medalist to accomplished cyclist.

Friday June 25th 2021  
Civic Theatre, Waipukurau  
6.30pm

Funds raised from this evening will be used by Waipukurau Rotary to support youth and community projects.

Tickets \$35 each are available from the Civic Theatre, Property Brokers (cash only) in Waipukurau or from Rotarians.

Silent Auction and Live Auction on the night.

Complimentary drink (sponsor New World Waipukurau), nibbles (sponsor 2STOR) on arrival. A cash bar will also operate.

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## 2.0 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### *Community Support*

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#### *Cycle Skills in Schools - update*

Progress has been made over the last six months, gathering insights and gaining a better understanding of the 'Cycling' landscape in CHB schools. These insights have shown that there is a need and a want for Cycle Skills training from Central Hawke's Bay Schools. With the increased

With the increasing interest & growth in cycle activity in the district with the community and visitors utilising community assets such as the Tukituki Trails, Mountain Bike Tracks, etc. and this further supported by the development and extension of the TukiTuki Trails, the installation and links with Ngā Ara Tipuna historical e-sites, we will continue to see growth in this area. However there is no current Cycle Skills programme deliverers in the region that currently have the capacity or available resource to deliver this much needed training to all schools in Central Hawke's Bay.

Sport Hawke's Bay is working with the Central Hawke's Bay Education Leaders Assoc. to engage and invite schools wanting to implement cycle skills development in their school. A 'Train the trainer' workshop has been scheduled for the October school holidays for identified teachers, support staff and/or interested community members to become 'Cycle Champions' within their respective schools. The purpose of the workshop is to upskill these champions to become qualified Level 1 Cycle skills instructors to drive and deliver cycle skills training. This would mean that delivery of Cycle Skills Training and education could start as early as Term 3 onwards.

Further discussion and consultation is needed to develop and identify an effective and sustainable long term delivery model to ensure all Central Hawke's Bay children are provided opportunity to learn and develop age and stage appropriate cycle skills, including on-road safety knowledge and learning experiences in safe and appropriate spaces and places.

An example of where a Hawke's Bay school has successfully embraced this idea is: [Irongate School Ka Tipu Nga Kahikatea Project](#) (video can be viewed on Youtube) where the school had been supported to provide positive and meaningful opportunities for their students to engage in cycling and developed an appropriately skilled workforce for long term sustainability.

#### *Additional Community Support*

During the last six months the Central Hawke's Bay office has received multiple requests for support from local organisations. From those seeking funding to those wanting governance advice or event management planning support to improve the quality of play, active recreation and sport opportunities in Central Hawke's Bay including:

Omakere school – Interschool Try-athlon, Event management support

CHB District Libraries – Ki-o-Rahi Tournament planning

CHB Junior Football Club – Pre-season communication & engagement with schools

Waipukurau Squash sub-committee – Committee operations support

Aqua Management – Interschool Junior Hockey competition administration support.

### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Communication and collaboration across the region*

#### Disability & Inclusion

##### *Hawke's Bay Disability Advisory Group for Play, Active Recreation and Sport*

In March 2020 Sport Hawke's Bay conducted a Community Insights Gathering Project to better understand the needs and wants of disabled people and their wider support networks, and the capability and needs of disability organisations and local providers in relation to play, active recreation, and sport.

Key outcomes from both groups highlighted the need for a group to support with advocacy and to act as an advisory, for people and organisations to work together to ensure more collaboration, and for the sharing of resources and knowledge to improve opportunities for disabled people.

In response to these key community insights, Sport Hawke's Bay have established a Hawke's Bay Disability Advisory Group for Play, Active Recreation and Sport. Initially the key focus of the Group is to develop a regional strategy for disability and inclusion in play, active recreation and sport, to ensure that further actions that were identified from the Community Insights Gathering Project are prioritised and implemented. The Group aims to have the Strategy ready to launch in December, this year.

The Advisory Group is made up of representatives from multiple different sectors, and importantly Central Hawkes Bay District Council also hold membership on this group, which not only provides an opportunity for the Central Hawke's Bay Disability Advisory Group to contribute to this work at a regional level, but to also ensure that the Central Hawke's Bay District itself is well represented within the Regional Disability Strategy for Play, Active Recreation and Sport.

The Group also provides a unique opportunity to collaborate inter-regionally, and across multiple sectors, to share resources and learning to ultimately increase opportunities for disabled people to be active.



Sport Hawke's Bay also distributes a regular newsletter throughout all of Hawke' Bay which includes all of the opportunities (that we know about) that are going on in Hawke's Bay that are related to disability in play, active recreation and sport.

### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Communication and collaboration across the region*

#### Healthy Active Learning

Healthy Active Learning is a collaborative initiative between Sport New Zealand, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. It’s designed to support schools, kura and early learning services to improve child and youth wellbeing through healthy eating and drinking and quality physical activity.

## Healthy Active Learning



Supporting schools, kura and early learning services to improve child and youth wellbeing through healthy eating and drinking, and quality physical activity

A large proportion of this funding sits with Sport NZ to effectively build a workforce that can support schools on a regular and sustainable basis. The rest of the funds are divided up between the Ministry of Education who is mainly responsible for resourcing and the Ministry of Health who will largely support schools with water and nutrition policies.

The local workforce – The HB Wellbeing Partnership Group is a collaboration of Sport Hawke’s Bay, Ministry of Education Hawke’s Bay and the Hawke’s Bay District Health Board. This is largely a strategic group to discuss issues, challenges and successes in the Hauora/Healthy Active Learning space and look for ways to positively impact Young People through our connecting organisations.

Sport Hawke’s Bay has funding for 40 HB schools from the start of January 2022.



Central Hawke’s Bay Schools:

- Otane
- Porangahau
- The Terrace School
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Takapau

Schools with a decile rating 1-4 are a high priority area for Sport New Zealand, although the approved list of Hawke’s Bay schools are Decile 1-3 as we have a high percentage of these (75 HB schools & kura are decile 1-4).

### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

#### *Communication and collaboration across the region*

Consideration was also given to the current mahi and initiatives Sport Hawke's Bay is supporting in the Young Persons space eg: He Oranga Poutama (stairway to wellbeing), Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Funding, Play, He Oranga Poutama, Cycling, Physical Activity LeaderS (PALS) etc. As well as our existing and established relationships with Leadership teams, staff and the schools community.

In preparation for the roll-out of the initiative in January 2022 Sport Hawke's Bay will be concentrating on education both internally and externally with existing stakeholders and providers in schools, raising awareness and continuing to build relationships to support future collaboration across the board.



#### ***Desired outcomes:***

- *Schools and kura understand and recognise the value of the Health and Physical Education and Hauora curriculum*
- *Schools and kura support and promote quality play, sport and physical activity opportunities*
- *Teachers and Kaiako are confident and capable in delivering the Health and Physical Education and Hauora curriculum*
- *Schools and kura support and promote a healthy food and drink environment*
- *Schools and kura make well informed decisions when engaging with external providers*
- *Schools and kura are connected to their wider community, including whanau and local health and physical activity providers*

### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Communication and collaboration across the region*

#### Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa

Launched in July 2020 the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa replaces Kiwisport Funding and is aimed at providing quality experiences that are accessible, create a lifelong love of being active and meet the needs of tamariki and rangatahi.

Sport Hawke’s Bay distributes the funds on behalf of Sport NZ and welcome applications from a wide range of organisations that provide play, active recreation and sport opportunities, particularly for:

- Children and young people in higher deprivation communities
- Girls and young women (5-24) and disabled children and young people (5-18)

At the end of the first year Sport Hawke’s Bay took part in a review with for other Regional Sports Trusts, to identify and address any issues and also identify opportunities that could enhance the management and operation of the fund moving forward.

Year 2 Changes for Hawke’s Bay:

Full Fund applicant will have the option to present to the panel

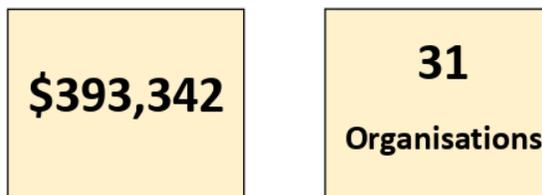
Fast Fund - now Bi-monthly rounds for projects up to \$10,000

Full Fund - now Bi-annual rounds for applications up to \$40,000

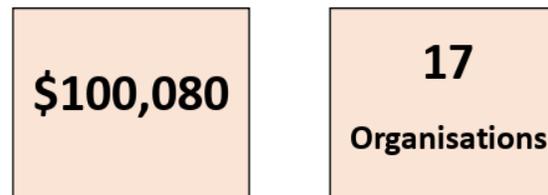
#### CHB Funding Roadshow

The CHB funding roadshow was of huge benefit to be able to get in front of multiple Central Hawke’s Bay organisations and share with them information about the Tū Manawa fund and where it might sit with them. As a result 10 organisations followed up and made contact with Sport Hawke’s Bay staff for further conversations support with potential applications.

#### *Hawke’s Bay total amount funded from Jan-June 2021*



#### *Central Hawke’s Bay total amount funded from Jan-June 2021*

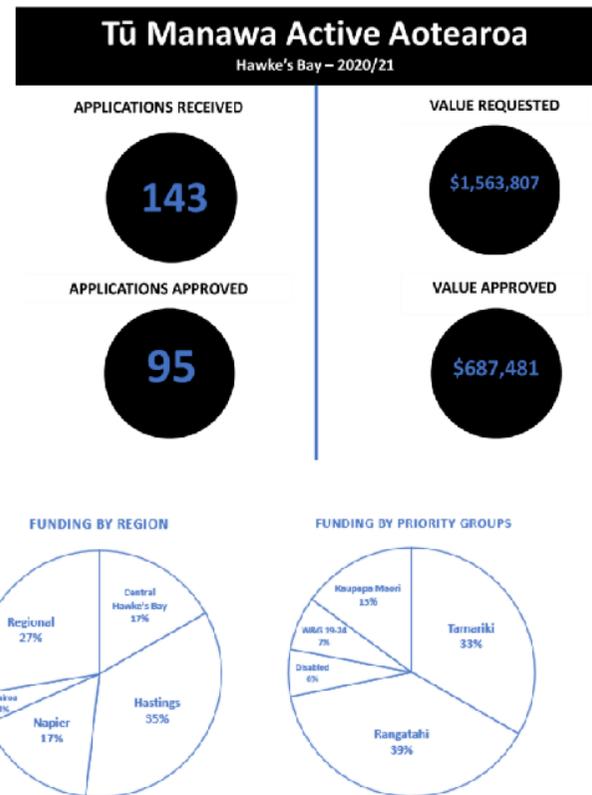


### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

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#### Central Hawke's Bay Successful Applications

Central District Council	CHB Children's Day 2021	Play
Epic Ministries Inc	Hip Hop Mentoring Group Dance	Active Rec
Omakere School	Ki o Rahi & Tennis for All	Sport
Takapau School	Ki o Rahi	Sport
Badminton Hawkes Bay	Badminton Hawke's Bay Rural Initiative	Sport
Horizon Basketball Trust	Central Hawke's Bay Before School Programme	Sport
Riccochet Trampoline Club	Hurihuri Hangai	Active Rec
Friends of Library	Matariki Ki o Rahi Tournament	Sport
Porangahau Country Club	Golf for Kids	Sport
Central Hawke's Bay Council	Central Hawke's Bay Play Trailer	Play
Central Hawke's Bay Council	Central Hawke's Bay Play Activator	Play
Omakere School	Play at Omakere	Play
St Josephs Waipukurau	Ki o Rahi, Traditional Maori Games and Mentoring	Sport
Waipukurau School	Traditional Maori Games at Waipukurau School	Sport



### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Communication and collaboration across the region*

#### FOCUS ON PLAY

Play is essential to supporting children's wellbeing and development. It enables learning through movement, the joy of being active and building skills, friendships and memories for life.

Sport Hawke's Bay has supported Central Hawke's Bay District Council through the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund to raise awareness for the importance of play.

##### Children's Day - March 7th 2021

A Children's Day Event co-inciding with National Parks Week. The event was themed around encouraging children in natural play, using spare parts and equipment found around the home - old tyres, sticks, string, pvc pipes, rope, etc.



It was well supported by local organisations including the toy library, local fire brigade for water play, wastefree CHB mystery mess competition, storytellers, and SHB for active play etc. Over 350 people attended. Photos and videos of the day have been widely shared in the community as well as with Sport NZ.



### 3.0 REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Communication and collaboration across the region*

#### *Francis Drake PLAY Street Event*

Sport Hawke's Bay has worked alongside Council to support community members or 'Play Champions' to deliver a Play Streets event as part of a wider national pilot plan to enable and encourage play.

On Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Francis Drake became the site of Central Hawke's Bay's first Play Street event with approx. 10 households taking to the street for the afternoon to encourage play and physical activity by temporarily opening closing the low volume road to vehicle traffic and opening it up for PLAY.

As part of a larger national pilot, insights from these early events have provided a number of valuable learnings that Waka Kotahi have committed to working on with Sport NZ partners to build the next phase of how to continue to support and scale up initiatives like Play Streets.

Waka Kotahi and Sport NZ will take some time to reflect and plan what the next steps are going to be including decisions around ongoing effort and resourcing.

Waka Kotahi have a role to play to assist the management of the challenges from the Traffic Management perspective

Sport NZ will continue to enable and encourage work on Play and will make strategic decisions based on these pilots.





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# Central Hawke's Bay

*July 2020 - December 2020 Report*

# COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Inspiring the community into Sport and Active Recreation.

## 1.0 ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

### GREEN PRESCRIPTION

GRx gym sessions have been at full capacity for a 3 month period. At times that literally every piece of apparatus had someone using it and sometimes, people also waiting for their turn. A waiting list was implemented temporarily to help control numbers, however as Christmas approached classes quieted down as people became more socially active and busy.

New referrals for Te Waireka residents were received however due to the full capacity of the gym sessions we worked with Michele and trainers to arrange a specific time for them to come in when it was more suitable. This gave these ladies an opportunity to start integrating back into the community in a health focused environment. They were very enthusiastic participants, making the most of the opportunity and eager to return in the New Year.

Enliven and Aged Care have a number of classes throughout CHB which we hadn't been aware of until recently, these are now included in our CHB timetable and information sent to clients over the age of 65 and have had some feedback from adult children that whilst their parent may not be coming to the pool or gym, they now have an outlet and are moving more than they used to due to this. A great example of how GRx is more than a concession card to the pool and gym.

### KĪ-O-RAHI DEVELOPMENT

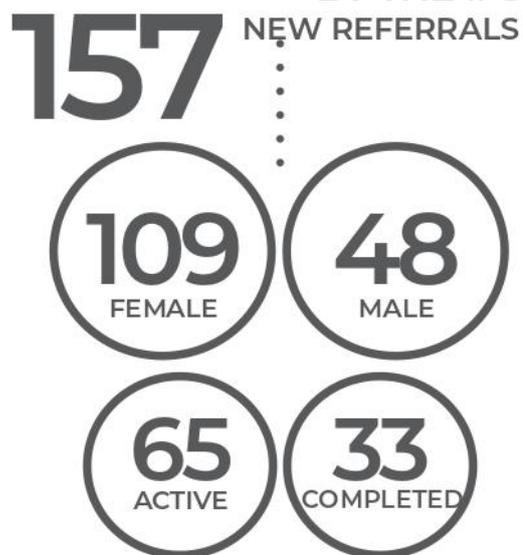
On the 21st of October, a Kī-o-Rahi Umpiring Workshop, facilitated by Sharlena Maui, was held at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu (Te Whare Tapere). The workshop was for over 30 high school students and of these students, we had 10 attend from Central Hawke's Bay College. It was a very timely workshop as Te Whare Tapere had their 25th School Anniversary that day which they celebrated through māori games, one being Kī-o-Rahi.

Students had a 1 hour classroom session going over the basics of umpiring and then were outside straight away officiating the games played for the celebration. From here the students went on to umpire the Interscholar competition. Unfortunately, the original date for the competition was the 28th of October but because of poor weather we moved it a day forward. This meant that Central Hawke's Bay College were unable to attend because of other commitments. In saying this, their students are now trained and can be called on for future



tournaments/able to share their knowledge amongst their own school.

### GREEN PRESCRIPTION BY THE #'S



### PLAYING KĪ-O-RAHI



During the 4th Term of 2020 Māori Sports Educator Michaela Baker introduced from 3 Central Hawke's Bay schools (Pukehou School, Poukawa School and Elsthorpe School) to the game of Kī-o-Rahi, a traditional Māori game based on a pūrakau (legend). Each school received 2 sessions which included class activities learning about the pūrakau of the game and linked this to the field layout and rules before moving outdoors to put these learnings in to practice and fine tune with further coaching on strategies and skill development.

Schools were then provided opportunity to enter teams into an Inter-school Kī-o-Rahi Tournament held on the 29th October at the Mitre10 Sports Park. With each school entering 2 year 7/8 teams (approx. 60 students).

## KIWI SENIORS

The group has seen a steady increase in new members during the last 6 months, with more people looking to keep active and social post lockdown. However due to the size of the current venue St Mary's Hall, weekly attendance is at capacity and without a suitable alternative, numbers will level off. The group is eager to return to it's home at the Waipukurau War Memorial Hall although this remains uncertain, until further updates on structural upgrades are received.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Active Living Advisor Rachel Gunson completed the Skills Active – NZ Certificate of Exercise which now qualifies her to be able to deliver exercise programs.



"I finally decided to put my years of experience to good use and have a qualification to show for it all. It was a huge challenge with Covid-19 making it difficult to complete the 220 hours of practical work, but it is finally completed and signed off.

Very appreciative of the PD budget available from Sport Hawke's Bay to encourage these opportunities to learn and improve. I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and also gained a wealth of knowledge that will continue to help me in my role, moving forward."

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

What a great way to end the year, with a fun night of games and activities at the Central Hawke's Bay Community Christmas Celebration.

Sport Hawke's Bay staff enjoyed an evening with the community providing opportunity for families come together and play with a selection of games and self guided play equipment including 'hole-in-one' golf, giant jenga, corn hole/bean bag throw, water pistols and hula hoops. These activities were a real hit with many returning multiple times or lingering and ensuring they had a turn at all activities.

During the evening staff also ran a competition to win a backyard game set by encouraging families to identify their favourite summer local activity. 47% of responses rated swimming either at a local beach, river or pool as their favourite summer activity. This also provided opportunity to chat with families and gather further insights and feedback for the Beach Access survey.

**HAVE YOUR SAY...**



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting the community to provide quality recreational and sporting experiences

## 2.0 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### HATUMA HALF MARATHON

The 2021 event certainly had its share of challenges this year in its planning and preparation. With the nation continuing to remain at Alert Level 3 for the majority of the lead-in time and many other larger events getting cancelled, there was much uncertainty on whether the Alert Levels would be reduced in time for the event to go ahead. However the organising committee were committed to do everything practicably possible to be ready should the country reach Alert Level 1, which it did one week out from race day.



Sport Hawke's Bay worked continuously with the committee throughout to regularly review and update the event H&S plans, venue layout and operational processes as Government Alert Level information & 'return to sport' guidelines were released by Sport NZ to ensure the event met all requirements including: Hygiene, contact tracing, manual handling of participant timing bands & equipment, cleaning protocols, volunteer co-ordination and the de-activation and refund of Auckland entrants as the Region was still in Alert Level 2 with travel restrictions in place.



Despite weather forecasts warning of a national weather bomb on Sunday it never dampened the spirits of over 250 competitors as they took part in the iconic 41st annual Hatuma Half Marathon event held at the Waipukurau Racecourse in Central Hawkes Bay. Runners and walkers braved early rain and strong winds as they ran and walked around Lake Whatumā. Entries came from all over the lower North Island for the event with a large contingent of locals as well as entries from Manawatu and as far away as Wellington.

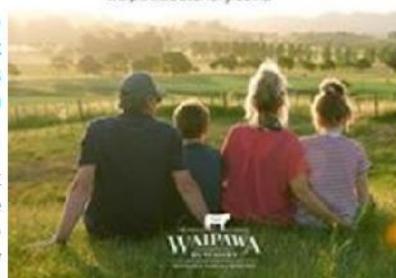
The day started extra early due to daylight savings kicking in however the first walkers were still all on hand and ready to head off at the 8.30am start time. This year also marked the first time two new Corporate categories were introduced in the team run and walking races. Despite the gloomy start in the warm rain it turned into a colourful day enjoyed by hundreds of supporters out to cheer on the entrants.

Organisers of the Hatuma Half Marathon including Aaron Topp representing major sponsor Hatuma Lime Company, wanted the day to celebrate the iconic race and demonstrate how small community events can provide the same level of experience as much larger regional events.

**"Leading into the date of the Hatuma Half Marathon we watched other events get cancelled due to Covid, so when we dropped to Level One just in time it was a huge relief for the committee and entrants. But then the weather threatened to ruin the day at the last minute so it was so cool to see so many competitors, young and old, all having such a great time, whether they were walking or running". Aaron Topp**

2021 also saw new partnerships formed with Tri Hawke's Bay for event timing and Waipawa Butchery as the Major Spot Prize sponsor as the committee looked to shop and promote local as much as possible. Two major spot prize winners each took away a \$200 prize pack thanks to new sponsors for 2020 Waipawa Butchery.

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# BACK Paddock OFF-ROAD CHALLENGE

**“Great well run event, great course, will be back next year.”**

A new event for Central Hawke’s Bay the Back Paddock Lakes Off-Road Challenge was hosted by Tri HB and is one of the few fully off-road multi-discipline events that they run. With distance options to suit all abilities the event offered Trail Walk/Run, Mountain Bike, Duathlon and Off Road Triathlon categories for both individual and team entries.



The event also doubled as a Tri NZ National qualifier event registered athletes for the World Champs in 2021. Originally scheduled to take place in March 2020, due to lockdown the event was moved to October and took place on Labour weekend.

The key role of Sport Hawke’s Bay was to provide local knowledge and connection with services, equipment providers and grow their volunteer base, with some volunteers continuing on to volunteer for other Tri HB events later in the year. Although numbers were lower than anticipated the event was a huge success with competitors giving praise to the course and venue and excited to return in 2021. Sport Hawke’s Bay will continue to support Tri HB to grow awareness for the 2021 event, to increase local participation and also attract more visitors from outside the district.

## PLAY STREETS

A new pilot programme, helping communities to turn their local streets into temporary ‘pop-up’ active spaces.

Sport Hawke’s Bay has been working alongside Council providing support on the Play Streets initiative which is being released as a draft to local authorities and play organisations for testing and feedback during a pilot phase. Play Streets supports communities to make it easier for children to play in their communities, close to home by making things cheaper, quicker, easier - all within the principles of the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) as well as helping to develop consistent understanding and practice across NZ and build familiarity in the transport sector.



Waka Kotahi and Sport NZ have worked with local councils to draft guidance to enable Play Streets events as part of a wider strategy to enable and encourage play.

The Guidance has been developed to encourage and enable more Play Streets to happen, led by local communities & endorsed by local councils and Waka Kotahi. Play is a critical part of enabling the wellbeing and development of children. Street play makes it easier for children to play in their communities, close to home. This also supports community connections across neighbours, ages and backgrounds leading to more resilient communities.

One event has already taken place in a cul-de-sac location in Greenmeadows, Napier with over 25 children and their parents enjoying an afternoon of informal fun, conversation, laughter and pure fun! The process of testing the Guide and the Application form went well. The application form submitted by local resident and street champion Sherie Grieg. Templates have been created and shared regionally for more events to happen in 2021. A call was put out to the CHB community with 2 local champions showing interest in getting Play Streets in their community and working towards locking in a date for a CHB event.

## CHANGES TO NZTA REGULATIONS

Support was provided for Cycling New Zealand’s submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the proposed changes to the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) and to request a review of the regulations to include an ‘event’ level qualification.



The changes, including adding new qualifications, will create a significant financial and time burden for voluntary clubs and individuals. These increased barriers will prevent individuals and groups from operating events or volunteering their time to support existing events. It is not financially feasible for community groups to sustainably engage with contractors, or to pass these costs on to the participants/users.

This has already started to have an impact in CHB with the previously qualified Site Traffic Management Supervisors within the CHB Traffic Management volunteer group now unable to plan or submit Traffic Management Plans.

The recent Active NZ survey data [Sport NZ,2017] shows that young people and adults wish to participate in a more relaxed, non-competitive environment [data below]. The cost to participate is also a huge factor when those living in higher areas of deprivation participate well below the national average.

NZTA have since created a Stakeholder group which includes Hawke’s Bay resident and Cycling NZ representative Ivan Aplin to seek industry feedback on the effectiveness<sup>23</sup> and suitability of the code of practice for industry use.

## COMMUNITY SPORT

Post lockdown support has continued with schools and clubs in providing insights around the 'return to sport' and establishing alternative season date and aligning with Sport NZ Balance is Better philosophies.

In particular changes to the CHB Social Indoor Netball competition which up until 2018 was the only opportunity for the community to engage in local social summer netball. However with the installation of the outdoor courts in the Centralines Sports Park and HB Netball's spring and summer social competitions now well established the need for a second night was reduced and so the CHB Indoor netball competition was reduced to one night only. By reducing to a one night only competition it freed up the stadium to allow for HB Volleyball to run it's junior competition and with a vision to include a Secondary school and Senior competition in time.

Event support or development does not always have to be extreme to have significant impact as seen in suggested small changes to support the growth of the **WAIPUKURAU TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB** – Social Squash Competition in Sept 2020. A simple change in name and competition framework from a Business house competition to social groups of 3 opened up this opportunity to a wider range of people, reducing social barriers that attracted new players to the sport, increased overall participation and experience resulting in 18 teams entered + reserves = 65 participants.



## CHB CYCLE SKILLS

With an increase in schools progressing to install bike pump tracks at their respective locations there is an increased need to ensure that schools are capable of providing or have access to appropriate cycle skills training, road safety programmes and safe school travel plans. As children become more confident this will in turn have an effect on everyday cycling within communities.

Support has been provided to Otane school in collaboration with Council and other external providers for its installation of its cycle pump track. With further post-construction support provided for the schools request to have the footpath outside the school's main entrance on Higginson Street upgraded to provide safe access entry and exit points to the school along with Sport Hawke's Bay Cycle Instructors booked to deliver cycle and on-road skills training to students in late Feb 2021.

**“Can't express how grateful we are for everyone's contribution to getting our track made into reality. The community love it and so do we.”**  
**Rachel Kingi, Principal of Otane School.**

Sport Hawke's Bay has also commence conversations with the CHB Education Leaders Association to explore long term solutions in developing a CHB base of skilled instructors to ensure all CHB Schools are able to provide cycle skills and on-road training. A small working group was created and Sport Hawke's Bay will work alongside and support.

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## SOCIAL SQUASH COMPETITION



## CHB Park Run

- Support provided in connecting Flaxmere Park Run with local running enthusiasts to gauge interest and support of the establishment of a Park Run group in CHB. Local business owner Jen Mackie of CHB Pilates offered to take the lead and help get the group up and running and commenced on creating a network of volunteers for the on-going management of the initiative.
- Further support was provided in partnership with CHB District Council around funding options for the procurement of an AED which is a requirement for all ParkRun groups internationally. However post-lockdown Jen is no longer able to afford the time and lead. With support having been shown for the initiative Sport Hawke's Bay will continue to explore alternative options to assist in the establishment of ParkRun in CHB.

# REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Communication and collaboration across the region.

## 3.0 LEADING AND CELEBRATION

### DISABILITY AND INCLUSION

#### Central Hawke's Bay Information Gathering Event

In July 2020, we were thrilled to finally host our re-scheduled CHB Community Info Event, in Waipukurau.

Capturing insights from 13 members of our CHB community including local play, active recreation and sport providers, school representatives, disability organisations and disabled people, we now have a much greater understanding of what is currently happening in Central Hawke's Bay to add to our regional picture of how we can collectively increase the opportunities available for disabled people. The CHB-specific insights have been added to our summary insights document which will contribute to the development Regional Disability Strategy for Play, Active Recreation and Sport to be implemented by mid-2021.

#### DISABILITY AND INCLUSION COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

To enable us to take a leadership role in increasing opportunities in play, active recreation and sport for disabled people in the region, we needed to better understand the needs and wants of disabled people, and to better understand the capability and needs of local providers.

Through a series of online consultations, small focus groups and face-to-face interviews, we have engaged with over 120 members of our community to gain a deeper understanding.

This information is designed to provide an evidence base to inform decisions around catering for the needs of disabled people and for the needs of providers within our community.

Current Climate	What opportunities are missing?	What would you like to see happen?	How do we get there?
<p><b>Equipment</b> The beach wheelchair and accessible surfboards are known pieces of equipment for hire although there is an inconsistent knowledge of these.</p> <p><b>Schools</b> There are specific sport opportunities available through Special Needs Schools and their Satellite Units.</p> <p><b>Organisation-driven opportunities</b> 7 organisations were identified as offering their own active opportunities to their members.</p> <p><b>Places and Spaces</b> Playgrounds, walkways, cycle trails and swimming pools were identified as providing opportunities to be active. However there were also barriers identified to using these spaces.</p> <p><b>Activities</b> Many activities identified were disability sport specific. Ten-pin bowling, bowls, and waka ama were the most frequently reported inclusive sports listed.</p> <p><b>Events</b> There were very few local events reported as being inclusive.</p> <p><b>Central Hawke's Bay</b> Opportunities are delivered by providers and disability-specific organisations. The community is perceived as adaptable and inclusive.</p> <p><b>Waioa</b> There is generally an inclusion mindset where everyone can be involved through schools and community activities such as swimming and fitness sessions.</p>	<p><b>Places and Spaces</b> There is a sense that there is a lack of fully accessible places and spaces, particularly swimming pools.</p> <p><b>Communication</b> There is a perceived gap in communication between the sector and there is currently no centralised service and activities register.</p> <p><b>Activities</b> A lack of choice or variety of activities to participate in and lack of inclusion within mainstream sports and events were commonly voiced.</p> <p><b>Funding and Transport</b> Lack of accessible transport and limited funding were identified as current gaps.</p> <p><b>Attitudes, awareness, education</b> There is a lack of knowledge and awareness of opportunities available for the community, along with a lack of awareness, education and support for providers in including disabled people.</p>	<p><b>Places and Spaces</b> More consultation with disabled people's input to ensure there are more fully accessible areas, such as public pools and playgrounds.</p> <p><b>Communication</b> Greater communication to ensure there is improved access to information and awareness of what is going on. This includes a directory or database of what is available.</p> <p><b>Education, Support and awareness</b> An increased understanding, awareness and support of disability and inclusion for providers of activity.</p> <p><b>Funding</b> Funding available to try different activities to subsidise costs for individuals, for transport and for communities to improve access.</p> <p><b>Transport</b> More suitable transport available to sport facilities and events.</p> <p><b>Inclusion</b> More inclusion within the play, active recreation and sport sector.</p> <p><b>Activities</b> More regular and diverse opportunities that address current gaps in provision e.g. wheelchair sport.</p>	<p><b>Working together and collaboration</b> Working together to ensure more cross-collaboration between organisations, Councils and individuals ensuring there is more community input.</p> <p><b>Measuring</b> Measuring participation and performance in clubs and activities.</p> <p><b>Communication</b> Develop a centralised place for communication that links to sports, activities funding and contacts.</p> <p><b>Education and Support</b> Provide support to clubs and providers to increase their awareness and capability to include disabled people.</p> <p><b>Advocacy and Leadership</b> Develop a group to support with advocacy, ensuring there are avenues available for voices to be heard (disabled people, rangatahi and tamaiti), as well the promotion of good news stories.</p>
<p><b>"NZ's most accessible region"</b></p>			<p><b>"Being inclusive should eventually be the norm."</b></p>

For more information, please contact Sport Hawke's Bay Disability and Inclusion Advisor, Katie Owen - katie@sporthb.net.nz

### BEACH ACCESSIBILITY

As a part of our work with the CHBDC Disability Reference Group, we have been working on a sub-committee alongside Paul Hunter Centre, Pukeora Trust and Options Hawke's Bay to explore beach accessibility within Central Hawke's Bay and to better understand the community need for a beach wheelchair.

Insights captured from Sport Hawke's Bay's Community Information Gathering Events have been used to strengthen future funding applications necessary to support the accessibility requirements identified by the community. In addition to this a Council lead survey was created to gather specific feedback around beach access in CHB. Sport Hawke's Bay proactively shared the survey throughout its digital CHB networks, with high engagement via the Sport Hawke's Bay Central HB facebook page, which resulted in multiple comments and raised further awareness for the project throughout the region. We look forward to working with the committee to collate the community survey responses in the New Year.



*"Please, share and fill in. Let's make the beach accessible for ALL"*

*"Wow this is a no brainer Yes Yes and more Yes the joy excitement they will get can't buy that so big yes"*



### TUKI TUKI TRAILS

On behalf of the CHBDC Disability Reference Group, we have been nominated as the Disability Representative to support developments to the Tuki Tuki Trail walking and cycling network. Presenting group feedback to the project-lead, researching gold-standard accessibility design considerations, and connecting with Accessibility Advisors for advice have been key elements of our work to support this project to date.



## TŪ MANAWA ACTIVE AOTEAROA

Launched in July 2020 the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa replaces Kiwisport Funding and is aimed at providing quality experiences that are accessible, create a lifelong love of being active and meet the needs of tamariki and rangatahi. Sport Hawke's Bay distribute the funds on behalf of Sport NZ and welcome applications from a wide range of organisations that provide play, active recreation and sport opportunities, particularly for:

- Children and young people in higher deprivation communities
- Girls and young women (5-24) and disabled children and young people (5-18)



### CHB COLLEGE - VOLLEYBALL

Purpose: Equipment purchased to deliver outdoor volleyball for lunchtime activities aimed at engaging all rangatahi, as well as a girls active program, volleyball after school aiming at secondary schools competition, and use in the physical education classes.

Outcome: Increase participation in physical activity for all rangatahi through the sport Volleyball.

### CHB COLLEGE - KĪ-O-RAHI

Purpose: He Taonga Tāmata (to restore the treasure) is a programme developed to teach the tamariki and rangatahi in our rohe (area) the game of Kī-o-Rahi in the hope of making it a regular part of our lifestyle.

Delivered in Term 4 of 2021 the programme saw a further 4 Primary schools introduced to the game of Kī-o-Rahi. Teaching students the background origins of the game, how to play and the basic rules. Each school receiving multiple sessions finishing with a mini CHB tournament once tamariki have gained confidence.

Outcome: Understand the importance of Māori culture in schools and the community. Increase participation in physical activity from our tamariki and rangatahi through enjoyment of the sport Kī-o-Rahi.



# CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY SPORTS AWARDS

Sport Hawkes Bay was proud to be able to host the annual CHB Mail - Central Hawke's Bay Sports Awards in 2020 after a rocky year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lockdowns and cancellations of sport and sporting events from local to international level. The awards are always seen as a special occasion and this year was no exception, with many very appreciative to be able to come together as a community to connect and support sport and recreation within the district.

The gala event was held on Friday 6th November at the Centralines Sports Complex, Waipukurau (formerly known as the AW Parsons Indoor Pool Complex) and saw just over 300 guest celebrate the outstanding successes of many talented and hardworking Central Hawke's Bay athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

The presentation evening received high praise from sponsors and guests alike with the MC of the evening, former television sports broadcaster and current radio host Geoff Bryan's presentation hitting well above expectations.

The evening also showcased the wide range of talent from Central Hawke's Bay College students who shone brightly on stage with the Pukekaihou Kapahaka group commencing the formalities along with several talented musicians and vocalists who performed a mesmerizing array of modern and classical songs for guest throughout the night, much to everyone's delight.

**2020 Central Hawke's Bay Sports Awards Winners**

<b>HALL OF FAME</b> Mary Darby	<b>JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR</b> CHB College First XI Hockey
<b>ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR</b> Tim Mackie	<b>SENIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR</b> Otane Thirsty Whale Netball
<b>OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR</b> Graeme Ward	<b>EMERGING TALENT AWARD</b> Dylan Bibby
<b>CLUB OF THE YEAR</b> CHB Rugby and Sports Club	<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD</b> .CHB Swim-4-Lives
<b>COACH OF THE YEAR</b> Annemarie Kupa	<b>JUNIOR FEMALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> Parris Petera
<b>SERVICE TO SPORT</b> Amanda Withers Brian Ellen Graeme Ward Josh Ross	<b>JUNIOR MALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> Lachie Kirk
<b>MASTERS SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> Sandy Wiggins	<b>SENIOR FEMALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> Brooke Edgecombe
	<b>SENIOR MALE SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> Luke Wright

## 2021 CHB Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Mary Darby - Porangahau



Mary not only performed as an equestrian athlete at the highest level but has continued to contribute in many forms to the sport of Eventing for many years both Nationally and locally.

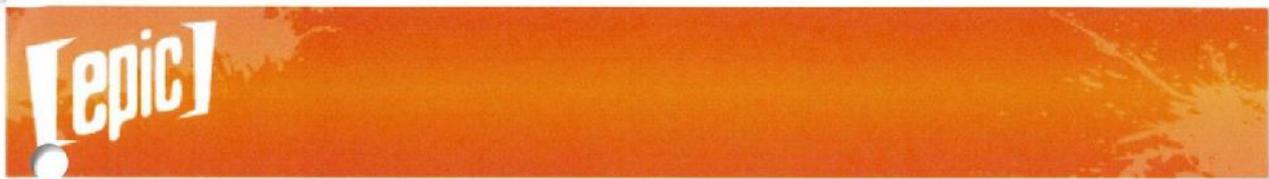
She was a member of the first New Zealand eventing team to go overseas, to the Eventing World Championships in Kentucky, USA, in 1978. This was followed by her selection to contest the 1982 Eventing World Championships in Luhmuhlen, Germany and 2 years later selection into New Zealand's first Olympic Eventing Team, to compete in Los Angeles in 1984 alongside Andrew Nicholson, Andrew Bennie and Mark Todd. The NZ team finished sixth, which was considered a successful Olympic debut.

Returning home after Los Angeles, Mary provided a benchmark for aspiring internationals here. She became a prodigious winner of national titles, a National Eventing selector and eventually Chair of Selectors. Her experience made her the ideal person to assume the mantle of course designer for Central & Southern HB Eventing's cross-country course at Arran Station, which has grown to become one of the country's most popular courses, providing educational opportunities for horses and riders at all levels.

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## Inspire Youth Council Progress Report: 2020/2021



2020 was a difficult year for everyone in our community. As many community events were cancelled, the Youth Council pivoted to providing lunch time activities with community partners. The activities were based at the college youth hub, and provided a way to engage youth and community in the school environment. The activities also provided much needed fun and stress relief for the youth.

The activities included; ping pong tournaments, mini-bike competitions, and team building challenges (e.g. minefield). Youth Council members facilitated these activities, and gathered feedback through conversations and a suggestion jar. This process enabled leadership development opportunities for the youth.



The Youth Council facilitated youth weeks each term (one week per term). Each youth week had a core theme (i.e. welcome to school, we are stronger together, mental health awareness). Youth weeks collaborated with community partners (i.e. Jobs CHB and Police), and school staff. The youth weeks included activities such as slip and slide, Ki-o-Rahi, poison pole, touch, basketball competition and an acts of kindness wall. Each member of Youth Council took responsibility for facilitating one activity each youth week, which they all led successfully. Youth weeks were an opportunity for Youth Council members to interact more with their peers and have discussions about what's going on for them in a wider community context.



In addition to youth weeks, activities were facilitated on Pink Shirt Day. Community members such as Jono Craig and Che Lind participated in this event. The Youth Council ran a sausage sizzle, a take one, leave one station (leave a post-it about something you are struggling with/an issue, and take a pre made post-it that has an encouragement on it. The encouragement can be kept or given away to others). This activity was a huge hit, including amongst teachers. The negative post it notes

also showed the Youth Council what was going on with youth in our community. Two of the most noted issues impacting youth were; the lack of rental homes in Central Hawkes Bay, and a desire for more positive and safe places to spend time when youth are not at school.



To help engage with peers, every week on Thursday mornings the Youth Council has also helped run the College Breakfast club. This is a valuable initiative for our members and their peers. Sharing kai in an informal setting has helped to generate discussion about issues impacting rangitahi.

Term 2 2021 started with a lot of brainstorming during the Youth Council meetings. They began to ask questions such as 'What does it mean to be a part of the Youth Council?' 'What does our community expect of us?' and 'What do we want people to think of us when they hear our name?'. The questions initiated conversation about the name "Inspire Youth Council". The members decided that while this name had its upsides, they didn't fully resonate with it. After three meetings and a lot of research and input from each council member, they decided on a new



name they felt proud of! "Te Puawaitanga o nga Taiohi", or in English "The Blossoming of the Youth". They felt this name better explained the main goal of the youth council which to them in short is; bettering the lives of every youth in their community, and providing what they need in order to blossom.

Although it occurred in August (and part of the 2021/22 contract), it's worth mentioning the incredible opportunity Te Puawaitanga o nga Taiohi received to attend "Festival For The Future" (FFTF). The festival included speakers such as; Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan (Minister of Youth), Karen Hepi (a life coach from Kaikohe) and Behrouz Boochani (Author). As well as workshops including; 'Growth Mindset: Create your space and find your voice' and 'Investing 101: building your financial wellbeing'. Our youth found the main speakers and workshop facilitators to be very relatable and motivating. The youth were able to reflect on the festival, and think of ideas that could impact youth in CHB. Some of these ideas included; changing the school house names at CHBC to honour the

Treaty of Waitangi, creating more safe and fun spaces for youth to spend their time when they aren't at school. A highlight for the youth was having Mayor Alex Walker join them in seminars, and during down time (including playing lazerforce, and making burgers). The Youth Council would like to thank the kaitiaki of the Mayoral fund, and Jobs CHB for providing the opportunity to attend FFTF.



Over the year, Te Puawaitanga o nga Taiohi have maintained positive relationships community wide. They have identified an increased need for positive role models, during an uncertain environment. Te Puawaitanga o nga Taiohi are looking forward to the year ahead; Connecting with peers and community partners, listening, and advocating for issues that impact youth in Central Hawke's Bay.



Nāku noa, nā

**Alex Ngarotata**

Youth worker

Facilitator for Te Puawaitanga o ngā Taiohi





Central Hawke's Bay Branch

## Ōtaia (Tukituki Scenic Reserve) Report 2020-21

The Strategic Plan adopted in 2020 was used to develop an annual plan for 2021. A working group has been set up within CHB F&B to implement the annual plan.

The Conservation Company is still involved. It provides expertise and undertakes spraying.

CHB Forest and Bird would like to acknowledge the grant of \$1250 from CHB District Council, and \$1000 from Hawke's Bay Regional Council for weed control.

An updated MOU was completed for 2020-23

Volunteer hours spent          325 hours recorded

### Ecological Restoration:

- **Lightwells:** These are the gaps in the canopy and bush edges that we are focussing on for planting. They were identified and marked – this map shows the first lightwells identified in yellow. Once the remaining lightwells have been mapped by GPS, this map will be updated.



- **Prioritising tasks for each lightwell.**  
The lightwells were prioritised for weeding and/or planting. Those suitable for planting were planted in June. They will require releasing and weeding  
Others will need spraying or hand weeding for planting in 2022  
We started using this priority list for weeding at the July work day.
- **Photo points set up**  
Photo points are a useful tool to monitor progress in restoring the bush.

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The photo below shows a light well prior to restoration. The marker shows where the photo is to be taken. The photos will demonstrate the progress of weeding, planting and growth of trees.



- Bird counts done in spring and autumn  
5 points were marked. The counts were done for 5 minutes at each point. We counted each species and the number of each. This will track the presence and abundance of species. A kereru was spotted in early December – a first for many years.
- Bats  
Kay Griffiths put bat detectors out for a few nights and picked up many passes every night. One was seen in a lightwell on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Weed control  
Kay Griffiths oversees the weed control. This table shows the current status for each weed.

**Table 1 – Species controlled and recommendations for future control.**

Species	Comment
<b>Priority 1</b>	
Old Mans Beard (OMB)	Approximately 10 adults controlled through the year and about 200 juveniles. Annual control essential as surrounding seed source will mean there will always be incursions from outside the reserve.
English Ivy	Few small patches sprayed / pulled – always keep and eye out for new patches.
<b>Priority 2</b>	
Silver poplar	Not many if any! Just in cabbage tree patch a few poking through blackberry.
Sycamore	Juveniles still being found spread throughout and the odd adult that has escaped.
Japanese honeysuckle	Mostly under control – annual follow up a good idea as always bits coming back.
Tree privet	Juveniles being found in areas where adults were – need to target those areas.
Chinese privet	Still a few scattered throughout – mainly juveniles although one adult found this year.
Periwinkle / Tradescantia	Many small pieces have been scattered throughout the reserve during the last big flood event ( about 18 months ago) and many of those pieces are only just being found / big enough to actually see now. So the infestations are now worse than they have been in the past. These species are very difficult to control unless work is done on them 2 – 3 times per annum.
German Ivy	Much progress has been made over the last 2 years with many of the most dense infestations in the western third of the reserve under sustained control. Initial control is now moving into the middle third.
<b>Priority 3</b>	
Elm	
Blackberry	Started controlling bigger patches with the aim to be able to plant them in the future

- **Planting day**

Suitable plant species were sourced. We received a Leaf Grant from HB Regional Council topay for most of them.

Tarata, karamu, kanuka, ribbonwood, hoheria, koromiko, cabbage tree, Phormium cookianum



- **Pest Control**

A total of 23 traps are checked monthly. A cat trap is set periodically.

43 bait stations have been added on a grid pattern, and GPS located.

22 tracking tunnels have been put out and set to check on kill rate. In October 2020 the results were well above the 5% target - 55%. As a result of this the bait was changed from brodifacoum to diphacinone as diphacinone is much more palatable. This meant there was more bait taken than in previous years.

There has been no decrease in pests trapped compared with last year. Reinfestation from surroundingland is likely to continue.

Trap stats for the year to August 2021

Rats	6
Hedgehogs	7
Possums	1
Mustelids	0
Mouse	1
Cats	2



### Recreation and Community Values

Involvement with Nature Connect

A flora and fauna list was started on the INaturalist app for Ōtaia

Volunteers were available to assist with leading groups and identification of species.

### Educational Opportunities

- Argyll School grew plants from seed. They then planted these in specific lightwells themselves and will be able to follow their progress.
- Lakeview Kindergarten visit Ōtaia weekly. They received some trees through the Paper4Trees scheme. These have been planted by the kindergarten in a particular lightwell for them to follow. (Thanks to Rachel Bishop)
- CHB College – 2 Duke of Edinburgh students completed 30 hours weeding. They took responsibility for two lightwells. A 'green' group has been formed at the college and one teacher and one student helped out at the planting day.

### Future Plans

We will continue with ongoing tasks identified in the plan.

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Additional projects:

- Identifying plants required for 2022 this spring to get them ordered from suppliers
- Purchasing plant identification signs
- Developing a plan for the carpark area, with CHBDC. Previous efforts to get progression this have been unsuccessful.

The plan is to incorporate

1. the proposed toilets to be built by CHBDC
2. picnic area surrounded by bollards
3. parking area
4. Sign



## THE TUKITUKI TRAIL

Rotary River Pathway Trust  
Annual Report to CHB District Council

Rotary River Pathway Trust is the body that instigated and oversees the development & maintenance of the Tukituki Trail which encompasses the Limestone Stopbank & Berm walking / mtb trails plus the Gum tree Mtn Bike Park.

The further enhancement & maintenance of these trails has been undertaken by trustees and volunteers over the past year.

However, the major effort for 2020 -2021 years has been the PGF project which had an employment training and further trail expansion components. This project commenced Dec 2020 and will be completed Nov 2021.

A total of 12 covid employment impacted people were involved for the initial 6 months most finding fulltime employment or moved to targeted job training.

In addition, the the project has completed a further 9km of limestone cycle trails upstream from Waipukurau with a further 5km to be completed by end of Nov 2021. Construction of further 3km of non-stopbank easy cycling trail is underway. This will complete a 17km loop to the south of Waipukurau. In addition, 19km berm walking/mtb trails have been constructed running alongside the easy cycling trails.

Project is waiting for the construction of two bridges to complete the loop due to start construction 26 Oct 2021 and be completed within 5 weeks.

Berm trails for horse riding (distance 18km) have been resurrected or developed as well.

A further 10km of machine built mtb trails are under construction in the Gum Tree Farm Mtb park.

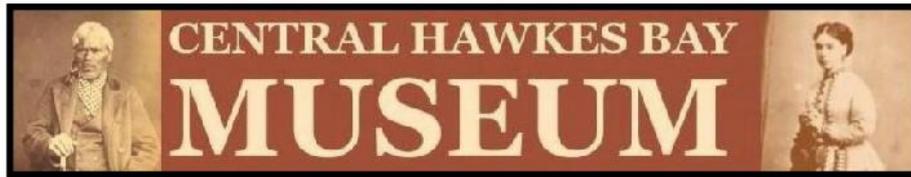
RRPT has been involved in the planting of 1000 natives in the Tukituki river berm

and a further 500 in the GTF Mtb Park.

The Tukituki Trail is now a valuable asset to CHB district proving very popular for locals but is now becoming a facility attracting significant visitor numbers from outside CHB.

Trustees of RRPT very grateful for the support from CHBDC.

R R Fraser  
Chairman  
Rotary River Pathway Trust



Curator's Report  
2021

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## Introduction

### ➤ [Museum Mission Statement](#)

To provide an authentic, hands-on educational experience with a focus on the historical, cultural and natural evidence of Central Hawke's Bay (CHB)

- ❖ To provide a museum the community feels proud of and is involved in;
- ❖ To work in partnership with other organisations;
- ❖ To acquire items appropriately and develop, use and display the museum's collection for the benefit of CHB, its residents, and visitors;
- ❖ To safeguard the museum's collections and ensure that the collections are preserved for the benefit of future generations;
- ❖ To operate an effective, efficient and professional organisation.



The museum's first year under its new name went by shaping the new signage and promotional material to let the public know about the change. The museum was formerly called by the public "Settlers". It will take some time before the new name is established. The museum exhibition programme reflected the museum's vision to be more inclusive of other groups in our community, and local art was presented during the period under review.

### Visitors

The period July 20 – June 21 was still affected by the Covid pandemic even though New Zealand was without any lockdown periods during this time. The rest of the world continued to be affected by Covid, which meant no international tourists in New Zealand. Luckily most of the museum visitors are locals or New Zealanders, overseas visitation is only 10% so we do not rely on international visitors as much as other places in New Zealand. By shaping the museum programme for the needs of our community we have been able to create a sustainably operational institution that can survive just with the support of local community and New Zealand tourists.



*Opening of Cefyn Gauden “A Colorful Life” Exhibition in October 2020*

Visitor numbers for the period July 2020 – June 2021 totaled 4577. 1666 visitors were local (36 percent compared to last year with 42 percent). 2869 visitors came from other parts of New Zealand (63 percent compared to 46 percent last year). 42 visitors arrived from overseas (1 percent this year compared to 12 percent last year). The museum is open seven days per week and 38 percent of visitors come during weekends.



*Visitor numbers by origin in 2020/2021*

**Staffing / Volunteers**

The museum weekend staff continues to be Rose Chapman, Michael Draper, Gail Menzies and Laurie Gordon. Colleen Watt has been keeping the museum nice and tidy for nearly 10 years.

The current museum volunteer group comprises: Hazel Allan, Brian Connor, Peter Bredesen, Piers Greenaway, Ken Hamlin; Corrin Coleman looks after the museum gardens.

The museum experienced several losses during the period Jul 2020 – Jun 2021. With greatest sadness, we farewelled a long-time member of our museum team, Clive Pearson, who passed away on 12 July 2020. Clive worked as a weekend staff member since 2008. He was very much involved with historic research for genealogy enquiries as well as historical content for exhibitions, especially military oriented. Clive was honoured at the museum AGM as an honorary life member of the museum. Clive will be always remembered for his vast knowledge of local history and his specific sense of humour.



In May 2021 the museum's longstanding chairman, Hans Dresel resigned from his position. Hans served the museum committee 12 years, 9 of those as the chairman. Hans stands behind many major projects during his time in the chair, such as the purchase of the museum cataloguing database Past Perfect in 2013, the upgrade of the exhibition hall in 2016 and the first Maori exhibition Nga Taonga o Tamatea – Te Hokinga Mai in 2018. We greatly appreciate his fine leadership over this time.



*Hans Dresel in his Iron Museum at Porangahua*

The Museum Committee has since been chaired by vice-president Vera Smith. Nicki Harper, Sally Butler, Garry Green (CHBDC Rep), Nick Grant (treasurer), Jan Nairn (secretary), Ken Hamlin and Donald Tipene continued serving the museum during the period under review. The governance and dedicated support by the Museum Committee is vital to the ongoing success of the museum.

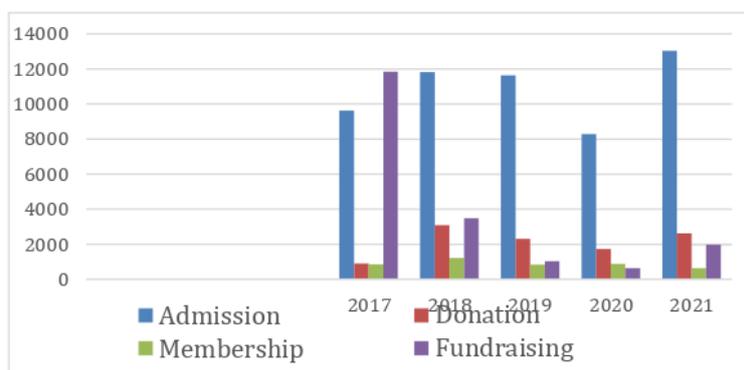
**Finance**

Grants:

- **Central Hawke's Bay District Council Annual grant** - This grant of \$27,299.99 covered, to a large extent, the day-to-day running expenses of the Museum. The salary of the museum curator is not included in the council grant, as the curator became a council employee in July 2020.
- **Centralines** - A grant of \$500 to support the museum mural planned for the exterior of the exhibition hall.
- **Eastern & Central Community Trust** – A grant of \$1,600 to cover expenses of signage with the museum's new name and logo. This grant enabled 4 signs to be placed on the museum main building, and 5 billboard signs to be erected on SH2 and SH50.

Income received:

- The major proportion of income comes from admission fees and donations. Admissions and donations were \$15,646 for the year under review. Membership fees contributed \$643.
- Retail sales and research fees contributed \$559. The museum sells books about local history on the behalf of the authors with a contribution to the museum. Sales from a selection of postcards with Central Hawkes Bay motifs was a small addition to the total income from retail sales.



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### Fundraising:

- **Little Theatre Fundraiser** (August 2020) – A special night to preview two outstanding plays in the Waipukurau Little Theatre was fully booked and the museum fundraised \$850.
- **Onga Onga Victorian Fair** (September 2020) – This was the second year the museum participated at the Onga Onga Victorian Fair, with a stall selling surplus items from the museum collections (old books, bottles and jars, pots and containers, tools, and other items). The team of museum volunteers running the stall were able to raise \$850.

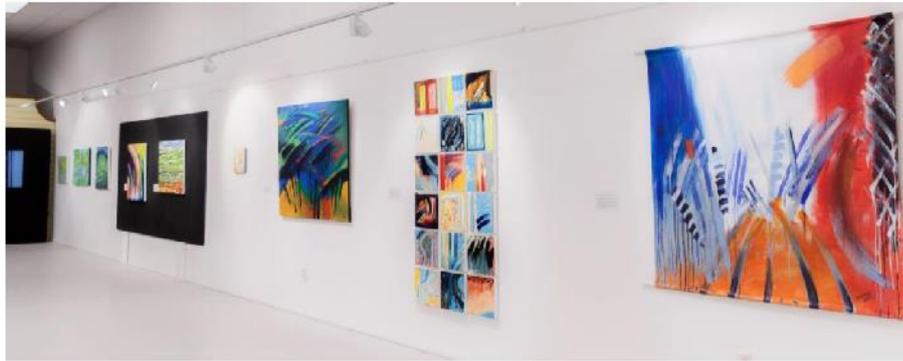
### Exhibitions & Events

- **Local Lockdown** (1 August – 30 September 2020) – Our first post-lockdown exhibition entitled “Local Lockdown”, was presented at the museum thanks to collaboration with the Hastings City Art Gallery. 16 local artists joined together to share some of the artwork they were able to create during the 'Lockdown' period. The exhibition was very popular with local visitors.



*Opening of “Local Lockdown” Exhibition on 1 August 2020*

- **Cefyn Gauden – A Colourful Life** (10 October – 5 December 2020) – Cefyn is a painter and a drummer, which is reflected in his artwork. The key elements of rhythm, movement, and pattern, with visual magic of colour attempt to balance figurative and abstract concept. His solo exhibition at the museum attracted many local residents who collect Cefyn’s well known art. Cefyn who is originally from Wales, lives in Waipukurau and has a studio at Pukeora. Over the duration of the exhibition Cefyn painted on site at the museum, producing a series of paintings.



Workshops by Cefyn Gauden were:  
 Workshop for artists (14 October 2020)  
 Art Presentation for school students (28 October & 5 November 2020)



*Waipukurau Primary and Waipawa Primary students attending Cefyn's art presentations.*

- **Onward to Victory WW2 1942 -45** (12 December 2020 – 12 May 2021) – The second part of the World War Two exhibition (part one was presented in 2019) focused on the Long Range Desert Group and the Maori Battalion, profiling soldiers from Central Hawkes Bay. Life in Central Hawkes Bay during the war years was recounted by locals. A war dessert scene showcased military vehicles and equipment.



*Long range Desert Group display and Maori Battalion soldiers from the display at "Onward to Victory 1942-45" WW2 Exhibition*

- **Between the Lines Festival** (23 May 2021) – For the second time the museum hosted the finale of Between the Lines Readers & Writers Festival. With an almost full house, this event of poetry, history books and songs was enjoyed by all.



*Between the Lines Festival – Finale at the museum 23 May 2021*

### **Museum Development (according to our mission statement)**

#### ➤ Community/Partnership:

- **School visits** – School visits became a regular activity for the museum. Local schools as well as Hawke's Bay schools, visited the museum. We had students from as far away as Puketitiri. During school holidays the museum is always very busy with family visits from students who came with their school during the year.

**Waipawa Primary Special Visits** – Waipawa Primary School keeps its membership active, and many different classes visited the museum over this period. A class of Year 7 and 8 students came to a special curatorial talk to learn how to correctly look after and display historical objects. Room 12 utilised information from the museum's WW2 exhibition for an Anzac Day Study, with students learning about the local men and women who served during WW2.



*Waipawa Primary School students during their visits to the museum*

**CHB College Work Exploration Programme** (1-3 December 2020) – For the third time the museum provided a foundation for two of CHB College students for their workexploration Programme. CHB College students also regularly volunteer at the museum for their Duke of Edinburgh Certificate.



*CHB College students Connor and Dylan cleaning military items to be displayed at the WW2 exhibition*

- **Paul Hunter Centre** – Clients of Paul Hunter Centre in Waipukurau, a community organization providing a service for local residents with disabilities, have been coming regularly to see museum exhibitions over the past 5 years. A nice strong bond has been established with the clients and the museum. They feel very comfortable and safe in the museum environment and are happy to keep coming back.



*Paul Hunter Centre visited "Onward to Victory 1942 -45" WW2 Exhibition*

- **Memory Suitcase Service** – Museum volunteer Hazel Allan has been offering this service since 2015. Most of the rest homes in Hawke's Bay are regular clients. They enjoy treasure-packed suitcases which stimulate their memories. Hazel changes the contents of the suitcases with different themes for every visit.



*Hazel Allan presenting treasures from Memory Suitcase at Atawhi Rest Home*

- **Hastings City Art Gallery** -The museum collaborated closely with the team at Hastings City Art Gallery when hosting Local Lockdown exhibition. A vital relationship was established, and more art exhibitions are planned in collaboration.
- **Central Hawke's Bay Visitor Guide 2020** – The museum has a half page advert in the CHB Visitor Guide to keep visitors up to date.
- **Ian Condon – Private Military Collector** – For the WW2 exhibition Onward to Victory, a new partnership was created with Ian Condon who is a private military collector. Ian lives in Clive and has an extended collection of military memorabilia. He provided a selection of WW2 items for a display cabinet at our WW2 exhibition.



*Ian Condon arranging WW2 memorabilia*

#### ➤ [Collection](#)

- **Cataloguing** – Cataloguing of the museum collection has continued in the last 12 months with another 10% of the museum collection entered into the Past Perfect cataloguing database. A large amount of archival material relating to the history of Central Hawke Bay was listed by museum archivist Rose Chapman. Historic photographs of Pukeora Sanatorium were catalogued by museum weekend staff Laurie Gordon and historic photographs of local transport were catalogued by museum volunteer Piers Greenaway.

- **Archive & Library & Research** – The old timber shelving for archival storage in the museum vault was considered to be a health and safety risk. Replacement with metal archival shelving was organised with the assistance of the council. The museum archive is a significant source of material for local history research and genealogy.
- **Donations of items** – Every year the Museum receives around 50 donations from the public. This is the only way in which the museum collection grows. In the last 12 months the museum received a special donation of Major General Allan Standish Wilder's medals. These were given to the museum by the descendants of the Wilder family, to hold and care for, and were exhibited during the WW2 Onward to Victory 1942 – 45 Exhibition. Another recent donation was a lace Christening gown donated by one of the rest home residents during the Memory Suitcase session.



*Mr and Mrs Harper presenting the A.S. Wilder medals; and Rose and Hazel receiving a laced christening gown at Mary Doyle Rest Home*

#### ➤ [Displays](#)

- **Street shops display** – Three more shop windows in the museum's Street Display in the foyer were updated. They were the Shackelford photographic studio, Mr. Barker's grocery shop and the Waipawa Union Brewery. Information panels about the history of the shops on the main street in Waipawa, with a map and photographs, are going to complete this project.



*Grocery shop and photographic studio displays*

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➤ Professional Development

- **Disability Responsive Workshop** (9 March 2021) – A workshop provided by CHBDC with partnership of The Disability Reference Group for insight and tools on how to be more responsive to disabled people.
- **Social Media Workshop** (14 April 2021) – A workshop provided by CHBDC with partnership Jodine McIntyre from Social Smarty. An opportunity to learn how to engage with the public through Facebook, Instagram etc.
- **Access Aotearoa (20 May 2021)** – A workshop and network meeting organised by Access Aotearoa hosted by Stace Robertson at Hastings City Art Gallery. Staff from Hastings City Art Gallery, Toitoti, MTG and Central Hawke's Bay Museum came along to chat about accessibility in their respective spaces.



Art Access Aotearoa 20 May 2021 at Hastings City Art Gallery

### 2021/2022 Exhibition Programme

- **KOHUA Maori Art Exhibition**  
July 2021– October 2021
- **Country Women's Institute - 100 years**  
October 2021– February 2022
- **Paul Hunter Centre Art Exhibition**  
March 2022 – June 2022
- **Waipawa Clock Tower – 100th Anniversary**  
July 2022– October 2022
- **Waipukurau Hospital through the camera lens**  
November 2022 – January 2023

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## Summary

After 10 years working as curator/manager at Central Hawke's Bay Museum I wish to acknowledge the wonderful museum team. Without all the staff, volunteers and committee members, the museum wouldn't be as it is now.

The past year was really hard for me on a personal level, experiencing the loss of valuable staff. The passing of Clive, our museum's longest serving staff member, made me realise how closely we work together and how much we care about each other. We are more like a big family rather than a workplace.

When Hans resigned as chairman, I felt it not just as a huge loss for the museum, but also for me; because of our friendship, Hans's leadership, and the amount of knowledge I learnt from him.

Going to work is never a question of "have to," but "want to". Working at CHB Museum has always been such an enjoyable, pleasant experience, with every day full of excitement, support, and care. And that's why the museum thrives, thanks to the people who have been looking after it so well for the last 10 years.

Thank you

Jana Uhlirva  
Curator/Manager



**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on .

**8 TIME OF CLOSURE**