



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Strategy, Growth & Community Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 18 September 2025

10.45am

Council Chamber

28-32 Ruataniwha Street

Waipawa

Together we thrive! E ora ngātai ana!

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- 1 **WELCOME/KARAKIA/NOTICES**
- 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, Growth & Community Committee Meeting - 24 July 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY, GROWTH & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 24 JULY 2025 AT 11.00AM**

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT: Deputy Chair Pip Burne
Chair Kelly Annand
Mayor Alex Walker
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Kate Taylor
Cr Exham Wichman
Pou Whirinaki Piri Galbraith
Pou Whirinaki Amiria Nepe-Apatu

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager: Corporate, Community & Regulatory)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager: Strategy, Policy & Planning)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager: Infrastructure & Asset Management)
Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Sarah Crysell (Communications and Engagement Manager)
Rob Hon (Environmental Waste Manager)
Louise McPhail (Hawke's Bay Regional Council) (Online)
Otāne Community Group
Christine Renata (Community Development Lead)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 WELCOME/KARAKIA/NOTICES

The Deputy Chair, Cr Pip Burne welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.21

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor
Seconded: Chair Kelly Annand

That an apology from Cr Tim Aitken be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflicts of Interests declared.

4 STANDING ORDERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.22

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

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 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

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.23

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Chair Kelly Annand

That the Minutes of the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTIONS MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Resolution Monitoring Report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.24

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Jerry Greer

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Resolutions Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

The report was taken as read.

6.2 ADOPTION OF OTĀNE COMMUNITY PLAN

PURPOSE

To consider the adoption of the Ōtāne Community Plan by the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee (the Committee).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.25

Moved: Cr Exham Wichman

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee adopts the Ōtāne Community Plan.

CARRIED

Christine Renata introduced the report and the Ōtāne Community spoke to the plan, noting:

- Personal connections and history of Ōtāne were shared, emphasising generational ties and pride.
- Plan praised for inclusivity, future-proofing, and community-driven approach.
- Issues raised: speed reduction on local roads, footpath maintenance, and welcoming new residents while maintaining community identity.
- Importance of capturing elders' stories and local history was highlighted; potential funding for history projects were discussed.

6.3 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ACTIVATION FUND

PURPOSE

For the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee to adopt the terms of the Community Activation Partnership Fund.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.26

Moved: Chair Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

1. **That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee adopts the terms of the Community Partnership Activation Fund, and**
2. **That officers update the Community Funding Policy to include the ongoing annual terms of the Community Partnership Activation Fund.**

CARRIED

Nic Bousfield and Christine Renata introduced the report and noted:

- \$150,000 contestable fund for community projects, aligns with community plans.
- Application process to open mid-August, with possible second round if funds remain.
- Questioned reallocating the fund to 3 Waters infrastructure due to need, however acknowledged only a small fund.
- Ongoing annual funding to continue at a lower level following this year's round.

6.5 CLIMATE ACTION JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE

To provide recommendations to Council from the Climate Action Joint Committee (CAJC) relating to the release and findings of the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.27

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

~~That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee:~~

- ~~1. Receives and notes the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee.~~
- ~~2. Considers the findings and opportunities for further work outlined in the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, including how to integrate climate risk information into decision-making at all levels, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee.~~
- ~~3. Acknowledges the recommendations from the Climate Action Joint Committee that Central Hawke's Bay District Council:~~
 - ~~3.1 Commit to providing staff resource and funding for ongoing collaboration on climate action, including allocating budget in the next Long Term Plan to enable a future iteration of the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment to be undertaken during the 2027-2037 period.~~
 - ~~3.2 Commits to regional collaboration on climate action to continue progressing action to build resilience.~~
 - ~~3.3 Commits to processes of continuous improvement to address the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities including Tāngāta Whenua.~~

AMENDED RESOLUTION:

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee:

1. Receives and notes the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee.
2. Considers the findings and opportunities for further work outlined in the Hawke's Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, including how to integrate climate risk information into decision-making at all levels, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee.
3. Acknowledges the recommendations from the Climate Action Joint Committee.

CARRIED

Kim Anstey introduced the report and noted:

- Emphasis on integrating climate risk into asset management, civil defence, and community planning.
- The practical application of the report's findings, not just regional collaboration.
- Coastal erosion risk is less significant for Central Hawke's Bay compared to river flooding.
- Need to have better visibility on actions – to appear in a work programme.
- No budget is set yet, but will have funding and staff resource implications for future long-term plans. Noted these decisions are for the next Council and resolution 3 needs changing.

6.4 SOLID WASTE REVIEW - UPDATE AND INTENTION TO REVIEW WMMP

PURPOSE

To present and seek support for the waste assessment report findings that will inform the updated Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) for formal adoption in April 2026.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.28

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee:

- 1. Receives and supports the findings of the draft Waste Assessment Report.**
- 2. Directs Officers to proceed with updating the existing Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for formal adoption by April 2026**

CARRIED

Rob Hon and Mark Kinvig introduced the report and noted:

- The 2019 WMMP needs updating based on new waste assessment findings.
- Upcoming government changes to Waste Minimisation Act noted; bylaw review to follow legislative changes.
- Discussion on balancing landfill as a business opportunity vs. waste minimisation goals.
- Private waste collectors permitting system proposed to ensure recycling and data reporting.

6.6 REIMAGINING FLOOD RESILIENCE - STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT

PURPOSE

To appoint two elected members to the Reimagining Flood Resilience Tukituki Steering Group, which is being established and led by Hawke's Bay Regional Council as part of the Reimagining Flood Resilience project.

Before the resolution, Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff will provide a brief presentation on updates on the Upper Tukituki Scheme Review.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.29

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee:

- 1. Appoints Councillors Cr Pip Burne and Cr Jerry Greer to the Upper Tukituki Steering Group for the Reimagining Flood Resilience project.**
- 2. Notes that six-monthly update reports will be provided to Council on the Reimagining Flood Resilience project by the Central Hawke's Bay Technical Advisory Group officers.**

CARRIED

Kim Anstey introduced Louise McPhail (Hawke's Bay Regional Council) who gave a presentation on reimagining flood resilience and timeframe, project structure, progress to date and key next steps.

- Appointment of two councillors to the Upper Tukituki Steering Group for the Reimagining Flood Resilience project namely Cr Pip Burne and Cr Jerry Greer.

- Project aims to engage community and stakeholders on future flood risk, resilience, and funding options.
- Steering group to recommend actions to Hawke's Bay Regional Council; stakeholder and focus groups to be established.
- Six-monthly update reports to be provided to Council.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.30

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

Seconded: Cr Exham Wichman

That the next Strategy, Growth & Community Committee meeting be held on 18 September 2025.

CARRIED

8 TIME OF CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.44pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Strategy, Growth & Community Committee meeting to be held on 18 September 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTIONS MONITORING REPORT

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Annelie Roets, Governance Lead

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Resolution Monitoring Report - 18 September 2025 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Resolutions Monitoring Report.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Resolution Monitoring Report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

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

DISCUSSION

The monitoring report is **attached**.

NEXT STEPS

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



Strategy, Growth & Community Committee

Resolution Monitoring Report for 18 September 2025

Key	
Completed	
On Track	
Off Track	

Item Number	Item	Council Resolution	Resolution Date	Responsible Officer	Progress Report	
1	10.4	Headstone Determination Cemeteries Policy 2021	1. That Council declines the headstone application in accordance with the Cemeteries Policy and direct officers to commence a Policy review within the next 18 months.	14 March 2024	Mark Kinvig	On Track - Work has commenced on the policy review and is being programmed amongst other priorities in the activity.
2	6.3	Community Partnership Activation Fund	1. That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee adopts the terms of the Community Partnership Activation Fund, and 2. That officers update the Community Funding Policy to include the ongoing annual terms of the Community Partnership Activation Fund.	24 July 2025	Nicola Bousfield/ Christine Renata	Complete - The fund and policy has now been launched.
3	6.5	Climate Action Joint Committee Recommendations	That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee: 1. Receives and notes the Hawke’s Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee. 2. Considers the findings and opportunities for further work outlined in the Hawke’s Bay Climate Change Risk Assessment technical report, including how to integrate climate risk information into decision-making at all levels, as recommended by the Climate Action Joint Committee. 3. Acknowledges the recommendations from the Climate Action Joint Committee that Central Hawke’s Bay District Council.	24 July 2025	Kim Anstey	Complete - this items has been marked as completed noting that there are future actions for Council as part of its ongoing work programme.
4	6.4	Solid Waste Review - Update and intention to review WMMP	That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee: 1. Receives and supports the findings of the draft Waste Assessment Report. 2. Directs Officers to proceed with updating the existing Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for formal adoption by April 2026	24 July 2025	Rob Hon/ Mark Kinvig	Complete - work continues on the WMMP and this will be presented to the new Council for consideration.
5	6.6	Reimagining Flood Resilience - Steering Group Membership Appointment	That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee: 1. Appoints Councillors Cr Pip Burne and Cr Jerry Greer to the Upper Tukituki Steering Group for the Reimagining Flood Resilience project. 2. Notes that six-monthly update reports will be provided to Council on the Reimagining Flood Resilience project by the Central Hawke’s Bay Technical Advisory Group officers	24 July 2025	Kim Anstey	Complete - the first meeting of the Committee has been held and attending Councillors wil provide a verbal update.

6.2 ANNUAL REPORTING FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Author: Christine Renata, Community Development Lead

Authoriser: Nicola Bousfield, Group Manager: Corporate, Community & Regulatory

Attachments:

1. Sport Hawke's Bay Report 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 [↓](#) 
2. Sport Hawke's Bay Report 1 January to 30 June 2025 [↓](#) 
3. Youth Council Report 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 [↓](#) 
4. CHB Museum Annual Curators Report 2025 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Annual Community Organisations reports from Sport Hawke's Bay, Central Hawke's Bay Museum and EPIC Ministries.

PURPOSE

To present the annual reports from community organisations for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 to the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

BACKGROUND

The Central Hawke's Bay District Council (Council) currently provides grant funding to the Sport Hawke's Bay, Central Hawke's Bay Museum, and EPIC Ministries. Representatives from each organisation will present their annual reports (attached) to the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee.

DISCUSSION

Sport Hawke's Bay

Sport Hawke's Bay partners with Council to provide sports and active recreation services. This report details the outcomes that Sport Hawke's Bay achieved for the Central Hawke's Bay community from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The organisation focuses on the following outcomes, reflecting the strategic goals of both parties:

- **Active Lifestyles:** Inspiring the community in sports and active recreation to meet the Council's strategic objectives.
- **Community Support:** Developing coaches, officials, teachers, and administrators to ensure high quality recreational and sporting experiences.
- **Regional Leadership:** Fostering cooperation and communication within the sports and active recreation sector.

The **attached** annual report highlights key achievements, including:

- \$74860 of Tu Manawa funding allocated to 18 Central Hawke's Bay clubs, schools or groups.
- Establishment of Takapau as the Central Hawke's Bay Geographical Priority Community.
- Launch of the Positive Vibes Only campaign in March 2025.
- Strong engagement in the Green Prescription and Active 4 Life programmes with 133 new referrals, reflecting sustained community interest and positive impact on promoting healthier lifestyles.
- Continuing success of the Active As investment into Central Hawke's Bay and Te Aute Colleges.

Central Hawke's Bay Museum

Council contracts Central Hawke's Bay Museum Incorporated to operate the Central Hawke's Bay Museum. This contract began on 23 April 2013 for a five-year term and has been varied on three occasions: 2018, 2020 and 2023.

Attached is the Curator's report, adopted by the Committee at its recent Annual General Meeting for the 2024/2025 year. Key achievements include:

- **Museum Development & Strategic Progress**
 - The Museum Committee was registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022
 - The development of a Long-Term Vision continues with facilitated strategic discussions planned in the coming months.
- **Visitors & Community Engagement**
 - Nearly 9,000 visitors attended with a notable increase in younger visitors aged 25-30 and international visitors.
 - Continued free access proves vital for inclusivity and community connection.
- **Exhibitions & Events**
 - Pukeora – Open Air Cure for Tuberculosis: A historical showcase of the sanatorium's legacy
 - Unpacking the Too Hard Basket: A community-driven environmental art fundraiser raising over \$5,000
 - The Art of Human Connection: Celebrated shared human experiences
 - Other events included: Museum Open Day (International Museum Day), Readers and Writers Festival Finale and MTG Educational Programmes.
- **Partnerships & Outreach**
 - Collaborations with CHB College, Waipawa Library, MTG Hawke's Bay, Te Tuhi Art Gallery, Dowse Art Museum, Ashburton Museum, Millstream Gardens, Paul Hunter Centre, Menzshed Waipukurau, and Onga TV.
 - Initiatives like the Pop-up Museum at Waipawa Library, Memory Suitcase Service, and courtyard activation.

In June 2025, a Contract for Service was developed with the Committee which included the following deliverables:

- develop and implement an annual workplan,
- undertake monthly meetings, and
- complete an annual report.

The Committee's annual workplan has been completed and focuses on:

- community visitors,
- collections,
- collaboration,
- budget,
- strategic development, and
- fundraising.

A budget has been created and monthly meetings are occurring which include Council. Outcomes from this workplan will be provided to Council within the next annual report.

The Curator took an extended period of leave in June, and Rosemary Deane has stepped into this role for six months. Ms Deane's wealth of knowledge and experience in the museum sector has proved highly valuable to date.

EPIC Ministries

EPIC Ministries actively partners with Council to deliver youth development initiatives in Central Hawke's Bay district. This report highlights the youth development outcomes EPIC Ministries achieved from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Council recognises the positive impact of youth involvement in community activities on overall vitality and engagement. Young people bring fresh energy and perspectives that effectively address community challenges and opportunities.

The Central Hawke's Bay Youth Council represents the voices of youth in our community. It advocates for young people's interests and collaborates with Council to promote the social, cultural, environmental, and economic well-being of the community.

Attached is the annual report produced by EPIC Ministries and informed by Youth Council members. Highlights include:

- Regular meetings with Mayor Alex Walker and Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand which continue to build and sustain the closer relationship with Central Hawke's Bay District Council elected members.
- Youth Council members have stepped into a wide range of opportunities within the community, growing in confidence and leadership.
- Youth Council members recognise and understand that youth voice is valued and heard in Central Hawke's Bay.
- Student participation in Youth Council led activities has thrived.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report is in-line with Council's strategic objectives to ensure "a proud district, strong community and connected citizens" - Together We Thrive.



Central Hawke's Bay District Council Report

July – December 2024

Active Lifestyles

Inspiring the community into Play, Active Recreation and Sport

Central Hawke's Bay has a new Active living Advisor in the Green Prescription space as Rachel Gunson takes over the Health Team Lead role at Sport Hawke's Bay. After 16 years as an Active Living Advisor, Rachel has assisted many people in the community and is fortunate to have been part of positive and life-changing experiences.

Jane Dendy has worked at Sport Hawke's Bay for close to 20 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our community and our clients are lucky to have the benefit of her support.



Our well-known Scooter Club members are making the most of the Green Prescription opportunity, working closely in a group with Jane to help improve their health and overall wellbeing.

July – December 2024 Statistics

Green Prescription (GRx)

62 New referrals
49 Active participants
39 Female
13 Male

Active 4 Life

66 Active Members
876 Visits
25 classes

Community Support

Supporting the community to provide quality PLAY, Active Recreation and Sport experiences

Hatuma Half Marathon 2024

Event Director Kahlia Fryer acknowledged that the Hatuma Half Marathon would not be possible without the support of local businesses and organisations – Hatuma Group (the major sponsor), Bruns Charter Services, The Civic Theatre, Central FM, Sport Hawke's Bay, Central Hawke's Bay District Council, Waipawa Butchery, Waipukurau Jockey Club, CHB Tank Cleaners, Traffic Management CHB, Central Hawke's Bay College and Epic Ministries.

“With 257 runners and 82 walkers competing as individuals or as part of the 12 teams on the course, the picturesque farmland and the Ruahine Ranges provided scenic distractions along the way. The 10km section also proved popular again, increasing to 162 entries, an increase of 19 participants from 2023.”



PLAY in Central Hawke's Bay

Through facilitated planning, logic modelling and reflection discussions with representatives from Council a centralised information and online application form for our rohe was created. Play Streets have meant more tamariki are playing with each other in their street and increased use of the Waka Tākaro.

Sport Hawke's Bay has been instrumental in creation, funding and activation of three of the four Waka Tākaro in Hawke's Bay (HDC, CHBDC and Loose Enz) alongside Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa. As a result of Sport Hawke's Bay advocacy and activation, our rohe has hosted Play Streets in three of the four councils – CHB, HDC, NCC.

Neighbourhood Play Systems has allowed us to work with CHBDC to understand their different communities to create safer and more inviting environments for their whānau to play.

Our Play after a Crisis wānanga provided the opportunity for national, regional and local Play Champions to collaborate and share stories, learn about the Play Beyond a Crisis Framework and understand how Play helped tamariki and whānau heal after the numerous natural disaster events that have occurred in the Canterbury region over the last 15 years.

We also hosted a local Play Therapist who explained the healing effects of play on the brain. These presentations were so impactful that the Central Hawke's Bay School cluster requested a Play After a Crisis presentation which was delivered to 100 kaiako to support their tamariki.

Healthy Active Learning

Our Healthy Active Learning team worked with Year 8 students from Terrace School to paint activity stencils on the school grounds after successfully receiving funding from the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa quick release fund.

The Terrace also continues to access staff PD for the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum where relevant – in Term 3 attending a staff meeting focusing on indoor games.

The school has also ordered and received new PE equipment for their tamariki after another successful Tū Manawa application.



Waipawa School hosted a Reimagining Cross Country professional development session for teachers after school during Term 3 2024. Representatives from Waipawa, Takapau, Elsthorpe, St Joseph's Waipukurau and Ōtane were in attendance. This PD explored the standard cross-country event; Why are they running? What they look like? And who are they doing it for? – the group then delved deeper into student/parent/teacher motivations, and event logistics. It then offered some ideas and adjustments to consider when cross country isn't currently meeting the purpose of the occasion.



Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa (July-December 2024)

Central Hawke's Bay approved projects:

Ōtane Sports Club – Ōtane Junior League	\$516.00
CHB District Council, Waipawa Pool, Play activation	\$745.00
The Terrace School, PLAY Stencils	\$877.00
CHB District Council – HB Libraries PLAY Passport	\$999.00
Waipukurau School – Mauria Te Pono	\$1000.00
CHB Hockey Association – Goalkeeping equipment	\$2785.00
St Joseph's Waipukurau – Football goals	\$2998.00
42 Mana – Te Mana Taiohi o Tamatea, gym equipment	\$5000.00
Tangata o Te Wai Charitable Trust – Tai Rikiriki	

ACTIVE RECREATION: \$15,200.00

SPORT: \$6,299.00

PLAY: \$2,621.00

TOTAL ALLOCATED TO CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY: \$24,120.00

Central Hawke's Bay's newest gym 42 Mana Functional Fitness is calling on 12 students from Years 9 to 13 to join a 10 week fully funded Functional Gym Program. This is an opportunity for learnings in the following areas:

Taha Tinana (Functional fitness fundamentals)
Taha Hinengaro (Mental resilience)
Taha Wairua (Strengthening family and community connections)

"This incredible opportunity wouldn't be possible without the support of Sport Hawke's Bay and Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund. A massive thank you for helping us bring this program to life and empower our rangatahi!"



Central Hawke's Bay College & Te Aute College

Sport Hawke's Bay hosted a sports leadership day for Central Hawke's Bay College and Te Aute College. The purpose of the day was to create an opportunity for our youth leaders in Central Hawke's Bay to network while sharing and exploring new ideas within their schools and wider community setting. Students were also inspired from our three guest speakers, Bradley Booth, Olivia Shannon and Joel Hintz who all gave the students great tips to take away for their future leadership opportunities. The leaders then took part in a high-intensity Boxing fitness session led by Sara Corbett.



<https://www.facebook.com/SchoolSportHB/videos/1058500575991284>

Ignite Ākonga

This Athlete Development Programme for aspiring athletes headed to Central Hawke's Bay in Term 4, 2024. Tuesdays starting 22nd October for youth aged 14 - 18. This programme provided athletes with skills and knowledge across the 3 key pillars of performance outside of tactical and technical of the athletes chosen sport:

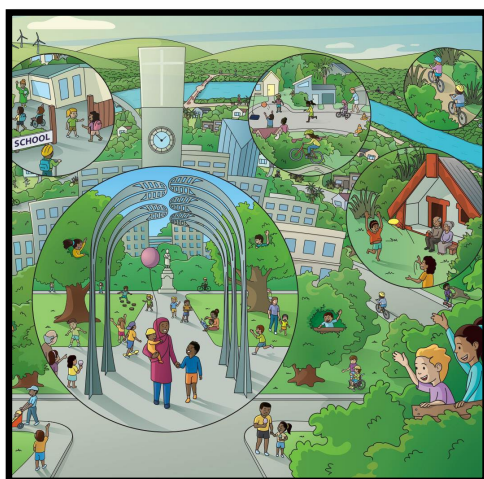
1. Strength and Conditioning
2. Nutrition
3. Athlete leadership including planning, goal setting and performance habits



Regional Leadership

Geographic Priority Communities – Takapau 2025

With the new 4-year strategic period that both Sport NZ and Sport Hawke's are working in there has been a slight change in the way we are working with priority given to some of our communities from Central Hawke's Bay to Wairoa. Our focus remains on improving equity for tamariki and rangatahi who are less active but with priority given to those communities that face higher levels of socioeconomic disadvantage. Following analysis of statistics and demographics, internal discussions with our team, discussions with Council representatives and other community providers there was agreement that Takapau would be part of this prioritisation.



This means that we will work alongside the community of Takapau to reduce equity for young people in that community through prioritise funding, resources and programmes to ensure there are more opportunities for young people to be active. Sport Hawke's Bay will connect with community members, champions and providers and in partnership work towards supporting the community to reduce barriers to physical activity.

Disability and Inclusion

The Paul Hunter Centre in Central Hawke's Bay with Disability Sport and Recreation Hawke's Bay, with EIT helping run the event. EIT invited Paul Hunter Centre to Taradale to play another round of Boccia together.

The Paul Hunter Centre also now have New Zealand International Taekwon-Do Federation running weekly sessions, showing the benefit of a wider networking for our community.

Star Jam was a popular activity for our disabled community. With this now being discontinued nationwide, new ideas such as Park Run is a fabulous opportunity for everyone to be active together. The stories below show the importance, benefit, and value of inclusivity in the Sport and recreation sector.



[Russell Park parkrun?](#)

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

When is it? Every Saturday at 8:00am.

Where is it? The event takes place at Russell Park, River Terrace, Waipukurau, Central Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. See [Course page](#) for more details.

[A parkrun personality](#) – “Emma lives with Williams Syndrome, which means she has some intellectual and spatial awareness challenges. But it also gives her some special qualities too, including the ability to recognise new parkrunners and to put them at ease.”

[Living our best lives](#) – “Veronika was diagnosed with Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and epilepsy after she was born, and her parents were told she would never walk. Watch how parkrun has given Veronika social confidence and allows Veronika and mum, Kylee, to live their best lives.



Central Hawke's Bay District Council Contract for Service Reporting period 1 January-30 June 2025

Active Lifestyles

Inspiring the community into Play, Active Recreation and Sport

In an ever-changing world of sport and recreation, there is one constant in Central Hawke's Bay, giving our older adults the consistent opportunity to meet, move and connect with Sport Hawke's Bays Active 4 Life – Kiwi Seniors class. Tuesday mornings 9.30am rain, hail or shine, up to 40 of our cherished retired adults, mainly women with the occasional gentleman coming along to 'give it a go', check in with the rostered volunteer at the door of St Mary's Church Hall in Waipukurau.

Instructor Judy Stuart knows each participant by name, and is on standby to gather the crowd quietly to break into an energetic Happy Birthday to ensure all are remembered on their special day.

The group spend approximately 45 minutes stretching and moving their bodies, very quickly forgetting aches and pains as their muscles warm up, heart rates increase, and posture subtly corrects itself.

Judy has delivered this class for over 12 years and has never had a complaint about not feeling great at the end of a session. The most common complaint is – 'we wish we could do this every day'. The group numbers have increased so much that the venue often struggles to accommodate everyone and there have been moments when the front 3 rows graze through the open side door to ensure their moves have uninterrupted flow.

The benefits of such classes reach far and beyond physical improvements. This group is all inclusive, welcoming newcomers with open arms. If participants have mobility issues, a chair is produced, and exercises are modified to suit. Creatures of habit, this group have created an ongoing timetable taking many to other activities together, keeping their bodies and minds active throughout the week. The phone tree is alive and well, carpooling is encouraged, this being a beneficial way of looking out for others, particularly if the routine changes and members do not attend.

This is a strong example of the Te Whare Tapa Whā model working well in a community setting, the group taking care of each other in all ways leading to positive overall health and wellbeing.



January-June 2025 Statistics

Green Prescription (GRx)	Active 4 Life
51 New referrals	66 Active Members
41 Active participants	836 Visits
41 Female	22 Classes
10 Male	

Community Support

The Positive Vibes Only campaign was launched with Central Football in March 2025. While all support on and off the field, court or body of water is encouraged, sometimes the enthusiasm can turn in a negative fashion. Positive Vibes Only is a timely reminder for players and supporters to remember their reason for participating and encourage everyone involved to keep the behaviour respectful, therefore ensuring it is enjoyable for all involved. The likely outcomes of such campaigns are longer lasting participation in sport and activity, a healthy relationship in a competitive environment and positive memories throughout generations.

For more information, please see details on our website: <https://www.sporthb.net.nz/positive-vibes-only>

A sports club forum concept was promoted to encourage the community to come together to network and gather a deeper understanding of the sport system in Central Hawke's Bay. The forum has been postponed due to low registration numbers. Regional Sports Organisations have indicated they are meeting regularly with clubs and running relevant workshops and are therefore happy with their current relationship and connection status. The target audience for a forum will be reviewed. The graphic is available for viewing upon request.

An Active Recreation coalition is being established for the wider Hawke's Bay area and Hogan Hynes from He Taonga Tāmata is representing Central Hawke's Bay. Ideas are forthcoming at initial meetings. We are working towards initiating a relationship between Hogan and Adaptive Whakauru Tahi to bring Te Ao Māori movement to the disabled community in Central Hawke's Bay.

A database showcasing Active Recreation providers is being collated and will be shared on Sport Hawke's Bay's website when completed. This will produce easy access to the public, which can be updated when needed.

Sport Hawke's Bay hosted a workshop showcasing the mana enhancing youth development framework 'Mana Taiohi'. Jamie Welch from Central Hawke's Bay College attended with other High School staff members and students from Hawke's Bay and worked together through the mana enhancing principles from the baseline of what is inherited at birth and what is accrued over our lifetime. Voice of Rangatahi is at the heart of this project, mutual respect gained from listening, speaking and sharing.

Central Hawke's Bay Sport and Recreation Awards date has been set for Friday 26 September 2025, this will be held at the Municipal Theatre in Waipawa. Nominations have opened with concentrated effort directed at clubs and businesses to generate more interest. Judges have expressed their views for a higher level of information to give the awards more credibility, therefore exemplar nominations are available to assist where needed to ensure quality information is being received.

PLAY in Central Hawke's Bay

Sport Hawke's Bay continues to support the rollout of inclusive play equipment to the Te Waka Tākaro initiative. The PLAY trailer is based at Otāne School, being used regularly by the community, taken as far as Porangahau for an event.

Omākere School are next in line for hosting the trailer, Otāne principal currently doing a stocktake and replenishment of equipment prior to the move.

Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea used the trailer for their child immunisation promotion and feedback from users is that tamariki enjoy the novelty of the trailer and its contents, it is well utilised and appreciated.

Healthy Active Learning

The Terrace School, Waipukurau School, Otāne School and Takapau School have signed their respective Memorandums of Understanding, securing their places as Healthy Active Learning supported schools until June 2028. Waipawa School will continue to be a self directed (still involved in PLD, resources and support as needed) Healthy Active Learning School.

The newest school to the programme, Takapau School is also part of our Geographical Priority Community, and the staff are very motivated towards using the school as a community hub with the view of building positive connections. With a roll of 133, the staff are interested in Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) delivery to help with physical activity during lunchtime sessions. Tū Manawa funding has been discussed in addition to cycle skills training opportunities through Sport Hawke's Bay to deliver Road Safety and encourage higher numbers of active transport to and from school where possible. Previous funding enabled Takapau to establish a school garden. Staff would like to develop this into a Garden to Table idea with the students.

The Terrace school principal has requested assistance in the swimming space, upskilling his staff's knowledge when delivering lessons to students in the school pool. Sport Hawke's Bay has a qualified swimming instructor who is available to deliver these sessions to staff in our Healthy Active Learning schools. An application has also been made to Water Safety NZ to support Water Safety with a focus on upskilling teachers

PALS was delivered in Central Hawke's Bay with 10 senior students from Central Hawke's Bay College guiding 110 Year 8 students through various challenges which prompted teamwork, critical thinking and leadership skills to be observed. These students learn subtle skills to take forward into their high school years, often leading them back as PALS leaders in the future.



Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa - January-June 2025 Funding

Central Hawke's Bay approved projects:

Badminton Hawke's Bay – Central Hawke's Bay programme - **\$940.00**

Flemington School – hockey goalie gear - **\$1,000.00**

Action Pathways Limited – inclusive active movement programme - **\$1,000.00**

Elsthorpe School - sports equipment update: Purchase of hockey goals. **\$4000.00**

He Taonga Tāmata - Kēmu Māori: This programme explores the different games and sports that Te Ao Māori hold such as Kī-O-Rahi, Tī Uru and Whai. Outcomes include creating leadership roles, tuakana-tēina relationships, and team building. Catering to Central Hawke's Bay schools. **\$4000.00**

Omākere School - Omākere Kēmu and Ngaruru for Māori by Māori: Working with He Taonga Tāmata to deepen the knowledge of traditional Māori games, for Years 5-8. **\$2500.00**

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori O Takapau - Rākeitia te tamaiti ki te ora (adorn them vitality): Weekly one-hour hākina sessions (for 30 weeks). Better preparing students to participate in community sport as a school. **\$3000.00**

Wāhine Divers Wai Kura: Delivering educational classes and hands-on opportunities for wāhine to learn how to dive safely. Learning water safety, breathing techniques, how to use equipment correctly, black outs and correct safety measures. Pourerere Beach, Mangakuri Beach. **\$4000.00**

Waipukurau School - Getting active during morning tea and lunchtime: Supporting PALs leaders with their activities – purchase of more equipment. **\$1000.00**

Hawke's Bay Disc Golf Club - Russell Park Disc Golf Course, Waipukurau: Installation of a temporary 9-hole disc golf course to increase the usage of the park while the Council works through the park master plan. **\$4300.00**

He Taonga Tāmata - He Taonga Tāmata: Enhancing the mana, health, and wellbeing of rangatahi through active recreation. Working with schools in **Takapau**, Waipukurau, and surrounding areas. **\$15,000.00**

Tangata O Te Wai Charitable Trust - Tamaiti Ruku: Delivery of sessions that highlight traditional conservation methods, including classroom sessions, pool sessions and a session at Te Angi Angi Marine Reserve. **Takapau School**, Waipawa Primary School, Porangahau School and Terrace Primary School. **\$10,000.00**

Strong focus on māia – confidence. Empowering students through a variety of active recreation activities. Working with traditional Māori practices and games, tuakana lead the teina with mutual beneficial outcomes.



ACTIVE RECREATION: \$40,000.00

SPORT: \$8,940.00

PLAY: \$1,000.00

TOTAL ALLOCATED TO CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY January – June 2025 \$50,740.00

Central Hawke's Bay Funders Workshop confirmed for 9th September 7.30am at Municipal Theatre Waipawa.

Central Hawke's Bay College & Te Aute College

Secondary School Sport Census data gathered for 2024 showed participation of 58% for boys and 57% for girls in structured sport at Central Hawke's Bay College. The top sports included Triathlon, Netball, Volleyball, Rugby Union and Football. At Te Aute College, 94% students are involved in Badminton, Ki-o-Rahi, Volleyball, Rugby Union and Netball.

Central Hawke's Bay College is in communications with Lawrence Wilkinson (Halberg New Zealand) who will support the school with inclusion training in a physical activity space. The school has its Fit4Life program that is going extremely well with an increase in confidence with the wahine in that class.

Chris McIvor from Maca Sports Leadership Trust had been working at Central Hawke's Bay College in 2024 with disengaged students, giving them the opportunity to take part in sporting workshops during term time, with the curriculum driven by their own ideas. Discussion with Sport Hawke's Bay regarding opportunities for aspiring athletes wanting to increase their knowledge base and training plans led Chris to extend his programme in this space and offer an additional programme at the College. The students provide their 'wish list' in the areas they wish to focus on, and the content is adapted to suit. Both programmes allow students of varying capabilities and interests to participate, with the philosophy that one size does not always suit all.

Central Hawke's Bay College students are involved in the 2025 Sport Hawke's Bay Student Sport Council; a group of young leaders formed from Secondary Schools across Hawke's Bay to connect and gather student voice in relation to Secondary School sport. These students are selected as the leaders amongst their peers, and their contribution is valuable to the success of sport within their school. The purpose of this group is to establish an opportunity for youth leaders to network while sharing and exploring new ideas and initiatives. This will support increased participation and ensure quality and accessible opportunities are made available through using youth voice.

Sport HB's Regional Sport Director, Olivia McKinnon hosted an event called "Inspiring Leaders, Transforming Tomorrow" in Term 2, a motivational event designed to build resilience, teamwork, and vision in our future leaders, where students heard firsthand insights from local athletes, and sports leaders. Where Hannah Manu (Physiotherapist), Sam Smith (Hawke's Bay Magpie), Jack Jensen (Founder of MSFT Productions and Spark that Chat) presented to the students. The event connected students with inspiring voices from our Hawke's Bay community of individuals in the sport sector to ignite their passion and potential.

Students also took part in the Giants boxing experience where students gained tools to live a life THEY value. To start the session all students got into a circle with the coaches and other boxes and were asked 'why do you think we are all standing in this shape', the reason - everyone feels united and there are no gaps, everyone is on the same level. By creating challenge, and harnessing goodness Giants Boxing spoke around ensuring when people walk through their doors they feel like they belong, believe in themselves and work towards becoming whatever they desire. This session really broke the ice for everyone involved! All students were smiling and enjoying learning the basics of boxing and all students were engaged!



Active As:

Both Central Hawke's Bay College and Te Aute College have signed their Active As investment agreements, working with their Sport Hawke's Bay connector on delivering their projects as required. This is being monitored and evaluated throughout the year to track the progress and assist where needed.

Central Hawke's Bay College have installed their outdoor gym equipment and monitoring its use, ensuring all students have the opportunity to make use of it.

Te Aute students have presented to their Board of Trustees with a request to upgrade their sporting facilities, making this a multi purpose space for Sport and Recreation. The proposed Mau Rakau project has commenced, with the mana badges purchased and participation is positive with only 4 students not taking part.

Regional Leadership

Geographic Priority Communities – Takapau 2025

Following on from the agreement to include Takapau as the Central Hawke's Bay Geographical Priority Community as part of Sport Hawke's Bay strategy, introductions have been made in the community with our PLAY, Active Recreation Lead, Insights and Evaluation Lead Caitlin McIvor. Initially this has taken place in the Rugby Club, offering support to the club at a crucial time of assembling the new committee for 2025.

These connections open a narrative for additional support including other avenues in the community.

The 150 Jubilee in 2026 is the perfect opening for discussions regarding resources and programmes to improve and build on existing relationships in the area.

Our newest Healthy Active Learning School in Takapau is excited to use the school as an opportunity to bring the community together. Working alongside Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Takapau, there is scope for collaboration for tamariki in the sport and recreation sector.

Of the \$50,740.00 Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding allocated for this period, \$32,000.00 are initiatives available to Takapau tamariki and rangatahi. This has created an immediate increase for opportunities in the community.

Disability and Inclusion

The Terrace School has a new initiative to enhance disability support capabilities, holding a programme design session in June in collaboration with Halberg and Special Olympics.

There is a particular focus on neurodiversity needs for students, with increasing numbers needing assistance from support staff to enable the classroom to continue to function.

Ongoing support is offered to The Paul Hunter Centre as a responsive partner for inclusive recreational programming. The centre is always interested in new activities and can travel outside Central Hawke's Bay to take part in programmes.

We're thrilled to share that the Paul Hunter Centre, supporting individuals with disabilities in CHB, now has brand new Taekwon-Do mats and uniforms. It's amazing to see some already training proudly in their doboks.

And this is just the beginning — more equipment is on the way to further enhance the training experience. They are steadily sorting out sizes and numbers, and it's all coming together beautifully.

A big step forward for Inclusive Taekwondo in Central Hawke's Bay — making sure everyone can train, grow and shine.

Conclusion



The last 12 months has seen significant work done to support the Central Hawke's Bay Community in partnership with Central Hawke's Bay District Council. The implementation of a shared work plan has helped guide 6-weekly hui with Council as well as ensure we are aligning our mahi to our strategies and working towards our joint outcomes.

The implementation of Geographic Priority Communities in 2025 has meant we are now focussing our time and resources more in these communities and look forward to working closer with the Takapau community to increase opportunities for physical activity with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi. With Takapau School signing on to be a Healthy Active Learning School this will provide significant benefit to the community, and we look forward to forging a strong relationship with Takapau School and the surrounding community.

Sport Hawke's Bay has now adopted their new strategy (appendix 1) as well as new initiatives and outcomes with Sport New Zealand and these will be embedded across a new workplan for the 25/26 financial year with Council. A draft workplan will be available by 2 September to be discuss at the 6-weekly Sport Hawke's Bay/Council meeting.

For any further information on this report please contact Rachel Gunson rachelg@sporthb.net.nz or Sue Smith sues@sporthb.net.nz

APPENDIX 1

Our aspiration

Kia Kaha Ake, Kia Nui Ake, Te Tokomaha Ake
More People, More Active, More Often

SPORT
HAWKE'S BAY

statement of strategic
direction 2025 - 2028

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

We exist to enhance the oranga of Hawke's Bay by making evidenced decisions to influence, enable and support our communities to have a lifelong love of physical activity

Increase physical
activity through
our partners
and active
programmes

Activate
opportunities
in priority
communities

Build a
resilient and
enhanced
sector

guided by our:

To achieve these, Sport Hawke's Bay will work under **three key Pou** that will guide us as we get more people, more active, more often across Te Matau-a-Māui

Uara | Values**Rangatiratanga**

We stand
up for what
we believe in

Wairuatanga

We value the wellbeing
of our people and the
places where we live,
learn, work and are
physically active

Kotahitanga

We value
diversity and
inclusion

Whanaungatanga

We build and
maintain
relationships that
are open,
respectful and
collaborative

Manaakitanga

We build
connections by
showing aroha,
compassion and
respect

Outcomes by the end of 2028 we will have achieved:

An increase in those
participating in play, active
recreation and sport through
our partner organisations

An increase in participation
in play, active recreation and
sport of people from priority
communities through our
active programmes
•
Enabled more people equitable
access to physical activity
through working with our
partner organisations

Supported partner
organisations to be better
positioned for future success.
•
Broken down barriers to
participation, enabling our
communities to experience all
the benefits of being active

Guiding Principles

Advocacy & Leadership
Through our leadership and
advocacy for the sector, we will
take every opportunity to increase
physical activity in our community

Enhancing Oranga
Physical activity
contributes significantly
to enhancing
Oranga in our region.

Partnership & Collaboration
Genuine and respectful
partnerships and collaboration
with stakeholders will drive
greater adoption of activity

Success Indicators by the end of 2028 we will have:

10,000 students participating
in school-based play, active
recreation and sport, annually.
•
A 100% increase in participants
in play, active recreation and
sport through RSO partners.
•
5,000 people participating
in play, active recreation and
sport through other partner
organisations, annually.
•
30,000 people participating
in our Active Programmes
annually.

3,500 adults from priority
communities participating in
play, active recreation and
sport through other partner
organisations, annually.
•
5,000 Tamariki and Rangatahi
from priority communities
engaged in at least 30 minutes
of physical activity per week,
annually.
•
60% of Tu Manawa funding
distributed to organisations
delivering within
priority communities.

15 Regional Sports
Organisations have completed
the Governance Mark
Foundational Development
Programme
•
70%
of stakeholders agree
that Sport Hawke's Bay is
'very good, or better' in
working in partnership to
achieve shared
outcomes in the play, active
recreation and sport sector.

Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

At Sport Hawke's Bay we understand our responsibilities to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and will strive to honour Te Tiriti in practice. We are committed to work with mana whenua and be of service to our Māori community needs and aspirations to achieve Oranga. We will continue to build our understanding and cultural competency in all of Te Ao Māori in our pursuit of reaching equity.

**Measurement
and Monitoring**

Sport Hawke's Bay will continue to monitor and consider meaningful national and regional physical activity insights and data, to benchmark our work and inform our focus. This may include, but not limited to, Secondary School Sport Census data, Active NZ research, regional and local surveying, Council data, all providing insights related to our strategic focus.

Inspire Youth Council

Annual Report

1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025



Te Puawaitanga o ngā Taiohi

“The blossoming of the youth”

**Epic Ministries
Ariana-Jean Henson**

Inspire Youth Council Report

Te Puawaitanga o ngā Taiohi – The Blossoming of the Youth
1st July 2024 – 30th June 2025

The Youth Council consists of 13 students from different year levels at Central Hawke’s Bay College:

Hannah Webster (Lead Representative), supported by Lucas Perceval, Olivia McDonald, Hamish Ganley, Hezekiah Schaumkel, JD Mananes, Jafet Monegro, Ritchie Neemia, Maddy Taylor, JM Macalalad, Annebel Barnes, William Heywood, and Lockie Singer.

I, Ariana-Jean, have the privilege of working closely with the Youth Council as a Senior Youth Worker at Epic Ministries. My role is to support the council with upcoming events, facilitate meetings, and amplify the voices of young people. This year, I have really enjoyed watching our members step into a wide range of opportunities within the community, growing in confidence and leadership.

It has been inspiring to see them not only support their peers but also encourage and uplift people of all ages. In this report, each Youth Council member has shared a short introduction of who they are, what they have learnt this year, their favourite moment, and their thoughts on an issue or topic that matters to them in our community.



ARIANA-JEAN HENSON
Epic youth worker
Hobbies:Dancing, walks & coffee."It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are, but it takes community to help you get there." – Unknown



WILLIAM HEYWOOD
Year : 10
Hobbies:Rugby, Ki o Rahi
Chase your dreams



My name is William Heywood and I am a Year 10 student at CHBC.
My hobbies are mostly active ones such as rugby, Ki o Rahi, and running.
I joined the Youth Council when some of my mates put their names forward, and I thought to myself, “might as well see what it’s all about.” A few weeks later I found out I had been accepted as a Youth Council member for 2025.
One of my favourite memories from this group would be socialising and meeting new people during Youth Week and other occasions. I have learnt how much preparation it actually takes to make an event like Youth Week happen.
Being part of the Youth Council has helped me improve my social skills and step up as a leader. I also really enjoyed being involved in Project Binny – if I hadn’t joined the Youth Council, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to support such an important project.

Hezekiah Schaumkel – Year 12

Kia ora, my name is Hezekiah Schaumkel and I am in Year 12. I love music, especially singing, opera, and RnB. I also enjoy physical activities such as basketball and rugby.

My highlight of this year was Youth Week. One of the best moments was blind karaoke, where nearly the whole school got involved. Having both students and teachers take part made the event a huge success.

Through the Youth Council I have learnt the true meaning of youth voice. Realising that what I think actually matters – and that I can be heard – has given me a deeper sense of belonging and acceptance. Something I am taking away from this year is patience. Good things take time, and it’s okay to take a break and then come back even stronger.

My topic is Youth Week. Each time we celebrate it, we choose a theme that connects all of our activities, with the hope that rangatahi leave with a positive message. This year’s theme was Whai Wāhitanga – Take Our Place. We all contributed to making Youth Week a fun and exciting time for rangatahi.

To make the week run smoothly, we made sure each station had at least two people, a team was set up before lunch, and another team stayed after to pack down. We worked closely with CHBC’s Garth Sherwood to make sure we followed health and safety guidelines and communicated well with the school.

As a team, we learnt a lot about communication – letting each other know if we could or couldn’t make it – and how to balance having fun while also being serious and responsible. We also grew in time management and consistency. Some things that went really well were making sure everyone was involved and included, encouraging people to give things a go, and creating a space where we don’t judge unless something is unsafe.

Personally, I believe that as we keep trying, we keep improving. There’s still more to learn, but overall I am really proud of how our Youth Council has carried out Youth Week with intention, teamwork, and planning.



HEZEKIAH SCHAUMKEL
Year : 12
Hobbies: Operatic Singer
With great power comes great responsibility
- Uncle Bean


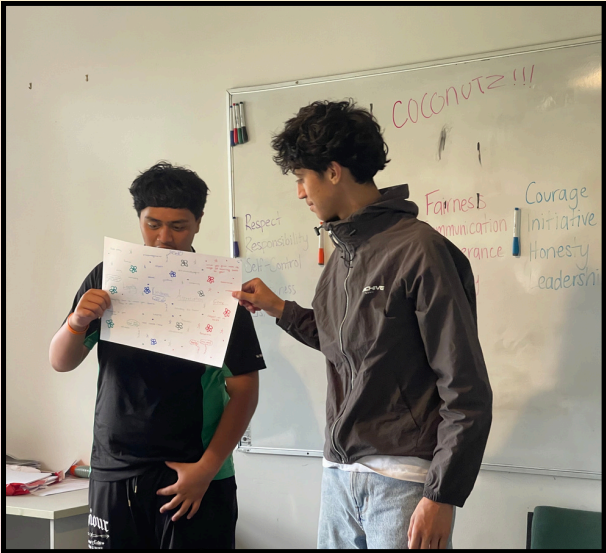




My name is JM Macalalad and I am a Year 11 student at CHBC. My hobbies include sports, especially swimming. The topic I will be discussing is our Youth Council meetings.

I joined the Youth Council at the start of the year after seeing a sign-up sheet on the school notice board. I was given a trial during the first week of Youth Week, where I was shown the ropes and how things worked. I really enjoyed it and thought to myself, this is something I want to be a part of.


Our Youth Council meets regularly every 2–3 weeks for about an hour. In these meetings, we discuss ideas for the upcoming Youth Week – things like themes, activities, and planning. We also reflect on previous Youth Weeks to make sure our events stay connected to the theme, such as community, kindness, and inclusiveness. Our goal is to create activities where youth can participate, feel cared for, and leave feeling like they truly belong.



At the end of each school term, we also meet with Mayor Alex and Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand to recap what the Youth Council has accomplished. We really value these meetings, as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor encourage us, inspire us, and help ensure our voices are heard.

One of my favourite memories this year was the Leaders’ Retreat hosted by Ari. It was a great opportunity to bond with my fellow leaders through team-building activities and learning what it truly means to lead.

Something I’ve learnt from being part of the Youth Council is the importance of listening to others’ ideas and making sure everyone has the chance to be heard. I’ve also developed my own leadership skills and become more confident in hosting activities during Youth Week.





JAFET MONEGRO
Year : 12
Hobbies: Sports, sleep and Jhian Deleon
Peter 5:7 Overthinking will kill your peace, pray and leave it to God

I am a Year 12 student at Central Hawke’s Bay College and the student representative on the Board of Trustees. I enjoy playing sports and I want to inspire the younger generation. One of my best memories this year was the Leaders’ Retreat hosted by Epic. It was a fun and productive camp where I learnt about taking initiative and stepping up without being told. I have grown into a more dependable person, not only at school but also at home. I have learnt to communicate clearly so people know when I can and cannot make it to meetings or activities. Another skill I have gained is being able to read the room. I used to focus only on fun and jokes, but through the youth council, I have learnt when to be serious and how to improve myself.



Youth Unemployment: Many young people are struggling to find part-time jobs in Waipukurau. These jobs need to fit around school, sports, and family commitments, but flexible opportunities are very limited. Since moving into town from the farm, I have personally found it difficult to secure work that allows me to balance these responsibilities. Many of my friends are experiencing the same challenge.

Wages: Young people aged 16 to 18 are often paid the training wage, which is below the minimum wage. Employers also do not always recognise previous work experience. For example, local jobs such as those at Domino’s do not take into account past employment when setting pay or considering applicants. This makes it even harder for young people to access fair work.

Why Jobs Matter: Employment is not only about earning money. For young people, it provides the chance to support our families, save for university, and pay for essentials such as cars, fuel, or personal costs. A job also provides independence, responsibility, and valuable preparation for life after school.

Other Barriers: One of the most common obstacles is the demand for “experience.” Many job listings state this as a requirement, but it is difficult to gain experience when no one is prepared to offer that first opportunity. This creates a cycle where young people are shut out of the workforce.

Moving Forward: I believe there is room to make employment more accessible for students. Jobs that offer some flexibility around school hours would make a big difference. It would also help if employers were encouraged to recognise the value of the skills we gain through school activities, sports, and volunteering. These experiences show responsibility, teamwork, and commitment, which are all important in the workplace. Support services like CONNECT Youth and LIFT could also be strengthened locally so students do not miss out on opportunities because of distance or lack of awareness.

Conclusion: Young people in Central Hawke’s Bay are motivated and ready to work. We want to support our families, contribute to the community, and prepare for our future studies and careers. What we need are fair opportunities, recognition of our skills, and reasonable employment options that fit with our commitments. With the right support, youth employment in Waipukurau can improve, and our community will benefit as a whole.



Annebel Barnes – Year 10

Kia ora, my name is Annebel Barnes and I am in Year 10. I love going to the beach and playing all kinds of sports.

My favourite memory this year was Youth Week in Term 1. It was my first time being part of the Youth Council, and I really felt included as part of the team.


I have learnt that our voices matter – even as youth we don’t need to wait until we are adults to create change. Since joining the Youth Council, I have gained more confidence and even added public speaking to my kete. I used to avoid it at all costs, but my team members have encouraged and supported me to step up and give it a go.

This year, I will be speaking about Project Binny. We are a group of 10 rangatahi who came together during the Term 1 holidays, made up of Youth Council members and Epic leaders. We noticed a lack of recycling bins in our community and wanted to make a change.



We began by meeting with CHBDC members who were willing to collaborate and support us in installing new recycling bins around town. Together, we researched and chose bins that would work well for the public and wouldn’t be misused for household rubbish. To involve young people in the process, we ran a survey on the Epic Ministries Instagram. We asked: “Do you think we should get recycling bins in the towns and parks?” – 84% said yes. We also asked: “If the bins looked more appealing and organised, would you use them?” – 74.5% said yes, 19% said maybe. These results gave us the confidence to push forward.


After meetings with Rob, Themba, and Christine, we agreed that Project Binny would fundraise for one set of bins, while Rob would seek funding for bins at the college. Later, we were encouraged to approach the CHBC Environmental Committee, but unfortunately they did not want to collaborate, so we continued our project outside of the college. We also reached out to other councils to learn where they purchased their bins and listened to advice about preventing illegal dumping. From there, we carefully chose bins that would best suit the areas we are proposing.

So far, we have received an \$800 donation from the Aro Fund and have applied for further funding through the Packaging Forum, which we are now waiting to hear back from. Project Binny is still in progress, but we are determined to see it succeed! Along the way, we have learnt how to email companies, hold conversations and meetings with council members, and deal with both disappointment and redirection. Most importantly, we have learnt that we can make change in our community.



Thank you so much for your support and guidance. What started as a small idea has now grown into something real, and we are proud of how far we have come. We hope to see our vision come to life soon.





ANNEBEL BARNES
Year : 10
Hobbies: Sports & The beach
Take the risk or loose the chance

Kia Ora everyone, my name is JD Mananes. I am a year 12 student at Central Hawkes Bay College and a two-time member of the Youth Council. I love being active and so having sport 6 out of 7 days of my week has become routine. Something I have learned from being part of the Youth Council is involving yourself and give things a go. Even if its not your style, it provides a chance to learn skills which you can use in other fields. Take myself as an example.

Growing up I was always scared of talking to strangers. Even paying for food felt like danger. But in early 2024, I was asked by Hannah Webster, a fellow YC member, If I would like to join. This was a foreign experience for me but also stood as a new opportunity for my growth. So I took the chance, and it became an invaluable. I have been lucky to be involved in a number activities such as the Christmas Market and the A&P Show, which was the highlight of my year. The Youth Council has provided me the chance to connect with many people and learn to use my in voice in the community.



JOHN DALEMAR MANANES

Year : 12
Hobbies:All sports
"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great." – John D. Rockefeller



Like I said before, my highlight of the year, my favourite event was the A&P Show, a local show, showcasing and celebrating NZ’s agricultural & pastoral work. Despite the hot weather that day, we got to see a large number of people, of all ages, come together and connect and have fun with one another. This is something that resonated with me and I wouldn’t have gotten the chance to see if I wasn’t a part of the YC. At the A&P Show, The YC provided a wide range of activities for the community to interact with. My personal favourite was the mini basketball, which was the most popular of the day. These activities were organised before the event, where as a group we set a meeting time and discuss activities which are fun for all ages.

We specialise in High school events, so most of our activities are targeted for teens. But for the A&P show and the Christmas Market Support, we decided on using simpler games so that younger kids and all others could join in. Then on the day we make sure everyone is assigned a role. Some come in early to set up, some stay to pack down, and everyone is in charge of an activity to run. This has helped all of us to be organised, punctual and planned.

Lastly I would like to thank the council for supporting us and we hope for your continuous support in years to come. Thank you



MADDY TAYLOR
Year : 10
Hobbies: Netball,
Music, Sleep & Drawing
Your not behind, your
just on your own path



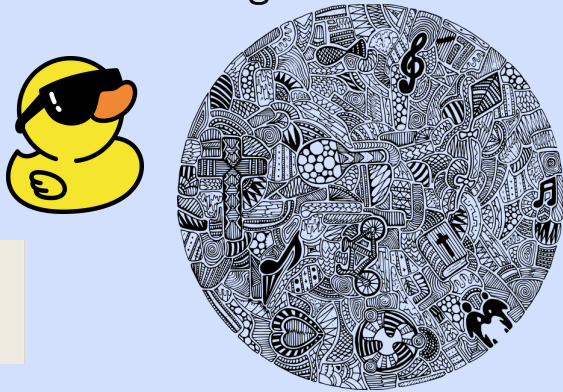
Kia ora, my name is Maddy Taylor and I am in Year 10.
Hobbies: Netball, listening to music, going on walks.

One of my favourite memories this year has been creating the Instagram and content for the Youth Council instagram page, coming up with fun/relevant ideas to get the youth involved.

Something I have learnt through being part of the Youth Council is how good it feels to be involved in something outside of school sports. It has been a great chance to work with others and improve my teamwork skills. Being part of the council has also helped build my confidence, especially working with people of different ages who I probably wouldn't have had the chance to connect with otherwise. I even practiced public speaking during Youth Week on the mics, which was a big step for me.

My topic is our plans to change and improve the school notice board. This idea first came up last year, and we partnered with Christine Renata to design a new notice board at the college. We officially revealed it during Pink Shirt Day. Our goal with the notice board was to create a space that shares positive words and encouragement with students and anyone who reads it. It's also a place to promote and remind people about upcoming events in and outside of school. The Youth Council gave it the name Te Mana Kōrero – The Power of Speech, highlighting the importance and influence of words and communication. It reflects how language carries mana – the ability to uplift, inspire, or even challenge. The notice board includes things like:

- Youth of the Week
- Find Ducklas
- Upcoming events (e.g. Youth Week dates, Hatuma Half Marathon)
- Whakataukī
- Word of the Week
- Other uplifting messages



be kind to yourself



The challenges with this project have been the time it took to construct, ongoing maintenance (the glass has been broken twice), and the quality of the backing which now needs upgrading. Despite these challenges, our aim is to create something long-lasting that future generations of students can enjoy and look forward to seeing.





Kia ora My name is Hamish Ganley, and I am a current year 13 and Prefect at Central Hawkes Bay college. I play sports which include Football, Basketball and Cricket. I also am enthusiastic about my Māori heritage.

Onga sevens and Hatuma half marathon is a part of two of the many activities the youth council support at. During these events, the youth council sends 3-4 members to the activity. Last year I was at both events and found both very exciting as the atmosphere that the youth council alongside EPIC brings is not one to miss. We not only bring the energy, but we also bring positivity and aroha.

This aroha and positivity can be heard from miles away as we support everyone from every school until we cannot speak. This has shown me how to be the leader that I am today, as without my involvement with the youth council and EPIC I wouldn't be where I am today. Spreading positivity and aroha has shown me that what you give out to the world you receive back.

This reminds me of a quote by Robert Kiyosaki, “your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow.”

This persistent showing of aroha and positivity made the whole experience really enjoyable and made me make connections that I wouldn't have made if it weren't for the youth council.



Kia ora, My name is Hannah Webster. I’m passionate about everything to do with the ocean, whether it's swimming, surfing, or snorkeling. I also care deeply about the environment and hope to build a future career that combines this passion with my love for the Pacific and its communities.

One of my favourite memories from the past year would have to be either our Term 1 Youth Week or our End-of-Year Leaders Retreat in December 2024. During Youth Week, I loved seeing how the sunshine brought everyone out of their shells; playing games, getting messy, and building real connections. I’ve been involved with the Youth Council for several years now, and it’s played a huge role in growing my empathy and understanding of others. One of the things I love most is meeting so many different people and learning about their unique journeys and perspectives.



HANNAH WEBSTER
Year : 13
Hobbies: Ocean, Surfing & Music
Ka mua, Ka muri

Since joining the Youth Council, my goal has always been to step up as a leader and show other rangatahi like me that you can achieve anything, regardless of where you come from, what you look like, or what you have.

One highlight from this year was running Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week at the local college. This event took place alongside the wider community’s Environment Week and involved a huge amount of planning and teamwork. From behind-the-scenes meetings with council members to hands-on tasks like scraping chewing gum off the concrete courtyard...we were all in! Youth played a big role in this initiative, and it was awesome to see it grow into something bigger than just the Youth Council. We were supported by the local and regional councils, the Leos Club, CHBC Environment Council, and others.

From my perspective, this event brought together a variety of groups and helped strengthen connections that are continuing to grow outside of Youth Council and Environment Week. While it might not have led to a legacy event just yet, I believe it sparked relationships that needed extra nurturing.

My personal favourite moment was the day a group of us braved the cold, rainy weather to clean up the college. It was a tough job—but also incredibly satisfying and rewarding. It went really well, though I do wish more people had joined in.





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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.

Introduction

The 2024/2025 period was a year with a strong focus on developing relevant documents to ensure the future of the museum. The outcomes from the feasibility study helped to navigate us towards achieving our long-term vision. Thanks to a great collaboration between the local council and the museum, the following documents were updated or developed: Registration of the Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022; Contract of Service with CHBDC; Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027; and Visitor Survey.



A certificate of Incorporation April 2025

Along with the above, it has been another successful year with no entry fee reaching towards 9000 visitors, delivering 4 successful exhibitions, continuing with educational programmes for schools and providing the community with service they enjoy, are proud of and are part of.

Visitors

The period July 2024 – June 2025 with continuing free entry saw another busy year reaching toward 9000 visitors. This number just shows that keeping entry free is significant to access the museum. The diversity of the museum visitors keeps growing as well. We no longer have the majority of our visitors between the age of 60 – 65. Our visitors are getting younger, with numbers growing in the age 25 – 30 range and also being from all around the world and not just United Kingdom or Australia. That is a huge step forward to welcome such a variety of international visitors.



Unpacking the Too Hard Basket Exhibition opening in March 2025

Visitor numbers for the period July 2024 – May 2025 totaled 8446 (compared to last year 9159). 3558 visitors were local (42.1 percent compared to last year's 41.7 percent). 3995 visitors came from other parts of New Zealand (47.3 percent compared to 46.3 percent last year). 893 visitors arrived from overseas (10.6 percent this year compared to 12 percent last year). The museum is open seven days per week and 39 percent of visitors come during weekends.



Visitors at the Museum Open day and Centralines team building race May 2025

Staffing / Volunteers

Michael Draper, Gail Menzies, Laurie Gordon and Martina Magee continue as weekend staff. Colleen Watt makes sure the museum is clean and tidy.



Jerry Greer, Jana Uhlírova, Hazel Allan, Martina Magee, Gail Menzies, Jan Nairn, and Charles Nairn represented the Museum at the 150 Years of Otane Parade October 2024

The current museum volunteer group comprises: Hazel Allan, Barbara Hamilton, Piers Greenaway, Julia Sissons and Corrin Coleman.

The Museum Committee: Helen Walker (Chairperson), Beverly Kerr (Vice-chair), Jerry Greer (CHBDC Rep), Charles Nairn (treasurer), Jan Nairn (secretary), Justine Foster (Waipawa Primary School Rep), Dennis Shaw (Ongaonga Historical Society Rep) Rosea Eastmond (CHB College Rep) and Kate D'Ath. We farewelled long time member Vera Smith and Waipawa School Rep Justine Foster and welcomed Peter Mathew as a new member. The governance and dedicated support by the Museum Committee is vital to the ongoing success of the museum. The Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC) Community and Partnership Manager, Bridget Cover, regularly joins the committee for their meetings.



The Museum team of committee members, staff and volunteers at Christmas Dinner December 2024.

Finance

Grants:

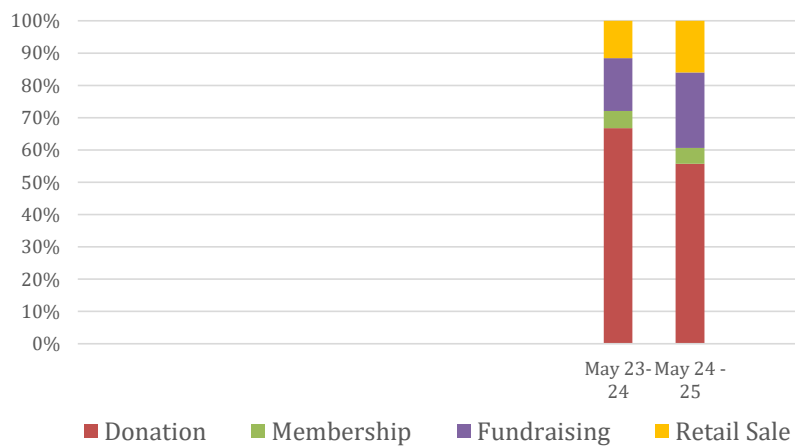
- **Central Hawke's Bay District Council Annual Grant** - This grant of \$33,059 covered, to a large extent, the day-to-day running expenses of the Museum.
- **NSTP Helping Hands Grant** – A grant of \$2,000 to purchase a chest freezer to quarantine new acquisitions and an emergency bin with content to be better prepared for disasters and weather events.

Fundraising:

- **Give a little page** – Continuing raising money on an online platform to support the continuation of the free entry.
- **Souvenir Shop** – The income from retail sales this year was close to \$2,000.
- **Curious Sale** - \$210

Income received:

- Donations \$6,534
- Membership fees \$579
- Retail Sales \$1,872
- Courtyard Lease \$2,739



Exhibitions & Events

- **Wool Is the Way – Otane Arts & Craft Corner Wool and Fibre group** (19 July– 8 September 2024) – The museum provided another opportunity for the Otane Arts & Craft Corner to present their creativity. This time everything was 100% pure NZ wool from the Wool & Fibre Group. Examples of clothing, blankets and decorative art were showcased in the museum gallery space. Visitors were able to try weaving using a small loom.

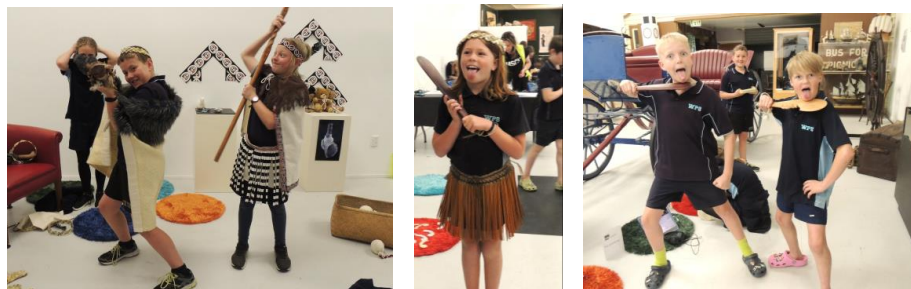


Members of the Otane Wool & Fibre Group at the opening of the exhibition July 2024.

- **Paerangi: Waipawa** – (19 - 20 October 2024) – An amazing collaboration with Te Tuhi Art Gallery in Auckland and Dowse Art Museum in Lower Hutt lead into a week of creativity and community spirit. Seven “Toi Māori” artists exhibited their art over the weekend in a variety of places in Waipawa, the museum being the host for the group. It was an amazing opportunity for our small local community to witness what usually is available only in big city art galleries.



- **MTG Educational Programme Māori Purakau o te Whenua** (21 October – 23 October 2024) –MTG Hawke’s Bay provided the museum with a special educational programme for our local schools to learn about Maori legends of Hawke’s Bay. Waipawa Primary School took the opportunity, and the students spent two days learning and enjoying special activities included in the programme.



Waipawa Primary School students participating in the MTG Educational Programme

- Pukeora – “Open Air Cure for Tuberculosis”** (17 November 2024 – 1 March 2025) – A major exhibition of 2024/2025 period. The history of the Pukeora Sanatorium which was built after World War One. Six kilometers south of Waipukurau, the sanatorium cared for returning soldiers with tuberculosis and other respiratory health issues. Pukeora became the largest sanatorium in New Zealand and also a landmark in Central Hawke’s Bay with many local people connected to its history. The exhibition included historic photographs from the extensive collection of Pukeora photographs as well as stories of patients, nurses and doctors who experienced living or working at Pukeora.



Photos from the Pukeora Exhibition

- Unpacking the Too Hard Basket** (14 March -30 May 2025) – An exhibition organized by Millstream Gardens to explore how we engage with nature. A thought-provoking, interweaving exploration of our role in the natural world through creative expression. More than 50 artists from our community participated in this exhibition. This show was a community based educational fundraiser to support the environmental wellbeing of New Zealand, where proceeds from the exhibition went to environmental charities.



Unpacking the Too Hard Basket Exhibition Opening March 2025

- **Museum Open Day – International Museum Day (18 May 2025)** – This year the theme was “The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities” highlighting the significance of museums in an era of major social, technological and environmental change. The Museum celebrated the day by staff dressing up, throwing open the doors and inviting discussion about the museum’s importance for the local community and the future of the museum.



- **Between the Lines – Readers and Writers Festival – (25 May 2025)** – For the fifth time the museum hosted the Finale of the Between the Lines Readers and Writers Festival, highlighting Central Hawke’s Bay authors. Simon Burt was presenting his new book Route 52 in which he also talked about his experience visiting our museum.



- **The Art of Human Connection by Emma Bennett (13 June – 25 July 2025)** – An exhibition celebrating the invisible threads that bind us all. Through shared moments, gestures, and memories, we are woven into each other’s lives. This collection invites you to pause, reflect, and recognize the profound impact of everyday connections. Join us in honoring the ties that shape our existence.



Emma's Posters for her exhibition The Art of Humand Connection

Museum Development (according to our mission statement)

➤ Community/Partnership:



- **CHB College Work Exploration Programme (13 May 2025)** – This year Kaedi and Georgie returned for their workday at the Museum. Together with Akaysha they catalogued historic photographs of Pukeora Sanatorium. They also experienced some other tasks necessary in the museum environment.



CHB College students during their workday at the museum 13 May 2025.

- **CHB College Library – Pop-up Museum** – The Museum has started “The Pop-Up Museum” at the CHB College Library thanks to great support of the librarian Rosea Eastmond. The first display reflects on a Passchendaele Society competition in which some of the college students participate in a project related to the items from World War One.





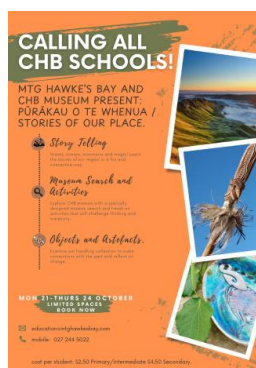
- **Waipawa Library – Pop-up Museum** – This year the Museum and the Waipawa Library started a new collaboration with museum artefacts being displayed at the library. Items from the museum collection and relevant books from the library collection have been matched to showcase both collections and the rich history of our area.



- **Waipawa Library - Memory Lane Programme** – The Museum continued with providing the Waipawa Library staff with a Museum Memory suitcase to use for Memory Lane Programme. The suitcase is packed with different items for each Memory Lane session at the Pakeke Centre in Waipukurau.



- **MTG Hawke's Bay – Educational Programmes** – For the second year the Educational Team from MTG brought their programmes for CHB School students. The exhibition hall was transformed into a learning hub exploring the story of Pania. This is a great opportunity for local schools to be able to access the very popular MTG educational programmes without the requirement of travelling to Napier.



- **MTG Hawke's Bay – Loan for “Hidden in History” Exhibition** - The museum provided artefacts from the Museum collection for the MTG exhibition Hidden in History: Trailblazing Women of Hawke's Bay. This collaboration began when Prof Kay Morris Matthew started researching selected women back in 2022. The display features two women from Central Hawke's Bay; Elsie Dillon and Mary Clover Bibby and will run for one year. After the exhibition finishes at MTG it will be moved to our museum.



Dentist chair and dentist drill from our collection on display at MTG at the exhibition Hidden in History: Trailblazing Women of Hawke's Bay

- **Waipawa Primary School** - This year students from Waipawa Primary School took the opportunity to participate in the MTG Educational Programme “Māori Purakau o te Whenua”. During the year different classes visited the museum for different exhibitions.



Waipawa Primary School students participating in MTG educational programme and visiting the Unpacking the Too Hard Basket exhibition.

- **Paerangi – Te Tuhi Art Gallery & Dowse Art Museum** - Te Tuhi is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's foremost contemporary art spaces and a leader in supporting experimental practice. Te Tuhi presents significant exhibitions and projects by New Zealand and international artists and also serves as a focal point for the community as an events venue and meeting place for many community groups in Pakuranga, Auckland. The Dowse Art Museum curator Karl Chitham is one of the leading art

curators in New Zealand. He has worked with communities of artists, curators and arts professionals to increase the profile of “Toi Māori” and Māori artists. It was a huge privilege to collaborate with these two institutions as well as host such high-level artworks in our small rural town of Waipawa.



- **Memory Suitcase Service** – The Memory Suitcase service has again been very popular this year. Museum volunteers Hazel Allan and Barbara Hamilton have been booked for the whole year from Eversley Rest Home in Hastings and Woburn Rest Home in Waipukurau. Hazel and Barbara donate their travel costs and the museum charges Rest Homes for the service.

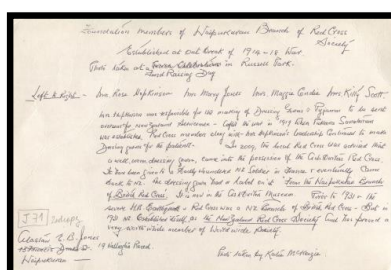


Hazel presenting Memory Suitcase Service at the Museum Open Day 18 May 2025



- **Ashburton Museum - The Red Cross Dressing Gown Loan** – This loan was organised for the exhibition Pukeora: Open Air for Tuberculosis. The information about the dressing gown came from an inscription on the back of a historic photograph from the Alastair Jones collection of Waipukurau, Central Hawke's Bay Museum. In 2009, the local Red Cross was advised that a well-worn dressing gown came into possession of the Ashburton Red Cross. It had been given to a badly

wounded NZ soldier from Ashburton John Ramsey Templeton in France and eventually came back to NZ. The dressing gown had a label on it 'from the Waipukurau branch of British Red Cross'. The dressing gown was then donated to the Ashburton Museum.



- **Millstream Gardens** – A new collaboration on the Unpacking the Too Hard Basket Exhibition with Jan and Geoff from Millstream Gardens turned into fantastic community spirit event. Working with such passionate people was already a set up for success. At the end of the exhibition more than half of the artwork was sold and over \$5000 was raised for the environmental charities.



Jan Speeden from Millstream Gardens and CHB Museum Curator Jana Uhlirva at the opening of the Unpacking the Too Hard Basket Exhibition in March 2025

- **Paul Hunter Centre** – This year the clients of the Paul Hunter Centre continued with their visits to see the museum temporary exhibitions.



Clients of the Paul Hunter Centre visiting the Unpacking the Too Hard Basket Exhibition



- **Menzshed Waipukurau** – The Museum and the Menzshed Waipukurau collaborated on the maintenance on the historic vehicles displayed in the museum courtyard. And it turned into a community project. Courtesy of Stevenson and Taylor, the wagons have been carefully loaded by crane on to a truck and transported to the CHB Community Menzshed in Waipukurau where all the sanding, painting and repairs was done. It's great that our community gets behind projects like this, using their skills and equipment to support the Museum



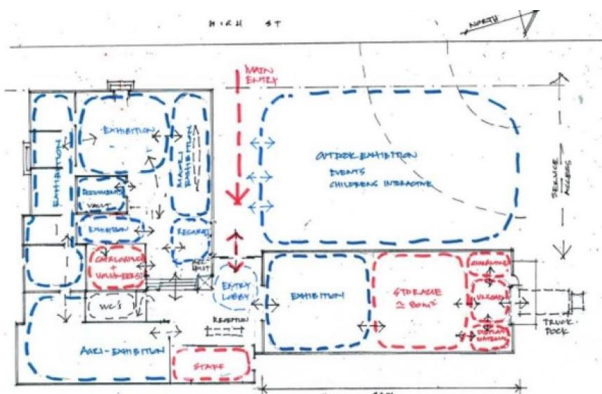
Menzshed members Uwe Engels, Collin Oliver and Owen Spotswood.

- **Onga TV** – In 2024 Onga TV recorded a session about how we process our donations and keep track of our collection items. This video was shared by many small museums in the area and some of them requested a copy of our Deed of Gift form so they can use it as well for their collection.
Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K160nGdGzuQ&t=1s>



➤ **Other development**

- **Long term vision – CHB Museum: Heritage Hub – Centre for history, art, culture and education** - Central Hawke's Bay has such a rich and unique history. Waipawa is the oldest inland town in Hawke's Bay. The Museum sits right at the heart of Waipawa and Central Hawke's Bay district. The Museum has a special role to share the stories of the past and has a great potential for the district to become a "Heritage Hub – Centre for history, art, culture and education". The Museum has these to offer:
 - ✓ **Knowledge - to connect** Connecting the history with the present and the future
 - ✓ **Space - to meet** The Museum has inviting, pleasant and a safe space for people to meet – gallery space with opening of new exhibitions, other public events and programmes, etc
 - ✓ **Grandiosity - to keep** The combination of history, heritage building, key location within Central Hawke's Bay, friendly and pleasant environment makes the Museum a superb facility. By creating a beautiful and meaningful architectural complex that sits with the rest of the town, the significance of our district can be enhanced for the community and for the visitors.
 - ✓ **Leadership - to care** The Museum has a potential to become a leading organisation for others in the community. By sharing the knowledge, experience and giving advice and support to other organisations in the community like Ongaonga Museum, Otane Arts & Crafts, private art galleries, private collectors etc.
- **New foyer/entrance by the existing exhibition hall** – To allow the entrance to be accessible for visitors with physical disabilities and large groups away from the SH2 doorway. Food & drinks are not allowed in the exhibition hall to respect the Taonga Māori displays, so there is a need for space to hold exhibition openings and other events when refreshment is offered. This space also needs to be heated and has seating options available for visitors to feel comfortable and welcome.



Rose Evans from ObjectLab sketch of a new museum layout with new main entrance to the museum

- **Visitor Flow restoration** – Since 2020 the museum had to close the brick-built washhouse in the middle of our complex due to the earthquake risk. This stopped the flow of looking around the displays. Visitors had to return to the main foyer to continue with their visit which caused blocking of the flow, especially with large groups of visitors. An alternative route was created to restore the flow of visitors.
- **Museum Courtyard activation** – An opportunity to activate the museum courtyard came about with restoration of the outside items. This initiative aligns with the strategic vision outlined in the Waipawa Town Centre Plan, which emphasizes creating a vibrant, people-friendly environment that celebrates the town's unique identity. By contributing to this vision, participants will help bring the Central Hawke's Bay District Council adopted Town Centre Plan for Waipawa to life. The first applicant being the Espresso Loco Coffee cart bringing their great coffee into the heart of Waipawa.
- **Visitor Questionnaire** – Following the recommendation from the feasibility study to undertake further engagement with the community, a simple questionnaire was designed to determine the role of the Museum in relation to the wider cultural and heritage stories of Tamatea Central Hawke's Bay. This engagement will help the Museum understand the scope and case for investment of any future development

➤ Collection

- **Cataloguing** – Ongoing process of cataloguing the museum collection was carried out again this year. The museum Past Perfect cataloguing database got over 500 new entries relating to new donations and the permanent collection items. Cataloguing is a very time-consuming process. The help of volunteers makes this task much easier. The museum collection has more than 20 000 items and grows every year. Last year the museum received 40 donations of objects, photographs or archival material.
- **Donations of items for the museum archive** – This year the museum received two large archival documents and photographic collections. One was from the Pukeora Trust and contains a large volume of photographs and other material related to the

Pukeora Sanatorium History. The second came from a personal family archive relating to the White Family from Porangahau. This donation contains documents and other archival materials related to the early history of Central Hawke's Bay. Such donations are important to help assist with research queries as well as documenting the local history.



Photographs from Pukeora Sanatorium

2025/2026 Exhibition Programme

- **The Art of Human Connection by Emma Bennett**
14 June 2025 – 25 July 2025
- **CHB College Art Students Exhibition**
8 August 2025 – 30 September 2025
- **MTG Educational Programme**
8 Oct – 10 Oct 2025
- **150 Years of Onga Onga**
19 October 2025 – 21 January 2026
- **Makaroro – Place to connect - Art & History & Nature**
15 February 2026 – 30 May 2026

Summary

From the visitor survey compiled this year it is obvious that the Museum is important for our community to learn about the past. Every visitor confirmed that entry should stay free but donations should be encouraged. Visitors like what we do here and enjoy having access to the local history. They like the displays and do not want any move towards the “sterile” look of larger museums, with fewer display items. They appreciate the educational aspect and feel a strong need to keep up their connection to the past, recognising it as a part of who they are. Our rooms and displays have been put together by local people, not according to plans and designs. There's caring in what we do here, and people say they can feel that.

With relevant topics we can attract young visitors. Young people are eager to learn and if we give them an opportunity, they will keep visiting. This year the number of young visitors has grown, not just because of free access but also because of the selection of temporary exhibitions with different topics. Young people see the future big and bright if they can reflect themselves in it.

With our long-term vision, we see our future big and bright too. We want to provide an opportunity for young people as well as everyone in our community, so they have a reason to come, to learn and to be inspired.



Ngā mihi nui

Jana Uhlova
Curator/Manager

6.3 GIFITING OF NAME FOR TIKOKINO BOREFIELD

Author: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To accept a gifted new name from Mana Whenua, of 'Wai-o-nuku', for the Tikokino Drinking Water Borefield.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Strategy Growth and Community Committee accepts and thanks Mana Whenua for the gifted name 'Wai-o-nuku' for the Tikokino Drinking Water borefield.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

As part of the development of the Waipukurau Second Supply project, engagement has been occurring with Mana Whenua on aspects of the project. As work progressed, Mana Whenua identified an early opportunity to rename the Tikokino Drinking Water borefield (borefield).

The borefield currently services the Waipawa drinking water plant and will supply the Waipukurau second supply.

Led by Brian Morris and a small group of advisors representing different Mana Whenua hapū have looked into different names for the borefield that better represent its use and where it is.

As such Mana Whenua are gifting **Wai-o-nuku** for the borefield. The name **Wai-o-nuku** acknowledges the underground streams and natural springs that are part of the Ruataniwha aquifer.

The terms **Wai-o-nuku** and **Wai-o-Rangi** have been used in the Ngā Ara Tipuna project in reference to the watery landscape that formed large parts within the Tamatea taiwhenua area. When used together these terms encompass all natural water from above the Earth as **Wai-o-rangi**; and below the land as – **Wai-o-nuku**.

Wai-o-nuku aligns closely with the name **Manga-o-nuku**, a stream so named to acknowledge its subterranean water source which flows into the Waipawa river a short distance upstream from where the borefield is located.

Brian Morris will join the meeting online to share the background of the name.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This matter supports the Tūhono mai Tūhono ātu, Council's Māori engagement strategy, and its commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Treaty of Waitangi.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as of low significance, meaning that further consultation or engagement is not required.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or operational implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

There are no risks identified.

DELEGATIONS OR AUTHORITY

This is an operational decision, however, for transparency governance are being advised of the new name being gifted by Mana Whenua for the borefield.

NEXT STEPS

Officers have already begun noting this change.

This is a key step in continuing to progress the Waipukurau second supply project, and Council can expect further updates as progress continues with Mana Whenua on the project.

6.4 DISTRICT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FOR PLAN CHANGE 1

Author: Kim Anstey, Planning Manager

Authoriser: Dylan Muggeridge, Group Manager, Strategic Policy & Planning

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To consider the progress of Plan Change 1 through an application to the Minister Responsible for Resource Management Act Reform for an exemption to the Plan Stop provisions in accordance with section 80V of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- 1. Endorses officers' proposed approach to apply to the Minister Responsible for Resource Management Act Reform for an exemption to be able to continue with Plan Change 1 to include:**
 - I. A structure plan and new plan provisions for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct**
 - II. 'wash-up' matters from the District Plan review**
 - III. A review of the Renewable Energy chapter in the District Plan**
- 2. Confirms that the Chief Executive has delegation to apply to the Minister for an exemption under section 80V of the Resource Management Act 1991**
- 3. Notes that Plan Change 1 will be brought to Council early in the new triennium for adoption and public notification.**

BACKGROUND

Recent changes to the RMA prevent Councils from undertaking plan changes to district and regional plans unless specific exemption criteria apply. These recent changes to the RMA have been coined 'plan stop' and the intention is to achieve greater efficiency for local authorities by freeing up council resources to focus on preparing for the new resource management system, currently being progressed at pace by the Government.

This change to the RMA creates an additional step in our District Plan work programme in order to progress Plan Change 1. As previously reported to Council, Plan Change 1 is to include new provisions and a structure plan for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct. There is also the intention to include other 'wash up' matters from the recently completed full review of our District Plan.

One of the 'wash up' matter relates to how the District Plan defines small scale renewable energy generation. The definition describes both small scale and community scale as generation systems with the capacity of no more than 20 kW(kilowatt). The corresponding rule permits systems of up to 20kW, with anything larger requiring a resource consent as a discretionary activity.

While based on expert advice at the time, feedback from the community and from the solar industry has highlighted concerns that 20kW is too limiting and is creating a barrier to the update of solar systems designed to produce electricity for a particular site. For example, on the roof of industrial or commercial buildings and for certain 'on farm' solar systems which are over 20kW.

The effects on the environment from these small-scale projects are comparatively less than large-scale solar proposals and therefore a corresponding regulatory approach may be warranted.

The recent change to the RMA means we will not have to apply to the Minister of RMA Reform for an exemption to continue with Plan Change 1. Details on the exemption criteria were released on 21 August. A plan change must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Better enable the local authority to provide, operate or maintain municipal drinking water, stormwater or wastewater in accordance with the Water Services Act 2021.
- Rectify any provisions in a plan or policy statement that have had unintended consequences, are unworkable, or have led to inefficient outcomes.
- Respond to changes made to the RMA.
- Better enable climate change to be managed.
- Support the transition of high-risk land so as to better manage the risk of erosion.
- Better enable any relevant Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Act or deed of Settlement, and the Crown's obligations under that settlement, to be upheld.
- Enable a response to be made to a recommendation from the Environmental Court.
- Enable work to be progressed that, for any other reason, the minister considers appropriate.

DISCUSSION

The following section discusses the intended outcomes and rationale for Plan Change 1 followed by an assessment of the options available to Council.

Structure Plan

Including the Structure Plan for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct in the District Plan ensures we can deliver on Structure Plan outcomes and therefore on the purpose of our Infrastructure Acceleration Funding (IAF) which is to unlock this area for development. The structure plan is a key part of overall project that aligns the delivery of infrastructure with land use planning. Part of the IAF funding received from the Crown was to support the development of this structure plan.

The existing provisions for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct were included in the District Plan via a Council submission at the District Plan Hearing stage based on the best available information at the time and prior to Council securing the IAF Funding. The IAF Funding application was supported by expert advice which identified a range of new information about the development area such as and ecological report that identified the wetland, and expert advice on transportation and three waters servicing. This new information is not reflected in the Structure Plan and the proposed accompanying District Plan provisions to guide all future subdivisions applications. The Waipukurau South Development Area chapter will set out the objectives, policies and rules for the precinct to ensure structure plan outcomes are met and that development does not occur prior to infrastructure capacity being available.

Section 80W lists the criteria the Minister may consider for granting an exemption. Our application in relation to the Structure Plan will be made under the criteria to 'allow work to be progressed, for any other reason, that the Minister considers appropriate'. The Waipukurau South Structure Plan is linked to Government priorities in relation to growth and the 'going for housing growth' programme in particular.

There are clear benefits in ensuring a robust framework for the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct, particularly in light of residential capacity constraints becoming evident through the Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy process. Including the structure plan within the District Plan ahead of any future regional spatial plan should also set Council up well for that

process. The Waipukurau South Growth Precinct will likely offer a solution to enabling residential growth for the broader region.

Renewable Energy Provisions

The new District Plan contains two new rules for new renewable energy generation. The first rule is a permitted activity status for small-scale generation activities, with 'small-scale' defined as generating a capacity of no more than 20kW which is the size of an average household solar system.

If this definition is not met (i.e the system is of commercial or community scale) the activity falls under rule RE-R4 – construction and commissioning of new renewable electricity generation activities and requires consent as a discretionary activity. These rules were prepared on the basis of expert advice at the time, and were not considered out of place with rules in other jurisdictions around the country.

While unintentional, there is misalignment within the renewable energy chapter between the rules and the objective of being enabling and encouraging of the use of renewable energy resources within the CHB district (RE-O1). Officers have been receiving increasing feedback from the community, businesses and solar panel installers that these new rules may be hindering commercial/community scale solar projects from proceeding, mainly due to the costs associated with applying for a resource consent.

A plan change is required to broaden the conditions for the permitted rule and potentially provide more direction in the form of a restricted discretionary rule for activities that are 'community scale'. We are currently reviewing the rule framework and will be consulting with key stakeholders and the renewable energy community to gain a fuller understanding of the types and sizes of proposals so that the rule framework can be designed appropriately, while ensuring environmental effects are managed as appropriate.

The criteria that apply to this part of the plan change is to *'rectify any provisions in a plan or policy statement that have had unintended consequences, are unworkable, or have led to inefficient outcomes'*. It is clear that the 20kW limit is leading to inefficient outcomes for plan users which was not the intention of the chapter.

Other 'wash up' matters

There are a few very minor amendments that could be made to the District Plan to make it more workable. For example, some assessment matters are not linked to any particular rule. These matters are just over the threshold for a s20 amendment (delegated to the Chief Executive). We are assessing which of these minor matters will be worthwhile including in Plan Change 1.

Application for an exemption to the plan stop provision

The application for an exemption to the plan stop provisions introduced as part of the recent changes to the RMA is made to MfE with officials in the first instance for processing and to enable officials to provide a recommendation to the Minister.

Early discussions with MfE staff have indicated that Plan Change 1 as proposed (including the 3 matters described above) could meet one or more of the above criteria and that there is merit in making an application for an exemption and to continue with the plan change. Officials have also indicated, however, that the decisions ultimately lie with the Minister.

Options Analysis

There are two main options available to the Committee at this time.

1. Endorse the proposed approach to apply to the Minister for an exemption to continue with Plan Change 1;

2. Do not endorse this approach.

The second option would likely defer any plan changes until the new resource management system is in place. Ministry staff have indicated this could be a minimum of three years away giving time for district plans to be transitioned into a regional plan. The relative pros and cons of these options is considered in the following table.

	<u>Option 1</u> Endorse the proposed approach to apply to the Minister for an exemption to continue with Plan Change 1	<u>Option 2</u> Do not endorse this approach
Financial and Operational Implications	<p>The costs of applying to the minister for an exemption for Plan Change 1 can be met within existing operational budgets. It requires staff time only.</p> <p>There is a cost associated with plan changes for legal and commissioner fees. It is therefore beneficial to include as many matters as practical within the one plan change which is why the proposal is to combine the Structure Plan and wash up items within Plan Change 1.</p>	<p>The implications of not applying to the minister for an exemption are that we will not be able to progress plan change 1 that has been budgeted for. There is existing budget for rolling reviews of the District Plan which would need to be allocated to any costs associated with spatial planning and preparing for the new resource management system.</p> <p>Costs incurred to date on the development of the structure plan, including a contribution from the IAF funding, may be lost.</p>
Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Implications	<p>None – the decision to apply to the Minister is not linked to any particular infrastructure project specified in the LTP. The IAF funded capital projects will proceed regardless of whether or not the plan change goes ahead.</p>	<p>None</p>
Promotion or Achievement of Community Outcomes	<p>Applying for an exemption increases the opportunity for achieving the positive community outcomes that can be realised from the Structure Plan. The Structure Plan includes setting aside the wetland area for a reserve and improving the east/west connections across Waipukurau. These outcomes will be realised sooner if we are able to progress Plan Change 1.</p> <p>There are positive community outcomes for local development if renewable energy provisions are amended to reduce regulatory hurdles and be more enabling sooner rather than later.</p>	<p>Further delays to Structure Plan implementation creates risk of the land being developed with suboptimal outcomes for community. The Structure Plan protects the wetland and has strong iwi support as noted in a Cultural Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The Structure Plan will better prepare Council for the new resource management system.</p> <p>There may not be another opportunity to amend the renewable energy rules in the district plan until the new resource management system is implemented, which could be years away.</p>
Statutory Requirements	<p>This option is in accordance with new RMA requirements that enables Council's to apply for an exemption to the Plan Stop provisions.</p>	<p>The RMA provisions of Plan Stop will apply.</p>

CONCLUSION

The above assessment considers that the application to the Minister can be met within operational budgets and that it's cost effective to combine as many matters as practical in the one plan change. If Plan Change 1 is progressed to the next stage of Council adoption, positive outcomes for the community will be realised sooner, rather than having to wait a minimum of three years for the new system to be in place. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to apply to the minister for an exemption to continue with Plan Change 1. The subsequent decision to adopt Plan

Change 1 for public consultation will be brought to Council early in the new triennium, if the exemption application is successful.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The decisions in relation to supporting the progression of Plan Change 1 is linked to the Council priorities of smart growth and prosperous district. The structure plan is linked to being environmentally responsible and setting ourselves up for smart growth. Being proactive in reviewing our rules for renewable energy relates to Pillar 4 of the Economic Action Plan 2019 by 'supporting our businesses and industries to grow, be innovative, sustainable and inclusive'.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, this matter has been assessed as low significance. While the outcome of the plan change will be of significance to the community (and be subject to rigorous public consultation processes and engagement), this decision relates only to applying to the Minister for an exemption to proceed with Plan Change 1. The plan change itself will follow the public consultation process as set out in Schedule 1 of the RMA, once adopted by Council.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

The most significant risk associated with not applying to the Minister for an exemption relates to the renewable energy provisions in the District Plan. The community has raised increasing concern that the District Plan is creating regulatory barriers in relation to small scale renewable energy energy generation proposals, in particular for small-scale solar generation. While this is an unintended consequence of the new rules, Council may face criticism if it does not take action to remedy the situation as quickly as possible.

The risk can be mitigated by making an application for an exemption through the exemptions pathway that exists within the 'plan stop' provisions in the RMA and introducing new rules as part of a plan change process. There may not be another opportunity to address this particular matter until the new resource management framework is in place, which may take several years.

Not progressing with Plan Change 1, also creates risk in relation to the Waipukurau South Growth Precinct. The structure plan and associated planning provisions provides the regulatory backstop to ensure development occurs in accordance with the plan. Not have the structure plan in place, risks the site being developing in an ad hoc manner and could result in missed opportunities for improved connectivity and optimal subdivision layout.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

This report recommends **Option one – Endorse the proposed approach to apply to the Minister for an exemption to continue with Plan Change 1** for addressing the matter.

DELEGATIONS OR AUTHORITY

While the Chief Executive has delegated authority to make an application to the Minister, MfE officials have suggested that having Council's support for an exemption application through a formal resolution would be preferable.

NEXT STEPS

Following the meeting, if the Committee endorses the recommendations, officers will prepare the exemption application and aim to lodge it by the end of September. Ministry officials were not able to provide an indication of the timeframe for an application to be assessed by the Minister.

In the meantime, officers will continue to work with industry and key stakeholders to identify any interim measures that can be undertaken to support the enable of small-scale solar generation in the district, while working through the exemption application and eventually preparation of a plan change.

6.5 DISTRICT LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Logan McKay, Community Safety & Compliance Manager

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Attachments: 1. District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25.

PURPOSE

To receive the District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25 as per section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and has been assessed as of low significance.

DISCUSSION

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 ("The Act") requires all District Licensing Authorities to report annually on their activities, proceedings and operations.

The attached District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25 includes statistics regarding On/Off licences and managers' certificates and is provided to the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee for information purposes.

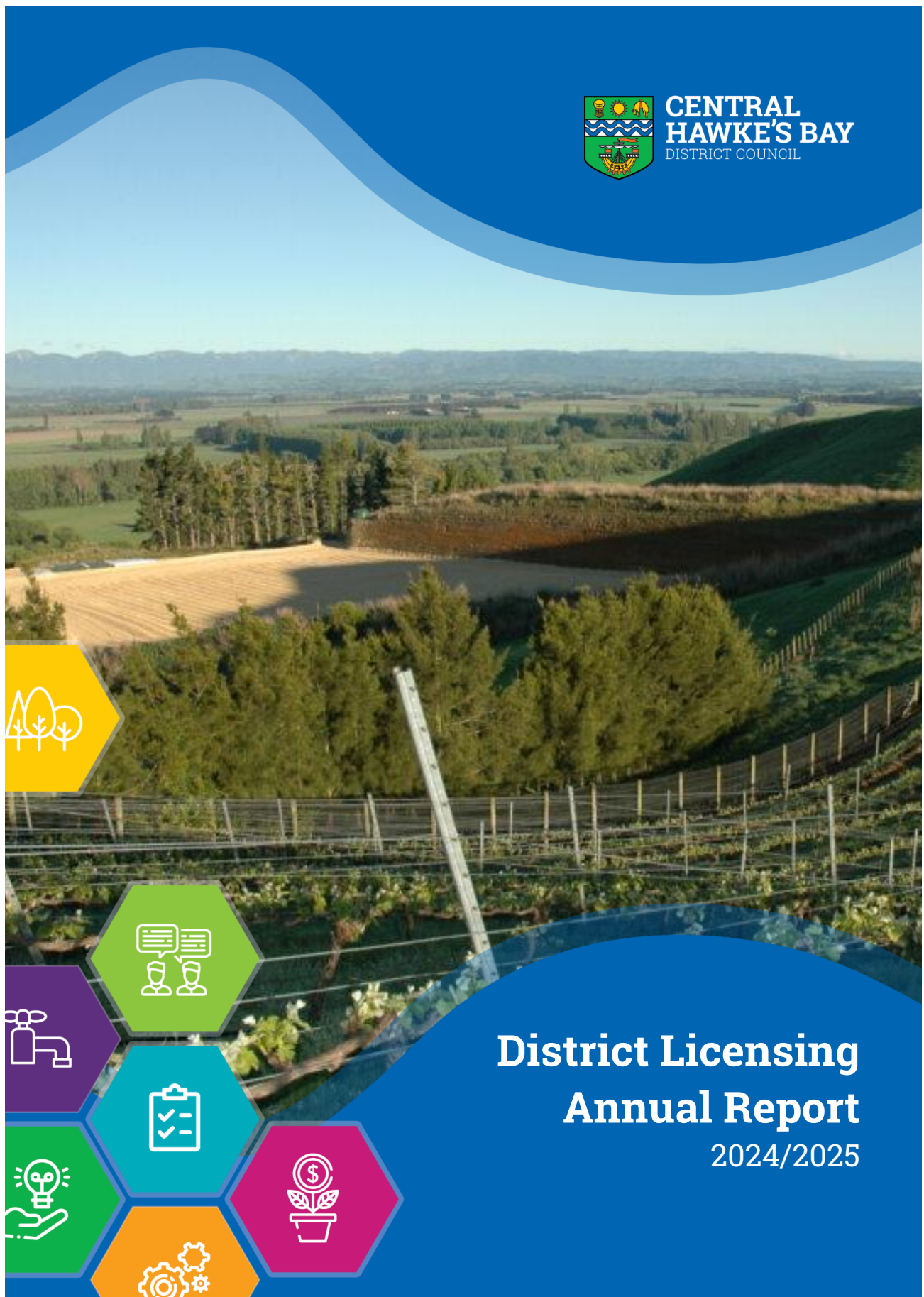
As part of the mandated requirement under section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 this report is sent to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

COMMUNICATION

The attached District Licensing Annual Report 2024-25 will be uploaded to the Council website as per the requirements of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

NEXT STEPS

The report will be sent to Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.



DISTRICT LICENSING ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 1 JULY 2024 -30 JUNE 2025

The Central Hawke's Bay District Council, as a territorial authority, is required to report annually on the activities of its District Licensing Committee. Under Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, all District Licensing Authorities must provide an annual report on their proceedings and operations. This report fulfils this statutory requirement for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and provides our community with an update on the key focus areas of this work.

Proactive Monitoring of Licensed Premises

Controlled Purchase Operations, CPOs are coordinated operations where supervised volunteers under-18 attempt to purchase alcohol, testing compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Across the Hawke's Bay region, Councils work with NZ Police and Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ to carry out Controlled Purchase Operations typically on an annual basis. Central Hawke's Bay District Council did not participate in the CPO's completed in 2024–2025. This was due to limited availability with NZ Police and Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ.

Despite this, our team conducted random compliance checks on premises across the district. Compliance issues were identified and addressed promptly to ensure licensees met their legal obligations.

Regional Meetings

We continue to meet bi-monthly with partner agencies to discuss alcohol licensing matters and will prioritise scheduling CPOs in the 2025–2026 year. Our next coordination meeting is planned for October 2025.

Seamless Service Delivery

Council's online application portal (via Business Connect) remains an important tool for streamlining licensing services, including alcohol licences, food registrations, and renewals.

Customers can create accounts, submit applications, and upload supporting documents online. For first-time users, our alcohol licensing inspectors provide hands-on support to help them navigate the process.

While most customers now use the online system, we continue to work with a small number who prefer hard copy applications to help transition them over time, we still require them to complete the online form but assist in doing so.

Communication and Public Notices

Council has met all statutory obligations for public notices, which includes advertising licence applications and providing clear objection periods.

In 2024, the legislated public notice period increased from 15 to 25 working days. We now advise applicants that processing time may take up to two months, compared to the previous one month timeframe.

All public notices are published on our Council website, alongside clear information on how the public can lodge objections. Our alcohol licensing inspectors remain available to offer advice and support to anyone navigating the licensing process, and toolkits are available through partner agencies.

Preparing for the Future

We are continuing to focus on ensuring the objects of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 are met:

- That alcohol is sold, supplied, and consumed safely and responsibly.
- That harm from excessive or inappropriate alcohol consumption is minimised.

Council also continues to support community education on safer drinking practices, both independently and in partnership with other agencies.

Legislative Changes: The *Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Act* is now in force, bringing several key changes:

- Removal of provisional Local Alcohol Policies and the right to appeal Local Alcohol Policies to Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.
- District Licensing Committees and the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority can now decline licence renewals inconsistent with the LAP.
- Broader rights for the public to object to applications (excluding trade competitors).
- District Licensing Committees must manage hearings with less formality, and cross-examination is no longer permitted.
- Hearings can now be conducted via phone, video link, or other means.

As a result, our licensing inspectors are providing additional detail in their reports to ensure the District Licensing Committee have sufficient information for good decision making. Work is underway to finalise the District Licensing Committee Procedures Manual as required under the new legislation.

Local Alcohol Policy Review

Council's Local Alcohol Policy is currently under review. This review includes stakeholder engagement, consideration of regional and national shifts (such as aligning trading hours), and proposed updates to discretionary conditions and licensing caps. Early engagement with licensees and stakeholders has already begun, with formal consultation planned for later in the year.

Overall, the 2024–2025 year has seen steady licensing activity, strengthened compliance monitoring, and proactive preparation for upcoming legislative and policy changes. Officers remain committed to maintaining a safe, fair, and well managed alcohol environment for Central Hawke's Bay.

DISTRICT LICENSING STATISTICS

Number of On-Licence, Off-Licence and Club Licence Applications received

Application Type	Number received in fee category				
	Very Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
ON Licence new	1	1	4		
ON Licence variation					
ON Licence renewal		3	5		
OFF Licence new			2	1	
OFF Licence variation					
OFF Licence renewal	1		3	1	
CLUB Licence new	4				
CLUB Licence variation					
CLUB Licence renewal	10	1			
TOTALS	16	5	14	2	0
Total fee payable to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (GST incl)	276.00	172.50	724.50	172.50	-

Annual Fees for Existing Licences received

Licence Type	Number received in fee category				
	Very Low Risk	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
ON Licence		5	7		
OFF Licence	1	2	6	2	
CLUB Licence	6				
TOTALS	7	7	13	2	0
Total fee payable to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (GST incl)	120.75	241.50	672.75	\$172.50	-

Managers' Certificate applications received

Certificate Type	Number received
Managers Certificate NEW	24
Managers Certificate RENEWAL	29
TOTALS	52
Total fee payable to Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (GST incl)	\$1,523.75

Special Licence applications received

Licence Type	Number received in fee category		
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Special Licence	0	12	21

Temporary Authority applications received

Certificate Type	Number received
Temporary Authority	3

Nil Permanent Club Charter Payments received.

6.6 CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT 2024-2025

File Number:

Author: Logan McKay, Community Safety & Compliance Manager

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. Dog Control Policy and Practices Report 2024-2025 [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Animal Control Report 2024-25.

PURPOSE

To receive the Animal Control Annual Report 2024-25 as per section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, which states that a territorial authority must report on the administration of the dog policy and control practices.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

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

DISCUSSION

The Dog Control Act 1996 ("The Act") requires all territorial authorities to report annually on their dog control policy and procedures. The legislation sets out specific statistics that are required to be reported on, including the number of registered dogs, dogs classified as menacing or dangerous, and the number of complaints in the year.

It is also required to be sent to the Department of Internal Affairs and must be made publicly available.

General customer service requests have continued to increase this year, with a noticeable rise in miscellaneous and bylaw-related complaints. Of the trends observed by the Animal Services team, a growing concern remains the number of dogs being abandoned or surrendered. During the 2024-25 period, 228 dogs were recorded as wandering and/or impounded (a similar amount to that reported in the previous year - 254) placing sustained pressure on the Pound Facility's operational capacity and resourcing.

The total number of registered dogs in the district has declined by nearly 400 compared to the previous year, reflecting a broader national trend rather than a local anomaly. Councils across New Zealand have reported similar modest decreases, with industry insights attributing this to ongoing economic pressures affecting pet ownership. This trend is expected to continue.

In parallel, officers have also improved data management processes, enhancing the accuracy of registration records.

The attached report shows that the number of infringements issued is consistent with previous years, reflecting our strong focus on engagement and education through on-site visits to encourage compliance.

COMMUNICATION

This report will be uploaded to the Council website as per the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996.

NEXT STEPS

The report will be sent to the Department of Internal Affairs as per the requirements under the Dog Control Act 1996.



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Dog Control Policy and Practices Report

2024/2025

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES

ANNUAL REPORT 1 JULY 2024 -30 JUNE 2025

Central Hawke's Bay District Council, as a territorial authority, is required to manage and enforce provisions pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) and subsequent amendments in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2010.

S10A of the Act requires the Council to report annually. This report meets the statutory requirements for the dog registration year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and also provides an update on key areas of focus for this activity.

This year, animal services focused on aligning dog policy and practices with the Regulatory and Compliance Strategy, which serves as our guiding framework. The main objective is to ensure a consistent customer experience while applying legislative powers appropriately.

To support this, the team has undertaken internal reviews to embed a continuous improvement model that delivers clear and effective outcomes for the community.

To support effective policy, strategy, and legislative alignment, staff training has been a key priority over the past 12 months. Across the compliance portfolio, the team completed advanced investigative training to strengthen information-gathering processes.

Council's Dog Policy and Practices

Council adopted its Dog Control Policy in June 2017, which includes the following objectives:

- Practical framework for care and control: ensure the care and control of dogs while minimising community risks.
- Behavioural education: integrate control measures with education to modify dog and owner behaviour, avoiding nuisance situations.
- Encouraging responsible ownership: help owners make better provisions for their dogs and clarify council's role in Dog Control.

The Regulatory and Compliance Strategy sets out a guiding framework to regulatory compliance activities undertaken by Council's Regulatory and Compliance Teams.

- Enforcement response guidelines: direct the team's use of compliance tools and decision-making.
- Prosecution Policy: sets principles for when to pursue criminal or civil proceedings.
- Diversion Scheme Policy: guides decisions on diversion versus prosecution under the Act.

Improved Communication and Education

Over the past year, Council has significantly enhanced communication with dog owners through timely and customer-friendly reminders, including emails and SMS alerts for payment deadlines. These improvements have

boosted engagement, helped minimise late payments, and supported compliance with the Act.

At the same time, Council has received a record number of customer requests for service in this space. While this increase reflects higher levels of community interaction, it is largely driven by the team's focus on accurately capturing the work being undertaken and by proactive outreach during the dog registration period. Importantly, it also demonstrates that the community is responding and engaging with us more directly. This level of visibility strengthens our ability to target education, address issues early, and deliver fair and proportionate compliance responses.

Public education campaigns promoting responsible dog ownership and the importance of dog care have also been expanded, fostering a better understanding of dog control practices and legislation. Increased participation in public surveys has further informed service improvements, ensuring that our approach to dog control remains effective, transparent, and aligned with the principles of the Regulatory and Compliance Strategy.

Fees for the 2024/2025 Registration Year

We offer a responsible dog owner status for owners who have lived in the area for one registration year. This status qualifies the owner for a discounted registration rate as noted below.

Category	Fees
Urban	\$126.00
Rural/Working Dogs	\$59.00
Responsible Dog Owner	\$84.00
Gold Card Holders (Pensioners)	\$59.00

During the 2022/23 and 2023/24 years, Council paused the use of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) infringement collection system in recognition of the significant challenges our community faced in the post-COVID recovery and following Cyclone Gabrielle. At that time, the focus was on supporting voluntary compliance and education rather than escalating matters to external enforcement. However, as part of our ongoing review of practice, we have reintroduced the MOJ collection process in 2024/25.

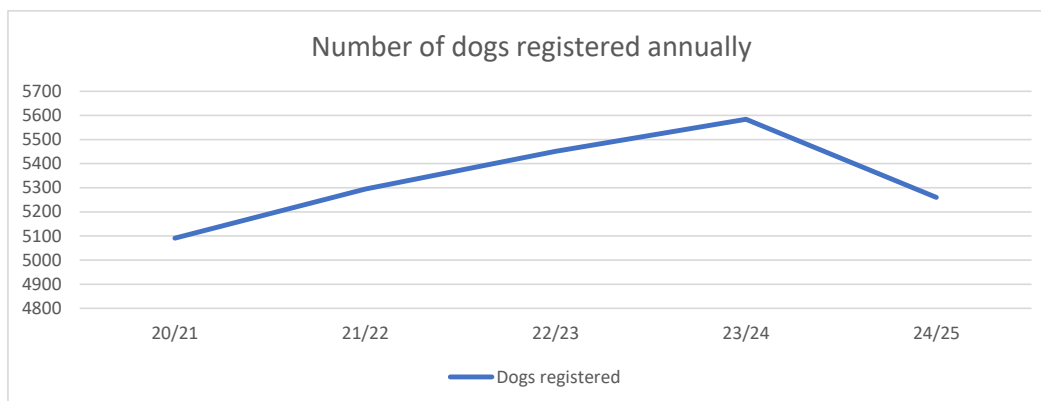
This decision reflects improved internal systems and information management, which now allow us to manage infringements more accurately and fairly. The reintroduction ensures that Council is applying the full range of compliance tools available under the Act in a proportionate and consistent way, balancing support for responsible dog owners with the need to uphold community safety and accountability.

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DOG CONTROL STATISTICS

Number of Dogs Registered

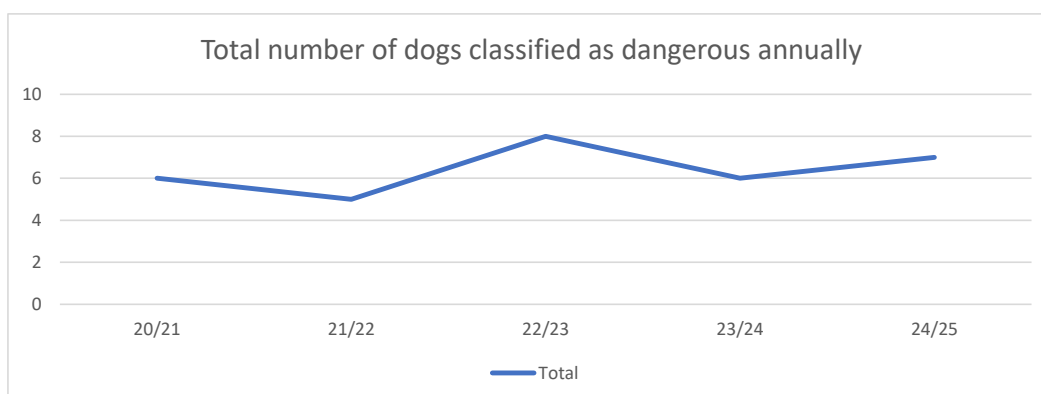
Category	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Dogs registered	5260	5584	5451	5295	5091



Dangerous Dogs

(under section 31 Dog Control Act 1996)

Category	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Dangerous by owner conviction S31(1)(a)	0	0	0	1	0
Dangerous by sworn evidence S31(1)(b)	6	4	7	3	4
Dangerous by owner admitting in writing S31(1)(C)	1	2	1	0	2
Total number of dogs classified per year	7	6	8	5	6

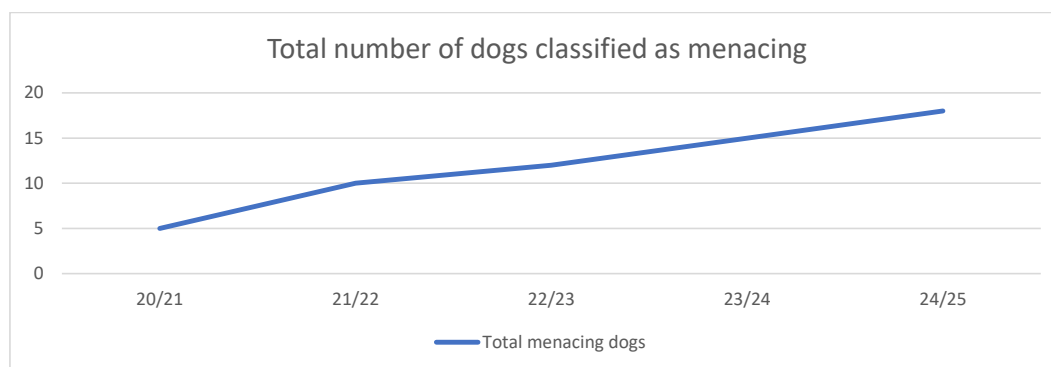


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Menacing Dogs

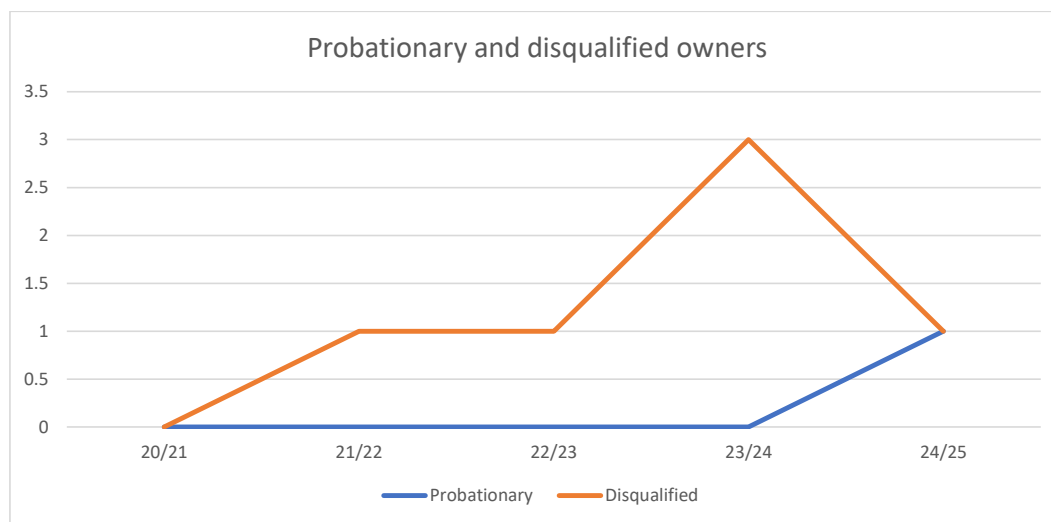
(under section 33A or section 33C Dog Control Act 1996)

Category	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Menacing by behaviour S33A(1)(b)(i)	3	2	1	5	4
Menacing by breed characteristics S33A(1)(b)(ii)	0	0	0	0	0
Menacing by Schedule 4 breed S33C(1)	0	1	1	0	0
New menacing dogs each year	3	3	2	5	4
Total number of menacing dogs in the district at year end	18	15	12	10	5 (includes 1 from 20/19)



Probationary and disqualified owners

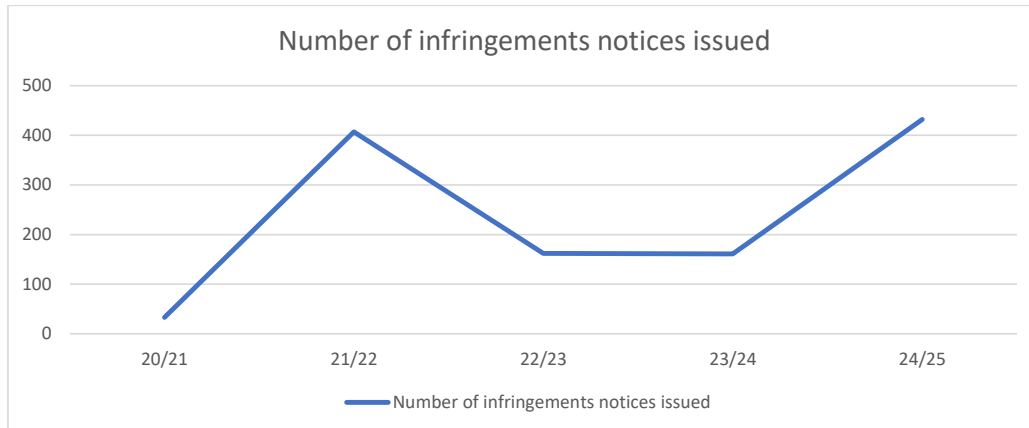
Category	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Probationary	1	0	0	0	0
Disqualified	0	3	1	1	0



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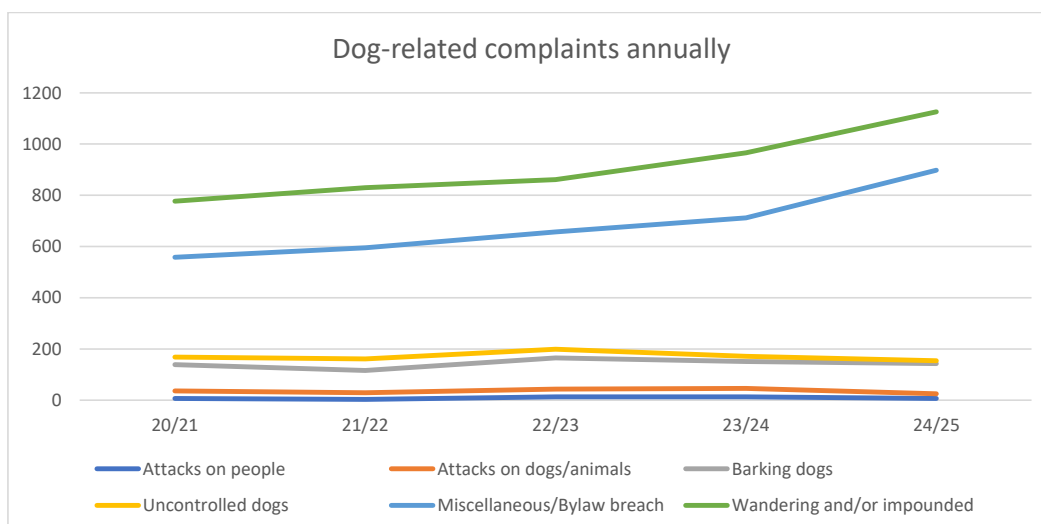
Infringements notices issued

Category	2024/25	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Infringements notices issued	432	161	162	407	33



Dog-related complaints

Category	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Attacks on people	7	13	13	3	7
Attacks on dogs/animals	18	33	30	26	29
Barking dogs	118	105	122	87	103
Uncontrolled dogs i.e., rushing	11	20	34	45	29
Miscellaneous/Bylaw breach i.e., not on lead, fouling, general enquiries	744	541	458	434	390
Wandering and/or impounded	228	254	204	235	219
Total	1126	966	861	830	777



6.7 TUKITUKI (TAREWA) SWINGBRIDGE - PROJECT UPDATE

Author: Arthur Budvietas, Principal Project Manager

Authoriser: Doug Tate, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Strategy, Growth and Community Committee receives the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swingbridge Project Update.

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the next steps on the Tukituki (Tarewa) Swingbridge project following Council's decision at the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee meeting on 21 August 2025, to no longer require the bridge to convey wastewater.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

This report is provided for information purposes only and as such has been assessed as of low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No further engagement is required.

BACKGROUND

The Tukituki (Tarewa) Swing Bridge project aimed to restore a crucial link in the Central Hawke's Bay community after the original bridge was destroyed in March 2022. The bridge is an important asset for walkers and cyclists, as part of the Tukituki Trails network.

Initially, Council planned for the new bridge to also carry a wastewater pipe, as part of a larger wastewater infrastructure project outlined in the 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan.

After assessing the benefits in 2022, Council, alongside partners Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC), the Rotary River Pathway Trust (Trust), confirmed \$1.565 million in funding to complete the project, which included \$565,000 from HBRC. Key project milestones were achieved including the bridge design, building consent, contractor appointment, and provisional agreement on resource consent and Department of Conservation concession.

Cyclone Gabrielle brought progress on the bridge to a sudden halt.

Concerns about bridge durability and flood risk following Cyclone Gabrielle led to ongoing risk management efforts including flood modelling and community engagement. The cyclone prompted a further review by HBRC, delaying the project while the Upper Tukituki River Scheme Review assessed future flood levels and stop bank configurations.

Community consultation in late 2023, as part of the Three-Year Plan 2024-2027 (3YP), showed strong support for rebuilding the bridge. At the time and despite these delays and risks, Council reiterated its commitment to the bridge as a vital recreational resource for the region.

In late 2024 HBRC provided clarification that the project could progress, in the absence of the final review of the Upper Tukituki Catchment Scheme.

New announcements from Government in early 2025 on proposed national wastewater standards again brought further delays, as Council considered the impacts of the new standards on the project. This was due to the necessity and urgency to convey wastewater across the bridge.

Through the Local Water Done Well review process, Council also reconsidered its investment in the wastewater capital programme to address major affordability concerns. Council at its Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee (FIP) meeting on 21 August, resolved:

That the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee:

1. *Acknowledges the changes in the revised wastewater capital programme, noting that the future swing bridge, or alternative, does not need to include provision to convey wastewater.*
2. *Directs officers to assess the options to rebuild the swing bridge or alternative crossing options, working in collaboration with the Rotary River Pathways Trust with any funding to be considered by Council as part of the development of the Annual Plan 2026/2027.*

This report provides the next steps and timelines that officers are working towards with the Rotary River Pathways Trust to bring options for the project back to Council.

DISCUSSION

The wastewater targeted rate was initially designated to fund this project within the 3YP. As the wastewater conveyance is no longer occurring, alternative funding sources will need to be identified.

Officers are implementing a phased plan to address the recommendations made by the FIP Committee on 21 August 2025.

Initial meetings have taken place with the Trust. The following outlines the proposed high-level programme:

Dates	Activity
September – November 2025	Officers will work with the Trust to revisit and analyse options, including high level costs, funding sources, risk, clarity on ownership and responsibilities.
December 2025 – January 2026	Due to the Election and Triennial Induction period of October and November, Council will be unable to provide any update regarding financial contributions until December 2025/January 2026. This will be included in the Annual Plan 2026/2027 process. Alternatively, to consider other funding sources.
February 2026 onwards	Following any Council decisions, officers will provide ongoing Project Management support for the Trust. Funding may also be considered as part of the Annual Plan 2026/2027.

In the meantime, officers will continue to work with the Trust on the project. This recognises the significant community interest in seeing the bridge restored as a Central Hawke's Bay landmark.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This project aligns with one of the eight strategic pillars, Tourism, in both the Economic Development Action Plan (2019) and the Economic Growth Strategy (2025). The economic benefit of tourism is material; with tourism spend in CHB being \$12.2 million for Jan-June 2025. Tourism serves to promote the district, offering visitors experiences that highlight our unique landscapes and history.

COMMUNICATION

Officers will continue to work and engage with the Trust to outline the intended next steps to progress the project. This will include an overall public update and further work alongside the Trust to communicate the outcomes and context of the project.

NEXT STEPS

Officers will continue to work with the Trust. As outlined above, Council can expect a further update on progress in December 2025-January 2026 on funding options as required.

6.8 VERBAL UPDATE – REIMAGINING FLOOD RESILIENCE STEERING GROUP

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Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Strategy, Growth & Community Committee receives the Verbal update – Reimagining Rivers Steering Group report.

PURPOSE

Councillors Pip Burne and Jerry Greer will provide a verbal update following the inaugural meeting of the Project Steering Group for the Reimagining Flood Resilience initiative, held on Monday, 1 September 2025.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**RECOMMENDATION**

That the next Strategy, Growth & Community Committee meeting to be confirmed following the Local Elections. .

8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
8.1 - Centralines Sports Complex (Pool) Service Agreement	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

9 TIME OF CLOSURE