



**WHANGANUI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

# **Annual Plan 2023/24**

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Speaking

**ID** 46  
**reference** 851040537231912  
**First name** Barbara  
**Last name** Haddock  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary is an important feature of the Virginia Lake complex, it should not be closed and does indeed need an upgrade. It is so popular it would most certainly detract from the overall visitor experience if it were to be closed.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

**ID** 117  
**reference** 999040740234412  
**First name** Chris  
**Last name** Flintoff  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

**ID** 132  
**reference** 221040755232612  
**First name** Talysha  
**Last name** Thomas  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

More thing for the kids to do.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Attractions, I'd you take the things that attract tourists what's the point of visiting the "beautiful Whanganui"

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online

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Speaking

**ID** 190  
**reference** 305041122233912  
**First name** Peter  
**Last name** Northway  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We have several jewels in our beautiful city's crown which attract visitors and give immense pleasure to locals. One of these is Kowhai Park and the other, arguably the more significant to visitors, is the Virginia lake complex. An important part of this is the aviary.

The aviary provides an invaluable resource for our schools to teach our children about our avian friends. Without it the complex would be devalued and probably not attract as many visitors to our fine city.

How many visitors does our velodrome attract? My guess would be that actual numbers do not match up to the hype that we heard when it was being proposed.

Let's put our money into our real attractions for future generations. If we loose it, we'll never get it back.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

In my opinion our biggest challenge in the next three years is in providing sufficient housing to accommodate the people who are wanting to come and live in our city.

We need to streamline the consent process to enable this to take place .

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The biggest challenge is going to be to find Councillors with enough vision to be able to seek out opportunities and the courage to pursue them.

### Further comments

An example of our underutilized resources is our tram Mable.

I am a volunteer driver. The tram was bequeathed to the City on the basis that it would be used and would eventually travel in the main street, Victoria Avenue. Mable has been running on a limited 170metre track for six years and little has been done to extend this service. There are many options for funding an extension such as grants from the likes of Lotto, Heritage organizations, Four Regions Trust, and etc. The Trust which is tasked with this needs to be held to account by the Council that appointed them. How many applications for funding have been sought? Where is the accountability for progress?

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

**ID** 205  
**reference** 654041356234312  
**First name** Ivory  
**Last name** Simon  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

**ID** 227  
**reference** 291041728233812  
**First name** Cindy  
**Last name** Wigley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I have been to the winter gardens and the aviary and the Cafe lots of time. It's a great place to visit also I seen lots of people going there don't shut it down it just need a revamp

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



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Speaking

**ID** 267  
**reference** 104040830231913  
**First name** Zahid  
**Last name** Mohammed  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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For the development of children and visitors

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Building infrastructure, developing more areas for housing.  
Development of springvale stadium area, indoor facilities

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

More accommodation and hotels, motels for whanganui

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

**ID** 271  
**reference** 604041013231613  
**First name** Clint  
**Last name** Sewell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Could we possibly do option 1 with hopes of further developments at a later date. I'm sure fundraising of some sorts could help fund it. It is a very integral part of visiting the lake

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping rates low. Maybe losing privatisation of maintenance contracts and back to having council workers would help. Seems to be a lot of managerial people clipping tickets with no productive outcomes

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10-30 years?**

Racial separation

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 343  
**reference** 591040925235616  
**First name** Carol  
**Last name** Pericolini  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Stop wasteful spending like The Tide bus service.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 347  
**reference** 276040035235517  
**First name** Shaun  
**Last name** Ruscoe  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This is a awesome opportunity to upgrade or replace the aviary.As it is in a great location, Whanganui has a great climate.People require relaxation with a walk around the lake with the family. Followed with a ice cream around the Aviary. I believe it's also an attraction for visitors to our city. And guess? what we don't want to discourage that do we.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

All the lookouts with views over the city need a big tidy up. Ie. Durie Hill tower area and Queens park. There are too many scrubby bushes and trees blocking out the views.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

No comments

### Further comments

See above.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 362  
**reference** 154041933235119  
**First name** Michelle  
**Last name** Bisset  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Public aviaries are a 5,000-year-old idea that have had their day, particularly in the Victorian era. For the sake of the health and wellbeing of the current captive birds, I support the closure of the aviary and would like to see Council invest in the planting of a greater variety of food trees at Rotokawau Virginia Lake to encourage and support our indigenous bird species. Provision of more educative signage could support our tamariki to learn more of these taonga who are free to fly and enjoy life as nature intended not to be held captive for human entertainment and enjoyment.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Council should begin by focusing its efforts on whether it is fit for purpose to meet the challenges of rapidly changing physical and legislative environment. Whanganui District has a unique opportunity to forge a new way of doing local government and regardless of the outcome of the recent review into the Future of Local Government, these opportunities should be explored with imagination and courage. Local government throughout New Zealand faces the ongoing challenges of climate change and declining interest in participation in local democracy at a critical time where Council and community should be working together. Recent flood and storm events around the country have shown us this. The examination of the fitness of purpose of Council should be the building block of a collective local democratic future to ensure that as a community, we can meet any, and all, challenges head on.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

If the reshaping of local government to meet future challenges is not underway within the next ten years, then its relevance will surely be lost to future generations of Whanganui citizens. What will local democracy look like then and will anyone care? Potentially not.

Citizens will continue to participate and contribute to the communities and institutions that matter to them in their everyday lives. They will meet the challenges that the future holds be it climate change mitigation/adaptation; civil emergency; food security/sovereignty; building community and supporting each other. The big question is, what will Council's role in its future community be?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 382  
**reference** 806041654230921  
**First name** Michael  
**Last name** Street  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I prefer to offer my comments by speaking at a hearing.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Annual Plan 2023/24. Virginia Lake Aviary  
**Date:** Friday, 28 April 2023 4:34:30 pm

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Councillors of the Wanganui District,

The Virginia Lake Trust wish to fully support Mr Mike Street in his intended verbal submission to Council on the current Annual Plan. Like him, our Trust is totally opposed to your published Options 1 and 3 and consider that Option 2 is the most practical and sensible way of considering the future of the Aviary. It is an important, vital and integral asset and a major draw card to those high volume numbers of citizens and visitors alike, who come to the iconic and much loved Rotokawau Virginia Lake.

There is no one better able to inform Council than Mike, who is not only a volunteer work with our Trust's large team doing general work about the lake two mornings a month but also a regular volunteer helper at the Aviary itself. We fully commend his considered advice to you.

Terry Coxon  
Chair, Virginia Lake Trust

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 393  
**reference** 231041122233824  
**First name** Samuel  
**Last name** Vermeulen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Keep it and maybe bring Plants and over things natural food And areas so native birds come naturally so it creates a natural Avery outside the Avery

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 411  
**reference** 757041117235528  
**First name** Michael  
**Last name** McCartney  
**Organisation** Horizons Regional Council  
**Role** Chief Executive

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Attachments

Final 2023-24 Annual Plan Submission - Horizons.pdf

**Submission method** Email

27 April 2023

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Dear David,

### **ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24 – HORIZONS' SUBMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Whanganui District Council's (WDC) 2023-24 proposed Annual Plan. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values the strong relationships between our two organisations and the other local authorities in the region. With regard to your proposal, our submission relates to climate change and public transport planning.

Climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing New Zealand, our region, and our communities. Responding to climate change with urgency is a priority for all councils. The Climate Action Joint Committee, to which Whanganui's Mayor is a member, adopted the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan in March 2023. That plan recommends climate related actions the region's councils can take either individually or corporately. For councils to consider and begin to implement recommended actions from that plan with urgency requires adequate 2023-24 financial resourcing of climate change activities.

#### **Concern regarding proposed budget cuts for climate related work**

Horizons is concerned that the proposed budget cuts for climate related work areas will negatively affect Whanganui District Council's ability to adequately consider, resource and begin to implement recommended actions and joint initiatives from the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan. We urge Whanganui District Council to reconsider those decisions, specifically:

- The proposed \$100,000 cut to the climate change budget - the consultation document notes that this reduction will not compromise deliverables. Horizons query if that assessment considers the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Change Action Plan. If it hasn't, then it should be reassessed to ensure there is sufficient climate change budget for 2023-24.
- Reduction to the Coastal Plan Budget - the changing climate is increasing the risk of extreme weather events effecting coastal communities and environments. The sooner the Whanganui Coastal Plan is completed, the sooner community and environmental resilience for Castlecliff/Kai Iwi can be strengthened by implementing

that plan. A reduction in budget for the next financial year may delay the plan's completion or affect the rigour and thus effectiveness of the final plan.

- Reduction in solar initiatives budget - the consultation document notes that there are higher impact climate change investments Whanganui District Council are planning to make but it does not explain how a \$1M reduction in the solar initiatives as a cost saving will enable any other climate related activities. If there are higher impact climate change investments the Council are planning to make, Horizons encourage use of this funding for those activities.

The transport function of Horizons includes strategic transport planning, public transport planning and delivery, road safety promotion and education, and administration of the total mobility scheme. There are two strategic documents guiding strategic transport and public transport delivery in the region. These are the Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan. The Regional Land Transport Plan is the primary document guiding integrated land transport planning and investment within the Horizons region. The current RLTP was adopted in 2021 and includes a range of transport investment activities, to deliver the strategic direction of the Plan.

We work closely with WDC on the delivery and operation of public transport services and infrastructure. This has included the development of and funding for the Tide bus service. Our continued partnership is important to realising our collective goals for transport in the Whanganui.

#### **Continuation of funding for the Tide bus service**

WDC provided funding to support a high frequency bus service trial in Whanganui through your 2021-31 Long Term Plan. This service became the Tide service that commenced February 2023. We wish to thank WDC for your willingness to collaborate and deliver a better transport system for residents. Launching the Tide bus service saw Whanganui bus services reach a six-year patronage high. It is vital that WDC continue funding the service as planned. Without this funding the service could not operate. Success of the Tide service will see it being treated as a use-case for future investment in public transport in Whanganui. We welcome the opportunity to continue to collaborate and build the Whanganui bus network in the future.

Horizons wishes to present this submission at the annual plan hearings.

Yours sincerely,



Michael McCartney  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 415  
**reference** 026041453231928  
**First name** Stuart  
**Last name** Hylton  
**Organisation** Waimarie Operating Trust  
**Role** Chairman

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Whanganui is uniquely positioned to capture the imagination of the visitor/tourist industry through an integrated approach to plan for, market and utilise our heritage, arts and Awa attractions. This will require leadership, vision, investment and co-operation from everyone in the industry.

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

What's our identity? What's our points of difference to leverage off? What do we want to be known for? What's going to drive GDP, growth and infrastructure for Whanganui going forward.

#### Attachments

Annual Plan Submission WOT 2023.pdf

**Submission method** Online



Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Council's Annual Plan.

The Waimarie Operating Trust would like to make the following points within our submission:

1. The Trust **appreciates** the community funding grant it receives from Council. This enables the Trust to operate the Waimarie on the Awa for longer periods during the year. We believe the Council is getting a good return on its investment with the Waimarie remaining the Districts no. 1 tourism attraction according to trip advisor and the vessel having a record year for passengers. The Trust continues to look at how it can enhance its operations and leverage the Waimarie's success across tourism generally for Whanganui.
2. The Trust is acutely aware that Whanganui's wider tourism exploits are both fragmented and underperforming. The Trust **seeks** the Council's leadership to facilitate the opportunity for a more integrated and targeted approach to tourism in Whanganui, leveraging off the Awa, historic transport/assets and the arts culture.
3. The Trust **supports** the decision of Council to review and refresh the Leading Edge Strategy this year and we seek input into this process to ensure tourism outcomes identified in 2. above are an integral part of the Strategy.

The Trust would like to be heard in respect to this submission

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hylton".

**Stuart Hylton**  
**Chairman**  
**Waimarie Operating Trust**

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 417  
**reference** 597041605231828  
**First name** John  
**Last name** Tarrant  
**Organisation** Whanganui Bird Club  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Welfare of Birds

Moderate upgrade of aviary

Improve public profile

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Maintaining employment & City reputation

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Investment in infrastructure

Climate change

### Attachments

Annual Plan Submission - Whanganui Bird Club.pdf

**Submission method** Delivered

Aviary Submission to Whanganui Council

This submission is from the local Whanganui Bird Club, now in its 88<sup>th</sup> year.

At our 11 April meeting, members voted unanimously to retain the Virginia Lake Aviary, with a moderate upgrade.

Of Councils' more recent options, we support a blended edition of No 2 – despite the rate increase to an average 8.2%.

Bird welfare in our Club is a priority. Likewise, without healthy residents at Virginia Lake Aviary, the whole project fails and becomes a public embarrassment.

Hence we believe that some money should be allocated to physical improvements to the aviary itself.

In short, health and appropriate facilities go hand in hand, They are inseparable.

We wish, however, to make several observations:

1. Mr Robert's report repeatedly refers to 'best practice'. It is easily quoted and very subjective.

A theoretical and idealistic standard of perceived PERFECTION., difficult to achieve and more difficult to maintain.

Management experience in the real world is always subservient to Head Office dictates, supply, visitor and weather disruption plus the unexpected. In short, a perpetual juggling act, doing the best you can within prevailing circumstances. Our Aviary is no exception.

2. Staffing Levels. The justification of employing qualified and experienced full time staff all day, seven days a week to attend 170 birds and keep a public presence is ridiculously excessive.

Measured against common sense and economic criteria, this is simply a fanciful academic in Fairyland. Such a proposal only erodes the impact of his rational judgement.

Visitor contact is important and we suggest additional, temporary personnel during holiday periods. Possibly December to mid February, School holidays, Easter and Labour weekends – but full time in June, July and August – not likely.

We feel that the current part time hours have served us and the birds, well.

3. Public Interaction: Historically, school visits and associated projects brought parents and children to the Aviary.

Informal presentations during holiday times were advertised, service clubs were involved and some surplus birds sold.

Interest and momentum was contagious.

The current decline in these activities is disappointing and questions Council's delegation of duties and subsequent monitoring of responsibilities.

Local and visitor interest continues, but much potential is untouched.

The placement of garden signage would help point visitors towards the aviary.

A simple visitor information card deposited in a resident letterbox would help identify patronage, country, town, visitor or local.

#### 4. Our Club's Bucket List:

I refer to my earlier suggestion of apportioning money between Bird health and material improvements.

Like Mr Roberts, we suggest a quarantine facility be established.

Replacement of the revolving doors to help young children and the disabled.

Members suggest a review of type, size and placement of nest boxes to avoid public interference and assist management's surveillance.

An elevated drinking platform to improve water hygiene.

More Council effort to improve the Aviary's public profile, e.g School, Clubs, River City Press.

#### 5. Work Programme:

Council must monitor alterations aggressively with sharp, military precision, to minimise bird disruption especially in the Breeding season August to December.

To Conclude:

Whanganui's favourable public image hinges on our welcoming and inclusive culture, the river, our public amenities, education facilities and enterprising, commercial activity.

This quality lifestyle we enjoy, is a critical factor in attracting future capital investment and employment.

Within this bigger picture, our Virginia Lake Aviary, our hanging street baskets, River City Market and extended cycle ways, all contribute to our progressive spirit.

You, Councillors, have an obligation to make tomorrow's City more attractive and diverse than it is today.

Please remember Whanganui's enviable reputation is beyond any dollar value.

Thank you.



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Speaking

**ID** 418  
**reference** 355041608232128  
**First name** Jango  
**Last name**  
**Organisation** Community Recycling Action Party  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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Speaking

**ID** 419  
**reference** 322041613231628  
**First name** Danny  
**Last name** Jonas  
**Organisation** Sport Whanganui  
**Role** CE

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The proposed investment in the aviary, even just to address the standard of animal welfare, would represent one of the largest council investments in a single park asset we've seen in recent years. Sport Whanganui would like the council to answer two questions as they make a decision on this expenditure: what evidence do we have that this investment will further the council's strategic goals around wellbeing outlined in the Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy? Is there adequate evidence to suggest that this particular investment, as opposed to directing the money to enhancing another aspect of our parks, is the most effective and efficient way of achieving these strategic outcomes?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

On behalf of Sport Whanganui, we appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts on this important document and contribute to the future of our community.

I would like to commend the Council for its efforts in developing a comprehensive and realistic plan that addresses the challenges our community is facing. The draft Annual Plan clearly outlines the realities and constraints that shaped this document, and we appreciate the difficult decisions made in the face of what will likely be a challenging year .

However, we also have concerns around the divestment in sport and recreation. The challenges outlined in the consultation document do not only affect the council – rising costs and insecurity around covid and the climate are faced by our entire community. Because of this, it is critical that we have a council proactive about enabling community wellbeing. Participation in physical activity through sport, active recreation and play has proven physical, mental and social health benefits, and the council's commitment to physical activity as a vehicle for community wellbeing is outlined clearly in your 2022 Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy. For this reason, it is disappointing to see the significant proposed cuts to key enablers of sport, recreation and play, including the sport facilities funding, the partnership with Sport Whanganui and the investment in accessible playgrounds.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 421  
**reference** 223042247233928  
**First name** Abraham  
**Last name** Momoisea  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

**Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

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## Further comments

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I'm Abraham Momoisea ive lived in Castlecliff / Te Kaihau O Kupe all my life along with meny kids who have grown up in castlecliff we have an still do spend a lot of time down the park and have some ideas to bring it to awesome

Alongside me is my bro Eden Waitai who like me is born and rasied in castlecliff has a background in skating and has watched the park come to life as it is today ,we were also one of the few that was first to skate the park and was there on opening day when the ribben was cut . He is just like me and allways be very passionate about giving new life to the skate park .

Id like to put to Council on Annual Plan talks and would like Progress Castlecliff's support.

The problems

The first problem is lighting. Like it's getting dark real early and rather than having kids holed up at home screaming at some teen on the Playstation I'd rather they be using the park ,so would they but it's like pitch black at night. We park the car down there with headlights but it's not great & the flat battery risk is a pain!

The second problem is Wi-Fi. Most of the kids and most of us working scrub parents can't run data on our phones so if kids are skating parents like leaving them there to go home and relax and wait for their kids to message to be picked up or sitting up by the shops for some connection. I think it would be MUCH better if our whanau can hang out tougether in the park and all that would take is some wi-fi. Know the parks over the eastside right next to Kowhai park have this & the Surf Club & Duncan Pavilion (which youse run?) has it so figure not a million dollars to get it to the park!...

The third is safety/security. Lighting is #1 here and having some adult peeps like parents around #2 so figure the above would deal to a lot of it but with power and Wi-Fi how hard would it be to have some CCTV. Maybe not that Council thing the cops neva look at but like make it public or password for a neighbourhood watch or patch crew so everyone knows and no one will want to do dumb shit when they know aunty karin might be looking in & call cops or call one of the ko matuas to come zooming down!

Recording it so cops could look prob a good idea too.

The fourth is some pretty dumb shit driving around the area. Figure that might fix itself if the racers knew there was maybe nana looking at CCTV & writing down numberplates when they boost it at night or past kids during the day etc.

Also the tagging on the skate bowl is completely isnt the grearest . Council seems to have given up on it? We used to clean it when we did PD there back in the days but they can't be bothered no more? Better to put some \$ for good paint & have a public BBQ & spray it up day - good work gets respected and left alone but if its week and it looks like scribbles it gives off the impression that its ok to do vandalism and scribble and not art plus maybe if Council could be helped to talk to our rangatahi who skate it next time that they do concrete repairs maybe please if they could do so ,make it better not worse!

Last is lack of shelter in park.

We been thinking about it and recon have a pretty mean proposal that works and won't cost a bomb that fixes the top problems...

- There's power in the park for the BBQ's
- There's wi-fi at the Duncan, Surf Club & holiday park
- There's companies in Heads Road whose job it is to maintain roads, power poles etc and who's guys live here so recon we could get them keen to help
- You guys know who to talk to and buttons to push
- We are the local users and are keen as to do the mahi grunt work to get our park safer and better

Our proposal is to

put 4 poles in the park with power from the BBQ's.

Put lights on the poles and a hard as secure box at top with wi-fi extenders(mesh) from one or more of the sites nearby

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(like have in library)

Put power and lights to the loos

Use the poles, power & wi-fi for CCTV cameras

How we'd like to get there

- ask Progress Castlecliff (this email) & council (annual plan submissions) for permission provided we get community on board

- get Downers or similar to price it up (roughly and at a community service rate - free reusing old poles would do!)

- use Progress Castlecliff name & contacts to run a public meeting about it, maybe survey like signs to get ideas (not all best are mine) and support.

- do a plan for it and price it up

- put screws on Council & local firms to contribute. If Council put in what they'd else spend on fixing stuff which wont get broke when these changes in and local businesses and people could sponsor a pole, the wi-fi (ads on login page?) etc recon they'd be keen as to do something round where they have their bases that is seen and helps community that they are apart of plus their workers kids etc

Recon you can give us a maybe yes for 10th when going to Council & sit down with us to help with meeting and maybe other sponsors and things we haven't thought of. My mate Mu put me onto his mate James Barron, phoned him yesterday and he's on board but keen that Eden & me lead it.

We believe this will be beneficial on a large scale ' speaking from experience and also feed back from the youth and adults that use the park ' another thing we wish to have reconstructed would be the rest rooms ' this may change the future for the next generation if not in a major then a minor way '

Just a little thing me and the bro Eden Waitai put together

Thank you for your consideration

1. Pole in top carpark - lighting + picks wi-fi up from WSLSC (Surf Club) (no fee wi-fi router) CCTV looking over park

2. Pole in skate park area picks up wi-fi from 1, lights for skate park that with lights from 1 give good lighting with few shadows. Public wifi hotspot. 3 CCTV covering park.

3. Pole in verge - lights street & has CCTV (may be better just on street lighting lightposts?). Picks up wi-fi from 2 for 2or3 CCTV covering Seafront & Rangiora

4. Pole or just robust external light on toilets. Lights inside toilets? Lockable external water & caravan power plugs for events in park (Progress Castlecliff have access keys/codes)

**Submission method**

Online

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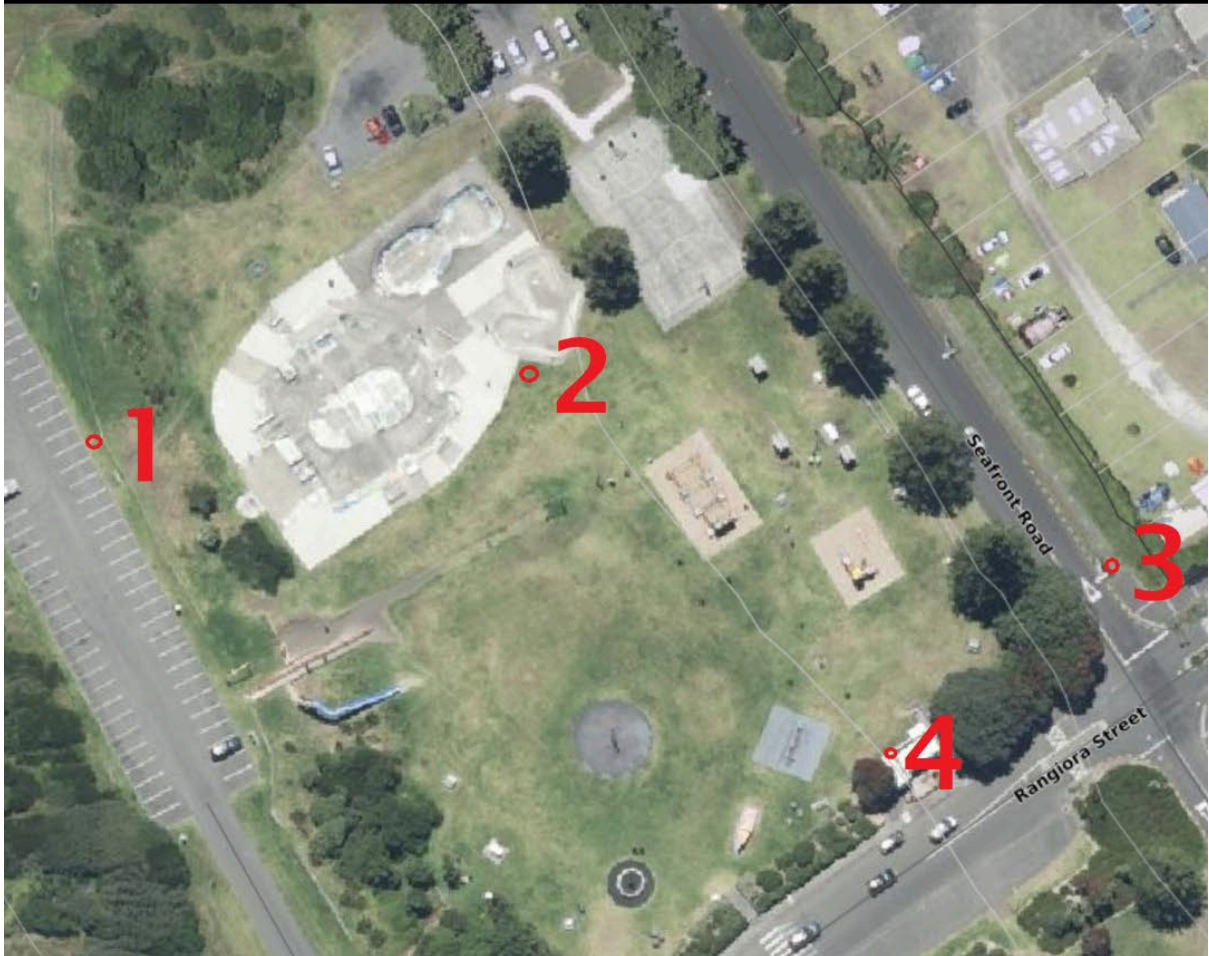
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Speaking

**ID** 424  
**reference** 957042303235829  
**First name** Colin  
**Last name** Gates  
**Organisation** Progress Castlecliff Inc  
**Role** Secretary, and Contributor

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

I will leave this to a majority decision. Each option has merits. Closure of the Aviary is probably the best animal welfare choice.

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking out three years,

Here I have only considered Castlecliff Access Road issues; others are submitting on separate issues in Castlecliff and Whanganui.

The key concern is the current state of the Mill Road-Manuka Street route. Mill Road, from Mosston to Rakau Dr, was constructed in 1998 - 1000m. Also in 1998, the remaining 300m was formed as a rough gravel track for the installation of a water supply from the Castlecliff Main and later in 2007 for a wastewater connection to Polson St, both in Manuka St. This last 300m of Mill Rd was formed into a regular sealed road in 2020 – 22 years after this obvious alternative route into Castlecliff was initiated. Although in that time, the route was being used by a number hardy souls able to traverse this shockingly poorly maintained gravel section!

The rural part of Manuka St is still in its pre-Mill Rd condition and well short of the NZTA recommended cross-section for a two-way road. The urban section of Manuka St (Polson-Cornfoot) is also short of NZTA recommended width for the now increased traffic volumes and bus route. Note: most residents on this section now park their cars on the grass berms as parking on the road is too hazardous! Addressing these road issues was raised in the 2011 Urban Transportation Study and again in the 2020 Mill Rd Structure Plan, but is still outstanding. The rural section of Manuka needs upgrading (widening) urgently for safety reasons and a consultation process needs to be initiated urgently for improving the urban section of Manuka St (Polson-Cornfoot). At a minimum, this should happen within the next 3 years, if not sooner.

At the Cross St route into Castlecliff there is a significant mismatch between the WDC District Plan and the NZTA One Network Road Classifications. The ONRC lists Cross St as an “Arterial” road extension of Puriri St; whereas the District Plan has Cross St as a local road. The District Plan main collector routes are Mosston to Heads Rd, Heads Road, and Puriri St stopping at Mosston Rd. Heads Road is an Arterial until it merges into Cornfoot Street. The “Arterial” designation for Cross St is limiting current considerations for transforming Cross St from a traffic centred “short-cut” into a “Streets for People” type destination. Previous efforts to consider installing traffic-calming measures on Cross St have been rejected because of the “Arterial” status - which the street does not actually have. A consultation process is urgently needed to gather and consider options to improve the “People Place”, safety and business viability in Cross Street.

Also, lack of accurate ONRC designations may be affecting NZTA funding opportunities as the One Network Road Classifications appear to be criteria for Network maintenance funding. This may be part of the Manuka St upgrade delays, as Mill Rd and Manuka St have only local road status, whereas other WDC documents indicate a higher priority to the route.

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Looking out 10-30 years,

The main challenge for the next generation in Castlecliff will be maintaining and operating a viable port and port associated businesses. Our current generation has made a dismal and destructive hash of maintaining this resource that was so expertly created over 100years ago. Climate change will make coastal shipping a more viable economic and environmental transport option as maintaining overland routes for heavy goods - both road and rail (in NZ) - becomes more expensive. Forecast sea-level rise and extreme weather will present challenges to coastal & river-side Whanganui. Coastal reinforcement and retreat options will need to be considered and evaluated well in advance of actual manifestation. Suitable and economic housing will be imperative as population growth accelerates through climate change driven environmental displacement. Also, in 10-30 year's, one would hope that a programme of street-tree planting has been in place so that most streets in Castlecliff have suitable adult trees to mitigate the effects of climate induced heat -stress on the residents and visitors. The current caged Griselinias – where they survive - do not look promising.

**Submission method** Online

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Speaking

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<b>Role</b>	Chair, Building Restoration Com

## KEY ISSUES

**Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

Submission to WDC Annual Plan 2023-2024.pdf

**Submission method** Online



## SUBMISSION TO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ANNUAL PLAN 2023 - 2024

1. This submission is made in respect to the Council having:

*...“started landscape design for Pukenamu Queen’s Park following an integrated approach to develop the architectural landscape plan with Roopū Kaitiaki.”<sup>1</sup>*

### BACKGROUND

2. Whanganui Repertory Theatre is located immediately at the foot of the eastern perimeter of Pukenamu Queens Park at 4 Ridgway Street (PQP”). Repertory and the theatre building have been synonymous since 1933.
3. The Society wishes to restore and modernise the Theatre as it is a significant part of the cultural and heritage community of PQP and is integral to the Whanganui theatre community.
4. The restoration of the building is contingent on the bank behind being permanently stabilised. The Council is very aware that the subsidence of the bank at the rear of the theatre has adversely affected the structural integrity of the building.<sup>2</sup> See attached Photo<sup>3</sup>
5. A comprehensive Conservation Report was completed in 2021 with external and Council funding and provides the foundation document for the restoration. It too refers to the subsidence adversely affecting the building.<sup>4</sup>

### ANNUAL PLAN 2022/2023 PROJECT STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2023

6. The Agenda for the Operations and Performance Committee Meeting Agenda 30 March 2023<sup>5</sup> under Community Buildings for Repertory Theatre:

Approved Budget:	\$197,000
RAG Status:	RED
Manager Comments	Retaining wall issue and reliant on the landscaping design - <u>carry forward likely</u> (our emphasis).

On that same page under Premier parks: Queens Park:

Approved Budget:	\$500,000
RAG Status:	AMBER
Manager Comments:	Designer on Board and co-design commenced – design will be completed this calendar year, with works commencing firstly in immediate surrounds of gallery in time for opening.

<sup>1</sup> Page 9 Community Consultation Annual Plan 2023/2024

<sup>2</sup> WDC Project Paper 4 Ridgway Street - September 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Whanganui Chronicle 17 August 2022

<sup>4</sup> Conservation Report – DrawingRoom Architecture & Interiors in association with BPL Group & Fire Engineering Services Ltd

<sup>5</sup> Item 5.3 – pages 22 & 23

Then under Queens Park – infrastructure upgrades:

Approved Budget:	\$230,000
RAG Status:	AMBER
Managers Comment:	As above

7. Repertory believes that it will be able to contribute funds to restoration costs through available public funding sources e.g., Lottery Environment and Heritage Funds. Further, Repertory can bring \$256,000 to the internal refurbishment of the Theatre as an initial contribution to the restoration project.
8. However, raising external funds and securing promised refurbishment funds is contingent on the Council undertaking the bank restoration in the coming financial year and formally acknowledging its support for the restoration.

**ACCORDINGLY, REPERTORY THEATRE REQUESTS THE COUNCIL TO**

9. Confirm and carry forward the funds of \$197,000 into the new 2023-2024 Annual Plan.
10. Change the RAG Status to Amber.
11. Start / complete the bank stabilisation along with the landscape design works being undertaken for the Gallery opening.

*Mark Morton*

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President



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Beverley Pearce – Chair BRC



# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

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<b>Role</b>	Chair

## KEY ISSUES

**Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

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## Attachments

Progress Castlecliff.docx

**Submission method** Online

## **Traffic Calming around Seafront Rd/Rangiora St. Playground**

There's a high use playground at the corner of Seafront Rd and Rangiora Street. Vehicles are racing up and down both roads and it's just not safe for children or walkers. We suggest a raised crosswalk that covers the intersection, slowing traffic in all directions. We would also suggest a speed bump on Seafront Rd to slow down vehicles racing down to the beach via the Seafront Rd track to vehicle beach access.

## **Further Traffic calming solutions**

First this would include the widening of upper Manuka Street between Mill Road and Poison Street. This section of road has become busier with the opening of the Fitzherbert Ave Extension, and the further development of the Mill Road industrial area. The road there is not wide enough for cars to pass each other safely. I invite everyone who reads this submission to travel that section of road in the late afternoon when community members are traveling to/from work. Large trucks are using it to access the port and freezer work areas, etc. It's normal practice to have to pull completely off the road to avoid a collision. Often times the farm there is grazing cattle on the burn... so it's not if, it's when an incident will happen.

**Other areas of concern are:** The intersection at Polson Street/Manuka St. We suggest changing the give way to Polson St. in order to offer straight access to Cornfoot St. (Polson Street would now be a "T" intersection.) Next, change Cornfoot Street to give way to Rangiora St. and Karaka Street to give way to Karewa St. It's a densely populated area and there is still a good deal of racing on the straightways. Switching up the traffic patterns would make access easier and provide a safer community for walkers, bikers, etc.

## **Industrial Development on Mill Road**

As this area continues to develop, we ask what plans are in place for the infrastructure of this area? Where and when will the proposed wetlands be redeveloped for the wildlife displaced by the initial building? What are the drainage plans for continued development of the area? What is the Council's plan for fulfilling the community/amenity vision of Plan Change 54?

## **Future of Duncan Pavilion/Community Facility**

In 2018 Progress Castlecliff received notice from the WDC that the Duncan Pavilion would be removed on or before 2030 because of the supports below the structure meeting the end of their life span and the cost to fix being unrealistic. Then the Coastal Action Plan was born in 2022. It makes so much sense that this would all work together - the plan for the North Mole, Rangiora Street's dunes, carparks, and the surf club should all be part of a larger plan in an effort for cost effective beauty, safety and community service in our beach front suburb. The Duncan Pavilion is used nearly daily by community groups, yoga classes, church groups, business meetings, and family celebrations. It is used by people throughout the region and the greater Whanganui area, as well as Castlecliff. With 2030 getting closer and closer, we'd like to remind our council that little has been done in the last 5 years to consult with community, create a plan or start to put anything in to action. We are happy to facilitate in this if we can just get the necessary backing from Council with readily available information, timely promotion of events, and consistent, purposeful support from the staff.

## **Playground Maintenance/safety**

Safety, lighting, Wifi, CCTV for Playground. This time of year it's dark after dinner. Many families would like to use the park facilities after dinner. They are there with their kids so that adds safety to the area. With lighting they could see. With Wifi the parents could finish up work and organisation details, etc. There is also a need for shade at the park. The skate park is loaded with graffiti and hasn't been removed for at least 2 years.

# Annual Plan 2023/24

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**Role** Chair - Bushy Park Tarapuruhi T

**Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

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### Attachments

Bushy Park submission to WDC annual plan.pdf

**Submission method** Email

## Bushy Park Tarapurui Trust submission on Whanganui District Council Annual Plan 2023/24

### **Issue: Rotokawau Aviary**

The Bushy Park Tarapurui Trust is neutral with respect to options proposed for the future of the aviary with the exception that if the closure option is chosen we would not support the release of the resident birds into the wild. This because of risk to the health and genetics of wild birds.

### **Issue: Support for Bushy Park homestead maintenance and potential support for Bushy Park Tarapurui Sanctuary education.**

The Trust is grateful to the Council for its undertaking to assist in the annual maintenance of the homestead including support for the annual washing of the building and the routine clearing of gutters and drains. The Trust is also grateful for the support it receives indirectly from Council by way of contributions from Downers NZ Ltd as a consequence of the Council and Downers Roading Alliance partnership. We request that this support continues.

In addition, we suggest that the Council note that Bushy Park Tarapurui provides an outstanding opportunity for people of all ages and capabilities to interact with and appreciate native birds in their natural surroundings.

Bushy Park Tarapurui is visited by most Whanganui kura and schools, regularly providing science, social studies, nz history and conservation education opportunities in a rich natural context. We provide real experiences in the environment and opportunities for students to contribute to the future of their natural world through tree-planting and learning to monitor and trap pests.

We ask Council to consider supporting this work by providing an annual grant of **\$50,000** which we would leverage by fund raising and volunteer support to provide a full time educator and meet their operating expenses. This extra service provided by the ratepayers dollars would be a great value compared to the present volunteer service

Council could also work with Horizons Regional Council to provide a **bus service routine** from Whanganui to the Sanctuary, perhaps on one weekend day per week, to improve the accessibility of the Sanctuary to all residents.

### **Issue: Weed control on road reserves in proximity of Bushy Park Tarapurui.**

A significant threat to the sustainability of the Sanctuary is the invasion of the forest by exotic weeds. Some species such as banana passionfruit, barberry and old man's beard can have refugia on the road reserves within dispersal range of the Sanctuary. We request that the annual plan funding include sufficient resources in the appropriate activity for the Council to fund control work at these refugia as a "good neighbour". In the current year Council engaged a contractor to undertake some of the necessary control of banana passionfruit in response to concerns raised by the trust. While we were appreciative of this work we were concerned that there were insufficient resources to undertake adequate control to limit the risk to Bushy Park Tarapurui. We were advised that all



resources available were used. We are happy to assist Council on this work using our staff and volunteer workforce but do not have the resources for herbicide application or traffic management.

**Issue: Management of Waitahinga (Whanganui Water Catchment Reserve) and other natural areas**

The Bushy Park Tarapuruhi Trust has a strong affinity with the Waitahinga block through our proximity, interest in the remnant native bird and plant communities, source population of whiteheads translocated to Bushy Park Tarapuruhi and our relationship with hapū of Nga Rauru.

This reserve is the largest and most natural area of land managed by Whanganui District Council. While it retains many natural values such as silver eyes, whitehead, tūī, bellbird, grey warbler, fantail, rifleman, shining cuckoo and long tailed cuckoo it is subject to considerable pressure from pest animals and pest plants. We advocate for the development and implementation of a comprehensive management plan for the reserve to protect and enhance biodiversity values, retain and enhance the carbon sink value of the reserve and increase the resilience of the reserve to the impact of climate change. We are aware that the area is currently closed to public use on 105 days per year, apparently for pest management, but we observe that the forest floor has little plant growth, shrub and sub canopy forest tiers are severely depleted and there is obvious pest presence of deer browse and pig “rooting”.

We respectfully submit that Council should allocate sufficient resources in 2023/24 for an assessment of the forest condition and for a management plan to be developed for future funding consideration in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Staff and volunteers associated with Bushy Park Tarapuruhi are available and willing to assist with such work.

We additionally note that other similar areas within the Council’s land holdings such as Hipango Park should be similarly regarded.

Thank you for your consideration

Bill Fleury  
on behalf of Bushy Park Tarapuruhi Trust

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

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**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Refer separate attachment

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Refer separate attachment

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Refer separate attachment

### Attachments

Mahoney - Final Submission to council 300423.pdf

### Further comments

N/A

### Submission method

Email

## **Submission 1: Aviary**

Option 3- Sadly this is the best option in the short term.

The aviary is old and the reality is that it will likely cost far more to complete than is estimated. Covid and construction delays, the increasing cost of materials needed as the job progresses mean that there will not likely be much change from a million dollars with today's inflation. All good things unfortunately come to an end. I know that it has brought enjoyment to several generations of children but the facility is old and in need of total replacement.

However, Option 1 should be considered in the 10 to 30-year long term plan for Whanganui - to have a fee charging, educational experience for all in a new facility that can become a focal point for visitors to Whanganui in the way that Wellington's bird sanctuary Zealandia does and fortunately without the overheads (debt) Zealandia has.

Consideration should be given to including the new aviary (when built in 10 to 30 years) as a place for tourists to stop eg major bus stop where tourists can eat lunch at the cafe and pay an admission fee to enjoy the new aviary.

## **Submission 2: The biggest challenges and opportunities facing Whanganui in the next 3 years & where Council should focus its efforts.**

According to the 2018 Census, Whanganui has a higher proportion of very young and also a higher proportion of older New Zealanders. The data shows that there are fewer people aged between 20 and 50 years compared to all the other age bands.

This is one of the biggest challenges to Council as families looking after young children often do not have a large amount of disposable income. The same applies to older Whanganui citizens who may rely heavily on government pensions to survive.

Rates that are levied on households fall hardest on both these groups as they have limited ability to pay extra. The proposed rate increase of about \$5 per week equates to \$260 per annum which is about a week's food supply for such households.

Households, unlike councils, cannot simply increase their income to match their spending as they do not have the ability to demand more pay from their employers or the government to keep up with increasing costs - they have to cut their outgoings to meet their needs or look at increasing their income by doing extra hours or second jobs and this is where I encourage this council to focus in the future.

There are two sides to all budgets: income and expenditure. I advocate that councillors look more closely at increasing the Council's own revenue streams outside of the rating regime in order to increase overall total income to fund necessary services.

Parking charge areas could be expanded to cover new streets to raise more revenue as this business unit is one of the few that produces a profit which actually covers staff and operational costs.

Some specific revenues mentioned in the 2023 -2024 annual plan consultation document show Cooks gardens, an iconic part of Whanganui, having a planned revenue of only \$77,000 but with associated expenditures of \$1.192 million. I am not advocating making this a profit centre but Council should consider additional means of raising revenue from this venue.

This could include such things as: increasing gate entry prices, charging more for advertising hoardings, actively seeking out additional events including music, sport and other attractions such as fireworks displays, Top Town/Takeshi's Castle (regional amateur competitions which could increase revenues for all regional councils participating), or car rallies eg Americana that could bring additional revenue into the Council.

For example, the Basin Reserve in Wellington has summer beer festivals and cricket matches and crowds of people are happy to pay to enjoy these - could this be an option for Whanganui's Cook's Gardens?

The same ideas can be applied to the Opera House, War Memorial Theatre, Library & Swimming Pools. The Opera House plans to make \$2.275 million in revenue but still requires a \$4 million allocation from rates to cover its costs. The War Memorial theatre plans to make \$70,000 in revenue but still requires a huge contribution of \$629,000 from general rating activities.

Perhaps the Theatre could be "marketed" by a professional advertising group to bring more conferences, meetings, cultural & other events to Whanganui. More visitors equates to more revenue and this will boost local businesses, hospitality & accommodation venues in our town as well. Actively seeking potential events can boost not only Council revenue but also local businesses.

The Library has a projected revenue of \$52,000 requiring a \$2.575 million allocation from rates to meet expenditure requirements. The swimming pools are projected to receive \$1.283 million in revenue but need an allocation of \$2.342 million from general rates to meet expenditure requirements.

Covid may have played a part in the lower revenues received by Council but I compared the general revenues/expenditures to the 2019/20 year and the patterns were similar with the exception of the swimming pool expenditure for known reasons. The pools do not make sufficient revenue contributions to the Council.

The expected revenue from the Swimming Pools, Cooks Gardens, War Memorial Theatre and Library do not even meet wages costs let alone other expenditure. The Library is expecting to earn a revenue of less than half of what was projected in 2019/2020 - why?

The Library should be examining other means of attracting new revenue streams such as having a cafe/tourist shop inside it and having meeting rooms that can be leased out for clubs/organisations/groups/e-games from time to time. This will bring in new income and lessen the burden on rate payers.

I am not advocating cutting all community events/facilities simply because they cannot generate sufficient revenue as Council needs to provide these amenities as part of its “social obligation objective” in governing Whanganui.

However, in order to reduce the burden on rate payers a more “user pays” approach could be adopted. Would an extra \$10-15 per ticket for opera house events have a huge impact on those who can afford to pay it - I doubt it. People who can afford it will still pay to go to these events. An extra \$20 on an annual swimming pass would also not have a huge impact on attendance.

I understand that Whanganui East Pool was only open for around 6 weeks at a cost of \$35,000. Would it not be a cheaper option to run a free shuttle mini bus from Whanganui East to the Splash Centre and return or extend the Tide across the river? I do not believe that the bus hire or driver costs would exceed \$35,000 for a 6-week period.

As an example, a private gym located near the Council building charges weekly subscriptions that people pay to visit the gym to use the gym facilities. These fees are enough to keep the gym business afloat and these types of businesses do not require a general rates allocation to keep them financially in the “black”. Their fees do not deter people from attending as they see value in the experience and the gym obviously has enough income to pay for wages and operating expenses without relying on rates.

What I am proposing is to have specific groups dedicated to examining all non-core revenue streams (such as Parks & Recreation and Community & Cultural) with the aim of trying to reduce the dependency on rates appropriation and become more “revenue focused” rather than relying on making up any deficit with the “cash cow” of rate-payers’ money.

I would imagine that this dedicated group would have some non-council members who can bring a current commercial business oversight and suggest new ways to achieve increased revenue required by Council while still providing for our community in the next 3 years.

### **Submission 3: The biggest challenges for Whanganui's next generations in the next 10 - 30 years**

Covered above.

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

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## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

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### Attachments

230430 - Federated Farmers' submission on WDC AP.pdf

**Submission method** Email

# SUBMISSION



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Submission on: Whanganui District Council Annual Plan 2023/24

Date: 30 April 2023

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1. The Whanganui Province of Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) welcomes the chance to submit on the Whanganui District Council (the Council) Annual Plan 2023/24.
2. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual Plans and Long-Term Plans to ensure councils exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness, and equity issues regarding rates. Federated Farmer acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
3. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of our submission.

## Submission

### Key Recommendations

4. The following key recommendations are drawn from each of the subsequent sections of this submission:
  - That the Council cap the rates increase to no greater than stated in the Council's 2021 Long Term Plan for the 2023/24 financial year (being 3.9%, with a rates increase limit of 5%) and reduce expenditure to ensure there is no need for loans to cover revenue shortfall.
  - That the Council adopt the targeted rate on exotic forestry properties to provide subsidiary funding for road maintenance and upgrading for roads used by logging trucks as soon as possible.
  - That the Council adopt an increased and more realistic roading differential figure exotic forestry properties.
  - That the Council remove the allocation of \$170,000 to relocate the homeless from the Annual Plan and instead approach the large national and multi-national retailers operating locally to fund this initiative.
  - That the Council adopt a targeted rate for local businesses that benefit from tourism to pay for local amenities, such as the Aviary and the Serjeant Gallery.
  - That the Council and Rural Community Board set up a working group to urgently look at the issues of increased carbon forestry before starting on next year's Long Term Plan.

### Key Issues

#### Rates

5. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of considerable financial pressure for all farmers.
6. Federated Farmers is aware of uncertainty for many councils considering this year's Annual Plan due to external factors such as inflation and central government implications of Three Waters and other reforms. Nevertheless, a proposed average rate increase of 8.2%, with a 7.8% rates increase for farming, is not prudent or sustainable in the present economic climate.
7. In terms of the outlook for agriculture, Beef & Lamb NZ recently announced farm profit before tax for sheep and beef farmers is expected to fall by a third in the 2023 following reduction in exports.<sup>1</sup> For dairy, Fonterra has recently announced a further fall in farmgate price/kg of milk solids, which have continued to decline over the last 12 months.<sup>2</sup> These factors point to harder times ahead for the entire community in Whanganui District.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/country/486059/farm-profit-expected-to-drop-by-third-beef-lamb-nz> accessed 16 March 2023

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/investors/farmgate-milk-price.html> accessed 4 April 2023



8. Further, in the context of rises in the Official Cash Rate (OCR) during 2022/23,<sup>3</sup> borrowing to fund Council Civic projects is highly imprudent. While a loan might look like it will solve short-term political aspirations to undertake Civic works, in the medium-to-long term loan servicing costs would ultimately be ratepayer-funded.
9. Farmers are not an infinite source of revenue for Council rate increases. Incomes of rural ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs the Council is imposing on its ratepayers will squeeze out other areas of expenditure. This is especially so for farming, where, despite farm properties having higher land values than residential properties, the ability of farmers to pay rates is tied to their ability to productively farm the land, rather than relative or absolute wealth in land. The reality is that for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase will have a real impact on their livelihoods.
10. In the context of the gloomy economic outlook for farming, Federated Farmers would prefer that rates are capped at existing levels or reduced. Federated Farmers think the Council needs to sharpen its pencils with the aim of avoiding rates increases.

#### Recommendation

- **That the Council cap the rates increase to no greater than stated in the Council's 2021 Long Term Plan for the 2023/24 financial year (being 3.9%, with a rates increase limit of 5%) and reduce expenditure to ensure there is no need for loans to cover revenue shortfall.**

#### Targeted Rate on Exotic Forestry Properties

11. Although the Council receives a subsidy from the New Zealand Land Transport Fund (LTF), this does not cover the total cost of the Council's transport costs. Therefore, the Council has to rely partly on other sources of funding, e.g., rates and 'depreciation reserves'. Federated Farmers dare not think the Council would entertain loan funding to cover road *maintenance*, as spiralling interest rate payments would make loan funding of road maintenance a foolish option.
12. This has two implications, namely:
  - a) The choice of activities that the LTF subsidy is spent on, affects how much else has to be funded by ratepayers, and how much 'bang' there is for each ratepayer 'buck'.
  - b) Without some checks and balances, the risk is that farmers would end up disproportionately funding the greater part of the Council's share of rural roading expenditure, because farms are bigger and more expensive than other properties, and therefore rural rates (that are based on land value or capital value) would be higher.
13. The only regulatory controls the Council can potentially use to recoup funds to *upgrade* roads within the district are either through *rates*, *development contributions* under the Local

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/monetary-policy/about-monetary-policy/the-official-cash-rate> accessed 4 April 2023

Government Act 2002 (LGA), or *financial contributions* under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

14. The Council has a development contributions policy, however, it does not cover forestry.<sup>4</sup> Federated Farmers are unaware of any financial contributions policy. Therefore, the only legal mechanism currently available to the Council to require revenue for repair and maintenance of roads damaged during forestry harvesting is through rates.
15. Forestry's impacts on rural roads are well known. During harvest operations rural roads receive a significant increase in vehicle numbers, which are generally larger and more load bearing on both sealed and unsealed rural roads. Forestry contractors are not necessarily ratepayers, yet fully laden logging trucks damage roads.
16. For these reasons, Federated Farmers **support** the targeted rate on exotic forestry properties to redress unjust imbalances, e.g.: where a particular sector is causing more wear and tear on road infrastructure.
17. However, Federated Farmers is concerned that the targeted rate on exotic forestry properties will be insufficient to address the damage caused by logging trucks during harvest. The draft Annual Plan specifies around \$300,000 as the cost of repairing roads, however, there is no break down as to where and what causes the damage that needs repairing.
18. Federated Farmers is concerned that rate payers are subsidising the cost of forestry harvest through paying for general road maintenance and **recommends** the Council adopt an increased and more realistic roading differential rate figure for exotic forestry properties.

### Recommendations

- **That the Council adopt the targeted rate on exotic forestry properties to provide subsidiary funding for road maintenance and upgrading for roads used by logging trucks as soon as possible.**
- **That the Council adopt an increased and more realistic roading differential figure exotic forestry properties.**

### Funding alternatives for support to homeless people

19. Federated Farmers notes the Council intends to provide funding of up to \$170,000 for a temporary location to support homeless people in Whanganui who are currently utilising freedom camping sites. It is a laudable goal to provide an alternative location for homeless people, however, Federated Farmers considers that large national and multi-national retailers that should fund this initiative and not local rate payers.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/policies/development-contributions-policy-2021.pdf>

20. Large national and multi-national retailers generate a large amount of revenue from Whanganui residents which is then funnelled outside of the Whanganui economy. These retailers therefore have a degree of responsibility to Whanganui residents to “give back” rather than simply take – their “social licence” to operate and compete against locally owned businesses relies on participating within their local community.
21. Federated Farmers therefore **recommends** the Council remove the allocation of \$170,000 to relocate the homeless from the Annual Plan and instead approach the large national and multi-national retailers operating locally to fund this initiative.

**Recommendations:**

- **That the Council remove the allocation of \$170,000 to relocate the homeless from the Annual Plan and instead approach the large national and multi-national retailers operating locally to fund this initiative.**

**Expenditure on local amenities**

22. Federated Farmers is concerned with the Council’s expenditure on local amenities, such as the Aviary and the Sarjeant Gallery. Council has called for specific feedback on the Aviary, however, Federated Farmers considers the Council general approach to expenditure on local amenities needs to be addressed.
23. While Council run amenities are utilised by some locals, they are also draw in tourists. Federated Farmers acknowledges that tourism is an important part of Whanganui’s economy, however, it only select elements of Whanganui’s economy (such as visitor accommodation, cafes, restaurants, CBD shops, etc) that directly benefit from tourists. It should therefore be those elements of Whanganui’s economy that directly benefit from tourism that pay for local amenities that draw tourists in.
24. Federated Farmers therefore **recommends** Council adopt a targeted rate for local businesses that benefit from tourism to pay for local amenities, such as the Aviary and the Serjeant Gallery.

**Recommendations:**

- **That the Council adopt a targeted rate for local businesses that benefit from tourism to pay for local amenities, such as the Aviary and the Serjeant Gallery.**

**Carbon forestry rates**

25. Federated Farmers is concerned with the growing amount of carbon forestry occurring within the district. Current central Government policy is driving a spike in exotic afforestation which is having an adverse effect on rural communities. Federated Farmers is wishes to work with Council on addressing the implications of increased carbon forestry.
26. Increased carbon forestry creates a number of issues. For example:

- a. How does Council intend to rate carbon forestry who (in theory) make no use of Council services?
  - b. What will happen to land in carbon forestry when carbon sequestration is no longer possible or the carbon price drops and becomes uneconomic?
  - c. How are neighbours of carbon forestry to have their boundaries maintained or minimise fire risk?
27. Federated Farmers sees the increasing conversion to carbon forestry becoming a significant issue that will affect the wider Whanganui region, not just Whanganui district (i.e. inland Waverley, Waitotara, Maxwell, Kai Iwi, Brunswick, Whanganui River Road, Aberfeldy, Mangamahu and Hunterville).
28. For these reasons, Federated Farmers **recommends** the Council and Rural Community Board to set up a working group to urgently look at this before they start on next year's Long Term Plan.

**Recommendations:**

- **That the Council and Rural Community Board set up a working group to urgently look at the issues of increased carbon forestry before starting on next year's Long Term Plan.**

**Ends**

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**About**

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector advocacy organisation that represents farmers, and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their businesses in a fair and flexible commercial environment.
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community.
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

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**Federated Farmers thanks the Whanganui District Council for considering our submission on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.**

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 433  
**reference** 242051337230701  
**First name** Marion  
**Last name** Sanson  
**Organisation** Living Wage Whanganui  
**Role**

**Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

**Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

Living Wage Whanganui 2023 Annual Plan Submission.docx

**Submission method** Email

## Living Wage Whanganui

### Submission on Whanganui District Council's Annual Plan 2023/24

In December 2022 Kapiti District Council became an accredited Living Wage Employer. Living Wage Whanganui (LWW) had been striving for our District Council to gain this accolade as a progressive forward-thinking organisation, but the honour went south to Kapiti.

Kapiti's Mayor, Janet Holborow, acknowledged her Council is already paying its employees the living wage and was working through other steps that would be required to gain accreditation, including developing an implementation plan and exploring the implications for council contracts for service.

"Making sure the people who do work on Council's behalf can afford to pay basic expenses such as food, transportation, housing, and childcare is important to us.

"It is widely acknowledged that the rising cost of living is placing additional pressure on households and becoming an accredited Living Wage Employer strongly aligns with the outcomes sought in our Long-term Plan," the Mayor said.

"We want our communities to be resilient, safe, healthy, thriving and connected where everyone has a sense of belonging and can access the resources and services they need.

"By becoming an accredited Living Wage Employer, the Council would be ensuring that anyone directly employed by the Council, or contracted on a regular and on-going basis, receives the income necessary to access the basic necessities of life, and to live with dignity and participate as active citizens in society."

For the past 2 years, LWW has been able to congratulate WDC on paying its directly employed workers at or above the current LW rate. We await the response to this year's LGOIMA request, hoping that all workers are paid as a minimum the current LW rate of \$23.65 per hour.

LWW's submission is that Whanganui District Council adopt a remuneration policy that –

- positions WDC as a principled employer, offering a fair rate of pay, rather than recruiting at a rate at which people will apply for roles,
- pays all council employees at a minimum, the current Living Wage rate, and
- commits to working towards accreditation as a LW employer.

Council could take the step of contacting Kapiti District Council to hear about their experience of the journey to LW accreditation.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present on our submission and provide information about the Living Wage concept.

Heoi anō

Marion Sanson for Living Wage Whanganui

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 436  
**reference** 617050831234802  
**First name** Carolyn  
**Last name** Bates  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

## KEY ISSUES

Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Further comments

Carolyn Bates – Submission 2023 to Wanganui District Council

Reference number	617050831234802
First name	Carolyn
Last name	Bates
Email address	[REDACTED]
Postal address	[REDACTED]
Daytime phone number	[REDACTED]
Organisation name	-
Your role	-
Gender	[REDACTED]
Age group	[REDACTED]
Ethnicity	[REDACTED]
Location	[REDACTED]
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	
<b>Consultation Question</b>	
Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary	I would like that the Aviary is made to be accessible for disabled visitors.
Please provide any comments in support of your response.	All including visitors in Wheelchairs should be able to easily visit.
Looking out to the next three years, what do you think are the biggest challenges and opportunities facing Whanganui and where do you think council should focus its efforts?	Improve communications with the local and wider community. I have had challenges finding information on the council website, plus when I have telephoned the council. Eg Staff do not



	<p>know the answers to (in my mind) basic questions eg what was the deadline date of this year's Consultation process!</p>
<p>Looking out to the next 10-30 years, what do you think will be the big challenges for the next generation/s of Whanganui residents?</p>	
<p>Do you have any other comments or general feedback you wish to make?</p>	<p><b>Item One: Paying to Park / Provision of Change Machines</b>  I recommend Whanganui Council provide at least one location in the city where drivers are able to access change to use in parking meters. Parking in Wanganui (for me) is an extremely frustrating exercise: Sourcing "change" is a nightmare: - Banks either will not provide or charge \$5 for the privilege LOL - Shops are reluctant to provide coins. One shop when I spent over \$240 there, refused to provide me with coins by way of swapping a note for coins. You can be certain that is now a shop of last resort! - I even have been into the main Council building and that was an exercise in futility as well! Paying by Credit Card. - Not everyone has this facility. - If used the cost can more than double the cost to park for a short while! All in all, what ought to be an easy thing to do puts me off coming to Wanganui to shop.</p> <p><b>Item Two: Not for Profit - Parking / Helping Volunteers do good work</b>  I recommend Council provides more flexible parking options for Seniors. Council provide a facility for SuperGold Card holders to park for free between 8.00am and 11.00am, Monday to Friday, in the CBD. I am a holder of a SuperGold Card but feel I and others are being disadvantaged. The majority of times I come to the the Whanganui CBD is to attend meetings or to volunteer at the - Wanganui Branch of Diabetes New Zealand or - Brain Injury Association of Whanganui I am a Board Member and do what I can to support those organisations as well as activities</p>

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Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
How have you submitted in the past?	No
How did you hear about this consultation?	A friend gave me a printed Consultation Document.
How do you prefer to receive news from Council?	Email is preferred to post.
Submission method	Email

## Annual Plan 2023/24

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**Submission method**

Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

Speaking

**ID** 437  
**reference** 684050834235702  
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**Last name** Newell  
**Organisation** Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service Inc.  
**Role** Administrator/Treasurer/Building

## KEY ISSUES

**Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

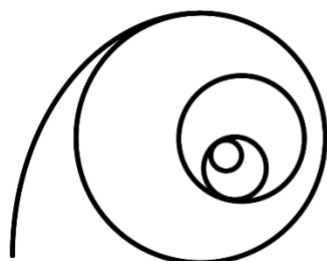
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## Attachments

WSLS Business Case 2023.pdf

**Submission method** Email



**WANGANUI**  
SURF LIFEGUARD SERVICES

## Partnership Proposal 2023

## **Introduction**

The Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service (WSLS) is presenting this proposal case to the Whanganui District Council (WDC) to request additional annual funding to our Lifeguarding Contract.

## **Overview of Partnership**

WDC commits to community partnerships supporting the achievement of Safer Whanganui through its 10-Year Plan 2015 – 2025, Whanganui Leading Edge. The success of Safer Whanganui is contingent upon the integration of community agencies that actively collaborate towards 'A Safe Whanganui' –a safer place to Live, Learn, Work and Play.

The Operations Group of WDC listed the WSLS as a key partner for this outcome and have been contracted to provide professional lifeguarding services at Castlecliff and Kai-iwi beaches during the summer period.

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Provide qualified and refreshed lifeguards under the recognition of SLSNZ to patrol the stated beaches.
- Patrol Castlecliff and Kai-iwi Beaches during the summer period to ensure maximum safety on our beaches.
- Perform Preventative Actions
- Provide First Aid and Emergency first response on the Beaches.
- Work alongside WDC to promote water safety.

## **Background and Our Mission**

The WSLS has been safeguarding Wanganui Beaches for more than 100 years and is arguably the oldest club in New Zealand. As far as the records show, there has, since the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1911, been a body of men and women at Castlecliff beach assisting the community to enjoy our beaches safety.

Some of the first records from 1926 until the end of the 1956 show rescues were as low as of 14 per year on average and drownings decreased dramatically.

For the 2021-22 season the WSLS performed only 4 rescues and were no drownings on our coast. However, over 5000 recorded preventive actions from our lifeguards kept our beaches safe.

For the 2022-23 season, 26 lifeguards were employed and patrolled for well over 3100 hours. Our operational model enables us to patrol between the red and yellow flags at Castlecliff and Kai-iwi Beaches and is made up of a team of a minimum nine (9) refreshed, qualified and Police vetted lifeguards, four (4) are stationed at each beach and both patrol teams are overseen by our supervisor.

The WSLS are one 1 of only 12 clubs out of 75 in the country to patrol more than one separate beach which makes us unique and being a non for profit organisation run by a volunteered

Board of Directors, we therefore require a supervisor to oversee all patrol operations and to co-ordinate any first-aids and rescue operations during the patrols. This also creates double the administrative load on the club.

The WSLs strive to keep drownings on our beaches at zero and educate the public about the dangers in and around our beaches by using pro-active lifeguarding techniques.

## The Issue

We have been faced with three rising issues with our funding from our community contract with the Whanganui District Council.

### Issue #1

Since our last submission to the Annual plan back in 2019 where we received a welcomed increase of funding, we have been faced with many increases of including rising minimum wage and operation costs due to inflation. The WSLs unfortunately hasn't had sufficient funding increases to balance out the rising increases.

See tables below of our funding stats:

#### **Funding History**

Year	Funding received	Funding difference	Total Hours Worked	Totals Days Worked
2022-23	\$ 97,916	+ \$ 3140	3,100 (TBC)*	58
2021-22	\$ 94,776	No increase	3,264	65
2020-21	\$ 94,774	+ \$ 3,776	3,119	60
2019-20 **	\$ 91,000	+ \$ 19,000 **	3,201	60

\* 2022-23 patrol report has not been collaborated and finalised.

\*\* 2019-20 was when we received out funding increase in result from our 2019 annual submission.

#### **Funding compared to increased minimum wages**

Year	Total Hours	Minimum wage	Wage difference	Additional funding required to suit wage increase	Funding difference vs wage increases
2023-24*	3,347 estimated	\$ 22.70	+ \$1.50	\$ 5,020.50	- \$ 5,020.5
2022-23	3,100 (TBC)	\$ 21.20	+ \$ 1.20	\$ 3,720.00	- \$ 580.00
2021-22	3,264	\$ 20.00	+ \$ 1.10	\$ 3,590.40	- \$ 3,590.40
2020-21	3,119	\$ 18.90	+ \$ 1.20	\$ 3,742.80	+ \$ 33.20
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,073.70</b>	<b>- \$9,157.70</b>

\* Estimated figures for the upcoming 2023-24 season.

Since our last submission in 2019 minimum wage has increased \$ 5.00 per hour and requiring and additional \$ 16,073.70 (based of the historic total hours work) in funding yet we have only received an additional \$ 6,916.00 in funding since 2019, if we don't receive a funding boost for the upcoming season we will be unable to provide the 60days of service which covers the school holidays and weekends till end of February. These figures in the table above don't show the increased operational costs due to inflation.

For the WSLs to work 60 days at Castlecliff and Kai-iwi Beach we will require an additional \$15,000+gst.

### Issue #2

At our last submission in we raised the issue of competition arising with other employers paying the living wage. According to Livingwage.org.nz, from 1<sup>ST</sup> September 2023, the living wage hourly rate will be \$26.00 per hour.

SLSNZ Central Region currently have around 50% of their regional patrolled beaches starting rate as the Living Wage which is funded and supported by the local Councils, some of those areas include Wellington District Council, Hastings District Council and Kapiti Coast District Council. SLSNZ Central Region have made the decision for the upcoming season to pay all regional beach lifeguards the living wage starting at \$26 per hour to offer fair pay and retention of lifeguards.

It is our understanding that the WDC have started paying the Splash Centre lifeguards living wage aswell.

The WSL Board of Directors have agreed to align with SLSNZ that for the upcoming 2023-24 season the starting rate for SLSNZ Qualified lifeguards will match the Living Wage. Our qualified lifeguards payrate will start at the living wage then get paid for each qualification they gain.

For the WSL to work an estimated 60 days at Castlecliff and Kai-iwi Beach with implementation of the living wage we will require an additional \$ 28,000+gst.

### **Issue #3**

The funding we have previously received has only covered wages for lifeguards and some operational costs during the 3 months over summer to provide our lifeguarding service. The club must source funding elsewhere for operational costs during the other 9 months of the year and well as fund training, upgrade and maintain equipment etc, we currently receive no funding for administrations.

The funding received from WDC has not been used to pay an administrator since 2016 when the WDC granted us \$10,000 for administrative support, however this was only a one-off.

The WSL carry a large administrative load to complete employment applications and contracts, rostering, payroll and reporting and as well as ensuring our club meets all WDC and SLSNZ requirements in health an safety, polices, and performance measures.

Our WDC Community Contract includes performance measures such as;

- The lifeguards are qualified to a standard agreed with Surf Lifeguard New Zealand.
- All lifeguards are Police Vetted to ensure that society's vulnerable members, including children, older people and people with special needs are protected.
- All Whanganui Lifeguards adhere to the Whanganui Surf Lifeguard Service 'Code of Practice.
- Provision of the Club Standard Operation Procedures (CSOPs) signed off and approved by Whanganui Surf Lifeguard Board and SLSNZ before patrolling commences in December 2022
- That Whanganui Surf Lifeguards adhere to the SLSNZ polices and regulations (ensures best practice and SLSNZ insurance cover and covers changes to the Health and Safety Act).
- Breakdown of number of lifeguards and hours worked.
- Annual equipment audit.
- Provision of Christmas Day service for both beaches.
- The provision of audited accounts.
- Provision of Patrol Operations report 2022/2023 by 30 June 2023.
- Reporting completed by 12 July 2023 (template supplied).

All these measures have been completed by our volunteer staff. Our current volunteer administrator will be stepping down at our next AGM in August, this workload cannot be easily passed onto another volunteer.

The role also includes dealing with professional, confidential and time sensitive information which requires some accountability.



The WSLs seek to employ and pay an administrator to complete these tasks required by the WDC. We estimate this to cost around \$ 10,000+gst.

## **In Addition**

The WSLs is currently working towards a new club facility at Castlecliff Beach. In early 2022 we received some Central Government funding (allocated by SLSNZ) to obtain a Feasibility Study on our current building, the recommendations were that the current building wasn't feasible to refurbish and proposed a new building.

At our club AGM in October 2022 our members moved to engage with the WDC and Progress Castlecliff to form a building committee to explore incorporating a community space, public toilets and changing facilities for which the doomed Duncan Pavilion currently supports.

The WSLs has received a further \$156,000+gst grant from Central Government funding (allocated by SLSNZ) for Design and consenting which we are currently in early stages of working on.

We have been working closely with the WDC to incorporate the Coastal Action Plan and are joining the community workshops to present our proposed locations and concepts.

To continue this joint proposal the WSLs wish to seek funding from the WDC Annual Plan a one-off grant of \$10,000+gst to further engage and prepare a business case to present to the WDC Long Term Plan on how we can incorporate these spaces.

## **Proposal**

WSLS is seeking an additional \$ 28,000+gst annually to make up the increased minimum wages and inflation from the past 4 years and then pay our lifeguards the minimum of living wage of \$26 per hour, and an additional \$ 10,000+gst annually to fund the administrator to ensure we meet all of the performance measures of our Community Contract annually on top of our current funding of \$ 97,619+gst.

The WSLs Board of Directors have budgeted for the 2023-24 season continuing an estimated 60 days of service and allowing for the starting rate of the Living wage increase as well as a perfect season with safe swimming conditions. This would total to around 3347 lifeguard hours with a budget of \$ 135,619+gst, (an total increase of \$ 38,000+gst).

WSLS wish to seek funding from the WDC Annual Plan of \$10,000+gst one-off grant to engage and prepare an business Case to present to the WDC Long Term Plan.

The funding we receive from the WDC would cover paying our surf lifeguards the living wage, some of the running costs of the club including an administrator.

## **Benefits**

This funding increase will not only help us commit to having lifeguards on our beaches during the summer but will also continue to increase the beach safety provided to the community.

The last time we didn't have lifeguards on the beach during summer due to limited funding, a young man drowned at Castlecliff Beach on Christmas Day. Before that incident there had not been a drowning at Castlecliff beach for 12 years.

This shows the importance of our presence and the job we do on our beaches. Our lifeguards are not just there to pull people out of trouble, but to stop them from getting into trouble in the first place. This is achieved by pro-active lifeguarding which includes providing awareness through social media, safety demonstrations and beach education, junior surf as well as communicating with public as they enter the water and letting them know off the hazards they are about to enter.

The main benefits of this funding increase will give the community reassurance and safe keeping to either Castlecliff or Kai-iwi Beach during the patrol hours.

## Conclusion

The viable option to ensure that Castlecliff and Kai-iwi Beaches are patrolled for over 60 days during summer and maintain a zero drownings rate between the flags and meet all WDC and SLSNZ requirements is to have the continuous support from the WDC and have our funding increased by \$ 38,000+gst to a total of \$ 135,619+gst per annum with a provision to increase each year with inflation and wage increases and with a one-off grant of \$10,000+gst to present a detailed business case to the WDC Long Term Plan submissions for a joint Community facility at Castlecliff beach.

<b>Summary Figures</b>	
Lifeguard wages & patrol operating costs	\$ 125,619 +gst - Annually
Administration & reporting costs	\$ 10,000 +gst - Annually
Business Case submission to Long Term Plan	\$ 10,000 +gst - One-off
Total	<b>\$ 145,619 +gst</b>

The WSLs strive to keep drownings on our beaches and educate the public of the dangers in and around our beaches. These objectives can only be achieved with the support of WDC and that of the community

The WSLs are happy to present this submission at their oral hearing and answer any questions.

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N.B. All other uncited materials courtesy of the authors WSLS Board of Directors and reviewed by SLSNZ

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- WSLS = Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service Inc
- WDC = Whanganui District Council
- SLSNZ = Surf Life Saving New Zealand
- CSOP = Club Standard Operating Procedures
- NSOP = National Standard Operating Procedures
- POM = Patrol Operations Manual
- IRB = Inflatable Rescue Boat
- GST = Goods and Service Tax (all costs are GST Exclusive unless otherwise stated).

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 1  
**reference** 067041353234603  
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**Last name** Dent  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

An educational experience can be sought at Palmy esplanade, and we cannot afford to spend unnecessary money right now .  
Rates rises need to be kept as low as possible

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 2  
**reference** 502041906234703  
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**Last name** Hanna  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Caring for the elderly, three waters

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

climate change preparation

### Further comments

I'd love it if Council could please consider installing a pedestrian crossing at the Fitzherbert Ave extension near Mosston Road, near the Broadview Retirement Village. There are a large number of residents young and old for whom this would be an essential addition to ensure a safe crossing across this now very busy road. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 3  
**reference** 859042059231603  
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**Last name** Langford  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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I strongly support improvements in animal welfare at the aviary. I have been involved in trying to ask for better conditions, including provision of enrichment ideas but changes need to happen more quickly and extensively. I would support a vast reduction in numbers of birds, only male population as there is no need to breed the birds, a better aviary environment and well qualified staff. If this can't be done I would support closure.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Whanganui wants to make the most of its tourism but we are struggling for quality accommodation and restaurants in town. The variety of places to visit around Whanganui could be better but this will improve once the Sarjeant reopens. I would love to see more money invested in the beach area at Castlecliff as most other towns really showcase their beaches and they feel like safer areas.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Housing and access to healthcare.

### Further comments

I would love to see increases to grants for improvements to CBD buildings, with the intention of promoting more living spaces above shops, apartments etc centrally. This can only improve access to housing, cut use of cars, boost spending in the CBD.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 4  
**reference** 248040743231404  
**First name** Jacqueline  
**Last name** Hughes  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is part of the visitor experience that contributes to making Whanganui a diverse and engaging destination. Many small towns and cities in NZ have public parks and lakes, but the inclusion of the aviary sets Whanganui apart. I agree that the complex needs attention and the conditions the birds living in the enclosure needs attention. Thank you for engaging a qualified person to conduct an audit at the aviary.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Homelessness (visible and invisible): assistance and guidance for residents experiencing homelessness  
Littering and rubbish dumping: campaigns needed to encourage residents to take pride in where they live  
River dredging: an ongoing issue

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Traffic management: as Whanganui grows access to parts of the city will become difficult

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 5  
**reference** 769040907231904  
**First name** Jay  
**Last name** Paterson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

I am against the caging of birds for entertainment so would prefer the option of closing the aviary and re-homing the birds

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 7  
**reference** 516041351231404  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** Williamson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I visit Virginia Lake and the Aviary at least once a fortnight with a group of pre-school children. The Aviary is a much anticipated highlight every visit. The children (aged 2 and 3 years) even a special name for the the Cockatoo(s) -"Polly cracker". We cannot leave the lake without going to talk to Polly cracker!

I certainly agree that the aviary could do with an upgrade, and foremost the birds welfare must be top priority. It would be a shame to lose it, it would be missed by many.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 8  
**reference** 577041654235604  
**First name** Joanna  
**Last name** Buckingham  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

It is clear that the aviary has not been a priority for the council and has relied on the goodwill of staff members who have done the best with low investment from council. This is clearly reflected in the report where the staff member was reported to take sick birds home and also the lack of management oversight to put SOPs in place. The idea that this aviary is a out of towners drawcard is deluded. Animal welfare is number one and a council cannot ignore these just because of nostalgia.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Low wages and high cost of living will continue to be to the demerit of our community, especially those are already struggling. Council needs to support community wellbeing through being an anchor institution and rolemodel what is needed to support a Whanganui for Whanganui, by Whanganui.

Council needs to embrace that the future impact of councils will be in the community development space and there is merit in centralisation for infrastructure services. Whanganui is likely to continue to see a degradation in options for post secondary school education in community and subsequent brain drain.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Lack of opportunity, particularly in training. Ageing population.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 9  
**reference** 828041854232604  
**First name** Richard  
**Last name** Shepherd  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 10  
**reference** 181042001233404  
**First name** Leonie  
**Last name** Schmidt  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 11  
**reference** 067040659231705  
**First name** Claire  
**Last name** Hargraves  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Get Rid of gambling, poke machines, particularly in Victoria Avenue. Students from City College go in there. Don't give permission for any more. Increased traffic, too many accidents, attitude of drivers, drifting and racing on roads - closing of UCOL courses is short sighted, development of youth training schemes, where are the next generation of tradies?, retaining Whanganui's uniqueness as the population increases with price rises impacting so many, development of Whanganui's art/creative skills and tourist opportunities e.g. Whanganui Walls, continue to have focussed festivals. Love the flowers and gardening around roundabouts, increase job opportunities for plant nurseries. Flooding - 100 year events are happening for frequently.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Utilities for the increased population, cost of comfortable housing, training opportunities with jobs at the end,

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 12  
**reference** 830041054230405  
**First name** Gill  
**Last name** Brock  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

If closed, it would be great to have the playground area extended and money spent on this.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Coping with aging population and encouraging young families & small businesses to expand.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Aging population

**Submission method** Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 13  
**reference** 363041056230305  
**First name** V  
**Last name** Smith-Howell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

We enjoy the aviary as a family and it would be great to see it fit for the animals.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 14  
**reference** 900041617231905  
**First name** Krystal  
**Last name** Waine Hartley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is an integral part of Virginia lake and a point of difference for Whanganui . As a child I loved visiting and took my neices and nephews there, and still enjoy it as an adult.

In regards to cutting costs, or with staffing - what about fundraising and setting up a volunteer group to help care for the birds, and provide education sessions to visitors.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Whanganui needs to focus on developing a cohesive identity. We need to move forward as a community, and invest in community initiatives. If we could get Massey Creative Arts to come here - amazing! Whanganui used to have one of the best art and design schools in Asia Pacific, we are a beautiful town and that creative identity I think is the key to success.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Whanganui needs to build strong community infrastructure, where people help people. We need to build an identity that future generations can be proud of and make people want to relocate here for the lifestyle and opportunities.

### Further comments

I have a Vision of green areas being turned into vegetable gardens and people working together , knowledge sharing how to grow, build and develop a sustainable garden....even cooking. These are life skills we are losing, people are no longer living as sustainably as they could and we are seeing the impact on our environment. imagine Whanganui becoming NZ's most sustainable community would be such an amazing marketing angle.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 15  
**reference** 756041619231005  
**First name** MARGARET  
**Last name** HURLEY  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is an asset for our community. My preferred option would be Option 1 but I understand the constraints of funding for the council. Could the council, ratepayers as k a Community group to help offset the costs involved by volunteering there services. eg Lions Club, Rotary, Probus Clubs etc. Maybe a committee of volunteers to make a group to look at funding options.

A donations box, voluntary only, set up. I would happily donate each time I went or maybe a way to become a paying member. ? Friends of Virginia Lake Apairy ?

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Providing what everybody wants will be the biggest challenge. Maybe do phone surveys of a LARGE number of ratepayers who reside in Whanganui with options for what is the most important thing the person wishes the Council to do. Keeping the rates down is a must. Keeping public facilities open. Encourage going Green options among staff. eg if you do not use private car to get to work or commute for meetings. Maybe lucky drawer for something each week. Council members paid for only what they accomplish /attend. Not a salary. We need to continue attempting to grow our businesses.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Affordability of housing costs, whether renting or owning. Finding a place to live.  
Rates costs.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 16  
**reference** 263041624233405  
**First name** Blair  
**Last name** JonEs  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Jobs, cost, culture, climate, focus on keeping Mahi or work, keeping costs reasonable, creating a place where culture lives for young and other and people feel good or included, that includes sick and elder.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Jobs, cost, culture, climate

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 17  
**reference** 185041644232205  
**First name** Ann  
**Last name** Blackwell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It's not worth upgrading and not educating people especially people from overseas

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Traffic and parking costs, too many homeless causing problems and boy racers, crime

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

No more than we had infact they will have it easier

### Further comments

No

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 18  
**reference** 607041728231505  
**First name** Martin  
**Last name** Rothman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

I am writing to express my opposition to the continued operation of the local aviary. I believe that there are ethical issues to be considered regarding the confinement of birds, in addition to the important economic ones.

Birds are highly social animals that are meant to fly and move around freely in the wild. When they are confined to cages, they are denied the ability to engage in natural behaviors such as flying, foraging, and socializing with other birds of their kind. This can lead to physical and psychological harm, including stress, depression, and other maladies, as observed by the experts who wrote the independent report commissioned by the council.

Furthermore, in society in general, there is increasing concern for animal welfare. Zoos have come under increasing pressure, and aviaries are zoos for birds. And ours is a very small, cramped bird zoo which is woefully out-of-date. As such, I believe that the local aviary should be closed, especially given the small and dilapidated state of the current facilities.

Sincerely,

Martin Rothman

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 19  
**reference** 596041838230705  
**First name** Jacob  
**Last name** Tessler  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The aviary has reached the state its in due to years of neglect from the council and only seems to have been kept running by a few caring staff. It clearly hasn't been a valued asset in the past, so why now? If it didn't already exist, would we ever consider building one? We shouldn't be making decisions like this based on nostalgia. We'd be better off using that funding for native planting and predator trapping to make Virginia Lake and other parks a destination for native birds . Far more educational and enjoyable as a visitor experience than an aviary.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 20  
**reference** 785040949233106  
**First name** Jan  
**Last name** Pavarno  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aviary is an iconic structure and an important part of the Rotokawa Park. Many tourists and locals visit it. It is a great place to take children so see the birds and it would be a huge loss to the Park and to Wanganui if it were to be demolished. I think it would be very short sighted of the Council to close down this very valuable asset to Wanganui. It is always on my list of things to do when I have out of town visitors and grandchildren.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 21  
**reference** 083041112234706  
**First name** Malcolm  
**Last name** Affleck  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Close it or put on an entrance fee - user pays

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Roading , infrastructure keeping debt levels to a minimum

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Having a river that needs dredging

### Further comments

The bus service "The Tide" is a dead duck

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 22  
**reference** 261041134232406  
**First name** John  
**Last name** Maslin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I would rather the council adopt an all-inclusive approach to the problem. Option 1 appears to cover all the bases, being mindful of the animal welfare but also improving the overall standard of the aviary. The aviary is a recognised attraction but is in desperate need of a makeover. And we would assume much closer management of the facility would be a major outcome from the report.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Focus on both its urban growth strategy (to ensure well managed urban development). And while there can be significant costs involved, an concerted effort to populate the obvious number of vacant buildings in the central city .

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Climate change.

### Further comments

I believe the council is making the best efforts to liver within its budget but it needs to keep in min the numbers of people on fixed incomes who are feeling the pinch at the moment.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 23  
**reference** 303041334233906  
**First name** Gillian  
**Last name** Pickett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I think the aviary and bird life is a valuable asset to Whanganui. The fact that it is "free" for everyone to look/listen and enjoy is very important for all age groups. Our family have lived here for 24 years and have enjoyed it every time we visit Virginia lake. Please don't take it away!

Thank you

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 24  
**reference** 399041440230606  
**First name** Tania  
**Last name** King  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

No animal or bird should be caged

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Ensuring we have an active, healthy, connected community. A focus needs to be more on the communities wellbeing and accessibility to health care, active recreation and play opportunities which strengthen their health and wellbeing.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Health care and housing challenges are only going to get worse

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 25  
**reference** 918041450230006  
**First name** Ceinwen  
**Last name** Pa'a  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

As a rate payer - I don't think updating the aviary is a good way to spend my money.

I think that upgrading the playground beside the aviary and also the bbq area there, would be a better thing to do.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 26  
**reference** 996041506234506  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** O'Connor  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

There is so much potential for the space where the aviary is to be put to better use - it could be an inclusive play space, or an accessible playground. It's frustrating that the Council is deferring spend on accessible playgrounds and yet considering further expenditure on a project like this.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Biggest opportunity is Te Awa Tupua, continuing to strengthen partnerships with iwi to develop infrastructure around the awa to enable commercial, recreational and tourism experiences i.e, high quality hospitality, bike pathways, activities on the water, activating bridges and the port. Challenges will be the continued cost of living, as well as lack of affordable housing stock and accommodation to attract big events.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Cost of living, climate change and the associated impacts on the environment. Accessibility, particularly for an aging population.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 27  
**reference** 365041750235407  
**First name** Karen  
**Last name** Gray  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

I would rather see birds flying free. Aviaries are outdated in my view. I support closure of the aviary.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Homelessness.

Opportunities: to encourage restoration and retention of heritage buildings. Making sure the Opera House continues to be maintained and affordable for the touring shows and local talent to book. Keeping the velodrome functioning, a great facility near Cooks Garden

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

climate change, planning for extreme weather events and future proofing for these.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 28  
**reference** 748041050231308  
**First name** Craig  
**Last name** Oakman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Over the many years the aviary has been at Virginia Lake our multiple generations of children have enjoyed viewing exotic birds and being able to be amongst them. It is an asset to this lovely provincial city. I beleive option 2 is the best for affordability. Opition 1 would change the avairy into something else which is O.K. but do we really need it?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 29  
**reference** 987041643234110  
**First name** Michael  
**Last name** O'Grady  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Poor quality aviary, poor animal welfare standard

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Great opportunity to make Whanganui a most livable city in NZ - making it easy to walk and cycle, developing green spaces, making a truly sustainable city.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Adapting to climate change.

Adapting to a growing population.

Increasing property prices and cost of living.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 30  
**reference** 161040824235311  
**First name** Gemma  
**Last name** Bartley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Money will be better spent elsewhere. Virginia Lake has many other fantastic attractions that entice visitors to it.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Opportunities are our youth / young people. It's been great to see a 'play' focus with the Great Whanganui Play Trail and I think it's a great opportunity to add more to the area of 'play' and family-focused initiatives.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 31  
**reference** 913040946230911  
**First name** Charles George  
**Last name** Annear  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This city wants to attract visitors and improving their experience is a priority.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 32  
**reference** 445041204232011  
**First name** Stephenie  
**Last name** Davis  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The aviary is beautiful however animal welfare is so important, and keeping animals in captivity isn't the way to go. I'm all for relocating the birds and perhaps we look to promote Bushy Park a little more. I know seeing our beautiful manu in their natural habitat is way better than seeing them in an enormous cage. Happy for the aviary to close and the birds be rehomed accordingly. I know my mokopuna (and my children before them) would always ask why the birds aren't allowed to fly outside and have to be stuck inside the big cage.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 33  
**reference** 307041713233011  
**First name** Erina  
**Last name** Cresswell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I would like to see the aviary kept and upgraded.

As a mother of an ASD child we visited the aviary daily for a number of years while my son was young . Routine is beneficial to many who have Autism.. A lake walk, winter gardens, walk through the aviary to end up at the playground was our daily routine. Exposure to animals that need looking after is also beneficial to neurodiverse children, lots of good learning opportunities for empathy, compassion and nurturing.

My son is now a tween and the aviary use has changed for us. As a home school student the aviary is now a place where he learns photography. In 2020 he was a ( child) finalist with two photos in the Kiwi Gardener Birdlife Photo Competition, both taken in and around the aviary.

So while the zoologists report came back as there being little educational value in the current aviary, there is indeed educational value for not all children learn the same. Upgrading the aviary to be more educational would I believe be apprenticed by local parents. To lose it completely would take away venue and method of teachable moments for parents .

I appreciate that this means an extra increase in rates. But it is an attraction for tourists (along with the lake walk and winter gardens), it is not uncommon to find a tourist bus in the car park. It also makes Wanganui more child friendly, helps to attract new residents who in turn will be paying rates. It is an investment in our city's future.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Attachments

Kiwi Gardener 2020 .jpg

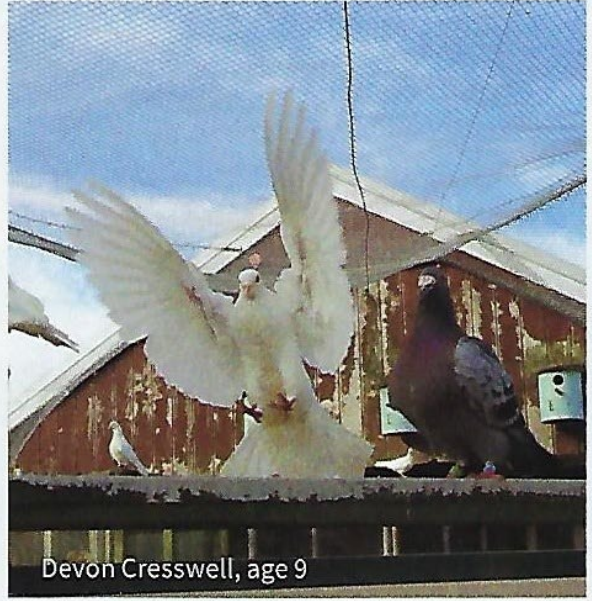
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Online

## Child Finalists



Devon Cresswell, age 9



Devon Cresswell, age 9

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 34  
**reference** 241042215234511  
**First name** kylie  
**Last name** mclean  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

As a rate payer I would love to see this continue - I have memories of visiting this a child but also bringing my own children. Recently I've been a home-based educator and we visit the lake weekly to feed the ducks and visit the aviary. It's a different experience for the children, they love coming to see the birds and I think it's a shame to see it go. It's part of the whole package (lake/ducks/bird aviary and playground)

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 35  
**reference** 086042218230311  
**First name** Shannen  
**Last name** Guilford  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Would be a shame to see it go

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 36  
**reference** 823042221230211  
**First name** Debbie  
**Last name** Jarrett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is a great free attraction that is very popular and worth upgrading to keep it going.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think council should focus on Maintaining the assets we already have and add to what we have. E.g. add a new feature at kowhai park every two years; add more sculptures around the river to encourage people to exercise and walk around the bridges. try and keep Ucol courses in Whanganui if council are allowed to step in - especially trade courses.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Maintaining/upgrading assets if they haven't been maintained when required.

### Further comments

I think you should charge people to view the sarjeant gallery when it finally opens. Even just \$2-\$5 per person would help pay for itself and help cover wages so it doesn't all fall on ratepayers.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 37  
**reference** 10504222233111  
**First name** Tapirioterangi  
**Last name** Pirikahu  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is the best part of Rotokawau.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 38  
**reference** 657042230232311  
**First name** Jasmin  
**Last name** Dragicevic  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 39  
**reference** 708042253233711  
**First name** Tina  
**Last name** Hart  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Like I have said on Facebook. I think involving Dawn from the bird rescue to help with ideas on how to best enrich these birds lives. I also think, if needed, there is room to extend the aviary on the road side of the building, to the side where you exit the Avery.

We can't lose the Avery or these birds, we just need to find away to make sure it's the best it can be for both the birds and the visitors.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think tourism is what Whanganui should focus on. Along with looking at how to get businesses to open, operate and create jobs here.

Also to make sure Whanganui is as accessible to all, especially those with disabilities.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Housing, jobs, tourism, events.

### Further comments

No

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 40  
**reference** 904042302234311  
**First name** Scott  
**Last name** Phillips  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Option 2 or 1 but definitely not close it down. Hopefully improve a bit now, then add to the long term plan and upgrade over time to improve the "Customer Experience" side after the welfare issues are addressed

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Homelessness is a big issue, but building homes for them is not councils job, however council can work to make them safe, and work with other agencies to support and solve for the longterm, it is good to see council already working on this. The lack of progress on recycling is a joke, the rest of NZ has had it for decades, hurry up already. Also, I'm not sure how the RMA changes impact, but alter rain water system requirements for new builds, esp before the government or Iwi build massive subdivisions without proper water control. Mandatory rain water retention and recycling, as well as soak pits for all new builds. It's a no brainer, Kapiti does it

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Control of water, incentivize people to add stormwater retention and soak pits, this helps prevent localized flooding. Also Dublin Bridge replacement. But also retention of our amazing heritage buildings, council own many, and some are in disrepair, council need to have better control over its building assets. AND, ensure that new buildings in the Heritage areas (CBD) etc are complimentary to the current heritage ones

### Further comments

We have some amazing assets, more vision could see them used even better. The Durie Hill elevator could be hired out for weddings and functions (incl the tunnel) it would be self funding and a massive drawcard for the city. Also, upgrade/alter the lights on the Duire Hill Tower so they can be multicoloured, like the sky tower (or Foxtons water tower), put the rainbow colours up for Pride Week, Red and Green like a Christmas tree, something else at Matariki, etc, etc. Also turn the lights off on the Water tower except for Christmas and Easter, we aren't a Christian run town, their religion doesn't trump others

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 41  
**reference** 164040007234312  
**First name** Janine  
**Last name** Delaney  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

The aviary at Rotokawau Virginia Lake is an iconic facility in Wanganui . This facility is a reminder of the need to protect the environment and deserves to be kept if only for that reason. Other than the birds at the lake itself and on the river I am unaware of any other facility in Wanganui which gives exposure to fauna in any capacity . If Wanganui council is truly committed to preservation of the planet this is a small but significant contribution to that cause. Additionally we have a considerable number of visitors from overseas as well as from other areas in New Zealand. There are birds in the aviary that most of them have never seen before. This stimulates valuable conversation around the environment and with the childrens play area right next door it gives extra exposure to future generations as well.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing is a major issue. Increasing Promoting Wanganui as a tourist destination. Recycling waste.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 42  
**reference** 201040041230712  
**First name** Hood  
**Last name** Carina  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 43  
**reference** 275040052230212  
**First name** Felicity  
**Last name** Stanley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 44  
**reference** 130040226234112  
**First name** Mark  
**Last name** Sammons  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 45  
**reference** 873040253233512  
**First name** Mikayla  
**Last name** Shaw  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 47  
**reference** 205040542232012  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Carson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 48  
**reference** 176040544230212  
**First name** Elizabeth  
**Last name** Stubbington  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It is part of Virigina Lake and attracts tourists and locals alike. I feel itbis a good healthy spen.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Finding domewhere else for homeless people. The riverside when people first drive into town isnt yhe pkace

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Infrastructure

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 49  
**reference** 246040545230412  
**First name** Sapphyer  
**Last name** Edwardson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 50  
**reference** 425040605230212  
**First name** Karlene  
**Last name** Gow  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Agree that the Aviary needs to be brought up to the current welfare standards .

Memories are great, but at what cost going forward.

Option 2 chosen as the more prudent cost option, whilst retaining the aviary.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 51  
**reference** 723040609230712  
**First name** Leah  
**Last name** Chadfield  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I am for either Option 1 or Option 2.

Option 3 is definitely a no.

I would much rather my rates contributed to this, than to kerbside recycling even.

Maybe have a look at other cities that have similar, and see what they do.

Also, why not have a donation box nearby, every little bit helps.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Don't go ahead with kerbside recycling.

I can happily take my recycling to the recycling center for FREE. The cost you are estimating is not something people can afford in the current economy.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Growth, and catering to it.

It has been said multiple times that there is limited things to do in Whanganui for children, especially on wet days.

We need indoor facilities, Ten Pin Bowling, Tramp Park, Inflatable climbing toys etc.

### Further comments

Suggesting the closure of the bird aviary, is like suggesting closing down Kowhai Park, it's ludicrous.

As I've said above, we need more things for young families, not closing existing things down.

Listen to the community, save the Aviary over kerbside recycling, cycle paths etc.

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 52  
**reference** 532040618235712  
**First name** Caroline  
**Last name** Towers  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Where / how did you come to this figure ? Do you contract out this work ? Do you obtain quotes? Seems on the high side

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Too much new housing development up Gt Nth Rf without thought to roading/ traffic implications

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Affordable housing

Rates cost

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 53  
**reference** 296040627231612  
**First name** Shannon  
**Last name** Thomson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Look at volunteer services. This is a major tourist attraction within the rohe and needs time, money and attention put into this to not only bring up the standards for the animals but to keep this going for the tourists- and local.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Cost of living crisis- low social economic families.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Change in technology, housing market, cost of living

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 54  
**reference** 189040629235512  
**First name** Nicola  
**Last name** Smith  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 55  
**reference** 458040630233912  
**First name** Briar  
**Last name** Limpus  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 56  
**reference** 886040631234412  
**First name** Lorraine  
**Last name** Swinburne  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aviary in it's current form is a gem. Too see improved environment for birds and people would be great. I lived in Whanganui for 29 years and have family in the town.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 57  
**reference** 371040634235312  
**First name** Tayla  
**Last name** Jurgens  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

These are all big tourist attractions would be a shame to get rid of them considering you are putting millions towards a valendrome that doesn't get used

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 58  
**reference** 726040635233012  
**First name** Emma  
**Last name** Healey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Children and education

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 59  
**reference** 316040636231112  
**First name** Aaron  
**Last name** Wales  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 60  
**reference** 453040638231412  
**First name** Rosie  
**Last name** Mallett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 61  
**reference** 996040638231912  
**First name** Scott  
**Last name** Barrett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I lived in Whanganui and still visit family regularly there. This is one of the few things Whanganui has as an attraction piece. Don't let it be lost! If anything we should be upgrading to include more species with a variety of habitats. But I realise that may be out of budget and possibility

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping Main street businesses alive. Capping landlord rent for shop owners so that businesses can stay afloat. The amount of time I come home and see shops empty on Victoria Avenue is desperately sad. And it's the same story since I was working in a Cafe on mainstream 12 years ago. Rent is too high, and landlords would rather have an empty shop bringing in no money, than taking a little less than market value to help keep Whanganuis economy alive

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

With more people moving there, more events, recreation facilities and others of the like. Create communities with activities. Team sports, rock climbing. More water based sports with the river. Let's give young people more options for alternative recreation outside of school and work other than gangs and drugs.. which is basically all the city currently offers

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 62  
**reference** 833040641234812  
**First name** Karyn  
**Last name** Hoskin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The upgrade of the bird aviary would be a long term investment for Wanganui . Virginia Lake is already the jewel of the city , & this iconic feature of the aviary just adds a draw factor for locals & tourists alike. Removing it would be a true loss to the city, & long term, the city would feel its impact. Please keep this feature that brings much pleasure to young & old, for generations to come. This is my heartfelt recommendation.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 63  
**reference** 715040642235212  
**First name** Louise  
**Last name** Cullen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 64  
**reference** 181040642235612  
**First name** Angelique  
**Last name** Tucker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 65  
**reference** 657040645232912  
**First name** Kelly  
**Last name** Ssgar  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We have a day out during school holidays just to travel over from Sanson and Levin to the lake for a picnic and see the gardens aswell as the avaries. It's a lovely place to visit for the day.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 66  
**reference** 892040648230212  
**First name** Amy-lee  
**Last name** Knight  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

My young boys love coming and seeing the bird aviary and would be disappointed if it went. We also have lots of friends in auckland so when they come down and visit the bird aviary is one place we take them too.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Fix the bank and footpath that is falling down on somme parade

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Can't think of anything now

### Further comments

No

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 67  
**reference** 030040649234512  
**First name** Jen  
**Last name** Barber  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 68  
**reference** 982040652234212  
**First name** Michelle  
**Last name** Polkinghorne  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Footpath/cycle paths Mosston Road.  
Railway Bridge upgrade for pedestrian/cycle  
Fence around Treadwell st park  
Curb side recycling

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 69  
**reference** 076040654233112  
**First name** Polly  
**Last name** Buckley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 70  
**reference** 507040655231212  
**First name** Michaela  
**Last name** Carr  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This aviary has been enjoyed by all ages for many years.

As a teacher we have brought multiple groups to visit the aviary.

As a parent we are frequently visiting the lake and it's a drawing card for activity plans.

Yes it's a lot of money but it's a great asset to our town.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

More playgrounds for families. The huge space on carlton Ave with tiny playground. Extend that like the Livin one and may get so many more people stopping

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 71  
**reference** 885040655235212  
**First name** Cath  
**Last name** Dickison  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Please keep the Aviary, I think it is a great asset for Whanganui.  
There are some great ideas people are posting about supporting it etc.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 72  
**reference** 004040656232612  
**First name** Shaylee  
**Last name** Pirere  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Te Matatini 2025  
Hui Aranga

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 73  
**reference** 129040656233612  
**First name** Shane  
**Last name** Jones  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Birds should be free

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

drainage & roads

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

protecting water

old infrastructure

waste water

Dublin bridge

cycleways around the whole city and out to beach kai iwi loop

try to make the city better for visitor's

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 74  
**reference** 769040658233812  
**First name** Barry  
**Last name** Garland  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary is a popular resource. It seems a little neglected and an upgrade coupled with professional input regarding the ongoing welfare of the birds is necessary.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 75  
**reference** 406040659234312  
**First name** Kathryn  
**Last name** Duffin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing

### Further comments

Put speed cameras in the area's that have issues with racers. Fine them, take their cars if they can't pay the fines.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 76  
**reference** 116040700230712  
**First name** Karina  
**Last name** Davies  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Personally I feel birds should be free creatures, not locked up in cages. But since these birds have always been in captivity it might not be the best option to let them go and close the Aviary.

Therefore I opt for the second option of ensuring the animal welfare is a priority. There are many other things to see and do in Whanganui and are caged birds really such a big tourist driver? Seems a bit archaic.

Just my thoughts.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 77  
**reference** 833040700235912  
**First name** Jess  
**Last name** Feist  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Safety in our town- cameras, homeless management and keeping our roads safe

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Technology- more WiFi somehow? Become a smart city but also keep our heritage

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 78  
**reference** 882040702233812  
**First name** Debbie  
**Last name** Biggar  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 79  
**reference** 474040705231812  
**First name** Holly  
**Last name** Lennox  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Just in the last few weeks we have taken most our school through the aviary to look at and learn about the birds that live there.

When ever we visited Virginia Lake, which is often, we always tour the aviary. It is of great interested to my 8 year old daughter and even my teenage son likes to stop and talk to the cockatoos.

There is always a steady stream of people visiting both local and tourists. It would be a shame to lose this beautiful attraction that brings joy to so many

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 80  
**reference** 492040707231612  
**First name** Janelle  
**Last name** Andrews  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 81  
**reference** 682040707233312  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Hart  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Surely common sense would be to keep the aviary ?!

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 82  
**reference** 119040707233412  
**First name** Taylor  
**Last name** Parker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

We visit the Avery often with my children

There highlight is the talking birds ,

We often visit also if we have out of town visitors

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

More tourists attraction ,

Less flowers on roundabouts and more low maintenance plants . Making other suburbs more presentable

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 83  
**reference** 464040708232112  
**First name** Vicki  
**Last name** Kennedy  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 84  
**reference** 754040708233912  
**First name** Robbie  
**Last name** julian  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Lovely land close to Avery. Avery could be expanded to a bigger walk thro. Small charge added for option to walk thro. Could incorporate more natives birds and species ie skins.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping rate payers safe from violence. Boy racers are a pain.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Don't loose the hospital.

### Further comments

We are lucky to live in this lovely city so we need to keep roads in good shape and encourage farmers and businesses.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 85  
**reference** 620040708235512  
**First name** Julie  
**Last name** Waugh  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 86  
**reference** 655040709234312  
**First name** Daniel  
**Last name** Comp  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 87  
**reference** 574040710231912  
**First name** Renee  
**Last name** Lee  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This aviary is beautiful and brings education and happiness to many. Some upgrades to keep it going would be well worth it. Please don't close it down.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 88  
**reference** 599040713230212  
**First name** Hannah  
**Last name** Lucas  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The bird aviary is a long time love of wanganui. We just take care of our treasures, would be such a shame and sad day to see it go.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Youth projects. We need more youth projects and events to keep our youth happy and safe. Having them bored with nothing to do in dangerous. I have seen this done in other regions well. Give them their own space, extend the skate park at kowhai park, organise events.

Family events. More opportunities for the community to gather. These should have council contributions but also organisations can get involved. Like Plummer Dans duck race. Bring back fireworks at cooks gardens, concerts at the lake, light up the lake with lights on the walk similar to New Plymouth's light festival, kite days at Springvale, family Christmas celebration. Need more to unite the community and encourage families to stay in the region.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 89  
**reference** 132040718233312  
**First name** Katy  
**Last name** Beadle  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think this will encourage young families to visit / stay in our beautiful city.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 90  
**reference** 244040719230112  
**First name** Diana  
**Last name** Macdonald  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

As a previous resident of Ehanganui and a regular visitor (every two weeks or so), I would be very disappointed if the Council closed the aviary. I regularly visit the aviary by myself and with our children, who love visiting and spend a lot of time looking at the birds. It is an interesting feature that would be sad to lose. Thanks Diana

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Footpath improvements.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 91  
**reference** 667040719231612  
**First name** Shayla  
**Last name** Clark  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Pay the money to improve the entire experience.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 92  
**reference** 311040719232012  
**First name** Sheree  
**Last name** Cavanagh  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Why get rid of or cheap out on one of Whanganui's most beautiful attractions. Leave it. Yes it costs but I see it as a beautiful attraction for Whanganui and it it also help by keeping a few employed to keep the attractions maintained. A win win. Also why not get a group of volunteers to help out every now and then. Promote school to utilize the attraction for educational purposes.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

We need to focus on economic opportunities and encourage employment opportunities . Also find solutions towards affordable housing and environmental development. Encourage community edible gardens, maybe some more workout facilities around the river, suitable and innovative areas ideal for youth and thier entertainment

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Encouraging all ages to become more community spirited and minded. Encouraging adaption of how our world works and the behaviors that go with it

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 93  
**reference** 692040720234512  
**First name** Michelle  
**Last name** Roberts  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

You cannot let the aviary be closed down. It is a huge asset and attraction to wanganui. We are originally from wanganui but live out of town now but my children love visiting the aviary when we head back to wanganui. Work harder to get it up to scratch please

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 94  
**reference** 390040721230912  
**First name** Amy  
**Last name** Weterman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aviary has been a pivotal part of the Virginia Lake experience since I was a child I'm 33 years old now. It is something you don't find anywhere else in NZ other than the zoo's. If anything we should really be upgrading the Aviary it's so worth it. I'm sure even with time you could even look at a small cost to visit the birds. Maybe even feed them. Adding signs about the different birds so school groups can learn about them. Please don't take such. Beautiful feature away from Whanganui. Kids love it, locals love it, out of towners love it and so do tourists.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

- Our Youth. Whanganui really needs to look into implementing somewhere for our youth to go. Like a youth center. We have the park and time zone but I think it would strongly benefit from having a space for just our youth.

- Homelessness we need to look at getting our homeless off the street creating a safe space for them. We have a few desolate schools that could be turned into a shelter? Why hasn't this been done yet?

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The biggest challenge we have is our homeless. If we can start finding away to help those in need then we are changing the community for the better.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 95  
**reference** 764040721231312  
**First name** Paris  
**Last name** Schlegel  
**Organisation** Virginia lake birds and winter gardens  
**Role** Support from community

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Our family loves the lake there needs to be more things like this in Whanganui I'm sure if the town pulls together we can do fundraising don't take away something that family's love!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

More stuff for young kids and teenagers to do more support for parents

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Trying to keep put of trouble because there isn't enough inside places for young teens

### Further comments

Save our town!

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 96  
**reference** 595040722234112  
**First name** John  
**Last name** Boyle  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 97  
**reference** 954040723231712  
**First name** Chris  
**Last name** Barry  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 98  
**reference** 395040723233012  
**First name** Carol  
**Last name** Toohill  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It will increase visitors (& locals alike) to have a beautiful aviary, well maintained, with updated information of species. It can be added to Whanganui tour guide.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Focus on excellent road works using material that lasts

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 99  
**reference** 738040724230412  
**First name** Jess  
**Last name** Shaw  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Since Ashley park closed we have no other place for children to go see animals (except Pete park if you can see the deer at all). The children love going to the lake to see the birds.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

Need to expand Kowhai Park. It is old and dated (which we still love). But would be amazing to add to it. An addition like the marton playground at the end would be AMAZINF especially if it had an enclosed toddler part as well . Wanganui really lacks for families, especially if it's raining

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 100  
**reference** 791040724230712  
**First name** Johan  
**Last name** Van weersel  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I cant believe any one would think of closing the aviary down every one that has ever visited me wants to see it and see it is awesome do something for wanganui that counts do not shut it down not even an option dont be idiots

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

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**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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**Further comments**

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**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 101  
**reference** 598040725233412  
**First name** Bob  
**Last name** Lamb  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is an asset to Wanganui and should be kept. Use the corrections dept for any maintenance, feeding, cleaning and installation of signage for educational purposes.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 102  
**reference** 666040729232112  
**First name** Julian  
**Last name** Emmett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Spending money to upgrade the aviary to improve both animal welfare and visitor/educational experience could see an increase in visitor numbers to Whanganui. A koha box or some other means of donation could make it more viable and possibly bring in more money to the community.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 103  
**reference** 492040729232612  
**First name** Annette  
**Last name** Croot  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is the best aviary I have seen in New Zealand. We went there as kids and take our kids there and they love it. It is hard at times to find things to do with young children in Whanganui as it is and it is a rare place for them to be upcountry with some wildlife. There are always people visiting it locals and travelers. I'm sure that people would happily give a Koha to enter if it meant it would help keep it open. The welfare of the birds should be absolutely taken care of.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Holding on to autonomy as a voice for its community without being replaced by a centralised board of unelected officials to dictate what they decide is best for the region. Keeping costs down in the face of the inflation and cost of living (cost of everything) increases. Initiatives to look after its community and help people through.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Maintaining the same level of freedoms and self governance as we currently have.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 104  
**reference** 916040729235712  
**First name** Carla  
**Last name** Lilly-Flintoff  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 105  
**reference** 845040730231212  
**First name** Jasmin  
**Last name** Roman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Option 1 would be better, but at least option 2 keeps things running.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 106  
**reference** 624040730233912  
**First name** Monique  
**Last name** Wallace  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 107  
**reference** 656040731231412  
**First name** Vanessa  
**Last name** Duncan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 108  
**reference** 509040731231712  
**First name** Elise  
**Last name** O'Neill  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is a wonderful activity for families in Whanganui. For many people who do not have funds to pay for movies, swimming or other things for children to do, our community spaces are of the utmost importance and must be protected. When I had small children I often took them to places like the aviary because it was fun for the kids and free!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 109  
**reference** 689040731234612  
**First name** Katelyn  
**Last name** McLeod  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Either option1 or 2. My dad is an architect and he often sees cities having to make this type of decision and weigh the trade off spending money or saving money on a non-essential thing for the city.

When our city we grew up in was building an expensive pedestrian bridge that was the centre of a debate, he told me this:

Great cities need great pieces of architecture.

I didn't get it at first, but whenever I visit somewhere new and get the chance to see what a town or city has for it's people and visitors to enjoy, what always makes the biggest impression is the things the council has created that are special and unique, and some tight-fisted people would say "non-essential". (Ie. New Plymouth and it's amazing waterfront. Or Palmerston North and it's Esplanade.)

Please ignore those who say it is too expensive, and spend the money to invest in our town and give it something incredible for people to enjoy for years to come. You can't pass this down to the next generation, because if you aren't brave enough to make it happen, it isn't going to happen again. This is your chance.

Fundraise or requests donations, whatever you need to do, but do not let the louder, but lesser in number, voices of opposition let you ignore the amazing opportunity to give this town an incredible gift!!!!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 110  
**reference** 488040733232412  
**First name** Kyley  
**Last name** Filer  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I have lived in wanganui for over 30 yrs .. all 5 of my kids and husband have been here their whole lives. I manager a retail store in town and its onenofbthe places i advise people to go visit in their must see wanganui experience. That aviary has been a visiting stop for many people over the years and I would love to take my grandkids there one day. If we pay 2 sorts of rates why isn't this included in the parks and rec stuff? When you say virginal lake people know the walk, the lake, the fountain, the birds, the statute, the bowl and the winter gardens. My mother got married up there in 1999. the café is an amazing stop when visiting there.

It needs to stay. Let the community help keep it going. Get a club together to help look after the treasure. Stop closing stuff our young kids can appreciate and learn. Not many can afford a pet.. the aviary allows many to have one ...

What about kids or families adopt a pet in the aviary? Allow for real community help?

How about get rid of the amount of bottle stores, or the tide bus tht I see empty all the time, and keep the cool stuff for the kids.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

On our kids and family's. Our recycling and rubbish , and our older people.

Cleaning up or streets, and making sure our flood banks are higher to stop the flooding.

Address the homelessness. Remove them from our river side to somewhere else and make our river a safer place to visit. I own my house but can't afford a river view. Yet if I'm homeless I get one? It doesn't make sense.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Keeping our kids here. And everything above.

Keeping the rates down to keep wanganui families in wanganui and not having them move and let auckland people take the homes because it's cheaper here to fly to auckland than live there. Ur making the poorer poorer and the middle class just as poor. And the same goes for the homelessness. It's only going to get worse and the violence and safety where they are needs to be sorted. I can not walk our river because I'm afraid too. And I won't let me kids do it either.

Also make it easier for people to come to wanganui and have a business. Too many are closing down

### Further comments

Start listening to the people.

The home owners pay their way.

Help the business owners thrive and stay.

Make it so our kids and families make wanganui their home for a long time to come.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 111  
**reference** 091040733233712  
**First name** Wade  
**Last name** Coneybeer  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Don't take cool things away from Whanganui. Just don't.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Being scared to invest in things that rate payers today might not get the benefit for. Voters and counselors potentially being selfish about what their rates get now, and not thinking about setting up the future generations of Whanganui. We need to take a step back now to set the city up for the future

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Short sighted, short term goals

### Further comments

Make Whanganui a cool place to live. Add coolness, don't remove it. Ps. I like the new walking path down by Kowhai park!

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 112  
**reference** 044040733233812  
**First name** Christina  
**Last name** Ford  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Nature is a healer, not to mention enjoyable. Keep things that make people happy in Whanganui.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

High interest rates

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 113  
**reference** 258040735234312  
**First name** Rosie  
**Last name** Dunn  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 114  
**reference** 243040736232612  
**First name** Julie  
**Last name** Morton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Aviary is a draw card for wanganui locals and visitors - generations of locals have viewed and visit our aviary - Virginia Lake reserve is a MAIN jewel in wanganui's crown and should be kept and treated as one for everyone to enjoy and use - more normal ratepayers , locals and visitors use the lake reserve and visit the aviary than use a overpriced art gallery or exercise equipment on riverbanks where money is being spent on other "expensive s " to service but a very few - the Aviary gives joy to many- keep it for the good of Wanganui locals and visitors alike .- look at the big long term picture not short sighted do what we want now to save money and jeopardise the long term benefits to locals - stop paying contractors from Levin to come spray weeds on our berms - there's the money saved !!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Look after the majority and stop focusing on spending huge funds to service but a few

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Having our town looked after - too much money spent " indoors " instead of focus being on what the average rate paying resident actually wants looked after

### Further comments

Stop using outside contractors and outsourcing everything and go back to using local wanganui workers to service our town ! Keep our money going around here !

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 115  
**reference** 892040738232112  
**First name** Cathy  
**Last name** Mackenzie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a wonderful addition to the city. Too many family things are being removed. Be family friendly as well as a leader in conservation of animals.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Making more family friendly activities. Eg kowhai park and the aviary are excellent examples.  
Get rid of parking fees in town. Bring back business to town

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Businesses leaving cbd will make the town dead. Some improvement needed for recycling and not 100 percent sure but maybe the river will need attention in that time period.

### Further comments

Moved here 3 Years ago. Love the historical aspect of the town and market. Love the river walk. Recycling centre not so great in layout. Parking is killing the cbd. Dog control needs improving in some areas by all accounts like castlecliff. Some revitalization needed and better promotion of events to attract people and their money to the city. Already has major events and facilities. Think bigger. Outside the box.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 116  
**reference** 106040740230812  
**First name** Tina  
**Last name** Law  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It would be great to see the aviary extended and upgraded. The walk through bird experience is wonderful and unique and would love for this to remain. Also happy to pay for entry to help support and maintain the aviary.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Homelessness and housing

Easing traffic congestion. Dublin street bridge upgrade and lights at bottom of St Johns Hill intersection. The population growth has been much more noticeable on the roads since postcovid.

Development of the port is great to see and hope it continues. It would be a spectacular and unique asset to Whanganui to have a passenger ferry operating between Whanganui - Nelson. As a Travel Agent I believe this service would attract many travellers and tourists from the Manawatu, Horowhenua and Taranaki regions also.

It would also be great to have Air NZ operating in Whanganui and providing flights to other destinations .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

A university to keep students and attract students to Wanganui

Attracting more businesses and creating more jobs. Would be great to see Kmart back in Whanganui

Unique attractions and experiences

Affordable, unique and good value entertainment and experiences for 12-18 year olds ie; cloud 9, escape rooms etc

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 118  
**reference** 455040741232212  
**First name** krystal  
**Last name** boyes  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Look how great the aviary at the esplanade in Palmerston North is now. Something similar would be a great asset here and will continue to bring visitors to the lake.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

spaces for families, preserving heritage, maintaining swimming spots.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

cost of living

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 119  
**reference** 122040741233912  
**First name** Kim  
**Last name** Manning  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Leave them alone .

Help upgrade if not I'm sure we can raise money .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Government pushing there agenda.

Do what the ppl want

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Government agenda

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 120  
**reference** 650040741235912  
**First name** Lisa  
**Last name** Ligaqaqa  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is what brings familys to the lake . It's the first thing that everyone goes to look at when arriving at the lake .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

I think council should focus on the young families,that's the future of whanganui

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 121  
**reference** 662040743230412  
**First name** Robin  
**Last name** Williamson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Increasing public transport use and other transport alternatives to cars

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Becoming self-sufficient in renewable energy production.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 122  
**reference** 204040743233812  
**First name** Ashley  
**Last name** Battersby-Gear  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is not only a constant attraction for the locals but tourists travel from far and wide to enjoy and experience the Aviary and Virginia lake walking track. As said in the article there would be many volunteers and support groups willing to assist with the up keep etc Please keep the aviary!

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think one of the biggest challenges is whanganuis forever growing population it seems our community is growing larger and larger and with extending numbers we want more places to visit and spend with our families if we eliminate some then other places will get over crowded

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The forever growing numbers. Housing crisis. Homelessness. Traffic jams. Overcrowded public spaces

### Further comments

Keep the aviary!!

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 123  
**reference** 749040744232712  
**First name** Laura  
**Last name** Malone-Belliss  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 124  
**reference** 733040744232812  
**First name** Jo  
**Last name** Standley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Option 2 or even option 1; the aviary is iconic and enjoyed by far more people - locals and visitors - than our Art Gallery!

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Still a lot of empty shops - not a good look for the town.

Also have a concern re 'freedom campers' / homeless - let's make a distinction.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

We are setting up Wanganui as an 'arty' town; we really need to be attracting more industries. The port revitalisation needs to be for trade and not just for surfers and fishermen!

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 125  
**reference** 668040745234212  
**First name** Katie  
**Last name** Buller  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Unique attraction to Whanganui

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Waste minimisation

Walking/cycling tracks

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Ensuring good jobs for young people

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 126  
**reference** 016040746235512  
**First name** Bridget  
**Last name** Cloake  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I think Option 2 because of the current financial crisis, but with a view to Option 1 in future or even if we could fundraise events for Option 1....please please please don't remove the bird Avery, soon we will have no local attractions for whanau, we have already lost Ashley Park. Children get so much pleasure seeing the beautiful birds.

### **Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping rates as low as possible and tightening the belt.

### **Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Keeping our young educated people attracted back to region.

Recruiting Health professionals.

Cost of Living, petrol prices and food here are atrocious

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 127  
**reference** 880040749232412  
**First name** Angela  
**Last name** Connor  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I was born and breed in Wanganui. I come back at least 3 times a year with my children and we always come and look through the aviary. An upgrade would be the best option.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Jobs for youth, mental health, homelessness

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

As above....

Teach skills to young ones...they are your future

### Further comments

Wanganui is a beautiful town...display it for the tourists

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 128  
**reference** 690040751235412  
**First name** Samantha  
**Last name** McMahon  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Yeah Avery has been a big part of Wanganui for a long time it is important that it is kept up to standard for the welfare of the birds. If by doing so we can increase the visitors to Wanganui it will be good for economical growth .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

I think we should be encouraging more businesses to open shops and Wanganui to give more options and more visitors . I think we should be focusing our Attention on safety of our intersection I have seen to meany near miss of people crossing at lights. The speed of drivers on our roads need addressing too

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Rates cost for what we get they are too expensive. Water quality

### Further comments

We need to sort our water out and areas it's brown it's not drinkable it's ruining our hardware and yet we have expensive rates.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 129  
**reference** 842040752233812  
**First name** Rae  
**Last name** Kenny  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a huge part of the Virginia Lake attraction, as well as much loved by our community especially the children.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 130  
**reference** 421040752234312  
**First name** Joni  
**Last name** Reynolds  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 131  
**reference** 927040753233412  
**First name** Eva  
**Last name** Harkness  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I love visiting and taking kids there.

It always looks clean and the birds happy

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 133  
**reference** 661040756231212  
**First name** Kandy  
**Last name** Valent  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

My thoughts are this option is a great investment for the welfare of the birds the contribution of the public like a gold coin entry fee if there is going to be education involved as part of this upgrade it would be lovely to see the community involved backing up and preserving a beautiful part of wanganui

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 134  
**reference** 730040756232312  
**First name** Elle  
**Last name** Abel  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

gosh to it properly and this needs this money spent on it. I want it there still for my children and grandchildren and for all to enjoy its special to Whanganui for sure. I love this place so cool.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 135  
**reference** 356040756235712  
**First name** Fiona  
**Last name** Te Haara  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Aviary has always been a must since I was little. Great for family visiting Whanganui too. Kids love it there

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Roads are terrible - Glasgow & Somme's parade.

Clean soft water.

Free activity focus for youths- events held at kōwhai, sports day like Te Oranganui put on, disco's. Easter hunts for those that can't afford. Mums pampering Mother's Day-church involvement. Life skills free-for youth eg first aid, swimming, budget, fishing hire hub, investment. Little community focus from Council

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Reduce crime

Improve beneficiary living & social community engagement

Recycling incentives

### Further comments

Wanganui is a great town. Council let's do this.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 136  
**reference** 936040759232412  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** PENALUNA  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Birds should be free not kept in cages. I'm sure there are other attractions that could replace the aviary....an outdoor games area or edible community garden for example.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Rates still too high.

Kerside recycling...we are so far behind

And composting green waste

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Sustainability in all aspects of life

Slowing down traffic as we get busier and making it safer for cyclists and pedestrians .

Improving the poorer suburbs...safety, facilities, appearance.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 137  
**reference** 628040759233312  
**First name** Denise  
**Last name** Cole  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a wonderful attraction for visitors and locals.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Keep making Whanganui a place people want to visit - attractions. Community policing and more places / activities for young people to keep petty crime down.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Crime.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 138  
**reference** 287040800230212  
**First name** Lisa  
**Last name** Pearce  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We moved to Wanganui two years ago and we're underwhelmed with the amount of things to do with kids. This is one thing kids love to go visit. It's an attraction to Wanganui.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Hygiene in our city. The standard needs to be lifted in our cafes, malls and public places. Also food hygiene. My children have had campilabactor twice now. Once when we were visiting before we lived here and once while living here. That shows this town needs to improve.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

it would be great if we could be a city that is known for its cleanliness, and lack of racism. Our family has been yelled at by Maoris three times over the Easter period. My children have been called "white person" and told to get off the playground. It's worse in Wanganui.

### Further comments

Curbside recycling like other towns would be amazing?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 139  
**reference** 585040801235112  
**First name** Pam & Garry  
**Last name** Petersen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Dumbest idea. Spend the \$ to do it up. Same with the iconic Winter Gardens. There's no common sense any more.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

Bring back common sense!!

It's one of life's pleasures, going to the Aviary AND Winter Gardens. Please!!!

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 140  
**reference** 487040802233412  
**First name** Tania  
**Last name** Mayo  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please keep the aviary up and going. This is one of the things that draws thousands of visitors a year to Whanganui and has given pleasure to countless numbers of people of all ages over at least four generations. It is as iconic a part of the visitor experience to Virginia Lake as operating the fountain, going through the Winter Gardens, walking around the lake, playing in the children's playground and refreshments at the Cafe. We already pay for the upkeep and running of Virginia lake. There should be no charges for any of it other than the Cafe. Visitors to Whanganui are drawn by all the free things there are to do here. They spend plenty of money keeping our businesses going. They also fall in love with the place and buy here in increasing numbers, upping our rates base. Have a look at the Aviary at the zoo in New Plymouth for inspiration for the future.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Council having the gumption to make the hard decisions to improve infrastructure and facilities for the future and to maintain the jewels we already have.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Recognising and maintaining heritage, improving infrastructure and protecting against rising sea levels.

### Further comments

Whanganui has missed out on massive opportunities in the past due to lack of vision by Council members. Whanganui has a strategic geographic location, natural beauty, history, friendly people, lots of things to see and do and be a part of. We lost Massey university, the Sports Institute, Cycling and Rowing venues and a Port - because Council could not see the big picture. Time to stop being petty bureaucrats and step up!

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 141  
**reference** 480040802233612  
**First name** Hayley  
**Last name** Smith  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I am saddened that this wonderful place is even being considered to be shut down. Please keep things running for our families. The council should be able to allocate enough funds over an entire year to the upkeep of things like this, like they can with the art galleries etc without it being a burden citizens that are already paying way to high rates! Maybe looking into ways of sustaining our valuable resources like the Avairy , shouldn't be too hard if the freedom campers and tented homeless can be sustained by our rates?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 142  
**reference** 472040803230212  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Clark  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Even though it is wonderful for children to see these birds, I have always felt the conditions and the aviary itself is an old institution and the birds need to be cared for better. I understand there is a cost to fix and keep it, could this money instead go to enhance the park area for the children or invest in more activity parks around the city rather than investing in a caged/zoo like side show

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 143  
**reference** 810040805230912  
**First name** Yvonne  
**Last name** Malaquin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I feel this is a valuable asset to our community and brings lots of visitors to our city. I would actually prefer option 1 but understand cost constraints so have gone for option 2

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing the poor is an important part of council obligation. Make more houses available .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Maintaining infrastructure at a level that means our city functions well.

### Further comments

I feel speed zones on some rural roads need addressing. Examples: Tayforth Rd and Brunswick roads need to be dropped to 80km. Reason being the amount of traffic/cyclists make these roads not suitable for 100km safely. And Brunswick rd is just plain dangerous even at 80km. It is narrow and winding in places, not easily passable by 2 cars at once.

I would like to see the same attention given to the grounds at Otamatea dog park, that sports grounds get. We have a lot of dog owners who not only pay dog rego but rates as well. This ground is full of weeds and not mown often enough.

Leaving long grass alongside footpaths, making it more difficult to pick up poop.

These grounds need to be closed and sprayed .

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 144  
**reference** 567040805231712  
**First name** Stephanie  
**Last name** Ward  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 145  
**reference** 855040807235312  
**First name** Frances  
**Last name** Howse  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please keep the aviary

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Keep the city pretty & tidy - domestic & international tourists love it & it makes the locals proud

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Infrastructure- all this building & expanding will stretch our resources

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 146  
**reference** 267040812233412  
**First name** Sandra  
**Last name** James  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 147  
**reference** 114040818234712  
**First name** Selina  
**Last name** Trevethick  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think it's a point of difference for our city & would like to keep it open

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

I have a child with cerebral palsy so a few additions to the lake park to cater for special needs kids would be awesome (ie- like a swing for a wheelchair, basket swing or mini inground little tramp). Be nice to include other children in the park experience. Maybe a way to make it wheelchair accessible for the bird aviary too?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 148  
**reference** 620040819230312  
**First name** Lesley  
**Last name** Ryan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Keep the aviary its a lovely place to go and look at the beautiful birds. For young and old.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Homeless get them off the streets.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 149  
**reference** 571040824231312  
**First name** Ian  
**Last name** Jones  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please supply your estimations and plan layout for option 2. I believe our community could build and operate the aviary at a better rate than estimated.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 150  
**reference** 102040828231612  
**First name** Ruth  
**Last name** Mackintosh  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

People need to be close to nature in order to care about it... I think a revamped aviary is a good use of money, and an important community resource. I also like having something to take visitors to see.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Community cohesion. In particular the effects of the homeless encampment on the river.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Climate change causing extreme weather.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 151  
**reference** 140040828231812  
**First name** Tamzin  
**Last name** Hannay  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I agree that the space is not suitable for the birds the way it is and something needs to be done. Going to the lake and seeing all that it has to offer is such a delight closing these would surely cause heartbreak. I grew up here visiting the birds was always such a highlight and still is. Children and adults alike light up at the sight of them taking away such enriching location does not make logical sense to me. I want for the birds to be in a healthy happy environment but please, please don't close this wonderful space down.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 152  
**reference** 249040828233212  
**First name** Jacinda  
**Last name** Broadhead  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a big part of the experience at Virginia Lake for young families , who walk around the lake and finish up with the winter garden, the aviary and the play ground. A rite of passage for all Wanganuians. The aviary will be great with the upgrade. And get another generation of cockatoos, the highlight!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 153  
**reference** 918040830233412  
**First name** Kaye  
**Last name** Coleman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

A fourth option might be to source volunteers and donations from the public. The costings provided seem high

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Elderly living in poverty

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 154  
**reference** 327040832232312  
**First name** Claire  
**Last name** Steenhuisen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We visit the aviary at least 5 times each year, the kids really enjoy it.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 155  
**reference** 126040836230012  
**First name** Larene  
**Last name** Demillo  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think if an upgrade is going to happen everything should be done, animal welfare, disability access and visitor experience! Even a bird rehab would be amazing...But also understand that it would cost a lot of money. Fundraising would be a great idea and if all the people saying keep it open helped by donating I'm sure the target \$\$\$ would be met as the people of Wanganui would not want to see this amazing space closed. Also taking on experienced volunteers or possible staff to help maintain great Animal welfare.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

More family areas. Check out Palmerston North they have amazing free outdoor pools splash pad, awesome free concerts and events. Lots of things for families to go out and do.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

You all do a fantastic job! But would love more things for families in our beautiful city. people/families each weekend are not driving out of town to do fun free things in other towns! Let's keep the money here and attract more people to our region for the cool fun things :-)

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 156  
**reference** 108040836231212  
**First name** Laura  
**Last name** Deane  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Perhaps some fundraising could help offset the cost?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 157  
**reference** 338040836235112  
**First name** Dinky  
**Last name** Stone  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Some businesses might like to have donation boxes to help towards costs.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 158  
**reference** 151040843230812  
**First name** Donna  
**Last name** Austin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This Aviary has been a huge part of my children's lives growing up and now a weekly visitation by my grandchildren who live just down the road. The birds have always looked happy and well cared for and our family would be extremely upset to see the beautiful Aviary discontinued.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 159  
**reference** 874040847230412  
**First name** Natalie  
**Last name** Sara  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This is a tourist attraction needs to be upgraded and kept, need to invest in Whanganui not shut thing down.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 160  
**reference** 830040849233912  
**First name** Ruth  
**Last name** Hagenaaars  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Please keep it going. It's Wanganui's heritage. Thank you.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 161  
**reference** 418040851230512  
**First name** Maryjane  
**Last name** Ryan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Dublin street bridge

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Affordable Housing

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 162  
**reference** 950040854230112  
**First name** Marc  
**Last name** McKenzie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It's an excellent place and is part of our city, iv been walking through that since I was a small child, my children loved it and soon I'd love to take my grandchildren through it .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 163  
**reference** 661040858231612  
**First name** Mellissa  
**Last name** Rippon  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Things like this that we enjoy going to see with the kids

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 164  
**reference** 639040858233412  
**First name** Natasha  
**Last name** Patea  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

One of the most beautiful places to visit is that of the Bird Aviary Rotokawau the community much like myself would be devastated to see it closed.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 165  
**reference** 137040858234612  
**First name** Jo  
**Last name** Mcdonald  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 166  
**reference** 129040901233712  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** Posa  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I am a regular visitor to Whanganui (from Hamilton) and take great pleasure on each visit by walking around the lake and visiting the aviary etc. I see many others doing the same. The combination of activities on offer at the lake, e.g aviary, gardens, Café etc all make for a pleasant afternoon out with the whānau. By removing the aviary you would be taking from the whole experience. I do note that substantial work is needed to bring it up to best practice for animal welfare. There are options for making this less of a burden on the city. Either sponsorship or through fundraising. All zoos etc do this. I'd be happy to contribute, as I'm sure others would. This opportunity could be a great way to raise the profile of the Council. Sometimes it's not about revenue in cold hard cash, it's about commitment to people and the community, and their wellbeing. I believe many school groups use the aviary. Let's invest in the future by showing our kids what's fundamentally right - community good.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Challenges - you need more facilities for young adult/teen people. Skate parks, adult exercise playgrounds, free theatre, skating rinks etc. The more your young adults can access activities the better, keeps them out of trouble.

Opportunities - more development along the river. Street food markets etc.

Challenges- gangs and boy racers.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Gangs and crime.

Elderly people not coping with living costs.

### Further comments

Whanganui is a lovely city with stunning architecture. I see the opportunities to utilise the river more (Hamilton is not a good exemplar for this) and organise more winter activities. The place is not much fun to visit in winter, to be honest, as it feels dead and soulless.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 167  
**reference** 727040906233112  
**First name** Sharen  
**Last name** Tunnell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I was born in Wanganui and have spent many years both as a child and as an adult enjoying the aviary . Leave it where it is upgrade if necessary but when ever I have been enjoying the time spent there the aviary and birds have always been clean and healthy looking. Thank you Sharen and Family.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Dredge the port get the boats in here. Concentrate on tourism.  
Get our rates down in line with other cities.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Rates

### Further comments

As above leave the aviary there for locals and tourists to enjoy.

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 168  
**reference** 132040909232112  
**First name** Hannah  
**Last name** Cairncross  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Whanganui council needs to start caring about our young children. I have a 4 year old and a 3 month old. What can we do here? Go to kowhai park and the lake...that's it! We need more for our little people. What better way to improve families mental health and wellbeing by providing more activities outside the home for children and families. If you take away the aviary, you are taking away from future generations. I think we have enough pointless statues and "art". Start investing in our tamariki!

### **Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Focus more on introducing more child friendly spaces and activities! Our kids are whanganuis future.

### **Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Mental health of young parents here.

So many are stuck at home due to not being able to afford to leave whanagnui to do fun things with their children .

I myself, have struggled with my mental health during my maternity leave and even back at work. Young parents and their children need to get out of the house. They need activities. I know many women who have been suicidal due to being isolated at home.

### **Further comments**

I think our council does a decent job but one thing lacking is what I've already spoken about. Invest in our babies. Make whanganui more than just a beautiful place to love. Make it fun. Make it about family.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 169  
**reference** 147040918231012  
**First name** June  
**Last name** McGrath  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 170  
**reference** 551040923233712  
**First name** Ceid  
**Last name** O'Hara  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary needs to stay. It needs to be upgraded and looked after. If we can waste millions on a useless art gallery upgrade then survey we can do this. It probably gets more visitors than the art gallery to start with.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Dublin Street Bridge upgrade,

Port upgrades,

Dredging the river and clearing rubbish out of the streams.

Mow the lawns around the town more often its shocking how long they are aloud to grow.

Clean up and Clear the public walkways of all the noxious weeds growing. They are EVERYWHERE

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Dublin Street Bridge and the condition of the river.

### Further comments

Ditch any idea of the mayor's about the commonwealth games.

Put to bed the velodrome Roof.

Add a bit of common sense to the council would be great.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 171  
**reference** 196040936234012  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Blythe  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 172  
**reference** 907040937235012  
**First name** Alex  
**Last name** Hudson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Lack of opportunities for younger people. Putting more effort into whanganuis image. Modernizing the town - adding modern playground equipment etc.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Lack of jobs or job qualifications opportunities

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 173  
**reference** 517040941230612  
**First name** Haylee  
**Last name** Ellis  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Unlike the velodome, the aviary is able to be enjoyed by everyone. I would prefer to see this asset invested in, rather than just brought up to welfare standards.

I am an animal behaviourist and veterinary nurse, and the current state of the aviary is, frankly, awful. I'm sure many volunteers (myself included) would be happy to help with maintaining the aviary and caring for the birds.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing, water, health and social services

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

climate change

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 174  
**reference** 370040949231912  
**First name** Debra  
**Last name** Frederick  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 175  
**reference** 553040952234612  
**First name** Janelle  
**Last name** Coffey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping rates down to a reasonable cost. Too many wages to be paid.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

Make the aviary wheelchair accessible!! So everyone can enjoy it

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 176  
**reference** 917041016233612  
**First name** Andrew  
**Last name** Thompson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

What a fantastic tourist attraction. Please do not close it down. I am a disappointed Aussie who heard about the possible plight of the aviary. Please keep it open for locals and tourists alike. Surely common sense can prevail.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 177  
**reference** 037041018234512  
**First name** Jacinta  
**Last name** Ryan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This aviary has been the same my entire life and I'm in my 40's. Nothing has changed in there since doing work experience there in my early 20's as a vet nurse student either. That lake is one of the main things people can do over and over again in all seasons and suits every single age group from our pepe in our community to our elderly being nice and close to the car parks. The aviary is great for people who aren't very mobile for somewhere to visit and can't do the lake walks. A way to make it wheel chair friendly would be awesome. Our aviary is an attraction to our city to the point our visitors visit every single time they visit Whanganui. This space deserves money spent on it. It brings joy and education to our community as well as providing the opportunity for people to see exotic birds when there is no where else like this in town.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Large indoor winter activities for our growing number of families. Trampoline places and the likes. We have the population to support these rather than having to travel to palmerston. Making the train track bigger around kowhai park would be amazing too.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 178  
**reference** 720041020230612  
**First name** Dale  
**Last name** Whitaker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Option 2

I regularly meet groups at Virginia Lake on the the way to somewhere else. Nearly evertime we and visitors visit the aviary while waiting. It is an attraction to visitors. Please keep it.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Hard to say but probably youth violence and making central Wanganui safe.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Too hard that question sorry

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 179  
**reference** 667041021232912  
**First name** Diane  
**Last name** Howard  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 180  
**reference** 506041025231012  
**First name** Annelies  
**Last name** ter Brake  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We live close to the aviary and have been concerned at the quality of the environment, even to our inexperienced eyes. As such, the welfare must be a priority investment. However, we support Option 1 as Rotokawau Virginia Lake is a primary tourism site, not least given its location on SH3. This really is the jewel for visitors, and locals. We see every day the use of this wonderful facility. If you make the additional investment, we are likely to regain that particularly if the signage and the cafe are also top notch. The timing is perfect as, next year, with the Gallery reopening we will be even more of a destination for tourists. As such, this is not the time to be hesitant and the additional cost should be seen as an investment.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

The heritage work is the priority for me at this stage. We are quite unique in our built environment and, while the work that has been done to restore buildings is great, there are some priority areas. The Anderson's building on the corner of Ridgway Street is a priority - how such a visible building can be in such a horrific state of disrepair, let alone restoration, is beyond me and I would be more than happy to see my rates put into a facelift, at the very least. My second priority would be a facelift for some of the other buildings that are as empty on Ridgeway Street. I am very supportive of the work around Guyton Street, but the large, empty multistory on the corner of Victoria and Guyton also needs some kind of facelift/facade if it is to remain.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

I see a very bright future of Whanganui residents and the next generation. I moved here some 18 months ago and am delighted with my choice. My family has since visited and they, too, are amazed at the potential. This includes my teenage grandchildren. I have long worked in post-compulsory education - I am an Associate Professor at the University of Canterbury and hold a PhD in the field of educational collaboration. That we have the educational infrastructure that we do (at all levels), along with the community education potentials of a heritage and design city, would seem to be a huge drawcard for attracting students to the array of opportunities. Perhaps I just haven't encountered it but we need one strategic plan for education and transition to employment drawing in all stakeholders and then we need to shout it from the roof tops. I'd be very happy to assist with this.

### Further comments

I love the work that the Council does. The parking developments in the city have been great, and I love the care to the gardens, bedding and the clearing of leaves for safety. Everyone is doing a great job with the resources to hand - thank you.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 181  
**reference** 691041026231712  
**First name** Emily  
**Last name** Fleming  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It's a great focal point for tourists visiting Whanganui and would be a shame to see it go. Funding towards maintaining the enclosure is the best option.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Support towards small businesses as we head towards a recession could be a good idea. Making Whanganui more pedestrian friendly (although I do recognise it is heading that way already).

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Given the impending challenges that come with climate change - it would be wise to invest more time and resources into flood prevention etc.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 182  
**reference** 105041028231312  
**First name** Frances  
**Last name** Joyce  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is an attraction which locals, grandparents, take their children to see not to mention visitors from out of town. This is an asset to our district and needs to be retained.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping our city's grass verges along the river s edge mowed properly. Keeping the gardens in the city weeded and planted with plants. Keep our city attractive which in turn will attract visitors who will spend money in our city.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Affordable housing

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 183  
**reference** 356041035235112  
**First name** Beau  
**Last name** Frericks  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is the most cost-effective way to address animal welfare standards while keeping this attraction/educational/special place for the people of Whanganui and visitors. Losing this unique area is not an option and would be another fundamental loss to our community.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

The challenge of increasing operational costs to maintain what we have.  
Investing in our ahurei as a community to futureproof these and promote them.  
Create the opportunity for volunteer efforts in things the community is passionate about.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Housing, infrastructure, traffic, increase in rates, shrinking green spaces.  
The ability to host national events: large venues, accommodation, infrastructure.

### Further comments

There needs to be serious consideration of extending the city boundary to accommodate housing since the restriction to 10-hectare plots. Or what is the plan around high-density housing and what incentives is the council putting forward to encourage this now, so that in 20 years our city is strong to address our continual growth?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 184  
**reference** 222041038233412  
**First name** Annette  
**Last name** Gray  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 185  
**reference** 282041048233212  
**First name** Amy  
**Last name** Reid  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Virginia Lake is such a draw card for Whanganui and one of my favorite places in this city . Although I love the bird aviary, it is outdated and I can see it's potential to be SO much more in terms of education, welfare of the birds, and also a lovely environment for people to be in.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Making and keeping Whanganui a safe place for families to live in and also others to want to move to. Whanganui needs investment in playgrounds as many are very outdated. The new playground in Marton is incredible and Whanganui needs something similar.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Climate change will become more urgent than urgent. The city needs to be investing now in green spaces to combat the increases in emissions while also making Whanganui a more attractive city. We need more parks with natives planted including tall trees and the time to plant these, and secure the land for these places, is now.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 186  
**reference** 900041049232912  
**First name** Janice  
**Last name** Morris  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I believe the aviary adds value to the Virginia Lake visitors' experience for families and tourists, as does the Winter Gardens. My own personal preference would be to visit the aviary and Virginia Lake, rather than go to the Art Gallery or the Velodrome - this doesn't mean that I don't think these projects should have been undertaken, rather, that they are assets of equal value to the community to cater for many different interests. My grandson is home-schooled and has a learning-disability and has made many trips to the aviary which has fostered his interest in and enjoyment of birds - sadly these types of 'outcomes' have not been measured so fall under the radar in regards to Council funding. My preference for the aviary is Option 1 but if this not achievable I would settle for Option 2.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 187  
**reference** 831041050232212  
**First name** Elizabeth  
**Last name** Hoskin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Happy to pay an extra \$40 a year on rates to ensure facilities like the aviary and such like are kept open and maintained for the community to enjoy. These facilities/attractions are essential for locals and tourists alike and for the local businesses ie cafes, who generate their income from them.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Challenges - fixing the terrible roading surfaces!!!

Opportunities - Keeping our image up - investing in our premier events (Vintage Weekend, Opera Week, Open Studios, Heritage Week, 3 Days Deep etc) and keeping the cafe/restaurant scene vibrant.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Infrastructure keeping up with a growing population. Another bridge over the awa.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 188  
**reference** 596041057231212  
**First name** Nigel  
**Last name** Bateman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 189  
**reference** 664041100230012  
**First name** Sheryl  
**Last name** Dean  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Would like to see a vending machine of some type to purchase both seed for aviary birds and lake birds as well , this would reduce cost of feeding aviary birds and also improve lake health. Signage could also be put up discouraging feeding of bread to lake birds as this is not a healthy option for birds or lake health. Donation boxes could also be provided..

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 191  
**reference** 168041123231512  
**First name** Devanee  
**Last name** Burgess  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Please do not take this aviary away it is one of the best visiter attractions to go to.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 192  
**reference** 356041123234012  
**First name** Pauline  
**Last name** O'Leary  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Improve tourism as well as animal welfare can only be a double positive

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 193  
**reference** 435041130231612  
**First name** Kirsty  
**Last name** Simpson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 194  
**reference** 994041132233612  
**First name** Savannah  
**Last name** Quirk  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aivery needs to be upgraded its a major tourist attraction people come to Wanganui to visit it . It helps business and brings more people to Wanganui to explore. Wanganui benefits from having it up and running and it would be a loss closing it down.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

The biggest challenges are the roads. The council should foccus on Improving children's parks here and the roads out of town by fixing the pot holes. More walking/cycling tracks for tourists around the wanganui area where there is nice views. This will help to improve the economy.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Economy

### Further comments

I hope my feedback is listened to and gets taken into consideration it will do Wanganui the world of good for its future.

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 195  
**reference** 821041138234112  
**First name** Catherine  
**Last name** Tofa  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aviary is a huge attraction for both tourist and locals. As a mother I have been through several times and will continue to take my son and his cousins through to see the beautiful birds. Compared to other towns, Whanganui has room for improvement and this is the opportunity to invest in this space. Our whānau areas are limited and outdated and closing the Aviary would not help.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Housing/building affordable houses is the main challenge!

Cost of living and affordability to provide for our whānau.

I would also love to see a focus on our parks and whānau areas to encourage people to get out and stimulate our kids more.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Housing and affordable rents. Cost of living.

### Further comments

N/a

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 196  
**reference** 891041200234212  
**First name** Louise  
**Last name** Nightingale  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Long term it would be better to invest into the educational and visitor experience too as if you enhance that you're likely to bring in more money to the region in the way of visitors/tourists but since your preferred option is to only spend the money needed to upgrade the aviary then I will support that in the hopes that this is the absolute minimum actions that will be taken and room for more improvement will be available in the future.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Housing is a huge concern and I know it's not the councils job to provide but the homelessness people are experiencing affects us all. Also the infrastructure if we continue to have population growth, roads, parks etc, how is it best placed to support the population without too much strain?

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

If the population continues to grow, again the infrastructure would be high on the list, also the arts and culture of the city and the main street etc, keeping our city beautiful and safe. Making sure we stay on the map for visitors for the future, what makes people want to visit here and spend money.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 197  
**reference** 391041206230212  
**First name** Ella  
**Last name** Thomas  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 198  
**reference** 804041213234512  
**First name** Shannon  
**Last name** Mayo  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary had always been a high point of a trip to the lake for me and my children and is a valuable asset to our community. To lose it would be a huge blow to tourism in Whanganui. It is worth the investment to get it upto standard

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Reading and footpaths

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Rubbish and infrastructure.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 199  
**reference** 271041218234312  
**First name** Naelene  
**Last name** Mckenzie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

If we are investing in option 2 .unless you are making a multi million venue we are only interested in an upgrade on safety for the animals and people. The Aviary is suitable enough. People can just read the signs for knowledge. Children Already get the interaction with the birds,the birds sometimes fly past them and squeals of delight come out of the childrens mouths they love this.If people don't like that interaction they can look from outside the bird sanctuary. When people visit our community it's one of the first places they go to is the lake .The whole package is children's playground, bird Aviary,feed the ducks,go to the winter gardens,walk around the lake and finally an ice cream. Simple but effective. The Aviary is well used but the threat is that we might lose it anyway. Ridiculous.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 200  
**reference** 059041223230212  
**First name** Zoe  
**Last name** Drayton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

I feel the velodrome is a huge waste of money that could be going on far better projects such as updating our infrastructure in ways that will support the growing population

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Old infrastructural systems unable to cope with the growing population

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 201  
**reference** 965041259233912  
**First name** Markk  
**Last name** Lee  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The educational opportunity must  
Remain.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years  
and where should council focus its efforts?**

The Dublin Street Bridge replacement.  
It will never be cheaper than Now.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

That YOU went into our wast separation from storm Water must have saved us millions .  
Congratulations.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 202  
**reference** 079041323230912  
**First name** Jaime  
**Last name** MacFaigan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary is key attraction at the lake and improving the visitor /educational experience would help future proof it.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 203  
**reference** 266041327231112  
**First name** Bradley  
**Last name** Fisher  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

By investing in a comprehensive upgrade, we not only address the immediate animal welfare concerns but also create an opportunity for the community to benefit from enhanced educational and visitor experiences. This investment will ensure that the aviary remains a treasured attraction for both local residents and tourists, while simultaneously raising awareness and appreciation for the diverse bird species housed in the facility. Implementing improvements such as increased accessibility, safety measures, comfort, and educational opportunities will also contribute to a more meaningful connection between the public and the natural world, promoting environmental stewardship among future generations.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Whanganui faces a number of challenges and opportunities that require strategic planning and effective resource allocation from the council. Key challenges include addressing climate change impacts, fostering sustainable economic growth, and preserving our unique cultural heritage. Opportunities arise in areas such as eco-tourism, infrastructure development, and community engagement initiatives.

To navigate these complexities, the council should focus its efforts on implementing climate resilience strategies, investing in green technologies, and supporting local businesses to encourage sustainable economic growth. Additionally, promoting Whanganui as a hub for eco-tourism can capitalize on our natural and cultural assets, generating revenue and raising environmental awareness. Lastly, the council must prioritize preserving and celebrating our rich cultural heritage while fostering inclusivity and a strong sense of community among residents. By concentrating on these key areas, Whanganui can continue to thrive and adapt to the evolving needs of its residents and visitors.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Climate change:** As the effects of climate change become more pronounced, Whanganui will need to implement comprehensive mitigation and adaptation strategies to protect its citizens, infrastructure, and natural resources. This may involve addressing coastal erosion, flood risk management, and supporting sustainable agriculture practices.

**Demographic shifts:** With an aging population and potential changes in migration patterns, Whanganui will need to ensure that its social services, healthcare, and housing are equipped to accommodate the evolving needs of its residents.

**Technological advancements:** Rapid advancements in technology will transform the way we live and work, requiring Whanganui to invest in digital infrastructure, education, and workforce development to stay competitive and offer its residents a high quality of life.

**Sustainable economic development:** Diversifying Whanganui's economy and promoting environmentally-friendly industries will be essential for long-term stability and prosperity. This includes supporting small businesses, encouraging green innovation, and fostering partnerships with local educational institutions.

**Social cohesion and inclusivity:** As Whanganui continues to grow and diversify, fostering a strong sense of community, promoting cultural understanding, and ensuring equal opportunities for all residents will be critical for maintaining social harmony and well-being.

### Further comments

No.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 204  
**reference** 607041342232312  
**First name** Matthew  
**Last name** Howe  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 206  
**reference** 841041401231112  
**First name** Shayla  
**Last name** Wilson  
**Organisation** bird aba  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 207  
**reference** 747041410231312  
**First name** Gaylene  
**Last name** Knight  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Currently there is no wheelchair access, meaning my mother (Whanganui East resident) is denied the enjoyment of this facility. What is going to be done to address this?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Improve access around the city, parks etc for ALL citizens, including wheelchair users.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Affording the cost (rates) to ensure your city is healthy,(facility, roading, infrastructure maintenance is not overdue) and attractive to encourage residents to stay, as well as encourage new residents.

### Further comments

No

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 208  
**reference** 127041411234112  
**First name** Carryn  
**Last name** Wilkins  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 209  
**reference** 933041431232512  
**First name** Tyler  
**Last name** Sharratt  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Our family visits the aviary once a week and is popular with many people and visitors we know.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 210  
**reference** 678041433231412  
**First name** Kate  
**Last name** Johnstone  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

If the budget allowed then option 1 would be great. Why not aim to provide a great aviary that people would travel to and increase tourism options. In the absence of a budget or support then option 2 would be sufficient to ensure this stays a viable place to visit. My children and I would visit with the birds at least 10 times each year

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Climate, poverty, employment,

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Climate change, changing technology and the issues this is will create for employment. Ensuring Whanganui stays relevant and enough investment is committed to continue making gains in population, tourism and public perception

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 211  
**reference** 832041435233612  
**First name** DAVID  
**Last name** KEMP  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

That will be a much smaller cost per visitor than other projects underway or proposed, also maintains and improves a facility Wanganui us well known for.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Minimise wasteful or unnecessary spending.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 212  
**reference** 937041436234712  
**First name** Keitha  
**Last name** Rod  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 213  
**reference** 434041452233212  
**First name** Catherine  
**Last name** Upchurch  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It is so important to keep this iconic aviary going for both locals & visitors of all ages. I will be outraged if it closes.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Reduce money spent on Art Gallery. Only a small percentage of people will benefit having this in our city. So extravagant. Horticulture maintenance needs to improve, long grass around city & rural parks, beaches etc looks messy & unloved. Need to look after basic stuff.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Climate change.

### Further comments

Miss our flying fox @ Kai Iwi Beach. Why is this taking so long? Need to prioritise this please.

Please keep any rates increase to bare minimum.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 214  
**reference** 254041522232612  
**First name** Louise  
**Last name** Follett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

I do not support keeping the aviary at Rotokawau Virginia Lake for the following reasons :

The concept of having birds in what is essentially a cage is outdated. If we want to educate tamariki about birdlife use the excellent existing environments like the reserve, Bushy Park or any other treed space.

At a time when we are trimming WDC costs across a number of areas it seems imprudent to fund an outdated concept, such as an aviary. From a economic perspective, I do not believe that the aviary attracts visitors to Whanganui. Perhaps 40,000 people do visit the area but are they visiting because of the aviary? If we want to make the area more interesting to tourists and locals install storyboards about the history of the lake from an iwi perspective and provide information about the type of birds who's habitat is the reserve and how they are assisted/protected. The aviary flies in the face of the kaupapa of the area and, in my opinion it is time to let it go.

The town is not in a position to continue paying for what some believe is a 'nice to have' aviary .

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Inflation and the cost of living are risks that will continue for the foreseeable future. We need to focus on maintaining important infrastructure and have less spending on consultants and fewer essential items when the data demonstrates the ROI is weak.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 215  
**reference** 242041524232112  
**First name** Ciarán  
**Last name** Skipworth  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I have been going to this aviary since I was little.

I love looking at the birds and watching them.

Please don't get rid of our beautiful birds.

we often go there when the man is cleaning and feeding them and he teaches me so much about them and he loves and cares for the birds so much.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 216  
**reference** 609041532232712  
**First name** Pam  
**Last name** Muller  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Our home backs onto the lake and the aviary is a source of great joy for the area.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Speaking of Virginia Lake, there needs to be a safe crossing across Great North Road. It is a large tourist/pedestrian area in town, plus there is a retirement home & school in the vicinity which means many people walking and on bikes trying to get across the road.

I have contacted NZTA as well as city council about this and have had no response .  
Many families are concerned.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

There is a very aging population in Whanganui so ensuring that we are attracting young people to remain or come to live. Keeping housing and rates affordable.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 217  
**reference** 554041537231812  
**First name** Lyn  
**Last name** Tyler  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The Avery is very much a part of Wanganui, as it needs upgrading I am all for that, the welfare of the birds is first and foremost

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 218  
**reference** 797041548231412  
**First name** Theresa  
**Last name** Raymond  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Keep the aviary, and if you are going to do it up, go all out, it is a tourism booster for sure and will pay it off in no time with the money spent in our beautiful city.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Council need to focus on the splash centre, went for the first time in a long time a few weeks back and before we went said we should make this a regular thing, definitely won't be. It was awful, pools need huge upgrading, and general cleaning, slides closed at 2.30pm on a Sunday, we got there at 2pm. Compared to np and palmy, we have a long way to go. Since wanganui is all about families, this needs looking at immediately. Also upgrading kowhai Park, this again is a huge drawcord for us, it needs new attractions in there.

Obviously money will be a huge factor for everyone in the next few years, it's hard to live for many. Any relief for our community would be very helpful.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 219  
**reference** 184041549231912  
**First name** Debbie  
**Last name** Bryson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is an asset to Wanganui, agree that it needs to address animal welfare standards.

There are very few cities that have aviary's now, I'd hate to see it go. The Council has spent millions on the art gallery upgrade and I suspect more people visit Virginia Lake than the gallery .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 220  
**reference** 072041551231312  
**First name** Ashton  
**Last name** Martin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please don't lose this valuable asset to whanganui. It's great that it's free, great for children and a nice addition to the lake area as a whole.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 221  
**reference** 306041607231712  
**First name** Owen  
**Last name** Ryan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Hi. I have read the report by the consultant and largely agree with the report. The aviary is sound and attractive but perhaps poorly designed. i.e. no real roof shelter for all the birds: nest boxes not suitable for some breeds and in the wrong place. Not enough variety of perches. Feeding areas needs improved hygiene, limited space for the bigger birds e.g cockatoos...Sparrows, pigeons etc.in aviary. Pathway and platforms. for the public.etc

However, I think most of these problems can be overcome reasonably easily. But there will be cost on these aspects. The biggest problem would be getting reasonably qualified staff or volunteers to attend to the birds. I am sure the caretaker and current staff do a great job within the budget they are given.... The cost, however, would not outweigh the great benefit of having the aviary. It has lots of visitors (gold coin donations?) and is also a great educational tool and augers in well with the rest of the reserve.

If it was to close down, Council would have the task of rehoming the birds, causing stress to all, especially those that have lived there for many years. You would then need to dismantle the aviary and put something or nothing in its place... No matter what you put there, there would be a void and Whanganui's tourism would suffer.

The aviary has been there for near on 50 years. I would submit that the dollars spent have been minimal in relation to the pleasure it has given many generations of visitors and locals alike. The aviary has well earned an upgrade, for the bird's sake, the council, our tourists and locals.

It would be interesting to see what the \$400k would give us and also the \$750k. We could then make better informed decisions.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Making more facilities for the young. Promoting tourism, Whanganui is a great place to visit, and even better place to live.. Promoting the arts. More events to attract locals and out of towners.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

A bit to early to tell???

### Further comments

Whanganui looks great, We have a forward looking Council that to a person has Whanganui's best interests at heart.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 222  
**reference** 710041630233312  
**First name** Tanya  
**Last name** Roberson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I like having an aviary to take visitors to.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 223  
**reference** 679041701234812  
**First name** Phillipa  
**Last name** Healey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

We seem to be traveling out of town more and more frequently just to visit better parks , time to upgrade our parks to the more modern ones seen everywhere

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 224  
**reference** 126041716234912  
**First name** Karina  
**Last name** Williams  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It would be an absolute shame to close the aviary. It is visited by locals and visitors alike (personally we have brought visitors from Palmerston north to Wanganui and include a wander through the aviary). At a minimum it makes sense to me to at least go with option 2, upgrade to meet animal welfare standards. If spending that much already, why not go all our and make the most out of the renovation and add educational/ visitors experiences. School groups often visit - I know my son's scout Group from Palmerston North visited when in town last year. To help with costs, you could consider a donation box, small charge for group visits for an educational experience. I don't think the older age of a cockatoo should be viewed as a reason to close, given how long they can live for. Found birds could potentially have a home in aviary to introduce fresh genes as needed, and males/females kept separate if numbers are too high and need to stop breeding. Consider selling birds if too many on site. They would help with numbers and a small revenue to help with ongoing costs.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 225  
**reference** 437041720233112  
**First name** Richard  
**Last name** Hill  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

\$750,000 is alot for an upgrade. My experience with architects from out of town, I've noticed they don't care about cost. They seem to care more about helping there friends out. Please use all local services

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 226  
**reference** 433041727230612  
**First name** Andrea  
**Last name** Hague  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Freedom camping. Current bylaws are unenforceable. These campers are not using our restaurants, cafes etc so not only not contributing to our local economy, but costing our community.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing affordability (including ongoing costs like rates), failing health system- failure to attract quality health workers/lack of treatment options locally etc. Lack of access to help/support for new businesses. Environmental/climate change.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 228  
**reference** 432041749233812  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** Aulbach  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Keep the Aviary! Great attraction for Wanganui and for locals too. The lake is a real attraction combined with the aviary & winter gardens.

Wanganui needs more not less attractions!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Activities for the youth.

Needs things to keep kids entertained, challenged, stimulated and put of trouble.

Climbing wall, bowling alley, modernized park.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Hospital services

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 229  
**reference** 148041757231912  
**First name** Emily  
**Last name** McAvoy  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 230  
**reference** 330041853231912  
**First name** Melanie  
**Last name** Watt  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Would love to see the aviary live up to it's full potential

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Climate change - extreme weather events, public transport, cost of living crisis

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Climate change, environmental protection

### Further comments

Please consider a bus to Marybank!

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 231  
**reference** 156041934233912  
**First name** Gypsy  
**Last name** Chant  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary is part of my childhood and now my son's childhood. It would be sad to lose another part of our city's heritage. Let's enhance the experience and bring more visitors to our city and our beautiful lake.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 232  
**reference** 373041937233112  
**First name** Tracey  
**Last name** Linton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It would be ashame to see further generations to come to miss out on the memories of the aviary.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I feel we are losing everything, we have nothing for the younger generation. The council need to stop making it so hard for new businesses to start up in whanganui. we need more.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Attracting new residents, due to lack of interest and shopping retailers. Whanganui needs to keep up with the times. We have a great venue where concerts and sporting could be happening but nothing, it all goes to surrounding cities

### Further comments

Whanganui could be great if the council let it be.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 233  
**reference** 009041945232112  
**First name** Mel  
**Last name** Johnston  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 234  
**reference** 069041953233712  
**First name** Nads  
**Last name** Hindes  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 235  
**reference** 537042011231212  
**First name** Cindy  
**Last name** Bardell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

As a rate payer who objects to \$ being wasted by our many councils over the years - starting projects and only doing half doing them unless its arty

eg Olympic swimming pool - not even close

covered velodrome - well it got built and Never covered - hence the need for replacing the decking!!

Our sewerage system - just don't go there

Art gallery - well what do you know!!! - wham bam well over budget

A rubbish collection (maybe) that will mean we still pay to get rid of our rubbish - then pay again through our rates for collection bins

Meanwhile - something like the bird Avery at the Lake that is so iconic gets ready to be heave ho'd - ask the public and if necessary have another waste of \$ referendum

This is something I would have rather payed for over the years than a vast majority of projects

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Actually being able to pay rates / horizons / insurances especially if a pensioner / beneficiary especially when utilities etc are not updated in the older parts of the city while the growth of the new sub divisions adds stress to these older areas.

Youth activities they will actively use and benefit from

### Further comments

Yes, while I'm on a rant - taking the grandchildren around our parks, beaches and town etc - where have All the rubbish bins gone!!!!

How are we to bring up responsible young people when there is No place for rubbish?

Also what has happened to drinking fountains? Not everybody carries drink containers - (they get pinched unless held onto)

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 236  
**reference** 820042020231012  
**First name** Rex  
**Last name** Cuff  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Where the heck has that estimated cost of \$750,000 come from. Someone trying scare tactics.  
The place is an asset to Whanganui and should be kept.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

The traffic systems need to be sorted and account for a large increase in volumes.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Whanganui Port development with it's potential to add to Whanganui's future.

### Further comments

I am a relative newbie to Whanganui (33 years) and noticed what appears a reluctance to move it forward. Loss of art classes, plus UCOL's or now Te pukena to be governed by out of town Administration and became the poor cousin . The Mayor has looked into getting some of that loss back but has had to turn to a different organisation . Potential in the Old Worldy image Whanganui can offer is right there but nobody seems to gather it together .

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 237  
**reference** 355042039233412  
**First name** Elaine  
**Last name** Belcher  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Option 1 or 2... don't close it. The kids love it! It actually seems very well maintained and I've never been concerned for any of the birds welfare. We have been visiting an average of once a week for the last 5years

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Challenge is industry leaving Whanganui. Housing supply

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Jobs and land to develop/housing

### Further comments

Upgrade infrastructure to allow for intensification

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 238  
**reference** 927042049234712  
**First name** Ashley  
**Last name** Peters  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

A better park for the kids. The parks are hori af

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

BETTER PARKS

### Further comments

UPDATE THE PARKS

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 239  
**reference** 479042113230612  
**First name** Claire  
**Last name** Rettig  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

My first concern would be the projected costs and how they have been reached? There is no scope of works supplied for any of the options and No data has been provided to support the figures quoted.

Secondly, the intense focus on this one aspect of what council does is bizarre? A discussion around the issue is welcomed but out of character considering the budgetary commitments that are made on our behalf each year that the public have no direct involvement in? Why the aviary? Why not the fitness park or the homeless hub or any number of issues that would have varied levels of support within the community.

If indeed it is not the operation costs that are the crux of the issue (considering we are not being asked about the many other projects/services that council provides) then is it a moral question that is being asked? This can be split three ways;  
- at a base level, should any bird or animal be kept in captivity? This is a higher level debate that will not be best determined in a provincial council setting. If wellington zoo is still operating we can assume that debate has not yet been definitely determined in the wider setting and therefore that cannot be the argument.

- are the birds in captivity having conditions similar to that of their natural habit? Arguably, in some ways such as space, no. In other ways such as flock behaviour and in- fighting etc, some would say yes. Go anywhere in the wild and see the bigger, greedier birds take more food while the lesser, more timid birds do not. That is the natural order of wildlife. There are improvements that could be done easily, and others that would cost more and be more involved. I have visited many local zoos, aviary's and wildlife experiences with my family, all around New Zealand and I can see no discernible difference with the Virginia lake aviary. It is tired and needs a revamp but it is standard for this level of attraction in my view.

- are the birds ill-treated or neglected? It would be hard to argue that the birds were ill-treated or neglected in this case. Birds often come from private owners who no longer want them and they are not used to sharing space or have been poorly fed and cared for in the past and in those cases, the birds are being cared for, as best as possible until their natural end. The alternative is for them to be put to sleep. Which option is more humane?

Do I personally use and enjoy the aviary? Yes, however I believe keeping the aviary is for the betterment of the wider community rather than for myself personally.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 240  
**reference** 363042117233712  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Beilby  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

We travel to Whanganui to see this with our daughter who is 14 months. She loves seeing the birds

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 241  
**reference** 583042148234212  
**First name** Read  
**Last name** Sheryl  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Virginia bird aviary is a treasured public facility used by many people in the local & wider community. We are blessed to have such a wide range of birds that bring delight & comfort to young & old.

I'm hoping option 2 would be the minimum done ASAP, with planning for option 1 in the 10 year plan.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing crisis

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Transport- more bridges

Rising sea levels- global warming

Pollution

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 242  
**reference** 499042149233612  
**First name** Lina  
**Last name** Feki  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 243  
**reference** 043042203234512  
**First name** Ita  
**Last name** Hepi-McRitchie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 244  
**reference** 940042209234412  
**First name** Glenn  
**Last name** Martin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Bringing more tourists to support local businesses.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Aging population, transport options (non car)

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 245  
**reference** 398042217230512  
**First name** Helen  
**Last name** Hurley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This bird place is fine birds look happy that clean that I don't mind having picnics around it come on this place is beautiful

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

Leave it there for the kids

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 246  
**reference** 586042217232712  
**First name** Jan  
**Last name** MacGibbon  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This is a valued and well utilised asset, upgrading this aviary will continue providing a well loved attraction and an educational experience for our young people, as well as providing opportunity for discussion around wildlife and ecosystems. Our family enjoys visiting this with our children and showing visitors to our region.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 247  
**reference** 436042227230612  
**First name** Victoria  
**Last name** Zangel  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think Whanganui needs to invest better in tourism and attractions and the Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary is definitely worth saving, it is a major attraction on the main route between New Plymouth / Palmerston North / Wellington. I highly recommend option 1 invest in the overall visitor / educational experience making it more attractive a good example is the one in Palmerston North the "central wildbase recovery centre" it's a fantastic visitor / educational experience and that's just what Whanganui needs, also you can raise additional funds by allowing visitors to make donations to support the aviary.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I feel there isn't enough investment or visionary ideas being put into Whanganui, if not careful Whanganui could be left behind and become stagnant. Council should diversify, I realise everything is being invested into the Sargeant Art Gallery, but there are other places in Whanganui that need saving, rather than closing down, like the Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary, these play a key part in our tourism and what attracts people to Whanganui, also we need to have places that are appealing to families.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Whanganui also needs to have more job opportunities, better infrastructure, retail opportunities, it feels like there is a monopoly in this town that forces out other opportunities for businesses to be able to open, almost like an old school vibe that doesn't want to move forward with the times. That's the challenge that needs to be fixed so that it doesn't stifle change .

### Further comments

No

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 248  
**reference** 487042235232112  
**First name** Nathan  
**Last name** Hawtree  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary has been part of the lake experience for so long that it would be a crime to close and remove it. Council should in the medium term investigate a total rebuild to a larger modern aviary with a view to increasing its educational value as well as its recreational. And maybe look at partnering with a zoo or more professional aviary

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 249  
**reference** 590042237231412  
**First name** Samantha  
**Last name** White  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary improvement to support animal welfare would be an excellent option.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 250  
**reference** 542042258231112  
**First name** Lea  
**Last name** Sloss  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Clean up the rundown city image  
Get a decent shopping precinct  
Business to encourage population  
Fair rental prices and housing available

Avairy ...tourist encouragement to city centre  
Employment opportunities

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Employment  
Self dignity  
Pride in the wanganui district

### Further comments

As a Wanganui born female who has moved away from area but continues to revisit occasionally I am saddened to see the decline in the welcoming vibe in Wanganui  
The city looks dated unappealing too full of cheap shops selling inferior products .  
Rates water bills are high. for what  
I never saw any council based huge improvements  
The same pool from 20 years ago  
Castle cliff beach is a disgrace I found it dirty untidy the beach / surf club looked derelict  
I visited in August one year February the next visit and the beach was ugly each time

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 251  
**reference** 385042303234212  
**First name** Lynda  
**Last name** Sherlock  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

To whom ever suggested closure, clearly was not thinking straight!! Aviary, winter gardens and cafe are hugely popular and a draw card to Wanganui

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Well you could start saving some money by not getting any more stain glass windows for council chambers !! Practical? No! Beautiful? Yes I'm sure, but only for a small minority that get to see them. Seriously!!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Some Councillors not listening to what is really needed!

### Further comments

Listen to people and cut the amount of red tape and bureaucracy needed I.e. developing subdivisions!

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 252  
**reference** 991042319235112  
**First name** Alexandra  
**Last name** Pickles  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

As you've noted, this is a viable option. Councils across NZ are facing the same challenges with inflationary increases and it's tempting to take a short-sighted approach to cost cutting. I grew up in Whanganui and have incredible memories of this place. I now live outside the Whanganui district but have made 'pilgrimages' to show my children the wonders of the aviary and winter gardens (and other Whanganui wonders). I support Council's preference in choosing this option.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 253  
**reference** 688042330232412  
**First name** Deborah  
**Last name** Archibald  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 254  
**reference** 519042344232512  
**First name** Jo  
**Last name** Perkins  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I live near the lake and visit it alot with my kids and friends from out of town. The Aviary is the highlight. It needs to be bigger especially for the cockatoos as they look bored and dont have a place to get away from people. It's an asset to wanganui and brings so many people to the lake. Make it bigger and better

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Parking building at the hospital would be great.  
Have late night shopping to encourage some more night life in town and a place for young people to meet up .

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Not enough for young people to do at night.

### Further comments

Moved to wanganui 7 years ago from whitianga.  
Fantastic place that I've watched come alive in that time.  
Beautiful trees and people.  
Wonderful schools

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 255  
**reference** 294040011231213  
**First name** Aylay  
**Last name** Hayward  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Youth and activities for them

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Cost of living

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 256  
**reference** 207040054231913  
**First name** Julia  
**Last name** Vodanovich  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

When I visit family in Whanganui I enjoy the birds at the aviary, especially the cuckatoos who love to interact with the visitors. I have memorable video footage of communication with these birds. Not all families can afford pet's for their children so it's nice they can visit the lake and visit the aviary as well.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Whanganui is known for it's beauty and I believe the aviary only enhances it, making it more appealing to visit.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Work to help prevent flooding.

### Further comments

N/A

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 257  
**reference** 943040603235113  
**First name** Shania  
**Last name** Thomas  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I've been visiting the bird aviary since I was a young girl and it helped invoke my love and passion for bird life and it should not be removed at all. However I do believe that since we live in a country that values our native animals and bird life, there should be more offered to educate people about the birds and their conservation. I visit the aviary regularly and I am disappointed in the conditions the birds are kept but the birds are lovely, and I feel like the community should invest as much as they can into keeping it running and helping educate the community on the bird life. If the aviary were to close I'd be devastated, not to mention all the people that come to visit Whanganui see it as a highlight to visit while here as well. This is something I really believe we should keep and invest. I'll even offer my own services to help the birds myself if more hands are needed. I love our town and it has so much potential to be better and more beautiful and the aviary is a perfect way to invest as it's for the community to enjoy, educate and it gives the birds a better shot at longer happier lives. Thank you so much, I hope this makes a difference.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I know that looks aren't everything, however a common problem I've heard from people visiting Whanganui is that they don't believe it to be "kept tidy". In the sense that there is always some kind of eyesore like littering, vandalism, buildings not being up kept or looking quite shabby and to be perfectly honest sometimes the look of the place can be a bit depressing. I know you can't paint every single building and make everything shiny and new but maybe community based rubbish collection walks or tidying up the river walkway so it's more enjoyable could be food for thought.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

I feel like as a young person myself I wonder if they will want to be involved in the community. I know given the cost of living and trying to work, save and be a contributing member of society is very hard and there will be a lot of pressure to keep up with the changing world. I feel like there should be more support for our younger generation to make sure they have everything they need to be set up for a fair life, whether it be investing more into mental health, stress management, support by older more mature members of the community and even workshops or tools there to help young people understand their responsibilities as community members and making Whanganui the best it can be.

### Further comments

All I hoped to do today was give my piece as a 25 year old woman, saying that the bird aviary means more to people than what you think and the birds matter. Whanganui is a great place and I only want to make it better, so hopefully this makes a difference. Thank you.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 258  
**reference** 978040611235313  
**First name** ALEX  
**Last name** Webster  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 259  
**reference** 612040632235313  
**First name** Kayla  
**Last name** Young  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This place is one of Whanganui's icons, I work in a rest home and take my residents there frequently. It brings them so much joy they share stories of visiting the place since they were children. It's great for their well-being. And we as caregivers enjoy seeing the emotions it brings them. They get to interact with children and adults alike, just 3 days ago my residents were sitting with children talking to the cockatoo. Laughing and enjoying themselves. There's so little that brings joy to our lives. These places need to be protected. Whanganui has lost soooooo many wonderful things already. Both Places and events. Don't let it lose anymore. Please.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Honestly our elderly are really struggling. A free van service so they could get out and about more often would be great. So many get dumped in homes and their families leave them (as they don't live in Whanganui) and all they want is to get out. Go to cafes, walk through town, see a movie. But are unable to do so without supervision. The caregivers give so much of their own time to provide this already and at their own cost. A focus on our elderly would be amazing.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10-30 years?

Not having anything to do. We have lost so much here. There's nothing much to look forward to. There's no Easter egg hunts, teddy bears picnics, Guy Fawkes, summer concerts, bowling alley, night life, indoor playgrounds, paddle boats in the lake, raft races etc. It's really sad to have moved back here after 20 yrs and to see how much this town has really lost.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 260  
**reference** 857040652234813  
**First name** Kylie  
**Last name** McCosh  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Cost of living (keeping rate rises low but maintaining services that impact of cost of living), housing (adequate supply and reduce consenting costs), social cohesion

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Population growth, climate change, infrastructure

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 261  
**reference** 098040729233213  
**First name** Samantha  
**Last name** Watkin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 262  
**reference** 408040753235513  
**First name** Talia  
**Last name** Annear  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Keeping Whanganui attractive unique and as a tourist experience.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 263  
**reference** 384040755231813  
**First name** Donna  
**Last name** Morgan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I am happy with either option 1 or 2. I do not mind paying extra in my rates for the aviary, and I would be very sad to see it closed

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 264  
**reference** 013040807233113  
**First name** Alex  
**Last name** Churchill  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 265  
**reference** 028040813230613  
**First name** Kylie  
**Last name** Campbell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Virginia lake the winter gardens and aviary are very utilised not only by the people of Whanganui but the tourists that visit. We need to keep the aviary and go with option 2 at least although option 1 is my preference as its a already great space and would be great to see the improvements to work visitors and educational experiences

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 266  
**reference** 020040815233013  
**First name** Michelle  
**Last name** Publitz  
**Organisation** Michelle  
**Role** Use t

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

We love seeing the birds with my 3 kids, just as I did when I was a kid, it would be great to improve this and continue on for all to enjoy at our beautiful lake

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 268  
**reference** 468040900233313  
**First name** Adair  
**Last name** Carrick  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I grew up in Wanganui but now live in Australia. Every time we come home we visit the aviary. Its part of Virginia Lake and would be so sad to see it go. Option 1 or Option 2, anything to save the aviary!

I totally agree that animal welfare standards be improved, based off of professional advice.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 269  
**reference** 258040923230313  
**First name** Elizabeth  
**Last name** Redit  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

My kids love visiting the aviary when we head to the playground at Virginia Lake (which is at least once a month) and I'd hate to see it go.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Somewhere to take kids and toddlers to play other than Virginia lake (there's not much at Kōwhai park that caters to the very littlest of our community)

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 270  
**reference** 053040929234513  
**First name** peter  
**Last name** Fraser  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Aviaries and Zoos are becoming impracticable in the modern world and the costs to make them comply with animal welfare minimums etc make them a burden on ratepayers.Council

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Council must concentrate on core business only. All other expenditure must be slashed

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Same as above. If spending outside core business and wasteful practices are not controlled it will not be possible for pensioners and renters to survive continued rate rises

### Further comments

Yes get rid of Wangnui and Partners as they are a millstone around our neck

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 272  
**reference** 096041050230013  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** Benson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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I think we need more educational activities for families in Whanganui. I also think that this is a good opportunity for Whanganui to increase visitors to the area.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Curbside recycling needs to be offered

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 273  
**reference** 894041123231213  
**First name** Adam  
**Last name** Church  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Please consider the formation of a Whanganui Zoo, on SH3, heading towards New Plymouth.

A new bird sanctuary could be built and maintained within the new zoo, instead of its current location. A well-designed zoo should have a point of difference to attract national and international tourists into our region.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Sustainability. We can either transform our existing city, or build a new one. I know funding would be an issue. So we would need a good plan we can propose to the New Zealand government.

I just don't see much point investing in the current infrastructure, if the near future will require dramatic changes to the way we live. We may as well begin to embrace that change now.

Whatever we build needs to be easily adjustable, so that it can be added to and removed from with ease. There will be a lot of changes in the near future, so we don't want structures to be too difficult to move/adjust as new wave of unpredictable technology emerges.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The formation of a sustainable smart-city. I propose that this be built separate from our existing city, and be designed so that residential and commercial buildings are easily accessible from each other without the need for cars. A public transportation system, such as an electric rail, could be used to get residents from their homes to different sectors of the city within minutes. Residents should not have to wait more than 5 minutes for a carriage to arrive. Carriages should be built to operate both independently, and interdependently on the rail. Each carriage should be able to seat an average family. Families would need to pay a tax to ensure there are enough carriages available, and to ensure that they are well-maintained.

Industrial buildings should be kept well separate from the city, but easily accessible.

Therefore the current Whanganui would be called Old Whanganui and may eventually be swallowed up by the smart city as that continues to expand.

### Further comments

Look at existing smart cities, being developed, world wide. See what is working, and what isn't.

Learn what technologies are already on the forefront, and how these can be implemented into smart city homes and businesses.

We currently live in a society where people are used to getting what they want relatively quickly. It is likely that the speed in which customers obtain their wants and desires will continue to increase dramatically.

We need to be connected. Smart watches (or similar devices) will become common place. Everything will be connected.

Information will be very easily accessible; artificially intelligent design is on its way to becoming part of the information age; finally this will need to be integrated with artificially intelligent production (from ideas, to designs, to implementation).

At the very least, introduce smart technology that is both sturdy (damage resistant), and easy to move. Use this technology to warn residents, business owners, and investors to the soon-coming technological shift. So that when it is time to construct our smart-city, the transition will be more natural.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 274  
**reference** 644041128231613  
**First name** Nerrily  
**Last name** Frith  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The Aviary situated at Virginia Lake continues to be a great draw card for Whanganui both for locals and for visitors as does the Winter Gardens.

We need to keep the Aviary operating so my choice is option 2. I am fully aware that at times there does appear to be overcrowding with the number of birds in the aviary but, surely that is a reasonably easy fix by reducing the number of birds. I regularly go into the aviary and the number of sparrows and blackbirds in there at times is a good amount. Question, how did they get in there in the first place? Also, aware that it is not a really suitable place for the disabled folks of Whanganui to enter especially those with a wider wheelchair but at least they can still see the birds when walking along the front of the aviary and still get the pleasure of hearing them.

Too often people have a kneejerk reaction when there can be a simpler solution if just looked a little further . Please we need to do all we can to preserve what we already have.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 275  
**reference** 297041136234413  
**First name** Judith  
**Last name** Manning  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It's a valuable community attraction, one I've been brought up with and enjoyed going to regularly ever since I was a child. We want to keep this for our future generations to enjoy and visitors alike

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Keeping rates affordable while maintaining essential services.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

As above

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 276  
**reference** 600041227230413  
**First name** Dayle  
**Last name** Cheatley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This asset must be retained and improved. The lake and everything in it provides a fantastic venue all year round for local and visiting families. If we start saying the aviary is too hard to maintain then whats next the Winter Gardens too. This should be no-brainer do what needs to be done.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Biggest challenge in Whanganui and NZ as a whole is people are becoming more unfit, overweight and therefore having mental health issues and putting too much pressure on a health system.

I believe the council should be creating as many opportunities to promote movement. Walking, Swimming, Running, Cycling, Tramping etc. Whanganui and NZ as a whole needs to be more active.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

As above

### Further comments

Walking and Cycling paths that have been developed over recent years has been good but dont stop as we are only starting compared to other cities in NZ and the world.

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 277  
**reference** 435041235231213  
**First name** Bruce  
**Last name** Baldwin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

if our Aviary is acknowledged as the best within the area, surely it is a tourist magnet...'nuff said..

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 278  
**reference** 405041357234613  
**First name** Blaise  
**Last name** Graves  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This aviary already draws local, national and international visitors to Virginia Lake so I don't think we need to invest in adding to the "human" experience but we definitely need to consider the animals and address issues relating to their welfare. And to the lady on Facebook who said we need to get rid of the cockatoos because they scare kids - seriously we need them here, the amount of children I have seen that engage with these birds and talk to them tells me they are necessary to the "vibe" of this area.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think council needs to focus on working with UCOL to ensure local Whanganui needs are met by this organisation and minimise the Palmerston North influence. PNth and Whanganui have very different values, attitudes, and demographics than Palmerston North and UCOL needs to recognise that if it wants to be considered a local provider. If they could get their head out of their rectum and realise we are a totally different places I believe the change in attitude would more than likely increase their enrolment numbers here.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

keeping Whanganui's "coolness" and it's small town vibe while catering to a larger population. The vibe of Whanganui is it's best asset and selling point but we cannot afford to lose it

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 279  
**reference** 417041403230213  
**First name** Larry  
**Last name** Tasker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The council has been irresponsible in not getting the required standards to keep the birds safe and healthy. Very slack.

I believe the aviary should be closed, providing they can safely be moved to a new home. If not the council will have to make the necessary improvements to continue the aviary. New birds should not be purchased so the aviary can eventually be closed over time.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 280  
**reference** 550041403235413  
**First name** Rachel  
**Last name** Southgate  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 281  
**reference** 424041406231813  
**First name** Tina  
**Last name** Dodson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I was born and bred in wanganui for 30 years and have now resided in Australia for the last 20yrs. I still have family who live in wanganui and when I return home, love to take my children and family to Virginia Lake and the aviaries. It is one of the best highlights to our visit and would be sad to see it gone.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 282  
**reference** 047041408230613  
**First name** Tony  
**Last name** Hoskin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

spend some money on the aviary, it will have more visitors than the white elephant on the hill.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 283  
**reference** 125041409232213  
**First name** John  
**Last name** Martin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

Martin.pdf

## Further comments

I would like to propose is a short extension to a footpath across the road from WGI Collegiate School near that main intersection. (see attached)

I drive thru here a number of times every day. I have noticed that after 5pm what is happening is your get WCS students that are obviously walking back to School from the Splash Centre, the foot path on Grey ST only goes a short way along, they get to the end of it and so they cross the road at that point.

After 5pm traffic is heavy at that intersection, and they walk out between the cars. If you are driving up to the lights in the RH turning lane I have nearly hit them more than once as they step out thru the cars waiting in the LH lane when the lights are red. This is VERY dangerous and a fatality waiting to happen!

I would like to propose the footpath being extended up to the WCS driveway that goes into their Groundsman sheds . That way hopefully the students would go up to that point before crossing the road, further away from the traffic lights, and a lot safer.

I have raised this before and had NO response.

**Submission method** Email



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 284  
**reference** 827041413230313  
**First name** Leonie  
**Last name** Davie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

To Whom It May Concern

This Zoologist who has come from Auckland may have degrees but probably doesn't own or has ever operated a venture such as this.

Seed Hoppers and water vessels in place keep the birds fed for the day possibly days. They are supplied daily with fruit and vegetables which you wouldn't feed more than once a day as it needs to be eaten otherwise it is wasted. \$6,000 to bring him down to talk about something he has no direct hands on experience with is a joke plus his \$500,000 to rebuild it must be made of gold. I have a Bird Aviary of my own for pleasure and don't need a university degree to run it. I clean the Aviary every 2nd day fresh water daily along with seed top up and Veges and fruit. Birds are well and happy. If you don't know how to look after an Aviary approach people who do, the local Wanganui Bird Club have knowledge and experience in this field. It sounds to me like nit picking. What will you do with the birds,? Euthanize them which will cost more money destroying perfectly happy and healthy birds.

There is more money spent and wasted willy nilly by the Council that we don't know about. It has been a feature for years and has been used to educate children about breeds of birds and caring for them.

Reconsider without wasting money on Consultants that are not in touch with basic reality.

### Submission method

Email



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 285  
**reference** 362041415234313  
**First name** Jan-Maree  
**Last name** Hooks  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

It would be such a shame if the Aviary was closed. It has been there forever and is such a nice place to visit and a great attraction for visitors to Whanganui. It adds to the attraction of spending time at Virginia Lake as you have the four things to do there, the Aviary, the Watergardens, the cafe and the lake. I think option 2 should be chosen. Addressing the animal welfare options and leaving the Aviary as it is otherwise. And finding homes for birds if the numbers have to be reduced. This is the cheaper option and nearly everyone does not want to see it close.

Thank you

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 286  
**reference** 542041433233213  
**First name** Roy  
**Last name** Ramsay  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

\$750.000 is a small amount next to what is being spent on a Valadrome for only a few to enjoy .I see the aviary as an asset to the community to be enjoyed by thousands. We have the birds and the perfect spot so it would be money well spent .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 287  
**reference** 809041435235413  
**First name** Alan  
**Last name** Abbott  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

Please find a way to keep the Aviary. Wanganui needs this. Children love to visit as well as adults. Yes this needs to be upgraded but as suggested maybe a small charge. Look for sponsorship as realize the fruits the birds eat is expensive to buy now. What's next to go the Winter Gardens..there must be a way to fund this...

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 288  
**reference** 160041438231113  
**First name** Jamie  
**Last name** Conner  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

My family visit the aviary often and never get tired of watching and talking to the birds, it would be a huge loss to wanganui if that was taken away from us

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 289  
**reference** 845041448231013  
**First name** Sandra  
**Last name** Rogers  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please do number 2. We don't need to lose more of our attractions.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 290  
**reference** 717041449235213  
**First name** Fiona  
**Last name** McLeod  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I have just seen the options for continuing the aviary or not at Virginia . I think it is an asset to our town and should be maintained. Option 2 sounds like the best but I would be happy for option 1 as well. Birds need a good healthy home and Whanganui benefits from the attraction.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 291  
**reference** 859041452232513  
**First name** Jeremy  
**Last name** Calkin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Further comments

The Wanganui council eliminated the hobby's of exotic bird breeding , showing , keeping as well as pigeon breeding, showing and racing by installing a bylaw reducing the allowable number of birds on a property to 12 , which is an unviable number for the hobby's . This left the Virginia lake aviary the Wanganui community's outlet for this hobby . If you close this aviary it would only be fair to remove the limits on the local ratepayers.

The birds have been poorly kept at the Virginia lake aviary for decades , a full time manager is required to care for the birds there .

Could I add that the existing aviary's could easily house 12 native kakariki parakeets in the aviary that's there utilising the flights for excercise and the current indoor aviary's as feeding and shelter areas , with all current nest boxes and exotic birds removed . The 12 birds as per council bylaws , could be far better managed with less man hours this way . Though I am presuming the aviary itself is 2 m from the boundary.

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 292  
**reference** 578041456235513  
**First name** Serena  
**Last name** Whitlock  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I support option one. I've been visiting the aviary for over 40 years. Firstly with my parents, now with my children. I'd love to see it refurbished to welfare standards. I know my family and some of my friends who are local to Wanganui also support this option.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Email



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 293  
**reference** 502041532230113  
**First name** Cleo  
**Last name** Ferguson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I'm only concerned for the birds welfare. I've visited the aviary many times and that's always been my concern. Are the animals safe and got a good quality of life.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Road upkeep, we have more people living here and roads are super busy. We don't need more lights, just better layouts and education regarding speed limits for schools and pedestrian crossings. Better signage would also be helpful.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Climate change, overpopulation and the cost of living.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 294  
**reference** 771041546233713  
**First name** Kelly  
**Last name** Hyde  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 295  
**reference** 443041557234613  
**First name** Barbara  
**Last name** Gray  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a favourite of my grandchildren when they visit and I enjoy it too. I would hate to see it close, but am happy to see it improve for the comfort of the birds. Not every exhibit needs to be educational. One can learn through observing and enjoying too.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

We need to urgently address and not be afraid to impose speed restrictions on the outskirts of town . As the population spreads out, 100kph restrictions are out of date ... most of our rural roads should be no more than 80kph and many should be 60kph. The footpath [or rather lack of] and parking at Upokongaro needs urgent attention before a child/pedestrian gets injured or killed. The council needs to be proactive rather than reactive here. The price is too high to ignore.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Flood protection and mitigating risks associated with weather challenges

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 296  
**reference** 637041600230713  
**First name** Dawn  
**Last name** Ferguson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

A wonderful multi generational facility. Free and quite unique in its access to lake walk, winter garden, picnic areas and Cafe . Living next door as I do I visit the aviary nearly daily and have nothing but admiration for the cleanliness and bird well being.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Boutique accommodation, ie hotel

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 297  
**reference** 181041605235513  
**First name** Gerry  
**Last name** Barnard  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Aviary is iconic to Virginia lake and should be improved and maintained. I would be disappointed to see it go

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 298  
**reference** 405041625233813  
**First name** Carmel  
**Last name** Scott  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

There seems to be less and less places to take our tamariki, and I don't want to see us lose another space they love. Definitely keep it, 3 is not a option. We need to be growing and upgrading spaces for families if we want to attract the here , and keep the families that are here. One of the biggest complaints I hear is there's nothing for the kids to do here and people go to palmy.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

The wharf. We would be sitting pretty if that was functioning with the interislanders breaking down . Health, support the local hospital to attract and keep staff. What benefits, staff discounts etc can they be offered.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Ensuring whanganui grows and doesn't become another rural town with nothing to offer.

### Further comments

The velodrome should be a multisport centre like Invercargill. Having it for one sport seems like a waste.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 299  
**reference** 827041632230813  
**First name** Keely  
**Last name** Aitchison  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Every child that have ever been there love this place we as kids loved this place as community our tourists stop here why can we not as a community invest in our own places of enjoyment for locals and tourists I fear removing the aiviry would be mistake for our community the cafe would lose out as would the winter gardens I would even volunteer to help with such a project

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Upgrading community outdoor places and invest in community gardens to help with the rising costs of food where people can come learn how to grow permaculture

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The cost of living, health and wellness of the community as a whole and the cost of food if we don't start being more self sufficient as a community now the struggles are only going to get worse

### Further comments

Need to create more spaces or upgrade the ones we have for the children as technology has be come the common theme amongst alot of kids I think the spaces they have here do need time and effort and looking at communities where community courses have helped balance out the rise of living cause things are getting any cheaper any time soon

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 300  
**reference** 806041711234113  
**First name** Des  
**Last name** Bovey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary provides pleasure for children and adults and has done for many years. I strongly oppose Option 3.

One suggestion, get rid of the garden birds, sparrows and blackbirds, that have found their way in, perhaps introduced because injured at some stage. All appear healthy now. The pigeons likewise, although attractive, contribute little. More of the smaller parrot family, rosellas and rainbow lorikeets, would be welcome. There are perhaps too many lovebirds. Some might be swapped for lorikeets, etc.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 301  
**reference** 173041738231313  
**First name** Dave  
**Last name** Bryson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 302  
**reference** 537041752235713  
**First name** Leanne  
**Last name** Gupwell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think the aviary is an asset to our City I take all my visitors there and the grandkids often. I support keeping and upgrading the aviary.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Whanganui needs to be resilient and able to cope with adverse weather events similar to cyclone Gabrielle.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Keeping our infrastructure up to our growth.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 303  
**reference** 552041819231613  
**First name** Jen  
**Last name** Brooker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Since moving to Wanganui 4 years ago, Virginia Lake and all its other little attractions have provided my family with a lot of fun on every visit, our favourite being the aviary.

The aviary has always caused us concern over the welfare of a lot of the birds there as many of them come from much hotter climates than our own. We feel especially concerned for the cockatoos who have no real shelter from the weather during the colder months.

Myself and family would love to see the aviary upgraded for the welfare of all the birds in terms of better nesting boxes but also better protection for the birds from the public. The fencing in the walk through area allows children to climb through it easily to chase the birds, I have witnessed parents for not only allow their children to do this, but make no attempt to stop their children in harassing the birds.

The aviary is great for all ages to enjoy and definitely is a tourist attraction with buses loads of older people coming in from surrounding smaller towns. It's great to go get a cup of coffee at the Funky Duck Cafe then walk around the aviary then down to the lake. Without the aviary there is less reason for tourists to go there and therefore less business for the cafe, the cafe loses business too.

If the aviary should close, and there are many of us who don't want to see this happen, my family and i would definitely be interested in rehoming some birds, especially the cockatoos as we have had experience with them before.

Please contact in regards to rehoming if necessary on my email.

Jen Brooker

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Reduce rates! We pay the highest in the country and for what? Our water is so hard it ruins our appliances! No road side collecting for recycling either, there's a lot more but will leave it their

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Affordable housing so the next generations can actually afford to buy their own homes

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 304  
**reference** 377041849233713  
**First name** Jessica  
**Last name** Reynolds  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 305  
**reference** 275041907235913  
**First name** Penny  
**Last name** Richardson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The Aviary has been a popular attraction to Whanganui for many years. In all this time, the birds have been fine. It would be a shame for it to close especially for the people from out of town that make a special trip to visit it. Don't we want to attract people to our city?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Bringing people into our town. Addressing the homeless. Retaining skilled staff.

Supporting business

Removing res tape for development

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Investment in our infrastructure.

Support business

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 306  
**reference** 227041915233313  
**First name** Robyn  
**Last name** Mallett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Would be a shame to close the aviary as it brings so much joy to the children that visit as they wouldn't normally get to see these lovely birds. This aviary is in keeping with the lake ducks and swans.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 307  
**reference** 372041934231613  
**First name** Maree  
**Last name** Whelan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

I'm not impressed that further money has been put towards the Art Gallery. Yes investementbiscgood, but honestly..... how many people from out of town will boost our economy!

Cycle/walkways - would be great to see something installed along Mosston Rd which is so dangerous to bike along. Also along the Wanganui East side of river out to Upok. Getting families & people out exercising & being able to do so safely.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 308  
**reference** 112041947232813  
**First name** Rebecca  
**Last name** Cuff  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

There is so few things for families to do in Whanganui and the Avery has potential to be a real feature of the region . Animal welfare is of course absolute priority but if the Avery is going to be kept then my view is it should be utilized to it 's full potential. This would be a valuable investment for the younger generations in particular and help to grow Whanganui as a good place to raise children. Having moved here from New Plymouth we've found it hard to adjust to the lack of things to do here and the Avery is one of the very few things available for children here . It would be such a blow to Whanganui to lose this.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Getting more value for money for Rates. We moved from Taranaki, our rates for a larger section with a 3bdm house was less than HALF the rates we pay now for a smaller section we haven't built on yet, and it included council curbside rubbish and recycling, along with huge and numerous parks and recreational facilities, museums, galleries and free zoos etc. Moving here was a real shock with how little you get for what is paid for and it's very dissapointing the perceived lack of value.

Access to Whanganui East also needs an upgrade, the Dublin St bridge will not cope with population increases especially the new subdivisions planned.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Whanganuis value is decreasing. Housing costs have increased to astronomical levels given the poor quality of the aging housing stock, infrastructure is starting to be pressured, petrol prices are significantly higher than neighbouring regions and there's very few things to do and limited recreational opportunities. UCOLs educational offerings are limited and many require travel to Palmerston North. Combined with very high rates which are increasing substantially Whanganui has gone from boring but cheap to boring AND expensive. If we were relocating now I wouldn't have considered Whanganui.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 309  
**reference** 878042006233113  
**First name** Clare  
**Last name** Zimmerman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 310  
**reference** 895042010234813  
**First name** Karl  
**Last name** Zimmerman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

We need to continue to invest in public amenities for locals and visitors. Our council invested millions +++++ into an art gallery for a very limited number of people - it would be interesting seeing visitor through fare in the art gallery compared with the aviary before the the construction of the art gallery begun.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Creating public amenities to enhance our city for locals and visitors.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Our world is changing soo quickly that is a difficult question. But we need to invest in maintenance and enhancement of our city ie velodrome

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 311  
**reference** 911042051230013  
**First name** Keene  
**Last name** Ellen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 312  
**reference** 552042229232513  
**First name** Jessica  
**Last name** Steele-Johnston  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 313  
**reference** 826042246235413  
**First name** Trieste  
**Last name** Patea  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I would like to see the Avery stay and brought up to standard for the wellbeing of the birds.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 314  
**reference** 276042309230313  
**First name** MaryAnn  
**Last name** Kane  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is a great attraction. It's good to be able to get close to the birds and view from all around the outside as well. We always take family and visitors to the city. Everyone loves it. Please keep it.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 315  
**reference** 514040056233114  
**First name** lara  
**Last name** Hawker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Poor, poor birds. They need a better home than this! No shade, no space to fly - this doesn't add much to Virginia lake.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 316  
**reference** 182040559233114  
**First name** Bayley  
**Last name** Phillips  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Making an area for homeless people to go instead of the river camp

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 317  
**reference** 325040722232114  
**First name** Laura  
**Last name** Bennett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 318  
**reference** 621040743230714  
**First name** Anya  
**Last name** Kojis  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Wanganui has hardly anything here for kids to enjoy. I bring my 6 and 7 yr old every week to the aviary. They love it. And I'm pretty sure everyone else who calls in there feel the same. You need to save it.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 319  
**reference** 978040809230914  
**First name** Sue  
**Last name** Lochhead  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Virginia Lake and it's surrounds is a major tourist attraction and on a state highway. I visit the aviary every time I go. Preserve it and make it better please.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 320  
**reference** 416040904232414  
**First name** Alison  
**Last name** Burnett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Bird Aviary is a great asset for Whanganui and should be kept  
Your city will miss out on much income if you don't look after this asset

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 321  
**reference** 436040915232014  
**First name** Carol  
**Last name** Whitlock  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I think the Virginia Lake aviary is an important feature of Whanganui. It is entertaining, educational for our local people and visitors and something most other towns of our size don't have. If we lose our unique and memorable features, why will people want to come here?

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

I am also very concerned about the future of the Opera House and the tram. Again, they are real drawcards to our town as well as important to local residents.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 322  
**reference** 358041002230414  
**First name** Tina  
**Last name** Chambers  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I think it's a wonderful attraction for Wanganui and our visitors. I think 'do it once and do it well!'

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think Wanganui needs a big tidy up. In the bridges are in need of a water blast! Looks very tacky coming into Wanganui. The smell from the sewage plant is an embarrassment out on Airport Road. I also think the mostly younger generation Need some hard-core discipline. They need to be made accountable, for their bad behaviour.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Drugs & Violence

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 323  
**reference** 932041114235914  
**First name** Tyla  
**Last name** Harding  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I don't feel like it should be shut down at all

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

To fix the freedom camping by boat ramp

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The Dublin bridge there should be another bridge by railway track

### Further comments

I think there should be a play area for kids under 5 at kowhai park

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 324  
**reference** 003041140232914  
**First name** Meteria  
**Last name** Katene  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

INDIGENOUS CULTURE. EDUCATING TE REO MAORI AND ALL ITS CONCEPTS IN TE REO MAORI TO OUR COMMUNITY. ZGET OUR CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS AND HAVE MORE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN TO STIMULATE THEM. MORE FUNDED HOLIDAY PROGRAMS THAT TEACHES OUR CHILDREN LIFE SKILLS, SURVIVAL. CAMPING. HUNTING AND EVERYTHING OUTDOOR.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Laziness and technology. Action now to teach our children independancy and how to live off our land.

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 325  
**reference** 798041246234814  
**First name** Claire  
**Last name** Dowsett  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Option 1 is my preferred option. Whanganui lacks high-quality experiences for families (in comparison to similar-sized cities across the country), a full upgrade to improve animal welfare standards and the visitor and educational experience is preferred. Most of the species in the aviary are introduced. They can cause environmental harm if they escape captivity and naturalise (such as the cockatoo, which are breeding prolifically out Kai Iwi and Turakina). This is an opportunity to educate the community about biodiversity and the responsibilities of owning pets. Clearly, all pets must be cared for in a way which meets their welfare requirements; the council must lead by example here. But also, the council could maximise benefits from the aviary by communicating the risks to the environment when pets are "liberated". By framing the new experience in a way that contributes to community education and biosecurity the council may find they could source funding for the project from other interested bodies (such as Horizons, Forest and Bird, DOC etc).

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Climate Change, we need to focus on the mandating of clean energy solutions for new builds and offer funding solutions for homeowners to insulate, double glaze and get solar.

Improved traffic management around Dublin Street Bridge and a new/upgraded bridge are essential.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

flooding and erosion, council should be actively planning retreat from flood plains and reforesting riparian and steep zones

### Further comments

The council needs to improve lighting and parking around Hatrick st. The rink is a highly popular place for tweens and teens, but the street lighting and terrible parking is a major safety concern

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 326  
**reference** 248041511234814  
**First name** Ashleigh  
**Last name** Cave  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Road side recycling and safe, maintained areas for kids. Kowhai Park has SO much wasted space and needs some TLC. There is a lot of things there such as the skate rink/rocketship/speed boat that aren't really functional and the space could be so much better utilized.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

Please invest in support for local businesses. We have focused to hugely on art, which is great, but I feel like local businesses have been pretty forgotten about

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 327  
**reference** 836041617230614  
**First name** Fiona  
**Last name** Thomas  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Grandchildren and friends who visit enjoy the area and seeing the birds is another aspect of this. I would like to see it remain but with the birds welfare taken into consideration.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Continue to encourage the upgrading of historical buildings to represent the unique atmosphere of Whanganui, especially the town centre. The port and airport should be developed and maintained. Art should continue to be a priority. It is what brings a lot of people to Whanganui, including myself. The surf club is in need of updating and the sand encroaching will probably get worse.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Cost of living to all NZ is an issue already. A general reliance on technology is evident already too so I feel the arts mustn't be ignored as they develop many skills that really help a person's overall well being. Also an aging population will be an issue generally. Older people shouldn't be bundled into old age groups... well being is best when living alongside all ages and stages of life. I think it's important to keep UCOL current and viable as it brings younger people to Whanganui too. Hopefully investment in the port will open up job opportunities too.

### Further comments

The Sarjeant Gallery is a major asset that is worth all the updating.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 328  
**reference** 771041625233514  
**First name** Linda  
**Last name** Waltz  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It would be a brainless crime to close the much loved aviary. I go there often and it has always been busy with people enjoying the birds.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

More parking!! Lower the ridiculous fines for overparking at parking meters. Those are just pure greed!!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Traffic

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 329  
**reference** 431041853234714  
**First name** Maureen  
**Last name** McMillan  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It would be a huge loss to wanganui. I would be happy to help with keeping the available clean if shown what to do

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 330  
**reference** 188042043233314  
**First name** Patrick  
**Last name** Stutz  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

This is a wonderful aviary that I have visited for many years. I work in the disability industry and have taken many of my residents here and it would be a shame to see it close.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 331  
**reference** 052042109231214  
**First name** Teegan  
**Last name** Jennings  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I agree, the current state of the aviary does not meet animal welfare. Its terrible to think those parrots are servicing a sentence for our own pleasure. The aviary needs an upgrade and needs to be better maintained. Animal welfare should be your first action before considering how to implement an educational aspect.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

The lack of attraction for very young families so children under the age of 4. Wanganui has great parks but the safety of these are not designed for children under the age of 4. Look to thr bigger cities for inspiration like wellington where they have revamped parks with areas for young babies, and older and have included basketball courts and skate parks as part of this. Wanganuis focus should be on those who return to raise young families and how to keep them here .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Employment, wanganui is bespoke in that a large its more of an industrial area wiwht factories however as more people work remotely you can see the appeal of whanganui.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 332  
**reference** 621042110234814  
**First name** Sandra  
**Last name** Williams  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

While option one would be perfect if option two makes it viable to maintain the aviary presence that's great. We regularly take our grandchild to visit the aviary and use the play ground. She loves watching the birds and it's a fabulous resource for the community for both leisure and learning. On a par with Kowhai Park. Iconic to Whanganui! Happy to donate towards the upgrade if a special fund is set up.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 333  
**reference** 879042118234114  
**First name** Briley  
**Last name** Zimmerman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Option 1 will bring more people and children to Virginia lake to learn about birds, more visitors will in turn come to the region.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Sports

Parks and reserves

Creative and LGBT culture, is well known throughout nz for it.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Growth, please future proof current roadin and amenities.

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 334  
**reference** 727042316234714  
**First name** Lily  
**Last name** Coleman  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 335  
**reference** 848040713233315  
**First name** Tracey  
**Last name** Hodson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I was born and raised in Whanganui, and my elderly mother still lives there so this is also on her behalf. This aviary has always been a great asset to add to the excitement of visiting the Lake, and deserves some money spent to keep it as a destination for us out-of-towners. My teenage kids love it, as do my sisters grandkids - excellent memories that should continue down generations.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

As I don't live there I'm probably not the best person to answer - but Dublin St Bridge is unpleasant, and maybe a bit more crime monitoring. A lot of opportunists always looking for a quick steal - especially in Kowhai Park.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Keeping the Whanganui history and character alive. Don't destroy all the character homes and build cheaply made multiple nasty box housing like Hutt City Council just because the land is cheaper there.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 336  
**reference** 539040804231615  
**First name** D  
**Last name** Allen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 337  
**reference** 929040823232515  
**First name** Rachael  
**Last name** woodhead  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Economic downturn means ratepayers don't need a rise to cover frivolous expenditure. There are other more deserving projects that were apart of the election promises- like housing people.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing issues

Business and jobs needs to be of a serious concern

Food growing

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Being able to pay then rates if the council keeps putting them up for long term, low return / no return projects- like the gallery, aviary and velodrome.

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 338  
**reference** 953041235231015  
**First name** Brittany  
**Last name** Parker  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Please keep this open to the public. It's a great place to take the kids to experience and be close to birds

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Family friendly attractions

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Erosion of waterways

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 339  
**reference** 223041311232215  
**First name** Natalie  
**Last name** Cornell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Option 1 or 2. Option 2 is the best for financial reasons. However our households believes this to be a valuable asset for Whanganui for both locals and visitors alike. Seeing the closure of this would be taking something so iconic about Whanganui away which would be a shame to see.

We would happily make a donation to see these birds are looked after for either option 1 or 2.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 340  
**reference** 320041925235915  
**First name** Rebecca  
**Last name** Gibb  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

My whole family loves going to the aviary especially my children they love that they can walk through and see the birds up close and we always go there when we have friends and family visiting and they all enjoy it would be so sad to see it close and would be a loss for the tourism in Whanganui

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 341  
**reference** 532040732230716  
**First name** Sarah  
**Last name** Hunt  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The Aviary is a tourist attraction, more so than the art gallery and velodrome. Please keep it, it brings joy to so many, young and old.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Tourist attractions a must. Upgrade the parks, give cyclist their own lanes, rather than combine the two with pedestrians, as many a time we've been forced onto the grass or into the road by a cyclist.

Please also akeaway those purple scooters, they are very hazardous for pedestrians. Money needs to be spent on the right things,

Always safety first

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Clean water, flood defences.

Tourist attractions to be upgraded.

Path/ cycle ways separated.

### Further comments

Love the dog park on st johns hill. Need more areas fenced off for those dogs that can't be off lead though.

Be lovely to have another enclosed run area by the river too

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 342  
**reference** 694040739235116  
**First name** Cathyanne  
**Last name** Ballard  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

I think it's important to use what we have here! Would love to see the likes of the taranaki lights introduced into Whanganui. As a mum of teenagers due to leave college in a couple of yrs I'm concerned that ucol doesn't the opportunities it used to and there isn't other opportunities here

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 344  
**reference** 711041104235516  
**First name** Lisa  
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**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Even considering closing the aviary seems to be a ridiculous option.

Has someone from the council actually stood outside the aviary and seen the amount of people who go in. We have.

On Thursday at 11am we counted 15 people in 10 minutes.

On Saturday there was 63 people in 20 minutes.

The birds are happy. they have birds there that would otherwise be put to sleep.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 345  
**reference** 088041501235616  
**First name** Zjene  
**Last name** Waimotu-Dingle  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 346  
**reference** 464042142230016  
**First name** David  
**Last name** Hoskin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

**Not Speaking**

## KEY ISSUES

### **Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary**

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I do NOT consider option 3 a option. It shouldn't even be considered. Of options 1 and 2 the increase to rates is 8.2% for either. I think the extra \$300 000 to increase visitor experience and bird welfare will easily make it's worth back in revenue gained by the improved experience due to its potential as being a draw for visitors to spend more time in Wanganui . This extra time spent here may mean that people spend more time and money in our city. An improved attraction is better than 1 less attraction.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Ditch the flawed and asset stealing 3 waters..... Or whatever name it guises itself as.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 348  
**reference** 030040728233917  
**First name** Lisa  
**Last name** Reweti  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Turn Virginia lake into a decent tourist destination

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Fix the flooding problems in Putiki

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Global warming

### Further comments

Fix the flooding problems in Putiki

Put the ngatarua catchment back on its natural course

Lower the road on putiki drive

Riparian planting with the community

**Submission method** Online

**From:** [Whanganui District Council](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Annual Plan 2023/24  
**Date:** Monday, 17 April 2023 7:38:36 am



## Submission: Annual Plan 2023/24

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

Reference number	100040738233517
First name	Lisa
Last name	Reweti
Email address	[REDACTED]
Postal address	[REDACTED]
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Organisation name	
Your role	
Gender	[REDACTED]
Age group	[REDACTED]
Ethnicity	[REDACTED]
Location	[REDACTED]
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	
<b>Consultation Question</b>	

Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary	Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000
Please provide any comments in support of your response.	Make Virginia lake a torust destination
<p><b>Looking ahead</b></p> <p>This year we will be working with the community and Iwi / Hapu to take a look at our Leading Edge Strategy which underpins everything we do and is going to help shape our next Long-Term Plan.</p> <p>We will be running several events later this year to hear your thoughts in more detail, but for now we'd love to hear your initial ideas on what you think the big challenges are for Whanganui and where you think we should be focusing our efforts over the next few years.</p>	
Looking out to the next three years, what do you think are the biggest challenges and opportunities facing Whanganui and where do you think council should focus its efforts?	Putiki Fix the flooding
Looking out to the next 10-30 years, what do you think will be the big challenges for the next generation/s of Whanganui residents?	Global warming
Do you have any other comments or general feedback you wish to make?	Put the ngatarua catchment back on its natural course Lower tbe road in putiki Check and repair the culverts The flooding issues have been caused because council have not put in infrastructure to support builds on durie hill 20 years and council have done nothing because Putiki is a maori community. Racistm will drown the people who gave you a city to live and build on I can come into council and deliver a one hour lecture all about it 1864 1865 Putiki gave their lives to save you settlers and now you're trying to drown us
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 349  
**reference** 516040803234817  
**First name** Fay  
**Last name** Rio  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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I had many happy years taking my children then my grandchildren up to the aviary. It would be a tragedy to close it. Maybe volunteers would be happy to help.

If I wasn't now disabled I would have loved to have helped

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 350  
**reference** 646041439234517  
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**Last name** Atkinson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Rather have the aviary than the Art Gallery.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

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**Submission method** Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 351  
**reference** 678042018232517  
**First name** Vivienne  
**Last name** Pearson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 352  
**reference** 686040859230218  
**First name** Maggie  
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**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 353  
**reference** 330040915230218  
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**Last name** Butters  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 354  
**reference** 312041113232318  
**First name** Karen  
**Last name** Veldhoen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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We need to retain this icon, which visitors and locals enjoy. I have fond memories from my childhood of visiting the aviary and feel it is an asset to our city. People will visit it regardless of the 'visitor/education experience', so it's not worth the additional spend with option 1.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Challenges with the economic downturn include access to affordable housing and food , for those who have high need. The kai providers are currently struggling to maintain the support required.

The health care system is struggling - not enough staff, limiting access and adequate care.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Accessing primary health care - the current GPs will be retired or retiring.

With the increasing number of people moving to our city, accessing housing and employment will be more of a challenge.

An aging population will put more of a strain on services (particularly health) and the availability of pensioner housing and rest home care.

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 355  
**reference** 251041810233818  
**First name** Naa  
**Last name** Warde  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Brings in more visitors/ tourists means more money for businesses for the local community

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

\*30mins bus waiting times throughout.

\*More bus shelters and places where people can sit.

\*Have all bus stop signs facing the 'right way' facing the route the bus is travelling to. Often it's hard for bus drivers to see where the next bus stop is

\*Extend cycle lane/footpath from Aramoho to Putiki rather than people having to cross the road after Caroline's Boatshed

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

\*Traffic

\*Air pollution

\*No investment in passenger rail

\*Offer roadside recycling as not everyone owns a vehicle to drive to the recycling centre

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 356  
**reference** 976041828232618  
**First name** Joy  
**Last name** Gedye  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Took a group of elderly people there on Monday. They would have been happy to watch the birds for hours. Wonderful to see the delight on their faces. Please dont ever close the aviary .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Trying their best to rein in the exceptional price on art gallery . Why does it have to be so flash. Art is the same in a carshed as in a massive building.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Dublin Street bridge replacement. It is a disgrace to the city.

### Further comments

Prefer not to admit to what my thoughts are.

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 357  
**reference** 489040935234819  
**First name** Yvonne  
**Last name** Gatland  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Bird Aviary Virginia etc

- Attracts more visitors than the Sarjeant Art Gallery.
- Education aspect will enhance schools learning = a charge to them = income for council.
- Bushy Park has done this.
- St Johns Hill project: just like Castlecliff have done.
- Iwi responsibility

Q - why hasn't the aviary been maintained over all of these years?

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

- Finish what you start. Too late stop the wastage on the sarjeant art gallery.
- Stable paths; concrete roads like U.S.A.
- Quality housing for low income people - not 3 on one section.
- Coastal protection re climate change.
- Finish the Velodrome as promised. (The promised 50m pool; with public & personal funding; was not carried out) stop letting assets deteriorate.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

If Council are not people focussed; ie mentally, physically etc, the sad Whanganui state of mind will never improve. Youth behaviour & disrespect for property etc will continue. Police on the beat again.

### Further comments

Stop wasting monies on consultants.

Contracting on lawns etc - standards have dropped.

Finish what you promise. 50mpool?

Don't miss opportunities e.g. the Velodrome could've been completed with roof years ago; monies were available, privately and Governmentally.

Too many missed opportunities.

P.S. (The only heritage area that is decent; the ones owned by Hadleigh Reid - no income for community).

### Submission method

Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 358  
**reference** 930041154233219  
**First name** Murray  
**Last name** Hayward  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Option 1 should be the only option

I moved to Whanganui later in life but prior to that highlights were the lake with aviary and kowhai park. Rather than building areas for freedom campers who bring little to the economy or constantly supporting the small group of cyclists let's invest in whanau friendly attractions

The Aviary is a source of pride and enjoyment let's not loose it

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method**

Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 359  
**reference** 948041345231819  
**First name** Jeffery  
**Last name** Walshe  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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ref to my submission document

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

### Attachments

WDC 2023 submission Community Consultation.doc

### Further comments

yes

### Submission method

Online

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Wanganui District Council  
Guyton Street  
Wanganui.

### **Community Consultation Annual Plan 2023/24**

The following are my comments on the following subjects.

#### **Youth Hub:**

It is my understanding that \$48,000 has already been spent on this issue and an immediate stop needs to be made before any further money is wasted. Any needs in this area needs to be referred to the experts ie: WMCA, Scouts, Church groups etc. The council needs to focus on its core business and let others deal the 'other stuff'.

#### **Tide Bus Service:**

It is my understanding that Horizons Regional Council is responsible for the Public bus Service in Wanganui. So why is the District Council spending \$180,000 on a new bus service. Every time I see any of the buses around Wanganui they are empty. So when is commonsense going to prevail and a review of the whole Public transport issue going to happen, and not by the currant persons who haven't got a clue.

#### **Velodrome Cycle Track:**

It is my understanding there was money in the budget to investigate what could be done with the track. Yet the COE and his Staff took that to mean it was the authority to proceed with the project. Communications need to be made clearer to prevent this happening in the future.

#### **Kerbside Recycling:**

Myself along with every one I speak to, do their own recycling and do not want a Council Run collection. When is someone going to start listening to the Rate Payers who pay for all council activities.

#### **Dublin Street Bridge project:**

This project is overdue and needs to be progressed.

## **Sarjeant Gallery:**

It is my belief that 2% of the Rate payers are holding the other 98% to ransom. This project started with an estimated cost of around \$34m and now we are looking at \$80m plus.

The stone work at the front entrance is going to be replaced at a cost of about \$900,000 because someone decided there was a contingency fund that would cover the costs.

How many other cases of this have there been?

To me there is no such thing as 'sticking to a budget' - which is how the rest of the community run our lives.

When this project started the Mayor and his councillors were all singing from the same song sheet by saying the councils commitment was only \$5m. When I investigated all cost associated with the project I found another approx \$5m.

They being the following:

1. Lease of the temporary building in Taupo Quay.
2. Shifting the collection
3. Building fit out including air conditioning.
4. Insurance

I have been told that these are not part of the project costs but covered by the normal operating budget.

## **Flight School:**

I believe this is not part of Council core business. We are not told what the total investment in this project is or what the rate of return is.

In my opinion it should be sold.

## **Bird Aviary:**

The Council needs to monitor those visiting and ask them a series of questions ie:

- how often do they visit
- would they bring friends and family to the Aviary
- do they want the facility upgraded etc
- do they have any suggestions for a tidy up.
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I visited the Aviary today the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and what I found was the following:

- a. There were a number of people walking around and inside the Aviary.
- b. The basic structure was sound.
- c. The birds were all up around the roof line appearing to be in a distressed state. On my last visit some years ago they were down lower on branches. I believe this is an indicator of a staff problem.

So if it is a staffing issue, address it as such and don't try and scare us with a \$750,000 upgrade figures and another excuse to increase our rates or close down the Facility.

I believe the CEO should be charged with wilful neglect in failing to employ suitably qualified staff to look after the birds' every day needs.

### **Mayoral Public Forums:**

We were promised some feed back and I gave Phillippa Baker-Hogan my email address.  
What have we seen - ?? nothing

### **Maori Flag:**

I visited the Council building on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and when I was waiting in reception a gentleman came in and complained about the Maori flag flying above the front entrance.

Has he been the only person to complain or have you received a number of complaints ?

It is my understanding that the council should act without prejudice in regard to Political or Racist issues.

Flying the flag is a Political and a Racist statement.

The Council are exposing themselves to a charge of:

#### **Inciting racial disharmony**

provision in the Crimes Act 1961 for an offence of inciting racial or religious disharmony, based on an intent to stir up, maintain or normalise hatred, through threatening, abusive or insulting communication with protected characteristics that include religious affiliation.”

### **Membership of LGNZ:**

I believe the Council’s membership should be cancelled and save the rate payers \$50,000 plus the \$1500 attendance fee for each person attending an annual meeting.

I have spoken to a Councillor who attended the last conference and that person told me about the racist rhetoric that took place and they walked out.

There is no place for this in a modern multicultural society.

### **Future**

If 3 Waters goes ahead a large portion of the Council assets will go WEST along with the staff that manage it.

Therefore we need to see some plans on future staffing and what the number of councillors and staff will be required to manage what is left. A good starting point would be a 50% reduction.

Jeff Walshe

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 360  
**reference** 083041357232319  
**First name** Elizabeth  
**Last name** Preston  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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The aviary provides pleasure for everyone as part of the Virginia Lake experience . Let's preserve and improve it, so that it gives residents and visitors alike, something to enjoy outside- cancelling this wonderful icon of Wanganui would be very shortsighted for generations of families still to come. I personally would be happy to pay an extra amount in my rates, to make this happen.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 361  
**reference** 710041828234019  
**First name** Emma  
**Last name** Rennie  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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The aviary is one of the only destinations that tourists enjoy and come to see in Whanganui. It is an amazing thing to see and would be an absolute shame to close it down. Those that look after the birds do an awesome job too.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Housing and fuel prices

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing and cost of living

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 363  
**reference** 516040846231020  
**First name** Silala  
**Last name** Warmsense  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I prefer option 2 to keep the aviary, working towards option 1 in the future.

The aviary is a wonderful contribution to the area and should be upgraded for the benefit of animals. Leading in best practice where possible.

The aviary is a lead point to the winter gardens, the cafe and the lake and is a highlight to visitors and locals. It is a wee special place. Not many councils have an opportunity for people to see birds upclose and for free. An experience very little people get to have because of the expense to visit zoos and nature reserves because they're priced for the international market where for them our dollar goes a long way. For example, charging \$NZD20 is the equivalent of \$EU10. But still costs us \$20.

Please keep the aviary, it is a beautiful sweet spot

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 364  
**reference** 985041833233520  
**First name** Terry  
**Last name** Dowdeswell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Aviaries are unnecessary and of value only as a demonstration of what not to do. Much better to encourage visits to Bushy Park, local council parks and gardens, where bird life can be viewed in a totally free and natural way. Aviaries are 19th century thinking. Society has moved on

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Reviewing and improving or rewriting council's Leading Edge Strategy.  
Reviewing the effectiveness of Whanganui and Partners.

Enabling and promoting a cohesive, focussed and funded tourism industry. The work done here so far while possibly useful is not clearly focussed. The potential is immense and largely unrealised. There is a golden opportunity to use Te Awa Tupua, our diverse history, Māori and Pakeha, the meeting of widely divergent cultures, the clash between technology and environment, all centred on and around the river, the land and the people, their art and culture, to tell a very compelling story that is both Whanganui, and the way forward for NZ. No-one has started to address this in any meaningful way. Whanganui needs to lead this conversation

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The acknowledgment that climate will change. Really change. And we must adapt.  
Educating the community to accept and even enjoy, working to mitigate this

### Further comments

The rate of change in the way we react with both the environment and one other has become almost untenable. The most important thing to plan for is change, even if we know not what that may be. We have to plan. Have to have several plans. Be flexible. Be resilient. Be bold.  
And please. Listen to the science.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 365  
**reference** 401041950233520  
**First name** Jess  
**Last name** Power  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Making council owned buildings and sites affordable for local groups to utilise , as well as support small local businesses instead of outsourcing the work to companies in Palmerston North. The cost of hireage of the opera house has made it near impossible for local groups to afford to hire it. It will become another relic that will not be used. And support your local musicians!

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Making whanganui a place that people want to move to live for the long hall and not a retirement village. We have lost to many successful young drs as there is not enough going on to keep them here

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 366  
**reference** 573040542232021  
**First name** Kathy  
**Last name** Gallagher  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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We shouldn't lose what we have people love this place always visited with my children and their children they love it and I also please please keep it. □□□□.

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 367  
**reference** 388040813231421  
**First name** Janet  
**Last name** Hartell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Aviary is a great place for visitors and members of the community to go to, Its relaxing looking around, It brings visitors from out of town time to have lunch at the cafe, then go talk to the birds in the aviary,

How many ppl a day visit the Art Gallery? How many ppl a day visit the Bird Aviary? Maybe put a counting machine at both, that counts how many enter them daily, That would give you a bigger picture,, Im with the bird Aviary,

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 368  
**reference** 136040822234621  
**First name** Terry  
**Last name** Arnott  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

This council needs to look after the majority not the minority it has with the [sargent gallery] ABSOLUTE waste of money

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 369  
**reference** 429040823232121  
**First name** Ann  
**Last name** VARTAN  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I believe it is well enjoyed by adults and children

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 370  
**reference** 982040825231721  
**First name** Eleanor  
**Last name** Arbuckle  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 371  
**reference** 711040911233121  
**First name** Aaliyah  
**Last name** Ranginui  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 372  
**reference** 090040947234621  
**First name** Carole  
**Last name** Carroll  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I'm not sure why 400000 would be needed to do this. But I support anything to keep the aviary open

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

For the last 25 years the shrubs with cages planted along cornfoot street and along heads road have not grown. 25 years ago if proper native trees had been planted those streets would have looked so much different. The cost of those cages must have been incredible. I suggest planting pouhawata trees in their place.

We need to push further our port revitalisation and factor in a ferry service across to the South Island. Wellingtons ferries are old and continually breaking down. The revenue we would get from establishing a link to the South Island would be tremendous.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

We need to address some of the squalor housing we have in many parts of wanganui. Sub standard living conditions. Landlords need to bring these houses up to scratch. Or they need to be demolished and newer houses built.

### Further comments

The safety of our shopkeepers. It is appalling that we are getting ramraiders in our streets. Are these people getting adequately punished. We need to name and shame the families are involved.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 373  
**reference** 714041014230621  
**First name** Jasmine  
**Last name** Absolom  
**Organisation** Save the bird Avery.  
**Role** Public voter

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Please dont close the bird aviary down. Let the community enjoyed along with many family's &, tourists. Most towns have these bird aviaries. Whanganui one is up to standards you would be breaking alot of people hearts by taking it away. It's been there since I was born in 1971. & we want it to stay.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Personally I think there needs to be more focus on the youth.and homeless people.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Denfently education

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 374  
**reference** 743041047234821  
**First name** Desmond  
**Last name** Thane  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Hi i visit this aviary on a regular basis i know the aviary keepers and they do a excellent job ..i have kept birds from childhood and these birds are well feed and cared for .i see they getting fresh vegetables every day with access to seed all the time .i see little kids and adults getting much joy by visiting this aviary .some people visit the area just because of the aviary so to lose this is to lose people visiting the area and lake so to me this stepping backwards .i would quite happy to donate my time to help with anything involving this project .new plantings and a tidy up and it will go well for many decades ..my thoughts please keep this aviary kind regards Desmond Thane

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 375  
**reference** 062041105232921  
**First name** Emma  
**Last name** Shrubbs  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

As a member of the community with a Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Avian Wildlife Healthcare; I have the following observations and comments to provide:

- Aviary is too small for the birds there, especially the cockatoos
- The cockatoos especially have the worst enrichment. There is a distinct lack of shelter, and little to no enrichment at all. One of these birds noticeably performs repetitive stereotypical behaviors which is a sign of stress and boredom.
- The mention in the report of the dietary issues is significantly poor. Little to no mention of the quantities to feed or SOPs for storing fruit and veges
- There is limited natural browse for the birds to hide in or forage through, which helps them to perform natural behaviors.
- The hygiene of the aviary is pretty average. The cleaning section of the report is pathetic, mentioning "soapy water" which is not effective against any contagious pathogens.
- The lack of time of the aviary carers spent in the aviary is poor, and it is difficult to contact someone about injured or dead birds which need immediate attention
- There is no one on the Aviary care team who is up to speed with current animal welfare or aviary husbandry recommendations or regulations.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 376  
**reference** 786041127232921  
**First name** Jack  
**Last name** Ponting  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The aviary is such a wonder as we explore; especially for children who look in awe at being so close to so much variety. It is truly a treasure to preserve.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

In this changing world and operating environment, just do the best you can with everything that comes before you.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Where do they fit in society? Will everyone feel they have something to offer, and to receive - to be a blessing encouraging closer caring communities? Ultimately everyone will strive to survive, but we also need to be aware of a world that is changing so rapidly - both good and bad.

### Further comments

Just keep up the good work you are doing.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 377  
**reference** 466041254233221  
**First name** Sherryl  
**Last name** Rogers  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Way more visitors go to the lake than the art gallery which has had a ridiculous amount spent on it . i would visit the lake and everything there at least once a week with my children/grandchildren.

Never have any of us been or choose to go to the art gallery.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

List is to long.

Finish the footpath along riverbank.

Get rid of homeless on entrances into wanganui.

Get the kerbside recycling sorted.

Fix the roads

The list goes on.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

There won't be any. Rates will make everyone homeless

### Further comments

Put signage for parking in clearer spots

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 378  
**reference** 050041334233621  
**First name** Gale  
**Last name** Mitchell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

option 2 please

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

cater for older people as well

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 379  
**reference** 482041503232021  
**First name** Cindy  
**Last name** James  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

The bird aviary has been loved by my children (now grown up) and our family for many years, It is an asset to Whanganui and a wonderful place for families to go and enjoy the birds. It would be a great loss to our community if it were to be pulled down.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 380  
**reference** 239041519233721  
**First name** David  
**Last name** Bradbury  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Improvement to an excellent level is my preference based on experiences visiting such as The Great Walks , and Zealandia. Visitors, and families alike delight in the educational and beautiful.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

The idea of Quarters, which I think started in New Orleans or maybe Paris, has focused business and foot traffic growth, along with special events in Wellington. I'd love to see a soundshell or amphitheater for outdoor performances. It's a shame we didn't go for a touring musicians' and visitor enticing covered venue. Ah well.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing. This place is growing ahead of national averages and this will continue. Tidy townhouses and terraces close to shops and parks are best imo.

### Further comments

This is such a great place. Let's really enhance it now. Inflationary times are the best times to improve facilities because the wider economy reduces the real debt.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 381  
**reference** 654041648235721  
**First name** Emma  
**Last name** Dickinson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Bring it up to standards and then look at long term plan around maintenance and education.

It is definitely a place visited by many, enjoyed by family, young and old. An opportunity for all people including learning for children to build empathy and connect with nature a little closer.

Ideally, the parrots do need more stimulation. Charlie is interactive and likes to chat (possibly the oldest by the sounds of it)

There is a hierarchy, where Charlie keeps a safe distance from another cockatoo who tries to lure you in with stones being pushed through the netting.

I have had a number of conversations with one of the bird carers and he has helped with my understanding of certain birds and also how to care for my own lovebird at home.

The panels also provided information on species of birds and something to talk about with others, particularly my child.

There is so much potential and certainly enough space to create an aviary that allows birds to thrive and increase an public awareness and education. It doesn't need to be fancy. I feel so much more connected to these living beings than the art around Whanganui (even though beautiful in a different way) Nature is more refreshing and supports down regulation of the nervous system where many really need this especially with anxiety, stress, depression, mental health. The aviary has definitely supported my own mental health and connection with nature.

Caring for animals and birds is an art itself. This upgrade is a better opportunity to educate visitors NOT to feed ducks bread, have an info centre possible? and fundraise for future care and education.

How much more will we be disconnected or blinded to the ever changing generations that have missed out on growing up without devices and instant gratification such as the internet and fast foods?

How is this changing the way we look at the world and connect?

This aviary needs to have time, money and attention.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Traffic passing through Whanganui and how that has increased

Renting and expenses (healthy food and petrol) are high

Parents and families of all kinds (solo, diverse, separated, sharedcare)

What community support is actually out there?

Where else can families take their children? What events could bring people together?

Also education and better placed rubbish bins at public spaces, eg pump track and skate park the rubbish is not necessary. Parents and children need to be more accountable, but how?

Bullying at skatepark and pump track, how can this be addressed?

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## Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Growth of the city with more people coming to live here and traffic considerations (roundabouts have a better flow)

Smaller businesses falling through with larger companies taking over. How can local businesses thrive? How can we support small businesses and unique offerings?

Healthcare demands. Younger people with more health challenges. How can we support preventative measures for health and wellbeing? Education? How? In what ways?

More open land being used for development instead of rebuilding or redevelopment of other areas with houses that are either abandoned or not usable? (unsure exactly, just a thought)

## Further comments

My first time offering suggestions that come to mind at this stage.

Update the aviary!!

## Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 383  
**reference** 057041656234521  
**First name** Heng  
**Last name** Lam Li  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Employment

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

university opportunity

### Further comments

More employment for people that are new immigrants.

**Submission method** Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 384  
**reference** 521041801231721  
**First name** Ray  
**Last name** Watson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

My wife and I visited the Avery again recently in view of the pending actions . We strongly support the option 1, though it is hard to envisage what gold plated environment could be provided for the excesses of \$750K. However it is seemingly likely to encourage vastly superior numbers of voluntary visitations when compared to the apparent numbers attending the Sargent Art Gallery on which the City is now to subsidise the costs to many millions of dollars more .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 385  
**reference** 436042219233421  
**First name** Pamela  
**Last name** Schrader  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I always take an visitors to Bird avery also the cafe after the winter gardens, its a great attraction for whanganui visitors also rate payers.maybe small charge to enter say gold coin in slot before entering could help with costs .worth thinking about .

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Community gardens would help with

Riasing costs with help from pensioner"s school groups, etc. Rates kept as low as possible. Foot paths kept up for safety falls risks.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Housing is a very big one. Recycling is a must.

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 386  
**reference** 960040911232322  
**First name** Chelsea  
**Last name** Buckeridge  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 387  
**reference** 174040952230222  
**First name** Margi  
**Last name** Petersen  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I was bought up in wanganui the winter garden, lake and aviary also the cafe are a real asset, the cafe must stay open

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 388  
**reference** 519041026234722  
**First name** Peter  
**Last name** Russell  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

An overcrowded random collection of non native birds confined for life in various states of need, so people can gawk at them. Seems Victorian.

Put money into planting plants around the lake that attract native birds.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Environmental events.

Poverty

Keep building image...Innovation, heritage, culture, arts

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

The traffic light sequences bottom of the Ave will continue to drive motorists insane until they turn to pushbikes in 2037

### Further comments

Is our defunct lined sewage pond storing chromium heavy metal ?

If so, how much is there?

What is the plan for its removal?

Who is paying for that ?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 389  
**reference** 760041930231122  
**First name** Daman  
**Last name** Anderson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

I am proud of the beautiful lakes, beaches and parks. I am proud to tell people I am from here. I talk about the City of Whanganui fondly when describing our river and lakes and the memories I have made here.

The aviary at Rotokawau/Virginia Lake has always been a place to love. Upgrading it will introduce a renewed sense of pride and love for this area.

Personally a renewed sense of trust in the people that can make decisions to make to right ones.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 390  
**reference** 018041759231023  
**First name** Shae  
**Last name** Whittingham  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 391  
**reference** 945040820232224  
**First name** Jack  
**Last name** Yalden  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 392  
**reference** 718040826232924  
**First name** Barbara  
**Last name** Wilsher  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The Virginia Aviary is in the arena of the Durie Hill elevator, Sargent Gallery, Higgenbottom Fountain, Memorial Tower and Kowhai Park, there are other attractions too, which have had hundreds of thousands and in the case of Sargent Gallery multi millions of dollars spent to maintain. The Virginia Aviary is an attraction as part of the lake experience. Many tourists and particularly families enjoy up close and educational experience of the Aviary. Just look at the magnificent Pukekura Park in Mew Plymouth. Whanganui should be aiming high to ensure we secure these amenities and continue to attract visitors to Whanganui. Fully support total makeover of the Aviary. \$750,000 well spent if it's done properly.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Supporting business to encourage and maintain local industry and employment

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Old housing, redevelopment is essential.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 394  
**reference** 620041447233524  
**First name** Stephen  
**Last name** Hormann  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

The aviary, at least, needs to be upgraded to address animal welfare standards but ideally to also improve the visitor/educational experience as it is important for families/children and a nice feature of Rotokawau Virginia Lake Scenic Reserve for visitors. If upgraded, it is important that the aviary is better maintained and managed in the future.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Homelessness - WDC should continue to work with Kainga Ora, iwi and other agencies to provide more housing in Whanganui - emergency, transitional and social housing.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Ensuring that urban growth in Whanganui is sustainable (takes into account climate change) and well supported by carefully planned, appropriate infrastructure (e.g. cycleways, sewage and stormwater). Whanganui will need to be a greener, climate-change resilient city. Some managed retreat may have to take place close to the Whanganui River.

### Attachments

Annual Plan Submission Turoa Road Stream Flooding Issue.docx

### Further comments

See attached personal submission regarding the Turoa Road stream flooding issue.

**Submission method** Online

24 April 2023

**Personal Submission on Whanganui District Council 2023/24 Annual Plan**

**Turoa Road, Whanganui East, Flooding Issue**

Dear Councillors,

We refer to previous Annual Plan submissions on this matter, both our own and that prepared and submitted by Sally and Stephen Gray on behalf of affected Turoa Road residents. This is an ongoing issue and, as we are not aware of what the District Council's position is on this, we have decided to make this further submission towards this year's Annual Plan.

The Turoa Road stream flows through a channel behind the houses on the north side of Turoa Road, through a culvert beneath the old shops (now the Chef's Choice meat processing business) on Ikitara Road and then into the Matarawa Stream. The Turoa Road stream (not formally named) is a natural tributary of the Matarawa Stream and was diverted from its original course and channelled behind the proposed house sites when the Turoa Road subdivision was established on former farmland in the 1960's. A topographic map will show that the Turoa Road stream has quite a large catchment area extending up the valley to the old quarry site. Due to this, at a later stage a flood retention dam was built on the old IHC farm to reduce the flood risk to the houses in the Turoa Road, Ikitara Road and Raine Street area. We are not sure who built the dam but presumably the former Wanganui County/ City Council or the Wanganui Catchment Board.

We have lived in our house at 29 Turoa Road (originally built in the 1970's) for over 30 years. For most of that time we have experienced some minor flooding episodes where the stream came into our vegetable garden and part of our backyard but then quickly receded. More recently however, in the major Whanganui 2015 flood event and just prior to Christmas 2021, the floodwaters entered our garage and came up to our house, covering the backyard for a long period. In these events, our neighbours further down the street had their garages flooded and water went under some of the houses. Thankfully, none of the houses were damaged but with climate change accelerating and given what has happened recently in Auckland, Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay, we are naturally concerned about what may happen in the future.

We pay full stormwater rates to the Council, although our stormwater does not enter the piped stormwater system. Instead, when our house was built it was a condition of the building permit that "the stormwater be piped to the stream at rear". Therefore, the Turoa Road stream is our stormwater drain and we take the view that someone should be inspecting and maintaining it, keeping it clear of weeds etc. In this regard, we also pay a Matarawa River Management – Urban Channel Maintenance rate to Horizons Regional Council but do not appear to receive any direct benefit from this although, as stated, the Turoa Road stream is a tributary of the Matarawa. Yes, the culvert beneath Chef's Choice and Ikitara Road is maintained by the WDC but this would need to be there regardless of the houses in Turoa Road. In previous times, PD/Community Work teams used to regularly dig out and clear weeds from the creek. We are not sure who arranged this (we assumed it



was the Council) but it has not happened for a number of years and the creek is normally choked with weeds, reducing its flow and channel capacity. Last year, Horizons Cr David Cotton arranged for the adjoining farmer Warren Blackmore to bring in a digger to clear out part of the creek. We appreciated that this was done and it seemed to provide some temporary benefit but we would feel happier if this was done as part of a regular maintenance programme (the creek is again choked with weeds).

We feel that the Turoa Road stream flooding issue has not been given proper attention and request that the Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council liaise with each other, sort out appropriate responsibility and inform the affected Turoa Road ratepayers and residents of the outcome.

Specifically, we would like the Whanganui District Council and/or Horizons Regional Council to:

- Regularly inspect and maintain the channel of the Turoa Road stream, keeping the desired channel width and depth and clear of weeds
- Inspect and maintain the Turoa Valley flood retention dam (perhaps as part of the Matarawa River Management Scheme)
- Inspect and assess options for improving channel capacity on a narrow section of the stream (about halfway down) between residential properties and a steep hillside (which could be easily blocked by a slip)
- Reassess the adequacy/capacity of the culvert beneath Chef's Choice/Ikitara Road to ensure there is no backing up of floodwaters upstream of the culvert.

A similar submission will be sent to Horizons Regional Council for consideration as part of their Annual Plan process.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission and we look forward to the Council's response.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen and Sabine Hormann

■ Turoa Road

Whanganui East

Whanganui 4500

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 395  
**reference** 402042133233924  
**First name** Angela  
**Last name** Stratton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Aviary is popular with people travelling through, it needs to stay.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Promote people power: put pedestrians and cyclists ahead of vehicles to make roads safer and people healthier. We need small shops within walking distance of housing, and safe cycle paths to schools from residential areas.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

We need to encourage people to give up their private cars, especially the elderly, but they will need alternatives.

### Further comments

Bushy Park is brilliant, let's hope the birds there multiply and spread outside the sanctuary, meaning we'll need to be predator free city-wide. Ruapehu is addressing their cat problems, let's do the same.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 396  
**reference** 513040745232225  
**First name** Lynette  
**Last name** Bristol  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

I believe that we should keep our aviary for the benefit of our young children we have spent millions on the gallery so why not a few hundred thousand on the aviary the lake is a fantastic area let's keep it this way

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Foot paths at the cliff they are slabs of concrete and all different heights and roading

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Infrastructure and the bridge build make it toll till it's paid for user pays

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 397  
**reference** 247040928235026  
**First name** Jennifer  
**Last name** Saywood  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

It is part of the Virginia Lake experience.

Has anyone tried to find volunteers to help with the care of it? Would school children be interested and could it be part of a combined school project encouraging community engagement.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Infrastructure.

If there is an effort to attract more people to live in Whanganui there has to be equal effort in providing amenities, traffic flow, green spaces. There needs to be more control over residential development plans eg. Tirimoana Place and the blind entry onto Great North Road, the narrow street in Tirimoana Place which does not cater for parked cars.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Climate Change. There needs to be a concerted effort to reduce car emissions, encouraging the use of electric cars and making cycling and walking attractive. Education about waste management.

### Further comments

The top part of London Street that incorporates Wicksteed Street, Bell Street, Harrison Street intersections is becoming a busy messy area where cars are parked on both sides of the street and over the foot path. Is this classed as an industrial or residential area?. It is becoming a very noisy and unpleasant area for those of us that live in and around this area.

The intersection of Harrison Street, London Street and Peat street has had several accidents of late, causing damage to my neighbours fence. Cars speed down this street ignoring stop signs and making it a dangerous place for both car users and pedestrians. The traffic connected with the Council property in Peat Street also causes undue disruption due to the speed with which the trucks drive over the railway line. Can this area be revisited as to perhaps closing off London street as was done at Halswell Street? The netball court parking area has become an area especially at night for noisy vehicles doing burnouts, ruining the surface of the parking area as well as disrupting the neighbourhood. None of the above helps to attract people to buy and renovate the older houses in this area and as a consequence Whanganui will have a large part of its central city in a deteriorated state.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 398  
**reference** 073041431232626  
**First name** Elaine  
**Last name** Mayer  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Need to address stormwater issues and action necessary upgrades.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

### Further comments

Please prioritise stormwater upgrade - College St/Grey St intersection. The amount of rainwater that ends up at this intersection from surrounding streets is too much for existing drain to cope. Results in flooding of road & threatening our properties. It doesn't take a 'rain event' - happens too often & not acceptable.

**Submission method** Delivered

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 399  
**reference** 225041451230227  
**First name** Ann  
**Last name** McNamara  
**Organisation** Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust  
**Role** Trustee

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

Email submission WRHTB final.pdf

**Submission method** Email



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26 April 2023

This submission is on behalf of the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust.

We do not wish to appear before the committee to speak to our submission.

To Whom it may Concern

The Whanganui District Council opened the Heritage Growth Fund in 2018. It has become a transformational tool, empowering community stakeholders to carry out a variety of projects which futureproof heritage sites and spaces. At first limited to the Town Centre, it now supports initiatives across the district where there is public benefit. For most applicants this is the only source of funding available to them, particularly since Central Government cancelled the Heritage EQUIP fund in 2021.

The Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust acknowledges the changing economic landscape, but we feel this fund is a vital instrument and if reduced would be of great detriment to the community. A major challenge at this time for owners and managers of buildings in the CBD is the requirement to adhere to timelines around resolving earthquake prone buildings and interconnected issues such as fire and engineering requirements, triggered through Council's obligation to adhere to the Building Act. This has flow-on effects for the wider retail sector. In Whanganui, commercial buildings are heavily impacted by the requirement to strengthen frontages within a short time frame (usually 12.5 years). Since Heritage EQUIP's cancellation, the Heritage Grant Fund has needed to be nimble and respond by supporting access to much needed professional advice from the likes of engineers (fire and seismic), architects and heritage experts.

The fund fulfils multiple strategic outcomes sought by council. One of these is the provision of accommodation during a housing crisis. The funding criteria was expanded in 2021 to better support the provision of accommodation in heritage buildings. Around the Ridgeway St-Drews Ave intersection, 12 accommodation units have been generated through support from this fund. They are future proofed, compliant with the Building Act and within building footprints which were previously either under-utilized or derelict. There are several other residential accommodation projects in the design stage in locations around the central city area. As the number of these projects increase the impact of central city housing will become significant to the supply of housing in Whanganui.

Whanganui District Council has affirmed that the district is in a climate emergency. The Heritage Growth Fund incentivises development, which is low waste, low emission and placing very little additional demands on our infrastructure network. There is no greener building solution than making use of building assets which we already have.

Whanganui is also rapidly moving away from reliance on private vehicles and this fund helps encourage more livable urban centres. Having dense corridors of mixed-use spaces makes public transportation a much more appealing option. Indeed, there has been an 86% uptake in ridership on Te Ngaru The Tide bus route which now passes regularly through many of the areas where this fund has supported mixed use redevelopment.

The '20-minute city' concept is a viable prospect in our UNESCO City of Design. This fund incentivises alternatives to the sprawl model of development and to reduce it would be in opposition to the Council's stated commitments to its climate and heritage strategies.

The Whanganui Earthquake-Prone Building Taskforce is no longer active, meaning the wraparound support offered through the Heritage Grant Fund is even more important to the community. We recognise that there are limitations on the Council's funding, so are not asking that the funding be increased this year; merely that it not be reduced. This is a fund which offers clear wins well beyond the heritage sector, while centering Whanganui's strengths as a strategically agile yet historic centre of excellence across many fields. The Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust believes that this fund helps balance private costs with public benefit, and the ultimate value upon completion of these funded projects is strongly contributory to the Council's strategic intentions around housing, wellbeing, climate commitments and positive cultural outcomes.

Yours Faithfully,

Ann McNamara,  
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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 400  
**reference** 259041711232627  
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**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The aviary has had it's time. I don't think any money put into it will be enough. It is not an asset to Whanganui and we should not be keeping those birds stressed any longer. Closure is the best option.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 401  
**reference** 422041803234027  
**First name** Brit  
**Last name** Taylor  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

Although pretty I am sure (have not been), I don't believe birds belong in Aviaries. Would prefer it's closed and the money put elsewhere.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I think there are some big things and little things. I think bringing in more business would be a good idea, there are a lot of empty buildings around not being used and it's can create the ghost vibe we experienced before moving here (the same buildings are still empty and derelict, we're just used to it now). We need to attract interesting business ideas where there are holes in our economy. I think the type of business we want to attract is key too. Small business ideal. I think working on the aesthetics of the city would be great. Using a catcher on the public grasses would make for a much more appealing city, for example, where walking /sitting on grass is comfortable and clean. It looks lazy and sloppy - something I noticed right away upon moving here.

We need to address the reckless driving in this city. There are a lot of unsafe streets and disturbances because of 'boy racers'. We've had our fence done in (so have soooo many neighbours) and Donuts constantly done outside our front door. This is a topic amongst coworkers and friends in other areas of the city as well...

Safety. I still don't feel safe in this city, walking home alone at night, etc.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Job opportunities mostly. Whanganui is a great little city, but it can be challenging to grow a career.

Transportation - buses and streetcars, etc. More regular (especially East Side). The Tide is great but it would be amazing if there was something going East as well to connect us late nights - could help with safety.

### Further comments

Whanganui has amazing potential, it feels like no where else in Aotearoa. So many artists and young families and ideas! I just hope council focuses on what the younger generations are asking for, It's them who will be living here in 10-30 years if we can make it a place they can/want to stay.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 402  
**reference** 547041847232727  
**First name** Bridget  
**Last name** Hurley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

While my preference would be to upgrade the aviary and invest in it as a tourist attraction, I acknowledge that at this point in time the council is working very hard to minimize rates increases so without substantial sponsorship and outside funding, that isn't a viable option.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Continued investment in the promotion of Whanganui as home to wide and varied range of Arts , while also working with the castle cliff based industrial sector to keep and expand upon industry as the factories here are the livelihood of many Whanganui families.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Maintaining a work/life balance.

Transport, specifically the bridges (both maintenance of and reviewing the intersections at both end of Dublin St Bridge.

### Further comments

Thank you for being willing to embrace ratepayers submissions.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 403  
**reference** 743041848232927  
**First name** Mike  
**Last name** Mooney  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Bring more industrial businesses to town. They employ people who inturn can afford to spend money.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Getting the next generation to be work

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 404  
**reference** 276041857233527  
**First name** Richard  
**Last name** Terrey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Whanganui can't afford this

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Stop the touchy feely stuff and get back to basics. The entrances to the town look disgusting, long grass, 2m+ high weeds welcome to Whanganui. Long grass and weeds in premiere parks, what's happened to the contract supervision? Infrequent mowing of parks and reserve so they look scruffy. The Contractors are making a killing by being allowed to not meet contract standards.

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Getting back to basics. Retaining existing and attracting new residents to increase the rate base.

#### Further comments

Rural rate payers are subsidising urban infrastructure upgrades. A perfectly good curb and channel along Heads road was ripped up and renewed why?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 405  
**reference** 123041935233627  
**First name** Brian  
**Last name** Milham  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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The up-grading of the Aviary is a must. It is a major tourist attraction for both the young and old.

We have family who travel on a regular basis from New Plymouth and Palmerston North to visit the Lake and in particular the Aviary.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

We should be focusing our efforts on improving the tourist activities within the city as well as up-grading our standard of Hotels etc. This will be a must with the re-opening of the Sarjeant Gallery in mid 2024.

We must also focus on getting our Historic Tram moving around the Old Town area . Many comments of dismay are being expressed by those returning / re-visiting the city that no progress has been made on extending the track. Council should be reminded that they have not addressed one of the conditions of acceptance agreed to with the late Dave Harre - that the tram be used as a means of public transport within the city.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Housing is one of the major problems that needs to be addressed .

Also replacement of the Dublin St. bridge.

### Further comments

No

### Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 406  
**reference** 995042004232127  
**First name** Penny  
**Last name** de Jongh  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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I feel this is more moderate for our budget, and yet addresses the animal welfare issue which is important.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Doing a good job of maintaining what we have, so it is a drawcard and attracts people to visit and return. Our name is getting out there as an art hub, Open Studios, Vintage weekend and make sure these remain excellent so other towns don't rival and draw our crowd.

Improving the velodrome - completing the Sargeant Gallery - upkeeping footpaths and walkways.

Being a disability friendly city, can make our name shine with this. wheelchair friendly, autism friendly etc.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method**

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 407  
**reference** 555042353233727  
**First name** Renei  
**Last name** Bailey  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Local Marae partnership with food sovereignty.  
Increase Cycle paths & tracks.  
Mitigation plans around Flood zone areas.  
Homeless hub.  
Urban community vege gardens.  
Increase community medical centres.  
Fine arts

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Food sovienghty & vege gardens  
Hauora  
Walkers & cycle tracks

**Submission method** Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 408  
**reference** 626040739233728  
**First name** Dave  
**Last name** Hawkins  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

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Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 409  
**reference** 424040907230528  
**First name** Michelle  
**Last name** Tattersall  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Firstly I find it very disappointing that a decision was made by the council purely on monetary matters on an iconic part of Whanganui before going to the public, this should have been discussed prior to the Annual Plan being available, rather than it being done as it is now, its almost as if the Council has been caught out and it makes me wonder what the big plan is and what else is being decided on by getting friendly experts in to boost their case. I live close by and this facility is visited by so many people both locals and visitors. I have never seen any birds in distress or any of the cages being in a worse state than any home cage would be. There has always been fresh food available for the birds. The current caretakers may not have a piece of paper to prove their capabilities but I would suggest the care the birds receive prove they are more than capable. If council members believe that the conditions where birds have company and are able to fly short distances is not suitable I suggest they start looking into people who have birds in small cages in their houses. Whanganui should not lose a well loved attraction as there are plenty of other towns close by who would be happy to play host to any visitors.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Providing suitable housing for all, not just social housing or for the homeless who will flood into the city like Rotorua if the Council is known to be a soft touch. Making sure that there are enough support services for all including the elderly. If Whanganui is to grow to be a vibrant city look towards the future not just the Council term of office, open it up to the rest of NZ and make it a center for events and sports, stop listening to people who dislike change. Of most concern to me is the increase of the population without the increase in Ambulance numbers and the service. I am unsure where this decision lies but the Council should be vocal in preparing to get a larger fleet of vehicles as current delays will only get worse and people will be at risk.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 410  
**reference** 060041048235828  
**First name** Jana  
**Last name** Fernando  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

most sensible option

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Reduce speed limits in rural areas, especially No 3 Line. 100 km is very dangerous as part of the road is winding. Also animals (cows, sheep) may be moved on the road.

More council housing.

Mark bus stops with signs. New potential users do not know where they are so do not use the service.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Submission method

Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 412  
**reference** 133041343235728  
**First name** margaret  
**Last name** scott  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

..with internet, birds can be viewed in their natural habitat.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

equality

### Further comments

Castlecliff development continues to elevate Whanganui's status, and provides excellent facilities for some activities. North Mole development ..a priority

Combined Surf Lifesaving club and Duncan pavilion building should be high on the agenda, with the opportunity to use innovative and creative design even using out- of- town architects..

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 413  
**reference** 673041354235728  
**First name** Les  
**Last name** Wright  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

WDC Annual Plan 23-24.doc

## Further comments

The Mayor and Councillors,

I am concerned about the 8.2% rate increase proposed and the hardship it will put on many of this Cities people and small businesses. While it is great to see the population increase is is mainly part of a population movement of people around the Country. There is little evidence of industrial and manufacturing development. It is great to see the new housing construction but commercial building development is not so evident. Am I wrong?

I have attached a paper offering some ideas to keep our rates at a lower level . Cost of living is sky rocketing, does the cost of our core functions need to be exasperated by the nice to have items.

Regards  
Les Wright

**Submission method** Email

Green light to start Council Annual Plan consultation.

This was the headline in the River City PRESS on April 6, 2023 by Chair, Councillor Kate Joblin. These comments from me will be kept brief as you have been down these subject paths many times to get your answers. Please, read to the end as there may be a point/s you have not given thought to before.

Aviary: Dave Hill, rcp . It brings joy and visitors and he must be number 1 witness, businessman in this city for many years.

My opinion is retain it, but not as a silk purse. Not education but pictures of birds and names visible from inside viewing and outside. (we have many people living in sub-standard conditions who will not be able to meet the rates predicted this year, and yet the issue is a bird aviary.) The question is, who allowed the aviary to get to this condition, and are they still on the wages list so they can manage the options proposed. Just brief examples of past budgeted item blowouts. Gallery, started at approx. \$35M, Mayor Main advised public meeting that there would be no ratepayer input. Now ratepayers contribution sits at \$14.6M, are any of these consultants / contractors still doing other projects for WDC ?. This is a nice to have idea, gone completely wrong, be wise and cut it back. Who in this City is accountable? Is it the Councillors. This \$14.6M is a lot more than the main core functions of Council being water x 3 and roading capital expenditure at \$13.216M.

Waste Water, built 2 to get 1. \$40 plus M but the last \$7M to produce garden fert as revenue, I understand hasn't produced 1 bag.

How many CCO's are receiving ratepayer funding without a revenue return requirement to ratepayers. It is noted that many activities undertaken by W & P were done by private enterprise or Government Dept. in the past, now the ratepayers are dishing up in excess of \$3M and this has been going on for 10 years plus and what has the City and ratepayers got to show for this today?. There is now 6 Board members and 12 staff, making a total of 18 additional staff on to the Council numbers. Ratepayers have absolutely no selection input. There appears to be Council staff who have similar functions. Who is in need of a Funding Expo? Sporting body committees have been doing this work successfully over years just dealing direct with the Funders and following their requirements. Get rid of W & P, and reduce our Rates.

Pilot School, if this is such a good deal for ratepayers, has any one thought of selling of shares, to return capital to the owners ( ratepayers ) and help them through this current financial pressure of borrowing at high rates to get the core functions done. Lower the rate increase.

Velodrome. A Council asset, decommissioned, vandalised and then rotted because of management over many years. Not much progress on site at present, I hope there is no hold up on the replacement track.

It is noted and appreciated by many ratepayers, that the latest round of road sealing has made a major improvement to driving over the roads in the City and the public and ratepayers alike appreciate a job " well done".

The Leading Edge Strategy. My suggestion for a new strategy going forward is : " The Transparent Truth Strategy " gives all parties two words to apply in negotiations which encourages sincerity.

I will not be presenting a submission because of my health but trust if there is any value in what I have stated that thought be given to reducing the rates.

Les Wright

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 414  
**reference** 880041445230328  
**First name** Robert  
**Last name** Cochrane  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

While I am at the retirement end of the age spectrum its unlikely I will visit the aviary now or in the future. But I consider an upgraded aviary could become a valuable educational resource to the regions younger generations of pre-schoolers, school age children and young people. Birds are an important part of one of natures ecosystems and an aviary an important place for children to both study and observe these unique creatures. Whether visiting with parents or grandparents, or on school trips the venue should definitely be made 'education friendly'. In fact I am surprised local schools have not asked for this facility to be upgrade years ago for education purposes, or do all the schools in Wanganui have aviaries of there own aviculture programmes? While I am sure many of the schools are involved in the study of our native flora & fauna via Bushy Park, this aviary is more central and accessible to the majority of young people. Classes or schools could become involved with an 'Adopt a bird programme' to study a particular bird or species at the aviary', as part of the ongoing community volunteer support for the facility. I grew up in Wellington and had access to Wellington Zoo, and as a child also visited the bird aviary in Masterton Park, and years later took my own children to view the birds at Masterton. I was also fortunate to visit the Nga Manu Sanctuary in Kapiti on a few occasions in its early years. As a rural service town Wanganui is blessed with a full range of four legged animals, plus ducks, swans and geese at Virginia Lake, sea birds on the coast and Tui & Wood Pigeon in many of our own gardens - many locals will go big deal, close it down. But lets for a moment look at the world through a 4 year old childs eyes as they are on an outing going to the Virginia Lake park area for the first time . Yes there are lots of ducks and geese hounding them for food which can be a scary experience for a small local child, but over the way they can see close up and safely, a range of both native and colourful birds (and if the aviary doesnt have native birds - get some and start helping with breeding programmes) So I say, give the 4 year olds in this city a chance to see fabulous birds up close. Afterall it was men studying the flight of birds that eventually created aeroplanes and aviation. I so remember my 4th form science teacher talking about bird flight. All us boys kept asking him questions about aeroplanes flight as he was an ex Skyhawk Pilot. So he was passionate about flying jets, but he always weaved birds and their flight into the RNZAF stories - so we did learn a lot. How can this city take away the fascination of observing flight close up, when someday they could become pilots on Orions or the Helicopters based at Ohakea, or local engineering technicians in our aero industry.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

supporting an iwi lead facility to help the homeless in the community

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Increased cost of rates due to the rising salaries of council staff, when we receive no increased services

### Further comments

Whanganui is a wonderful city to live in, and now enjoy my retirement in. The work of council and staff are never easy, and overall you are all doing a good job. But I keep hearing comments from staff on council that they dont want to leave because they can earn more than in private employment. That has always been a concern, the complex seems to be filled with too many fatted cows.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 416  
**reference** 465041559231228  
**First name** Graham and Lyn  
**Last name** Pearson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to both improve animal welfare standards and the visitor/educational experience. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$750,000

See attached

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Climate Change Adaption.  
Providing more social housing  
Working better with Iwi

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Adopting Mataranga forms to work alongside Iwi  
Making Whanganui more family, walk & cycling friendly

### Attachments

Submission WDC Annual Plan - Pearson.pdf

### Further comments

See attached

**Submission method** Delivered



## **Submission WDC Annual Plan 2023-24 (general feedback)**

### **Graham & Lyn Pearson**

#### **We commend the Council for**

- The rubbish clearance team who respond to “snap and send” requests to pick up rubbish. Dumping seems a continual problem in some of our more scenic.
- Also for now emptying the rubbish bins beside the Awa during the Saturday market, which has reduced rubbish spilling into our Awa.
- Increased Iwi relationships, particularly in relation to the Te Awa Tupua legislation.
- Promotion of Whanganui as great place to live, bring up a family and work.
- Supporting cycling with the continued development of shared pathways across town and along the river.
- The effort Council staff and Councillors make to gather resident’s opinions.

#### **Fitzherbert Avenue and Manuka Street**

##### **Traffic**

Unfortunately, the job is only half done with the completion of the Fitzherbert Avenue extension. An even greater volume of traffic is now using the far end of Manuka Street, which is hardly wide enough for two cars let alone passing utes, trucks, pedestrian and cyclists.

There is also a need for a shared pathway for dog walkers, runners, and cyclists. This connection is needed throughout this area, as well as to and from Mosston School.

##### **Housing**

There is a major expansion of housing along the Fitzherbert Avenue extension. We see no development of parks, trees and playground facilities or “corner dairies”. For a climate resilient and family friendly city, these facilities should be within 20 minutes’ walk for young families and people with limited movement. Can you please reassure us that planning includes such facilities ?

##### **Drainage**

This area was once swamp. Is there adequate drainage and why are new houses being built without piles to at least raise them that much off the ground ?

On one side we have flooding in Tawhero School grounds and on the other ponding along Manuka Street. This whole area is low lying.

#### **Climate change budget reduction**

WDC is about 10 years behind in accepting the need for urgent action on climate change.

**The latest IPC report said in no uncertain terms that NOW, not next year, is the time for action. And WDC appears to not even be in a planning stage.**

Surely WDC should be concerned that the fund was less than half spent last year and looking at ways to make sure the shortfall is taken up as soon as possible, **NOT** going “yay, here is some money we can save from the budget” !!

December seems a silly time to request applications for funding !

Can a mid-year rerun be carried out ?

Do smaller community groups need help to apply and draft up their proposals?

Do they need partnerships with Council or other larger volunteer groups who already have bank accounts and management structures ?

Could groups such as Sustainable Whanganui Trust, who have recently acted as an umbrella organisation for the Kai Hub initiative and now Predator Free Whanganui, be tasked with this role ? In a similar way as Environment Network Manawatu operates.

(See ENM website <https://enm.org.nz/>)

### **Bird Aviary at Virginia Lake**

This facility is not in our suburb and cannot be reached easily by a cycle so is not somewhere we visit.

On the rare occasion we have visited it seems crowded and not all the birds seemed settled. So there seems some definite welfare issues here.

With the current tough financial situation for many people in Whanganui, where young families are struggling to pay school fees, sports club fees etc. opportunities for free "family entertainment" should be supported by WDC

WDC should have as a top priority providing free facilities, such as parks and playgrounds as part of its family friendly policy in all our suburbs.

This should include Accessible Playgrounds.

### **Coastal plan budget reduction**

It is very disappointing that WDC is not meeting its commitments to the community.

There is no progress to begin action on redevelopment in the Morgan Street area.

There is not even mention about where planning is at; or who, when or how it is being initiated.

Te Mata Puha and Nga Ringaringa Waewae have continued to work extremely hard over this period and are not getting sufficient support from WDC and Horizons.

The efforts of these committed and dedicated people needs to be acknowledged, supported, and encouraged. We cannot afford to lose this.

### **Housing in Castlecliff**

Tupoho lwi initiative is great. When viewed through a climate change lens the location close to local shops, education venues and other facilities is a good move.

However, the proposed Cross Street revamp now needs urgent support and action from WDC.

### **Dublin Street Bridge replacement.**

Future reduction of car movements across this bridge to the town centre needs factoring into a re- design. Developing a fast and convenient bus service is an obvious climate change action.

Improvement in bus services for many people to and from their workplaces is not yet factored into Whanganui transport options.

Places such as Heads, and Mills-Mosston Roads are also yet to feature in these considerations.

#### **Outdoor fitness park**

The equipment is located too close to the shared path but is a great idea.

However, cyclists are having to dodge people checking out or using the equipment.

There also needs to be more space between equipment for health and safety of all participants. We were amazed that not much thought was given as to how much space these activities need !

#### **Planning**

As well as the lack of detailed planning for Morgan Street area development we get the impression there is lack of planning for housing, refreshing public toilets (?), City Bridge pedestrian and biking project, a Youth Hub and accessible playgrounds.

This gives us the impression we have a lack of planners and designers in our city able to do such things ! We hope this is not so.

#### **Salary Budget**

When looking at the Salary Budget has any consideration been given to working towards a Living Wage for all those working for Council ?

Graham & Lyn Pearson, ■■■ Waitai Street, Whanganui

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# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 420  
**reference** 261041640232228  
**First name** Graham  
**Last name** Pearson  
**Organisation** Sustainable Whanganui Trust  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

For the future issues, it is areas within which we work as a group: Climate change, improved health and housing, food security (in its many forms), increasing walking, cycling and public transport and reducing waste.

#### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

#### Further comments

Of particular concern is the Climate change budget reduction

In our opinion WDC is about 10 years behind in accepting the need for urgent action on climate change. Having only recently declared a climate emergency and appointed a climate change officer .

The latest IPC report said in no uncertain terms that NOW, not next year, is the time for action. Yet the WDC appears to be only in a planning stage.

Surely WDC should be concerned that the fund was less than half spent last year and looking at ways to make sure the shortfall is taken up as soon as possible, NOT going "yay, here is some money we can save from the budget" !!

Some points you could consider:

December is not a good time to request applications for funding !

Can a mid-year rerun be carried out ?

Do smaller community groups need help to apply and draft their proposals?

Do they need partnerships with the Council or other larger volunteer groups who already have bank accounts and management structures ?

Could groups such as Sustainable Whanganui Trust, who have recently acted as an umbrella organisation for the Kai Hub initiative and now Predator Free Whanganui, be tasked with this role ?

In a similar way as Environment Network Manawatu operates. (See ENM website <https://enm.org.nz/>)

**Submission method** Email

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 422  
**reference** 720040918230029  
**First name** Jan  
**Last name** Baldwin  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

So many people enjoy the aviary but times are financially tough for people. We must look after the birds so option 2 is my preferred option

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

Maintaining our infrastructure and reducing flooding in our city  
Getting our cycling track up to international standard.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Dublin street bridge, flooding and rate increases. The elderly will not be able to afford to stay in their homes

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 423  
**reference** 980041645235529  
**First name** Melita  
**Last name** Farley  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

I appreciate that many people want to see and learn about birds. However, this would really require investment to improve both the animal welfare and educational experience. It would seem more logical instead to provide more support to other places around Whanganui who are working with native birds and providing educational experiences - Tarapurahi for example. Keeping any animal in zoo-like conditions takes a lot of work and ongoing investment to ensure that the animals are safe and healthy and that we are actually making good educational use of keeping animals in such conditions - otherwise, it would seem that we are simply keeping animals in restrictive conditions for our own entertainment - a cruel approach I would think.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

I see the biggest challenges continuing to come from inequality and climate change. There are many opportunities for Whanganui to do things differently in both areas. Focusing on becoming a resilient city would be a good starting point - this would include, for example, thinking about how to close inequality gaps by providing different job opportunities and opportunities for workers to engage in ongoing training and education that allows them to take on those roles, thinking about changing the way we build in and move around the region in light of climate change and considering food and energy resilience within our region.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

The environmental, economic and social impacts of climate change.

### Further comments

I do hope that annual plan decisions are being made with climate change resilience in mind. I understand that economic pressures are a particular challenge at the moment, but I do think it is important not to lose opportunities to create positive change in the mid- to long-term by focusing intensely only on the short-term.

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 425  
**reference** 623040935230330  
**First name** Marion  
**Last name** Sanson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

The aviary is a less than ideal situation for these creatures. I hope the remaining creatures can be re-homed. A focus on improving habitat and radicating predators would bring back local wildlife.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Mitigation and adaptation for climate change. No more houses built in swamps, floodprone or on eroding land. Restore wetlands and improve conditions for biodiversity.

Improve infrastructure for active ways of getting about.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

As above.

Control commercial forestry. Regenerate native bush, especially on steep slopes and riparian strips.

Plant more and manage the trees in council-controlled areas such as road reserves and open spaces.

### Further comments

Ensure the burden of adaptation is carried equitably. Become a Living Wage Employer.

### Submission method

Online



# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 426  
**reference** 661041000235130  
**First name** Beverley  
**Last name** Pearce  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Closure of the aviary. We estimate a one-off cost of \$75,000

1. It is not clear but it would seem that the costs in Option 1 and 2 are on-going costs each financial year.
2. Option 1 and 2 also mean that there will be replacement birds as those currently trapped die off .
- 3.It is not the Council's business to keep animals trapped in an enclosure.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 427  
**reference** 013041002235730  
**First name** Rex  
**Last name** Mckinnon  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

As an observer of the Aviary over many years I have yet to see the many problems that the reviewer ( on his one day visit) outlined, occur with regard to bird health. It seems grossly extravagant to spend \$400.000 on this when the imagined problems could be solved by reducing the numbers and extending the hours of the existing staff . The reviewer displays a "Rolls Royce" complex and gives no credit to existing staff and their long experience in looking after the facility well .He advocates a box ticking exercise and while this may be required in the current PC environment it will probably add little to the way the Aviary is run and managed at present.. Please exercise some common sense in addressing this issue.

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Running the city is a balancing act between what would be nice to have and what is affordable . The Council must stick to the basics first and cherry pick alternatives. Clearly increased Government control over various Local body functions without providing the funding is an ongoing operational problem .

### Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

Council must ensure that the city remains an attractive place to live and work to ensure that Whanganui remains a place of choice for persons and business to move here. There is a need to ensure we have the planning in place with available land and appropriate zoning etc. Affordability will remain a challenge and a can do attitude with regard to these matters to replace what can be considered a negative approach by Council at some times.

### Further comments

Congratulations to the staff for the information supplied with regard to this submission . On balance I think that the major decisions reached in compiling the budget and plan are about right given the current economic situation and the challenges our community may be facing in the future

**Submission method** Online

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 434  
**reference** 121051352234601  
**First name** Rei  
**Last name** Hendry  
**Organisation**  
**Role**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?

Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?

## Attachments

Hendry - Submission to Annual Plan Received 1-5-23\_Redacted.pdf

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WDC Records

The Council is empowered to make decisions to improve living in our city, but sometimes these decisions seriously impact adversely on residents. This is the case in Glasgow Street (without consultation with residents) re-designated a main arterial route within the city. Therefore as a resident - I make this submission on behalf of ourselves, Ross and Rei Hendry, and my immediate neighbours, Valerie Wyman-Welton and Niquole Atkinson - all long term residents.

Our focus is on improving safety by reducing speeds on Glasgow Street, which currently are excessive and seriously contribute to our disrupted lifestyle.

Our submission is -

To improve safety and reduce speed we ask the WDC to install raised humps within Glasgow Street, or as is the case in St. Hill Street, install an intersection raised hump on the Keith Street / Glasgow Street intersection.

We currently within Glasgow Street have 2 roundabouts - one on Bell St. and one on Halswell Street - both have experienced accidents, and are regularly overdriven at speed by heavy trucks - and absolutely no foot crossings within the entire street.

2.

We believe this change would assist the Council with its program of road improvements to solve traffic problems by reducing speeds.

### Supporting Evidence.

We purchased 91 Glasgow Street in 1983 and moved into a neglected and run down double storey house - with excellent bones. Built in 1918, the house was situated close to the city and was in a quiet family friendly street.

Valerie purchased her home 10 years ago, also because of its quiet appeal, close to the city and also with her family's long association with rail - within the vicinity of hearing rail traffic sounds.

Niquole has lived here the longest, and with family enjoyed the street's atmosphere and proximity to schools.

*all these hopes have been dashed by the current changes - heavy continuous traffic 24/7.*

- 1 - Trucks from 3.30 am every morning, causing severe shaking of our homes, and disrupting sleep.
- 2 - The sounds and shaking from a constant barrage of heavy traffic (*like living in a constant earthquake*) in fact, have totally destroyed sleep patterns.
- 3 - Paintings falling off walls, cracks appearing on both interior and exterior walls.

Valerie unable to risk hanging her antique clock  
likewise ourselves - our antique cuckoo clock

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fell from a secure hanging, requiring \$500.00 to repair. Ornaments requiring daily repositioning

4 - Dirt Pollution causing vegetation to die, and requires almost daily washing of windows and walls.

5 - Breathing issues from air pollution.

6 - Crossing the road when walking is a very dangerous activity, likewise when driving, entering and exiting our homes.

7 - Sadly the noise was greatly increased by re-tarring using chips, replacing the previous tarseal.

8 - Limited police presence within the street especially at night when traffic speeds are highest.

9 - Parking meantime has also rapidly increased both in Glasgow and Niblett Streets, seriously limiting vision on the intersection. This especially impacts on early morning traffic when there are truck and trailer units parked at the cafe, obstructing views, when attempting to merge in or out of traffic.

Rei Hendry phone [REDACTED]

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Valerie Welton phone [REDACTED]

Niquole Atkinson phone [REDACTED]

# Annual Plan 2023/24

**ID** 435  
**reference** 288051416233201  
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**Last name** Campion  
**Organisation** National Council of Women (NCWNZ) Whanganui  
**Role** Branch

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Attached

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

To be visionary. To care for what we already have.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

## Attachments

Attachment 1 - NCWNZ.pdf

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NCWNZ Whanganui wishes to address the following items:

Prepared by Margaret Campion and Jenny Saywood

1. Virginia Lake Bird Aviary
2. Kowhai Park/McGregor Park Arboretum
3. City housing
4. Traffic Issue

#### 1. VIRGINIA LAKE AVIARY

**Option 1- Investment to improve the bird aviary at Virginia Lake** This the preferred option for NCWNZ members. We do not want to see another facility in this city neglected/ reduced/ abandoned because of budgeting restraints and lack of vision. Too often, due to short sightedness or because of budget constraints, facilities which benefit the community, often fundraised for and voluntarily supported through enthusiastic and energetic community groups such as Rotary Clubs and individual citizens, have been poorly supported by Council, neglected and even totally abandoned. Examples include:

- a) Palmerston North Teacher's College was opened during the 1950s. It was initially offered to Whanganui, but the city fathers of the day were not visionaries. They did not appreciate the importance of this offer – that this educational training facility would have been a huge step forward for Whanganui. Our loss was certainly Palmerston North's gain!
- b) The velodrome – Whanganui might have been in the running for future Commonwealth Games if far sighted investment had been decided upon last year.
- c) The Observatory – an amazing little building with a good sized telescope, but seriously neglected for many years. An observatory is an unusual attraction for any smaller city in New Zealand and it should be an important draw card for visitors to our city. For long years it has been left to a small, but willing group of supporters with a strong interest in astrology. Their numbers have dropped in recent years, due to ageing. The observatory needs support, financial input, leadership and vision. A Council led rallying call for interested people and volunteers.
- d) The fitness circuit at McGregor Arboretum/ Kowhai Park – time and effort to set it up many years ago, but then totally ignored, neglected and eventually abandoned.

The aviary is an asset the city cannot afford to lose. It must remain as part of the Virginia Lake experience. It is the only bird aviary in Whanganui for the general public to access. It is an attraction not only for Whanganui folk, but also for passing travellers and it brings a smile to many to see the joy and excitement of children and families gathered around watching the birds. It is well situated, being alongside the children's play area, car parking, the café, winter gardens, public toilets and the state Highway. The birds are an attraction and visitors to Virginia Lake will linger a little longer before leaving our city with positive and happy vibes.

Dr Lorne Roberts report highlights serious issues for the Council staff; years of neglect and sloppy practice from senior management to staff on the ground. There must surely be policies covering every aspect of care and maintenance of the birds and the facility and these should have been



reviewed regularly, The recent report says current operations have not been up to minimum good best, or even good practice standards and the staffing described as sloppy.

As reported in the Whanganui Chronicle on March 29 2023, Whanganui District Council CE David Langford states that "feeding practice has not been up to standard because birds are only fed once in the morning."

There needs to be a member of staff with an interest in birds who is trained and supported and in contact with professionals from other centres which have bird aviaries – ie Palmerston North. For many years now a team of volunteers have regularly gathered to help care for the grounds at Virginia Lake. Likewise Bushy Park has a team of volunteers who help to feed the birds and assist in various capacities. Surely bird enthusiasts in the city with some training and oversight could be invited and encouraged to join a volunteer work group.

The aviary report was first presented to the Council's Strategy and Policy Committee, whose members then supported Option 1. Council staff recommended shutting down the aviary and then the full Council opted for Option 2. A large number of people in the Whanganui community will be very disappointed if the Council decides on Option 2. After years of neglect money must be spent upgrading the facility and sorting out animal health and welfare. The cost of \$500,000 is a one off cost and it is an estimate. A business case review must take place.

## **2. Kowhai Park/James McGregor Arboretum**

This lovely area deserves to be nurtured and better cared for. Here we have an amazing collection of trees from many parts of the world, including a number of registered trees. James McGregor was a man with foresight. He had vision to have known which trees to select, to source them and to plant the area and to as well to include New Zealand trees in the collection. The naming of the trees is important because the James McGregor arboretum area provides an education opportunity for our community as well as for visitors to our city. The named trees give great information - the correct name, the type of tree and the country of origin. We can thank the Rotary Club for the most recent attached plaques. Unfortunately there are many, many trees which are not named. Through Kowhai Park and up to the Aramoho Bridge, none are named. They should be. This is an extremely popular area for visitors to our city. The opportunity is there to make something special and educational with another of our city's assets for the benefit of our community families and for visitors to enjoy.

## **3. City Housing**

The neglect of central city older houses reflects on Whanganui as a whole. Building new subdivisions on the outskirts of Whanganui is to the detriment of the centre of the city. Doing Meals on Wheels in this area has been revealing. There are many houses which are sadly neglected, but on top of that there are abandoned houses which in an appalling state – overgrown with creepers, junk and broken furniture scattered around, a health hazard for neighbouring properties. Do compliance policies need to be strengthened in regard to the state of empty houses? Absentee owners surely must be paying rates. Could the Council encourage the renovation of older houses and could they be stricter with absentee landlords? Many older cottages have been renovated and their owners have much to be proud of. No-one wants to see wholesale demolition in this area, nor construction of buildings

which are completely out of character. We suggest Councillors and staff take a trip around some of the central streets to see for themselves.

#### 4. Traffic Issues:

##### **Victoria Avenue/ Glasgow Street intersection.**

This is a trap for Victoria Avenue traffic turning right into Glasgow Street. When the lights are red for stop, there is a red arrow, but when the lights change to green for the Avenue traffic, there is no green arrow. Right turning traffic has no opportunity to turn safely. Frustrated drivers are forced to run the gauntlet to cross at speed after the last non turning car passes on a red light before Glasgow street traffic moves. This is a particularly busy intersection and it is only a matter of time, before someone is killed.

## NCWNZ - Whanganui Branch

Aviary Proposal (Prepared by S. Robertson & L. Sammons)

Responses to Zoologists' Report:

- \*Reduce bird numbers to accommodate according to specific ratio
- \*A healthy aviary has both shady/ light aspects
- \*Aim to accommodate only birds that cages don't present an issue to
  - \* Elderly birds easily replaced by younger ones
- \*Ongoing non specialised care can be supplied by both Council & volunteers
- \*The aviary already provides many visual educational experiences

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Bird Aviary

This iconic attraction, situated within the Virginia Lake Complex, is an original and informative attraction to it's many visitors. This is evidenced when viewing appreciative experiences from either Face Book or Website entries, from visitors from within NZ, from many overseas countries, and from our own city. These visitors can be witnessed any day as they take advantage of the beauty of the complete lake experience. Visitors comment on the ease of access to the aviary, the evident joy of the birds in their surroundings, and the ambience experienced in conjunction with the surrounding lake environment. Because of it's ease of access, the aviary provides many teaching opportunities to preschool, primary and secondary students. Teachers prepare their students for the experiences, with appropriate observation requirements, and these are easily achieved with small groups able to spend time observing the birds in their aviary.

An upgrade is of course, after over 50 years of no attention, required. However, this does not mean a rebuild, an extension, or, an upgrade, The Council's quote of \$500.000 to bring the aviary up to "zoological" standards, is purely speculation, and scaremongering, to ensure any future of the aviary is untenable to the public.

#### Key Actions:

- \*A face lift of paint and ongoing general maintenance is required
- \*A small lockup cupboard with bench for food prep/record taking could easily be attached to the existing aviary.
- \*An increase of monitoring(utilising the Council's proposed \$2000.000, plus volunteers, could easily ensure an affordable aviary can continue to

provide such joy and educational opportunities to the people of Whanganui and our world wide visitors.

# Annual Plan 2023/24

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## KEY ISSUES

### Rotokawau Virginia Lake Aviary

Investment in the aviary to address animal welfare standards only. We estimate the combined capital and operating cost to be \$400,000

Move aviary to other location that also combines the educational experience ie Bason gardens.  
Who even knew there was an Aviary there!!!

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges and opportunities for Whanganui for the next 3 years and where should council focus its efforts?**

This is a growing "Arts" Centre - yet looks shabby with Industry at City's Centre.  
Need to progressively encourage the Industry away from the Centre Community Hub.

**Looking ahead - what do you think are the big challenges for the next 10 -30 years?**

Brunswick Rd Industry - Polluting the air & ?? water - locals suffering various illness's as is our local environment, as are the other Commercial Enterprises.

Our local need to be safe where they live.

### Further comments

Need consistent long term plan to improve all areas whereby following councils will follow through the agenda.  
The Council needs to assess the health of peoples not just the land & water  
STOP spreading Chemicals 'In Our Air "by plane".

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