

2020/21 ANNUAL PLAN: SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

Wednesday 27 May 2020

Time	Speaker No	Zoom	Name	Organisation	Sub No
9.30am	1		Martin Visser	Regional Veleldrome Development Trust	51
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9.55am	3		Jeff Phillips	Wanganui Rugby	33
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10.20am	5		Allan Wrigglesworth		13
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2.05pm	19		Lyneke Onderwater	Whanganui Bicycle Users Group	60
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2.25pm	Catch up				
2.30pm	21		Ariana Cronshaw	WDC Youth Committee	59
2.40pm	22		Tim Easton		40
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Location	Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Strongly agree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly agree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Strongly agree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Strongly agree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Strongly agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Strongly agree
Further comments	Others from the RVDT will wish to speak
Supporting documents	Business Case for Whanganui Regional Events Centre – updated NPV.docx.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

Submission method	Online
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Business Case for the Whanganui Regional Events Centre

- Re-surfacing and Roofing the UCI-standard Velodrome in Whanganui (*incl. updated NPV*)

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Executive Summary and Brief Background

Introduction

This report presents a:

- Needs, Wants and Demands Analysis
- Economic and Financial Case
- Commercial and Operational Case

as a Business Case for re-surfacing and roofing Whanganui's UCI-standard Velodrome to serve as a Multi-purpose Events Centre for the lower North Island.

Brief History

The Whanganui Velodrome was built in 1995 to the design of the legendary Ron Webb, who died in March 2020. *(He designed 64 velodromes globally including those for the Seoul, Sydney, Athens and London Olympic Games.)* At the time the Whanganui Velodrome was the fastest outdoor track in the Southern Hemisphere - Ron maintained that it was his favourite.

The intention was to roof the track within five years. This never happened - the hardwood track battens are now rotting from the inside and the track surface has 1-2 years' life. If the track is not re-surfaced and roofed, it will soon have to be demolished. The sub-structure is in good order.

Case for re-Surfacing and Roofing

The aim of the Velodrome Trust is to replace the track surface, roof the facility, build an in-line speed skating track inside the cycling track *(speedskating is a strong and growing sport and a recognised feeder sport to cycling)* and host in the venue centre DJ, reggae, rock and opera concerts, national Kapa Haka *(scheduled for this region in 2023)* and other events such as expos, festivals, etc. Promoters state that currently there is no adequate outdoor, covered venue in the Lower North Island.

The writer's estimates *(in a 10-year NPV expanded upon in this report)* point to a benefit to the Whanganui Region *(a "surge" region)* of up to \$174M, predicting visitor growth of 24+ percent and assuming a Multiplier of 2.31 with the equivalent of an average 470 jobs created annually in the Accommodation, Restaurant, Retail and other sectors.

Sixteen cycling programmes from youth and schools through to the elderly, after-stroke and surgery rehabilitation programmes and corporates *(based on the Avantidrome model in Cambridge)* **will constitute highest daily/weekly usage. Concerts however will provide the majority of revenue from events.** With sponsorship and naming rights revenue on top, the Centre is anticipated to be cashflow-positive from Year One *(pre COVID-19)*.

Cycling New Zealand wants to designate the Centre as the Track Cycling Hub for the Lower North Island including Hawkes Bay, Manawatū, Taranaki

through to Wellington and Wairarapa, dependent upon the addition of a roof.

Background to Current Case

Roofing the Whanganui Velodrome has been the aim over 20+ years of a small group of volunteers from the RVDT (*Regional Velodrome Development Trust*) including stalwarts Bob Smith (*ex-Principal Engineer and Partner of Opus Consultants*) and Leigh Grant (*ex-Transfield Services Field Manager, Chair RVDT*) since the Velodrome was built in 1995. Whanganui District Council has been very supportive, but enthusiasm has waned especially on disappointment at losing out in the bid to host NZ's Centre of Cycling Excellence which went to Cambridge.

The writer's involvement began in January, 2019 when informed by RVDT that a Need Analysis was now required, which would be put out to tender by Whanganui District Council. I offered to undertake an analysis irrespectively, given my background in Marketing Research (*from 1978*).

Methodology

After multiple repeated interviews with end users including potential end users and beginning to realise that significant benefits existed, I determined that there was sufficient information to begin an NPV analysis.

That analysis is elaborated upon and updated with latest costings in the following pages. It utilises international and domestic visitor spend statistics for Whanganui and NZ-related Multiplier II effects.

NPV Summary

A Net Present Value of **\$174M** is calculated for the next 10-year period (*see Appendix 1*). This assumes a total capital cost of **\$26.3M** (including new track surface, speedskating track, extended Snell Pavilion brought down to street level to improve access and utility, facilities incl. sound/lighting for concerts and other major events, extended decking and viewing lounge, allowing for professional fees plus a 10 per cent contingency).

Strategic context

In terms of its fit within local and regional sporting and other events strategy, this Case is submitted against a background of:

- Complete omission of the Velodrome from the draft Whanganui Sports and Recreation Facility Strategy (*but later inclusion after submissions*)
- A lack of realisation by successive Whanganui District Councils of the potential of a roofed multi-purpose events centre with no apparent strategy on non-sporting events (*despite Councillors voting unanimously in July 2015 to support the project*)
- No official regional take-up of the proposition despite unanimous support by Regional Mayors.

These shortcomings are likely to have hindered funding attempts and progress to date, no matter how attractive the Case.

The RVDT has undertaken a significant amount of work in terms of design, testing, consents, costings, safety, archaeological clearances to date.

The Strategic Case – making the Case for Rejuvenation and Development of Velodrome

The Strategic Case outlines the context for the investment proposal and makes a statement for rejuvenation and development of the Velodrome facility.

Strategic context

The Case for the Velodrome needs to be considered against a background of:

Table 1: Strategic Context

Strategic Context	Assessment
<p>Sports & Recreation Strategy – Whanganui (WDC)</p>	<p>In 2011 WDC made a concerted bid to host NZ’s Centre of Cycling Excellence. The bid failed with Cambridge becoming its home. WDC reverted to viewing the Velodrome as an indefinite cost burden.</p> <p>In 2019 Global Leisure Group (GLG) and Sport Whanganui co-authored WDC’s draft Sports and Recreation Facility Strategy, which was then opened to public submission. There was no reference at all to the Velodrome. Instead, strategies and spend centred around Sport Whanganui’s new facility at Springvale Park, “Whanganui’s Home of Community Sport” – away from their previous central location at Cooks Gardens with the Velodrome next-door.</p> <p>As a result of submissions by RVDT and others, changes were made by GLG to the Facility Strategy which included the Velodrome. However, in the ensuing final strategy document, covering the Velodrome was rated a “Moderate” priority as against “High” for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the 40m gap between the two stadia at Springvale Park • Enlarging the health & fitness provision at Springvale Park • Relocating Whanganui Netball to Springvale Park • Upgrading Springvale and Jubilee Stadia entrances • Surveying Boys and Girls Gym Club conditions • Modifying Cooks Gardens corporate boxes; and other priorities <p>all of which, it could be argued, are likely to have comparatively insignificant impacts on sports and recreation in and for the Whanganui region – they are not game-changers, but are more about re-organising structure.</p> <p>In qualifying the rating of a covered velodrome as Moderate, GLG stated that “in the Bike NZ [Cycling NZ?] hierarchy a Central Covered Track is a non-priority. That is demonstrably untrue – see <i>two letters of support from CNZ in Appendix 5.</i></p>

A second Moderate rating relating to the Velodrome was added in the final Strategy document: it referred to “maintaining Level 2 standard of competition track. The qualification was: “no business case to support this level of want”. It can again be argued that WDC should have undertaken this Business Case much earlier at the very least. Under “Indicative Capital Cost”, the description reads: “scheduled repair and maintenance and track lifecycle replacement over time (est. at \$1,000,000 over 30 years). Again, not true - \$1M was set aside towards roofing the Velodrome, not for track maintenance, so at least an inferred commitment towards roofing the venue.

During this time a Project Control Group (PCG) was established, including RVDT members and WDC staff. A “Needs Analysis” for roofing the Velodrome was identified by Sport NZ in their peer review of the Velodrome Trust’s documentation as necessary. GLG was the successful candidate for the intended analysis. Its report was delivered long after the final draft of WDC’s Sport and Recreational Facility Strategy was issued.

GLG’s report stated: “Cycling NZ recognise(s) that with two indoor Velodromes in New Zealand, that we are well above the provision levels in comparable developed countries with track cycling traditions ...[and] if a 3rd covered track was developed, Cycling NZ’s priority for investment, on a population-based model would be in metropolitan Christchurch and Wellington”.

First, GLG’s statement is simplistic in that it turns marketing logic upside down and would never show capacity for turning a strength into a demonstrable competitive advantage *[which is what has happened for NZ cycling on the world scene in recent years]*.

Second, it goes against CNZ’s issued statements.

The question arises as to why GLG was selected for the “Needs” Analysis given its pre-disposition to the resulting outcome.

As well as categorically insisting upon various unilateral metrics (e.g. 30-min time zone which excludes Palmerston North at 42 mins from Whanganui’s catchment despite PN support), GLG saw no benefit in Whanganui as a regional location with an existing UCI velodrome.

[The RVDT’s view nevertheless is that it is pleasing to see that the Case has been allowed to be put forward as part of Whanganui’s submissions to Government’s “Shovel-ready” Infrastructure Scheme.]

**Sports & Recreation Strategy
- Regional**

There appears to be unanimous support by Regional Mayors *(see letters of support in Appendix 6)*.
However, this has not translated into a Regional Events Strategy.

Investment Objectives

There are three broad investment objectives behind the investment proposal:

- **Investment Objective One:** Save the Velodrome Asset and build on the Cycling legacy, including becoming the lower North Island hub for Cycling NZ's objectives and programmes
- **Investment Objective Two:** Increase the centre's utility and usage as a multi-purpose events venue
- **Investment Objective Three:** Unlock the opportunities presented by the lack of large, covered outdoor events centres in the lower North Island and bolster the Whanganui regional economy (a **surge** region).

Table 2: The case for rejuvenation and development is summarised for each investment objective below:

Investment Objective One	Save the Asset and build on the Cycling Legacy
Existing Situation	The Whanganui Velodrome when built provided the fastest cycling track in the Southern Hemisphere. The track's condition due to weathering has now deteriorated to such an extent that the track has only 1-2 years' life in it. The sub-structure is in good condition.
Business Needs or Gap	If the track is not replaced, the Velodrome will need to be demolished at a cost of \$1.5M. The Velodrome has a current book value of \$2.08M
Potential Scope/Benefits	If the track is resurfaced and roofed to protect the new surface, the venue will become the track cycling hub in the lower North Island for Cycling New Zealand (CNZ). CNZ will provide 2 FTEs to undertake coaching programmes at the venue.
Potential Risks	
Constraints and Dependencies	Funding: the two major political parties have both promised to provide \$6M, but an application now has to be made through the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF). Pledges from further groups raises the total to \$16M (<i>see Funding section p37</i>) with additional funding possible through concerted fund-raising efforts. WDC, as owner of the asset, is yet to begin the PGF application. The political parties promise of \$6M and the other promised funding is conditional on the facility being developed as multi-purpose. Therefore, as cycling is the sole beneficiary of this proposal, WDC would then have to pick up most of the cost.

Investment Objective Two	Increase Utility and Usage by becoming a Multi-purpose Events centre
Existing Situation	The Velodrome is only used for cycling and then only in the warmer months and when it's not raining, icy or covered with dew
Business Needs or Gap	The venue is under-utilised There is no adequate large multi-use outdoor, covered venue in the lower North Island
Potential Scope/Benefits	Creating a world-class banked track on the inside for skating would attract national and international competition – skating serves as a feeder sport to cycling. Utilising the remainder of the interior for concerts would help to satisfy the gap in large outdoor, covered venues
Potential Risks	
Constraints and Dependencies	One of the conditions to funding is that the venue becomes multi-purpose. Whanganui is claimed to be short on accommodation (<i>though Accommodation Providers may dispute this</i>) and transport options [<i>a good? problem to have</i>]

Investment Objective Three	Raise the regional economy from “surge” level by increasing visitor numbers by one-quarter
Existing Situation	Whanganui has been identified by Government as a “surge” region (<i>identified as needing early investment</i>)
Business Needs or Gap	Though growing, Whanganui’s visitor numbers are comparatively low Until recently Whanganui amongst the larger centres “exported” more of its young people than any other
Potential Scope/Benefits	A covered events centre for cycling, skating and concerts would entice more families to visit and stay
Potential Risks	
Constraints and Dependencies	<i>As above</i>

Alignment with Treasury’s Social, Environmental and Economic Benefits Framework (per “Shovel-ready” Infrastructure Scheme Criteria)

RVDT has recently submitted an application on behalf of Whanganui District Council to Government’s post-COVID-19 “Shovel-ready” Infrastructure Scheme.

The criteria adopted by the Scheme follow Treasury’s **Living Standards Framework** and **Sustainable Development Goals** and are listed below in Table 3 along with how the RVDT envisages their compliance with the criteria:

Table 3: NZ Treasury’s Living Standards Framework

Wellbeing Domains	Applicable	How
Civic engagement & governance	Yes	Major city asset; topped two community referenda re desired projects; will help to bolster civic pride post COVID-19
Cultural identity	Yes	Cycling (+ rowing + athletics – Peter Snell world-mile record) is part of Whanganui’s cultural identity & heritage. Whanganui is aiming to stage the Kapa Haka Nationals in 2023. Post-Covid-19: ‘Postcard’ for Whanganui: along the Mainstreet Strip from re-developed Sergeant Gallery to Cooks Gardens (<i>Regional Velodrome Events Centre & athletics track/ home of Whanganui Rugby</i>).
Environment	Yes	City is attempting to shift focus from cars to bikes and more sustainable alternatives; aligns with Mountains-to-Sea cycle trail + Te Tuaiwi (<i>the Spine</i>) urban cycleway which adjoins Cooks Gardens. WDC has declared a Climate Emergency and committed to a strategy to address it. Environmentally-sustainable design principles have been applied to the design of the roofed-velodrome.
Health	Yes	Cycling programmes for young, elderly, corporates, stroke and knee surgery rehabilitation including mental health benefits. Two recent NZ Head Track Cycling Coaches (<i>Ron & Dayle Cheatley</i>) reside in Whanganui and been working with RVDT. Key collaboration with Whanganui Iwi and Whanganui District Health Board to strive for Equity in Health Outcomes.
Income & consumption	Yes	NPV of \$174M over 10 years
Jobs & earnings	Yes	Construction jobs + 4.5 FTE Centre staff + equiv. of av. 470 jobs p.a. in Accommodation, Restaurant, Retail and other sectors

Time use	Yes	Improves work-life/health balance; reduces traffic congestion
Safety & security	Yes	Becoming cycling hub for Lower North Island will take more cycling training off roads (<i>major issue in Waikato region & NI generally</i>)
Social connections	Yes	School, Corporate racing + Rehabilitation & Individual programmes will increase social connectivity
Future Natural capital	Yes	Emphasis on sports/activity/health and away from vehicles and their high environmental impact
Future Social capital	Yes	Up to 95,000 users p.a. by Year 10 – competing, socialising, interacting. Working in collaboration with Whanganui Iwi & Whanganui District Health Board to strive for Equity in Health Outcomes. Assisting in building pride in the region.
Future Human capital	Yes	Building people’s skills, knowledge, physical and mental health
Future Financial/physical capital	Yes	Re-purposing and enhancing an existing asset to provide a multi-purpose centre for cycling, skating, concerts and other events which is lacking in the Lower North Island

The End User Case – Needs Analysis

“Needs” Analysis by GLG

In late 2019 the consulting firm GLG undertook a “Needs” Analysis for the [Velodrome] Project Control Group (PCG), a combined team of WDC staff and RVDT members.

GLG’s report was long-awaited with the expectation that it would provide a definitive answer on the future of the Velodrome. It did not do that – it was never designed to that purpose. The PCG’s directions were off the mark.

What the RVDT and majority of PCG believe is that “Needs” in the title is a misnomer and that it should more correctly read as “An analysis of Current Regular Cycling Usage by Schools & Clubs excluding all Cycling Events”.

A Needs Analysis in RVDT’s view should have focused on a definition much closer to that used under the accepted Marketing Concept, which considers Wants, Needs and Demands where Demands are “individual or community wants backed by an ability and willingness to buy”.

RVDT’s hypothesis is:

“that the Whanganui and wider regional community want and need a large, covered, multi-purpose facility where sports and concerts can be safely held without threat of cancellation due to weather and that there is a large gap for such a venue in the Lower North Island.”

Needs as RVDT broadly sees them as: Cycling including schools, clubs, events, public use, rehabilitation, Skating, a variety of concerts and a variety of Other possible uses. GLG’s report did not cover Cycling Events such as North Island Secondary School Champs, Regional Cycling Performance Hub events etc – these are as much if not more the bread and butter of venues such as this as daily usage. It excluded public or individual cycling usage and those groups which do not book through WDC.

Attempts were made to extrapolate from a low base of 6 schools (out of 50+ emailed), which is concerning. Delays meant that a poor time was picked to research - during school holidays and then intermediate and secondary school national championships (*not mentioned in the report*). Other than this extrapolation, there is no other consideration of potential use(r)s other than to mention that the track may get in the way of concert goers esp. in case of fire – this is catered for in the design and is a non-issue.

RVDT has doubts about the methodology as well – esp. such reliance on a closed-question email questionnaire. There were 10 face-to-face interviews but only two were users.

RVDT is also concerned about the three main metrics GLG used (see Table 4):

Table 4: Metrics used by GLG

Metric	Concerns
30-minute metric	RVDT argues that the distance which one is willing to travel varies depending upon in which part of New Zealand you live. Palmerston North (Whanganui's main supporter) at about 48 mins away, which GLG stated is outside the 30-minute metric and therefore is excluded from the study.
Population	Population is one measure, though demands for a wider range of uses/being multi-purpose are better measures. GLG also argued from a green fields approach, but Whanganui already has a world-class velodrome in place. And importantly Cycling NZ's wish for Whanganui to be the lower North Island's track cycling hub is being ignored
Cycling provisioning	GLG also stated that Whanganui per capita is above average in sporting facilities. RVDT's marketing philosophy: use that feature to turn it into a comparative advantage along with Whanganui's central location to become an events mecca.
Generally	The measures are one-dimensional/one-size-fits-all and therefore overly simplistic

Needs, Wants and Demands Defined

Understanding needs, wants and demands of consumers/the public – under *THE MARKETING CONCEPT* definition (Table 5):

Table 5: Marketing Concept Definition of Needs, Wants and Demands

Component	MARKETING CONCEPT DEFINITION
Needs	are a state of self-deprivation in an individual (or community)
Wants	are desires for specific satisfiers of Needs
Demands	are individual (or community) Wants backed by ability and willingness to buy

Main User Groups

Below are the main User groups and Event types researched by the RVDT (see Table 6).

Table 6: Main Users and Events Identified

MAIN USERS & EVENTS	
Cycling	Skating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Cycling Performance Hub Camps & Events Schools racing competition NZ Elite Cycling Champs Rehabilitation programmes Corporate Teams racing NZ Age Group events North Island Secondary School Champs Oceania Cycling Track Champs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oceania Speed Skating Champs NZ Bank Track Champs World Speed Skating Champs World Masters Speed Skating Junior pre-Olympics Skating Whanganui Skating Club Champs Mid-Winter/ Grand Prix
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other international events Individual cyclists (1-2 hourly bookings) possible Shared Games (with Manawatu) 	Concerts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJ and Reggae Rock Opera Kapa Haka
	Others (not included in NPV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike polo Velo Ball Ice-skating Indoor Bowls/Ki O Rahi/indoor touch rugby Masters Games - <i>excluded since already held in Whanganui</i> Food and Wine Festivals

Kapa Haka – RVDT understands that Cooks Gardens is being floated as the likely main venue, but a combined Cooks Gardens/covered Velodrome offering would be a superior proposition. Food and Wine festivals have recently been added (and numbers factored in).

Qualitative and Quantitative Research - Cycling

Ron Cheatley

Background:

Ex-NZ Cycling Head Coach - he prepared five Olympic teams for competition and coached Gary Anderson to win the country's first ever cycling medal, a Bronze in individual pursuit at Barcelona in '92; coached for 21 years.

Competition types and numbers:

Ron has provided the cycling programmes and numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (see Tables 7,8 and Appendix One).

Impact of rain, heavy dew and frost on track:

"Quite aside from the weathering effects on the condition of the track, bad weather has been the major disruptor of events planned for the Velodrome over its 20-year history. It's been the major hurdle right from the word 'go', not being able to rely on the weather conditions being right.

I would estimate that 10-12 cycling events on average per year have been cancelled due to poor weather or poor weather outlooks. So that represents 200-240 cancelled events and lost opportunity over that 20-year period. **[A quick calculation using the planned programmes mix as a proxy suggests a loss to the Region of \$20M from those cancelled events.]**

Three major international events have been rained out, costing promoters 'an arm and a leg' with international riders having already arrived. The last attempt was eight years ago for an event which I promoted and paid for – lost a lot and I swore 'never again'! Regional championships, carnivals and school programmes have had to be cancelled. Schools are especially affected with their activity programmes being turned upside-down – it's always difficult for them.

Last summer there was a big upturn in school programmes and still a number of events rained out.

Flow on effects ...the lack of a roof means that no schools winter programmes exist when they could be run all year-round. If it's not rain, it could be frost or heavy dew which makes it impossible to use the track. The track's 42-degree angle makes it impossible to ride safely. The northern end never dries out during winter.

It's the same for older riders and cycling is growing amongst this group. They want a venue where it's safe for them to ride – unlike on the open road.

There's no capacity at all to run programmes back-to-back and to utilise the track fully when you can't rely on the weather.

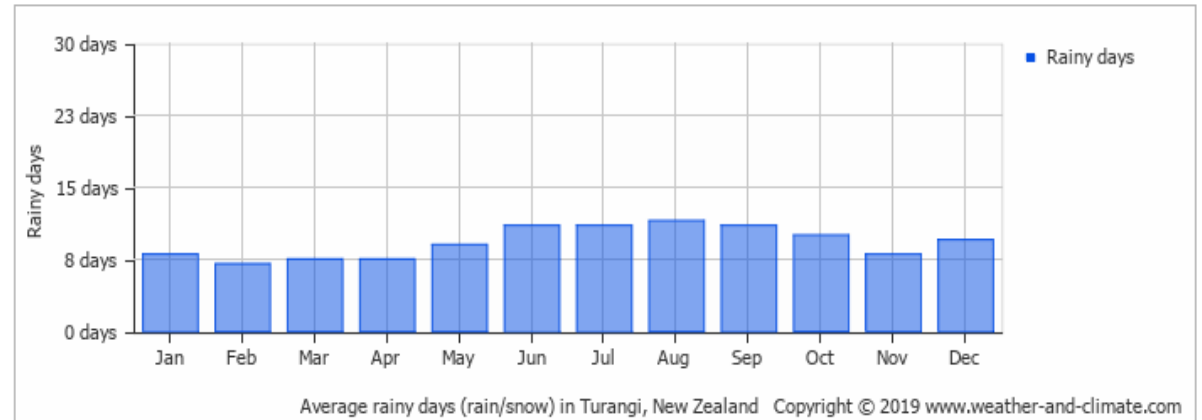
Groups from out of town have to think twice before electing to travel to Whanganui when the weather is 'iffy'. "

Fig. 1: Days of Rain in Whanganui 2019

Data on weather

Fig. 1 opposite shows days of rain per month in Whanganui in 2019. From a low in February of 27 percent of days to over 40 percent for the four months June – September, and not allowing for heavy dews, frosts, their threat or the threat of rain, indicates the significant extent to which the track cannot be used and the likely disruption to any planned programmes.

The number of days each month with rain, snow and hail in Whanganui, New Zealand.



* Data from nearest weather station: [Turangi \(Waikato\), New Zealand](#) (123 KM).

- On average, August is the most rainy.
- On average, February has the least rainy days.
- The average annual amount of rainy days is: 111.0 days

Qualitative and Quantitative Research – Speedskating

Gary Clark

Background:

Skate NZ Speed Committee Chairman; speed coach over three decades; Life Member of Whanganui Skating Club

Competition types and numbers:

Gary has provided the skating programmes and numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (see Tables 7,8 and Appendix One).

Speedskating in NZ:

“Globally the sport is growing strongly (*now 122 national federations*) and in New Zealand also. NZ speedskaters perform well – finishing consistently in the top ten. Whanganui speedskaters, who utilise Jubilee Stadium’s flat track and Kowhai Park, consistently finish as one of the top two clubs on points in New Zealand along with Timaru. Whanganui boasts eight current National Age Group champions, six holding national records.

The glamour events in world speedskating are held on 200m banked tracks which do not exist in Australia or New Zealand. The redevelopment plans for the Velodrome include a 200m international-spec (*as directed by World Skate*) banked track. Whanganui is an ideal location in the centre of a strong region and supported by strong clubs. The only Kiwi skaters successful on these new tracks are professionals based in Europe or Asia where such tracks are being built. Six Kiwi skaters are current or recent World Champions.

The facility would be used locally, nationally and likely internationally, including local and neighbouring club training, National Team training camps and local, regional, national and international competition.

World Speedskating Championships is a genuine major event, running for two weeks with about 800 skaters. Most teams spend a couple of weeks acclimatising, so with officials, management, medical staff and supporters you can double that number with many of them staying for a whole month. Whanganui would never be able to hold such an event without a roofed-facility.

I can confirm that there won’t be a reduction in skaters’ use of Jubilee Stadium, in fact quite the opposite – the predicted increase in numbers will increase Stadium usage.”

Impact of Weather:

“Banked track nationals (*on slower, shorter, uncovered tracks*) are often held up for weather delays and, where they do go ahead, mean reduced racing programmes or late nights.”

Speedskating and Cycling:

“There is a good tie-in between skating and cycling. Skating is acknowledged as a feeder sport to cycling.”

Qualitative and Quantitative Research - Concerts and other Events

Lez Kiriona

Background:

Whanganui Concert Promoter; owner Mint Café & Bar, Frank Bar

Competition types and numbers:

Lez has provided concert types and numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (see Table 9 and Appendices One and Three).

“As a company we’re keen on starting with at least six music events to the city, four of which will be top DJ Artists both national and international, and two Reggae Events, mainly national artists.”

Weather and Capacity:

“We have for years held off chasing the big artists as we haven’t had a venue with the capacity that this might allow. A crowd of 2,000-plus is a game changer for many artists and promoters who simply skip Whanganui as an option to stop and perform.

At Frank our capacity is still limited and anything outside comes with a cloud of uncertainty based on the weather forecast. So, to have an all-year-round, all-weather venue just allows us to build a solid future for artists to play here in one of the most central cities in the North Island.

The Velodrome is also a centre piece of Whanganui, and to be able to park and walk from anywhere within the city centre has got to be a positive for all retailers and hospitality businesses.

This is an opportunity not to be missed and to be a part of growing visitor numbers to Whanganui it is an exciting time to be here. It’s a beautiful city, let’s show the world that it is definitely ‘Well Worth the Journey’and some!”

Ian Magan

Background:

Auckland Concert Promoter – Showcase Entertainment Group; founder of Radio Hauraki

Competition types and numbers:

Ian has provided concert types and numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (see Table 9 and Appendix One and Three)

Whanganui Potential

“As a Promoter of Live Entertainment for some 42 years with a Whanganui background, I have always regarded the city as having good potential for local large-scale events, plus the all-important, regionally-marketed events that take in the Manawatū, central North Island and even Taranaki and Wellington.

The need is there for a multi-purpose venue that has been planned to encompass the particular staging, loading and production needs for high-level Entertainment, as well as meeting the usual requirements for Sporting and other activities (*Exhibitions, Themed Activities, etc*).

Palmerston North is the nearest city and has tended to be the regional base in the past, but it does not currently have such a facility, tending to rely on an older sports stadium as its only large resource. The Arena has been the main large indoor showplace in the region for years, but of late it seems to have fallen out of favour. So, there is an opportunity here.

We think there is a good potential for Whanganui to occupy such a space in the NZ venue scene – it all gets down to foresight of design, a willingness by the city as a whole to heavily promote the facility and good, solid support and management.”

Donald Trott

Background:

Founder and ex-Director of NZ Opera School

Event numbers:

Donald has provided concert numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (*see Table 9 and Appendices One and Three*).

Capacity and weather:

Donald is keen to use a covered Velodrome for concerts for which the Royal Opera House (*which has a capacity of 800*) would be too small.

Opera on the Water (2017/18) had 1,200 to 1,500 attendees. “Absolutely panicking over whether the rain would stay away or not, and insurance against rain is much too expensive. Fallout from cancelled concerts can be devastating – no comeback”.

Likely to stage a concert of this size every 2-3 years.

Gioia Damosso (+ Koert Wegman)

Background:

Whanganui Events promoter “Lost Art Event Management“, founder Whanganui Wine Club

Event types and numbers:

Gioia has provided event types and numbers including projections which go to inform the NPV analysis (*see Table 9 and Appendices One and Three*).

Event example: On the Rocks Festival (*May 2020 – cancelled due to COVID-19!*)

"It's going to be a New Zealand boutique distillery [event], so you're looking at gins, whiskeys, vodkas, gourmet food trucks and live entertainment as well."

"Our vision is to attract people to Whanganui. We're working with local businesses to leverage off visitors who are here and make sure they go into local shops and restaurants. We want to build on what other event organisers have established in Whanganui to make it an event destination."

Using the Whanganui War Memorial Centre forecourt, separate afternoon and evening sessions were scheduled: targeting a crowd of 2000, with 1000 at each session, due to lack of capacity on the forecourt. The forecourt is uncovered – "rain would play havoc". "A covered velodrome would be the ideal venue – especially with its central location".

Other Events Planned:

"Whanganui is just booming at the moment and I think now is a really good time to push Whanganui as a destination spot even further. We're close to New Plymouth, Wellington and Palmerston North. Drawing a crowd of people to come eat, drink and dance isn't going to be too difficult."

A craft beer festival is also planned for the end of next year, and the company is looking to hold some future events in winter when traditionally fewer events are running.

Qualitative and Quantitative Research - Rehabilitation

Russell Simpson, Paul Malan

Background:

Chief Executive, Whanganui DHB, Mt Everest Marathon-runner and GM Service and Business Planning (*respectively*)

Competition types and numbers:

Russell and Paul have provided health and disability statistics including health costs which go to inform the NPV analysis (*see Appendix Four*)

Whanganui's Disability Issues and Health programmes:

In 2013 Whanganui had a higher rate than the national average with 27% of Whanganui people identified as disabled (*with an impairment lasting more than six months that affected carrying out day-to-day activities*). Paul: "This rate had risen over previous surveys so given the increasing aging population we could expect the rate could be higher today."

WDHB's Fit for Surgery – Fit for Life programme with ACC and Sport Whanganui targets people who need surgery but whose BMI is over 40 (*higher surgical risk of complication*) and navigates them to exercise options to bring their weight down. "It's a new programme that is working well - currently the FFS Navigator identifies exercise options (*gym, Splash Centre, walking groups etc*) for people and any additional exercise options are a most welcome addition to the menu of options available – e.g. the stroke and surgery rehabilitation programmes envisaged for the Velodrome".

[Appendix Seven lists further individuals or groups to/with RVDT has presented/ consulted.]

User/Visitor Numbers and Nights

From the above interviews, event frequencies and user/visitor numbers/nights were established (see Table 7 for Cycling and Skating):

Table 7: User/Visitor Numbers, Av. nights Stay – Cycling and Skating Events

Cycling or Skating Event Type	Frequency every X yrs	Local	U S E R S			Total	Nights Stay	Av. Visitor Nights p.a.	Av spend per night		
			Rest NZ	International							
1 NZ Elite Cycling Champs	5	30	570	0	600	4	456	\$ 340			
2 NZ Age Group Events	3	50	950	0	1000	4	1,267	\$ 340			
3 Oceania Cycling Track Champs	6	30	470	100	600	4	380	\$ 340			
4 North Island Sec Schools Track Nationals	3	100	300	0	400	3	300	\$ 340			
5 One cycling International Event	2	10	90	100	200	5	475	\$ 340			
6 CNZ/Reg. Cyc. Perf. Hub Camps	0.17	10	20	0	30	6	720	\$ 340			
7 Regional Cycling events	0.10	20	30	0	50	0.24	72	\$ 340	per hour hire	hours	
8 School track training and racing, all youth	0.03	79	14	0	93	0.05	22	\$ 340			
9 Other cyclists	0.00	19	3	0	23	0.33	391	\$ 340	\$10	1	
10 Oceania Speed Skating Champs	4	10	110	120	240	5	288	\$ 340			
11 NZ Bank Track Championships	2	30	80	10	120	2	90	\$ 340			
12 World Speed Skating Champs	10	0	140	1260	1400	21	2,940	\$ 340			
13 Other Speed Skating Events	2	30	90	0	120	1	45	\$ 340			
14 World Masters Speed Skating	8	30	20	490	540	3	191	\$ 340			
15 Junior pre-Olympics Int'l Speed Skating Meet	4	5	25	30	60	5	69	\$ 340			
16 Club champs/speed club (2 p.w.)	0.04	30	5	0	35	0.05	7	\$ 340			
17 Mid-winter/grand prix competition	0.50	25	25	0	50	0.33	17	\$ 340			
18 4 main Other examples								\$ 340			
19 Yet Other non-cycling/speed-skating events	0.5	750	750	0	1500	1	1,500	\$ 340			
20 Regional Cycling Perf. Hub cash injection	1										
		1,258	3,692	2,110	7,061	1,500	61	9,229			

Cycling and skating events are colour-coded to distinguish them. Only users/visitors from the rest of New Zealand and internationally (*in yellow*) are included in the NPV spend calculations – spend by local users would be undertaken irrespectively and risks double-counting.

From the above interviews, event and total visitor numbers were identified (see Table 8 for Cycling and Skating):

Table 8: Events over 10 years, total Visitors – Cycling and Skating Events

No. of EVENTS	E V E N T N U M B E R S												
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030			
1 NZ Elite Cycling Champs	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
2 NZ Age Group Events	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
3 Oceania Cycling Track Champs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			
4 North Island Sec Schools Track Nationals	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
5 One cycling International Event	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
6 CNZ/Reg. Cyc. Perf. Hub Camps	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6			
7 Regional Cycling events	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20			
8 School track training and racing, all youth	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32			
9 Other cyclists - per day->year	23	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350			
10 Oceania Speed Skating Champs	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0			
11 NZ Bank Track Championships	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0			
12 World Speed Skating Champs	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
13 Other Speed Skating Events	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
14 World Masters Speed Skating	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
15 Junior pre-Olympics Int'l Speed Skating Meet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
16 Club champs/speed club (2 p.w.)	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80			
17 Mid-winter/grand prix competition	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			
18 4 main Other examples	363	365	368	374	376	378	380	383	384	386			
19 Yet Other non-cycling/speed-skating events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
20 Regional Cycling Perf. Hub cash injection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total no. events	855	859	864	866	874	871	874	878	877	879			
EVENT	Frequency every X yrs	V I S I T O R N U M B E R S T O W H A N G A N U I (excluding Concerts + Kapa Haka)										% of Visitors	
1 NZ Elite Cycling Champs	5	-	-	2,280	-	-	-	-	2,280	-	-	4,560	6%
2 NZ Age Group Events	3	-	3,800	-	-	3,800	-	-	3,800	-	-	11,400	14%
3 Oceania Cycling Track Champs	6	-	-	-	-	2,280	-	-	-	-	2,280	4,560	6%
4 North Island Sec Schools Track Nationals	3	-	900	-	-	900	-	-	900	-	-	2,700	3%
5 One cycling International Event	2	950	950	950	950	950	950	950	950	950	950	9,500	12%
6 CNZ/Reg. Cyc. Perf. Hub Camps	0.17 i.e. 10 times	720	720	720	720	720	720	720	720	720	720	7,200	9%
7 Regional Cycling events	0.10	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	1,400	2%
8 School track training and racing, all youth	0.03	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200	0%
9 Other cyclists - per day->year	0.003	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	390	3,900	5%
10 Oceania Speed Skating Champs	4	-	-	1,150	-	1,150	-	1,150	-	-	-	3,450	4%
11 NZ Bank Track Championships	2	-	-	180	-	180	-	-	-	180	-	540	1%
12 World Speed Skating Champs	10	-	-	-	-	-	29,400	-	-	-	-	29,400	36%
13 Other Speed Skating Events	2	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	900	1%
14 World Masters Speed Skating	8	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	-	-	-	-	1,530	2%
15 Junior pre-Olympics Int'l Speed Skating Meet	4	-	-	280	-	-	-	280	-	-	-	560	1%
16 Club champs/speed club (2 p.w.)	0.04	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200	0%
17 Mid-winter/grand prix competition		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200	0%
18 4 main Other examples		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
19 Yet Other non-cycling/speed-skating events	0.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
20		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
		2,350	7,050	6,240	2,350	12,190	31,750	3,780	9,330	2,530	4,630	82,200	100%

Similarly, for Concerts and other Events, the interviews with promoters provided the bases for the below projections (*shown in Table 9*):

Table 9: Events over 10 years, total Visitors – Concerts and other Events

EVENT	0	C O N C E R T S & K A P A H A K A - Visitors											% of Visitors
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	10yr Total	
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		
1 Concerts - Les Kiriona - DJ	0.25	6,336	7,920	9,504	11,088	12,672	14,256	15,840	17,424	19,008	20,592	134,640	24%
2 Concerts - Les Kiriona - Reggae	0.5	4,224	6,336	8,448	10,560	12,672	14,784	16,896	19,008	21,120	23,232	137,280	25%
3 Concerts - Showcase Entertainment Group	0.33	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	40,950	7%
4 Kapa Haka (nationals) 2023	13	-	-	-	232,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	232,000	42%
5 Disability/Injury Clinics + Seniors	Daily	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
6 Invictus Games	1	-	-	-	6,480	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,480	1%
7 Opera	3	1,950	-	-	1,950	-	-	-	1,950	-	-	5,850	1%
8												-	0%
9												-	0%
		15,435	17,181	20,877	265,003	30,219	33,915	37,611	43,257	45,003	48,699	557,200	100%
Grand Total Numbers (Visitor Days)		17,800	24,200	27,100	267,400	42,400	65,700	41,400	52,600	47,500	53,300	639,400	64,000 av. including Kapa Haka, 41k excluding
% of Whanganui Total Visitors		5%	7%	7%	72%	11%	18%	11%	14%	13%	14%		17% av. including Kapa Haka, 13% excluding

Appendix Three gives greater detail. Some observers, not from the events-promotion industry, have questioned the levels of concert/other event projected. The promoters are confident in the figures and growth projections supplied based on their industry experience and the following example/perspectives:

1. The lack of a large suitable outdoor, covered events centre in the lower North Island
2. Attending concerts is a major recreational activity of and priority for particularly the younger generations (*but increasingly for the Boomer generation as well*)
3. Over the 2019/20 summer, events were expected to pump \$53M into the Auckland economy from 18 of 30 varied events¹
4. Forsyth Barr (*covered*) Stadium in Dunedin, almost NZ’s southern-most city, has had an estimated 2.5M people pass through its gates since the venue opened in 2011. This included about 800,000 people — at least 65% of them coming from outside Dunedin — who have attended concerts, international sporting fixtures and other major events under the roof. The numbers had helped pump an estimated \$273M into the city’s economy since 2011, including nearly \$30M in 2019 alone. “The reality is, hotels are booked out, seats on planes are booked out,

¹ NZHerald: *Auckland’s mega-buck summer: Events to pump \$53 million into economy*, 20 October 2019

restaurants are booked out, cabs are chocker. Not only were fans being drawn to Dunedin, but those already here were being encouraged to stay” - [Terry Davies, CE, Dunedin Venues].²

Promoters and RVDT are not in any way expecting or budgeting on Auckland or Dunedin numbers. Whanganui however is very centrally-located in New Zealand and has a lower North Island catchment population of 1.05M (2020 est.).

HorizonResearch work: Research undertaken by HorizonResearch in late 2019 of NZers who might attend any of 33 events listed, indicated e.g. 16 percent [margin of error – 3.1%] would “definitely consider attending” a rock concert, with concerts in total rising to 39 percent of New Zealanders 18+ in preference to sports events in total at 29 percent. HorizonResearch’s work in the past has been very accurate when extrapolated to obtain e.g. total audience numbers and impacts of urban transport requirements at the 2015 Rugby World Cup in Auckland.

It was intended to take this research further to include specific, more useful timeframes e.g. in next 12 months and specific months. It was hoped that this might occur concurrently with SGL’s review to help fill information gaps.

Rehabilitation programmes: and their estimated impact in terms of Health Costs Avoidance is shown in Appendix Four. The number of annual users is estimated at 18,000 with health-costs savings over the 10-year period at \$7M – these numbers are likely to be significantly under-estimated.

Key drivers include reduction in Assessment, Treatment & Rehabilitation Clinic (AT&R), Ward and Outpatients resource usage.

² ODT: *[Forsyth Barr] Stadium will take on Christchurch*, 19 December 2019

Over the next 10 year-period the average visitor contribution to the velodrome user total when re-surfaced and roofed is projected at around 64,000 or 2/3 (shown in Fig. 2). This would increase Visitor Nights in Whanganui by c. one-quarter.

Fig. 2: Users projected Yearly Average

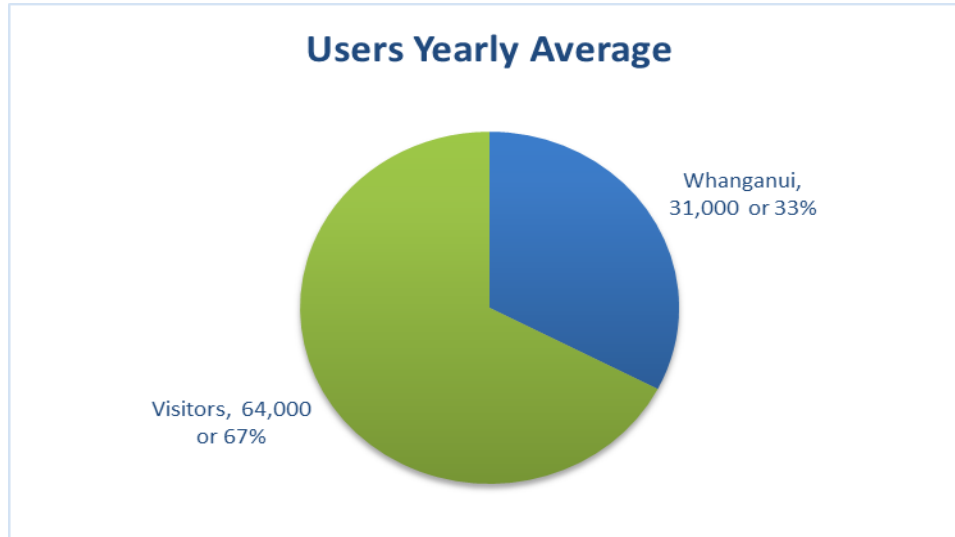


Fig. 3: Projected average Annual Increase in Visitor Nights



If Kapa Haka nationals is added in 2023, the proportion of Visitors rises to 72%.

At this stage, RVDT is unaware of any other project or concept which might deliver such numbers. Neither WDC nor Whanganui and Partners have given indications of any possibilities.

The Economic and Financial Case

The Economic and Financial Case takes the results of the above interviews and models the current and projected volumes in a 10-year NPV.

Key NPV Assumptions and Main Data Sources

A 10-year Net Present Value (NPV) analysis has been undertaken. Its key assumptions and main data sources include (see *Table 10*):

Table 10: Key NPV Assumptions

Key Assumptions and Drivers	Explanation
No event cannibalisation	Events held at other Whanganui facilities will not be cannibalised – unless their needs are truly not being met. If anything, these facilities should instead be complemented by a covered velodrome.
The track needs to be replaced sooner rather than later	Year One logistically is best, immediately after the roof has been added, and that’s been included in the capex which stands at \$26.3M including contingencies (10%).
Qualitative and quantitative research	Current and potential end users were interviewed regarding likely usage levels, frequency, event types, fees, facility requirements, etc. Estimates in almost all instances are conservative. These end users were interviewed, usually 3-4 times.
Net Present Value analysis over a 10-year period is used	“Net” as in Income Net of expenses and “Present Value” as in today’s dollars – a dollar received or spent in 10 years’ time isn’t worth as much as a dollar received or spent today or tomorrow. The future value is discounted because of the delay in spend or receipt. Discount rate used here is 4.5% per year – same as used for the Sarjeant Gallery.
Visitor Spend	MBIE and Tourism New Zealand stats for the Year ended 2018 for the Whanganui RTO on Domestic and International Visitor numbers and spend (reduced initially by 30% to be conservative) are used as the basis for spend projections.
A Multiplier II of 2.31* is applied	Multiplier I includes changes in sales, jobs, income in industries supplying Whanganui tourism-related firms; Multiplier II includes Multiplier I <u>plus</u> the additional spend by employees in those tourism-related firms, e.g. by the chefs and motel cleaners etc. [This is a slightly more conservative Multiplier than that used for the Sarjeant Gallery of 2.4.] These Multipliers are real and need to be included – it’s all about the jobs being created.

Trust operates venue independently of Council

- working with Council's Events arm. No more funding including for ongoing operational costs other than the initial \$1M promised is requested

Avantidrome in Cambridge serves as working template

Invercargill was considered, but Whanganui is more closely aligned to the Cambridge model with no court sports. [ILT Stadium has a staff of over 30 – the facility includes a velodrome but it is heavily reliant on court sports and so more closely resembles Sport Whanganui, its two stadia and additional facilities in its cost, staffing and operational structure.

Main NPV results

A Net Present Value of **\$174M** is calculated for the next 10-year period (*see Appendix 1*).

This assumes a total capital cost of **\$26.3M** (including new track surface, speedskating track, extended Snell Pavilion brought down to street level to improve access and utility, facilities incl. sound/lighting for concerts and other major events, extended decking and viewing lounge and a 10 per cent contingency).

The NPV has been revised up from \$124M in January 2020 on the basis of increased capex on capacity (*up from \$19.1m*) which RVDT believes better reflects concert and other main event potential and assumes average concert and other event sizes of 3,800 (*capacity 6,000+*), up from 2,100 and more realistic spend levels:

- Payback Period of 2.0 years
- Spend has only been scaled back 5 percent on actual average Domestic and International Spend in Whanganui in 2018 (*vs 30% previously - to be extra conservative*)
- The NPV value is the equivalent of around an average 470 jobs annually
- Uses a Discount Factor of 4.5 per cent
- Adopts a conservative Multiplier of 2.31
- Net Cashflow for the Velodrome is positive from Year One – averaging \$800k per year.

Fig. 4 opposite shows the breakdown of revenue to the region: Concerts provide just over half (58%) of projected revenue followed by Cycling then Skating at 16 and 12 percent respectively.

Concerts offers the biggest opportunity but the contributions of Cycling and Skating are significant (*HorizonResearch's preliminary results points to a similar weighted mix*).

RVDT's conclusion is that Cycling (*and Skating to a lesser extent*) won't work without Concerts for a successful venue, and *vice versa*.

Below in Fig. 5, Naming Rights and other Sponsorship make up half of Income to the velodrome – this latter proportion is very similar to the Avantidrome (see section: **Avantidrome as Template** below) but only half its dollar level and will be a major priority of the Velodrome team.

Fig. 4: Velodrome Revenue to Region

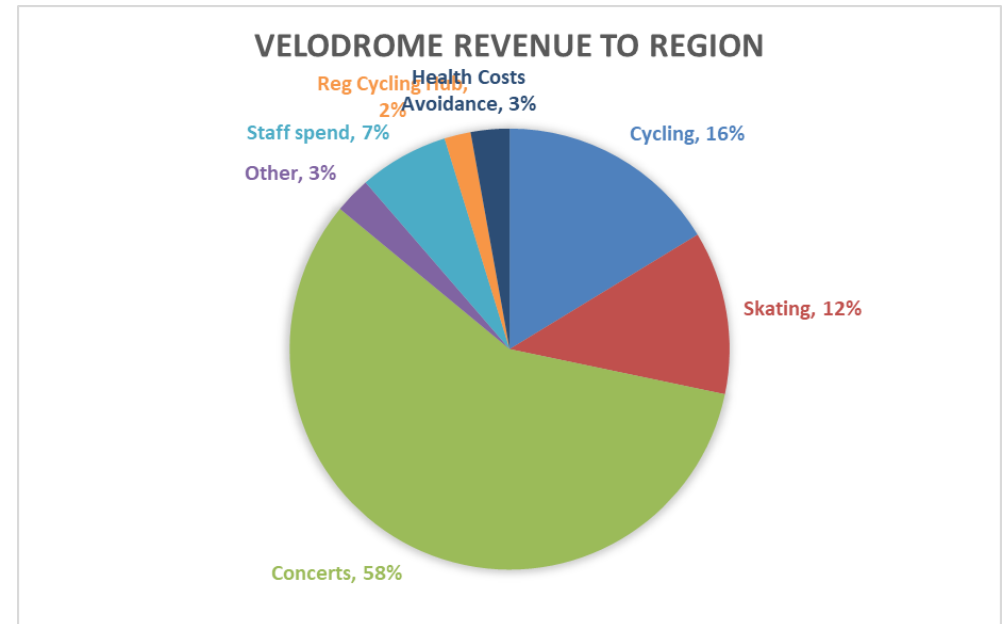
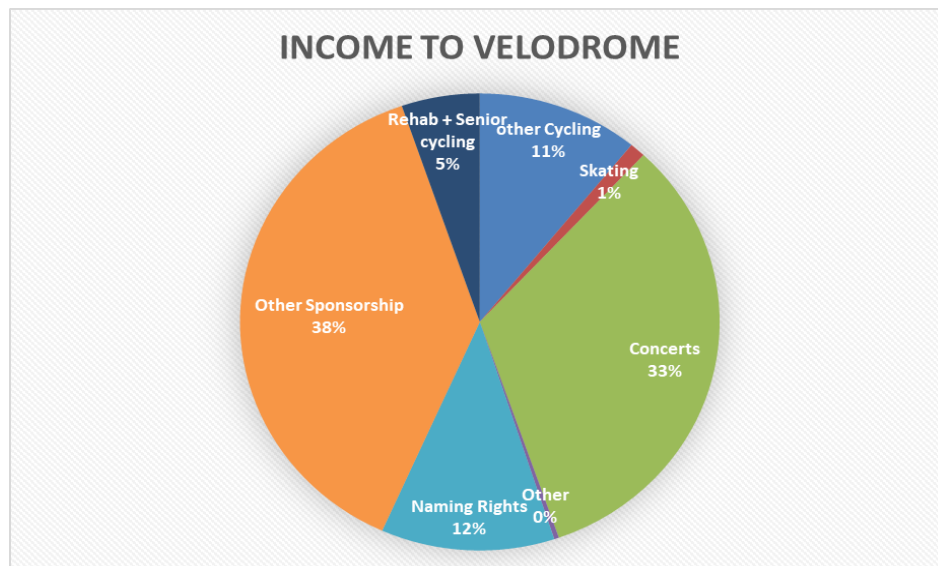


Fig.5: Income to Velodrome



Revenue spread is wider than for the Avantidrome in that it can't hold concerts (*or rather the current schedule won't allow it, with cycling programmes under way 15 hours per day during the week and 12 hours per day on weekends*).

NPV Options 0 - 3

WDC asked for a range of options. Note: they are Needs-based and set out below (see Table 11):

Table 11: NPV Options 0 – 3

O P T I O N S				
	"Zero" - do Nothing --> Ultimate Demolition	One - Protect Track Cycling only	Two - Cycling, Skating, Concerts - Basic	Three - Cycling, Skating, Concerts - Full
Needs		Cycling excl. International Events	Cycling Skating Concerts some Others	Cycling Skating Concerts more Others
Capex Components			<i>Option One plus</i>	<i>Option Two plus</i>
		Site prep, roof, TR lids	Tunnel ext + Scissors lift	larger Snell Pavilion
		Comp.+CNZ facilities	Infill D + Arena Finish	Professional fees
		Lighting frame + lights	Snell Pavilion + Ctrl Rm	Tracks Finish
		New Track	Concourse, Sound, LED	Full Deck+Bleaches+ViewLounj
	TOTAL incl 10% contingency	Deck+Bleaches (.3), PerimScreen (.25)	TOTAL incl 10% contingency	
	Write-off		TOTAL incl 10% contingency	
10-yr NPV to Region	\$M -3.6	\$M 20	\$M 124	\$M 174
Payback period		5.3 years	2.0 years	2.0 years
Cashflow to Velodrome per year	\$M p.a. -0.17 to -0.20 Average -0.18	\$M p.a. 0.00 to 0.08 Average 0.05	\$M p.a. 0.46 to 0.64 Average 0.56	\$M p.a. 0.87 to 0.77 Average 0.81

A fuller description is provided below in next Table 12:

Table 12: Options 0 -3 fuller Description

OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION/COMMENT
OPTION ZERO	Literally Do Nothing; Demolition at best two years away
OPTION ONE	<p>Which caters just for cycling but with no international events assumes sufficient infrastructure (<i>offices/toilets/bike storage under the track</i>) to entice two CNZ staff to Whanganui. NPV is estimated at \$20M over 10 years which means a payback period of 5 years for the region. Attracting lower sponsorship levels is assumed. Cashflow to the velodrome itself is marginally positive. Capital funding options significantly reduced. Likelihood of WDC having to contribute to much more capital and to operational costs.</p> <p>Note that a membrane roof with lids over tension rings costs \$12.7M [Apr 2020 est.] – a “tin” roof will cost only \$0.4M less, accompanied by condensation, safety and viewing problems plus significantly higher operating costs (<i>e.g. need for artificial lighting throughout the day</i>)</p>
OPTION TWO	Cycling, Skating, Concerts and some Other Events - assumes a filled in D to enable concerts in the centre, skating track, an expanded Snell Pavilion, concourse, sound facilities and LED lighting displays, some bleachers, etc and average concert audiences of 2,100. NPV of \$124M over 10 years (<i>or 6 times Option One</i>) is calculated; payback period decreases to 2 years. (<i>Up 25% and average spend still 20% below current visitor spend.</i>)
OPTION THREE	Cycling, Skating, Concerts and more Other Events e.g. expos, weddings - assumes further expansion of the Snell Pavilion and down to street level, more bleachers and deck plus viewing lounge to cater for larger audiences, etc and average concert audiences of 2,500 excluding Kapa Haka - NPV of \$153M and but average spend still 5% below current visitor spend. If we consider average audience size of 3,000 = NPV is \$162M; 3,800 audience is \$174M which is the figure used in this Business Case after initial work by HorizonResearch (<i>with audience capacity of 6,000</i>).

Multiplier Matrix (weighted and adjusted)

The Multiplier II Matrix used has been determined as follows (see Table 13):

Table 13: Weighted Multiplier Matrix

ADJUSTED MULTIPLIER MATRIX											
	Other NZ				Adj. Multiplier by Weighting	International*				Adj. Multiplier by Weighting	Assumption
	%^	Type	Multiplier II	Weighting		%	Type	Multiplier II	Weighting		
Accommodation*	7.3%	Service	4.56	100%	0.33	15%	Service	4.56	100%	0.66	x2 local
Cultural, recreation, etc	2.2%	Service	4.56	100%	0.10	7%	Service	4.56	100%	0.30	x2 local
Food & beverage services	12.5%	Service	4.56	100%	0.57	13%	Service	4.56	100%	0.57	
Other passenger transport*	5.6%	Service	4.73	100%	0.26	6%	Service	4.73	100%	0.26	
Other tourism	7.9%	Service	4.56	100%	0.36	8%	Service	4.56	100%	0.36	
Alcohol, food and beverages - retail	16.9%	Other	4.56	50%	0.39	9%	Other	4.56	50%	0.22	1/2 local
Fuel & other automotive	10.2%	Other	4.73	10%	0.05	10%	Other	4.73	10%	0.05	
Retail other	37.5%	Other	4.56	15%	0.26	33%	Other	4.56	15%	0.23	
	100.0%				2.31	100%				2.65	

*Other NZ as proxy with adjustments

Other NZ/International Matrix (with weighting) = 2.44 excludes concerts and Kapa Haka which could push it lower to 2.31 proxy

* Economic Impacts of Transport & Tourism in New Zealand: An Input-Output Multipliers Approach, T. Tantirigama (Ministry of Transport) & M Taniguchi-Singh (Ministry of Tourism) 2009.

^ PIVOT-TABLE_Dom_Product_series_January-2019

Multipliers are summary measures used to estimate the total impact on the local economy or local industries due to changes in the output of one industry. **In this case that industry is the Events Industry.** Multipliers are designed to quantify the **direct, indirect** and **induced** impacts of policies/projects in an economy. **Direct** impacts or effects are, in this example, the new employees (FTEs) of the Events Centre and the out-of-town visitors to/users of the site and their total spend. [No account is taken of the impact of spend by construction crews]. **Indirect** effects (or **Multiplier I**) includes changes in sales, jobs, income in industries supplying e.g. the motels or the cafes which these visitors or new employees frequent. **Multiplier II** includes Multiplier I plus the additional spend by employees in those visitor-related firms, e.g. by the chefs and motel cleaners etc. In other words, we are here evaluating the total economic impact to Whanganui and region of the new operation, making sure that we back out any output not produced locally i.e. “imported”, so as not to double-count and overstate the impact.

The 4.53 and 4.73 Multipliers are those determined by Tantirigama and Taniguchi-Singh of Min. Transport and Min. Tourism for those NZ industries respectively. They are for NZ as a whole, but will be lower depending upon the size of the region and the extent to which spend in the region is on goods “imported” to it from other regions or from overseas.

Here “Other NZ” Visitors Multipliers have been weighted by the total actual spend by “Other NZ” Visitors to Whanganui in 2018 and the weightings added to achieve a Weighted Multiplier of 2.31. Adjustments have been made for the International Spend mix, resulting in a Weighted Multiplier of 2.44. In the interests of staying conservative, the lower “Other NZ” Multiplier of 2.31 has been used as the proxy for all Visitors.

Average Visitor Spend Driver

The following average daily Visitor spend levels (\$340) have been used in the NPV calculation (using Whanganui District RTO results for 2018, see Table 14):

Table 14: Average Daily Visitor Spend

Annual Tourism Spend by TA - year to Dec 2018 (Whanganui District - RTO)					
	\$m	Visitor No.	Av Spend	Av Days	Av \$/day
Whanganui - Domestic	109	162,600	\$ 670	1.87	\$ 358
Whanganui - International	23	43,600	\$ 533	1.50	\$ 355
	132	206,200	\$ 641		\$ 358
					cf. \$372 from MBIE, 2014

assume for Cycling/Skating reduced opportunity to spend by 5% --->	\$ 340
assume for Cycling/Skating reduced opportunity to spend by 5% --->	\$ 340
assume for Concerts reduced opportunity to spend by ~ 5% --->	\$ 340

Type I Multiplier (Tantirigama & Taniguchi-Singh) [takes into consideration all direct and indirect effects due to first round of spending]	2.15
Type II Multiplier (Tantirigama & Taniguchi-Singh) [takes into account, in addition to direct and indirect effects, the extra activities generated in the economy by the expenditure of sector employees]	4.56
applied	2.31

... the Transport and Tourism Ministry economists add re Multipliers: “One of the best known results of input-output analysis is its ability to derive multipliers using supply and use sides of the national accounts. Supply and use sides are measured using internationally-accepted principles which are known as System of National Accounts – SNA93 (UN 1993). Therefore multipliers derived using input-output analysis are consistent with SNA93”.

NPV Comparisons with other Projects and other Reports

Sarjeant Gallery: The 10-Year NPV of \$175M for a re-surfaced and covered multi-purpose events centre compares with a \$99M estimated NPV benefit by Brent Wheeler Group for the Sarjeant Gallery earthquake-strengthening and extension over the “life of the asset” in 2013.³ A Discount Rate of 4.5 percent and Multiplier II of 2.4 were used.

APR Consultants: In 2008 APR Consultants under an NPV analysis of a covered velodrome (which it updated in 2011).⁴ It gave a value of c\$80m over 20 years (remember that was 2008 dollars and that only began with one concert per year rather than 9, building by one per year). It did not include re-surfacing the track.

This writer was unaware of the existence of the APR report until he had completed his own NPV analysis.

The APR report considered three options: One – *status quo*; Two – covering the venue for Cycling only; Three – hosting a range of sporting and non-sporting events (*incl. concerts*). Its summary of the three options is in Table 14:

Table 14: APR’s Summary of Options

Option	Conclusions
<i>One – Status Quo</i>	“Not practical, since Whanganui has already lost almost all major national and international cycling events and will not regain these until the city has a fully-enclosed velodrome”
<i>Two - Cycling only</i>	“Acceptable to cycling, but would only deliver intermediate economic benefits. Notably, indoor athletics and speedskating disciplines which are up-coming sports would not benefit. Most importantly, does not allow for any hosting of non-sporting events”
<i>Three – Sporting and non-Sporting Events</i>	“Most expensive development option ... but will generate the greatest economic impact. This option is appealing to commercial sponsors and would therefore lessen the potential burden on ratepayers. The possibility of athletes from out-of-district and/or internationally-based professionals coming to Whanganui will create impacts attributable to accommodation, food and beverages and transport spending <i>inter alia</i> . The same applies to national- or international concerts ... Only Option Three has the ability to attract significant sponsorship and advertising, thereby lessening the burden on Whanganui ratepayers and providing a growing enterprise that will potentially boost the District’s economy.” [The Report talks of the “Virtuous cycle of tourism investment and growth”]

³ Brent Wheeler Group: *Sarjeant Gallery Te Whare O Rehua Whanganui – Cost Benefit Evaluation*, 6 April 2013.

⁴ APR Consultants: *Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) for Proposed Events Centre of New Zealand*, October 2008

Outlining the Commercial and Operational Case

Avantidrome as Events and Usage Template

Weekly Schedule: how typical weekly bookings at the Whanganui Regional Events Centre are planned to look in Year Three is shown below (in Table 15). It is modelled on the Avantidrome in Cambridge which has recently increased its hours of operation to 15 hours per day during the week and to 12 hours per day on weekends.

Table 15: Whanganui Regional Events Centre Weekly Schedule (Year Three)

VELODROME WEEKLY BOOKINGS														Year 3	
(excl concerts and one-off events)															
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Total No.
	User	No.	User	No.	User	No.	User	No.	User	No.	User	No.	User	No.	
5 a.m. - 6 a.m.															0
6 a.m. - 7 a.m.	Local	6					Local	8							14
7 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Local		Local	6			Local						Varied Activities Expos Etc	6	0
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Trikes	4	Local				Ride For Health	10	Trikes	4	Ride For Health	6	Varied Activities Expos Etc	24	0
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Trikes		Senior Citiz	8	High Perf	10	Ride For Health		Trikes		Ride For Health		Varied Activities Expos Etc	18	0
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	High Perf	12	Senior Citizens		High Perf		ACC	6	Elderly Programme	10	Open Training	15	Varied Activities Expos Etc	43	0
11 a.m - 12 p.m	High Perf		High Perf	10	High Perf		Arthritis Etc	6	Elderly Programme		Open Training		Varied Activities Expos Etc	16	0
12 p.m - 1 p.m	High Perf		High Perf				Open Training	15	High Perf	12	Open Training		Varied Activities Expos Etc	27	0
1 p.m - 2 p.m	Schools	10	High Perf		Schools	10	Open Training		High Perf		Learn To Ride Programme	10	Open Training	20	50
2 p.m - 3 p.m	Schools		Schools	10	Schools		Schools	8	High Perf		Learn To Ride Programme		Open Training		18
3 p.m - 4 p.m	ACC	4	Schools		Development Squad	8	Schools		Development Squad	12	Carnival	30	Open Training		54
4 p.m - 5 p.m	Arthritis Etc	4	Local	10	Development Squad		Open Training	12	Development Squad		Carnival		Open Training		26
5 p.m - 6 p.m	Local	10	Local				Open Training		Schools Raci	15	Carnival		Corporate Ra	32	57
6 p.m - 7 p.m	Local		Corporate Training	16	Racing Speed Skate	20	Corporate Speed Skater	20	Schools Racing				Corporate Racing		48
7 p.m - 8 p.m	Junior Squad	10	Corporate Training		Racing Speed Skaters		Corporate Speed Skaters								10
8 p.m - 9 p.m	Junior Squad		Local	6											6
9 p.m - 10 p.m.															0
10 p.m - 11 p.m.															0
11 p.m - 12 p.m.															0
Total		60		66		73		97		53		61		52	462

There are 16 different cycling events or groups and 3-4 skating events over seven days up to 15 hours on some days, including: individual cyclists and skaters, open training, cycle races, carnival races, Trikes for rehabilitation (e.g. knees, arthritis, strokes), Senior citizens classes, Rides for Health programmes, ACC-sponsored classes, Schools training and racing (e.g. Avantidrome has teams from 40 schools racing on a Friday night), Learn to Ride programmes, Junior & Development Squads, speed skating races, High-performance training and racing, Corporate Teams training and racing (BNZ is now in its 7th year of sponsoring this at the Avantidrome).

Ex-Olympian cyclist Cath Cheatley, who introduced Schools programmes to the Avantidrome, is now beginning such programmes here in Whanganui. Whanganui Collegiate has just raised cycling to a Tier One sport, with 20 pre-enrolments (before COVID-19).

Aaron Ure hosts a Rehabilitation Programme (after e.g. Strokes, knee surgery) at the Avantidrome utilising trikes and wishes to assist any Whanganui programme.

The Schedule serves as input to the NPV model: scaling back for Years 1 and 2 and scaling up after Year 3.

Revenue mix: Avantidrome’s revenue mix for 2018 is shown in Fig. 6. Just over half came from Sponsorship (including Naming Rights) and other advertising. Whanganui is planning for a lower proportion and less than half of the Avantidrome’s 2018 levels. Whanganui’s Revenue breakdown for Year 3 is shown in Table 16.

Fig. 6: Avantidrome Revenue Mix – 2018

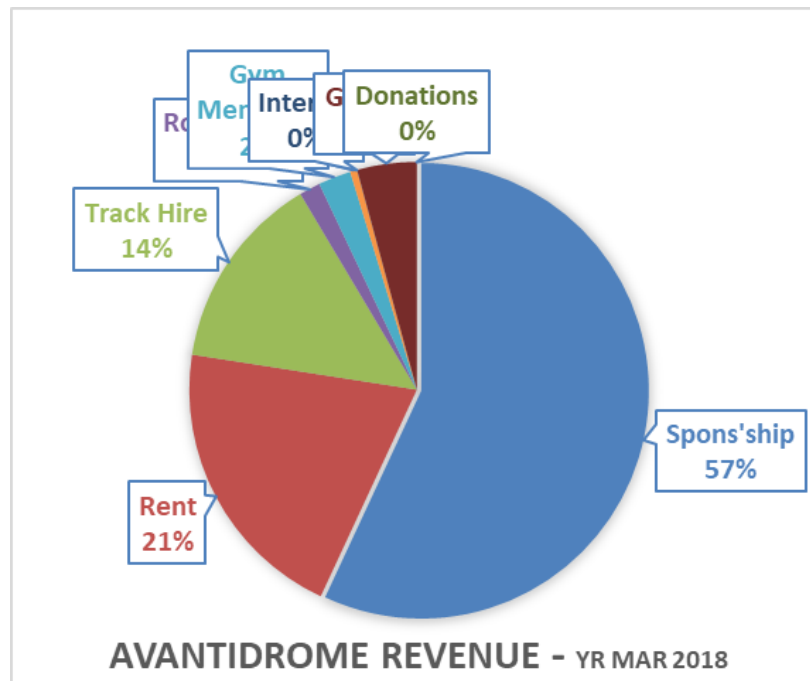


Table 16: Revenue Mix Comparison to Whanganui

AVANTIDROME			cf Whanganui in 2025	
Revenue	\$			
Spons'ship	1,637,495	57%	850,000	46%
Rent	590,167	21%	150,000	8%
Track Hire	402,171	14%	317,650	17%
Room Hire	43,045	1%		0%
Gym Mem'ship	66,750	2%		0%
Other	14,137	0%	547,210	29%
Interest	477	0%		0%
Grants	121,416	4%		0%
Donations	100	0%		0%
	2,875,758	100%	1,864,860	100%

* Gold to Bronze - see p14 of Annual Report for list

While \$850k from Sponsorship (including Naming Rights) and other advertising is a substantial amount, Avantidrome has over 60 national and regional sponsors of whom many of the national sponsors are likely to want to replicate their programmes here in Whanganui and there is interest from a number of regional/lower North Island businesses.

RVDT has been utilising the services of the Giblin Group here in Whanganui - Giblin successfully led the significant fundraising efforts for the Sarjeant Gallery earthquake-strengthening and extension. Sports sponsorship is effective: Rabobank, in sponsoring cycling teams in Europe, rated its sports-sponsorship marketing as 11-times more effective than its standard marketing efforts.

Project Milestones Completed

Most of the major project milestones have been completed, what remains are internal building components, their design configuration and building consent (see Table 17).

Table 17: Project Milestones Completed

Project Preparation Status	Completed/TBD
Resource Consent	Yes
Canopy Design	Yes
Canopy Wind-tunnel Testing	Yes
Archaeological Clearance	Yes
Foundation Investigation + Geotechnical Report	Yes
Foundation Design	Yes
Lighting Design	Yes
Fire Services' assessment and design recommendations	Yes
QS Estimates	Yes
Internal Building (incl. Snell Pavilion) Components + Configuration	TBD
Building Consent	TBD

Latest Capex Projections

All of the capital expenditure projections were updated (by BQH Quantity Surveyors) in April 2020. Estimates for Consent and Consultant Fees, which were not included in earlier estimates, have been added (as well as a re-surfaced track). The total estimate (see Table 18) is \$26.27M, which is the same as that submitted to the Government's 'Shovel-ready' Infrastructure Scheme.

All previous estimates have involved much cost-cutting and consequent shortcomings (creating less potential for the Region) based on somewhat arbitrarily-imposed conditions on what capex was "acceptable" without due consideration to the possible benefits.

Table 18: Capital Components valued at April 2020

Capital Component	\$M
Construction – Roof + Screens	12.66
Construction – new Snell Pavilion + decks/viewing lounges^	3.44
Construction –Tunnels + Concourse	1.51
Construction – Cycling + Skating Tracks + Site	2.49
Construction – Sounds, lighting, etc	1.08
Land	n.a.
Professional Fees	2.70
Contingency (10%)	2.39
TOTAL	26.27

^ To lower Snell Pavilion to street level and reconfigure (it currently is sited in a raised natural amphitheatre – lowering it will bring it down to city level, improve access and provide space for more related facilities)

Funding

Both the previous National Government and the current Labour-led Government before its election pledged to provide \$6M to act as the catalyst for further funding. Pre COVID-19, WDC has allocated \$1M, various trusts \$2.8M, NZ Lotteries indicative \$4M, corporates \$2M = c.\$16M. At the time (March 2018) the capex estimate stood at \$15.7M excluding track replacement. Since then it has become abundantly clear that the track needs re-surfacing (\$1.5M) – roofing the Velodrome will not stop the rot and all-important speed and safety are increasingly compromised. Also, previously a fuller Snell Pavilion reconfiguration including lowering to city level was not included, largely due to capex restrictions. The Government is now recommending that WDC applies through the PGF – that application has not yet been made.

The promises of funding outlined were made conditional on the facility being upgraded to multi-purpose. There was little appetite to fund a cycling-only venue.

RVDT continues to utilise the services of the Giblin Group. The Group successfully led the significant fundraising efforts for the Sarjeant Gallery's earthquake-strengthening and extension which is now underway.

Appendix One: Summary NPV

WHANGANUI VELODROME ROOF - DISCOUNTED CASHFLOW MODEL

Key Driver Assumptions:	Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
1 Visitor and revenue growth				2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0% not utilised
2 Capital cost (\$m)	26.3										
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Site prep + Roof	(11.012)										
Perimeter Screen (full)	(1.648)		0.000								
Existing Tunnel Extension	(0.182)										
Club and Control Facilities (Snell Pavilion)	(3.438)										
New Tunnel + Scissors Lift	(0.797)										
Infill D/Level Arena (Earthworks)	(0.313)										
Arena Finish	(0.317)										
Competitor toilets	(0.231)										
Construction-related fees	(2.700)										
Lighting frame	(0.752)										
LED lighting	(0.326)										
Vesmaco Finish	(0.363)										
Concourse	(0.301)										
New Track	(1.500)										
10% Contingency	(2.388)										
Total Capital Expenditure	(26.268)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
RECURRING EXPENDITURE											
See Recurring Expense Worksheet	(0.838)	(0.858)	(0.931)	(0.919)	(1.127)	(1.103)	(1.188)	(1.299)	(1.372)	(1.360)	
Miscellaneous		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Total Recurrent Expenditure	(0.838)	(0.858)	(0.931)	(0.919)	(1.127)	(1.103)	(1.188)	(1.299)	(1.372)	(1.360)	
RECURRING REVENUES											
Cycling - revenue to Whanganui	1.888	5.599	3.709	1.928	7.436	2.193	2.212	7.724	2.255	4.072	
Speed skating - revenue to Whanganui	0.071	0.071	1.334	0.071	2.322	23.204	1.192	0.071	0.213	0.071	
Other 4 key events - revenue to Whanganui	5.548	6.648	8.173	28.565	11.884	13.039	14.193	15.773	16.503	17.656	
Other - revenue to Whanganui	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.765	0.765	0.765	0.765	0.765	
Operational Staff Spend	1.157	1.157	1.157	1.157	1.620	1.620	1.620	2.083	2.083	2.083	
Regional Cycling Perf. Hub staff	0.347	0.347	0.347	0.347	0.347	0.579	0.579	0.579	0.579	0.579	
Health Costs Avoidance	0.650	0.657	0.663	0.670	0.676	0.683	0.690	0.697	0.705	0.711	
Cycling - fees to Velodrome	0.125	0.153	0.154	0.153	0.197	0.177	0.191	0.239	0.223	0.253	
Speed skating - fees to Velodrome	0.009	0.009	0.030	0.009	0.026	0.045	0.026	0.009	0.012	0.009	
Other 4 key events fees to Velodrome	0.311	0.372	0.431	0.509	0.547	0.592	0.638	0.683	0.728	0.774	
Other - fees to Velodrome	0.000	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	
Naming rights/sponsorship of Velodrome	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200	
Other Sponsorship/ was Rehabilitation Pr	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	
Rehabilitation Prog. Fees	0.085	0.086	0.087	0.088	0.090	0.091	0.092	0.093	0.094	0.096	
Regional Cycling Perf. Hub cash injection	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	
Total Recurrent Revenues	11.700	16.613	17.599	35.011	26.660	44.096	23.305	29.823	25.267	28.175	
TOTAL CASH FLOWS											
Discount Factor @ 4.5%	(15.406)	15.755	16.668	34.092	25.533	42.993	22.117	28.524	23.896	26.816	
	1.0000	0.9569	0.9157	0.8763	0.8386	0.8025	0.7679	0.7348	0.7032	0.6729	
DISCOUNTED CASH FLOWS	(15.406)	15.077	15.263	29.875	21.411	34.500	16.984	20.960	16.803	18.044	
NPV (before tax)	173.510	million	IRR	125%	Payback Period (yrs)	2.0					11.3% of Whanganui's GDP
<i>Assumptions in detail (see accompanying Worksheets)</i>											
ACCUMULATED DISCOUNTED CASHFLOW	(15.406)	(0.329)	14.934	44.808	66.219	100.719	117.702	138.662	155.466	173.510	
Net Cashflow to Velodrome	0.691	0.766	0.775	0.844	0.738	0.910	0.866	0.832	0.793	0.879	0.809
Multiplier II in effect, less imports	2.31										
Jobs at Velodrome	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	
FTEs after Multiplier II - assuming	337	341	345	667	478	770	379	468	375	403	469
Whanganui av. salary of \$44,800	5	341	345	671	483	776	385	474	382	409	474
Source : PayScale NZ 2019											
Jobs at Velodrome	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	
FTEs w/o Multiplier	114	96	466	156	239	136	160	150	150	149	
	5	118	100	470	161	245	142	167	157	155	

Appendix Two: CapEx and Recurring Revenue/Expenditure

WHANGANUI VELODROME - CapEx and Recurring Expenditure

sources: Central NZ Regional Velodrome project - Business Plan 2017 v5; Elemental Cost Breakdown (1 March 2018)

CapEx Item	Cost (\$m)*
1 Site prep + Roof	11.01
2 Perimeter Screen (full)	1.65
3 Existing Tunnel Extension	0.18
4 Club and Control Facilities (Snell Pavilion)	3.44
5 New Tunnel + Scissors Lift	0.80
6 Infill D/Level Arena (Earthworks)	0.31
7 Arena Finish	0.32
8 Competitor toilets	0.23
9 Construction-related fees	2.70
10 Lighting frame	0.75
11 LED lighting	0.33
12 Vesmaco Finish	0.36
13 Concourse	0.30
14 New Track	1.50
15 10% Contingency	2.39
	<u>26.27</u>

* latest estimates 2017

Recurring Expenses	Cost (\$m)*											
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10		
1 Site prep + Roof												
- cleaning (100% external surface every 2nd year)			0.04		0.04		0.04		0.04			
- cleaning 33% every year		0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
- cleaning (100% internal surface every 3rd year)				0.06			0.06				0.06	
- cleaning (spot, as req'd)			0.02			0.02			0.02			
- cleaning Total		0.02	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.12	0.02	0.08	0.07		
2 Perimeter Screen (full)												
4 Club and Control Facilities (Snell Pavilion)												
9 Construction-related fees												
10 Lighting (power)	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.041	0.040	0.041	variable with usage (@	50%
12 Rehabilitation staff	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120		
13 Administration x2 (replaced by line 17)		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
14 Track repairs	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	variable with usage (@	50%
15 Repairs & Maintenance	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	variable with usage (@	50%
16 Insurance	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074		
17 Personnel (3.5 FTE rising to 5.5 FTE after 7 years)	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.700	0.700	0.700	0.900	0.900	0.900	x2 to cover associated costs of e	
18 Marketing	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	variable with usage (@	50%
19 New Track	0.076	0.078	0.085	0.084	0.102	0.100	0.108	0.118	0.125	0.124		
Total Recurring Expenses	0.84	0.86	0.93	0.92	1.13	1.10	1.19	1.30	1.37	1.36		
Staff excl CNZ (2)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	4.5		

Appendix Three: User/Visitor and Event Nos over 10 years, Spend Projections – Concerts, etc

WHANGANUI VELODROME - Revenue and Cost Assumptions for 4 "Other" Key Activities											Key Drivers or Multipliers				
EVENT	Frequency every X yrs	Local	U S E R S			Total	% Inc on Option Two	Nights Stay	Av. Visitor Nights p.a.	Av spend per night	Economic Benefit to Region	% of Benefit			
			Rest NZ	International											
1 Concerts - Les Kiriona - DJ	0.25	870	1,305		2,175	145%	0.8	4,176	\$ 340	1,419,840	6%				
2 Concerts - Les Kiriona - Reggae	0.50	1,960	2,940		4,900	145%	0.8	4,704	\$ 340	1,599,360	7%				
3 Concerts - Showcase Entertainment Group	0.33	500	1,500		4,900	145%	0.65	2,925	\$ 340	994,500	4%				
4 Kapa Haka (nationals) 2023	13	2,000	57,500	500	60,000		4	232,000	\$ 70	16,240,000	70%				
5 Disability/Injury Clinics + Seniors	Daily				9				\$ 340	-	0%				
6 Invictus Games	1	40	100	1,700	2,668	145%	3.6	6,480	\$ 340	2,203,200	9%				
7 Opera	3	200	1,225	25	1,450	145%	1	1,250	\$ 340	425,000	2%				
8 Food & Beverage Festivals	3	2175	2,175		4,350	145%	0.5	1,088	\$ 340	369,750	2%		Average crowd excl. Kapa Haka and Opera		
9										-	0%				
		7,745	66,745	2,225	80,452		9	11	252,623		23,251,650	100%	3,800		
No. of EVENTS		ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO WHANGANUI													
		Y1 2020	Y2 2021	Y3 2022	Y4 2023	Y5 2024	Y6 2025	Y7 2026	Y8 2027	Y9 2028	Y10 2029	10yr Total			
1 Concerts - Les Kiriona - DJ			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	85	increase to after 5 year	
2 Concerts - Les Kiriona - Reggae			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	65	increase to after 5 year	
3 Concerts - Showcase Entertainment Group			3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	42	increase to after 5 year	
4 Kapa Haka (nationals) 2023						1							1		
5 Disability/Injury Clinics + Seniors			350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	3,500	use weekly schedule as generator,	
6 Invictus Games						1							1		
7 Opera			1			1				1			3		
8 Food & Beverage Festivals			3	4	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	60	1 additional per year	
9	0														
	Total No.		363	365	368	374	376	378	380	383	384	386	3,757		
EVENT	Frequency every X yrs	Y1 2021	Y2 2022	Y3 2023	Y4 2024	Y5 2025	Y6 2026	Y7 2027	Y8 2028	Y9 2029	Y10 2030	10yr Total	% of Benefit		
1 Concerts - Les Kiriona - DJ	0.25	1,420,000	1,775,000	2,130,000	2,485,000	2,840,000	3,195,000	3,550,000	3,905,000	4,260,000	4,614,000	30,174,000	22%		
2 Concerts - Les Kiriona - Reggae	0.5	1,599,000	2,399,000	3,199,000	3,998,000	4,798,000	5,598,000	6,397,000	7,197,000	7,997,000	8,796,000	51,978,000	38%		
3 Concerts - Showcase Entertainment Group	0.33	995,000	995,000	995,000	995,000	1,658,000	1,658,000	1,658,000	1,658,000	1,658,000	1,658,000	13,928,000	10%		
4 Kapa Haka (nationals) 2023	13	-	-	-	16,240,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,240,000	12%		
5 Disability/Injury Clinics + Seniors	Daily	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	See Health	
6 Invictus Games	1	-	-	-	2,203,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,203,000	2%		
7 Opera	3	425,000	-	-	425,000	-	-	-	425,000	-	-	1,275,000	1%		
8 Food & Beverage Festivals		1,109,000	1,479,000	1,849,000	2,219,000	2,588,000	2,588,000	2,588,000	2,588,000	2,588,000	2,588,000	22,184,000	16%		
9	0	0	*									-	0%		
		5,548,000	6,648,000	8,173,000	28,565,000	11,884,000	13039000	#####	15,773,000	#####	17,656,000	137,982,000	100%		
*number of events per year															
EVENT	Frequency every X yrs	per event Fee	CASH FLOW TO VELODROME										% of Benefit		
			Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	10yr Total		
1 Concerts - Les Kiriona - DJ		8%	55,680	69,600	83,520	97,440	111,360	125,280	139,200	153,120	167,040	180,960	1,183,200	21% concert fee	\$80
2 Concerts - Les Kiriona - Reggae		8%	62,720	94,080	125,440	156,800	188,160	219,520	250,880	282,240	313,600	344,960	2,038,400	36% concert fee	\$80
3 Concerts - Showcase Entertainment Group	0.33	10%	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	117,600	1,176,000	21% concert fee	\$80
4 Kapa Haka (nationals) 2023	13	\$ 10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%	
5 Disability/Injury Clinics + Seniors	Daily	\$ 10	31,000	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	34,100	337,900	6% growing p.a.	10%
6 Invictus Games	1	\$ 10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	0%	
7 Opera	3	10%	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	4,640	46,400	1% concert fee	\$32
8 Food & Beverage Festivals		10%	39,150	52,200	65,250	78,300	91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350	783,000	14% concert fee	\$30
9	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	
			310,790	372,220	430,550	508,880	547,210	592,490	637,770	683,050	728,330	773,610	5,584,900	100%	
# includes Cooks Gardens complex facilities @		\$1,300													
^MBIE Key Tourism Stats, February 2014 - per visitor spend per night															

Appendix Four: Rehabilitation Programmes + Health Cost Avoidance

WHANGANUI VELODROME - Health Costs Avoidance											Key Drivers or Multipliers			
ACTIVITY	% of Pop	No. per Year	Repeat Visits %	Av bed/Oc. Length (day/tyat)	% Phys Disabled	Total Loc Assumed Pop. Xxx @ Velo	Actual Number	Saving Benefit to Region	% of Benefit					
1 AT&R* Ward patients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		25		\$ 558	29		4	61,000	8%					
2 AT&R* Outpatients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		200	30%	\$ 348	1		40	4,000	1%					
3 AT&R* Rehab >65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		360	50%	\$ 558	1		50	15,000	2%					
4 16-64 yrs disabled (21% of pop) -> R@Velo	21%	35,700		\$ 3,676	64%		120	441,000	60%					
5 16-64 yrs disabled MoH Disability Support Services		930	50%	\$ 3,676			120	214,000	29%				some double-counting with 4) and 5)	
* Assessment, Treatment & Rehabilitation Clinic @ WDHB [Paul Malan - GM, Service & Business Planning, WDHB]								334						
								735,000	100%					
No. of USERS														
	p/w	Y1 2020	Y2 2021	Y3 2022	Y4 2023	Y5 2024	Y6 2025	Y7 2026	Y8 2027	Y9 2028	Y10 2029	10yr Total		
1 AT&R* Ward patients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo	2.5	490	495	500	505	510	515	520	525	531	536	5,126	inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
2 AT&R* Outpatients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo	0.8	1,660	1,677	1,693	1,710	1,727	1,745	1,762	1,780	1,798	1,816	17,367	inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
3 AT&R* Rehab >65yr --> Rehab @ Velo	0.8	2,250	2,318	2,387	2,459	2,532	2,608	2,687	2,767	2,850	2,936	25,794	inc. by 3% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
4 16-64 yrs disabled (21% of pop) -> R@Velo	0.8	7,800	7,878	7,957	8,036	8,117	8,198	8,280	8,363	8,446	8,531	81,605	inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
5 16-64 yrs disabled MoH Disability Support Services	0.8	4,840	4,888	4,937	4,987	5,037	5,087	5,138	5,189	5,241	5,293	50,637	inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
Total No.		17,040	17,255	17,474	17,697	17,923	18,153	18,387	18,624	18,866	19,111	180,530	18,053 average	
ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO WHANGANUI														
EVENT	No. per Year	Y1 2021	Y2 2022	Y3 2023	Y4 2024	Y5 2025	Y6 2026	Y7 2027	Y8 2028	Y9 2029	Y10 2030	10yr Total	% of Benefit	
1 AT&R* Ward patients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		61,000	61,610	62,226	62,848	63,477	64,112	64,753	65,400	66,054	66,715	638,195	9% inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
2 AT&R* Outpatients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		4,000	4,040	4,080	4,121	4,162	4,204	4,246	4,289	4,331	4,375	41,849	1% inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
3 AT&R* Rehab >65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		15,000	15,450	15,914	16,391	16,883	17,389	17,911	18,448	19,002	19,572	171,958	3% inc. by 3% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
4 16-64 yrs disabled (21% of pop) -> R@Velo		441,000	445,410	449,864	454,363	458,906	463,495	468,130	472,812	477,540	482,315	4,613,836	68% inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
5 16-64 yrs disabled MoH Disability Support Services		214,000	216,140	218,301	220,484	222,689	224,916	227,165	229,437	231,731	234,049	2,238,913	33% inc. by 1% p.a. as pop. ages (av last 5 yrs)	
6 less Cashflow to Velodrome		- 85,000	- 86,000	- 87,000	- 88,000	- 90,000	- 91,000	- 92,000	- 93,000	- 94,000	- 96,000	- 902,000	-13%	
		650,000	657,000	663,000	670,000	676,000	683,000	690,000	697,000	705,000	711,000	6,802,000	100%	
CASHFLOW TO VELODROME														
EVENT	No. per Year	per day Fee	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	10yr Total	% of Benefit
1 AT&R* Ward patients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		\$5	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,499	\$ 2,524	\$ 2,549	\$ 2,575	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,627	\$ 2,653	\$ 2,680	25,632	3%
2 AT&R* Outpatients <65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		\$5	\$ 8,300	\$ 8,383	\$ 8,467	\$ 8,551	\$ 8,637	\$ 8,723	\$ 8,811	\$ 8,899	\$ 8,988	\$ 9,078	86,836	10%
3 AT&R* Rehab >65yr --> Rehab @ Velo		\$5	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,588	\$ 11,935	\$ 12,293	\$ 12,662	\$ 13,042	\$ 13,433	\$ 13,836	\$ 14,251	\$ 14,679	128,969	14%
4 16-64 yrs disabled (21% of pop) -> R@Velo		\$5	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,390	\$ 39,784	\$ 40,182	\$ 40,584	\$ 40,989	\$ 41,399	\$ 41,813	\$ 42,231	\$ 42,654	408,026	45%
5 16-64 yrs disabled MoH Disability Support Services		\$5	\$ 24,200	\$ 24,442	\$ 24,686	\$ 24,933	\$ 25,183	\$ 25,434	\$ 25,689	\$ 25,946	\$ 26,205	\$ 26,467	253,186	28%
6													-	
			85,000	86,000	87,000	88,000	90,000	91,000	92,000	93,000	94,000	96,000	902,000	100%

Appendix Five: Support Letters from Cycling New Zealand



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29 January, 2020

Re.: Cycling New Zealand position clarification with regard to the Whanganui cycling velodrome project

To whom it may concern,

Following reports of Cycling New Zealand being mentioned in recent GLG report, I would like to clarify our (CNZ) position in reference to the present Whanganui cycling velodrome project.

It speaks to reason that this project is considered a very viable endeavour in Cycling New Zealand's opinion.

Investing in the upgrade of an already existing velodrome in a location where there is a strongly embedded track cycling culture is, for want of a better term, a no brainer.

As stated in CNZ's April 23rd support letter the advantages of upgrading the existing Whanganui velodrome through the resurfacing and building a roof over the track are numerous. Namely, from an "Every Body Active" (Sport New Zealand strategy) perspective, a covered and resurfaced velodrome would offer a safe environment for tamariki and rangatahi to engage in cycling activities on the track surface and other activities in the infield.

From a more high performance view, having a velodrome in Whanganui will attract more cyclists to track cycling from the Manawatu, Wellington, Wairarapa and Taranaki regions which in turn will strengthen and broaden our national athlete pool. A broader pool of track cyclists in the region would lead Cycling New Zealand to lay down the groundwork, in the very near future, for a 7th Performance Hub in Whanganui to support the local talent as they strive to represent New Zealand at the World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Olympics and Paralympic Games.

In closing, when looking at the recent history of track cycling in New Zealand, had it not been for the drivers that made the present Whanganui velodrome a reality in 1955, we would not be one of the top track cycling nations in the world. While New Zealand now boasts two international federation standard velodromes in Invercargill and Cambridge we cannot ignore the positive impact, from a cultural standpoint, that a covered velodrome in Whanganui can make on New Zealand's international and national reputation of being a cycling nation.

As mentioned in previous support letter, Cycling New Zealand continues to be a firm supporter in the Whanganui cycling velodrome project and remains available for any further questions on the subject.

Yours respectfully,



Jacques Landry
Chief Executive,
Cycling New Zealand




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23 April 2019

To whom it may concern,

RE: Cycling New Zealand continued support for Whanganui cycling velodrome project

As the national governing sport organisation for cycling in the country, Cycling New Zealand would very much like to re-iterate its support around the proposed project of, not only covering the existing velodrome in Whanganui, but to also resurface and add on other sporting infrastructures to the existing facility.

While we are in the process of developing a national cycling infrastructure strategy, it is without a doubt that this velodrome project in Whanganui would fit within the constructs of this strategy as it will continue to serve the purpose of identifying and developing track cycling talent who will continue in the footsteps of many New Zealand Olympic and World Champions, all the while providing a safe haven for the community to ride in an environment that promotes good health and wellness.

It is envisaged that this infrastructure will have a regional reach that will cater to potential and present track cyclists coming as far as Wellington to the South, and Napier to the East.

From a High Performance standpoint, the covered, international standard, velodrome would fit in our already existing development Hub programmes model which gravitate around existing velodromes across the country.

We are very much behind this project and remain available for any further inquiries.

Yours respectfully,



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Appendix Six: Regional Mayors' Letter of Support



Appendix Seven: Presentations and Consultations

RVDT has presented to/consulted with and received support from the following individuals or groups:

- WDC - July 2015 and Councillor workshop 2020
- Sport NZ
- Whanganui Chamber of Commerce - April 2016
- Territorial Authority Regional Chiefs' meeting
- Hon. Jonathon Coleman - Minister of Sport and Recreation
- 3 Rotary Clubs - Whanganui, 1 - Palmerston North; 1 - Marton
- Grant Smith - Mayor Palmerston North city
- PM John Key and Finance Minister Steven Joyce
- St Johns Club
- Over 60s Organisation (x2)
- Rebus Clubs (x3)
- Grey Power
- PNCC Sport and Recreation Committee
- Jane Winstone Retirement Village
- Manawatu Business after 5
- Whanganui Ratepayers' Association
- Whanganui River Markets - (stalls x7)
- Aramoho Bowling club
- Age Concern
- WDHB CEO
- 4 Regions Trust
- Lion Foundation
- NZCT
- Velo 5000 Club
- Hon. Chester Borrows
- Hon. Bill English, Simon Bridges, Nathan Guy, Stephen Joyce, Grant Robertson, Harete Hipango, Steph Lewis.
- WDC Town Planning staff
- Andrew Matheson Cycling NZ
- Alzheimers Whanganui
- Parkinsons Whanganui
- Whanganui Community Foundation

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: [Terry Dowdeswell](#)
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Thursday, 14 May 2020 9:03:43 PM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Neither agree nor disagree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly agree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Strongly agree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Neither agree nor disagree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Neither agree nor disagree
	Your key issues do not include what I believe is the most important and urgent issue of all, and that is responding to enhancing Whanganui's infrastructure and visitor potential with the redevelopment of the Velodrome into a Whanganui Regional Events Centre. Whanganui needs something exciting to happen that has appeal to all. The events centre will do that. I believe this is the single most inspirational, valuable, cost effective

Further comments	and immediately accessible project available to Whanganui. It is the most economically viable and will benefit local tourism. It will benefit the local community physically, and economically. It will inspire. It has local, regional and international appeal and widespread attractive ability. This project has extraordinary potential and is perfect to be a key part of the government's programme to excite both the local and national economy post Covid 19. Its time has come. I am submitting as an individual who developed a successful business who's product was recognised internationally as the best in the world in its field. I know what vision is and how it can transform the economic landscape, and this is it. It must have council backing
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: jeff@phillipselect.co.nz
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Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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Organisation name	Wanganui Rugby
Your role	Chairman
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	St Johns Hill / Otamatea
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Neither agree nor disagree
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Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Neither agree nor disagree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Neither agree nor disagree
Further comments	Wanganui Rugby supports the Velodrome Project (Whanganui Regional Events Centre). As per our prior submission Wanganui Rugby believes this venue is an asset not just for cycling but for other sports in the Region. Having an accessible covered facility on our doorstep is something Rugby would utilize. For our representative teams having the ability to shift from Cooks Gardens if weather/ ground conditions are deteriorating and carry on training gives us an edge over other Heartland

	regions. Examples of some of the other activities Rugby would use this space during the year are, Future 15 and Gain-line programs, fitness testing and strength and conditioning training. Wanganui Rugby in conjunction with Manukau Institute of Technology is now running a New Zealand Diploma in Sport, Recreation and Exercise course which would also benefit from an accessible covered area.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Disagree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly agree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Agree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Strongly agree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Strongly agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Agree
Further comments	This is an important time to consider sustainable changes for our City. See attachment.
Supporting documents	Submission 14th May 2020.odt - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

The future of our city depends on how we change our lifestyles, individually, locally, nationally and globally.

We have just been through (hopefully) the Covid19 crisis and it has been an incredibly costly exercise in both human and economical terms. It is an opportunity to realise what can be done. If we are to weather the even more serious threat of climate change which is unfortunately not as obvious or as immediate as Covid19 has been. It's most serious effects may not become obvious for twenty plus years and those who will loose out financially in the short term and have loud voices have worked hard to belittle how immediate and serious climate change is.

We cannot afford to delay action. This must involve local actions and supporting government to make positive changes to both reduce our carbon footprint and prepare for the inevitable effects of climate change, from rising sealevels, increased flood frequency, droughts and more.

Some Issues:

1. The Pilot School. Although it has been a great thing for Whanganui there is a chance that with the downturn of air travel the demand for pilots could well decrease. This is a two edged sword. of course. The school has been good for Whanganui and losing it is bad for our economy, but the downturn of air travel is positive in terms of reduced CO₂.
2. Water tanks. Although Whanganui has one of the more reliable water supplies in the country there are other reasons to consider again the idea of mandatory water tanks for all new buildings. They provide emergency backup and non hard water for residents plus gardening and car washing. They mitigate some of the immediate runoff to stormwater systems – new suburbs increase the hard surface area (compared to permeable soil) which often overloads stormwater. Tanks also reduce the quantity of treated water necessary.
3. Suburban landscape. I think that all new subdivisions (and housing) should be laid out so that they achieve solar gain in winter and also have roofs nominally north facing so that photovoltaic solar panels get the best sun possible. Despite the discouraging buy back rate from power companies solar will soon become the norm and current housing subdivisions seldom do anything to encourage its use.
4. Street trees. A street full of green trees is fantastic on many levels. Green is restfull on the spirit, cleans the air and provides shade in summer, making shopping and walking far more pleasant. There are the annual complaints, particularly at this time of year, about leaves. I think the positives outweigh the negatives for most of the year. Although I would like to know if it was possible for the street vaccuum to be set at this time of year to not so much sweep as just to suck up the leaves so they can be composted instead of just sent to landfill along with the gravel, plastic and other street detritus.

There is no good reason that street trees should not be fruitful as much as attractive. For instance, at the moment our persimmon is covered in golden red fruit and the leaves are beginning to turn gold and red from a beautiful glossy green through the

summer. But never the less every fruit from apples, quince , citrus, plum, fig and others would provide fruit as well as shade and beauty. They would also introduce more people to the pleasure of picking their own fruit while saving costs.

5. Cycling. Whanganui has made many great improvements to the cyclability of the city and many people have said how much they are looking forward to the bridge at Upukongaro opening and its benefits to Upukongaro. Going by what has happened during covid 19 many more people have got on their bikes while there was little traffic on the roads. So continually improving this cyclability will have health, traffic and economic benefits for our population.
6. Waste minimisation. Ever since the waste collection was privatised I felt that with waste landfill was their primary objective. From the early days when Waste Management was supposed to be doing recycling and I saw on numerous occasions their collectors were just putting it into the landfill side of the truck. I think it is time the waste collection was done again by the council. There may be wailing that the rates will go up. Quite likely, but not to the extent they are paying at present. The collection would consist of three managed parts: recycling, greenwaste (using perhaps a fortnightly wheelie bin) and landfill. The recycling and greenwaste would be at either minimal or little cost but landfill would be charged more than now to both encourage separation and minimising landfill.

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: wrigglesworthallan@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Thursday, 7 May 2020 1:51:11 PM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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.

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Location	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Strongly agree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Strongly agree
Further comments	Cycling strategy attached
Supporting documents	ten year plan 2020.docx - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

Submission: Ten Year Plan April 2020 Allan Wrigglesworth

Cycling: Steps Council could take to improve cycling in Whanganui

Most trips people make in urban areas are 5km or less. Cycling is the most sustainable way for people to get from A to B when making short trips on a sealed surface. There are days when motorised transport is desirable, usually due to inclement weather, but in Whanganui cycling is feasible most of the time.



There are numerous reasons why cycling is preferred to driving:

- **Economic.** Both for individuals and Councils who maintain infrastructure. Cycles can be purchased very cheaply (\$100) and cost very little to maintain. Bicycles do not wear out roads.
- **Physical Health.** Most citizens would benefit enormously from regular cycling which is a high aeration activity.
- **Psychological health.** Cycling means people are going outside – something many rarely do these days. It lends itself to interactions with other people and the environment.
- **Environmental.** Cycling means reduced vehicle use by up to 75%. Widespread use of bicycles would result in a drastic reduction of greenhouses gases.

So why do most people not cycle regularly?

NZ will never get anything close to a European-style mass cycling culture without some major changes. We must have:

Proper-width, clearly segregated lanes on all main urban roads.

Strict liability law and measures to make urban car users more responsible around cyclists.

Cycle infrastructure increases the uptake of cycling. This is because cyclists feel safer, and feel more welcome on the road. We have a unique opportunity here in Whanganui to create the conditions for the rapid increase in cycling so that it becomes a dominant form of transport in fine weather.

Steps Council could take to improve cycling



1. Introduce a law or bylaw that means vehicle drivers are assumed to be at fault in any accident with cyclists unless they can prove otherwise. This law must be reinforced with a case study prosecution.
2. Ban vehicles from parking on roads. By law every road is a bike lane. Establish “cycleways” on all roads between the kerb and the “road” vehicles currently drive on.
3. Mark these pathways with smooth slightly raised hot-mix which is coloured green. Tailings from the nickel mines in New Caledonia can be imported for this purpose. **Do not use paint on roads to delineate cycleways.** Cycle pathways should not be established on intersections.



4. At intersections cyclists, must obey the road rules like other vehicles do and get in correct lanes and signal clearly. If motorists know they will be liable in any accident with cyclists, they will be careful and this will work. Cameras at intersections will be the most cost effective way to ensure this. Many cyclists also need training to hold the bike with one hand and clearly indicate a left or right turn with the other. Council could hand out free fluoro wrist bands to aid turning visibility.



5. Cyclists need to wear “fluoro” vests or other clearly visible clothing, otherwise motorists involved in incidents with cyclists cannot be deemed at fault.
6. Establish a public (Council)/private cycle hub where used bikes can be purchased and bikes can be cheaply checked and repaired. Current bike shops are not fulfilling this function at present. This will reinforce the notion that bicycles are primarily a cheap way to get from A to B rather than an expensive toy for recreational pursuits.
7. Standardised bike stands must be put around the central DBD and other shopping centres. These must have a roof – bikes rust! And enable all types of bikes to be secure.



From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: jknjkn@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2020 7:01:24 PM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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.

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	Other,Danish/Kiwi
Location	St Johns Hill / Otamatea
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the	

<p>UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p>Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p>Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>Housing</p>	

<p>Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>I would like the Council to fund a feasibility study into design, build, operate a “Waste to Energy” plant. This could be done in conjunction with the surrounding Councils. There is no doubt about it that our waste will keep growing, and keep being there year after year, decade after decade. Just earlier today I saw a news clip that Kaikoura District Council would stop accepting certain plastic items into their recycling schedule as they no longer could dispose of them. It is the same issue we see here in our own District, that funding 144.000 for next year to store and deal with later, the rising mountain of fibre (which will keep on coming year after year), hence I submit that surely it must be longover due to look into solutions which will solve this ongoing issue, and as a by product will produce energy as well, for the District to disperse to or attract business, residential development, industries or service public amenities. I am originally from Denmark, but have lived in New Zealand for the last 30 years, I have always been proud of our clean, green image but now I see trash and waste everywhere, and soon we will drown in it. Just as well we do not let our liquid waste into the river or ocean we can not continue to let our solid waste into landfills. Building and operating a Waste to Energy plant will solve this issue, and bring many benefits. We can do this alone or together with neighboring Councils. For now I have attached more information by website link below and PDF files attached. This waste to energy has been done in Denmark the last 40 years, and I think and submit we should at least look into this option seriously for our own future sake as well. Regards Jorgen Nielsen http://www.volund.dk/Waste_to_Energy/References/ARC_Amager_Bakke_Copenhagen</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Submission method</p>	<p>Online</p>

 <p>WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui</p>	<p align="center">Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan</p>
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Proposed 2020/21 Annual Plan
 Whanganui District Council
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Please note that due to uncertainty with the current COVID-19 situation we may not be able to hold public hearings. Should the situation change we will reconsider this. Your submission will be received by all elected members, and considered during deliberations at the end of May. Please indicate below if you would like to speak to your submission, should this become available.

Yes I would like to speak to my submission if this is available

If you would be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council, please tick the box below and ensure your contact details have been completed.

Yes I would like to be involved in future consultation and am happy for you to retain my contact details.

Annual Plan 2020 Sub: 012

Please indicate your level of agreement for the changes outlined in the 2020/21 Annual Plan Consultation Document. You can submit on any aspect of the Consultation Document or Supporting Information. The table below outlines the key change from the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Proposal	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700		X			
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)				X	
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy				X	
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design		X			
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)		X			
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy		X			
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade				X	

Do you have any further comments to make?

For 20 years i have dilligently paid rates on our property supporting progress in Whanganui , however your proposed increase of 2.3 % is absurd post Covid 19. At very best the rates can be as they were in 2019 given most business, individuals and farmers are looking at significant income reduction long term i.e post Covid 19. Couple this with pre Covid QV recent valuation increases and all we see is non- stop sustainable creep in rates year on year. This is not sustainable post Covid 19. So somewhere commonsense should apply to hold rates increase in 2020-2021 period and a review of Quotable Values to the former rates of 2019 and pre recent QV valuations. Nobody knows where the value currently sits except that the rate increase is simply not warranted in 2020. Anyone having been involved in business planning sees that current operational costings are far to high in the long term plan and critical economic development still poorly funded, as such prudent cost measures require to be taken. Is there a need for a roof over velodrome? perhaps it can wait another year, proposed extension on the run way was good intention pre-Covid 19, now unfortenately this has to be questioned. New reveune streams, please charge for Sargeant Gallery admisson , hold the regional museum funds accountable thru admission fees. But like all of us please control and cut your costings in tough times. I am prepared to pay my rates , i am not prepared to pay the proposed increase for 2020 -2021

Thank You

Have you submitted on a Long Term Plan or Annual Plan before?

Yes No

How did you make this submission?

Email Phone Online Post

Gender: Female Male

Age: Under 18 years 18 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60+

Ethnicity: NZ European Maori Asian Pacific Peoples
 Middle Eastern/Latin American/African Other

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: [David Bennett](#)
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2020 9:19:47 AM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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.

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	St Johns Hill / Otamatea
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Strongly agree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Agree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly disagree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Neither agree nor disagree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Agree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Agree
Further comments	<p>1. Its time to sell the Gas Company. Its possible there may only be another 11 years of natural gas supply, so cash it up while we can. 2. Sell the rental housing to a charitable housing trust, and make some land (possibly Matipo St) for the trust to increase the number of units. The benefits of this move are well known. 3. I am concerned about the rise in rates and the effects of the disparity of property valuations between suburbs. Has thought been given to either not use the 2019 valuations and staying with the</p>

	<p>previous valuations for now? The valuation rises of some suburbs will severely affect the ability of many of those residents to pay the higher rates. I understand that in Otamatea our rates may fall slightly. Another option for this year, might to mandate that no rate calculation is less that last year, and the credits from those calculations bring the rates rises in other suburbs closer to zero increase. That sort of calculation should not be too difficult</p>
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: president@wanganuicycling.club
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Thursday, 14 May 2020 7:24:49 AM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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Your role	President
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Blueskin- Maxwell
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No

KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Neither agree nor disagree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Neither agree nor disagree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Neither agree nor disagree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Strongly agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Neither agree nor disagree
Further comments	I want to speak to the matter of the Velodrome on behalf of the club. Clearly the club support this but need to some progress.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: rhonavickoce@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Friday, 15 May 2020 1:41:07 PM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	Other, Rhona - Pakeha/Scottish/ Fijian/German/ English; Ruth- Australian/ German/ English
Location	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Agree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Strongly disagree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly agree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Strongly agree
Waste minimisation – fund the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre Trust and additional \$144,000 to underwrite loss due to escalating costs to receive, manage and recycle fibre (cardboard, paper and mixed paper)	Strongly agree
Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Strongly agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Disagree
	We want every decision the Council makes and every movement forward on a decision to be made through the lens of Climate Change mitigation. Consequently we are against further spending of large amounts of capital on the airport taxi way. Covid 19 has made clear that this is old thinking. We also think this is absolutely the wrong time to put

Further comments

money into the Museum. Housing, however could do with far more attention and funding. A visitor from the pretty city of Adelaide asked on a recent walk around the Castlecliff streets if there were not Health and Safety regulations around housing? Good point. Any money spent on housing or refurbishing needs to be done with the best research on future engineering to produce houses that will still be efficient centuries later. Apparently they need not be any more expensive and they save electricity. Sustainable housing. And speaking of housing; it seems to us if the homeless can be housed during a pandemic then they can be housed in an ongoing manner. We support zero tolerance for homelessness. Housing must be a Council responsibility and priority and should be considered a human right throughout the country. We tautoko Graham and Lyn Pearson's excellent submission overall and would like to add to their focus on education to help our Castlecliff community to step up and take responsibility for our area. The speed limit on the beach, while a good move, makes little difference to the eco systems when you can drive where ever you please, in whatever vehicle. This road / beach is not regulated in any way and is as such, unsustainable. Council signs are inconsistent and completely unenforced. We suggest a focus on positive education in terms of the beach and dunes and how we look after them as a community; where the Council is the good model. A beach warden position backed by volunteers would be a good way to to spend some post -Covid money to kickstart community involvement in really looking after our beach, dunes and reserve. This would add to the excellent work already done in terms of commercial enterprise here in Castlecliff and encourage respect for our environment and the feeling of belonging. Win win. We also want to put forward the idea that native birds, being part of our climate sustainability,

	<p>need looking after. Native/other flowering/nectar trees need planting so they provide a food corridor for the birds. We suggest a bylaw banning cutting natives/other nectar trees. Finally we wish to commend the Council on the occasions when it has shown leadership, and believe it will rise to the occasion once again by choosing to give its staff the living wage. Leadership is also shown when real iwi consultation is part of any Council decision and we'd like to see this as a matter of course. Rhona Vickoce and Ruth Tidemann</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Submission method</p>	<p>Online</p>

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: dianeglennie@icloud.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan
Date: Thursday, 14 May 2020 9:28:51 AM



Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	No

opportunities with Council?	
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Strongly agree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Strongly agree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Strongly agree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Strongly agree
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Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Strongly agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Strongly agree
Further comments	I have attached my submission to this document and have included photos to support it.
Supporting documents	Council Submission 14 May 2020 - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

We the undersigned residents and ratepayers wish to make the following submission to council.

We have made a commitment to Castlecliff, Whanganui where we have built our new forever home. We are very proud of our community and the work Progress Castlecliff have achieved in the rejuvenation of our village. We are both committed community builders and recently purchased another 2 pieces of land with the intention of providing low cost small housing to encourage more potential visitors to our community. My partner is the Head Librarian of the local new library situated in Castlecliff. She organises a group of 10 volunteers and is committed to encouraging people of all ages to visit and be a part of the community. I was born and raised in Whanganui and returned after a number of years looking to make a difference and be a positive community member.

When we were building our garage back in 2017 we were advised by the builders to implement a basic drainage and sump system that allowed the excess water to pass through the property and exit at a kerb connection as there was no underground storm-water infrastructure for us to connect into. The council recommended that this was the correct way to deal with excess water from the property and it was signed off by them at the time.

However, the result of this has caused concern and frustration for neighbours downstream who are experiencing a constant flow of water and debris, wide street puddles to jump and the dangerous slippery problem of dog toxic weed. A neighbour previously at 8 Karaka Street made multiple complaints to the council as well as to his neighbours, also sending us a very threatening letter (which was reported to the police) about the water running down the street and culminating outside his property. He also interfered with our kerb connection by placing a block of wood into the pipe (twice). This was removed at our own expense and was extremely distressing.

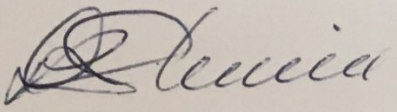
All affected houses in the street have been upgraded in recent years and improved and as such we all pay more rates for services but for that we are getting a 3rd world weedy smelly gutter as a storm-water service. We deserve better and council's excuses are not good enough.

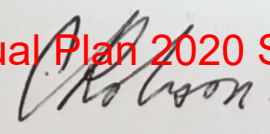
In discussion with neighbours we believe the storm-water infrastructure must be extended to the end of Karaka Street (closest to Rangiora Street). It appears that 14, 12, 10, & 10A Karaka Street all have approved storm-water connections so the work would be fairly minimal to achieve this.

We strongly support Council valuing and building connected communities. However, Council itself is causing this strife in an otherwise neighbourly block.

We are writing this submission for and on behalf of the concerned residents (our neighbours) because we, as a result of poor infrastructure, are experiencing unnecessary stress and anxiety. **We wish to make a verbal submission to Council in support of this submission.**

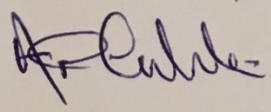
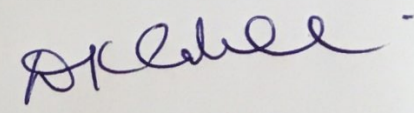
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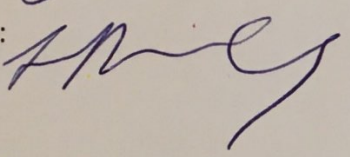


As a resident of Karaka Street and close neighbour of No. 16 I have read and agree with the above submission:

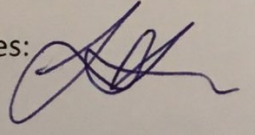
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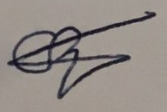
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Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
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Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Strongly agree
Further comments	Progress Castlecliff inc are requesting an additional item be added to the Annual Plan submissions for the 2020 year. The details are provided in the document attached to this submission.
Supporting documents	20200515 Progress Castlecliff Submission to WDC Annual Plan 2020 CAG Final.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my	Yes

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This submission is on behalf of Progress Castlecliff Inc (PCI), with support of the Wanganui Surf Lifeguard Service Inc (WSLS). The submitter is Colin Gates, Chairperson, Progress Castlecliff.

THE FUTURE OF RANGIORA STREET BEACH

PCI write to request that this item be registered for consideration amongst the Annual Plan submissions. Although PCI are aware that current events and necessary funding reductions limit resources available for new items, we feel that the magnitude of this issue requires express consideration by Council in the current 2020 Annual Plan.

It has become clear to the PCI Committee that a review is needed concerning the public amenities and infrastructure located at Rangiora Street Beach. As PCI Chair, I have discussed this matter with the WSLS Committee and they have expressed a wish to be involved in the developments from this time onward.

The Rangiora Street Beach complex consists of:

- The actual access to the beach through and from Rangiora Street,
- The sealed public parking (provided in 1966) bordered by the seawall (1985),
- Access and visibility between the WSLS building and the sea,
- The WSLS building itself (1957), and
- The Duncan Pavilion (1965) including the public toilets and changing rooms in the Duncan ground floor.

Both the WSLS building and the Duncan Pavilion are serviced with clean water supply, piped sewage disposal, power and telephone connections. The parking area has street lighting. Collectively, this infrastructure has a very substantial replacement value, probably in excess of \$2.5M. In total, the infrastructure and its location provide a safe and valuable recreational amenity for residents and visitors to Castlecliff and Whanganui.

The only WDC Plan covering this location is the Castlecliff Coastal Reserve Management Plan. However, in this plan, the Rangiora Beach facilities are considered as items in terms of the Reserve and in a fragmented context, rather than as a combined unit within the reserve. For instance, the plan notes that: "There are minimal buildings in the Reserve...", and "While provision of car parking is important, this should be balanced against the benefits of enabling the natural sand dune system to re-establish..."

The management of the location is similarly fragmented with the WSLS owning their club building which is located on Council managed leasehold land. The Duncan Pavilion top floor is administered by WDC Property whereas the ground floor toilets form part of the WDC Parks amenities provision. The parking area is maintained through the WDC roading contracts and beach access clearance is carried out under a finite Regional Council consent.

Progress Castlecliff has been managing public use of the Duncan Pavilion on behalf of the Whanganui District Council since 1999, and previously the Wanganui Beach Society had a very close association with the building since its construction in 1966. A recent report on the building structure, commissioned by WDC, has revealed a sizeable extent of rust induced spalling in the reinforced concrete of the ground-floor walls and columns. Although the building is unlikely to collapse anytime soon, these corrosion repairs are needed and are priced at about \$90,000 over two to five years. More similar work is likely in subsequent years. The building has had major works in the past such as; restructuring the balcony supports, installing wheel-chair access and replacing the roof, along with ongoing concrete repairs and two exterior re-paints. Progress Castlecliff has fund-raised and completed about \$40,000 of improvements to the first-floor interior.



The WSLs building has also had recent condition and structural assessments and sums well in excess of \$200,000 are needed in the medium-term to restore the building to original condition, along with additional funds to comply with the latest building requirements. The Club's land lease is also due for renewal. The Surf Club building is currently not suitably configured for public hire.

The carpark seawall has had considerable repairs and has been strengthened to correct damage caused (over several years) during removal of wind-blown sand. The six corroded carpark street-light poles have recently been replaced.

The car park surface requires regular removal of wind-blown sand, and the beach front seaward of the seawall is dressed and lowered every year before the swimming season commences. This work requires heavy earthmoving machinery and trucking material off-site. The price of this work has varied considerably over the years depending on storm severity and frequency, and an annual sum of about \$50,000 would not be unusual. The carpark has also been re-sealed at least once since construction in 1967, and because of the large area reseal costs of about \$80,000 could be expected.

We can see that the complex has substantial monetary and historical value. However, the complex occupies a severely aggressive environment and considerable on-going funds are required to preserve the beach access, parking and the facilities on the beach front; which also provides for safe swimming during summer weekends and summer school holidays. The loss of any one component of the beach complex could compromise the viability of the others to function successfully. In addition, WDC has recently funded an extensive upgrade of Rangiora Street to provide an attractive gate-way to Whanganui's beach. This investment has inspired Rangiora Street residents and enterprises to improve existing premises and to develop new services.

In considering the future: the WSLs building may be a distinctive NZ beach icon, but does it need to be where it is? The Duncan Pavilion is an endearing feature in an idyllic setting, but would it have any value if located elsewhere? Present-day beach use doesn't match past events when every available carpark was filled; however, there many locals and visiting tourists who value this unique boundary to the Whanganui City. There are calls from some in the community to return the beach to wilderness and to stop wasting money resisting nature; however, the majority consensus for the future of the beach complex is unknown.

This is the intent of a review... What changes could be made and what would they look like? What would be the effects of any changes and would they be supported by the community majority - both Whanganui and Castlecliff? What other futures are possible, and how would they be presented to establish meaningful consensus? Who would initiate the discussions and what funding is required to develop ideas and present concepts to the community? This review, the consultation and development of a consistent plan is needed before incremental and isolated decisions cause the Rangiora Street Beach complex to be compromised; and also, before considerable expense is incurred by all in the community currently preserving the existing situation.

PCI have not priced this review in detail; however, in discussion with interested parties, some WDC resources would be needed to progress matters. Consultation advertising would need WDC backing; the time of certain WDC staff would be needed to collate data and present meaningful information both to the public and the Elected Council. Some out-sourced expertise is likely for comment on technical issues and to provide pictorial presentations of possible options. PCI have developed consultation skills through our Rejuvenation Project and this expertise would be provided to assist the review. A tentative budget of about \$25000 is suggested to cover the aspects above; however, PCI time would be offered free in accordance with our Charitable Status.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

PCI and WSLs will be available to discuss these issues in more detail in the Annual Plan hearings.

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Further comments	Please refer to the attached document for our full submission on a range of topics (8 pages)
Supporting documents	Submission to Annual WDC 2020 Pearson Graham and Lyn.doc - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

Submission WDC proposed Plan 2020-21

Graham & Lyn Pearson

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

We wish to speak to our submission

We commend the Council for

- The rubbish clearance team who respond to requests, dumping seems a continual problem in places. One of the worse places this year seems to be on the River Bike Path between the Yacht Club & its western end.
- Identifying Castlecliff as a suburb for positive development and rejuvenation, as well as recognising here is an active community keen to work in partnership with WDC.
- Trying to remember Iwi relationships and working towards consideration of issues affecting the health and wellbeing of Te Awa Tupua.
- Promotion of Whanganui as great place to live, bring up a family and work.
- Some support for cycling with the continued development of shared pathways across town and along the river.
- Supporting Castlecliff Coast Care by providing plants
- Initiating discussions and plans for the Morgan Street area upgrade
- Sealing the last section of Mill Road
- Adopting Maori place names for places in Whanganui
- We are pleased to have more bus shelters in our suburb, and many (mainly at Trafalgar Square) with bus timetables and maps installed.
And increasing the number of bus shelters on routes.

Comments on the Key Changes from the Long Term Plan

Reducing the UAGC

Agree with this change as it will help equalise increases in rates between difference suburbs.

Airport runway

Strongly disagree

There is no way this can be acceptable when viewed through a **Climate Change lens**. Air travel is a key aspect that needs to be reduced.

And no way can this be acceptable viewed through a **post Covid 19 lens either**. We have moved to a world where there will be less business travel, with people accepting Zoom meetings can work well, are easy to run and are a way to help reduce climate change travel.

There will be less holiday travel, with limited destinations available in the world in the foreseeable future.

The likelihood of the pilot training centre continuing, with increasing airport activity, must be in serious doubt, with hundreds if not thousands of fully trained and experienced pilots laid off worldwide.

This sealing of a parallel taxiway should be at last delayed for a year or two until the post Covid 19 “normal” can be assessed.

We have noticed Dunedin and New Plymouth Councils, with more active regional airports than ours, are now very concerned about how they can keep operating. Earlier capital expenditure has added substantially to their overall operations costs.

Climate Change Strategy

Strongly agree

WDC definitely needs to reach the implementation stage as soon as possible of this Strategy.

And we ask you to keep looking for more possible ways to alleviate and mitigate climate change affects going into the future.

Digital Strategy

Strongly support.

The recent months have shown how important this strategy has been in keeping us all connected.

We also think those who can't afford or lack the knowledge or skills to access info digitally need support to get there.

Is there some way to have a centre with publically accessible computers similar to the main central and Gonville libraries ?

Waste Minimisation

Strongly support.

It is important to support the WRRC at this time.

However, there is a strong need for WRRC to diversify its income streams, and become a Resource Recovery Centre, not just a recycling centre.

Government support for post Covid 19 projects that provide excellent environmental outcomes via the increased Waste Levy Fund, presents an opportunity that should be immediately explored.

Housing Strategy

Strongly support

Council needs to support the delivery of cost effect, sustainable housing in our communities.

Alleviating the housing shortage is something that we need to achieve to establish a family friendly city. Something vital for an equitable & thriving community.

Whanganui Regional Museum

Support

It is great to see this valuable local resource upgraded as it is an important part of the cultural life of our city and a tourist attraction.

It has been disappointing that the opportunity to install solar panels was not taken during upgrading. This could have helped offset future operating costs.

We again provide a list of what we believe are Positive Actions the Council could undertake

- Council started along the path of **Climate Change reduction and mitigation. However, using a school report statement, “some progress but can do better”, would seem to be the outcome so far.**

We ask Council to take every opportunity to explain the practical steps they are taking to mitigate the effects of climate change, discuss the ramifications for us all and encourage all the Community, be they businesses, community agencies or beneficiaries, to recognise that the complex and worrying issues facing us, can provide opportunities.

Our Council could be a leader here.

There is a huge need for us to seize the current opportunities that Cron 19 has created for changing our social and political landscapes. We can look through the climate change lens to lead our progress rather than trying to return to “normal”

- Appointing a sustainability officer, who could monitor all WDC activities. This would remind all in Council to work towards sustainability. Helping in climate change mitigation as well as ensuring reductions in future carbon emissions.
- We thank Council for recognising Castlecliff as a suburb for positive development and rejuvenation and accepting here is an active community keen to work in partnership with WDC.
We ask that you accept, and support monetarily Progress Castlecliff’s submission calling for action to develop a comprehensive plan for re-developing public facilities at the beach. These facilities need to be usable into the future.

- **Ensure that any Council building renovations or new buildings are eco-designed.**

Not only would this have positive environmental benefits, it would provide operational savings to WDC as well as give positive Community leadership to the importance of renovating and building with the future in mind.

We have seen several Council buildings earthquake strengthening which required re-roofing. Yet solar water heating and/or solar power panels were not incorporated into these renovations.

Building to “**Living Building Challenge standard**” would be an exciting way of practically demonstrating future building technology and could be a reason for people to visit Whanganui and view such buildings.

<https://www.livinghouse.org.nz/living-building-challenge>

➤ **Pay Council Staff the Living Wage**

Post Covid 19 is a difficult time for all people on low incomes.

We need Council to take an active leadership role in introduction of the Living Wage into our local economy.

At the 2018 WDC submission presentations it was explained how a small community organisation had achieved introducing the Living Wage, by carefully introducing increased rates of pay for low wage earners and freezing increases for those at the high end. Thus working towards achieving a more equitable distribution with the same wage budget. This does not have to be an added burden to rate payers, just a move towards this equitable distribution.

➤ **Organise resource recovery of products wherever possible.**

Council should take a leadership role with partners to develop opportunities to divert usable products from landfill.

An obvious example being building site waste.

Like all such moves this will require a **designated space and the will** to tackle the issue.

➤ **Wastewater treatment plant**

We encourage the WDC to continue to ensure the new plant is adequately monitored and maintained. Part of this is encouraging interested citizens and iwi groups be actively involved.

We look forward to the methane from the plant being used by the plant for power and the solid end-product being able to be used for fertiliser.

➤ **Further support for cycling.**

WDC should undertake roading and infrastructure surveys, to find ways the WDC roading policies can support the actions of others to get more children walking and cycling to school, sport activities and just for fun.

- When resealing roads with cycleways the cycleway proportion should be sealed smoothly & in a different colour please. Smoothly for ease of cycling (& cycles are not as rough on surfaces as heavier cars & trucks) & a different colour so everyone can see which part is actually the cycleway !
- As more vehicles use **Mosston Road** with the proposed Fitzherbert Ave extension the need for a designated cycle lane here will become more important. We know that huge trucks and trailers use this road and that in places there is no sealed shoulder.

It is necessary to drive down the middle of this road to give cyclist the 1.5 metre space which is suggested as necessary ! This is not possible most days.

People can run or walk behind the delineators but cyclists can't.

We enjoy using the shared walking & cycleway to the North Mole and appreciate the minor improvements made this year.

A drop-down kerb on Taupo Quay, where the pathway exits from the river side, opposite Wilson Street, is still required. And the angle of the drop down up to

the cycleway from Taupo Quay, after the Cobham Bridge, makes it hard to gain access to the cycleway here.

➤ **Whanganui's bus service**

Whanganui seems to hide its really good bus services. We suggest WDC works with Horizons to make improvements:

- “Welcome to Whanganui,” an annual publication has only a very brief paragraph about the bus service. It needs at least a whole page, with route maps, some indication of the time schedules, information that Gold Card holders get free trips for most of the day, etc,
- There should be real bus stops, instead of just the small signs on lamp posts that people struggle to see
- Timetables on these “real” bus stops, or at least in all the bus shelters telling when buses go past and where they go to. Otherwise newbies and visitors will continue to find them hard to use.
- **A Large**, clear sign at the bus change point in town, beside Trafalgar Square, could actually say this is “the bus interchange” !! We have many artists in Whanganui who we are sure could make this attractive as well as functional.

Regional Railways – It is exciting to hear talk of improved rail connection from Whanganui to Wellington and even the possibility of passenger services. We would encourage you to join with other Councillors in our Region to push for this to become a possibility. Rail can help maintain and develop regional populations, grow industries, and provide jobs. Modern electric rail services can be fast and efficient movers of people and goods. Commuter services to Palmerston North and Wellington could make Whanganui a dormitory hub and mean more people joining these cities work force could live here. This also has possibilities for tourist transport and would give us here better connections to the rest of New Zealand.

It would be great to have the train running between Auckland and Wellington stopping at Marton again.

➤ **Future Whanganui Street Maps, “Welcome to Whanganui” and social-media publicity.**

These should all have the cycleways marked in them.

Electric vehicle charging points and bus route details also need to be here.

We need to be seen as an innovative city, moving rapidly towards a more sustainable future as we encourage mobility in alternative ways to the use of private internal combustion engines.

➤ **Community Facilities**

The amazing success of the Whanganui East pool, Gonville Community Centre and Castlecliff library demonstrate the need to have community facilities within the suburbs. Most users of these Community facilities travel there walking, cycling, taking the bus or using their mobility scooters.

We therefore support the establishment of more suburban cultural and sporting facilities.

➤ **Footpaths**

Obviously, we have many people, some with disabilities, using footpaths who need better consideration.

The Mill Road link to Manukau Street is nice and wide and has side areas marked separately. These are not parking areas, so NEED to be CLEARLY designated as cycling and walking lanes, as a separate footpath have not been installed.

Please investigate alternatives to all the weed killer sprays used on the footpath edges and consider reducing the quantity of active ingredients used and frequency.

➤ **Castlecliff coastal areas and beach**

The continued pushing aside of driftwood, on the swimming beach, breaking up wood into shreds spoils this beach. Stopping this with the relentless waste of money pushing this sand around is long overdue.

Working with locals to remove motor bikes from the dune reserve is a vital first step in protecting the dune system. We ask Council to support this and facilitate community initiatives to stop bike access to walking tracks

At the northern end of the reserve were signs provided many years ago by "Friends of the Shoreline". All the paint is flaking off the signs, can we please have replacements with informative signs rather than "DON'T" signage ?

For many years we have found attending the Coastal Restoration Trust (CRTNZ) conferences of great value.

We ask WDC to support the CRTNZ conference 2021 which will be held in Whanganui.

The locally based conference provides a great opportunity for everyone to gather information and ideas from a wide range of people with knowledge of coastal issues. Conference attendees range from scientists, plant nursery staff, and consultants, specialist coastal staff from many Councils, DoC, through to Coast Care group members.

➤ **The WDC Youth Council**

This group deserves financial support. Our future leaders are worth investing in. How can we encourage them to take more interest in Whanganui community groups ?

➤ **Wetland developments**

We believe the **Kokohuia Wetlands** and associated wetland system in Castlecliff, between Mosston Road & running down towards Heads Road is

worthy of preserving & looking after, especially as there are people interested in weeding and planting it appropriately.

A vegetation buffer between this industrial zone of Heads Road and the housing area of Kokohuia needs further support. The wind here does not help establishing vegetation.

There is a strong need to develop wetland/ponding areas to retain rainfall and excess runoff caused by storms. This problem will increase with further development, resulting in more hard surfaces, and climate change intensification of weather bombs. In addition good development of wetland area will create great looking green zones with friendly walkways and a safer environment.

Whanganui is situated on a river delta and river deltas often have to deal with irregular amounts of excess water. This will happen more often due to Climate Change.

We know on Mosston Road there are signs warning motorists of pukeko. Please can such signs on Heads Road, Mill Road and Hinau Street too? There are differently pukekos in these areas too.

➤ **Waste Minimisation**

Redesign, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rehome, Repurpose, Repair, and Recycling are key words in reducing the waste going to landfill.

To further implement the WDC's waste minimisation policies we encourage the WDC to support:

- Zero Waste activities at all local events, supported by a bylaw that insists all those using WDC facilities need to work towards Zero Waste. And where they can go for help to develop this.
- Environmental education in our Schools and Early Childhood Centres
- Continues support for the Sustainable Whanganui Trust/WRRC pilot program to provide business waste audits. There is continuing interest in these from members of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Helping transform the WRRC from a recycling centre to a truly resourced Resource Recovery Centre could start with processing building industry waste products.

It is great to see the establishment of efficient, effective and sustainable green waste composting system for Whanganui.

➤ **Pensioner Housing**

We think it is the job of every community to look after those that need help with housing. This is especially important in Whanganui where many elderly come from low socio-economic demographics.

➤ **Recognising our past while looking to the Future**

It is still hard for the casual visitor to Whanganui to realize that here there is a proud Maori history and aspirations for the future.

We hope Whanganui District Councillors work harder to incorporate Maori street names as part of our landscape.

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Your role	Manager
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Location	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
KEY ISSUES	
Reducing the UAGC - reduce the Uniform Annual General Change (UAGC) from \$831 to \$700	Neither agree nor disagree
Airport runway – loan fund \$1M to develop a sealed parallel taxiway (in conjunction with additional funding from Provincial Growth Fund and the Crown)	Neither agree nor disagree
Climate Change Strategy - \$140,000 to facilitate the ongoing development and implementation of the Climate Change Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Digital Strategy - \$90,000 to implement the Digital Strategy: Digital by Design	Agree
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Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Neither agree nor disagree
	Submission on Whanganui District Council 2020/2021 Annual Plan A joint Submission from Hakeke Street Community Centre & Rangiora Street Library Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2020/2021 Annual Plan. This is a joint submission from the Hakeke Street Community Centre (HSCC) based in Whanganui East and the Rangiora Street Library (RSL) based in Castlecliff. The HSCC and the RSL value the relationship

between our organisations, especially our outreach library service partnership with Whanganui District Library (WDL). The premise for our joint submission is our function as community library hubs as the result of partnering with the WDL, in keeping with theirs and Whanganui District Council's (WDC) intentions documented in the 2018-2028 10-Year Plan. For the four years from 2018 to 2022, the Library budgets \$50,000 per year for library hubs, to improve service levels. Both library hubs opened in 2019, with fit out costs contributed from the WDL. Recently the HSCC and RSL have reached out to each other to share and learn from the experiences and issues that come with successfully establishing sustainable community hubs. While retaining our unique identities, we see many opportunities for collaboration, creating efficiencies and strengthening our position within the communities we serve. Our joint submission is a demonstration of our commitment to work together for the greater good of WDC and Whanganui all together. We understand that it is unlikely the WDL will be developing more than one new community hub in 2020/21. Therefore at no extra cost to the ratepayer (against the annual plan), we are requesting that WDC repurposes \$50,000 from its 2020/2021 budget to operational grants for the HSCC and the RSL, to ensure our operation and service to the Whanganui East and Castlecliff communities continues. Most of this funding will assist with operational costs (rent, insurance, power, consumables) for both hubs for the 2020/21 year; and we would like to discuss the possibility of some of the funding being used for a research and development project, to ascertain the impact each hub has, and to inform the strategic steps to take to establish long-term sustainability. We request this funding for the following reasons; 1. We are helping people reach their full potential and grow strong and resilient communities; contributing to: -

Further comments

WDC's Leading Edge vision, to be an energised, united and thriving district offering abundant opportunities for everyone; and creativity goal, a knowledge economy driven by innovation and humming with cultural personality - WDL's vision, more readers, reading more; and goal three, connecting people - WDC's Digital Strategy vision, we harness digital opportunities to empower and enrich our community; and goal one, connectivity and inclusion – we are accessible, linked in and known for it - SW's vision, Whanganui: works for everyone, a positive place to live, learn, work and play; and goal three, community - we are a connected and collaborative community 2. Due to COVID-19, most funding agencies are not currently considering applications and without the funding we expected from these agencies, closure of the HSCC and the RSL is a very real possibility. If closure was to happen, we believe the progress of change that we have been collaborating on together for the past year and a half will be lost and the welfare of the already vulnerable Whanganui East and Castlecliff communities will be at greater risk. Adding Value In addition to assisting WDC to meet its strategic goals, the hubs; - also provide alternative library access for all library users who may feel less compelled to visit the Davis Library once the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment construction is in full swing, and Queens Park becomes home to a major construction site. - are perfectly positioned to assist WDC and other agencies by coordinating and directing welfare and support services to vulnerable people in our community who are hurting from the impact of COVID-19, and will be for many months to come. In the future, with technology enhancements and smart service design, how WDC works within communities can be greatly improved by leveraging the hubs suburban position. For example, residents can pay their rates and make

	<p>other WDC transactions, and the self-employed and distance learners can access office equipment, all from their local, accessible hub. Both hubs are excited to discuss how we can work more closely with the WDC and the WDL to serve our communities through such improvements and opportunities. Thank You We appreciate WDC has many issues to consider when planning for Whanganui's future. Much like the Gonville Café Library, the HSCC and RSL create place-based openings for WDC to connect, represent, support and demonstrate its commitment to the communities of Whanganui. We thank WDC elected members and staff for receiving our submission and on behalf of the Whanganui East and Castlecliff communities, we trust it is considered favourably. We wish to provide an oral submission to support this document. Please help us to help you build an energised, united and thriving district.</p>
Supporting documents	HSCC & RSL combined overviews.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online



HSCC Overview

Authored by Hakeke Street Community Centre

HSCC is a safe, vibrant, active space that along with the outreach library service furnished by the WDL, has a community living room and multi-use breakout areas inside, and play space and community gardens outside. It is open to the public from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday and is staffed by one part-time employee (the manager) and 27 community volunteers.

At HSCC:

- a children's and adult fiction and non-fiction collection and free WIFI is available
- information and services can be accessed
- professional counselling, support and advice is offered
- connections between local people and agencies are encouraged
- local groups have a physical base to meet and work from

Community groups utilise the spaces and HSCC community connections, to provide classes and advice, for example:

- Hula Beats teach Pasifika dance
- Koangarehua Trust teach Kaupapa Māori, Kapa Haka and Tikanga
- Home Educators use our space to bring together the home school families. These meetings/events allow the home school community to connect to each other, seek support and advice and have fun together.
- Provide a space for not for profit 'Babywearing Group' support parents with their babies.
- NZ Foster Parents Whanganui branch meetings

Social agencies utilise the spaces and HSCC community connections to provide services, for example Jigsaw hold Awesome Whanau parenting programmes; Literacy Aotearoa prepare people to sit their drivers licence test; and Senior Net provide digital literacy classes for older people.

Programmes HSCC provides to the community such as:

- Age-friendly programme
- Book club
- Craft group
- Mahjong and Cribbage group
- Rest homes visit on a regular basis and meet with Love and Learn Care and Education children to read to each other in ethos of the tuakana-teina model
- A community garden

All of these groups are well attended and supported and are filling an identified need within the community.

In 2019, around 500 individuals per month visited the HSCC. 4127 books were issued. People are motivated to visit the HSCC to access the library services and many end up accessing the social services available. Many of the users are vulnerable (elderly, youth, migrants, unemployed). The HSCC has become 'their place' to gather and bond with others, celebrate their culture and the cultures of others, alleviate loneliness and boredom, gain skills, receive professional counselling and advocacy and connect with organisations that help them address issues that affect their health, wellness and connection with the community.

HSCC has been able to connect the Whanganui East side of the Awa to many events that they otherwise would not have had access to. Organisations are seeking us out to offer their services or programmes to those in our community who find crossing the Awa a barrier.

These include things such as:

- Growing plants from cuttings
- Recycle Art project
- Stacking competition
- Reiki for our senior community
- Senior Net digital literacy for seniors

We have partnered with Sustainable Whanganui and our facility will be used to distribute heritage fruits trees this will be followed by sessions on how to maintain and prune your fruit trees so they provide food for whanau for many years.

We have partnered with Safer Whanganui in their Safe as Houses project and also a community event where other organisations such as Sport Whanganui came to seek our communities input into facilities and services that could be improved in our area.

Each activity or service offered by HSCC is filling a gap within the Whanganui East where no social services previously existed. We are well supported by our community and this is shown in the connections already created with our vulnerable whanau and individuals.

Responding to COVID-19

From the onset of the COVID-19 crisis in New Zealand, we have been working hard to prevent and reduce the impact and harm for individuals, families, whanau and communities. This includes providing over 200 whanau members with food and grocery packages, 20 Skinny Jump internet connections, \$500 worth of Skinny Jump internet account credit to whanau and seniors and over-the-phone support and counselling to 50 people. During Alert Level 3, we will be facilitating visits for people, one person at a time, to get new books to help alleviate boredom and provide access to knowledge and inspiration.

HSCC Development

Since opening in January 2019, our focus has been on promoting and managing the outreach library service, providing professional counselling, fundraising and building relationships with service providers.

Recently, we have been evaluating our performance and refining and adapting our strategic direction to improve what we do so we can achieve better social and economic results for Whanganui East citizens and Whanganui altogether.

Some key goals are to become an accredited social services provider (to attract contracts for welfare services and other funding) and establish a robust funding/partnership framework that sustains operations long-term and makes it possible for the HSCC to become the cornerstone of the Whanganui East community.

With the impact of COVID-19, we are conscious that there will be an increased demand for our counselling services and access to information, WIFI, books and resources for learning and entertainment available at our library. Working with our partners, we will adjust

our activities to meet community needs and support Whanganui with its economic recovery.



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12 May 2020

The Manager
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Dear Jane

Further to our recent conversation, I wish to reiterate the blessing that the Whanganui East Library has been to myself and my family.

My parents, Betty and Ted Duggan, live in Duncan Street. They are in their 90's, no longer have a car and rely on reading large print library books as their main entertainment. While my Father will motor about in his buggy, my Mother rarely leaves the house. She is unstable when walking and gets easily confused. I have been concerned about her lack of interest in the world outside her home, plus her diminishing cognitive function. Dad or I had been selecting library books for her.

On learning that there was a library hub in Hakeke Street, Mum agreed to join Dad in their two-seater buggy to change their library books. Before Covid-19 this had become a regular little trip for them. The short ride to the library allows Mum to enjoy a change of scenery and fresh air which is beneficial to her physical and mental well-being, plus she has the opportunity to think about which books she would like to take out.

I am regularly at the Whanganui East library for books, volunteer work and groups. I have noticed that many of the regular users of this service are elderly people from the Whanganui East area who appreciate the convenience of a more local library. There are many who also rely on the Whanganui East hub for internet and printing facilities.

I first went to the Hub because I needed to use the internet. I was in an extremely distressed state. I was shown care and compassion by Jane and Lizzie who both worked there at that time. They literally saved my life that day. I have appreciated their ongoing support. I am recovered now, and like to think that I hand on the same kindness to community members who come to the Whanganui East library hub.

I know that the people who attend our craft and card groups have noticed the isolation of Covid-19. They have told me how much they yearn to return to our weekly get-togethers.

The Whanganui East library hub is more than a place to borrow books. It is a neutral space where all members of our local community can come for companionship, conversation and someone to listen. My family definitely benefits from its existence. I hope this sanctuary will remain available to our community for a long time.

Yours sincerely



Erica A Duggan (Miss)

RSL Overview

Authored by Rangiora Street Library

Rangiora Street Library was opened on 4th May 2019. Intended to operate autonomously as a strictly self-service hub, waiting area for a hairdressing business. Delays in Council consent issuing meant it opened independently staffed with paid library staff whose time was quickly replaced with volunteers organised by local Dianne Glennie.

Physically our 25m² shop space is separated from the beauty salon by a bifold movable wall. The library makes the most of its veranda, art/sculpture garden and connection to Citadel Café. We boast



approximately 50m of book and magazine shelving, automated check in and out of books, daily newspapers & magazines, childrens toys/playspace, a terminal to access the full WDC library services and separate laptop + wi-fi for free public internet access, adult seating and outside bean bags for a chilled read in the sculpture garden. Core hours are 10-4 Mon, Thurs & Fri & 10-2 Sat & Sun although volunteers will often open beyond those times. A number of regular users have their own smartcard access via digital door lock system.

Volunteer Library Co-Ordinator Diane Glennie co-ordinates a team of a dozen local volunteers running the library and giving it a community face. It operates largely independently of “Hyper Real Beauty” but hairdresser/beautician Robbie Martin is able to step in opening/closing the library & opening the internal doors to provide an overwatch on the event if a volunteer is unable to make their shift.



Volunteer Library Co-Ordinator Diane Glennie co-ordinates a team of a dozen local



Clients include many families and kaumatua with rangatahi accessing independently. Tamariki use the library with whanau, but also in class visits from local schools and kindergarten.

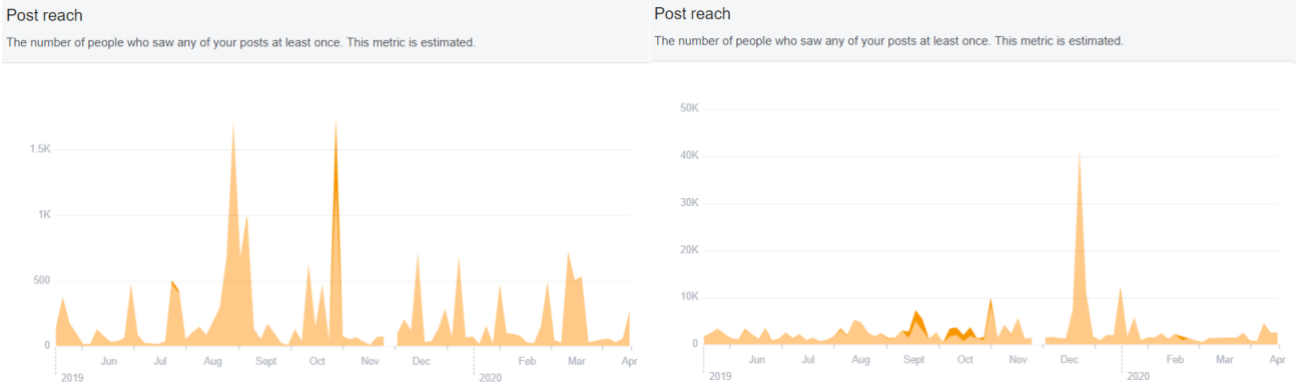
Schools have issued children with individual cards so tamariki can access books independently. A regular feature (several times a day on fine weekends) is non-Castlecliff and tourists coming to dine at Citadel or stay at the motorcamp and “discovering” the library as they look around the area – they almost invariably express amazement and envy at the vision that has a mini Council library embedded in the community and open at the times we do.

As well as participation in regular Whanganui District Libraries events the Castlecliff Library has taken the initiative and hosted or co-hosted

- Whanganui Chamber of Commerce (their biggest & best BA5 networking event to date)
- Cancer Society Beach walk
- BBQ fundraising for Castlecliff Mustangs multi-sports club
- Pride Whanganui Family Fun Day with children’s games & rock painting
- Poetry group sessions
- Community group evening meetings
- Art installations
- Horizons Bee card information session / rollout
- WDC Democracy services voter promotion activity and returning vote box
- 11 separate meet the voter sessions for council candidates
- “DORA” digital learning, online banking classes
- Local history talk and dinner with author Lorraine Sole
- Local trader stalls adding to the life and vibrancy of the precinct

RSL is highly engaged with its community via our Facebook page with over 300 posts





Our library page has 400 followers and daily “reach” of 1500peak/500 regular. Library posts also feed through Castlecliff.NZ and Progress Castlecliff with over 6000 combined follows and peak post reach of 40,000peak/10,000regular.

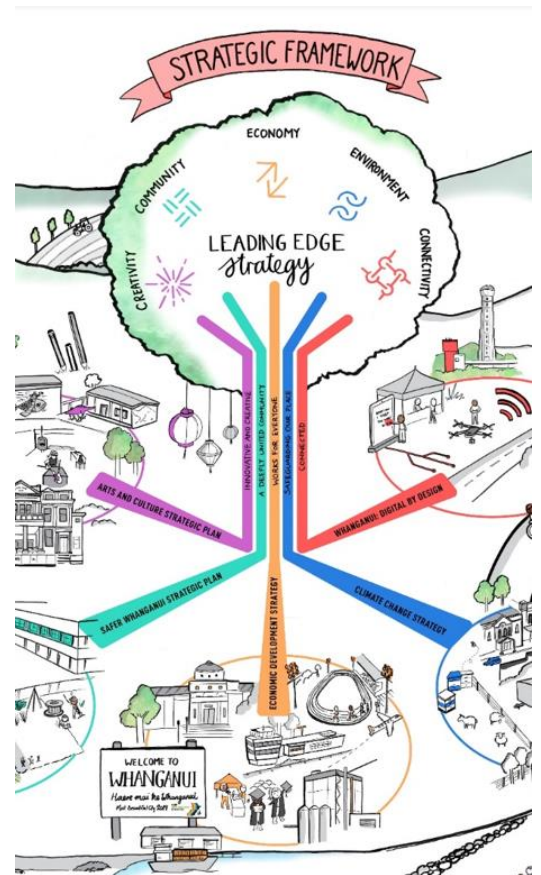
Responding to COVID-19

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand the executive decision was made that, due to the compact size of the space and necessary lack of any desk or separation for our loved kaumatua volunteers, the library would be closed but a digital key was able to be borrowed from the Citadel and used by our customers. During levels 3 and 4 Citadel has had to close so the library has been fully closed. As Whanganui moves to level 2 we will have a hui and collectively risk access reopening – likely to be open but with one person/bubble at a time admitted. In level 2 and 3 business rents are down 80% while utility, insurances, council tax and debt servicing costs are essentially still at 100% meaning the ability to support non-commercial social/community dedicated spaces is challenged.

A basis for future development

As can be seen from the operating hours, the amazing diversity of “extra-curricular” events hosted and supported aby the community, RSL is not waiting around for the community to come in, but proactively engaging in and with our communities. On any measure RSL is delivering “Leading Edge” innovation and betterment.

What the HSCC and RSL needs, is the support of Council to take a proven concept and make it better. HSCC, RSL has proven the hub libraries work and work well. We need Council to back not only what has been achieved, but allow future value growth. This is not just a matter of appropriate Libraries funding (currently estimated 2% of Gonville costs for 20-30% of service delivery, 10% for 50% of delivery would be where we should aim to end) but the whole of Council realising that services are better delivered where people are, and actively looking, to use the Council asset you have in the hub libraries.



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Date: Thursday, 14 May 2020 8:34:50 AM
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Kia ora,

Here is Living Wage Whanganui's submission. We would appreciate the opportunity to present on our submission to Council if this becomes a possibility.

Many thanks
Marion Sanson

To: Whanganui District Council

From: Living Wage Whanganui

Submission on Whanganui District Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan

In his opening message to the Annual Plan Consultation Document, our Mayor, Hamish McDouall, notes that these are uncertain times as we work through the challenge of COVID-19. We agree, and it gives pause for thought as to how our community gets through such tough times.

Really, it is the essential workers who have seen us through the restricted levels. These people, many of them on low pay, continue to go out to work, risking illness through contact with other workers and the public to provide services we cannot do without. Who are these people? Some are very visible in supermarkets and hospitals. Some are not so visible, and work for Whanganui District Council, for example carrying out repair and maintenance of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater lines and removing obstructions in pipes. We ask for Council's reassurance that these people are paid a Living Wage.

The introduction to the Annual Plan Consultation Document reassures us that Council is conscious of its role in the economic recovery and wants to respond to the needs of the community. By undertaking its work programme, Council continues to provide jobs and economic stimulus in the district. Local spending is an economic stimulus but to do this, people need to have sufficient income. The Council is an employer. Paying at least the Living Wage to all its workers is one of the ways Council can assist. Council can also lead by example to other local employers. Let us be a "Deeply United Community" (see WDC's Leading Edge Strategy).

In our request to Council for the number of Council workers paid at rates below the Living Wage we were told that the number this year was 64. This is not just a number. These are 64 people who come to work for the community, contributing to the quality of life we enjoy. Like us, they need to be able to afford healthy food, a secure healthy home, medical and dental care etc. Also, it is not just 64 people who suffer from a less-than-adequate income. There are likely to be other dependants in the household including children who need uniforms, school equipment and to participate in class outings.

At rates at or marginally above the minimum wage many of the things the rest of us take for granted are not possible.

We think it is not right for a public entity employer, to pay people at the lowest rate it can get people to work for it, just because legally it can.

Kym Fell, Council's CEO, in his introduction to the Annual Plan says he intends to look for more affordable ways to deliver services. He states that the Council will look for solutions in negotiations with union delegates in the annual remuneration review.

We seek reassurance that this does not signal an expectation that lower paid workers will make further sacrifices. We note that Council's wage and salary structure (see page 179 of WDC's Annual Report to 30 June 2019) shows a large gap between those who are well-paid; at one end towards \$399,999, and the majority of the workers on wages under \$59,999 per annum.

We are asking Council to show by its words and practice, that it values all its workers for their contribution, and reduce the remuneration disparity.

We were informed the cost to bring all Council direct employees up to at least the Living Wage this year would be \$105,549.07. In terms of Council's remuneration figures (see again page 179 of WDC's 2019 Annual Report) the cost to improve the wellbeing of 64 workers is roughly one third the gross annual income for one worker at the top of the salary scale. We hope that the significance of this relativity is not lost on those concerned.

The Living Wage is a credible rate in the market. The methodology used to arrive at the Living Wage rate is reviewed every 5 years; most recently in 2018. The Living Wage is a rate that enables a worker and their family to afford the basics and be able to participate actively in society. It is based on the most common demography of a New Zealand household, that is of 2 adults and 2 children, with one adult working 40 hrs and the other 20 hours per week.

The rate is the same throughout the New Zealand as relevant costs show little difference between Whanganui and most other places in regional New Zealand. The rate is currently \$21.15 per hour.

If there is the opportunity to speak to this submission, we would like to do so.

Marion Sanson, Co-ordinator for Living Wage Whanganui

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15 May 2020

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Submission on Whanganui District Council Proposed Annual Plan 2020/21

The Whanganui Chamber of Commerce represents Whanganui businesses. It has over 200 members and is the only membership organisation that advocates for the Whanganui business community as a whole. The Chamber advocates policies that reflect the interests of the business community and the development of the Whanganui economy as a whole. We work closely with the other chambers in the region.

The Chamber exists to develop the best platform off which business can operate in Whanganui. We do this by positively influencing the environment in which businesses operates and providing opportunities, products and services that improves business success. The Chamber exists to promote, support, and encourage sustainable, profitable businesses. Businesses are the lifeblood of the economy. They provide employment, pay wages, produce goods and services, and determine the depth of the tax base. For businesses to flourish, they require an environment that is supportive, and a culture that encourages, rewards, and celebrates success. In order for Whanganui to flourish, central and local government must be actively pro-business. Council and the Government cannot run the business sector, but they can put a framework in place that supports business and remove barriers to its success.

The Chamber believes it is imperative that Council reviews its Draft Annual Plan through a Covid19 lens, with a view to making this plan a one off plan, balancing the Long Term Plan ideals with the need to provide a Covid19 cognizant plan that predicts both a realistic income shortfall due to Covid19, and any new or existing services/projects, especially those with the ability to attract external funding, e.g. 'spade ready projects' to help stimulate economic growth and employment opportunities for Whanganui.

Council, along with other key agencies, must show leadership at this time. Council needs to think quickly and succinctly to bring clear Covid19 response manifests into Annual Planning deliberations, as other Councils have. It is our expectation that Council has a responsibility to lead by example and mitigate operational expenses and curb capital expenditure. Council's planned increase to salaries and wages and operating costs represent an increase of \$2.6 million, which is unpalatable during the current period.

We suggest that Council needs to carefully assess the type and number of strategies it continues to develop, lead and fund. Council has a role around leadership and facilitation but it needs to be careful strategies are necessary, delivering sustainable outcomes, and

smart. Often strategies lead to Council providing services and employing resources that become business as usual, and increasing overheads for Council.

We note the proposed increase in funding to Whanganui & Partners of approximately \$240,000 from the current financial year, and an increase in what was proposed in Council's long-term plan. We would like to understand the rationale for this increase in funding, noting that the proposed increase is more than the funding increases for the five key areas highlighted in the consultation document.

Partnerships are key to Whanganui & Partners' success, and a fundamental founding principle of the Council controlled organization. Whanganui & Partners strategic purpose is to support economic prosperity and opportunities in the Whanganui district. This can be achieved through interacting with the business community in a way that increases their investment in innovation, creating the right environment for success, and building a strong reputation amongst the business community. Its' focus should therefore be on developing the necessary infrastructure and supportive pathways to enable this to occur.

We note the priority areas and key work stream priorities outlined by Whanganui & Partners in the Annual Plan supporting documentation. The Chamber believes it is vital that all activities are undertaken in consultation/partnership with leading sector experts and organisations that currently operate in these spaces. Notwithstanding our comments above, in relation to reviewing all current Council projects and funding with a Covid19 lens, many Whanganui & Partners priorities listed appear to be outside their areas of expertise (for example, "Deliver a 4 star hotel", "Develop a boutique shopping experience as a visitor attraction"). We also note that several of these priorities have been in place for the past three years. Council is continuing to fund Whanganui & Partners for these projects with limited accountability for delivery, as well as increase funding for the next 12 months. We do not consider this to be fiscally responsible.

The Chamber considers there to be a critical need for Whanganui & Partners to refocus on supporting the existing business community, navigating pathways for interested investors, developing the necessary infrastructure, and attracting new business to Whanganui. It has a vital role to play in Whanganui's post Covid19 recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed 2020/21 Annual Plan. We would welcome the opportunity to present our submission to the Council.

Ngā mihi

Whanganui Chamber of Commerce and Industry

per



Glenda Brown

Chairperson

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Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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.

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Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
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Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	No

opportunities with Council?	
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Further comments	Please find attached a letter in relation to the Whanganui & Partners' KPIs listed in the Annual Plan Supporting Information.
Supporting documents	Thrive Whanganui submission WDC annual plan WP KPIs May 20.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

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Whanganui District Council
Attachment to online submission

15 May 2020

Kia ora koutou

Annual Plan submission re Whanganui & Partners KPIs

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Whanganui District Council proposed annual plan for 2020/21. We refer to pages 8-14 of the Supporting Information.

Thrive Whanganui's purpose is to enable profit-for-purpose enterprises to flourish from Whanganui. We believe business models are a tool that can solve social, cultural and environmental issues when designed for impact. As such, we believe there is a role for the council to provide this strategic direction to our economic development agency.

There is growing global, national and local momentum to "build back better" in response to the Covid-19 situation and we believe enterprise has a significant role to play in this. However, we do not believe the KPIs listed for Whanganui & Partners reflects this potential. While there are some important high level indicators that we should track for context purposes, the continued reference to GDP as a measure is unhelpful. There are a range of mainstream economic voices pointing out the limitations and misleading message that a focus on GDP sends. There are alternative frameworks available, including those that integrate a climate action lens.

The detailed KPIs for Whanganui & Partners are, in the most part, a description of the outputs they intend to deliver. They do not provide a meaningful measure of this organisation's impact or how they will contribute to Whanganui's development. In general, the targets are delivering plans, holding meetings and setting numbers of projects to be delivered, and are not connected to the difference made. We also note dominant use of words "develop" and "run" and limited use or absence of the words "collaborate" and "facilitate", which we would expect to see in a partnership model that Whanganui & Partners operates within.

It is important to note that developing a strategic set of measures, layered from outcome to output, is a challenging task, particularly if an overlay of connection to the four wellbeing is also sought. There are a few good examples of measures within this KPI set; however, overall this information does not give us confidence of how Whanganui & Partners will deliver results over the next financial year.

We have continued to meet with Whanganui & Partners, staff and board members, over the past year and presented a partnership proposal to them some time ago. We remain confident we will eventually resolve this and will be able to contribute our skills and knowledge to support the common vision we share of a thriving, diverse and resilient Whanganui.

Ngā mihi,

Sharon Bryant
Chairperson

Nicola Patrick
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Age group	
Ethnicity	Other,all sorts
Location	Other: all over Whanganui
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No

KEY ISSUES	
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Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Neither agree nor disagree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Neither agree nor disagree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	2020 WDC submission.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online



Submission to WDC Annual Plan 2020/21

It has been a great time for cycling lately, with little traffic and settled weather. Reports have been of great increases in numbers of people riding. We hope these people have got a taste for it and keep on doing that.

The shared pathways have been a major attraction in these Covid-infused times and we want to ask for more. Many cities around the world are installing extra cycleways, sometimes as a temporary measure, because public transport and sharing cars is potentially less safe at this time.

We try not to repeat ourselves every year, so we'll skip all the benefits of cycling for society this time, as you are most likely aware of those already.

A few things we'd like to ask for:

- **A lowered curb onto Taupo Quay** (about #73, next to BP service station) where riders can gently get off the river pathway and cross to get into Wilson Street.
- Roothing companies to **re-instate cycle lanes where they have re-sealed** the road, such as on Victoria Avenue, up from Dublin Street (this was done a year or two ago, but cycle lanes were never painted on the new surface).
- **A bike path or shared pathway along No 2 Line.** This is part of Te Araroa Trail and trampers have to walk where there is no shoulder. The cycling community out there, who have reported very aggressive driving along this stretch of road. This has made many of them think twice before taking their bike out or letting their children ride.
- **A cycle-friendly route to St John's Hill and Otamatea.** A route parallel to Great North Road along a quiet street (similar to Bedford and Balgownie Aves, with "sharrows") would help people and children to ride.
- Cyclists would appreciate the **path at Aramoho/Papaiti** being completed and opened properly. This was starting to take shape, but has recently been largely broken up again or closed.
- We'd also like to know when the **traffic lights near Pak'nSave** (Te Tuaiwi) are going to be made operational. It remains tricky to cross Glasgow St at that point, especially now that traffic is increasing again.
- We feel that society has gone overboard on **Health and Safety** measures in some ways (eg Fire Exit signs in every DOC hut), but safety of people on **bikes is lagging far behind.** Accident statistics are not the only ones to look at. It is also how people perceive cycling and how people on bikes feel on our roads. Although a noticeable improvement is evident, there is still too much

aggression and close passing. The number of active cyclists is increasing so we would like more attention to be paid to safety for those who ride. Education and policing seem the most obvious, as well as more separated pathways that are linked to safely get riders to destinations. Signs on roads leading into and out of the city explaining the recommended 1.5m distance from riders, such as on Mosston Road, is something that could be done quickly and reasonably cheaply.

- A once a month (or more!) **car-free day** in the central city. It could be a simple festival day and shops could be open. Car-free days are taking off around the world and once retailers have experienced such days most are convinced that cycling traffic is as good as, or even better than cars.

We are excited about the improvements for cycling in the last few years and can see paths beginning to link up. This makes them much more useful and used. We look forward to being able to use the Upokongaro Bridge too.

We suggest that councillors and staff get on their bikes from time to time. They will notice what it feels like to be riding on our roads and pathways. Councillors leading by example.

We have a copy of the documentary about cycling in the Netherlands, “**Why We Cycle**”. We showed it during BikeWise Month (with financial support from WDC) and it opened the eyes of the many people present. We’d like to show it to all councillors and to staff involved in roading sometime when lockdown restrictions are over (or 9 at a time during Level 2).

As always, I’m happy to have a chat to anyone about cycle issues and help out where I can.

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**Submission to the Whanganui District Council on the 20/21
Annual Plan**

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'One defect in our [current] economic model is its dependence on growth . We know that resource and ecological limits dictate that we can't grow indefinitely...yet because money is created by debt that must eventually be paid, the growth imperative is baked into the system'. -

Judith Schwartz- ERA Review (Jan-Feb 2018)

A. The Climate Change Emergency - Whanganui & Partners disconnect

Before the 2019 Council election the Whanganui Chronicle asked candidates how they would grow the economy. Wrong question! Growth requires energy and other resource costs above what is actually needed. How to develop our economy and well-being is the proper task for Council . Growth and development are not synonymous words; 'sustainable growth' is an oxymoron.

It was a bold move for Council to adopt a Climate Change Emergency policy. But, to be consistent, it needs to give Whanganui & Partners a new directive - the focus being on developing the talents and resources we already have. As one South Island mayor put it - we are in survival mode, not growth. Now is the time for Council to make another bold move, so that the climate change projects envisaged can be funded without incurring interest-bearing debt. This should not be a problem now that the Reserve Bank has recently demonstrated its ability to provide fiat money when necessary. The Minister of Finance is empowered to borrow from any source (Public Finance Act, Part 6) and on any terms thought fit in the public interest. It is to his office that an application for nil-interest loans/credit-lines can be made.

B. The Buy Local Campaign

The Buy Local Campaign is logical and sensible - but needs to be taken further especially on the supply side. The Covid19 crisis teaches us not to depend for essential goods on longer-than-necessary supply lines. We welcome the advice by Adelaide University economist, Steven Hail, to keep these lines as short as possible for both economic and resource security. Shorter trade routes mean less consumption of fossil fuels - surely a welcome fact for governments which have signed the Paris Agreement. Such a policy should over-ride any trading pact, whether APEC or the latest version of the TPPA, which requires us to purchase products from abroad which we can produce in New Zealand.

It is something of a coincidence that the topic chosen for the 2019 LGNZ Conference was 'Localism'. The focus was on local bodies having (even demanding) the ability to make their own decisions. If 'localism' is not to be yet another buzz-word, then it must be taken seriously. For example, the New Plymouth District Council is to give priority to local firms for contracts. This brave decision may mean legal protection against any claims by overseas corporations under trade pact rules. Government must be equally brave and resist such pressures on our behalves. Better still - refuse to sign any trade pact without full debate in Parliament.

C. Preserving Local

Congratulations to councillors involved in preserving and enhancing our heritage buildings. With or without future tourism aesthetically pleasing surroundings are great for morale. What is more, this initiative is an example of developing what we already own. We suggest that a generous portion of the \$6.5 million budgeted for debt-servicing be allocated, instead, for the earthquake-proofing and repairs deemed necessary!

D. Borrowing locally

In a country with a population of less than five million, the NZ dollar is definitely a local currency. Sadly, since the 1940s, successive governments have permitted more and more of our means of exchange to be rented from overseas-owned banks (now dominating over 80% of our banking system).

Even before the present crisis Social Creditors were aware of how much the banks depend upon owning zero-risk public debt in order to ensure high credit-ratings from Moodys and other agencies. As the GFC (Global Financial Crisis) approached pre-2008, our NZ Stock Exchange sought a way to gain more players on the debt-markets. Hence the creation by Treasury of the LGFA (Local Government Funding Agency) along with a campaign to persuade councils to join. In 2011 this new quasi-bank won an award for its contribution to the development of the country's capital markets - for 'providing investors with a new source of securities rated

AA+ by international credit rating agencies'. The only political party to object to this clever trickery was Social Credit.

In a submission to the Productivity Commission (15 Feb 2019) Social Credit Leader, Chris Leitch, explained how the RBNZ should grant no-interest loans and even suspensory loans to local government for essential works. He wrote: 'Water supply, waste-water treatment and earthquake strengthening would be suitable candidates for this type of funding'. A major advantage for planners is that nil-interest funding provides certainty - minimising the time and effort spent on calculating future financial scenarios and eliminating the need for dealing in derivatives.

Conclusion

This district has the potential for prosperity, even under restrictive conditions, given the financial tools needed to employ the people and resources needed. In addition we have a wonderful source of social capital represented by our volunteer sector. Also we have a democratically elected Council with the authority to make the changes we need.

We appreciate this opportunity to share ideas with Council and public, and trust we can address you personally should conditions allow.

**Heather Marion Smith - Social Credit Western Region
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Submission: Proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan

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Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Location	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

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Housing Strategy - \$200,000 to support the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Agree
Whanganui Regional Museum – increased funding by \$75,000 to help the Museum meet increased operating costs resulting from the building refurbishment and upgrade	Disagree
Further comments	The Youth Committee have not made a submission for a long time. We are also in the middle of finalising the new member appointments and have had staff and appointed elected member changes since last submitting, not to mention the challenges of Covid-19. We are working within LGOIMA and the Privacy Act to improve our digital consultation. 2 Committee members have briefly skimmed the Annual Plan changes to provide this simple submission. They plan to not only look

	at it in more detail, but gain indications of consensus from the committee, and consult other Whanganui young people before (hopefully) giving a much clearer and representative oral submission. In the event that a public hearing does not happen, it would be much appreciated if there was opportunity to add a document to this submission.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes
Submission method	Online

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Age group	30 - 39 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West)
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
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Further comments	
Supporting documents	200225 - Infill Housing Contract Role Submission.pdf - Received 200511 Living Wage Submission.pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

Submission method	Online
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Infill Housing Coordinator Submission

I am proposing that Council:

- AGREE** to fund a two year fixed term contract role to facilitate and enable infill developments within the Whanganui Urban area.
- AGREE** to implement a \$595 service fee to all subdivision applications from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022 to fund the position.

Summary

This proposal seeks to establish a cost neutral 2 year fixed term contract position to identify and work with owners of land that is identified as suitable for subdivision and infill residential housing within the urban boundary.

Situation

It is widely accepted that there is significant pressure on available housing within Whanganui and that this is caused by several factors. This is leading to significant year on year house price increases and substantial increases to rental prices across the district. This is negatively impacting predominately lower socio-economic individuals and suburbs. This proposal seeks to implement a fixed-term policy fix to help alleviate the impact of these pressures.

Land availability is one lever that council has to help encourage greater housing development in Whanganui. While significant new housing developments are being encouraged by Council, it is important to acknowledge the role infill housing development should play in helping alleviate the pressure as well.

This proposal does not seek to discuss the merits or otherwise of infill housing but accepts it as a key part of the Council's overall Housing Strategy.

It is acknowledged that Council is working to encourage greater infill development through internal changes to how the District Plan is interpreted, and where exemptions are granted to encourage this. It is also noted that the level of infill housing development is not occurring at the rate that it potentially could.

Proposal

This proposal seeks to establish a two-year fixed term contract for a WDC contractor.

The purpose of this position is to facilitate and enable infill developments within the Whanganui Urban area. The key clients are people who have land suitable for subdivision but are unaware of its potential, unsure of the process, or how to obtain finance etc.

The role will:

1. Identify land within Whanganui with potential for subdivision and infill housing using a high-level set of conditions. These conditions could include:
 - a. Section size
 - b. Road access
 - c. Connection to existing services
 - d. Proximity to existing infrastructure
 - e. Slope of site/ease of build
2. Write to each landowner to advise their land has been identified as potentially suitable for subdivision and infill housing.
3. Act as a key contact for individuals wishing to pursue an infill subdivision.
4. Assist individuals with the subdivision process.

5. Identify council preferred vendors for infill housing, including surveyors, banks, contractors, land + home package firms, lawyers etc.
6. Report monthly to council on progress.

Strategic Alignment

This proposal directly aligns to the Leading Edge Strategy and the Housing Strategy.

The Leading Edge Strategy has a strategic objective to “Act as a facilitator and enabler for development”, and as an action to “work with interested parties to facilitate change of use for any land or property to the benefit of Whanganui”. The function of the proposed role aligns with this, by acting as a facilitator and enabler for infill development within Whanganui.

Similarly, this proposal also aligns with the Housing Strategy goals and actions, in particular:

Goal 1. Whanganui’s housing systems and infrastructure function well

Action 1.5 Promote urban consolidation and infill housing.

In meeting this goal the council has identified that for developing our housing this means:

1. Council processes are as enabling as possible.
2. Land use planning and management of growth is proactive.
3. Council decisions reflect the housing need in Whanganui.

It is clear that the proposed role has significant strategic alignment.

Contract

Actual terms for the contract would be set by the responsible manager, but would include provision for:

1. Two year fixed term from 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2022
2. A budget of \$100,000 pa, including operational expenses.
3. It is important that the position maintains Council control but also provides suitable distance from council departments responsible for key decisions. The business friendly group could be used as a model.
4. KPI of 200 subdivisions per annum (based on current level of approx. 90 subdivisions per annum)

Funding

It is proposed that this role is funded through a service fee of \$595 per infill subdivision application. At 200 subdivisions this will raise \$119,000 to cover the cost of the role. It also allows for 16% shortfall in the KPI, or minimum 168 subdivisions.

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Living Wage Submission

I am proposing that the Council:

AGREE to enact the Living Wage for FY20/21,

It should be a universal fact that, if you work full time, you will be able to provide a decent standard of living for you and your family. It is as simple as that. Sadly, many working families, especially in Whanganui, do not.

What is the Living Wage?

The Living Wage is an internationally accepted figure that is defined as “the income necessary to provide workers and their families with the basic necessities of life. A Living Wage enables workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society”.

The wage is set by the Family Centre Social Policy Research (a registered charity and a not-for-profit organisation) and provides an empirical basis for determining the level of a living wage for New Zealand, and its annual adjustments. It is currently set at \$21.15 per hour, and the minimum wage is \$18.90.

Participation in society refers to more than just having the basic necessities. It involves the ability to participate socially and even consider the future. It embraces small but important things like being able to pay for children to enjoy a school trip, having a computer in the home and being able to mix with friends recreationally, albeit modestly.

The council has 64 workers who are paid less than the living wage. That is 64 people who, although they are in paid employment, still struggle with the basic costs to survive. Think of the takeaway coffee you collect on the way to a meeting, the weekend away with friends or family, or upgrading home appliances. These are unconscionable for these workers. These council employees are forced to make daily choices between putting food on the table, turning on their heaters, or paying off an unexpected bill for the car.

It is inevitable that there is politics involved with this. For some of you that may make this issue uncomfortable, and that is understandable. However, cutting through those politics for a moment, at its most simple the wages that council pays 64 of its employees traps them in a cycle of poverty, removes options for them and their children to get ahead in life, and changes our society for the worse.

How does this align with Council Priorities?

Council has several roles, which are well outlined in the ‘Leading Edge Strategy’. However, there are elements of Councils operations which run counter to the vision and leadership that is outlined in that Strategy. In this document you’re seeking to create a “community that is united, connected, creative, environmentally rich and economically prosperous”, and undertake to pursue initiatives that “secure our health, our safety and instil a sense of belonging and wellbeing for all”. By governing an organisation that is paying its staff at a rate below the Living Wage you are with one hand attempting to drive these objectives forward, and with the other holding back members of your organisation from achieving them.

I am not proposing that Council is responsible for solving this problem of low wages on its own. Employers and central government have a key role to play in this as well. However, I believe that the Council should be leading on this issue. Absolutely you have a role to your ratepayers to be fiscally prudent, however the current practice of paying below Living Wage runs counter to many things you are seeking to represent.

How does this proposal fit with the COVID-19 response?

This proposal is especially relevant in the COVID-19 environment as those on lower wages will be the most affected by the economic crisis that is forecasted to arrive. A number of reports have identified that the impact will be felt hardest by those living in poverty or in low socio-economic areas. Those who struggle to pay rent, who often live in poor-quality housing with higher medical and heating needs. Council wages means this is a reality for some staff.

Many of the staff and contractors on rates below Living Wage have provided 'essential' services as part of the Council response to the lockdown. How can we reasonably ask them to provide such essential, and arguably, dangerous work for us all and yet not pay them a wage which provides a decent standard of living. These workers have been, and continue to remain, essential to maintaining the core functions of Council.

Crucially, Council has identified 'shovel ready' projects for Government funding and is looking at infrastructure spending in the millions to stimulate the local economy, while also investigating rates relief and other ways to soften the impact of COVID on our community. The living wage is a tangible way to do this. The estimated cost to bring those 64 workers up to the Living Wage is \$106,000, from a FY20/21 Salaries and wages budget of \$17.9m. This accounts for 0.57% of that budget.

As lower wage earners have been shown to spend the largest portion of their wages in the local economy, a boost in their income would also have flow-on effects for the success and sustainability of Whanganui businesses – which is so vital right now. There appears to be a disconnect where Council can have a sharp focus on helping the community through boosting the local economy yet is unwilling to use its labour purchasing power to assist directly and practically.

So why is this important to Whanganui now and why should it be prioritised?

You are leaders in our community, both as councillors and in your many other roles within our region. As leaders you help set the dialogue and you set the priorities. By prioritising your lowest paid workers you are setting the standard that your workers should have the basic necessities of life, participate as active citizens of society, and be properly recognised for the essential work which they do.

Few would disagree that our society is poorer if working families with children are still below the poverty threshold. You have a role to play in fixing this.

My view is the people are the most important part of an organisation. If you share this view, then it is incumbent on you to ensure the people in your organisation are paid a Living Wage.

I would like to make an oral submission if possible, and I'm happy to answer any questions on this proposal.

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