



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

Fees & Charges 2024

**Submissions Received
Speaking**

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Submission # 719

Speaking

First name: **Kellee**
Last name: **Bartlett**
Organisation: **Ngati Tumango Hapu member**

Consultation Question

Submitter Feedback

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Do you have any comments about the proposed Financial reform
Fees & Charges 2024-25?

Supporting documents

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Submission # 111

Speaking

First name: **William**
Last name: **Payne**

Consultation Question

Submitter Feedback

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Do you have any comments about the proposed Fees & Charges 2024-25?

It is only fair for our fees to be proportional to our facilities and requirements when compared to other local bodies of our size.

Supporting documents

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Submission # 51

Speaking

First name: **Russell**
Last name: **Sears**

Consultation Question

Submitter Feedback

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Do you have any comments about the proposed Fees & Charges 2024-25? See attached Proposed Fees & Charges 2024/25

Supporting documents

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Proposed Fees & Charges 2024/25

I agree with the 6% increase in the proposed fees for 2024/25 as outlined under Venues & Events – Cooks Gardens Event Centre, however, I do not believe that the charges shown as being **the Current fees** are correct and therefore the **2024/25 Proposed fees are incorrect.**

Since Cooks Gardens was taken back in-house by the Council on 1 July 2017 the Council has not set any charges or increase in charges for Cooks Gardens.

Therefore, the community and the users of Cooks Gardens have not been consulted on any increase as required by section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

However, from 2017 the Council has increased these charges each year by amounts ranging from 60% to over 100% on the year before. Not just for athletics but for other major users of the ground.

What was charged in 2018 of \$347 has increased to \$1,502 in 2024 for the same event.

Under Cooks Gardens Event Centre, I would recommend that the charges for the arena (track and rugby field), Corporate boxes, Media room should be shown separately from those charged for the Event Centre.

The Community Rate and Private Rate are shown, under Current Fee and Proposed Fee headings, ranging as Full Day – from \$115 - \$2,250. These rates should be itemised so that the users/ community are fully informed on what they are getting, and everyone is treated equally. A range from \$115 to \$2,250 is too great and not open and transparent.

I don't believe that these charges will help Cooks Gardens to be operationally sound and viable, but will continue the decline in usage, like other grounds around the country eg. North Harbour stadium. The focus has to be on building the hireage base and the frequency of use.

I think the Council should be looking outside the square and consider all options for the running of Cooks Gardens. Sports facilities and sports in general are based around volunteers. Clubs/organisations can draw on their membership to operate the facilities at Cooks Gardens.

Like your Partnerships with Iwi, a partnership between Council, Athletics Whanganui, Whanganui Rugby Football Union and Cycling Whanganui.

We would like to open discussions with the Council and its officers to add value to the wonderful facility we have at Cooks Gardens for the benefit of our community.

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Submission # 157

Speaking

First name: **Kevin**
Last name: **Wilkie**

Consultation Question

Submitter Feedback

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Do you have any comments about the proposed Fees & Charges 2024-25?

Utilise the community Digital Twin to create an on Land Development tool which can be used for on line consent processing and can be used to reduce compliance costs for developers.

Supporting documents

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Submission # 110

Speaking

First name: **Peter**
Last name: **Zolno**

Consultation Question

Submitter Feedback

Fees and Charges 2024-25

Do you have any comments about the proposed Fees & Charges 2024-25?

I'd love to see this 50¢ waived for low income people somehow, or put into higher rates. I've never even been there, but geeze Louise do these kids need something to do other than destroy Whanganui with their cars... which in my mind they already nearly have.

Supporting documents