

## **ATTACHMENTS**

# Ordinary Council Meeting 27 April 2023

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# TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr

Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (via MS Teams), Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin (via MS Teams), Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin

Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager Finance and Environment, General

Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Project Management Office Manager, Finance Manager, Communications Manager, Legal Risk and Governance Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Communications Specialist, Senior Solicitor, Governance Quality Manager, Executive Assistant, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Two members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Duncan Campbell opened and closed the meeting with a Christian song Jesus Walking on the Water.

(ii) Crs Kylie Leonard and Christine Rankin joined the meeting via Microsoft (MS) Teams

- (iii) Mayor David Trewavas advised that this meeting was not being live-streamed but a recording would be made available on Council's website.
- (iv) Mayor David Trewavas advised that item 5.5 had been withdrawn.
- (v) A moment's silence was observed for former Mayor Joan Williamson who recently passed away.
- 1 KARAKIA

#### 2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

#### TDC202303/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the apology received from Cr Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Yvonne Westerman noted that her business was involved in the sale of Nga Roto. (Item 5.2)

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#### 4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 FEBRUARY 2023

#### TDC202303/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the public and confidential portions of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 be confirmed as true and correct records.

CARRIED

#### 5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

#### 5.1 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Elected Members shared the following updates in addition to those provided in the report:

#### Cr Christine Rankin

- Attended a Waiora House meeting the previous week and reported that they were looking at getting funding for art (external to the Council). The progress on the building of Waiora House was great.
- Kinloch Kindergarten land had been donated, and the developer had talked to Council about resource consents.
- Accepted an appointment to the Board of Lake Taupō Hospice.

#### Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Attended the Sport NZ hui in Wellington on Monday 13 March and enjoyed meeting people and learning how sport affects the district.
- Attended the Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on Tuesday 21 March.

#### Cr Karam Fletcher

- Had met with organisations for catch ups and advised that rangatahi were excited about youth leadership opportunities coming up.

#### Cr Kevin Taylor

 CCTV and lighting in the Taupō CBD was being investigated with external government agencies and Council staff.

#### Cr Anna Park

- Volunteered at Ironman New Zealand on Saturday 4 March and reported that it was great to see so many people in town.
- Attended the blessing of the ground where the Council would be a tenant in the future (the Council Administration Building).
- Attended the Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting 27
   March and was attending weekly meetings with the National Emergency Management Agency.
- Was meeting with Filipino and Pacific Island groups in the community to engage with them on the Annual Plan process.

#### Cr Yvonne Westerman

Attended the Annual General Meeting for the Waipahihi Botanical Society Inc. The event was well attended.

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#### Cr Kylie Leonard

- Attended the Central Plateau New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards on 3 March which celebrated those up and coming in the industry.
- Hosted the Chief Executive of Fonterra on Monday 20 March along with other shareholders.
- Met with the Minister of Agriculture Hon Damien O'Connor 27 March.

#### Mayor David Trewavas

- The inaugural Pride Picnic at the Tongariro North Domain was well attended on Saturday 25 March.
- The Under 20 Super Rugby teams played in Taupō the previous week which was a great boost for the local motels, and it was great to see the young players.
- Thanked those that joined him in handing over the Chief Executive Gareth Green to the New Plymouth District Council.
- The Age Concern expo last Friday 24 March at the Great Lake Centre was well attended.
- Spoke to students at Taupō-nui-a-Tia College.

#### Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the inaugural meetings of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and Tongariro Representative Group on 1 and 15 March respectively.
- The Tūrangi sports facility had been gifted the name Te Mataapuna by Ngāti Tūrangitukua and would be officially opened the following month.
- Te Kapua Park playground was on track to be completed by mid-July, in time for Matariki.
- Attended a meeting with external stakeholders and government agencies regarding the lake levels and erosion.
- Attended a meeting hosted by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) regarding the Equitable Transitions Strategy.
- Attended a Local Government New Zealand hui in Karapiro last Friday 24 March.
- Attended T

  urangi Business After 5 and learned that the Trout Centre would be funding an education programme for children.

#### Cr John Williamson

 Acknowledged the passing of Betty Reid who was an Anglican minister and helped to establish netball in Taupō in the 1940s.

#### Cr Duncan Campbell

 Also attended the blessing of the new boats with Cr Yvonne Westerman at the Taupō Rowing Club on Sunday 5 March.

#### TDC202303/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

**CARRIED** 

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## 5.2 MINISTERIAL CONSENT TO UNISON NETWORKS LIMITED EASEMENT OVER LOCAL PURPOSE (ACCESS) RESERVE - NGA ROTO STAGE 11

The Senior Solicitor noted that this item would usually be brought to the Taupō Reserves and Roading Committee but due to the timing was brought to Council.

#### TDC202303/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council

- gives ministerial consent to the grant of easements in favour of Unison Networks Limited for right (in gross) to convey electricity and right (in gross) to convey telecommunications over Lots 612 and 613 DP 586492 (Local Purpose Reserve - Accessway) pursuant to section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977: and
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive and Mayor to sign the requisite certificate on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.3 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT

The Health, Safety and Well-Being Manager highlighted that this report included the serious near miss on 13 February following the extreme wind gusts associated with Cyclone Gabrielle.

In answer to a question, she confirmed that an electrical audit was taking place at all of the waste water and water treatment plants across the district. The audit was focussing on earthing, and reporting on age and operational defects of equipment.

#### TDC202303/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council receives the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Report – February 2023.

CARRIED

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#### 5.4 ADOPTION OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24

The Senior Policy Advisor drew the members' attention to the amended recommendations to reflect the changed names of the supporting documents.

The Acting Chief Executive and General Manager Operations and Delivery advised they would clarify the fees for adults using the Climbing Wall at the Taupō Events Centre, and what would happen to the current playground equipment in Tūrangi once the new Te Kapua Park plaground was completed.

#### TDC202303/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

- 1. adopts the following supporting information for the draft Annual Plan 2023-24:
  - a. Draft prospective Financial Statements and Capital Expenditure 2023-24 statements
  - b. Taupo District Council Capital Expenditure Programme
  - c. Draft changes to Fees and Charges 2023-24.
- 2. adopts the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2023-24.

**CARRIED** 

## 5.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE MOTUTERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Item withdrawn.

#### 5.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

The Acting Chief Executive was proud of the support given by Council staff and the community in response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Finance Manager advised that net wage costs would exceed budgets by \$1.5m due to market inflation which was much higher than expected. She also advised that interest cost would exceed budget by \$1.34m and that interest revenue on general funds would be at least \$1.37m.

The Project Management Office Manager thanked members for their support at the openings of the Town Centre Taupō and Taupō Airport. She advised the following:

- the play equipment in the Te Kapua Park Playground included a waka with kōwhaiwhai patterns
- the community consultation for the Mangakino Lakefront Upgrade Project had been completed.

In answer to a question, the Project Management Office Manager confirmed that extensions to the Tūrangi Street Revitalisation Project had been approved by MBIE. The challenges encountered due to concrete supply had gone in a business case to MBIE to be approved for stage five of the project.

#### TDC202303/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of February 2023.

CARRIED

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## 5.7 ADOPTION OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-2025 TRIENNIUM

The Acting Chief Executive advised members that this was a standard document which was required to be adopted at the beginning of each triennium.

The following motion was put to the meeting:

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for the 2022-2025 Triennium, with the following amendment:

 Deletion of the words "following engagement with the community" in clause 5.3 Māori Wards and Constituencies.

**MOTION LOST** 

The majority of members disagreed with this motion and highlighted that engagement regarding establishing Māori wards had been extensive with the community, including iwi and hapū, since 2016.

#### TDC202303/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for the 2022-2025 Triennium

[A3284364].

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.8 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2023

The Senior Committee Advisor advised the following changes to engagements for April 2023:

ENGAGEMENT	CHANGES	
Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting (Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Information Centre, 1 Ngawaka Place, Tūrangi)	Would now take place on the same day (Wednesday 5 April) but at 2pm.	
Closed Workshop: Taupō Airport Authority Committee Landing Fees	Would now take place on Monday 24 April from 9.30am – 10.30am.	

She advised the following additional engagements:

ENGAGEMENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group Induction / Operations training (Mangakino Library, Rangatira Drive, Mangakino)	Monday	3	4pm-5pm
Ngāti Tūrangitukua-led induction for all Taupō District Council Elected Members (Hirangi Marae, 29 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi)	Wednesday	5	9am-1pm
Taupō Airport Authority Committee Induction (Conference room, Taupō Airport, ANZAC Memorial Drive, Taupō)	Friday	28	11.30am- 2.30pm

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#### TDC202303/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for April 2023.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.46pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2023.

CHAIRPERSON

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# TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023 AT 10.15AM

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra

Greenslade, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin

Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager

Operations and Delivery, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Policy Manager, Events and Venues Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Advisor – Climate Change, Policy Advisor, Parks Manager – Town Centres, Policy Advisor, Governance Quality Manager, Senior

Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 11 members of the public in person, one member of the public via MS Teams.

Note: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.

1 KARAKIA

#### 2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

#### TDC202304/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher, Kylie Leonard, Danny Loughlin and Kirsty Trueman

be accepted.

CARRIED

#### 3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Anna Park noted that her son contributed to an idea contained in the Taupō Cricket submission # 92.

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Nil

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#### 5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

### 5.1 HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS ON THE DRAFT RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY PRINCIPLES

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change introduced the first submitter and explained to the members that each submitter would speak for 5 minutes and answer any questions members had.

#### Hearing of Submissions

The following submitters spoke to their submissions and answered questions, with key points as noted below:

## # 88 - Melissa Cameron, Hugh Munroe, Sarah Williams from Taupō Rowing and Julie Gordon from Taupō Waka Ama

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312096) was given showing photographs to support the submission.

In answer to questions, Ms Cameron and Mrs Gordon confirmed that both clubs had a good relationship with the Taupō Yacht Club. They advised that the Taupō Yacht Club was keen to collaborate but more conversations were needed going forward. If the two clubs could use the kitchen and toilet facilities of the Yacht Club, a simpler facility would be required by the Taupō Rowing and Taupō Waka Ama clubs.

#### #91 - Belinda Walker, Kinloch Families Trust

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312093) was given.

Ms Walker asked for Kinloch to be considered as a location for community involvement when Council was seeking feedback, in addition to Taupō, Tūrangi and Mangakino. They had a permanent resident population of around 1200-1500. She reiterated that Kinloch Families Trust was concerned about lack of wheelchair access and shade at playgrounds, and safety for the area by the lakefront at Kinloch where pedestrians and cars were close to each other.

#### #92 - Belinda Walker, Taupō Cricket

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312089) was given including ideas for an additional small building at Owen Delany Park to service cricket, rugby and other sports. The structure would include toilets, and scope for a viewing deck to be added. This would help for multiple sports, especially given that nine out of 18 cricket playing times had been cancelled the previous season due to weather.

#### # 93 - Belinda Walker and Howard Jones, Taupō Basketball

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312091) was given.

Ms Walker and Mr Jones advised that the facilities in Taupō were fit for basic level use only and that in order to encourage more uptake of the sport, an additional court was required to support senior school competitions and more events. In the long-term, a multi-sport facility was required for the following reasons:

- The current facilities were not up to standard for NBL and senior sport competitions
- · There was a need to host more teams
- Basketball could not currently be grown with representative teams because there were not enough courts for practice
- Disadvantaged children were not able to be encouraged to play due to lack of courts and equipment.

In answer to a question, Ms Walker confirmed that Taupō Basketball had a good relationship with the squash, volleyball and badminton clubs but had not progressed any plans for a multi-sport facility with them.

#### # 81 - Jane Arnott

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312094) was given.

Ms Arnott asked Council to classify Besley Park as an off-leash dog exercise area as per her submission. She also asked that reserve land including Te Kopua Reserve be monitored more closely to ensure neighbouring residents did not encroach upon the reserve land.

## # 83 - Evan Erstich, Kashif Shuja, Taupō Squash Rackets Club Inc. and Tony Smith, Taupō Table Tennis

A project plan and preliminary design for a new multi-sport facility was presented (A3312099).

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Mr Shuja advised that a new multi-sport indoor facility would solve problems for many sports during winter including squash, table tennis, badminton, and basketball. Interest in squash had risen over the past few years in New Zealand as well as globally.

The project team consisting of Evan Erstich, Vicki Beker, Andrew McCullough and Kashif Shuja investigated other locations in New Zealand that had created multi-sport facilities. Two years ago they surveyed members, talked to community groups and received a \$30,000 grant to engage an independent consultant from Christchurch. Following a long list of interviews and engagement across the community, they now had a feasibility study for a new facility proposed at Hickling Park, Taupō.

Multi-use space would relieve the stress on the Taupō Events Centre and ensure events could take place in a range of sports, and be increased to include existing venues. A new facility would also provide a home for some of these sports in order for them to grow their membership.

If the right facility existed in Taupō, it could provide the opportunity to co-host with other sports and attract national and international events generating room nights for local accommodation suppliers as well.

Mr Erstich advised that their next steps were to apply for a Lottery Community Facilities Grant of \$250k and proceed to detailed design. Following this they would meet with corporates for funding opportunities and other sporting codes to understand their requirements.

#### #89 - Jane Penton, Lakes and Waterways Action Group Trust (LWAG)

Ms Penton summarised the submission made on behalf of the LWAG and confirmed that LWAG had also made a submission to the Three Waters Reform and the Nukuhau Plan Change regarding stormwater gullies. She provided information regarding Green and Blue Infrastructure (A3312687).

#### #85 - Laurie Burdett

Ms Burdett supported the presentations made in the hearing and summarised the main points of her submission. She asked that consultation from Council be more thorough, not just a notice in the paper.

#### # 96 - Kevin O'Hara, Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association

Mr O'Hara talked to a few key points made in the submission and added that the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association would continue to work with Council staff and maintain a good relationship.

Members requested additional time to reconvene for deliberations in order to be able to consider submissions carefully. They asked the Senior Advisor – Climate Change and the Policy Advisor for submitter themes to be collated so that they could work through these.

The meeting adjourned at this point (12.02pm) and reconvened on Thursday 13 April at 9am.

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# TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ ON THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2023 AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Kevin Taylor (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr

Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Mayor David Trewavas (from 9.37am), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

(9.24am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager

Finance and Environment, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Advisor – Climate Change, Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Senior Committee

Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

#### TDC202304/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher, Kylie Leonard, and Kirsty Trueman (for absence) and from Cr John Williamson (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor reconvened the meeting as the Chair in Mayor David Trewavas' absence.

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change explained to the members that he would go through the summary of submissions and provide advice and/or options for addressing the feedback received. He clarified that Council staff would need to start preparing business cases and looking at particular investment opportunities to inform the Long-term Plan so would look at a long list of opportunities towards the end of the meeting.

Points raised: Parks and Reserves	Deliberations
More shade at playgrounds	Members agreed that this should be included as an objective for the reserve network across the district and asked that Council staff use best practice and lessons learned from other councils and organisations.
More pathways	Members agreed that the principles capture the desire for improvement to the shared path network but asked for accessibility to be incorporated into this.
Recreation is broader than reserves and sportsgrounds	Members were concerned that many footpaths were not accessible. The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that the strategy includes a footpath improvement programme.
More stuff for older kids	The Principles regarding the shared network of reserves have been amended to include a range of ages and activities to incorporate this feedback.
Skatepark	The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that this was expected to be part of the network.
More / better maintenance and mowing	The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that this feedback came under operations and service level agreements which would be addressed in the Long-term Plan. He confirmed that this information would be shared with submitters.

Members agreed that the feedback below was already captured in the draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles:

Improve accessibility

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- More toilets in reserves
- Natural weed management
- Enhancing the environment
- More community participation
- More dog areas
- Erosion protection
- More and better playgrounds

Cr John Williamson entered the meeting at this point (9.24am).

The Parks and Reserves points raised below were not in scope and would be dealt with as part of operations by the appropriate Council departments:

- More rubbish bins
- Private encroachment onto council reserves is a problem

In answer to questions, the Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that specific information received from submissions as it related to operations and/or asset management plans would be fed back to the appropriate Council departments. This included the feedback listed in the Other and Area Specific comments categories.

#### **Sportsgrounds and Facilities**

Members agreed that points raised regarding Sportsgrounds and Facilities were projects to be considered for input into the Long-term Plan. The Events and Venues Management team would be provided the feedback regarding event and local sport balance.

#### **Supporting Recreation and Sports Club and Organisations**

Members agreed that these points raised were captured in the draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles:

- Support for clubs and organisations
- · Fees and charges
- Taupō model Rail Clubs' hobby expo

There was a lot of interest in hubbing but this was not included in the current strategy. Members agreed that existing Council policies encouraged collaboration between different sports clubs and codes.

Mayor David Trewavas entered the meeting at this point (9.37am).

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change clarified that this strategy was for 10 years and worked in conjunction with asset management plans. Investment decisions would be brought before Council via the Long-term Plan process.

Following feedback from members, it was agreed that Principle 2 would be amended to include recreation facilities / amenities to support a range of ages and abilities which would allow for recreation for older people.

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change clarified that Action 2 regarding leases referred to land maintenance costs rather than the land itself. He added that wording for this and other parts of the strategy could be amended at the Council meeting 27 April prior to the strategy being adopted.

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Following discussion, projects were added to a list for Council to look at through the Long-term Plan process and would be provided for members to approve and agree upon at the Council meeting on 27 April.

#### TDC202304/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

- 1. Receives the submissions on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles.
- 2. Directs officers to make amendments to the Strategy in accordance with the recommendations in the Summary of Submissions attached to the agenda, and additions as agreed to at the meeting.
- 3. Directs officers to report back with a final draft strategy for adoption.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 9.58am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at th	ne Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2023.
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# Fees and charges 2021/24

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Animal Management	

#### REGULATORY SERVICES

#### **Animal Management**

Dog Control Fees in accordance with section 37 of the Dog Control Act 1996	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Working Dog	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$34.00
Entire Dog Fee (if paid on or before 31 July)	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
Entire Dog Fee (if paid on or after 1 Aug)	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
Entire Dog Fee – Responsible Owner	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Responsible Owner Application Fee (payable upon initial application ONLY, unless owner circumstances change)	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$34.00
De-sexed Dog Discount (off the full-year registration fee) [not applicable to Working Dogs]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
Disability Assist Dog	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Pet Therapy Dog (as approved by Council Officers)	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
Dangerous Dog Fee	150% of the applicable Entire Dog Fee	150% of the applicable Entire Dog Fee	150% of the applicable Entire Dog Fee	150% of the applicable Entire Dog Fee
Replacement Tag Fee	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$12.00
Dog Control Charges – Other				
Multiple Dog Application Fee for more than Two Dogs (urban area only)	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$110.00

Impounding fees in accordance with section 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Dog – If registered and 1st impounding in any 12 months	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Dog – If unregistered or 2nd or more impounding in any 12 months	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$155.00
After Hours Impounding Fee (5pm to 8.30am)	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$155.00
Sustenance and Care Fee (per dog per day in Pound)	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
Microchip Fee per Dog	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

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Sale of Dog to the Public (including microchipping and registration)		\$105.00 plus desexing cost			
Sale of Dog to Rescue Agencies	\$37.50	\$38.00	\$38.50	\$39.00	

Other animal fees in accordance with section 14 of the Impounding Act 1955	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Impounding Fee	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Sustenance (per animal per day)	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$17.00

#### LANDING PAGE

Sport and recreation are important for enhancing community wellbeing and providing recreation spaces for everyone to enjoy is a core part of what Council does. A vibrant, healthy, active, and socially connected community is a benefit for everyone. Having great sport and recreation opportunities in Taupō District makes it a great place to live and visit, supporting the Council's vision to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island.

Being active or even just being outdoors and connecting with nature has positive physical and mental health outcomes. Taupō District's unique taiao (environmental) features - like the lakes, rivers, and forests - promote getting active and exploring nature.

Sport and recreation also enhance social connection and engagement – supporting the community to get together and have fun. For youth, sport is recognised as providing physical outlets, structure, and social engagement that has been associated with reducing anti-social behaviour and youth offending. We are also increasingly seeing youth turning to forms of active recreation (jogging, biking, skateboarding) as outlets for physical exertion, social interaction, and to prioritise their health and wellness.

Taupō District is also known as the "events capital" with a wide range of commercial and community events that rely on our reserves and networks of sportsgrounds and facilities. Those events are very important in generating economic activity and supporting our retail, hospitality, and accommodation sectors.

Sport and recreation are important for enhancing community wellbeing. Having a vibrant, healthy, active, and socially connected lifestyle benefits the wider community. Through the Council, the community funds sport and recreation facilities and reserves for the benefits they provide back to the community. The wider community benefits from having good facilities and reserves that everyone can use, that support a wide range of activities and uses, and all levels - from youth, to social, to competition.

This Strategy sets out three sets of key principles that will guide how Council will:

- Review the district's community parks and reserves and identify plans to make them better.
- Review the district's sportsgrounds and facilities and identify plans to make them better.
- Support recreation and sports organisations who need a hand.

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#### **SUMMARY PAGE**

#### Summary - Where we are

Some great council facilities. Many are popular and loved.

But there are opportunities to:

- Catch up to recent strong growth
- Make improvements to meet modern needs and standards
- Improve accessibility
- Ensure we hit the right balance between local sports and events

Some fantastic sports and recreation clubs that provide amazing opportunities and support Taupō district to be a great place to live.

But there are opportunities to:

- Improve financial sustainability and resilience so these great opportunities remain
- Co-ordinate investment and resources to reduce costs and make the most of what we have

Lots of reserve land and open spaces. Some are popular, loved, and connect us to world class natural spaces.

But there are opportunities to:

- Catch up on the growth and popularity of informal recreation
- Deliver environmental improvements that make our reserves even better places to enjoy
- Tell our local stories
- Expand and improve our shared path network

#### Summary - Where we want to be by 2035

Great sports and recreation facilities that support a wide range of sports and recreation activities

- Sports grounds and facilities that are highly used, highly valued, and meet the needs of the community
- Affordable, resilient, and financially sustainable council assets

Great sports and recreation opportunities that make Taupō a great place to live

- Resilient and financially sustainable sports and recreation clubs
- Inclusive, accessible, and affordable sport and recreation
- Coordinated investment and resources

Amazing reserve network that enhances our environment, tells our local stories, and we love getting out to enjoy it

- Reserves that are highly used and highly valued and meet the needs of the community
- Te ao Māori is valued and our environment is enhanced
- Great, highly used shared path network and connections

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#### **COMMUNITY PARKS AND RESERVES**

Community parks and reserves are important because they provide a space for people to connect with nature, engage in physical activity, and socialize with others. These spaces serve as a hub for community gatherings and events, and often include amenities such as playgrounds, walking trails, and seating. Parks and reserves can also provide environmental benefits by preserving natural habitats and supporting biodiversity. Community parks and reserves play a critical role in fostering healthy, connected communities and promoting a sustainable future.

Guiding princi	ples for providing and improving Reserves and Parks
Principle 1	Council has a role to provide parks and open spaces across the district that provide opportunities for people to get out, get moving or simply get some fresh air and interact with nature.
Principle 2	<ul> <li>Council will provide a reserve network across the district, where:</li> <li>Most houses in urban areas are within a short walkable distance from a neighbourhood park, which has a basic playground and somewhere to kick a ball around.</li> <li>Most houses in urban areas are within a short drive or cycle from a community park. This is a larger play space that supports more activities. It should be a community hub for informal recreation, with a more substantial playground, hard and soft play surfaces (for example, a field with goals, and a hard court for basketball or tennis, or a skatepark or pump track) and a larger recreation space with supporting amenities such as toilets and benches. Examples are Besley Park, Brice Street Reserve, and Te Kapua Park.</li> <li>Bush areas, waterfront reserves and gullies support open recreation, access to our lakes and waterways, play, leisure, walking, cycling and picnicking.</li> <li>Safe spaces are available for dogs to be exercised off-leash.</li> <li>Playgrounds have appropriate shade.</li> <li>There are activities and amenities to support a range of ages and abilities.</li> </ul>
Principle 3	Community reserves will be managed so they enhance the local environment.
Principle 4	Community reserves will be inclusive and accessible so everyone in our community can get out and enjoy them.
Principle 5	Our shared pathway network and connections will be progressively improved through improvements to our community reserves, footpath networks and new development areas
Principle 6	Local communities will be given the opportunity to participate in:  Identifying what needs to be improved  Enhancing community reserves.  Council will closely work with Iwi and Hapū to enable them to share their stories as they deem appropriate through our reserves and facilities networks

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ecreation & Sport S	Strategy - online content
Principle 7	Weed management will take a long-term holistic approach that prioritises natural processes.
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#### **COMMUNITY SPORTSGROUNDS AND FACILITIES**

Community sportsgrounds, facilities, and pools are important because they should provide accessible opportunities for physical activity, sports, and recreation. Council facilities offer space for a range of activities that cater to diverse interests and skill levels, promoting physical health and well-being. Community sportsgrounds, facilities, and pools play an important role in promoting social connections and community engagement, as they offer spaces for people to gather and participate in shared activities. These spaces also serve as important venues for local events and competitions, contributing to the cultural and economic vitality of the district.

Guiding princi	oles for providing and improving Sportsgrounds and Facilities
Principle 8	Council has a role to provide sportsgrounds and facilities that benefit the community, but we cannot provide absolutely everything.
Principle 9	Council will provide a sportsgrounds and facilities network across the district, which:  meets the needs of the community  supports a wide range of activities for all ages  supports sports at all levels – from social to competition.  provides a variety of playing surfaces (e.g. water, grass, concrete, indoor, turf)  supports events.
Principle 10	<ul> <li>Council will support coordinated investment and shared resources across the sector.</li> <li>To avoid duplication of services, Council will look to cooperate or partner with other organisations such as schools and clubs to make better use of facilities across the district.</li> <li>Council will work with Sport Waikato, the Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council, and Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation to ensure investment is made based on sector trends and meet the present and expected needs of the community.</li> </ul>
Principle 11	Community sportsgrounds and facilities will be inclusive, accessible, and affordable.
Principle 12	Access to community sportsgrounds and facilities will be fairly balanced between both local sport and events. For example, council may set out:  the minimum number of weeks of season that will be provided for local sports seasons (with allowance for wet weather impacts)  a cap on the number of events per year that will disrupt local competition.
Principle 13	Local communities and users will be given the opportunity to participate in identifying what needs to be improved to meet their changing needs.  Council will closely work with Iwi and Hapū to enable them to share their stories as they deem appropriate through our reserves and facilities networks

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#### SUPPORTING RECREATION AND SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

Our local recreation and sporting clubs add so much to our communities and Council has a role to play in supporting them. Currently council provides support through grants that are distributed by the Sports Advisory Council. These grants help our local organisations with smaller one-off costs but we know they face other challenges. While we cannot do everything, we think these are the best ways that we can support local clubs.

Guiding princi	ples for supporting organisations
Principle 14	Council recognises that there are many recreation and sports organisations that provide choices and opportunities that make Taupō district a great place to live. While these organisations will continue to rely on their members and users for their core funding, there are ways Council can help.
Principle 15	Council will provide the use of pools, sportsgrounds and facilities at fair cost.
Principle 16	Council will provide reserve land for sports and recreation clubs to lease at a fair cost where we are not making a profit.
Principle 17	Council will provide a budget of contestable grants for recreation and sports clubs who support community wellbeing.
Principle 18	Council will provide advice to support clubs to access third party funding and become more financially resilient.
Principle 19	Council will consider providing some funding for large capital investments by clubs where those investments benefit a wide section of the community or have wider community benefits.

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#### FOCUS AREAS FOR UPCOMING THE LONG-TERM PLAN (2024)

Delivering improved recreation and sports networks, and comprehensive forward plans for community recreation and sports assets will take some time. The following are priority areas for investigation for the next Long-term plan in 2024.

Business and asset managers will provide advice and identify investment options for:

- A programme of works to improve shade at playgrounds
  - o Considering shade clothes
  - Considering examples from elsewhere, innovation and best practice, and resilience.
- A programme of works to provide more local hard surface play areas
- · A programme of works to improve accessibility
  - o Including working with appropriate accessibility and local groups, like Access Taupō
- A programme of planting and revegetation works that will also help achieve our climate change goals
  - o Including working with Working with Iwi/Hapu
  - Working with appropriate conservation and local groups, like Greening Taupō
- · A programme of shared pathways improvements
  - coordinating our Transport and Reserves asset management plans to achieve an integrated shared path network over time
- Increasing indoor court space, including considering the options of:
  - expanding existing facilities
  - building new facilities in partnership with other indoor sports organisations, like Taupō Squash Rackets Club
- Performance of lake recreation and sports as part of a strategic sportsgrounds and facilities network, and what the needs, gaps, investment and partnership options are
  - Including working with Iwi
  - o Including accessibility elements network
- Improving tennis courts and netball courts at Te Kapua Park (Turangi)
- An Ice Rink
- More skate parks

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#### **DELIVERING THIS STRATEGY THROUGH LONG-TERM PLANS**

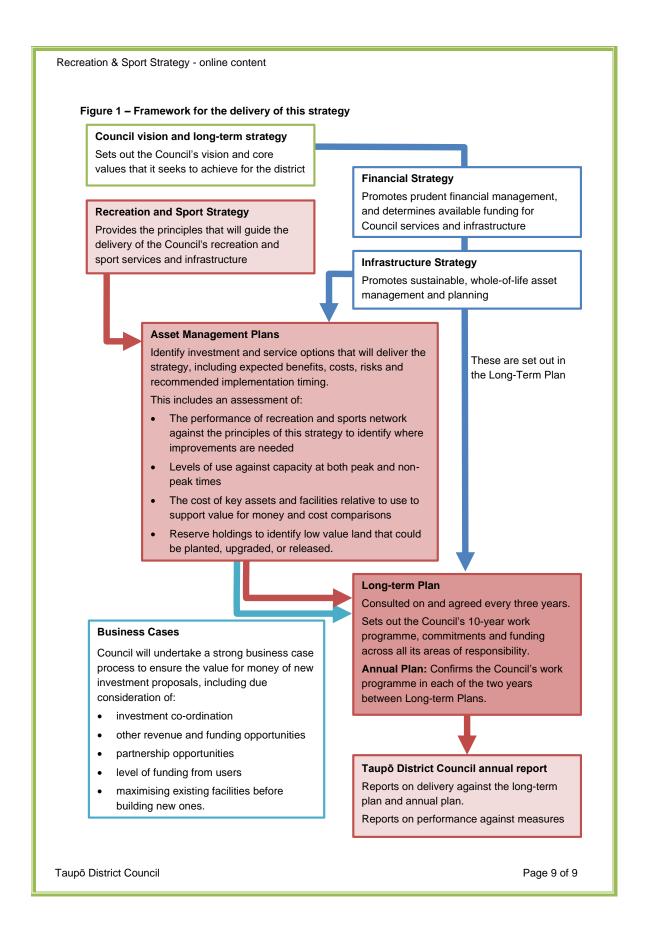
We have finite resources. Recreation and sport funding comes from our residents, through property rates and user charges. Commitment and funding for projects requires weighing the needs and priorities across all council functions, including providing water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, community facilities, and community services. The Council must consider affordability and practise prudent financial management. This is done through the Council's Long-term Plans, which are consulted on and agreed every three years. A Long-term Plan sets out the Council's work programme, commitments and approves funding for projects.

This strategy will guide the investigation of projects and the development of Council's Asset Management Plans. Asset Management Plans will review the performance of the communities' parks, reserves, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and facilities networks against the principles in this Strategy. They will identify gaps and improvement needs, and the options for addressing these. Asset management plans will identify individual projects and programmes, their expected benefits, costs, risks, recommended implementation timing and how they align with this strategy's principles.

To ensure value for money, all significant investment must be supported by a robust business case that demonstrates all feasible options have been considered and shows the preferred option will provide benefits that significantly outweigh the full costs (i.e. costs over the whole life of the investment).

Long-term Plans (also Annual Plans) will provide the funding for the options identified by the Asset Management Plans – supported by public consultation.

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## **ACTING CEO'S COMMENTARY**

It is difficult to think that summer is over, and we are already seeing the leaves change colour as we step into Autumn. Although the season has changed, we are still heavily reminded of the destruction Cyclone Gabrielle brought to us and our country at the end of summer.

The Taupo District community displayed great generosity through donating to the Mayoral Relief Fund to help out after the cyclone. More than \$16,000 was raised from the community which was provided to the Wairoa District towards a playground that was damaged by the cyclone. Looking out for one another is what we as kiwis do best and I want to thank everyone that donated through the Mayoral Fund or contributed in some way to support those impacted from the Cyclone.

That aside, as a district we had some awesome achievements in March including, on the first day of the month, the inaugural meeting of the newly established Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee, created by Mana Whakahono partners Ngati Tūrangitukua and Taupo District Council. This new partnership replaced the Tūrangi-Tongariro Community Board which was disestablished in October last year. The new Co-Governance Committee is now responsible for overseeing the implementation of the agreement created, as well as considering a range of community matters in Tūrangi.

Another fantastic achievement we saw in March was the completion of the Taupo Town Centre Transformation project. Both this and the new Airport terminal were blessed and opened by local hapū and then officially opened by the Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and the Hon Kiritapu Allen. While the formal opening providing a chance to celebrate as a district, it was also a chance to recognise the hard work and dedication from everyone that went into their success. We think of the Airport Terminal as the face of our rohe, it is what many visitors first see when they arrive in Taupo, so we want it to be as welcoming as possible. This connects with the town centre which represents the heart, where we want everyone to feel connected and engaged with people, the land, and our environment. Taupo tells a story, and we can now easily share that story with visitors from far and wide with the completion of these transformational projects.

Continuing on our achievement list, the Draft Annual Plan went out for consultation in March with the community being asked for feedback, on what is described in the document, as tough decisions. The key theme in the Plan is that the economy has changed significantly since budgets for 2023/24 were set in the Long-term Plan. These changes have a direct impact on what Council can deliver and at what cost. There are now a range of opportunities for the community to talk directly with elected members and staff about the Plan, or to make submissions before these close on 28 April. The same applies to our District Plan, which is now open for further submissions. This process allows submitters to view the original submissions to the District Plan and support or oppose them.

Finally, I of course I also wish to acknowledge the passing of former mayor Joan Williamson. Joan served our district as Mayor from 1989 – 2001, even after she stood down from the role, she continued her service to the district and was involved in many clubs, community groups and service organisations. She was a decisive mayor who led her team of councillors effectively and was well-loved and respected in the community. She will be missed by many far and wide, a great women with a great heart.

Nga mihi nui

Julie Gardyne Acting CEO Taupo District Council

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## 2. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

#### **CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN**

Deliver our Capital Investment plan as identified in year one of the LTP (including shovel ready monies). Progress in March:

- As a result of the 7<sup>th</sup> March workshop, Annual Plan candidate projects were finalised and are now out for consultation.
- Internally, work is underway to prepare a resourcing matrix to enhance delivery along with an "external view" to discuss with key suppliers and contractors as we lead into the new financial year.

#### **HOUSING**

Develop a housing strategy for the district. Key housing areas include social housing, housing for the elderly, papakāinga, and affordable housing. Progress in March:

- Taupō District Council has had consistent requests from the community to do what it can to help solve district's housing crisis. There are a number of levers we can pull as a council.
- We've developed a draft strategy which identifies the key housing issues and opportunities in the Taupō district, provides a framework to address them and sets out what council's role should be.
- We will seek the community's feedback on the draft strategy over May/June.
- At this stage we are only looking for community feedback on the strategy focus areas and the general direction we plan to follow. We're not yet at the stage of proposing actions like building houses or providing land.
- Clearing of scrub and foliage has been undertaken in the Lot 20 gullies to enable survey work to be undertaken. Simultaneously, an application for resource consent for land use has been lodged with Waikato Regional Council to enable earthworks to begin following the Annual Plan consultation and deliberations.

#### **RECREATION AND ARTS**

Complete a recreation, arts and culture strategy to a standard enabling future investment decisions and lease decisions to be made. Progress in March:

#### **Recreation and Sport**

- Consultation with the community completed with 97 responses
- Engagement opportunities (Taupo, Mangakino and Tūrangi) for the community to speak with council staff and Elected Members were held.
- The hearing on April 4 2023, was completed and deliberations are scheduled for 13 April 2023

#### **Art and Culture**

- The draft Arts, Culture & Nga Toi Action Plan will be presented to council on 27 April 2023.

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#### **REFORM**

Prepare for reform/change of local government - specifically three waters, RMA and Future for Local Government. Progress in March:

#### **Local Government Reform**

 Final submission was adopted by Council. This was submitted to DIA and confirmation of submission received.

#### **RMA Reform**

- Final submission lodged on 17 February 2023. Approved retrospectively by Council on 28 February. Councillor Kevin Taylor, Nick Carroll and Hilary Samuel spoke to the Select Sub-Committee on 6 March 2023.
- No further update at this stage.

#### **Three Waters Reform**

Better Off Funding:

- Better Off Funding application approved, first funding instalment received, and Owen Delany Park Improvements project commenced.
- Structural Engineers have been engaged to provide bracing designs for the Main Grandstand, Lower Grandstand and the Corporate Lounge area. We are waiting for these designs to be completed.

#### Three Waters Reform Transition:

- Reform continues to rapidly push ahead with issue of Bills #2 & #3 (submissions prepared and lodged) and increased DIA preparations for asset transfer, through issue of various documents and requests for information on all assets to transfer to Entity B.
- 2023/24 will be financially challenging as Tranche 2 of DIA funding will not be directly
  accessible by Councils, however there are increasing demands on staff time to participate in
  transition activities.
- Council will need to ensure its 'Significant' three waters decisions are approved by DIA before implementation, as per Council briefing.

#### **WAYS OF WORKING**

Provision of and preparation for our new work environment - both physically and the way we work. Progress in March:

 Ways of working project has been cancelled, with each team reviewing their list of items associated with this project to confirm it is needed in the future and where it might fit in to their respective work programmes.

#### **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

Completion and uptake of Project Quantum to realise the investment made and opportunities it presents to be more efficient, customer focused, digitally enabled and outwardly focused. Progress in March:

- Prioritisation conversation with Exec around the number of Digital Projects the business wants. Priority given to the software to support the coming LTP and the completion of Technology One implementation projects.
- Project initiated for the implementation of IBIS software for LTP budgeting and modelling.
- Follow me printing project complete.
- Backup and Disaster Recovery Proof of Concepts underway.

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#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Develop a strategy for how the organisation and the district responds to our climate change challenges in the short, medium and long term. Give effect to the short term "quick wins". Progress in March:

- Council adopted Emissions Reduction Targets and a Directive in August. Press release published and material is online. <u>www.taupodc.govt.nz/climatechange</u>
- Implementation plan being developed to meet agreed direction, including providing Business Case tools and supporting organizational awareness. This work will be completed by June 2023.
- Project plan being developed to look at Adaptation the risks to Council and Taupō District from the effects of climate change, and any recommended actions. This work will be completed by June 2023.

#### **WORLD-CLASS TEAM**

Creating an empowered, engaged and efficient workforce to be able to meet the organisational priorities. Progress in March:

- Performance conversation training programme designed and will be conducted starting in
- Managers and team leaders finalising 9 month check in with their direct reports.
- Wellbeing activities this month include subsidized flu vaccines and mole maps.
- A new onboarding programme project for new staff is well underway where we will see a
  monthly onboarding day for new starters to meet and learn about working in local
  government.
- Kicked off a project to deliver a manager and team leader induction programme for new leaders.

#### CONNECTIVITY

Play a lead role in drawing together national and regional agencies to support the work across the district, for better overall community outcomes. Progress in March:

- Membership and participation on a number of LGNZ, Taituara, and DIA working groups including Three Waters and Future of Local Government.
- Membership and attendance at the Taupō Collective Governance Group a partnership with Tūwharetoa and a range of Government agencies working in the social sector.

#### **LOCALISM**

Providing opportunities to give smaller communities and interest groups a voice in what we do. Progress in March:

- Southern Lake Taupō and Northern District advisors continue to support community development priorities.
- Development of the What and How submission education initiative nearing completion for testing with a selected group of community members before release. Development of a web presence for civic education resources underway.
- We are beginning to increase our focus on working with organisations we have partnership agreements with to encourage sustainability, especially around funding approaches to reduce reliance on contestable Council funds.
- Work continues to ensure identified community aspirations are a key consideration in planning through initial LTP processes and other discussions.

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#### **SERVICE**

Lift our service standards through the organisation, benchmarked against non-local Govt peers. Progress in March:

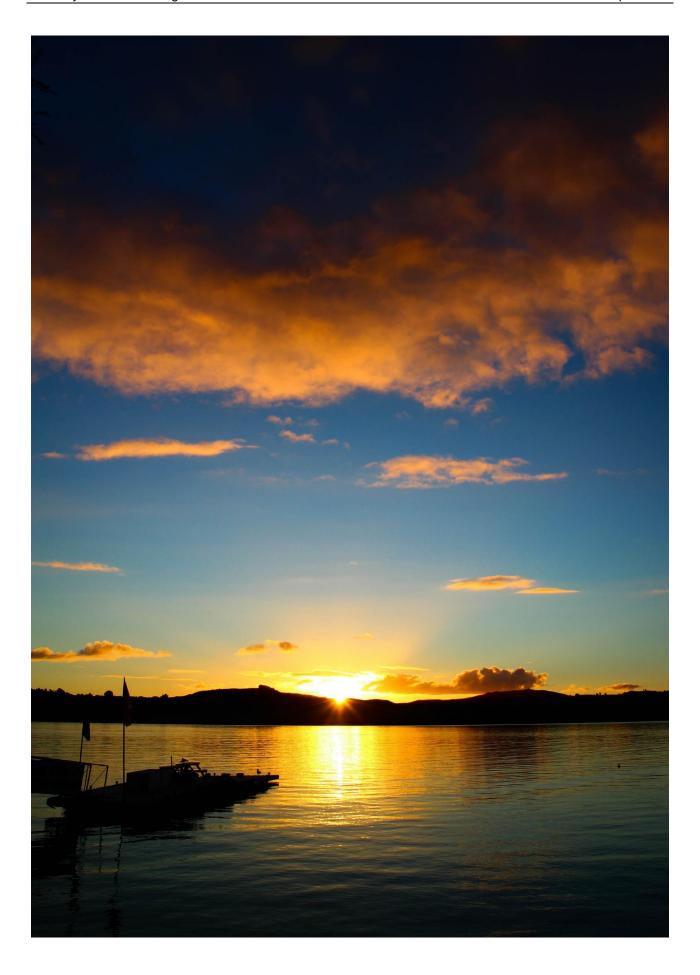
- During March and a slight drop in customer numbers compared to Feb's peaks we took the opportunity to reflect on our process and look for improvements.
- We developed our Courageous Improvement program working with different teams across the organization to better understand and increase our knowledge management in order to support our customer interactions.
- This not only opened up stronger collaboration but also helps empower our teams to connect and solve our customers concerns with better outcomes.
- Our visitor numbers are very strong and still growing. Our CS Team Leads presented at
  the Destination Great Lake Taupo Industry Update in March. Sharing insights our service
  values with operators and business owners has further developed key relationships in how
  we can connect our community, residents and visitor alike.

#### **INTEGRATED CO-GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Through everything that we do. Progress in March:

- Kohineheke; Te Arawhiti (TA) and Becca Surveyors site visit to confirm topography, whānau, and TA looking to re-engage.
- Attendance at LG obligations to Māori with Paul Beverley. A deeper dive into Treaty obligations with Tina Porou at the Mana Whakahono induction with Tūrangitutka.
- Rangitāiki River Forum project status updates for and attendance on 23 March meeting at BOPRC. Early engagement re shared TDC draft Annual Plan Consultation Document 2023 2024 (24032023).
- Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa first meeting of the year, confirmed by WRC at TDC chambers 1 May 2023. Early engagement re shared TDC draft Annual Plan Consultation Document 2023 – 2024 (25032023).
- In light of being a good neighbor/partner; continuing to explore individual hapū mechanisms similar to Mana Whakahono agreements i.e., tailoring to individual hapū needs, aspirations and environmental context.
- Supporting internal queries and providing advice with Te Reo Māori e.g., Tūrangitukua Park Sports Facility/Te Mātāpuna plaque.
- Updating Remuneration guideline to policy, now live on Tui
- Work continuing on Te Reo Māori Guideline
- Formulating Te Reo Māori Policy
- Continuing to engage Council teams on the Māori engagement framework
- Assisting with team catchups for one on one with Paul Beverly and attending Te Tiriti
  workshop training.
- TDC TMTB operational mtg
- Monthly TKNT TDC monthly mtg
- Supported representation by Tūwharetoa for Gareth's pōhiri in New Plymouth
- TTCT blessing
- Facilitate iwi/hapū engagement across various TDC activities

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## 3. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### 3.1 REVENUE & EXPENDITURE PERFORMANCE

Figure 1 below sets out the Revenue & Expenses for the financial year to March 2023.

Revenue is ahead of budget across most key revenue lines. In particular, our subsidies and grants revenue is higher than budget because of revenue from central Government in relation to the Taupo Town Centre Transformation Project (\$4.15m), Kerb & Channel funding (\$1m) and Better-off funding of (\$0.493m). Other grant revenue is ahead of plan by \$671,000.

Development Contributions are ahead of plan (\$1.6m) mainly due to timing of when we estimated the contributions would fall due.

Revenue from fees and charges are also tracking higher than budget, driven by more property development and construction activity across the district. Specifically, building and resource consent fees are up on budget by \$586,000 year to date. Solid waste revenue is up by \$732,000 year to date, dog registration revenue is \$66,000 ahead of plan and revenue from our venues is also ahead of plan by \$453,000 due to high usage of pools & GLC over the holiday period other revenue from infrastructure recharges and sundry items are ahead of plan by \$419,000.

Finance revenue is ahead of plan by \$1.3m due to increasing returns on term investments as well as more cash than budgeted available to be invested.

\$000	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
REVENUE			
Rates	62,659	62,297	362
Subsidies and Grants	9,823	3,501	6,322
Development Contributions	7,614	6.064	1,550
Fees and Charges	10,337	8,081	2,256
Finance Revenue	4,158	2,809	1,349
Other Revenue	1,438	1,267	171
TOTAL REVENUE	96,029	84,019	12,010
OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
Personnel Costs	22,580	21,617	(963)
Depreciation	18,816	18,811	(5)
Finance Costs	7,903	7,046	(857)
Other Expenses	32,225	31,219	(1006)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	81,524	78,693	(2,831)
NET SURPLUS / DEFICIT	14,505	5,326	9,179

Figure 1:Statement of Revenue & Expenses at 31 March 2023

Total operating expenditure is more than budget year to date by \$2.831m. This is due to:

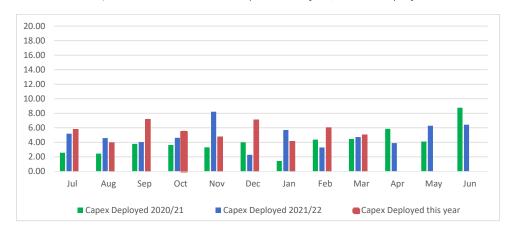
- Personnel costs being higher than planned by \$963,000 this includes salaries funded by 3 waters transition funding, timing variances and other increases.
- Finance costs are higher than planned by \$857,000 as we see increased interest rates having an impact.
- Other expenses are higher than planned by \$1m this is due to electricity being more than planned \$408,000, professional fees \$287,000 (approximately 50%

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recovered through resource consents) and unrealised losses on financial assets held within the TEL fund \$573,000. Offset by savings on IT costs \$223,000. There is also \$300,000 included for recovery costs relating to Cyclone Gabrielle which is being offset by a variety of costs below plan presently.

#### **3.2 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

We have deployed \$49.4m of capital expenditure in the July to March period. This is below the amount we need to achieve to meet the Annual Plan of \$74m plus the bow wave<sup>1</sup> from 2021/22 of \$50m. For the same period last year, we had deployed \$42.6m.



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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Bow wave is the portion of unspent capital & renewals budget carried forward from last financial year

## **4. TREASURY REPORT**

#### **4.1 TREASURY COMPLIANCE**

The table below sets details our compliance with the Treasury Management Policy at 31 March 2023.

DEBT MANAGEMENT		
Measure	Compliance Status	Required by
Interest Rate Risk	<b>√</b>	TMP
Funding Maturity	✓	TMP
Carbon unit coverage/ hedging	✓	TMP
Liquidity	✓	LGFA
Net Debt	$\checkmark$	LGFA
Debt/ Revenue	✓	LGFA
Interest Cost/ Rates Revenue	✓	LGFA
Interest Cost/ Total Revenue	¬	LGFA
Debt affordability		LGA
Balanced budget benchmark	Measured at the end of the	LGA
Debt servicing benchmark	financial year only	LGA

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT		
Investment Maturity	✓	TMP
Counterparty Credit Limit	$\checkmark$	TMP
Strategic Asset Allocation	./	TMP

**Note**: Carbon Units have been purchased to ensure our obligations for the 2023 and 2024 financial years are covered. The cost of these units aligns to the total cost of carbon set out in the 2023 Annual Plan.

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#### **4.2 CEO DELEGATIONS REPORTING**

CEO approval of budgeted expenditure over \$500,000:

21/03/2023 CN440 Crown Road & Lake Terrace Footpath Extension - Cambridge Excavators Limited \$754,096.07

CEO approval of unbudgeted expenditure over \$50,000: Nil to report this month

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## **5. SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS**

PROJECT	ON TIME	ON BUDGET	COMMENTS
WATER			
Kinloch Drinking Water Standards NZ Upgrade			Water treatment plant - Test piling revealed unfavourable ground conditions, Marshalls are finalising the piling design and we expect consent and final design package to be completed by late April. Anticipating additional costs due to Geotech design changes and cost fluctuation estimates.  Water reticulation - The watermain
			package delivered by CAMEX is on target for a completed date at the end of July 2023.  40% complete
Omori Water Plant Upgrade			Detailed design 50% complete, designation process underway. Progress is partly slow due to the delays with Kinloch  7% complete
Tauhara Ridge Reservoir & Airport Connection			Modelling works ongoing to confirm network configuration for new reservoir. Reservoir design build contract in preparation by WSP - no significant changes from last month.
			5% complete
TRANSPORT			
Tūrangi Street Revitalisation			The Contractor has started on package 4 with Puataata Road being the first, all trees have been removed and around 600m of Kerb and Channel has been poured.
			Package 3 tree replanting is scheduled to commence at the end of April 23. Ongoing challenges with the budget due to material and Contractor overhead price increases. Currently working with the Contractor and MBIE on a resolution.
			73% complete

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PROJECT	ON TIME	ON BUDGET	COMMENTS
		BODOLI	
COMMUNITY FACILIT	IES		
Te Kapua Park Playground Upgrade			Baseline programme schedule has been agreed with the contractor with a planned start date of 1 May 2023.
			Pre-ordering of materials and play equipment has begun to ensure security of supply on key items.
			Working with local artists on opportunities for cultural interpretation.
			Conversations under way to utilise local timber and boulders within playground
			55% complete
Tūrangitukua Park Community Sports Facility			The building (now formally to be known as Te Mataapuna) is nearing completion and due to be formally opened on 13 May 2023.
			Vistalite Central (sub-contractor engaged to complete this work) has gone into liquidation. Vistalite South Auckland have now been engaged to complete the work which is now scheduled to be complete by the end of April.
			The power infrastructure upgrade has now been completed, thus removing a big risk to the project.
			97% complete
Tūrangi Recreation & Activities Centre (TRAC)			Project team undertaking a period of due diligence following completion of discovery and scoping phase.
			Aim is to present back findings and recommendations to new (Mana Whakahono) co-governance group in May.
			Requirement to validate approach with the co-governance group and consult with the community as part of LTP has pushed out original project dates out by 12 months.
			15% complete

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PROJECT	ON TIME	ON BUDGET	COMMENTS
Mangakino Lakefront Upgrade Project			We have a signed contract with toilet supplier, Site meeting with Exeloo booked for 17/4/2023.
			Construction start date mid-May 2023.
			It has been decided that we will save as much componentry as possible that can be used across the district as they require maintenance.
			Boat ramp renewal on hold.
			Public engagement is complete and summarised; costing of project for LTP purposes to be explored.
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WASTEWATER		ı	
View Road Stage 2 LDS Expansion			Waterforce has established site with 3 of the 5 pivots spans being assembled. No current major project delivery risks.
			15% complete
Taupo Wastewater Southern Trunk Main Upgrade – Stage 1 (multi-year project)			Final stages of detailed design being completed. Engagement could put timeframes at risk due to delays in procurement.
			There could be delays in obtaining resource consent for drilling if hapū object.
			Back up mitigation project is being kicked off due to this project no longer being able to be completed by Christmas, with the aim to reduce the risk of overflows during this peak flow period.
SCADA Upgrade			15% complete  Mangakino WTP factory acceptance
SCADA Opgrade			test scheduled from 24th April.
			Screen image standards reviewed by Operations & Technical, and changes made.
			Mangakino will go live assuming a successful factory acceptance test. Tūrangi and Omori WTP will follow in May.
			14% complete

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PROJECT	ON TIME	ON	COMMENTS
		BUDGET	
DEMOCRACY AND PL	ANNING		
District Plan			Submissions closed 9 December. 119 submissions received.
			Notified for further submissions on 17 March. Will run through until 7 April.
			Planning on Hearings for the middle of the year, but will be dependent on Commissioner availability
			No significant changes from last month
			70% complete
Long Term Plan			Workshops held with the Executive and Elected Members to discuss strategic priorities.
			Business planning & Business case templates developed.
			No significant changes from last month
			10% complete
SIGNIFICANT PROJEC	CTS		
3 Waters Reform Activities			Industry broadly expects the government to announce its Three Waters reform 'reset' by the end of April.
			In the meantime, the National Transition Unit continues to progress its work with ongoing engagement with Councils regarding all of their workstreams, including engaging with staff regarding their future 'transition pathway'.
			Outcomes of the government review will drive next steps.
			60% complete

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PROJECT	ON TIME	ON	COMMENTS
		BUDGET	
Waiora House			Latest budget forecasts indicate that the project will be overdrawn by approximately 1% to 2% by completion (forecast end of May 2023).  Opportunities to mitigate this risk are currently being explored.
			Joining and Glazing Sub-contractor (Vistalite Central) has gone into liquidation with the job left part complete.
			Our main Contractor is working directly with suppliers (Altus - joinery and Metro - glazing) to ensure a satisfactory outcome in trying circumstances for all parties. All joinery and glazing is scheduled to be in place by the end of April.
			Good progress has been made on the building itself and surrounding landscaping.
			90% complete
204 Crown Road – Subdivision Earthworks & Civil			Seeking \$3.5m unbudgeted as part of annual plan.
			Concept design of lot size and layout complete.
			Modelling of earthworks and design underway - no significant changes from last month
			5% complete
EUL Stage 1 Lot 20 - Earthworks & Civil			Seeking \$12.5m unbudgeted as part of annual plan.
			Procurement of development partners underway - no significant changes from last month
			5% complete
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