

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI ITI MAHERE Ā-NGAHURUTANGA / MAHERE Ā-TAU  
LONG TERM PLAN/ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of a hearings held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor,  
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
Wednesday 15 May 2024 commencing at 9.30am and Thursday 16 May 2024  
commencing at 9.30am

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PRESENT:

Mayor C Barry (Chair)	Deputy Mayor T Lewis
Cr G Barratt (part meeting)	Cr J Briggs (part meeting)
Cr K Brown	Cr B Dyer
Cr S Edwards (part meeting)	Cr A Mitchell
Cr K Morgan	Cr C Parkin
Cr N Shaw	Cr T Stallinger
Cr G Tupou (part meeting)	

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Barratt for early departure on Wednesday 15 May 2024 and Crs Briggs, Edwards and Tupou for early departure on Thursday 16 May 2024.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Miller, Chief Executive (part meeting)  
A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities  
J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement  
B Hodgins, Acting Director Environment and Sustainability  
J Kingsbury, Director, Economy and Development  
J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer  
J Lamb, Head of Business and Economy (part meeting)  
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy (part meeting)  
M Nuth, Principal Advisor, Research and Evaluation (part meeting)  
S Bascand, Acting Engagement Lead (part meeting)  
H Singh, Advisor, Strategic Planning and Business  
K Stannard, Head of Democracy Services (part meeting)  
K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor (part meeting)  
V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor (part meeting)  
J Kilty, Democracy Advisor (part meeting)  
J Randall, Democracy Advisor (part meeting)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

## 1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>a sharpened air.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a</i>
	<i>glorious day.</i>

## 2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. LTPAP 24201**

*"That the apologies from Cr Barratt for early departure on Wednesday 15 May 2024 and Crs Briggs, Edwards and Tupou for early departure on Thursday 16 May 2024 be accepted."*

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Dyer declared a conflict of interest in relation to Minoh House and Netball Hutt Valley.

## 4. VERBAL UPDATE ON LONG TERM PLAN ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

The Head of Strategy and Policy elaborated on Council's consultation objectives and the engagement.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Strategy and Policy advised that officers had highlighted key submission trends and grouped them.

## 5. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034 – 15 MAY 2024

**Julie Kay Vry** presented the submission.

**Alan Eldridge Smith** presented the submission.

**Greg Moore** presented the submission.

**Graeme Lyon** presented the submission.

**Gary Quirke** presented the submission and spoke to a written statement attached as pages 12-13 to the minutes.

**Robert Gell** presented the submission.

**John Welch** presented the submission.

**Robyn Morete, representing Wellington Rugby League (WRL)**, presented the WRL's submission, tabled a letter from WRL attached as pages 14-15 to the minutes and shared a presentation available here [Wellington Rugby League Presentation](#)

**Jan Wijninckx** presented the submission (via audio-visual link).

**Bernard Gresham** presented the submission.

Mayor Barry agreed to follow up with his office to inquire why Bernard Gresham did not receive a reply to his email from February 2024.

**Allen Bennett, representing Bin Inn Wholefoods Petone**, presented Bin Inn's submission.

**Lynne Philp, representing the Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt**, presented the bureau's submission.

Members asked that officers report back on the following:

- the timing for Cuba Street bridge strengthening;
- whether the sports ground improvements in place advance as quickly as possible;
- the rationale for fee changes and inconsistency with charges for swimming pools;
- to discuss with Wellington Water Limited on water pressure software that can alter pressure during the day;
- the criteria for how Council funds groups and what that is based on;
- the cost difference for introducing sand-based pitches, in addition to the \$10M Council are already planning to invest; and
- how Council charges for four-bedroom houses in relation to development and finance contribution policy.

The meeting adjourned at 11.40am and reconvened at 12:05pm.

Cr Brown rejoined the meeting at 12.06pm.

Cr Stallinger rejoined the meeting at 12:07pm.

**Elizabeth Lochore speaking on behalf of Katherine Elizabeth Clark** presented the submission.

Members asked that officers distribute Katherine Clark's submission to all members.

**Mary Elizabeth Lochore** presented the submission.

Cr Dyer declared a conflict of interest with Netball Hutt Valley and did not participate in questions or discussions.

**Sandra Bednarek, representing Netball Hutt Valley**, presented the submission.

Mayor Barry asked that officers follow up on the resurfacing of the Taitā netball courts.

**Gordon Parr** presented the submission.

**John Terris, representing the Hutt Multicultural Council,** presented the council's submission.

**Chris MacKay** presented the submission via audio-visual link.

**Sam Faisandier, representing the Faisandier Group,** presented the group's submission.

**Sarah Murray, representing Recreation Aotearoa,** presented Recreation Aotearoa's submission.

**Mark Macfarlane, representing Lucas Land Surveys Limited,** presented Lucas Land Survey's submission.

**Dr David Tripp** presented the submission via audio-visual link, spoke to a written statement attached as pages 16-17 to the minutes and shared a presentation available here [Submission on HCC 10 Year Plan David Tripp - May 2024](#)

**Shani Leach, representing Britannia Street Body Corporate,** presented the corporate's submission via audio-visual link.

**Patrick McKibbin, representing Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce,** presented the Chamber's submission.

**Colin McElwain, representing Cuttriss Consultants Limited,** presented Cuttriss Consultation's submission.

**Beryl Anderson, representing the Hutt Valley National Council of Women of New Zealand,** presented the council's submission.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Dyer)

**Minute No. LTPAP 24202**

*"That the late verbal submission from Vincent Tamihere be accepted."*

**Vincent Tamihere** spoke in support of the submission from Wellington Rugby League. He said that rugby league fields in the city had not been maintained and that it was important to upgrade the fields. He said there was an issue with the McEwan Park toilets.

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that drainage upgrades were proposed to be funded for Naenae Park, Te Whiti Park, Frederick Wise Park and McEwan Park with the \$10M investment over the next 10 years. She said that officers would investigate the details surrounding the McEwan Park toilets.

**Dave Gillespie, President of Taitā Cricket,** presented the cricket's submission.

In response to a member's question, Dave Gillespie advised that the Taitā Cricket Club would be interested in purchasing the building located at Fraser Park from Council.

**James Beban, a representative of Urban Edge Planning Limited**, presented Urban Edge's submission.

Mayor Barry asked that officers address the issues raised by James Beban. Cr Parkin left the meeting at 2:06pm and rejoined the meeting at 2:09pm.

**Gene Clendon** presented the submission.

Mayor Barry left the meeting at 2:15pm. Deputy Mayor Lewis assumed the Chair.

Mayor Barry rejoined the meeting at 2:18pm and resumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Lewis left the meeting at 2:19pm and rejoined the meeting at 2:20pm.

**Quentin Duthie** presented the submission.

**Paul Duffin, a representative of Hutt Sister City Foundation**, presented the foundation's submission.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm and reconvened at 2.40pm.

**Graeme Hall** presented the submission.

**Graeme Hall, representing the Great Harbour Way/Te Aranui o Poneke Trust**, presented the trust's submission and shared an electronic presentation available here: [The Great Harbour Way Vision](#)

**Ruth Mansell** presented the submission.

**Malcolm Wheeler** presented the submission.

**Annette Margaret Turner** presented the submission.

**Silva Noakes, representing Eastbourne Community Fitness Limited**, presented Eastbourne Community Fitness's submission via audio-visual link.

**Rachel Tallon, representing Friends of Waiwhetu Stream**, presented the friends submission.

**Lillian Pak** presented the submission.

**Lillian Pak, a representative of the TEAM Naenae Trust**, presented the trust's submission.

**Dr Marion Leighton, representing Doctors for Active, Safe Transport**, presented the transport's submission via audio-visual link.

**Dean Raymond, representing Heritage New Zealand**, presented the heritage's submission.

**Pete Matcham** presented the submission.

**Pete Matcham, representing Hutt City Grey Power**, presented Grey Power's submission.

Cr Barratt left the meeting at 4.20pm.

**Rod Badcock** presented the submission via audio-visual link and shared a presentation available here [10 Year Plan Submission Prof. Rod Badcock](#)

**Ty Williams, representing GBH Boxing**, presented GBH's submission.

Mayor Barry said that officers would continue to work with GBH Boxing to find a new venue if its current one were to be demolished.

**Jo Clendon** presented the submission.

**Jo Clendon, representing Hutt Cycle Network**, presented the cycle's submission.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26pm and reconvened at 4:38pm.

**Malcolm Wheeler** presented the submission.

**Bruce Anderson** presented the submission.

**Prue Lamason, representing Save Petone Wharf**, presented Save Petone Wharf's submission and petition.

**Neelu Jennings** presented the submission via audio-visual link.

Cr Brown left the meeting at 5:04pm.

**Matt Roberts** presented the submission via audio-visual link.

**Etuate Cocker** presented the submission via audio-visual link.

Members asked that officers report back on the following:

- research potential venues for GBH Boxing;
  - address the issue of unmanned netball courts at the Walter Nash Centre;
  - provide more information about the resurfacing of the netball courts at the Walter Nash Centre;
  - report on the condition of the toilets at McEwan Park;
  - discuss parking consent conditions on the outdoor courts for the Walter Nash Centre;
  - explore the possibility of selling the building at Fraser Park back to the Taitā Cricket Club;
  - consider annual grants for groups other than St John Ambulance; and
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- determine the entity responsible for the heritage assessment of Petone Wharf.

In response to a question from a member, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that the multi-fest event received \$12,000 from Council in the previous year.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive stated that the law required the cost of growth to be covered by catchment areas. She clarified that Council could not distribute the growth costs across the city.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm and reconvened at 9.30am on Thursday 16 May 2024.

**Thursday 16 May 2024 commencing at 9.30am**

**5. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034 – 16 MAY 2024**

**Stephen Grenside, Lowry Bay Residents Association**, presented the association's submission via audio-visual link.

**Finn Cordwell, representing Greater Wellington Living Wage**, presented the living wage's submission.

**George MacKay** presented the submission.

**Allan Brown** presented the submission.

**Andrew Leslie, representing Nuku Ora**, presented Nuku Ora's submission.

**Casey Diver, representing Stokes Valley Football Club**, presented the club's submission.

**Daniel Chrisp** presented the submission.

**Mike Fisher, Chair of Petone Community Board**, presented the Board's submission.

**Sally-Ann Moffat** presented the submission.

**Sally-Ann Moffat, representing Petone Community House Incorporated**, presented the house's submission.

Cr Briggs left the meeting at 11.00am.

**Robbie Schneider, representing Jackson Street Programme (JSP)**, presented JSP's submission.

Cr Brown left the meeting at 11.07am.

**John Donnelly, representing Jackson Street Programme (JSP),** presented JSP's submission.

Cr Brown rejoined the meeting at 11.09am.

**Anna Boyack, representing Viva Mexico,** presented Viva Mexico's submission.

**Nik Zangouropoulos, representing Jackson Street Programme (JSP),** presented JSP's submission.

Cr Briggs rejoined the meeting at 11.32am.

**Shane Legarth, representing Bea DnD Games,** presented Bea DnD Games' submission.

**Hellen Swales, representing Jackson Street Programme (JSP),** presented JSP's submission.

Cr Parkin left the meeting at 11.45am and rejoined the meeting at 11.48am.

Cr Brown and Cr Tupou left the meeting at 11.50am.

**Raewyn Hailes, representing CCS Disability Action,** presented CCS's submission.

Cr Tupou rejoined the meeting at 11.56am.

**Merran Bakker** presented the submission.

Cr Brown rejoined the meeting at 11.58am

**Ian Pike, representing E Tu Awa Kairangi Hutt Valley Public Art Trust,** presented the trust's submission.

Cr Parkin left the meeting at 12.09pm.

**Denis Hulston** presented the submission.

Cr Parkin rejoined the meeting at 12.10pm.

**Karen Clansey** presented the submission.

The meeting adjourned at 12.00pm and reconvened at 12.15pm.

Cr Stallinger rejoined the meeting at 12.25pm.

**John Roper** presented the submission.

Cr Dyer and Cr Parkin rejoined the meeting at 12:37pm.

**Derek Wilshere** presented the submission.

**Hamish Findlay, representing Aspeq**, presented Aspeq's submission.

**Nicholas O'Kane** presented the submission.

**Bruce Chase, representing Avalon Rugby Club**, presented the Club's submission.

**Marian Melhuish, representing Lower Hutt Transition Towns**, presented the Towns submission.

**Michael Yates, representing the Hutt City Association Football and Sports Club**, presented the club's submission.

**Sally Ann Smith** presented the submission.

**Karen Arraj-Fisher** presented the submission.

**Mike Fisher** presented the submission.

**Iuri Lima** presented the submission via audio-visual link.

**Penny Martell, representing Sacred Heart Petone**, presented the school's submission.

Cr Edwards left the meeting at 1:42pm.

**Ailsa Webb, representing Wilford School**, presented the school's submission.

**Pam Hanna, representing Save Petone Wharf group**, presented the group's submission and shared a presentation available here [Save Petone Wharf Group LTP Submission May 2024](#)

Members recognised the public submissions regarding the Petone Wharf and requested officers to explore potential solutions to move forward.

Cr Dyer left the meeting at 2:10pm.

**Brian John Hill** presented the submission.

Cr Dyer rejoined the meeting at 2:17pm.

**Jasmina Kovacev** presented the submission.

**Megan Drayton** presented the submission.

**Barbara Scott** presented the submission.

**Francis O'Riley, representing GK Shaw Ltd**, presented GK Shaw's submission and spoke to a written statement attached as pages 18-19 to the minutes.

Cr Edwards rejoined the meeting at 2:28pm.

**Crs Parkin and Shaw** left the meeting at 2:30pm and rejoined the meeting at 2:31pm.

Cr Tupou left the meeting at 2:46pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm and reconvened at 3:00pm.

**Elle Abel and her daughter, Shakira**, presented the submission.

**Elle Abel, representing Disability Submission**, presented Disability's submission.

**Nik Zangouropoulos, representing the Petone Historical Society**, presented the Society's submission.

**Justin Cullen, speaking on behalf of Tom Hudig**, presented Tom Hudig's submission.

**Laura Skilton**, presented the submission and shared a presentation available here [Long Term Plan Submission - Laura Skilton](#)

**Daniel Jones, representing Korokoro Environmental Group**, presented the group's submission.

Members asked that officers:

- keep collaborating with Lower Hutt Football Club;
- research adult fitness equipment in parks;
- explore potential options for Petone Wharf; and
- provide details on the feasibility of creating an earthquake break between the stem and head of the Petone Wharf.

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that officers would not be able to provide further information about Petone Wharf ahead of the Subcommittee on 17 May 2024.

In response to a question from a member, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that officers were installing disability toilets at Naenae Pool and Bay Street for \$800,000.

In response to a question from a member, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that the consultation on increasing cost recovery and the possibility of selling a small number of buildings had been included in the Long Term Plan (LTP). She stated that if the approach outlined in the draft LTP was approved, officers would present a proposal outlining the details of cost recovery to the Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive advised that sufficient stock of science kits was available to Council for another year. She stated that Council had

previously funded the delivery of science kits to schools, but in the future, schools may be able to facilitate this themselves.

In response to questions from members about Council's Living Wage Policy (the policy), the Chief Executive advised that Council Controlled Organisations and contractors have been expected to pay the living wage since 2022. She stated that the policy had been incorporated into the budget.

In response to a question from a member, the Acting Director Environment and Sustainability advised that water meters were to be installed in the earlier years of the Long Term Plan. He further noted that money would be made available for a trial in 2024/25, and the implementation of water meters would occur between 2025 and 2030.

Cr Tupou left the meeting at 3:45pm.

In response to questions from members, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities highlighted several costs and requirements that needed to be considered before the buildings could be divested. She stated that the buildings at Fraser Park needed repair, as Council intended to demolish them once the Ricoh Sports Centre building was finished. She mentioned that asbestos and seismic reports were necessary for the buildings. She also pointed out that any issues with the outer buildings would affect the central building, which the sports clubs were interested in divesting.

In response to a question from a member, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that procedures were in place to ensure accessibility for all in new Council projects. She said that this included involving disability advocates in consultation groups for projects.

## 6. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness</i>
Unuhia!	<i>of our tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki runga	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Ae rā, kua wātea!	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the hearings closed at 4.16pm.

C Barry  
**MAYOR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 25th day of July 2024**

**SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL ON 2024-2034 10 YEAR PLAN****MAY 2024**

Hi, my name is Gary Quirke and I am here today to add my views on the 10 year plan covering 2024-2034. My views are as a Ratepayer. I have completed the feedback document which was included in the Consultation Document but feel that I should also make a submission.

The Consultation Document was very comprehensive and I would like to say that it represents one of the most informative documents in the past few years that the HCC has delivered. So a well done to those involved.

In submitting my views today I decided that I would focus on a few items that the HCC has signalled through this plan and the previous one.

First of all let me comment on the level of **RATES INCREASE**-not only for 2024/25 but over the next few years.

I know many people and organisations have commented on the significant increase proposed and perhaps the reality of the increase has not yet set in as they are not marching in the streets yet. The proposed increase of some 50% over the next 4 years is **NOT SUSTAINABLE**. The HCC sets out in the preparation of the Plan that one of its Guiding Principles is **AFFORDABILITY** – i.e. the ability to pay rates at both a macro and micro level. This Guiding Principle is totally misleading if this Council is to continue on its path of **RATE** increases at the level shown in the plan.

You may say that this will change as a result of the Central Government providing funding relief to Councils to enable them to replace ageing assets, specifically water related and to cater for population growth.

However, how will it benefit the population of the Hutt Valley-with its ageing population, its asset rich but cash poor community and its lower socio economic community who are dependent on the Central Government for their wellbeing.

The people of Hutt Valley are facing many challenges as a result of the cost of living increases and here in this area items such as insurances (Plus 30%) etc. are adding to the burden of day to day living. Incidentally the plan is based on a CPI increase factor but this is generally a lower rate than the Cost of Living rate as the former **EXCLUDES INTEREST RATES**.

The **second point** I would make today is about **DEBT LEVELS** and its relative the so called requirement to have a **BALANCED OPERATING BUDGET**. I am sure that Councillors will have a foggy memory as to what they said to residents of Hutt City in the 2021-2031 Plan and now what the Plan is saying.

The maximum **DEBT** level is now expected to reach its peak in 2029-2030 and then the ceiling will be only some 20 base points behind the maximum allowed –that does not provide very much headroom to cater for the many risks that are highlighted in the full document i.e. Riverlink and other major projects highlighted in the Capital Expenditure Plan, General inflation in excess of assumptions in the Plan and increases through interruptions in the supply chain factor and cost

increases as a result of suppliers taking advantage of the market place conditions. This increasing DEBT profile does not allow for the cost of any natural disaster (big or small), nor the probable factor that the Hutt City is UNDERINSURED.

My third point relates to **OPERATIONS** and its related costs. In the previous plan (2021-2031) the theme was "Getting the basics right" and was based on focusing on the **INFRASTRUCTURE** and **SERVICES** that support all of the people of the city. I would comment that since the last plan we have now seen a further significant increase in the amount of investment required in the core infrastructure, especially that relating to the 3 waters. **WHY?**  
Will we see a further increase in the next Plan?

I note with some interest that 10 of the local Councils in the lower part of the North Island have agreed to work together in the interest of the required 3 Water reinvestment. I would at this stage question as to whether Wellington Water (or its nominee) with its lesser number of Councils will be able to complete (or at least meet the specified programme) they have submitted for the Hutt City. The level of both operational and capital requirements for each Council are now being submitted to Wellington Water and all no doubt will have their priorities. With the Wellington City having a daily water consumption that is 1 ½ times more than the Hutt Valley who do you think will have a greater priority?

While the HCC no doubt complies with various regulatory requirements that it is obliged to do one must question the common sense of some of the operational costs that relate to some of the practices-whether it be road safety management or transport related (pedestrian crossings, footpaths) the ratepayer like me only sees a deterioration in some of the facilities that this Council provides. It then becomes a question of what makes up the operational cost?

If the HCC wishes to continue with the level of RATE increases it is proposing then it needs to ensure that its facilities are maintained to a reasonable standard.

So what are some of the ways these items referred to above can be addressed

- Amalgamate all of the HUTT VALLEY Councils into one-go further than just having shared services?
- Amalgamate some of the key elements of the current Councils activities i.e. Transport
- Consider deferring any major projects until the outlook (both regulatory and economic) looks clearer.
- Do not incur any greater DEBT levels as interest rates are to remain higher than forecast in the Plan.

Thank you for your time.

Gary Quirke



## WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE

93 Hutt Park Road, Lower Hutt Wellington 5010

Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Road  
Lower Hutt  
New Zealand

Wednesday, 1 May 2024

Tēnā koutou Hutt City Council,

**Attn:** Hutt City Council 10-year plan 2024 - 2034 submission

The vision of Wellington Rugby League is, "to enhance the mana and hauora of our people", and we have a strong focus on promoting equity and accessibility so people, especially children, can participate in Rugby League to improve their collective wellbeing and strengthen their sense of belonging. As a Regional Sport Organisation deeply invested in the growth of Rugby League in Lower Hutt and the wider region, we believe that the Hutt City Council's 10-year plan 2024-2034 presents a crucial opportunity to shape the future of our sport and our communities.

Wellington Rugby League's member clubs in Lower Hutt include the Randwick Kingfishers based at Naenae Park, Te Aroha Eels based at Te Whiti Park, Petone Panthers based at McEwan Park and the Wainuiomata Lions based at Frederick Wise Park. The history and whakapapa of Wellington Rugby League has come from and flourished out of working people's communities. Lower Hutt is where games are at our strongest, but we have the worst sports grounds and facilities in the city. We are asking Hutt City Council to work alongside Wellington Rugby League to prioritise and support our communities to improve this dire situation.

Wellington Rugby League is committed to ensuring all children can actively participate in our game regardless of their background or circumstances. To enable children to play Rugby League, we have a zero fees policy for junior club players and teams. Our clubs and communities have responded positively, and junior Rugby League teams have nearly doubled from 42 in 2022 to 81 in 2024. However, this growth is a financial burden that Wellington Rugby League are struggling to carry at our own expense.

Furthermore, Wellington Rugby League have sought to ensure accessibility for senior club men's and women's teams by keeping affiliation fees affordable. 100% of affiliation fees collected from Member Clubs for senior teams covers the expenses to run all local competitions, specifically Council grounds fees and Referees charges. It is of note that Hutt City Council charges Wellington Rugby League more than double the next most expensive local authority in the Wellington region.

Wellington Rugby League and our member clubs have been committed to growing participation at all levels of the game. One of our proudest achievements has been the growth of juniors and women's within our sport, reflecting a growing demand for opportunities for young people and women to engage in Rugby League at both grassroots and high-performance levels.

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## WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE

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Wellington Rugby League hold aspiration to continue to grow these participation levels, but we need Hutt City Council to help us with that growth by prioritizing Rugby League. As participation numbers continue to rise so too does the need for fit-for-purpose facilities to accommodate this growth. In the 2023 Nuku Ora Regional Sports Field/Artificial Turf report, Rugby League was highlighted “in terms of overall demand, the modelling shows that regionally we have a shortfall of sports fields supporting rugby league” (p.29). Without suitable sports grounds and facilities, we risk hindering the growth of Rugby League in Lower Hutt and depriving our communities of the benefits that Rugby League brings.

Rugby league has suffered inequitably through the historic underinvestment of sports grounds by consecutive Councils. Our players, including children, can't access essential facilities- they are playing and training on muddy, waterlogged and poorly lit sports grounds, and we are finding it increasingly difficult to access quality playing and training grounds.

We have several instances where teams have had to cancel their training sessions and games due to ground quality. Sometimes the teams have to travel to other locations to train. Cancelling sessions and travelling distances for training is costly for the teams and their whanau, particularly for those already struggling to pay the fees. This often leads players and their whānau to lose interest and disengage from the sport.

Wellington Rugby League has a strong focus on going beyond the game to place the hauora and wellbeing of our people, clubs, and communities at the forefront of the work we do. We have collaborated with health system partners to create safe spaces and opportunities for our players and their families and communities. Some of our hauora specific work has included alcohol free, smoke free and vape free sidelines, integrating hauora in to our Learning and Development work with players, coaches, trainers and managers, opening rounds for all grades are the Hauora round in partnership with local health providers, 'Find your Front' workshops for all youth representative players with a focus on mental wellbeing, and 'Find your Front' Club Champions with special responsibility to promote hauora support amongst players and families.

As we look towards the future, Wellington Rugby League is committed to working collaboratively with Hutt City Council to identify and prioritize the needs of our sport, our clubs, and our communities. We believe that by investing in fit-for-purpose sports grounds and facilities and supporting initiatives that promote equity and accessibility, we can create a healthier, more active, and more connected Hutt City Council. In closing, we would like to extend our gratitude to Hutt City Council for its ongoing support of rugby league. Together, we can continue to enhance the mana and hauora of our people and communities to positively contribute to a thriving Lower Hutt.

Ngā mihi,

**Robyn Morete**  
Board Chair  
Wellington Rugby League

**Andre Whittaker**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Oral Comments on Long Term Plan 2024

David Tripp

May 2025

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{Opening slide} Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you.

I want to acknowledge how incredibly challenging this plan must have been to put together – you face many issues well beyond your control and are having to make hard decisions.

In particular, I support you wanting to fix our pipes. This is a can that has been kicked down the road for far too long.

My concern is that we are kicking a much bigger can even further down the road.

{CLICK} This is a map of Petone in 2100, under increasingly conservative assumptions.

While I am most concerned about my house, please also note that the grandstand, Library and access to the wharf will all be under water – places in which your plan commits to significant investment.

{CLICK} The bottom line is that, in 65 years' time, my daughter will be showing her grandchildren where she grew up by boat.

We get one chance to do anything about this – and that chance is now.

{CLICK} To not act decisively now, is to commit our children and grandchildren to catastrophic costs. This would be contrary to the first of your financial guiding principles – which is to equitably spread costs over generations.

{CLICK} To mitigate climate change, we need to reduce our emissions in line with your climate goals. I applaud the work Hutt City is doing in the areas of corporate emissions and waste management. Sadly, these pale into insignificance unless we talk about the elephant in the room – which is transport.

To achieve your climate goals, you need 30% mode shift away from cars in the near future.

In the words of your Integrated Transport Strategy, we need to “break our habit of car use”.

{CLICK} However, transport investment in the Draft 10 Year Plan is focused around a very few ‘signature projects’ that cement car use as the predominant form of transport – in particular Riverlink and the Cross Valley Link.

This will exacerbate congestion, and damage our health and our climate.

{CLICK} In contrast, your KPI for both shared and cycle paths over the next 10 years is to “hold or increase length”. According to your plan, achieving no change at all would be an acceptable outcome for council.

{CLICK} For the sake of my future grandchildren, will you please consider the following:

- Producing a plan that says what you would need to do to achieve your climate goals – so we have can have transparency and informed discussion
- Produce an implementation plan for your integrated transport strategy – so we know what would be involved in achieving this plan
- Spend the money you’ve put aside for cycling, whether or not you get Waka Kotahi’s subsidy.

**Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034 Submission****Topic: PETONE WHARF**

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Based on notes from my Power Point presentation given to HCC staff (Andrea Blackshaw and Arthur Nelson) on 2 May 2024:

1. GK Shaw has been refurbishing wharves throughout NZ for over 30 years.
2. Recently we have rebuilt Rona Bay Wharf for HCC in 2018 and Seatoun Wharf for WCC in 2022. We also repaired 21 piles with FRP jackets and relevelled the deck at Petone wharf in early 2021.
3. We have used actual figures from these projects to establish realistic costings for the sqm rate to refurbish Petone Wharf.
4. We believe the wharf approach (275 m long x 4 m wide) can be completely refurbished for around \$9M (Contractor's rate \$7,500 /m<sup>2</sup> x 1200 m<sup>2</sup>).
5. The wharf head (108 m long x 10 m wide) should be demolished. There would be additional cost associated with demolishing the wharf head.
6. This scenario reduces the overall wharf length by less than 30%. The new end of the wharf is still in deep water for fishing and future berthing of vessels if required. The new length of the wharf at 275 m still provides valuable amenity to the public.
7. The refurbishment of the wharf approach would be like-for-like using FRP jackets to strengthen and protect the existing timber piles. A like-for-like replacement can be classified as maintenance work to potentially minimise costly and time-consuming consultant reporting and consenting processes.
8. GK Shaw has installed 100's of FRP jackets to wharf structures in Wellington Harbour over the last 30 years. There have been no reported failures of piles strengthened using FRP jackets. They are a proven reliable long term pile strengthening system.
9. If it suited the council, there may be a way to spread the refurbishment over a number of years. This may be helpful for annual budget allocations or to promote the annual maintenance argument to minimise consenting requirements.

10. A realistic scenario is as follows:
  - i. After a first round of critical pile strengthening (around 20 piles), the wharf approach structure (275 m long) can be reopened to the public.
  - ii. The existing barrier can be moved to the wharf head.
  - iii. Each year the wharf is temporarily shut down in the colder months while a contractor progressively rebuilds each span working out from the landside.
  - iv. Each summer the wharf is reopened to the public.
11. A lot of work has already been done over the years strengthening the wharf approach piles that will not need to be redone during a refurbishment. Once the remaining critical piles are repaired, we believe the structure is currently quite safe for pedestrian loading in the short term until the refurbishment work is complete.
12. If the consultants are still uncertain as to the safety of the existing deck structure, we can assist with simulated load testing to convince them beyond a doubt.
13. Early contractor involvement with an experienced contractor and exploring design-build relationships will help council better define and share the risks before committing to a refurbishment contract.
14. Local Hutt Valley based contractors and suppliers are available to undertake this specialist work on their back doorstep.
15. Even the demolition of the wharf head can be turned into a positive. Only the upper deck structure need be demolished leaving the piles in place (saving cost and minimising disturbance to the aquifer). This will serve as a visual nod to the past. Then interested groups could sink approved condemned boats amongst the piles to create a reef for marine life and establish an accessible recreational exploration area for divers. The possibility of keeping the wharf for future generations and creating new opportunities is exciting.
16. Why spend \$10M on years of consultant reports, hearings and consenting procedures; and then completely demolish the wharf, when for the same money you can fully refurbish 70% of the wharf?
17. GK Shaw stands ready and willing to assist the council in all stages of the process to partially retain and refurbish Petone Wharf.