



POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

6 August 2024

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the
Eastbourne Library, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne,
on:

Tuesday 13 August 2024 commencing at 7:15 pm

Membership

Belinda Moss (Chair)
Murray Gibbons
Bruce Spedding
Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis

Frank Vickers
Emily Keddell (Deputy Chair)

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COMMUNITY BOARDS – FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATIONS

This document records the delegation of Council functions, responsibilities, duties, and powers to Community Boards.

The Community Boards have been established under section 49 of the Local Government Act 2002 to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of their community.

The delegations are expressed in general terms. The delegations shall be exercised with proper regard for the Council's strategic direction, policies, plans, Standing Orders and its interpretation of its statutory obligations. The delegations are to be read together with the following propositions.

These delegations are based on the following principles:

- Issues relevant to a specific community should be decided as closely as possible to that community. Where an issue has city-wide implications, ie any effects of the decision cross a ward or community boundary or have consequences for the city as a whole, the matter will be decided by Council after seeking a recommendation from the relevant Community Board or (any ambiguity around the interpretation of "city-wide" will be determined by the Mayor and Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Chair);
- Efficient decision-making should be paramount;
- Conflicts of interest should be avoided and risks minimised;
- To ensure processes are free from bias and pre-determination Community Boards should not adjudicate on issues on which they have advocated or wish to advocate to Council;
- Community Boards should proactively and constructively engage with residents on local matters that affect the community they represent and raise with Council issues raised with them by their community and advocate on behalf of their community.

These delegations:

- (a) do not delegate any function, duty or power which a statute (for example section 53(3) and clause 32(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002) prohibits from being delegated;
- (b) are subject to and do not affect any delegation which the Council has already made or subsequently makes to any other committee, Council officer or other member of staff;
- (c) are subject to any other statutory requirements that may apply to a particular delegation;
- (d) are subject to any notice issued by the Council, from time to time, to a Community Board that a particular issue must be referred to Council for decision;
- (e) reflect that decisions with significant financial implications should be made by Council (or a committee with delegated authority);
- (f) promote centralisation of those functions where the appropriate expertise must be ensured;
and
- (g) reflect that all statutory and legal requirements must be met.

DELEGATIONS

Decide:

- Naming new roads and alterations to street names (in the Community Board's area) within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga - Naming Policy 2022-2027.
- Official naming of parks, reserves and sports grounds within the provisions of Council's Kaupapa Here Tapanga - Naming Policy 2022-2027. Note ¹
- Removal and/or planting of street trees within the provisions of Council's Operational Guide for Urban Forest Plan. Note ²
- The granting of leases and licences in terms of Council policy to voluntary organisations for Council owned properties in their local area, for example, halls, but not including the granting of leases and licences to community houses and centres.
- The granting of rights-of-way and other easements over local purpose reserves and granting of leases or licences on local purpose reserves.
- The granting of leases and licences for new activities in terms of Council policy to community and commercial organisations over recreation reserves subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and land managed as reserve subject to the provisions of the Local Government 2002, in their local area. (Note: renewal of existing leases and licences will be reported once a year to Council's City Development Committee).
- The allocation of funding from the Community Engagement Fund in accordance with Council's adopted guidelines.
- Expenditure of funds allocated by the Council to the Board from the Miscellaneous Budget to cover expenditure associated with the activities of the Board. The Chair to approve expenditure, in consultation with the Board, and forward appropriate documentation to the Committee Advisor for authorisation. Boards must not exceed their annual expenditure from the Miscellaneous Budget.
- The allocation of funding for the training and development of Community Board or members, including formal training courses, attendance at seminars or attendance at relevant conferences.

CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON:

- Particular issues notified from time to time by Council to the Community Board.
- Roading issues considered by the Mayor and Chief Executive to be strategic due to their significance on a city-wide basis, including links to the State Highway, or where their effects cross ward or community boundaries.

¹ This excludes sites that are considered high profile, significant on a city-wide basis due to their size and location, or where the site crosses ward or community boundaries.

² The Operational Guide for Urban Forest Plan is available from Council's Parks and Gardens Division.

- Parks, reserves and sports ground naming for sites that have a high profile, city-wide importance due to their size and location and/or cross ward or community boundaries.
- Representatives to any Council committee, subcommittee, subordinate decision-making body, working group, or ad hoc group on which a Community Board representative is required by Council.
- The setting, amending or revoking of speed limits in accordance with the *Hutt City Council Bylaw 2005 Speed Limits*, including the hearing of any submissions.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Provide their local community's input on:

- Council's Long Term Plan and/or Annual Plan.
- Council's policies, programmes (including the District Roding Programme) and bylaws.
- Changes or variations to the District Plan.
- Resource management issues which it believes are relevant to its local community, through advocacy.
- The disposal or acquisition of significant assets.
- Road safety including road safety education within its area.
- Any other issues a Board believes is relevant to its local area.
- Review Local Community Plans as required.

Reports may be prepared by the Board and presented to Council Committees, along with an officer's recommendation, for consideration.

Any submissions lodged by a Board or Committee require formal endorsement by way of resolution.

Co-ordinate with Council staff:

- Local community consultation on city-wide issues on which the Council has called for consultation.

Maintain:

- An overview of roadworks, water supply, sewerage, stormwater drainage, waste management and traffic management for its local area.
- An overview of parks, recreational facilities and community activities within its local area.

Develop:

- Community Response Plans in close consultation with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, emergency organisations, the community, residents' associations, other community groups, and local businesses. The Community Response Plans will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Grant:

- Local community awards.

Promote:

- Recreational facilities and opportunities in its area with a view to ensure maximum usage.
- Arts and crafts in its area.

Appoint:

- A liaison member or, where appropriate, representatives to ad hoc bodies, which are involved in community activities within the Board's area, on which a community representative is sought.

Endorse:

- Amendments to the Eastbourne Community Trust Deed (Eastbourne Community Board only).

APPENDIX 1 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND

CRITERIA

The fund is for local activities and events that directly benefit the local community.

To be eligible for funding the organisation must be a charitable trust or an incorporated society and the activity must take place within the Hutt.

Each of the city's seven wards receive funding according to the number of residents within its boundaries. For each resident there is an allocation of 40 cents.

The ward allocations are listed below:

Ward	Amount
Eastbourne	\$2,366
Petone	\$6,250
Wainuiomata	\$8,607
Central	\$9,320
Eastern	\$8,461
Northern	\$7,644
Western	\$6,201

Applications must support the Local Community Plan, if there is one, and also core Council business as identified in the Long Term Plan.

Decisions

Each Community Board decides the funding applications within its area. Boards are free to distribute their funding in a single large allocation or spread it over a number of smaller ones.

What can be funded

- purchase of office equipment
- food and catering costs
- community festivals
- youth group events and projects run by the elderly or citizens associations
- art projects that are not part of the core curriculum
- advertising, promotion costs

What won't be funded

Activities that:

- promote an organisation's religious, ethical, commercial or political views
- involve buying land or buildings or carrying out maintenance on buildings

- duplicate services that are already covered by Council or by government agencies eg, health or education providers
- have already begun or have already finished
- involve the redistribution of funds to others at the applicant's discretion
- involve fundraising or legal costs
- involve capital investments or trust funds
- go towards prize money
- are operational costs eg, salaries, wages, rent, power

Funding rules

Successful applicants must:

- use funds only for the approved purpose and in accordance with any terms and conditions set by Council
- use funds by June 30 of the following year
- let Council's funding officer know immediately if any difficulty or potential difficulty arises that may compromise the service or project
- lay a complaint with Police if any funds are stolen or misappropriated, and then notify Council
- allow Council to audit the use of the funds should it wish to do so
- recognise Council's support in all publicity material, annual reports and similar publications
- complete an Accountability Report no later than six weeks after completing the project. This should outline how the funds were used and how the community benefited
- make a presentation to the funding group showing how the event met its objectives.

Council's Community Funding Advisor is available to support and assist community groups when making applications through the Council's online grants system.

EASTBOURNE

A STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES

The Eastbourne Community Board, representing the people of Eastbourne;

Recognises that we are part of a community living in a unique environment,

Believes that we have been entrusted with the care of an environment which is a major asset of the Wellington region,

Desires to conserve and enhance this asset for the enjoyment of future generations of residents and visitors, and therefore;

Acknowledges and promotes the key characteristics of Eastbourne and the Bays as:

1. A community situated on the coast of Wellington harbour, bounded by the sea on the one side and on the other by bush-clad hills;
2. A community comprising a string of smaller communities, with residential areas of low-rise, low-density housing, interspersed with many trees;
3. A community in which the citizens care and respect each other's differences and right to quiet enjoyment of their surroundings;
4. A community where industry and commerce have developed without detriment to the natural environment;
5. A community where the arts are valued and where participation in theatre, painting, pottery, music, gardening and sports is actively fostered and encouraged ;
6. A community concerned for the welfare of the young and the old where the elderly may retire in dignity, where families have access to facilities to raise their children in an environment which promotes safety and well-being;
7. A community which values and encourages preservation of its heritage and history.

Further:

It is our stated intent that the recognition of these principles and acceptance of the key characteristics will underlie the activities which we as a community and board undertake, and that they will provide the criteria against which, and within which, any district plans, strategic plans or developmental or organisational initiatives may be assessed.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

POARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI
EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Meeting to be held in the Eastbourne Library, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne on
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ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

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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 a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	

2. APOLOGIES

Frank Vickers

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Generally up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation: Delegation of Authority to indicate 'no stopping' areas

A verbal update by Council's Transport Engineering Manager

b) Presentation: Proposed Road Closure(s) - Hutt Valley MotorSport Club - Port Road Sprints and Cam County (Inc) Wellington - Port Road Drags

A verbal update by Council's Transport Engineering Manager

c) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council

A verbal update by Cr Quentin Duthie

d) **Presentation by Park Ranger from Greater Wellington Regional Council**

A verbal update by Jo Greenman, East Harbour Regional Park Ranger.

e) **Presentation: Tupua Horo Nuku update**

A verbal update by Council's Transport Project Manager

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

6. **MINUTES**

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7. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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11. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

12. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

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

Judy Randall
DEMOCRACY ADVISOR

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI
EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms, 145 Muritai Road,
Eastbourne on

Tuesday 18 June 2024 commencing at 7:15 pm

PRESENT:

B Moss (Chair)
M Gibbons
Acting Mayor T Lewis

F Vickers
B Spedding

APOLOGIES:

E Keddell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr T Stallinger
J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development
A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager - Transport
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

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2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (B Moss/M Gibbons)

Minute No. ECB 24301

"That the apology received from E Keddell be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed comments from residents on items not on the Order Paper.

Muritai School students Kira, Eleanor, Peira, and Lutzie asked for a pedestrian crossing outside their school on Oroua Street. They said safe access to and from the school was needed for the 370 students. To support the request, they presented letters from students attached as pages 8-13 to the minutes.

In response, the Director Economy and Development advised officers were willing to meet with representatives of Muritai School to discuss the pedestrian crossing request before approving its 2024-25 work programme.

Fiona Hodge, a representative of East Harbour Kindergarten (the kindergarten), requested a pedestrian crossing outside the kindergarten. She said 40 children attended each day along with parents, prams and babies. She noted a pedestrian crossing would link the kindergarten to Bishop Park, the swimming pool, the rocky shore and the beach. She tabled a petition signed by kindergarten whānau to support the request attached as pages 14-16 to the minutes. She asked the Board to advocate for the pedestrian crossing on behalf of the kindergarten.

In response to a question from a member, Fiona Hodge said a pedestrian crossing would help change driving behaviour and make it safer for children and local residents to cross the road. She emphasised the importance of a pedestrian crossing since early childhood centres were not included in recent road safety measures near schools.

In response, the Director, Economy and Development agreed to consider East Harbour Kindergarten's request as part of Council's 2024-25 work programme. However, this would depend on funding decisions made by Waka Kotahi | New Zealand Transport Authority.

In response, the Chair agreed the Board would share the East Harbour Kindergarten pedestrian crossing request on its Facebook page.

Sue Brown, Minister for St Albans Church (the church), advised of activities and classes offered at the church. She mentioned that the church used San Antonio Church due to earthquake-strengthening issues. She also asked for community ideas on additional activities that the church could provide.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

4. ACTING MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Acting Mayor Tui Lewis provided an address attached as pages 17-18 to the minutes.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation: Tupua Horo Nuku and bird protection areas update

Speaking under public comment, **Gordon Parr** asked why a fence had recently been constructed at Whiorau Reserve.

In response, the Chair advised the fence had been constructed for a new bird protection area.

The Project Delivery Manager – Transport and R Hammond, Communications and Engagement Advisor, Te Ara Tupua Alliance, shared an electronic presentation

that can be viewed here: [Tupua Horo Nuku – Eastern Bays Shared Path](#).

In response to a question from a member, the Project Delivery Manager – Transport said the Alliance was reconsidering whether York Bay was the best location for beach access steps.

In response to a question from a member, the Director Economy and Development explained that the smaller gaps in the Tupua Horo Nuku concrete barrier helped to safely separate vehicles and pedestrians. He added that these smaller gaps also prevented motorised bikes and scooters from entering and exiting the pathway.

In response to a question from a member, R Hammond agreed to report back on whether planting at Whiorau Reserve would take place on the road or reserve side of the new fence.

b) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cr Quentin Duthie shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Regional Councillor update](#). He agreed to advise the Board when the consultation on the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan was open for submissions.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Murray Gibbons declared a conflict of interest in Item 8: 'Relocation of Historic Police Lock-Up to Public Reserve' and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (B Moss/B Spedding)

Minute No. ECB 24302

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 16 April 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

8. RELOCATION OF HISTORIC POLICE LOCK-UP TO PUBLIC RESERVE (ENTRANCE OF RONA BAY WHARF)

Report No. ECB2024/3/146 by the Parks Officer - Sportsground

Speaking under public comment, **Dennis Davidson, President of the Historical Society of Eastbourne (the Society)**, advised that the Society supported upgrading and relocating the historic police lock-up to Rona Bay Wharf. He believed the lock-up was integral to Eastbourne's history. He confirmed that the Society would support Murray Gibbons with the upgrade work.

Speaking under public comment, **Brett Gawn** confirmed support for the historic police lock-up upgrade and relocation. He advised that he had been involved with plans, letters, and communications over the past few years to support its relocation.

Murray Gibbons declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Head of Parks and Reserves elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Parks and Reserves advised that Murray Gibbons would manage the design of the historic police lock-up in collaboration with local community people. He said that according to the Reserves Act 1977, a 25-day notice was required before the lease could be issued. He explained that this allowed residents to provide feedback on the proposal. He confirmed that the lease would expire if the lessee passed away, but it could be transferred to another person.

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 24303

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the information;*
- (2) agrees to the proposed lease term of at least 15 years with one right of renewal of 15 years to Mr Murray Gibbons; and*
- (3) agrees the terms and conditions (including rent payable) will be reflective of standard Council terms and conditions as agreed between Council's Head of Parks and Reserves and Mr Murray Gibbons."*

9. 2024 COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE AND KO TĀTOU | LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Memorandum dated 28 May 2024 by the Elected Member Support Coordinator

RESOLVED: (Acting Mayor Lewis/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 24304

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the information;*
- (2) notes the 2024 Community Board Conference programme attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (3) notes the 2024 Ko Tātou | Local Government Conference programme that includes the Te Maruata Hui and the Young Elected Members Hui attached as Appendix 2 to the memorandum; and*
- (4) nominates Belinda Moss, Bruce Spedding, Murray Gibbons and Emily Keddell to represent the Eastbourne Community Board at the 2024 Community Board Conference in Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington from 21-23 August 2024 with registration costs covered by the Community Board's training budget."*

SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034

10.

Memorandum dated 27 May 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 24305

"That the Board:

(1) notes that a submission in respect of Hutt City Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 requires the Board's retrospective endorsement; and

(2) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."

11. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2024/3/66 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

RESOLVED: (B Moss/M Gibbons)

Minute No. ECB 24306

"That the report be received and noted."

12. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. ECB2024/3/67 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

Minute No. ECB 24307

"That the Board:

(1) receives and notes the report;

(2) agrees that the venue for its meetings for the remainder of the triennium will be the Eastbourne Library, 38 Rimu Street Eastbourne depending on availability;

(3) notes that the new venue will reduce costs and provide internet access for live streaming meetings; and

(3) notes that the commencement times and dates for meetings will remain unchanged."

13. REPORT BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Report No. ECB2024/3/68 by the Democracy Advisor

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

Murray Gibbons advised that the Okiwi Eastbourne – Bays Community Trust Annual General Manager would occur on 27 June 2024. He said the work of Okiwi volunteer drivers for the elderly was continuing and well organised.

b) MIRO

There was no update.

c) Eastern Bays Climate Response Network

Bruce Spedding informed that the Climate Change Response Network had recently held an informal meeting and was planning future activities.

d) Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust

The Chair read a report from Emily Keddell: as follows:

The Eastbourne Youth Club (the club) typically had 15 attendees per club night. The club was exploring ways to revitalise and increase attendance. Proposed developments on the tennis courts due to the relocation of the bowling club might impact the club.

e) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

The Point Howard Residents' Association provided a written update attached as page 19 to the minutes.

The York Bay Residents' Association thanked Council officers for their solution to the proposed York Bay bus stop closure.

f) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Bruce Spedding reported that:

- the Eastern Bays Community Resilience Expo review conducted in March 2024 had been completed, and the feedback had been analysed. No unexpected issues were reported in the review.
- work was underway on the Eastbourne NZ website to create an automated fire notification from the Greater Wellington Regional Council website.

14. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

15. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

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

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

B Moss
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 13th day of August 2024

Tuesday 18 June



Dear Community Board,

Thank you for listening to our presentation this evening.

We would appreciate you supporting our idea for a crossing on Oroua Street.

We need a crossing for our tamariki and our wider community - either a zebra crossing, kea crossing or courtesy crossing. Please find attached pictures of the possible crossings.

Muritai School is central to the Eastbourne community and we are lucky enough to be positioned between the beach and the bush. We have easy walking access to our local beach, swimming pool, playground, parks and library, however safe access to these facilities that are key to our learning programmes would be significantly enhanced by a safe crossing on Oroua Street.

Please find attached a photo of a year 1 class at the location that we think would be the best for the crossing, at approximately 26 Oroua Street.

We also have some fantastic letters from our youngest school members enclosed in our proposal.

During our Enviro Team Meeting some of our members shared these ideas about why we need a crossing.

"Because we have so many school trips around the bays we'd be able to cross the road safely to get there. Also, we have plenty of students who would like to be road patrollers so they could have the responsibility for patrolling the Oroua Street crossing"

"The school and everybody in our community would feel more comfortable if there was a safe way to get to the library, pool, park and of course school."

"For those people who live on this side of the school it would be easier and safer for them to get to their houses after school!"

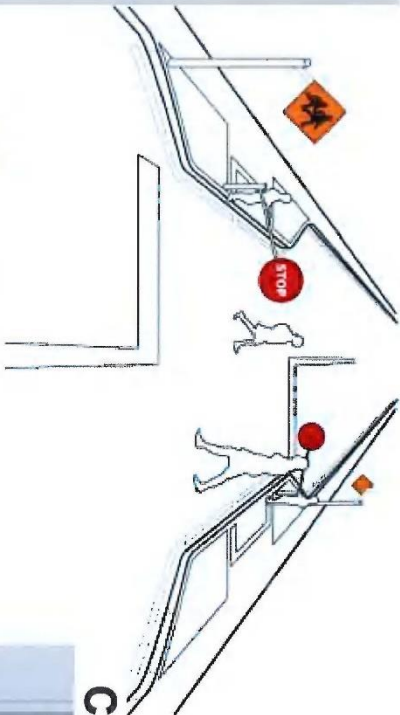
"You won't have to wait for ages as the cars will actually stop for you!!"

Thank you so much for your time, we really hope you will consider supporting our case for a crossing on Oroua Street.

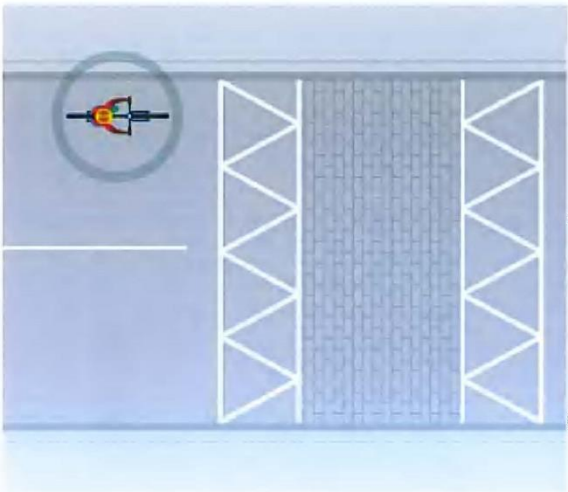
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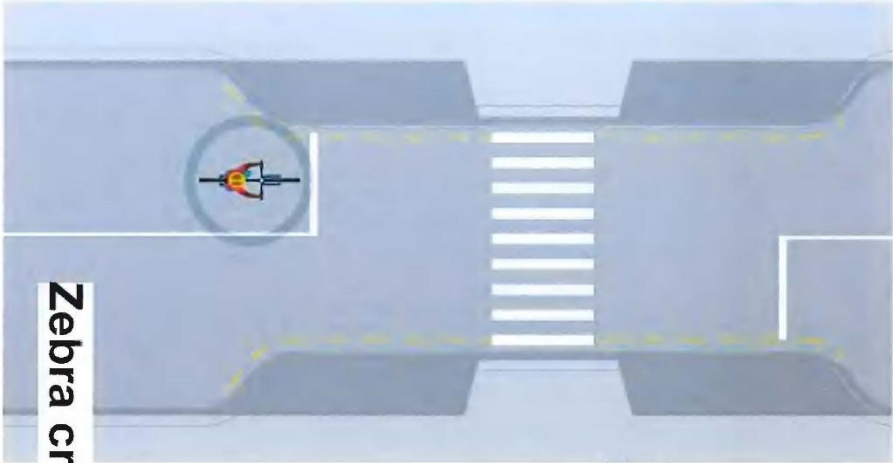
Enviro Team Members Muritai School




Kea crossing



Courtesy crossings



Zebra crossing



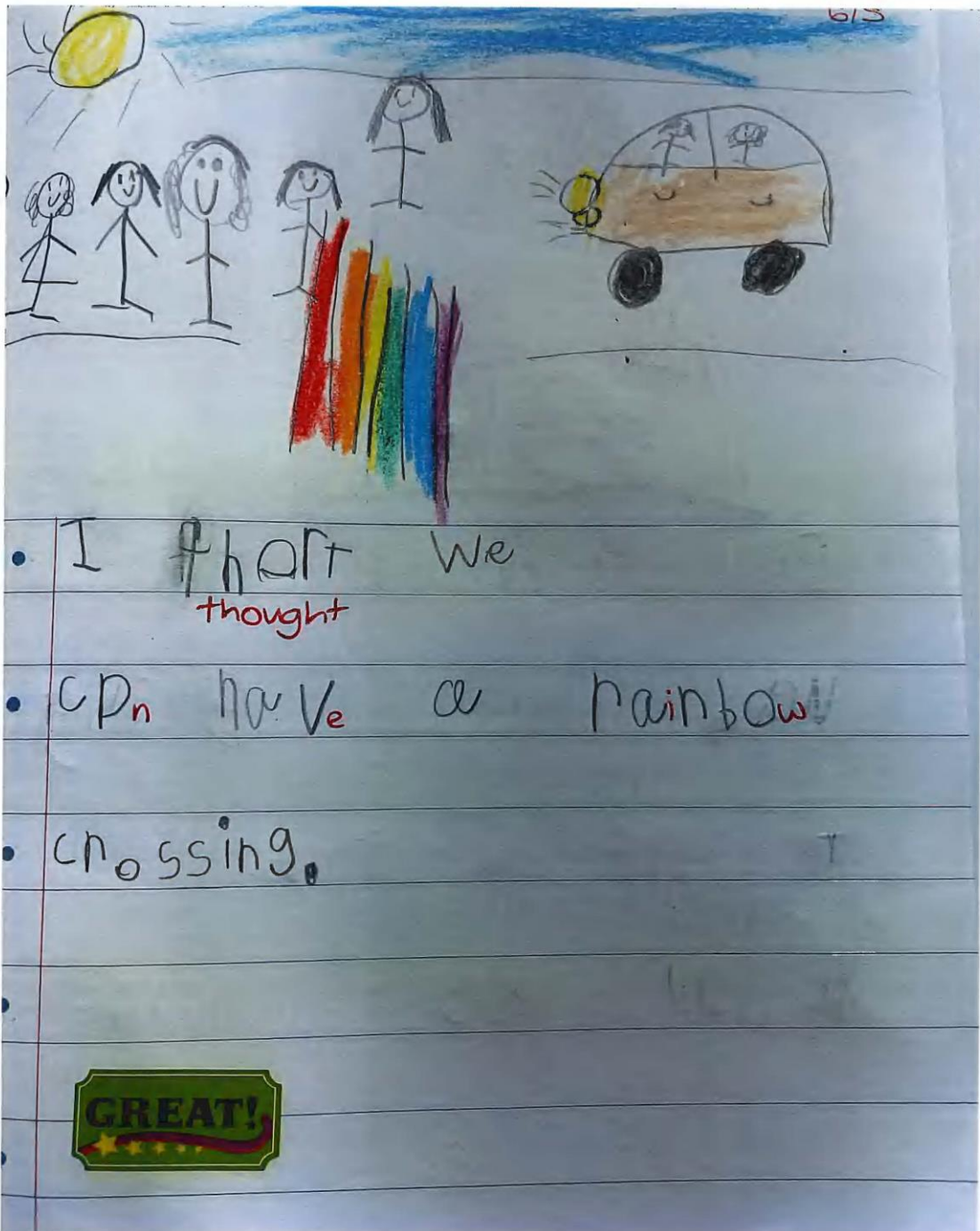
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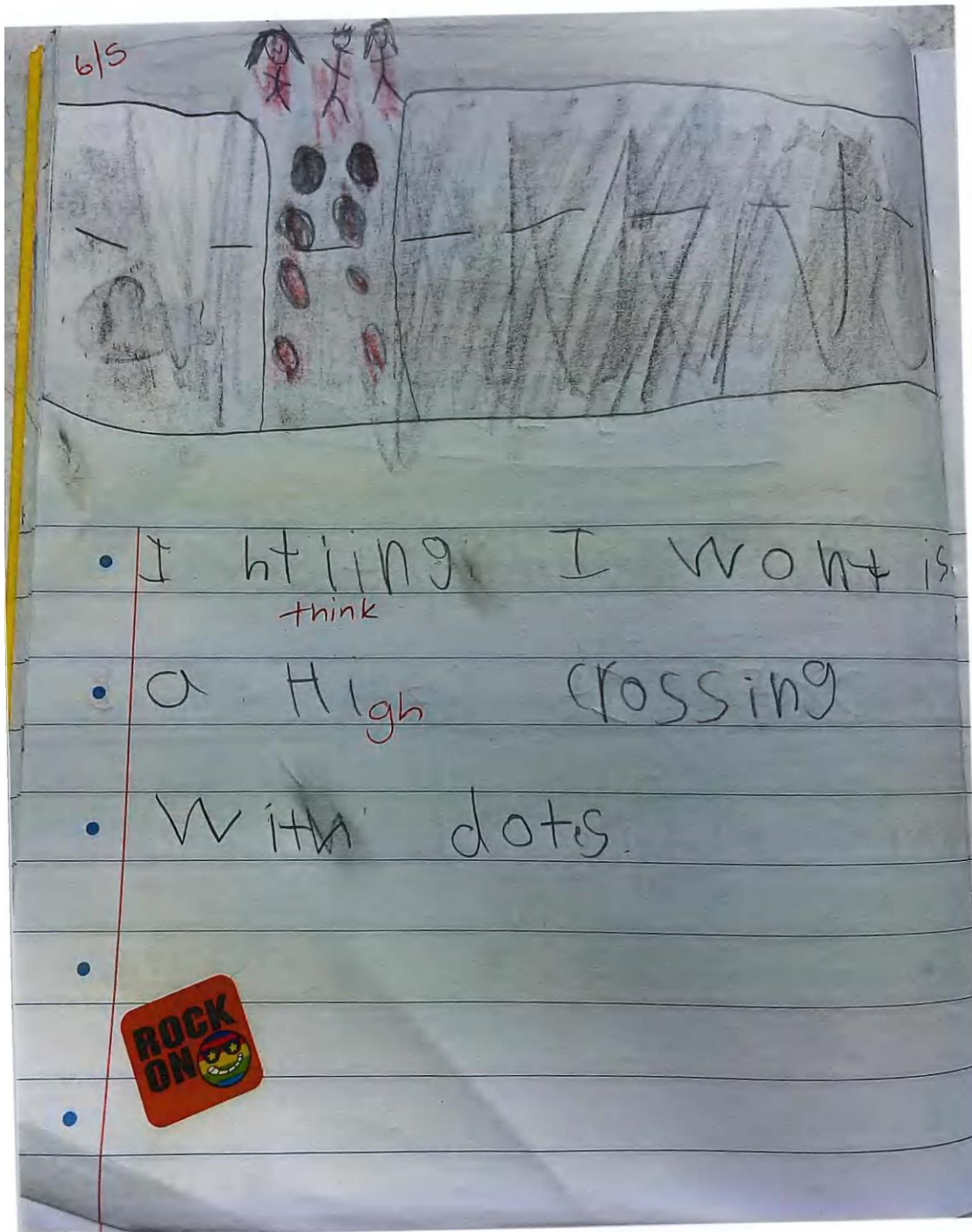
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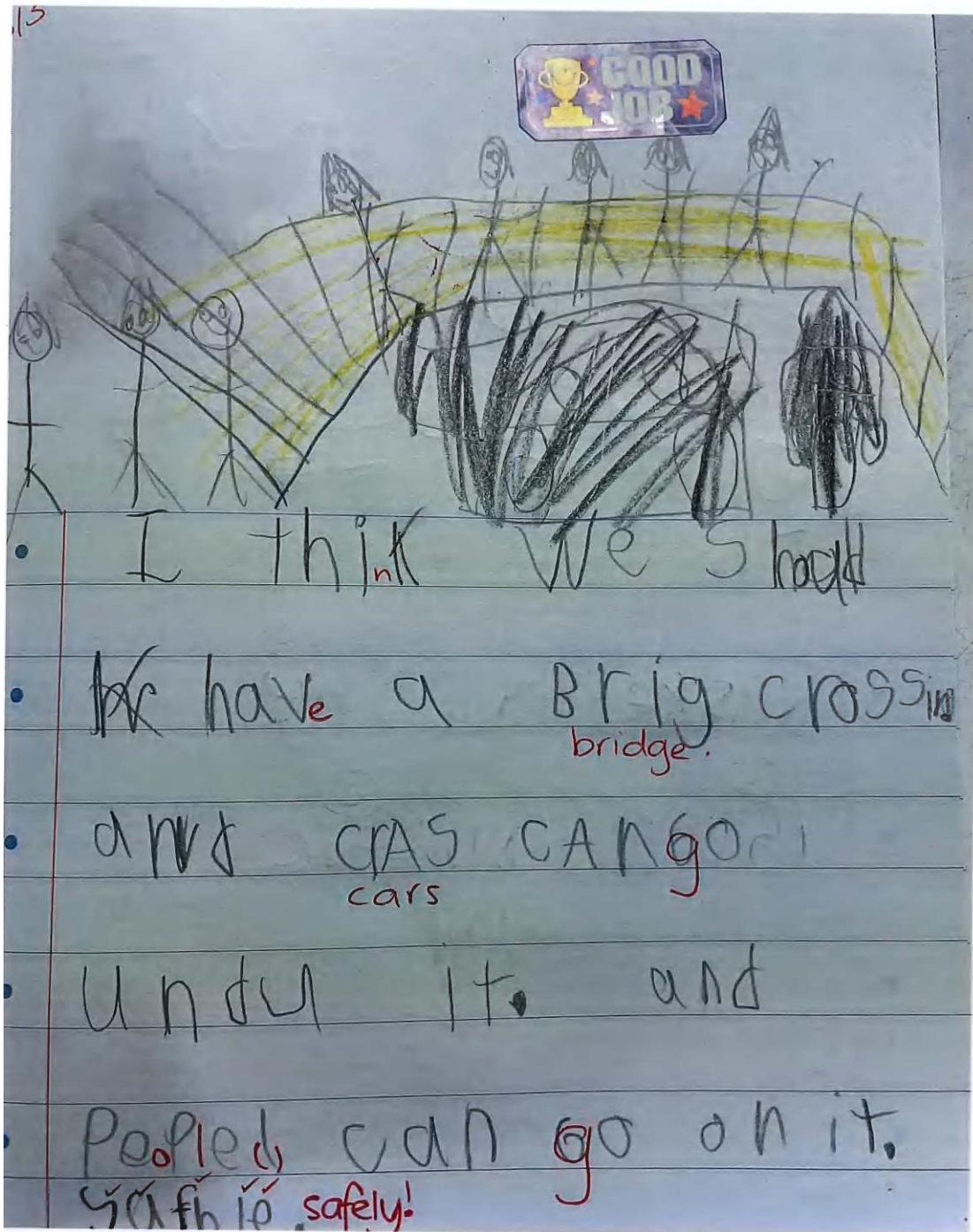
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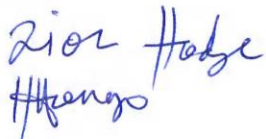


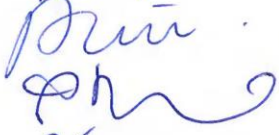






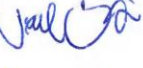




Getting our tamariki to and from kindy can be tricky for a variety of reasons... And getting multiple preschoolers to stay in their walking bus on kindy trips just as tricky if not more.

One reason is Muritai Road, a busy street with no crossing outside kindy.

So we are asking for a raised pedestrian crossing outside East Harbour Kindergarten.

Signed,

Kindy whānau

	Fiona Hodge (Pia's mum)
	Huia Yongo (Zoe's mum)
	Kensee Thompson (Kaiako EHK)
	Victoria O'Lonnor
	Tess Dunford
	Kimberly Andrews (Fern's Mum)
	Hannah Fieldes
	Sam Miskimmin
	Ellie Miskimmin
	Megan Cornforth - Cornforth
	Jennifer Urids (Ellie's mum)
	Rebecca Bruno (Manglow's Mum)
	Alana Charlton (Thomas's Mum)
	Craig Ryburn
	Emma Lawrie (EHK) Kaiako

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Sarah Abbott (Emily's mum)

Michal Polaczuk

Jennifer Caughley (Kaiako)

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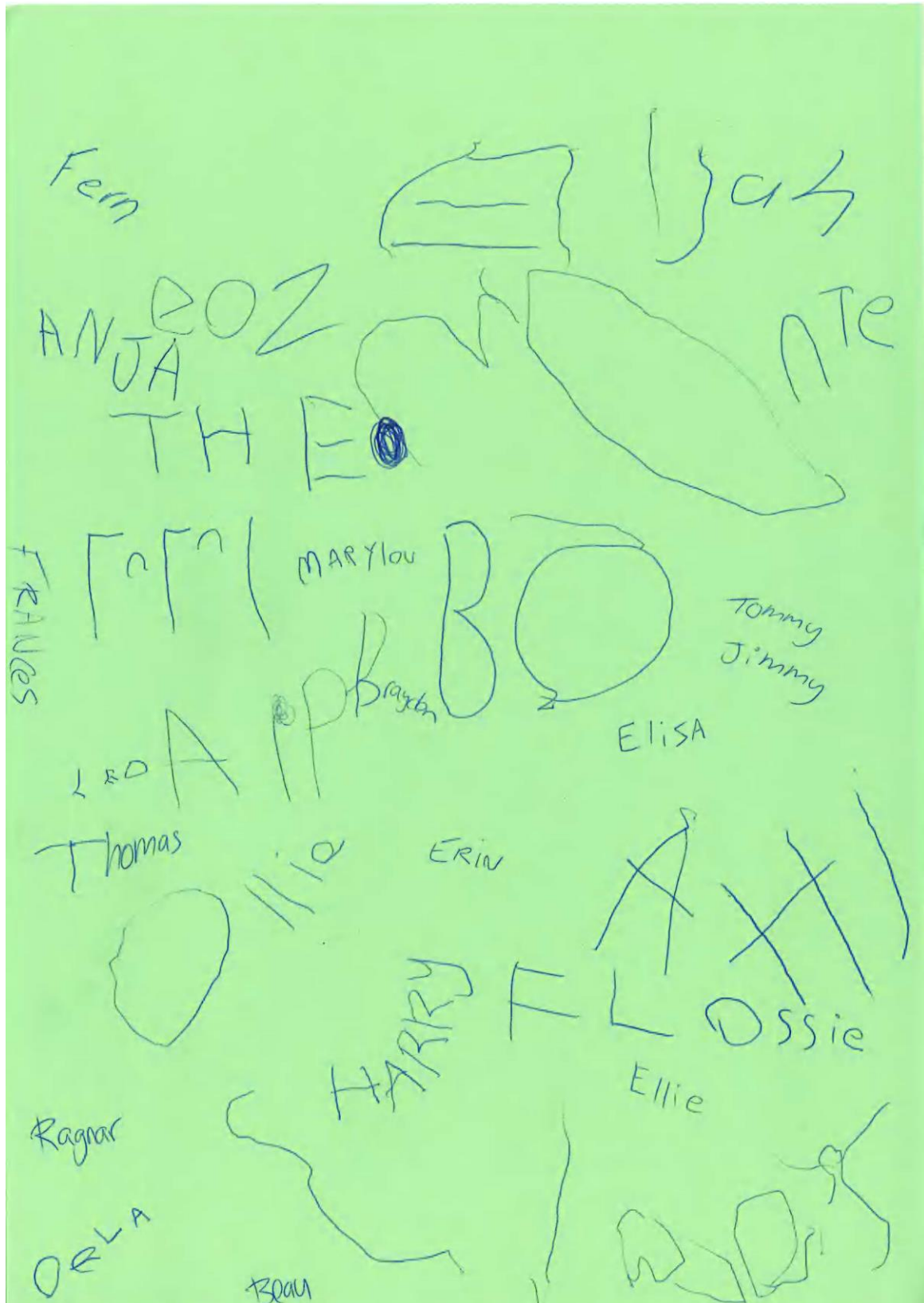
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Mayoral Address (Acting Mayor Tui Lewis)

Kia ora koutou

10 Year Plan

In May, we completed our consultation and public submission process on our 10 Year Plan.

I'd like to acknowledge our community for taking the time to make their voices heard. We received a total of 1770 submissions on the 10 Year Plan – much greater than numbers received for previous Long Term Plan and Annual Plan consultation. This shows that our city cares for its future.

Next week the final ten year plan will be put to Council for sign off - this feels like a considerable milestone. I would like to thank officers, fellow councillors and community board members for their contributions to the 10 year plan.

Water investment and crackdown on leaks

You will be aware that water infrastructure continues to rank high on Council's priority list. Over the next ten years Council is investing \$1.5bn into our water infrastructure.

We have included additional funding in our 10 Year Plan so that Wellington Water can eliminate the current backlog of leaks in Lower Hutt by the end of the year.

Before this crackdown, Lower Hutt had 839 leaks. We now are down to 319 leaks. We need to get down to around 100 leaks, which allows Wellington Water to be able to respond to lower level leaks within the 20 day target.

In the Bays, another 16 leaks have been repaired in the last week. And from May to now, over a period of 7 weeks, 46 leaks have been repaired in the ECB rohe.

While fixing leaks alone isn't going to solve our water issues, we need to be doing everything we can to avoid an acute water shortage in the short term.

Eastbourne:

I'd like to quickly acknowledge the continued work on Tupua Horo Nuku, which you will hear more about tonight. The shared pathway is looking fantastic and it's great to see it being used by our community.

Meanwhile the Mayor launched Mouri Tupu at East Harbour Kindergarten last month. Mouri Tupu is a community campaign to plant 114,000 native trees and plants and inspire citizens to get out planting and help reach the target.

To date more than 30,000 natives have been planted across Lower Hutt since October 2022, by Hutt City Council, Greater Wellington and other partners, and community organisations.

And finally, Council and the Eastbourne Community Board continue to explore a potential volunteer programme around the Eastbourne Pool – watch this space!

The works on Williams Park have been completed and it will be officially opened soon. The improvements have made this into an inviting and enjoyable park that is safe for pedestrians, while also connecting back to the land.

Recently, the Mayor hosted the Eastbourne Possum Hunters at the Council Chambers. It was a good opportunity to thank them for the work they have been doing in controlling pests and helping keep our environment safe.

And finally, Council and the Eastbourne Community Board continue to explore a potential volunteer programme around the Eastbourne Pool – watch this space!

Point Howard Residents Association report

- Progress is going well on the middle (16-74) Howard Road section of the watermain renewal. CCL have been engaging with residents directly about works immediately in front of their property. Although the road is closed to through traffic, residents access has been maintained.
- The progress on the water main renewal on upper Howard Road stalled due to the Action Civil crew being called away to other works. We hope they restart tomorrow. Whilst the crew are fabulous, WWL need to review putting "fix it" crews on planned project work. Residents are concerned that they are no longer a priority and work will drag on for months as it's now 10 households impacted, down from 50. We have received assurances that this is not the case, but time will tell. The PHA are waiting on news from HCC regarding the resurfacing of upper Howard Road and the removal of the humps by 76/78 Howard Road.
- There is a concern that Howard Road below #74 won't be resurfaced after CCL completes their work between 1 and 74 Howard Rd. The middle section (16-74) required resurfacing before the current works began as it was already in poor condition.
- The PHA have not heard back regarding an updated map to show that Pt Howard beach is not included in the Sorrento Bay BPA.

Report no: ECB2024/4/80

Chair's Report

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

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Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

Eastbourne Community Board

Chair's Report August 2024

The Eastbourne Community Board's (ECB) next public meeting is at 7.15pm on Tuesday 13 August. The agenda is posted on the Hutt City Council website and on our eastbourne.nz website about a week before each meeting.

Please note that ECBs public meetings will now be held in the Eastbourne library. Now that the bookshelves are on wheels, we can move them aside to make room for our public meetings. Moving to the library also means we can record the meetings.

We thank the East Harbour Women's Club for allowing the ECB to use its wonderful space for our meetings for many years.

Residents are always welcome at Board meetings. At the start of the meeting, anyone may speak (for up to three minutes) under public comment on any community topic.

Activity

Since the previous meeting and Chair's Report in June, members of the Eastbourne Community Board (ECB) have:

- Made a submission on the Council's representation review. An independent panel recommended disestablishing Hutt City's three community boards. We strongly oppose this for the reasons outlined in our submission, which is included as a report in the meeting agenda. We appreciate the support received from Eastbourne residents and look forward to speaking at the hearing later in August.
- Recommended, as part of our representation review submission, that the Wainuiomata and Harbour Ward boundary be moved so that Pencarrow Road is part of Harbour Ward. It is currently part of Wainuiomata General Ward although there is no public access from there.
- Attended an information session about the representation review at the Eastbourne Library.
- Reminded Council that in March 2023, it voted not to reduce the speed along Marine Drive in Days Bay without further consultation. As a result, Council removed the 30km/hour signs installed in late June.
- Met with Council officers about the training offered for four to six volunteer lifeguards so the Eastbourne Summer Pool season can be extended. We are grateful to Council for offering this opportunity and to the residents who have volunteered so far. If you are interested in volunteering and haven't already been in touch, please contact Emily Keddell.
- Attended the opening of the wonderful new lawn and barbeque area at Williams Park.
- Liaised with Council officers to obtain plants, mainly spinifex and pingao, to stabilise the dunes at the end of Kauri Stret.
- Continued developing an informal junior bike skills track near Burdan's gate. Thanks to the residents who have helped so far. If you would like to be involved, please contact Frank Vickers.
- Met with Council officers to discuss a new draft parking strategy.

- Pointed out to the Council that the recent dog access consultation was misleading because Point Hoard beach was referred to as Sorrento Bay. Residents refer to it as Point Howard Beach, as did the Council's website until very recently.
- Liaised with the Eastbourne Bowls Club and Council about the proposed relocation to ESSC. Watch out for community consultation about this.
- Saved more tetra paks and batteries from landfill via the collection bins in the Eastbourne Library foyer, thanks to Bruce Spedding's efforts.

Council is currently consulting on alcohol bylaws, policy and fees. No changes are proposed for Eastbourne, but the ECB Community Board is preparing a submission and encourages residents and resident associations to review the information at haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz.

Communication

One of the Board's roles is communicating relevant matters, proposals, consultations, and issues with residents. We do this through our Facebook page (nearly 800 followers), the eastbourne.nz website, our email list (220+ subscribers), our regular column in the Eastbourne Herald, and the digital display board at the library.

Residents can also contact Board members directly:

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Belinda Moss
4 August 2024

Report no: ECB2024/4/81

Democracy Advisor's Report

Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of the report is to update the Board on items of interest.

Recommendation

That the Board receives and notes the report.

Consultation

Alcohol bylaws/policy

2. Council is currently reviewing three alcohol-related bylaws and policies that will impact where alcohol can be purchased and consumed, as well as licensing fees for retailers and hospitality services. The consultation period runs from 26 July to 26 August 2024. Final decisions will be made in September 2024, and the policy and bylaws will be considered for adoption by Council in October 2024: <https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/hub-page/alcohol-proposals-2024>

Temporary library services – Moerā Library

3. A temporary library in Moerā Community Hall's Supper Room opened on 1 July 2024. It will be operational while the new Moerā Neighbourhood Hub is being built. The temporary library offers books, computers, internet access, programming and events.
4. The new Moerā Neighbourhood Hub is progressing well, despite some minor setbacks. Here are the key updates:
 - Resource Consent: We are nearing final approval, we will need to make some adjustments to the building design, including lifting the building an additional 10cm.
 - Building Consent: Our application has been lodged, and we are working on the civil plan.

- Procurement: We have completed the procurement process for the building installation, furniture, and fitout.
- Timeline: Demolition is planned for mid-late August. Currently, we are still on track to complete the project by the end of 2024.
- Overall, the project is progressing well. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Climate action campaign

5. The climate action campaign will go live in August 2024. The main webpage (toogoodtowaste.nz) will feature a wide variety of tips and resources for living more sustainably in Lower Hutt, with both local and general examples included. It will be promoted by posters around Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai looking at ways of living more sustainably (doing what you can, where you can, rather than spending more money), with six key examples:
 - a. using public transport more frequently
 - b. cycling and/or walking more frequently
 - c. taking shorter showers
 - d. going electric with big purchases (eg cars, boilers)
 - e. buying second-hand where possible, such as clothing
 - f. eating plant-based / vegan more frequently.

Bell Park

6. The completion of enhancement works at Bell Park, Waiwhetū are imminent, and the project team has started planning the reopening blessing and celebration.
7. PCL Contracting has worked tirelessly despite significant weather delays to deliver improvements and new additions to the park for the community. These include:
 - a pump track
 - a pathway connecting the three accessways to Bell Park
 - new plantings
 - seating and picnic tables
 - gym equipment
 - beautifully etched artwork in the park's pedestrian entrances by Mana Whenua artists.

Point Howard Wharf

8. The next stage of work to break down the Point Howard Wharf from the seaward end started on Monday 29 July 2024. There will be more work later in the year to remove pipes attached to the wharf and demolish the remaining section, including the abutment, where the wharf meets the land. Work is expected to finish mid-2025.
9. If the community has any comments or concerns, they can contact Council at pointhowardwharf@huttcity.govt.nz

Seaview Wharf

10. Demolition is being carried out in partnership with CentrePort, the owners of the adjacent Seaview Wharf which is currently being upgraded. This has given Council the opportunity to use the same contractor, Brian Perry Civil (BPC), improving the overall delivery of both projects.

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

11. From 29 July 2024, preliminary works will commence on one of four primary sedimentation tanks (PST) at the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These tanks are essential for settling solids out of wastewater and have a mechanical system that scrapes solids out of the bottom of the tank.
12. Some components of this system are worn out and need replacing. One of the tanks will be emptied to replace this equipment. The works are programmed for three weeks from 29 July – 16 August 2024.
13. Due to the movement of solid matter, there is a risk of intermittent odour in the initial stage of the work while the tank is being emptied. An odour neutraliser will be used to minimise the effects, but some odour may still be noticeable during this early stage of work. Council will provide regular updates on the progress.

Howard Road watermain renewal

14. A brief update on the Howard Road watermain renewal work programme is as follows:
15. **Stage 1**
Location: 59 Howard Road to 2 Ngaumatu Road
Timeframe: Commenced 29 January 2024 – completed 2 May 2024
16. **Stage 2**
Location: 67 Howard Road to 90 Howard Road
Timeframe: Monday 6 May 2024 – estimated to take 12 weeks work effort to complete (mid-late-August 2024 factoring in recent delays)
Road closure: 8.30am to 4:30pm
17. **Stage 3**
Location: Reserve area adjacent to 90 Howard Road.
Timeframe: The consent application required for this work is being considered by Greater Wellington Regional Council. We expect to provide an update shortly.
18. **Stage 4**
Location: Starting at Howard Road below the upper intersection with Nikau Road down to Howard/Westhill intersection - (Church Lane included).
Timeframe: Monday 20 May 2024 – estimated completion before Christmas, with possible extension into the New Year depending on conditions.

Works are phased, with sections of the road closed 24/7 but with active traffic management in place during work hours of 8am to 4:30pm daily. Residents will have managed access throughout.

Current work section: Middle section of Howard Road between upper and lower Nikau Road intersections.

19. Residents will be notified of any changes to these times via the Point Howard Association messaging service. Residents can register to receive these by emailing pthowardassn@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Support update

20. The following table shows the number of accumulative household numbers in Lower Hutt by ward enrolled in Neighbourhood support.

Ward	May-23	Sep-23	May-24
Northern Pomare, Taita, Stokes Valley	2	7	18
Central Hutt Central, Boulcott, Waterloo, Woburn	8	21	29
Harbour Petone, Moera, Eastbourne, Gracefield, Seaview, Korokoro, Ava	3	4	17
Wainuiomata	11	24	29
Western Western Hills, Alicetown, Melling, Belmont, Manor Park	8	17	34
Eastern Naenae, Epuni, Fairfield, Avalon, Waiwhetu	6	13	26
Not assigned	7	1	0
Total Number of NS groups in Lower Hutt	45	87	153

21. The Neighbourhood Support Coordinator has been actively engaging with key partners and residents across Lower Hutt. The coordinator is based at Council's Neighbourhood Hubs and the Wainuiomata Police Station, which allows for accessible neighbourhood support in local community spaces and facilitates community connections.
22. The number of groups and members of Lower Hutt Neighbourhood Support has increased by 50% in the last six months.
23. Over the summer months, the Neighbourhood Support Coordinator attended multiple events aimed at raising the Neighbourhood Support profile and registering new members. The events included Bunnings crime prevention

24. Neighbourhood Support is looking to employ a part-time administration staff member to assist with daily administration tasks, allowing the coordinator to focus on assisting residents.
25. In late 2024, there is a plan for a region-wide survey of Neighbourhood Support members to identify the community's needs and preferences. This information will be considered in future approaches, which will include a greater emphasis on emergency readiness and response. This will be carried out in partnership with WREMO and Council's Emergency Management staff.

26. An update on issues raised by the Bay's residents' associations during the Annual Walkaround is attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Additional responses from officers will be provided as they become available.

27. The Board is allocated \$8,000.00 GST exclusive per annum, comprised of:

28. The Board's budget allocation for the 2023/24 year ended on 30 June 2024. The following is the Board's expenditure for the year.

29. The Board was allocated a new budget from 1 July 2024. The following is the Board's expenditure as of 31 July 2024

30. The detailed expenditure is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

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Eastbourne Community Board Virtual Walkaround- 2 March 2024

Location	Issues	Officer
Lowry Bay	Issues from 2022 walkaround but not resolved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog poo bag dispenser at end of Dillon St. Passed to GWRC but no action. This is a very popular dog-walking route. 2. Abandoned dinghies at Whiorau Reserve. Notices placed on dinghies – were any claimed/removed? 3. Wharf at Whiorau Reserve. It was to be removed and replaced. What is happening with this? 	The Parks and Reserves Team will ensure the abandoned dinghy is removed.
	2024: Footpath: Cheviot Road traffic is becoming busier, and the speed limit remains at 50km/hour despite requests to lower it to 30km/hour. Residents would like Council to investigate adding a footpath to one side from the Walter Road intersection to the top of Cheviot Road. What is the feasibility of this, and when could it happen?	An investigation will be taken by the Engineering Team. This will be prioritised and improvements made subject to funding. *See note below table for additional information.
York Bay	Concrete in the regional park/Kaitawa Road signpost at the Taungata/Kaitawa Roads junction so it doesn't move around in the wind and create confusion by pointing the wrong way, as can happen.	Resolved – the sign has been fixed.
	Fix the lights on McPherson Steps next to 301 Marine Drive - these steps link Marine Drive to Waitohu Road and are a much-used short-cut	Resolved – new fittings were installed in bollards by Council's contractor on 04/06/2024.
	Move the 50km/h sign at the bottom of Taungata Road so it does not obscure the view of the harbour as you come down Taungata Rd. The previous 70km/h sign was slightly further down the Wellington-bound part (right fork of the Y) so that it was not in view as	Resolved - this sign has been moved.

	you came down the road but still in view before joining Marine Drive. And that former one was more important as it signalled a change in speed whereas the current sign simply carries over the 50km/h speed limit onto Marine Drive.	
	Mirrors required to improve traffic safety outside No.1 Taungata Rd so traffic from Eastbourne reaching the give way sign can see if traffic is coming downhill. Mirrors are also required on the blind bends on the very narrow part of Waitohu Road outside No. 34 (first bend), 37 (second bend) and 38 (third bend). There is a great deal more traffic on this road now and as it is only a single lane width with very few spaces where you can pull over to let oncoming traffic pass, it would greatly increase road safety for drivers and pedestrians if there could be the improved warning of oncoming traffic that mirrors would provide.	** Request declined – see note below table.
	Consider yellow no-parking lines close to the bend below No.37 Waitohu Rd so cars and trucks have enough room to manoeuvre around the bend. (Though there is some thought that this is not posing that much of a problem).	Council is investigating BYL's for safer manoeuvring around the bends.
Days Bay	RESOLVED: Don Long emailed about penguin nesting access. The Tupua Horo Nuku project team has responded.	Resolved
	<p>School speed review – signage: An email from Lidia. It looks as though this 30km sign has been put in the wrong place. Tui Road doesn't lead to Wellesley College. Lidia has sent a follow-up email saying several residents in her street are questioning the value of this sign.</p> <p><i>Last Monday a high viz sign (Kura / School - 30 k) was placed at the Kereru/Tui Roads intersection which doesn't really relate to anything nearby. I feel it should probably be down at the end of Kereru Rd with an arrow to the right onto Marine Parade or outside the entrance to Wellesley College.</i></p> <p><i>Local residents are fully aware of where the school is located in Days Bay, therefore it is unnecessary for this sign at this location which is costing the ratepayer. The College is also accessed from Ferry Rd so potentially signage with an arrow is more appropriate further down on Marine Parade. We have lived on Tui Rd for 10 years and no one speeds through</i></p>	Resolved - the sign has been removed.

	<i>anyway. On fine weekends there is a little more traffic looking for parking on this very small road, so they cruise by slowly and carefully - of course no one is going to school.</i>	
Sorrento Bay	Smell from Seaview treatment plant and BPA at Sorrento RESOLVED: Sent information about the treatment plant and how to report issues. Also discussed the BPA w.	Resolved
Muritai	A resident has requested that the new AED on the Community Hall adjacent to the ESSC has a light so it can be seen and used at night	

***Cheviot Road footpath**

Our focus is to construct footpaths that improve safety for vulnerable road users, particularly around schools, transport hubs and town centres, and to complete missing links between other footpaths. We also consider the total cost of the project and the number of users we can assist relative to the cost of construction.

(To justify the need for footpath improvements or the construction of a new asset, Council engineers follow a process that consists of a site visit; pedestrian demand; connectivity to key transport hubs and the connection to existing footpath connections. Once a footpath is justifiable for construction or improvements, the requests are added to the Transport prioritisation list. Once funding is available, Council officers proceed with design and construction)

**** Request for mirrors to improve traffic safety outside No.1 Taungata Rd:**

Declined: Council does not support the installation of mirrors. While these can be useful in a limited number of locations, we have found them generally ineffective and sometimes unsafe. The device can give a false sense of distance and speed of an oncoming vehicle and drivers in the past have misinterpreted what they see in the convex mirror, thereby putting themselves and other road users at risk. They are also initially expensive to procure and erect and are difficult to maintain, often generating an on-going maintenance liability due to theft and vandalism.

Eastbourne Community Board Expenditure 2024/2025 - Operating Budget														
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance
Opening Balance														\$ 5,000.00
Advertising	\$ 247.00												\$ 247.00	
Total Expenditure														\$ 247.00
Closing Balance														\$ 4,753.00

Eastbourne Community Board Expenditure 2024/2025 - Training Budget														
Item	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total per item	Balance
Opening Balance														\$ 3,000.00
Community Board conference	\$ 895.00												\$ 895.00	
Closing Balance														\$ 2,105.00

Our Reference

TO: Chair and Members
Eastbourne Community Board

FROM: Judy Randall

DATE: 05 August 2024

SUBJECT: BOARD'S SUBMISSION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW
PANEL ON HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION
PROPOSAL

Purpose of Memorandum

1. To seek the Board's retrospective endorsement of a submission on the recommendations of the Independent Representation Review Panel on Hutt City Council's Representation Proposal.

Recommendations

That the Board:

- (1) notes that submissions in respect of the recommendations of the Independent Representation Review Panel on Hutt City Council's Representation Proposal closed on Thursday, 1 August 2024;
- (2) notes that any submissions lodged by a Board require formal endorsement by way of resolution; and
- (3) hereby gives retrospective endorsement to its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum.

Background

2. Under the Board's Functions and Delegations, any submissions lodged by the Board require formal endorsement by way of resolution.
3. The Board has submitted a submission to the Lower Hutt Representation Review consultation, which must be formally endorsed by members.
4. The Board's submission is attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum.

Hearings

5. Hearings will take place on 26 August 2024 and, if necessary, on 27 August 2024. The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at Hutt City Council. Council will consider written submissions during the hearing, and submitters may also ask to speak to their submissions at the hearing.

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Hutt City Representation Review

Eastbourne Community Board submission

This submission is by Eastbourne Community Board members. It is based on our informed views and conversations with Eastbourne residents since the proposal to disestablish community boards was announced in June.

Our submission focuses mainly on the proposal to disestablish community boards and a recommendation about Ward boundaries. It also challenges the independent panel's statements about the role of community boards.

The proposal to disestablish community boards

The independent panel erred in its assessment by not limiting its focus to the principles of fairness and effectiveness outlined in s4 of the Local Electoral Act. The panel has based its argument to disestablish community boards on inequality.

Inequality

The independent panel argues that there are only three community boards representing three communities, which is inequitable because not all Te Awa Kairangi | Hutt City residents have access to them. On page 32 of its report, the panel suggests that inequality is as important as fairness and effectiveness. We agree that equality is important, but it is not the test here, and the panel erred in considering inequality as one of the principles.

Even if it were a principle under the Local Electoral Act, it is incorrect to suggest that having only three community boards in Hutt City is inequitable.

Under section 49 of the Local Government Act 2002, any community can petition for a community board to be established to represent its interests. Communities like Stokes Valley, Naenae and Taita could all have a community board if they wanted one.

New community boards are regularly established throughout Aotearoa, for example, the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board and the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board, formed in 2022.

If Councillors vote to adopt the independent panel's proposal to disestablish community boards, they risk the cost of electoral polls being held to reinstate them.

If the Panel is correct in its argument, many cities and districts would be getting rid of community boards as many others have only partial coverage, but this is not happening.

The role of community boards in the twenty-first century

The report claims community boards are no longer relevant in the twenty-first century. However, the reasons community boards were established in 1989 are equally valid today, if not more so.

Community boards were created to help councils stay in touch with their communities' grassroots. Councils have been required to get larger; the matters they address are broader and more complex, and their regulatory responsibility is greater.

Moreover, with suggestions that Hutt City amalgamates with other Councils in the future, community grassroots representation will be even more critical. Maintaining community boards will future-proof local representation and advocacy.

Councils can be complicated and intimidating to navigate and work with. Community boards bring residents and local government closer. They are part of the community, not its governance.

We believe the need for ready, face-to-face access to elected representatives who are neighbours in our communities has never been more important. In an increasingly digital world, community boards provide a vital human connection.

The issues the panel suggests in its argument against community boards, such as diversity and representation, are the reason for having them. Community boards provide a safe place to start understanding democracy and becoming involved in Councils. The number of councillors representing Hutt City who started on community boards shows their value as a pathway to democratic representation. Anything that aids in developing strong representation when democratic processes are at risk should be valued. It is at community boards where a more comprehensive representation is likely to happen, especially given Hutt City has chosen to remain with First Past the Post.

There was too little time or consideration in the report about the effectiveness of community boards on matters beyond those in the statute, and regrettably, there was no thought as to how to ensure community boards could be more effective. We are not here to blow our trumpet but believe we have been a very effective and supportive arm of the Council on many matters beyond the statutory role and equally important to Eastbourne residents and Council.

We are proud of our work in this respect, including effectively championing the Tupua Horo Nuku resilience and shared path project. We believe we have been effective and are disappointed that the Panel has not reflected on or attempted to understand our work.

In a seismic, harbour-side area and a world facing climate change, communities need local representation and knowledge to help prepare for change and emergencies, as well as leadership and a point of contact in the event of an emergency.

[We challenge the section about awareness of community boards.](#)

The report lists the stated powers of community boards without referring to their advocacy and liaison roles. It refers to the mismatch between what community boards do and what the community thinks they do without examining whether and what community boards are delivering outside the stated delegations. It even refers to the *potential* benefits of community boards without making any apparent effort to understand what we already do.

These are not potential benefits. Advocacy and liaison are actual benefits delivered by community boards like the Eastbourne Community Board every day.

Community boards are crucial in providing fair and effective representation for residents and communities. Community boards help ensure residents' voices are heard, and their members act as community representatives, advocates, and connectors.

Ward boundaries

The Eastbourne Community Board asked the independent panel to address the anomaly that sees the Pencarrow Road from Burdan's Gate to the lighthouse as part of Wainuiomata General Ward rather than Harbour Ward. Successive Eastbourne Community Boards have also asked Council to address this.

The current Ward boundary makes no sense. The road is accessed from Eastbourne and is used by Eastbourne residents and visitors from throughout the region. There is no public road access from Pencarrow Road to Wainuiomata. It is often Eastbourne residents who alert the Council to road damage or maintenance issues.

A boundary change would have no material impact on the number of residents in either Ward. Refer to Appendix 1. It could be achieved by moving Pencarrow Head suburb to the Harbour Ward and shifting the ward boundary accordingly.

Recommendations

The Eastbourne Community Board recommends that Council:

1. Retain community boards so all Hutt City residents can retain or have the opportunity to establish a community board and to future-proof local representation.
2. Moves the Wainuiomata and Harbour Ward boundary so that the road between Burdan's Gate and Pencarrow Lighthouse is part of Harbour Ward.

The Eastbourne Community Board wishes to speak to this submission at the August hearing.

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Eastbourne Community Board
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Appendix 1:

Pencarrow Head suburb is currently in Wainuiomata General Ward. Moving it to Harbour Ward would move the Pencarrow Road to Harbour Ward.



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Report back from representatives for local organisations

a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

Verbal update from M Gibbons

c) Eastern Bays Climate Response Network

Verbal update from the Chair

d) Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust

Verbal update from E Keddell

e) Eastern Bays Residents' Associations

Verbal update from the Chair

f) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Verbal update from B Spedding

Appendices

There are no appendices for this report.

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