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PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

COUNCIL

9AM - HEARINGS - ANNUAL BUDGET 2023/24,

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023

TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023 AT 9.00AM

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 AT 9.00AM, 1.00PM AND 5.30PM

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32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

MEMBERS

Grant Smith (Mayor)	
Debi Marshall-Lobb (Deputy Mayor)	
Mark Arnott	Leonie Hapeta
Brent Barrett	Lorna Johnson
Rachel Bowen	Billy Meehan
Vaughan Dennison	Orphée Mickalad
Lew Findlay (QSM)	Karen Naylor
Roly Fitzgerald	William Wood
Patrick Handcock (ONZM)	Kaydee Zabelin

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COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS - ANNUAL BUDGET 2023/24

Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 9.00am

Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 9.00am, 1.00pm and 5.30pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Karakia Timatanga

2. Apologies

3. Notification of Additional Items

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

4. Declarations of Interest (if any)

Members are reminded of their duty to give a general notice of any interest of items to be considered on this agenda and the need to declare these interests.

5. **Petition: Excessive use of Motorbikes on Mangaone Stream Walkway** Page 7
6. **Confirmation of Minutes** Page 11
"That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 3 May 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record."
7. **Appointment of Chairs for following sessions**
8. **Extension of meeting time**
9. **Hearing of Submissions - Annual Budget 2023-24** Page 17
10. **Exclusion of Public**

To be moved:

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
11.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting - Part II Confidential - 3 May 2023	For the reasons setout in the ordinary minutes of 3 May 2023, held in public present.	

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the

public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

[Add Third Parties], because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s [or other matters as specified] and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s [or matters as specified].

12. Karakia Whakamutunga

PRESENTATION

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 16 May 2023

TITLE: Petition: Excessive use of Motorbikes on Mangaone Stream Walkway

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council receive the petition for information.
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SUMMARY

Ian Duncan to present a petition from residents in Westbrook who are seeking Council assistance with excessive use of motorbikes on Mangaone Stream Walkway.

Petition signed by 67 residents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter and Petition [↓](#) 

(no subject)

Pauline Duncan s7(2)(a) Privacy

Thu, 20 Apr, 1:21 PM

To: Pauline Duncan s7(2)(a) Privacy

TRAIL BIKES.

In reference to the use of trail bikes on the Mangone riverbank walkway between Amberley Avenue and Pioneer Highway.

This problem has been ongoing for the last 18 months. These trail bikes are ridden at speed down the walkway day and night, as well as the early hours in the morning.

The turnstyle behind the trotting course has been smashed down by these riders which now gives them easy access from Amberley Ave and Pioneer Highway.

I have advised the council and the police of this problem.

If the turnstyle was to be reconstructed it would stop most of this problem.

Myself and some of the neighbours have been threatened and abused several times.

Photos have been sent to the police and the snap send solve site but to no avail.

Over the last 12 months I have phoned the council complaining over 10 times, leaving my phone number and name with no response. Many residents in this area have done likewise.

Many woman who are walkers will not use this walkway on their own as they do not feel safe.

As ratepayers in Strachan Way, Rothesay Place, Amberley Avenue and Clarke Avenue ,we demand a response from the council.

This is not a minor problem, somebody is going to be seriously hurt soon and the residents of this area will hold the council liable.

Together with this letter is a petition signed by most people in this immediate area.

It is the duty of the council to act on this request.

I demand a response to this letter.

Ian Duncan

s7(2)(a) Privacy

Ian Duncan

20 March 2023

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL - Attention of 'PARKS Dept'

Reference : Excessive use of Motorbikes on Mangaone Riverbank Walkways

As residents of Brookside Close, Westbrook, Palm North we wish to draw to your attention of the daily ongoing use of Motor/Dirt Bikes speeding on the riverbank.

This is a daily occurrence starting anytime for 6.30am continuing onto on occasions 10.30pm at night, quite often 2 bikes , On one occasion 2 bikes were on there at 12.55am in the morning.

Since the speed Bumps were placed in Havelock Ave, these riders are using the riverbank on a daily basis as a thoroughfare, entering at Highbury Ave entrance, which incidentally the access there is large enough to fit a Mack Truck through, exiting at Amberley Ave, along the footpath, some continuing to Pioneer Highway on the riverbank, or heading down Amberley Ave.

On the 15 March I noted this typical daily activity as a thoroughfare as follows

07.35am

12.30pm [2 bikes]

03.45pm [2 bikes]

05.20pm

06.05pm

09.10pm [2 bikes]

We have them on the riverbank racing up & down in the weekends for anywhere up to 4hrs at a time, leaving & returning for another session.

My husband who was on the riverbank late 2022 spraying weeds along our fenceline when he spoke to an individual about being on the riverbank on his dirt bike, his reply as follows.. "If I don't have to listen to the cops, I won't listen to a gardener".

They are a hazard as speed is the attraction on there, as they are 20ft from our homes the noise is horrendous, they are breaking the law,

Late 2022 a car was on the Riverbank, gained entry at Highbury Ave, threw rocks at our Neighbours windows, smashed a large Lounge area window to which they had to claim Insurance, this was reported to the Police. We had 2 rocks thrown at our windows but fortunately didn't end up with a smashed window, however one is chipped. I have on 3 occasions seen Youths in cars on there.

Since the purchase of our property in 2015 we have rung the Council/Police on numerous occasions as have other residents in our area, I understand this is a problem in other areas of this Riverbank.

We ask that the PNCC come up with a long term solution to this problem by rectifying entrances so these individuals cannot gain access to the Riverbanks, The Police feel this is not a high priority to them as they are dealing with other urgent matters, these individuals know they have no reason to be concerned in regards to the NZ Police.

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 03 May 2023, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Apologies: Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb (lateness on Council Business) and Councillors William Wood and Roly Fitzgerald for early departure.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 9.52am during consideration of clauses 59 and 60. He entered the meeting again at 9.56am after the consideration of clauses 59 and 60. He was not present for clauses 59 and 60.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

55-23 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 55-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

56-23

Public Comment

Margaret Kouvelis, Chairperson of NZ Rural Games Trust, made public comment in relation to Item 7 'Funding request from NZ Rural Games Trust' (clause 58).

Margaret Kouvelis thanked Elected Members and officers for Council's support and highlighted that:

- there had been very good coverage of the event from television New Zealand, which was beneficial for the city;
- the Rural Games' dinner was unique and encouraging, hosting people from all across the country in Palmerston North.

The Trust requested additional funding of \$15,000 per year for five years to build certainty.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That the public comment be received for information.

Clause 56-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

57-23

Confirmation of Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5 April 2023 be amended to rectify clause 52-23 'Freedom Drive Road Reserve' by noting the correct Lot number which was 400 (as referred to in the body of the officer's report). Explicit reference to section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977 was also added as part of the correction.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

Clause 57-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor,

William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

REPORTS

58-23

Funding request from NZ Rural Games Trust

Memorandum, presented by Luke McIndoe, Head of Events.

In putting the recommendation below to refer the additional funding request to the Annual Budget deliberations, the mover stated that Rural Games fitted with the city's agri-business strategy and was an event supported by many other external funders and the community.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council confirm:

OPTION TWO

Refer a new programme of up to \$100k (\$75K cash and \$25K in-kind) per year for five years to support the NZ Rural Games to the Annual Budget 2023/24 deliberations in May/June.

Clause 58-23 above was carried 13 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Lorna Johnson and Karen Naylor.

59-23

Elected Members' Meeting Attendance Statistics - 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White - Democracy & Governance Manager.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 9.52am.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive the memorandum titled 'Elected Members' Meeting Attendance Statistics - 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022' presented to Council on 3 May 2023 for information.

Clause 59-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel

Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

60-23 Council Submission on the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Bill

Memorandum, presented by Jason McDowell, Head of Risk and Resilience.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the submission to the Governance and Administration Committee on the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Bill (Attachment 1) and the response from the Minister for Emergency Management (Attachment 2).

Clause 60-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor William Wood entered the meeting again at 9.56am.

61-23 Work Schedule May 2023

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated 3 May 2023.

Clause 61-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

62-23 Culture & Sport Committee Part I Public - 19 April 2023

Consideration was given to the Culture & Sport Committee recommendation stated below.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Billy Meehan.

Note:

On a motion that: 'That Council commit to funding \$300K towards a covered bowling green in year one of the LTP, with the location between Takaro, Palmerston North, and North End to be decided by a Bowls Manawatu panel, noting that this will be re-debated at the time the budget is being deliberated', the motion was lost 7 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

63-23 Exclusion of Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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13.	Palmerston North Waters Infrastructure - Funding and Finance Options	Third Party Commercial	s7(2)(b)(ii)
14.	Assurance Report - City Transport Review	Commercial Activities and Negotiations	s7(2)(h) and s7(2)(i)
15.	Purchase of 19 Summerhays Street	Third Party Commercial	s7(2)(b)(ii)
16.	Rating Valuation Services - Awarding contract	Prejudice the supply of similar information and Negotiations	s7(2)(c)(i) and s7(2)(i)
17.	Appointment of Directors to Central	Privacy	s7(2)(a)

	Economic Development Agency		
18.	Reappointment of Trustees on Council Controlled Organisations	Privacy	s7(2)(a)

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2. That Sharon O'Toole and Andrew Howie from TBIG be permitted to join the meeting for Item 14 to speak to their report and answer questions.

Clause 63-23 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

The public part of the meeting finished at 10.22am

Confirmed 16 May 2023

Mayor

SUBMISSION FROM CONSULTATION

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 16 May 2023

TITLE: Hearing of Submissions - Annual Budget 2023-24





RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
 2. That the Council note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.
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SUBMISSIONS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24

Submitters have 10 minutes including Councilor questions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Names of Submitters in Numerical Order [↓](#) 
2. List of Names of Submitters in Alphabetical Order [↓](#) 
3. Submissions 1 - 123 [↓](#) 
4. Annual Budget Procedures for the Hearing of Submissions [↓](#) 

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24

Tuesday 16 May 2023

SESSION 1

TIME & DATE: 9.00am – 10.30am, Tuesday 16 May 2023

MEMBERS: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (Chair), and Councillors

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

ADMINISTRATOR: Sina Lome, telephone (06) 356 8199

Time	Sub No.	Submitter		Page No.
9.00am - 10.30am	45	Helen King	Environment Network Manawatū	93
	44	Helen King	Manawatū Food Action Network	89
	57	Sarah Laurence	Swimming Manawatū	119
	59	Ryan Laurence		121
	98	Tim Kendrew	Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatū	212
	77	Grant Brenton and Lynden Noakes	Community Leisure Management Limited	154
	81	Flo Gibson	Bunnythorpe Community	173
	47	Brian Way	Te Araroa Manawatū Trust	98

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24

Wednesday 17 May 2023

SESSION 2

TIME & DATE: 9.00am – 11.00am, Wednesday 17 May 2023

MEMBERS: The Deputy Mayor (Debi Marshall-Lobb) (Chair),
and Councillors

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

ADMINISTRATOR: Sina Lome, telephone (06) 356 8199

Time	Sub No.	Submitter		Page No.
9.00am - 10.00am	78	David Chapple	St Matthews Anglican Church	168
	46	Annette Nixon	Pathways Presbyterian Church	97
	76	Annette Nixon	River Stop Awapuni	152
	39	Daniel Rylan	Manawatū Tenants' Union	82
	49	Marian Dean	Age Friendly Palmerston North	106
10.00am - 11.00am	92	Jean Hera, Maryanne Mechen, Elizabeth Lawn, Kerry Hocquard	Athena Women's Collective	196
	89	Cleve Cameron	Big Street Bikers	191
	21	Kate Aplin	Whatunga Tuao, Volunteer Central	60
	28	Peter and Isobel Wilson		68

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24

Wednesday 17 May 2023

SESSION 3

TIME & DATE: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Wednesday 17 May 2023

MEMBERS: Councillor Orphée Mickalad (Chair) and Councillors

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

ADMINISTRATOR: Sina Lome, telephone (06) 356 8199

Time	Sub No.	Submitter		Page No.
1.00pm - 2.00pm	56	Allan Burne	Awapuni Community Centre	118
	75	John Bent		149
	26	Eric Constantine		65
	103	Sunlou Liuvaie	Niue Community - Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust	221
	101	Courtney Manu	Pasifika Reference Group	217
	61	Hugh Wilde		124
2.00pm - 3.00pm	74	Murray Holdaway (Provincial President Manawatū/Rangitikei), and Peter Matich	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	145
	97	Ross Linklater		210
	33	Justin Randall		74

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24

Wednesday 17 May 2023

SESSION 4

TIME & DATE: 5.30pm – 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May 2023

MEMBERS: Councillor Kaydee Zabelin (Chair) and Councillors

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

ADMINISTRATOR: Sina Lome, telephone (06) 356 8199

Wednesday 17 May – Session 4				
Time	Sub No.	Submitter		Page No.
5.30pm	110	Paul Smillie		243
-	48	Aaron Fox		103
6.30pm	106	Cushla Kerr		228
	105	Venessa Pokaia	The Highbury Advisory Rōpū	227
6.30pm	66	Deniz Gultekin	Viva Café and Bar	133
-	31	Jeff Cruickshank	Ice Breaker Aquatics	72
7.30pm	104	Mike Moleta		226

Submitters for 2023/2024 Annual Budget in Numerical Order		
Submission Number	Name	Contact Name
1	Natalie Rowney	
2	Dylan Scott	
3	Campbell Ayers	
4	Robert McLachlan	
5	Thomas McGee	
6	Graeme Fenemor	
7	Sophia Mellsop	
8	Simone Laing	
9	Elizabeth Hill	
10	Gladys Vining	
11	Jackson Flavall	
12	Ernest Sullivan	
13	Michael Galvin	
14	Not Happy	
15	Gloriena Leung	
16	Sam Row	
17	Thomas McGee	
18	Alyson McGee	
19	Victoria McDonald	
20	Lucy Marychurch	
21	Whatunga Tuao - Volunteer Central	Kate Aplin
22	Ros Hallam	
23	Alan Dingley	
24	Brian S McPherson	
25	Chayse Gorton	
26	Eric Constantine	
27	D W	
28	Peter & Isobel Wilson	
29	Emily Brown	
30	Deidre Southee	
31	Jeff Cruickshank	
32	Sarah Devonport	
33	Justin Randall	
34	Zac Tutty	
35	Dorothy Lombe	
36	Kelly Tissink	
37	Jane Rattray	
38	Paul E Perry	
39	Manawatū Tenants' Union Inc	Daniel Ryland

40	Annette Nixon	
41	Megan Williams	
42	Greg Sawyer	
43	Steve Morrison	
44	Manawatū Food Action Network	Helen King
45	Environment Network Manawatū Inc	Helen King
46	Pathways Presbyterian Church	Annette Nixon
47	Te Araroa Manawatū Trust	David Grant & Brian Way
48	Aaron Fox	
49	Age Friendly Palmerston North	Marian Dean
50	Age Concern Palmerston North & Districts	Marian Dean
51	Ebey Prince	
52	Horizons Regional Council	Michael McCartney, Chief Executive
53	Bruce & Marilyn Bulloch	
54	Tracey Rowe	
55	Janina Gapper	
56	Awapuni Community Centre Allan Burne	
57	Swimming Manawatu	Sarah Laurence
58	Kerry Ross	
59	Ryan Laurence	
60	Mark Laurence	
61	Hugh Wilde	
62	Marina Ponga	
63	Sam Rowe	
64	Housing Advice Centre	Krys Baker
65	Sheenagh Tinkler	
66	Viva Cafe and Bar	Deniz Gultekin
67	Lesley Lowdon	
68	Hueymei Chen	
69	Lian Khoo	
70	David Brown	
71	Julie Griffiths	
72	Mary Legg	
73	Tom Hawinkels	
74	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Murray Holdaway, Provincial President Manawatū/Rangitikei
75	John Bent	
76	River Stop Awapuni	Annette Nixon
77	Community Leisure Management Limited	Grant Brenton & Lynden Noakes

78	St Matthews Anglican Church	David Chapple
79	Michael Hawkes	
80	Teresa Alcock	
81	Bunnythorpe Community	Flo Gibson
82	Matt Alcock	
83	Dave Dawber	
84	Sam Hawinkels	
85	Kayla Carne	
86	Owen Svensson	
87	Manawatū Mountain Bike Club inc	Peter Wells
88	Ian Staples	
89	Big Street Bikers	Cleve Cameron
90	Paul Hocquard	
91	Dianne Wilde	
92	Athena Women's Collective	Maryanne Mechen, Elizabeth Lawn, Kerry Hocquard, Jean Hera
93	Jennifer Sweny	
94	Central Football and 15 other clubs/organisations across Manawatu, Rangitikei and Tararua	John McGifford
95	David Brown	
96	Kevin Low	
97	Ross Linklater	
98	Te Pū Harakeke—Community Collective Manawatū	Tim Kendrew
99	Katy van Deventer	
100	Justin Ngai	
101	Pasifika Reference Group	Courtney Manu
102	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo	Tony Carne
103	Niue Community; Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust	Sunlou Liuvaie
104	Mike Moleta	
105	The Highbury Advisory Rōpū	Vanessa Pokaia
106	Cushla Kerr	
107	Callum R J Wilson	
108	Stacey Carter	
109	Matthew Sawyer	
110	Paul Smillie	
111	Kayla Wells	
112	Rebecca Coulson	
113	Megan Pybus	
114	Rochelle Chase	
115	Alan Stockwell	
116	Hugh Francis	

117	Lynette Singleton	
118	Jena Ivamy	
119	Sam Wyss	
120	Almighty Outcasts Swim Squad	Lindsey Tozer
121	Nathaniel Grigg	
122	Barbara Goldstone	
123	Rogr D Keen	

Submitters for 2023/2024 Annual Budget in Alphabetical Order		
Submission Number	Name	Contact Name
80	Teresa	Alcock
82	Matt	Alcock
21	Whatunga Tuao - Volunteer Central	Aplin, Kate
3	Campbell	Ayers
64	Housing Advice Centre	Baker, Krys
75	John	Bent
77	Community Leisure Management Limited	Brenton, Grant & Lynden Noakes
29	Emily	Brown
70	David	Brown
95	David	Brown
53	Bruce & Marilyn	Bulloch
56	Awapuni Community Centre	Burn, Allan
89	Big Street Bikers	Cameron, Cleve
85	Kayla	Carne
102	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo	Carne, Tony
108	Stacey	Carter
78	St Matthews Anglican Church	Chapple, David
114	Rochelle	Chase
68	Hueymei	Chen
26	Eric	Constantine
112	Rebecca	Coulson
31	Jeff	Cruickshank
83	Dave	Dawber
49	Age Friendly Palmerston North	Dean, Marian

50	Age Concern Palmerston North & Districts	Dean, Marian
32	Sarah	Devonport
23	Alan	Dingley
6	Graeme	Fenemor
11	Jackson	Flavall
48	Aaron	Fox
116	Hugh	Francis
13	Michael	Galvin
55	Janina	Gapper
81	Bunnythorpe Community	Gibson, Flo
122	Barbara	Goldstone
25	Chayse	Gorton
47	Te Araroa Manawatū Trust	Grant, David & Brian Way
71	Julie	Griffiths
121	Nathaniel	Grigg
66	Viva Cafe and Bar	Gultekin, Deniz
22	Ros	Hallam
14	Not	Happy
73	Tom	Hawinkels
84	Sam	Hawinkels
79	Michael	Hawkes
9	Elizabeth	Hill
90	Paul	Hocquard
74	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Holdaway, Murray, Provincial President Manawatū/Rangitikei
118	Jena	Ivamy
123	Rogr D	Keen
98	Te Pū Harakeke—Community Collective Manawatū	Kendrew, Tim

106	Cushla	Kerr
69	Lian	Khoo
44	Manawatū Food Action Network	King, Helen
45	Environment Network Manawatū Inc	King, Helen
8	Simone	Laing
59	Ryan	Laurence
60	Mark	Laurence
57	Swimming Manawatu	Laurence, Sarah
72	Mary	Legg
15	Gloriena	Leung
97	Ross	Linklater
103	Niue Community; Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust	Liuviaie, Sunlou
35	Dorothy	Lombe
96	Kevin	Low
67	Lesley	Lowdon
101	Pasifika Reference Group	Manu, Courtney
20	Lucy	Marychurch
52	Horizons Regional Council	McCartney, Michael, Chief Executive
19	Victoria	Mcdonald
5	Thomas	McGee
17	Thomas	McGee
18	Alyson	McGee
94	Central Football and 15 other clubs/organisations across Manawatu, Rangitikei and Taranaki	McGifford, John
4	Robert	McLachlan
24	Brian S M	McPherson

92	Athena Women's Collective	Mechen, Maryanne, Elizabeth Lawn, Kerry Hocquard, Jean Hera
7	Sophia	Mellsop
104	Mike	Moleta
43	Steve	Morrison
100	Justin	Ngai
40	Annette	Nixon
46	Pathways Presbyterian Church	Nixon, Annette
76	River Stop Awapuni	Nixon, Annette
38	Paul E	Perry
105	The Highbury Advisory Rōpū	Pokaia, Vanessa
62	Marina	Ponga
51	Ebey	Prince
113	Megan	Pybus
33	Justin	Randall
37	Jane	Rattray
58	Kerry	Ross
16	Sam	Row
54	Tracey	Rowe
63	Sam	Rowe
1	Natalie	Rowney
39	Manawatū Tenants' Union Inc	Ryland, Daniel
42	Greg	Sawyer
109	Matthew	Sawyer
2	Dylan	Scott
117	Lynette	Singleton
110	Paul	Smillie
30	Deidre	Southee
88	Ian	Staples
115	Alan	Stockwell

12	Ernest	Sullivan
86	Owen	Svensson
93	Jennifer	Sweny
65	Sheenagh	Tinkler
36	Kelly	Tissink
120	Almighty Outcasts Swim Squad	Tozer, Lindsey
34	Zac	Tutty
99	Katy	van Deventer
10	Gladys	Vining
27	D	W
111	Kayla	Wells
87	Manawatū Mountain Bike Club inc	Wells, Peter
61	Hugh	Wilde
91	Dianne	Wilde
41	Megan	Williams
28	Peter & Isobel	Wilson
107	Callum R J	Wilson
119	Sam	Wyss

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Your contact details	
First name	Natalie
Last name	Rowney
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>I am in support of the annual budget. Getting people into quality emergency house should be priority. My understanding is that a lot of people in emergency housing are currently in local motels due to an emergency housing shortage. If so, that must be costing a fortune and needs to be addressed.</p> <p>My concern with the cut in the Council's OPEX is there will be a reduction in the quality of the services provided by PNCC, which will cost us rate payers more in the long run.</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>I'm hoping the cycle ways will be improved and made a priority so residents feel more confident to use them.</p> <p>I also hope the Square is continued to be utilized for public events. It's giving residents something to do and providing a better sense of community whilst making the city centre more lively.</p>
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	<p>I'm concerned with the Library upgrades being deferred. Library's are such a fundamental part of the community, particularly for those most impacted by the cost of living crisis.</p>

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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>Free services for those struggling the most. It's very difficult for those struggling the most at the moment to feel a sense of hope and still have a desire to contribute to work and life in general when they feel like they catch a break. So providing them with services and events that give them something to look forward to and that provide them with a sense of community should be a priority for the PNCC.</p> <p>I also hope the marketing team at PNCC continues to provide the excellent service that they are currently providing and their division isn't budgeted out of existence. They do such a great job at informing the public and I have no doubt the PNCC receives far less complaints from the public due to their hard work. They're so good people from other regions are commenting on how good our comms are and how they wish their councils were the same.</p>
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	I am concerned that the rates increase is less than the rate of inflation. That just screams less money for less services, and we will pay more in the long run when we have to clean up due to under investment in our region.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes
Do you have any other feedback?	I think you've done the best you can with a difficult situation. It's a very hard balancing act on trying not to underinvest, but not causing a complete outcry from rate payers.
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Your contact details	
First name	Dylan
Last name	Scott
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I understand the rising pressures of inflation and the impact on essential expenditure. I also understand those costs have to be covered mostly in the way of rate increases.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	In regards to my previous answer. I'd like to propose a change as to how rates are calculated. I'd like to see the rates charged at the total QV value. I have a 1960s house under 100m ² on a 688m ² plot and pay a lot more than someone who has a 260m ² on a 400m ² plot. I'd be using a significantly less amount of water and power. If someone can afford a modern house, why should a first home buyer be made to pay significantly more in rates all because I've got an addition 280m ² . I also think the rates should be more standardized across the suburbs. My rates are >\$1,000 more expensive than someone with a similar house and land size in Westbrook. Also the current QVs that took place last year are well over inflated to current market values. In my case it's about 18% more. And if you want to apply a ~6.5% increase to rates on top of QV increases, it's like a double slice of the pie. To summarize, I'd like to see the rates be put against the full QV and not just the land value.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	

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Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?
Do you have any other feedback?
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Your contact details	
First name	Campbell
Last name	Ayres
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	As usually the people of Palmerston North paying for absolute rubbish that's not needed while the real problems get ignored, why are streets like Cuba getting millions spend on it when other roads and foot paths are crumbling are we drive and walk over them ever day.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Stop wasting money on Art no one cares about or making Cuba street better when there is nothing to entice people to go there
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	No need to defer more, people are hurting and struggling to pay for every day items as it is
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Why is recycling going up when we can recycle less items? This should be a decrease not an increase to the rates bill
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	No comment
Do you have any other feedback?	When are the way the rates going to be changed from being based on Land Value to Capital value like the magi Ruth of the country. This was something that was promised would be looked into last rates hike but don't see any mention of this in this years hike. Property's in Palmerston North need to be charged for what they use based on the dwelling size and not what the land is worth.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Robert
Last name	McLachlan
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>The proposed rates increase is too low and does not even cover inflation. The planned increase was 8.2% when inflation was 2%, so it needs to be at least 13-14% now just to stand still. Cutting and deferring expenditure now, combined with a real cut in rates, will only lead to worse and compounding problems in the future (look at Hutt City).</p> <p>The fine print says inflation of 3.5-5.1% was assumed, which is less than the actual, so even the reduced expenditure will not be possible.</p> <p>If there are concerns about ability to pay, then consider reducing the UAGC or other mechanisms to help low income people. The streets are choked with brand new luxury cars, have you noticed?</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Higher rates combined with a reduced UAGC to make the rating system fairer.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I am alarmed at many of the deferrals. One that stands out is earthquake strengthening under "Arts & Heritage" - presumably this is Te Manawa. Who would take the rap if there was an earthquake and you had deferred planned strengthening?
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>Increased spending on cycleways.</p> <p>Increased spending on a climate change plan for the city - we seem to be one of few cities in NZ that doesn't have one - as well as actual steps to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Increased spending on social housing, which is proposed to stay at the tiny sum of \$1.049 million. Building cost inflation is 14% so this is a cut in real terms. We still have a housing crisis.</p>

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Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Don't bury all the details about what is being cut in a separate document.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Robert
Last name	McLachlan
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Further suggestion: increase parking charges, paid parking area, leased parking charges. Seems crazy that 2/3 of parking revenue is swallowed up in costs. Negotiate to get rid of all the free parking provided by CBD businesses (levy their spaces). Something like this will be needed to meet climate goals anyway and it would make the CBD a much nicer place. \$1 or \$1.70/hr is very, very cheap by NZ standards. Tauranga is \$3/hr off street, up to \$5/hr on street.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Thomas
Last name	McGee
Organisation you represent	Safelite
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Neutral but concerned about the effects of inflation.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	In the past, Palmy has had a excellent record on the provision of social housing, despite budget pressures. While I see that provision has been made for social housing in the current budget I would like to propose that this is ring-fenced so it cannot be reduced.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	NA
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More social housing. See above.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	See above.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	NA
Do you have any other feedback?	no
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Your contact details	
First name	Graeme
Last name	Fenemor
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Agree with rates and fees as struck, balanced changes as proposed
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Nil
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	No
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	No
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes
Do you have any other feedback?	No
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Your contact details	
First name	Sophia
Last name	Mellsop
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Great that they're trying to reduce the cost to us, but 6% is still a big increase, especially since most of our houses are now worth less than what the rates system have set them at. The interest rates haven't increased by 6%.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Lets save us all money. Things to reconsider reducing could include: 1344-Major Events Fund 1501-Public Sculptures Trust Funding 1157-Military Heritage Commemorations (Events) 1506-Community Events 2115-Social Housing restrict rents to a maximum of 25% of the tenant's benefit or NZ superannuation (my housing cost is 40% of my after tax income due to house price and interest rate increases.....why are they in a better situation)
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Lets save us all money. Things to reconsider reducing could include: 1344-Major Events Fund 1501-Public Sculptures Trust Funding 1157-Military Heritage Commemorations (Events) 1506-Community Events 2115-Social Housing restrict rents to a maximum of 25% of the tenant's benefit or NZ superannuation (my housing cost is 40% of my after tax income due to house price and interest rate increases.....why are they in a better situation)

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Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Don't let anyone suggest reducing/delaying any of the items that reduce our carbon emissions. Reducing climate change should be the #1 priority in any council/govt budget.
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Your contact details	
First name	Simone
Last name	Laing
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would support an increase in rates in order to make greater inroads into environmental concerns rather than deferring them.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I would suggest bringing back in the resource recovery programme to look at improving waste to landfill. The volume of waste going to landfill is an area of massive potential improvement, both for the city and for people within it. If greater education and processes can be put into place to reduce waste, and more properly deal with it, this will result in cost and emission savings.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	As part of the repairs and maintenance programme it would be great to have greater visibility on if there are changes that can be made at the same time to improve resource use, for example if there are options for lower water use toilets in council facilities, or reuse of handwashing water for flushing. I would also like to see if the commercial composting link to businesses could be improved, whether smaller cafes and businesses are able to link in with council to divert food waste and compostable materials into the council composting facility.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Elizabeth
Last name	Hill
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The average rates increase for the last 14 years has been 4.33%. I think the rates rise for this coming year (2023/24) should be no more than 5%. Furthermore, our properties are currently overvalued (as they were valued at the height of the housing market and these values have now dropped) I think a more modest rates increase of no more than 5% is prudent.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Gladys
Last name	Vining
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	You will continue to serve the community in their interests. Do what you have to do.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	more street cleaning.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	you were elected to serve/run the city. Please continue to do so in the best way you can
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Jackson
Last name	Flavall
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Although understandable, tough that ratepayers end up paying more while receiving less. While some costs are being deferred, I struggle to see how these costs can be absorbed in a later budget without either a rate rise of more than 6.4%, greater debt or neglect in certain areas. Overall the budget seems constrained with limited things to get excited about.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The proposed spending on safe communities appears to be lacking. The increasing prevalence of youth crime is of concern and it would be great to see council take a more active role in this space with community initiatives.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes, projects that can potentially cause costs to ratepayers if not addressed such as poor waste water management that can't stand up to heavy rain or roads that can't accommodate current traffic levels should be spending priorities.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	- It would be great to see soft plastic recycling in Palmerston North. - A community garden in Takaro would be great (potential to connect in with the food waste collection programme).
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	As a recreational cyclist close to the CBD, Featherston Street will likely be an area to avoid regardless of cycle way improvements due to the volume of traffic. I see cycleways on already busy roads as adding to congestion and confusion for motorists. I would much prefer funding for cycleways occurring on secondary roads.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	I think it is fair that ratepayers don't pick up the bill for specialised services they are unlikely to use.
Do you have any other feedback?	A drop in session during a weekday evening could be useful.
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Your contact details	
First name	Ernest
Last name	Sullivan
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Hey I know things are lot more expensive these days to do your programmes, interest rates and all - but we as households, are experiencing the same. I'm sure you personally are going through similar situation (well.. unless pay packages for council workers are too comfortable that these things don't affect you guys....) But the point is, please cut down on unnecessary spending, things that is not a priority, or spending for the sake of using up the budget to avoid missing out on next year's budget - just common sense really. I'm sure the ratepayers will appreciate that.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Further reduction on rates increase would be appreciated - just to help people during these tough times.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Unnecessary capital expenditure or maintenance can wait.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Get the right people on the job and boost effectiveness and efficiency. If the staff is not fit for purpose, then they better be out.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	

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Your contact details	
First name	Michael
Last name	Galvin
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Im not on board with another rates increase. Last year my rates increased by 47% or \$1500 a year and now you want to take an estimated \$300 more. I would like yo see council do a bigger breakdown of its spending instead of broad brushing it, like how much is spent on your working lunches or smokos alone. With the city collecting over \$91 mil annually (based off an average of 2500 per household) just from residential rates, what are you wasting all the money on ?
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like to see a full pay review and justification for why over 100 staff are on 6 figures a year. I would also like to know if council pays multiple times if the same pothole is repaired due to poor initial repair and id like for council to be more transparent and help to account on its wasted spending for non essential items i.e smokos, lunches, free bikes for staff etc etc
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	No
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	No
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Reduce the wasted spending and actually enforce it instead of making token jestures.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Not
Last name	Happy
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Not happy. Don't increase the rates by this much. I would like to see reduced service in the form of a reduction in cycle ways, some parks closed permanently, reduced library hours. I would be happy with around 0% rates increase.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Reduced services except for core council services such as rubbish collection and water and waste water, roading.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes agree.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Less parks, library services. Less social housing. Less grant funding.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Less internal meetings.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes I support.
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Gloriena
Last name	Leung
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Overall okay
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Yes
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Road conditions are appalling with potholes everything. Improvement is needed.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Can more roadwork be done outside of peak hours to reduce traffic disruption?
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes, more user charges should apply, to encourage waste minimization
Do you have any other feedback?	I had 20+% rate hike last year, I do hope a much lower than average hike this year to compensate. Our sub-urb has been unfairly targeted last year. My friends in Pacific Drive whose property and land value is almost double of mine are charged less
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Your contact details	
First name	Sam
Last name	Row
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The budget needs to include a greater police presence in the CBD to stop youth crime and youth gangs.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	A greater police presence in the CBD to stop youth crime and youth gangs.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	A greater police presence in the CBD to stop youth crime and youth gangs, especially in the old police station building.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Demolish the old police station building.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	More police in CBD.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	More police in CBD
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Your contact details	
First name	Thomas
Last name	McGee
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>Since 2017 I have been working with the council on the control of the tree on the berm in front of my house at 17, Milverton Avenue. During the latest inspection, it has been accepted that the roots of the tree are uplifting, cracking and damaging the front garden wall. It was decided that the tree has to be removed but I have been told by the council officer that there are no funds to do this.</p> <p>Referring to item 2028-Street Tree Removals of the Roadway – Operational budget for the coming year, I note the overall budget is being cut from \$308,000 to \$200,000. How can this be done when there are not enough funds to cover existing tree removal? If more funds are not allocated the likely outcome is to be even less tree removal. This will result in risks to the public as the trees become dangerous. Having experienced the trauma of a PNCC tree falling at my previous address, which could have resulted in a death, I would propose the 2028-Street Tree Removals budget should be increased to \$500,000.</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Having experienced the trauma of a PNCC tree falling at my previous address, which could have resulted in a death, I would propose the 2028-Street Tree Removals budget should be increased to \$500,000.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	

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Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Alyson
Last name	McGee
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	In the past and despite budget pressures, Palmy has had an excellent record on the provision of social housing. While I see that provision has been made for social housing in the current budget I would like to propose that this is ring-fenced so it cannot be reduced.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like to propose that the funds allocated for social housing are ring-fenced so they cannot be reduced.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Victoria
Last name	Mcdonald
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Rates to not increase this year or to increase by a maximum of 1%. I appreciate that the councils cost have gone up like everyone else but the cost of living crisis is impacting every family and is only going to get worse over time.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	This is a time when you have to defer a number of things so anything that does not need to be done now should be deferred.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Lucy
Last name	Marychurch
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Just keep to the basics, environmental sustainability, especially keeping our water clean and recycling as much as waste as we can. Spending on "Palmy" as a brand has been so expensive and unnecessary.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	No rate rises. Our current property values are above market value, and not a fair basis for deciding rates. We are already stretched enough financially.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	The large buses going around mainly empty need to be reviewed.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	I don't know what they are.
Do you have any other feedback?	Leave the proposed Roxburgh approach to the river. Too expensive.
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Your contact details	
First name	Kate
Last name	Aplin
Organisation you represent	Whatunga Tuao Volunteer Central
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Whatunga Tuao Volunteer Central would like to commend PNCC on responding to the current cost of living/inflationary pressures on the community by reviewing and reprioritising work previously identified for the LTP. We are also pleased to see that the Council commitment to having a connected safe vibrant community has been recognised by the Community Development budget remaining as planned.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Consideration to how people that live rurally and work/attend appointments in PN City are able to access the city without being financially disadvantaged as a result of no public transport available to them, and increased parking rates. Along with this goes safety (physical and emotional) of individuals in public areas as well as the high number of vehicle thefts and break ins.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	We do support the programmes that have been recommended to be deferred, and the rationale for them.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Consideration to how people that live rurally and work/attend appointments in PN City are able to access the city without being financially disadvantaged as a result of no public transport available to them, and increased parking rates.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Greater collaboration within the city and nearby TLA's to work smarter with shared resources recognising the value of neighbours to PNCC economy and community, and vice versa.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes
Do you have any other feedback?	Thank you for the opportunity to input into this budgeting round and the Council commitment to building a safe, resilient, connected community.
Supporting information	

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submissions for Annual Plan

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:50 PM
To: info@pncc.govt.nz
Subject: Submissions for Annual Plan

To whom it may concern: submission for consideration for annual plan :

1. Support Palmerston North gaining Age Friendly City status by including funding for this item in the annual plan. This should be recuperated when the Office for Seniors opens up its funding round in September.

1. Continue to fund the funding and building of social housing. In particular, investigate the building of houses which are aged-friendly, ie, single story, close to amenities & bust stops etc

1. Funding for making suburban streets pedestrian friendly. Currently they are often full of weeds, uneven in levels and corrugated by cracks and tree roots. Palmerston North streets need to be made safe to walk. There have been several accidents with e scooter wheels being caught in the cracks, let alone all the times pedestrians trip and fall.

1. Safe driving around Palmy: Our speed limit right around the city school and business areas should be 40kph. Not 30kph and not between 8.30am and 3.30pm, but all the time. Children, pedestrians and cyclists need to be protected from some of the bad driving which is out there.

Thank you

Ros Hallam

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Your contact details	
First name	Alan
Last name	Dingley
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	I would like to see a turning arrows at the College street/Botanical road intersection, also extending the time that lights are green for it, seems very short presently.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Brian
Last name	McPherson
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The Annual Budget is probably the best you can do under the current circumstances.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Attention all City Councillors ! Have you walked anywhere in your home suburb during the last month? I suggest you choose a random street with mature berm growing trees and walk around the block. The chances are you will encounter 6-10 uneven or broken walking surfaces in each street. Because you are all at work during the day you are unaware of how many people, both young and old use the footpaths and are injured. We are pensioners and walk each day up to 3kms on random footpaths and wish to encourage you all to increase the footpath repair this coming financial year.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Chayse
Last name	Gorton
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I am increasingly concerned about the safety within Palmerston North. Under safe communities I can see there is money for CCTV. I believe this needs to be higher to address criminal and anti social activity. I am unsure how this would effect my rates but think it is important for Palmerston North to be safer!
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I am increasingly concerned about the safety within Palmerston North. Under safe communities I can see there is money for CCTV. I believe this needs to be higher to address criminal and anti social activity. I am unsure how this would effect my rates but think it is important for Palmerston North to be safer!
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More in safe communities for the reason highlighted below. Potentially less in creative and exciting to redirect this money to the safety
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Potentially less in creative and exciting to redirect this money to the safety
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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PNCC Rec'd 14 APR 2023

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IN HOUSE

Eric Constantine

Submission on 2023 DAP

14 APR 2023

It is regrettable that given the level of expected debt I have virtually no confidence in council's ability, or desire, to plan and budget in a responsible manner. I would like all councillors to consider that some 20yrs+ back council debt was approximately \$10m.

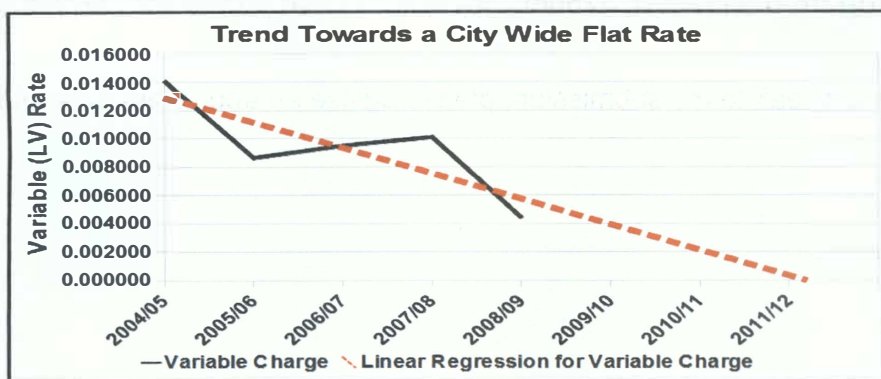


Chart 1.

I have no doubt that there are some councillors who can remember the above chart. This particular mayor received approximately \$35,000 in campaign funds and donations. The donors' property over the next few years received an approximate 20% rates reduction in addition to which the city came within some **4years of being on a flat rate.**



Chart 2.

While I have no campaign or donation amounts with regard to the Higgins family/group it appears to me that we are in a similar position to that of chart 1 being within, yet again, just a few years off a city wide flat rate. In that event a \$50 property would pay the same rates as a \$50m one. These reductions provide not only significant rates relief to high value properties but also contribute to ever increasing debt.

Each of the above charts, in the years charted, indicate councils desire to increase debt regardless of the consequences to ratepayers.

In addition to chart 2 we also have the Medium Density Housing project the subtlety of which will only become apparent in time but make no mistake it will be a factor in the

issue of rates.

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The common theme, as I see it, not only does council has a tendency to favour the wealthy at the expense of the more vulnerable ratepayers and renters but also lacks the appropriate leadership for ratepayers to have any confidence in its ability to plan, and more importantly, budget.

While one councillor is concerned that the amount of planned capital spending would increase council debt **from \$192m to \$250m** council blithley tells us that council's net debt will drop from \$323m to \$250m. Not exactly clear. Not exactly professional?

I should like to speak to my submission, please advise an appropriate date and time..

Thank you



Eric Constantine. 11th April 2023

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Your contact details	
First name	D
Last name	W
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More of a focus on the Square and making it a safe space again. Too many gangs of youths.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More police and security in CBD
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Peter and Isobel
Last name	Wilson
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>We commend the services and facilities provided by the PNCC. We support the overall expenditure budget, but do not support the basis of the rating system for residential properties. This submission is to urge the PNCC to amend its rating system from land value to capital value. As property owners in Palmerston North we are happy to pay our share of rates, provided the basis of the rates assessment is fair and equitable. I use as an example the rates burden my wife and I face for our residence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We live at Karina Terrace, Palmerston North. • Our rates in 2021-23 were \$5235.96 based on a capital value of \$750,000 being \$140,000 for improvements and \$610.000 for land valuation • Our rates in 2022-23 are \$7905.01 based on capital value of \$1,810,000 being \$140.000 for improvements and \$1,670,000 for land valuation • This represents a 51% increase from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023. • Over the same period our Horizons rates increased 10% <p>We contend that the present rating system is demonstrably unfair when there are numerous situations of properties with similar or greater capital value whose owners pay substantially lower rates than we are now required to pay. Such properties are on small land areas with substantially higher improvement valuations i.e. large modern houses.</p> <p>We have become the unfortunate victim of the land-value system since our total land area is 2428 square metres.</p> <p>We receive the same council provided services as the owners of properties with similar capital value. yet we are required to pay substantially higher rates.</p> <p>We understand the social equity justification for rates to be based on a differential between higher and lower property values, but that should be based on total valuation rather than one arbitrarily based on only one valuation criteria.</p> <p>We believe the rating system should be equitable and fair. For us,</p>

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	<p>and those in our situation with high land valuation, the present system is not.</p> <p>Capital value rating is applied in the significant majority of municipalities throughout Aotearoa/NZ.</p> <p>We urge the PNCC to amend its residential rating policy to be fair and equitable, based on capital rather than land value, consistent with the majority of municipalities in Aotearoa/NZ.</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	We wish to see the residential rating system changed from land value to capital value.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Emily
Last name	Brown
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	We need to invest more in our aquatic facilities in Palmerston North. As a surf lifeguard and qualified swim coach I'm very aware of the lack of water space (lane space) in Palmerston North and the impact that this has on people's ability to swim.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	I'd really like to see the council take over management of pool facilities directly, rather than going through a third party. There's a conflict of interest when a third party is used, as they try to make profit which leads to inflated prices for swim lessons and unnecessary deterioration of facilities
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Lane space and swim lessons need to be prioritised to prevent drownings. Competitive swimmers make great lifeguards, and basic swim skills cannot be taught in two weeks, so need to be cheaper so that they can be afforded by all
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Your contact details	
First name	Deidre
Last name	Southee
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I feel the budget could be decreased by stopping streetscaping. This has had an effect on parking and then business within the town centre.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More cut back on unnecessary spending. Stop projects that have very limited positive effect on most rate payers
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Streetscaping Downsizing road for cars with cycling lanes. Make alternative routes on less busy roads for cycling
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	The council needs fresh ideas not ideas from other areas and overseas. Often these other ideas have not worked and are being rejected now I.e. France with electric scooters now been illegal due to the increase in accidents with them.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Not really. A better solution needs to be found so everyone can afford it. The bags do not seem effective. I wonder whether bins are less of an expense. Recycling centres rather than collections. You will always have those that don't cooperate.
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Jeff
Last name	Cruickshank
Organisation you represent	Ice Breaker Aquatics
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I appreciate the PNCC looking to keep the budget and the rates increase at a managed level.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I want to ensure the work on the Aquatics feasibility study is not shelved and continues to progress without any hold ups.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I want to ensure the work on the Aquatics feasibility study is not shelved and continues to progress without any hold ups.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I want to ensure the work on the Aquatics feasibility study is not shelved and continues to progress without any hold ups.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	I want to ensure the work on the Aquatics feasibility study is not shelved and continues to progress without any hold ups.
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Your contact details	
First name	Sarah
Last name	Devonport
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Would like to have the aquatics facilities reviewed. The swimming community need a 50m indoor pool built within Palmerston North to hold competitions and provide training for larger events around the country.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	The swimming community is continuing to grow. The facilities we currently have in town (lido and freyberg 25m indoor pools) aren't large enough to support the number of people that are now participating in events. There are numerous national swim events around New Zealand every year that are competed in 50m indoor pools. Our swimmers need this locally to train for these events.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Justin
Last name	Randall
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Need to include to or add a budget to increase and improve sporting facilities.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like you to include to the budget to improve on sporting facilities in the town. We need the pools created, added, or improved at the Lido Pools so that we can host more swimming and water polo events which will bring money into the area.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	We need the pools created, added, or improved at the Lido Pools so that we can host more swimming and water polo events which will bring money into the area. (I suggest either adding a 50m pool which is deep enough on one side for water polo. Or deepen half the current 50m pool and add lanes so it can be used for multi sports. Or deepen half the 50m pool and make the diving pond 25m by 20m so it can be used for diving, swimming and water polo.) Also all pools should be heated all year round.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Aquatics in the town is growing yet we are one of the only towns that do not have the facilities to host a tournament or even a fixture in the town. Deepen half the 50m pool and make the diving well 25m by 20m. We will then have facilities in the town to use for events.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	I suggest either adding a 50m by 25m pool which is deep enough on one side for water polo and under water hockey. Or deepen half the current 50m pool and add lanes so it can be used for multiple sports. Or deepen half the 50m pool and make the diving pond 25m by 20m so it can be used for diving, swimming and water polo.) Also all pools should be heated all year round.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste,	Yes

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planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	<p>Please listen to the aquatics community in the town we do not have facilities available suitable for the sports on offer.</p> <p>Build it and we can host national events which will bring loads of money into the town.</p>
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Your contact details	
First name	Zac
Last name	Tutty
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Water polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Need aquatic facilities for waterpolo in the manawatu
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Need waterpolo facilities in the manawatu. Manawatu waterpolo is an expanding club and can't rely on going to Wellington to play all of their games
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Dorothy
Last name	Lombe
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	We need more swimming lane space
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Swimming development needs to be considered highly
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes
Do you have any other feedback?	No
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Your contact details	
First name	Kelly
Last name	Tissink
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	-
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	-
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	-
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Palmerston North is in desperate need of a new aquatic facility. The ones we have currently are well utilised and space is at a premium. A competition level aquatic facility will bring people of outside the region to Palmerston North and make us a destination for aquatic sport.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	-
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	-
Do you have any other feedback?	-
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Jane
Last name	Rattray
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	A new aquatics centre is crucial. Can you please keep moving forward with this proposal. My daughter trains with a club 3 nights a week at the Lido and it's a constant battle for lane space. When the availability of lanes is reduced, more children have to train in each lane meaning they can't train to their full potential. It would be fantastic to see our children on the competitive stage nationally and internationally.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Paul
Last name	Perry
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I am appreciative of the fact that the PNCC has worked hard to keep the rates increase below the level of general inflation, This is not easy, and hard decisions must be made.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Change the rating base from land value to capital value before the implementation of the new proposed rates. Given that this is still a substantial rates increase, it is particularly hard on those ratepayers that are disadvantaged by the continued use of land value based rating rather than capital value based rating. This is a major injustice. A solid majority of local councils in NZ recognise this and have switched to Capital Value rating, but not Palmerston North. This issue caused quite a stir here last year when the new property valuations came out. We have been promised a "rates review" for at least the last 5-6 years, but so far nothing has happened. If PNCC had switched to Capital Value rating before the implementation of the proposed rates increase, at least one major injustice in the process would have been eliminated.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	See above comments around using Capital Value rather than land value as a rating base.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes,

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Do you have any other feedback?	Local councils are pretty regularly confronted with this issue of having to make hard decisions in order to trim back rates increases. Part of the problem is an over-reliance on rates for a large part of their necessary funding. PNCC should join with other local councils to lobby central government for a broader revenue base. There are many ideas out there, including sharing GST with the local councils, or something similar to the extra petrol tax in Auckland (note that Auckland doesn't necessarily have the highest petrol prices in the country, despite the extra tax) .
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Your contact details	
First name	Daniel
Last name	Ryland
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Tenants' Union
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>The intentions behind the budget to limit cost increases is suitable to continue to maintain services while recognising the affordability difficulties impacting tenants in the private market and in community housing is valuable to limit impacts on those less able to pay. A core part of the submission is a reminder that tenants pay rates through rent and they live in Palmerston North making use of the available amenities and services. This is compared to absentee property owners who may own a house, but do not reside in the area and do not use any of the facilities. Tenants also make up a significant portion of the Palmerston North population. According to the most recent Census data (2006, 2013, and 2018), 44% to 50% of Palmerston North's population are renters living in 35% to 37% of homes. 74% to 79% of these are in the private market. These numbers reflect that more renters tend to reside within a given house compared to owner-occupiers, due to household makeup and high rental costs.</p> <p>In this context, we commend PNCC for retaining a focus on housing growth and its social housing activities even during the difficult economic times. The management of PNCC's social housing is some of the best available as PNCC tenants constitute less than 1% of those coming to us for support. Furthermore, removing or reducing social housing is to impose the cost of housing on households unable to pay while undermining the long term affordability and livability of the city.</p> <p>Many cost increases apply to increases in fixed costs, so these are understandable and necessary. We favour the long-term prosperity of Palmerston North supporting housing by providing safe and connected communities and enabling greater density of housing growth. Housing affordability in existing and new rental homes is a key component of this.</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Many of the changes we seek are beyond the Annual Budget and PNCC's currently legislated responsibilities. These are things such as continuing to ease the ability to build medium density housing

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	for rent, maintaining processes to encourage healthy and sustainable housing (such as the eco-designer), and increasing the amount of PNCC housing with income-related rent.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	<p>We feel that improving active and public transport is an important feature of an accessible and affordable city, as well as for reducing the city's carbon footprint. Recent extreme weather events indicate just how important it is to act on these issues now. Weather events anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand will have flowon impacts to Palmerston North's housing availability and development. Continuing to encourage active and sustainable transport will help the long term protection of Palmerston North's housing stock, while making the city more affordable and sustainable. Allowing for a higher increase in rates to achieve this is an option as the costs will need to be paid eventually. There is no need to undermine these projects given that the rates increase is already less than inflation.</p> <p>Other deferred programs such as upgrades and maintenance is not ideal, especially if it results in higher costs later on. We would expect that there is a plan to meet these requirements.</p>
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>Given the ongoing housing crisis and difficulty accessing and affording housing, we would like to see social housing remain and continue to be expanded. Large-scale income related rent housing does result in reducing market rents by acting as a viable competitor to the private market (Haffner et al., 2008). Furthermore, affordable rents mean that there is greater equality with a lower wealth gap between tenures (Wind & Dewilde, 2019). Each of these make for a fairer society with more community connection.</p> <p>Similarly, ensuring that housing and utilities are sustainable, and warm, dry, and secure needs to happen. PNCC housing can be a benchmark and example for what homes should be. Furthermore, PNCC can do more to encourage private market housing to be up to standard as the power imbalance between tenants and property owners restrict this from occurring (Chisholm et al., 2017). Particularly as rent is not generally determined by the condition of the property, just that low quality housing tends to mean greater appropriation from tenants (Crook & Hughes, 2001).</p> <p>A fairer society and more sustainable housing is a core part of housing provision and making sure the Palmerston North is a good place to live.</p>
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Housing is a human right and central to providing the stability and security for family creation, employment, and community connection. Achieving this means favouring housing for shelter above housing as a property right. This extends beyond the Annual Budget and PNCC, but it is something that needs to be incorporated into all levels of planning for housing and tenure.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste,	Yes. These costs are most able to be accommodated by the users impacted while limiting imposing costs on those least able to pay. The additional certainty around consenting and development costs should help achieve clarity minimise concerns of escalating

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planning and miscellaneous services?	unknown costs to make future building simpler. Our recommendation is generally to minimise increasing unavoidable costs imposed on tenants.
Do you have any other feedback?	A rates increase of less than inflation has its value, but we caution about keeping it low as it should not result in undermining and reducing investment in the city in the long run. Keeping increases at a similar level into the future will contribute to under-investing in infrastructure as the real value declines.
Supporting information	

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission - Draft Annual Plan 2023-24

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Sent: Tuesday, 18 April 2023 3:50 pm
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission - Draft Annual Plan 2023-24

Kia ora,

My appreciation to PNCC for the support provided through Environment Network Manawatu for the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy, Manawatu Food Action Network, Growing Community Gardens, Community Fruit Harvest and the many related initiatives happening in the city. All this positive action is inspiring and encouraging as it works to provide us all with increased knowledge, resilience and ability to increase our food security, well-being and lessen the cost of fresh food.

Related to the need for space to grow food and enhance recreation please retain current green spaces and create pocket parks, reserves and other areas where similar activities can happen.
 Every neighbourhood should be able to access such spaces. They do not have to be large.

On behalf of the Awapuni Community Centre, 22 Newbury Street where I have weekly attendance, please install WIFI to enable improved presentation services for programme speakers and monitoring via surveillance cameras to combat vandalism. The Centre receives heavy use, noticeable are events that may have happened in people's homes now require a larger space than is available there. Consequently "casual" use the facilities has increased.

As a regular user of the Awapuni Community Library I note the increased usage of this service and of the space for meetings, events and programmes. A larger facility is needed. With the Pathways Presbyterian Church St Mark's site no longer used by the Parish, there is space that would well suit a purpose built Community Library with rooms that cater for the increasingly diverse activities libraries now promote and host.

I note that to date no action to create the right turn arrow at Botanical Road / College Street intersection is happening. With two schools, 2 pre-schools, a swimming school, After School Kids, dairy, bakery, out of town commuters, busy use by heavy vehicles along with the local neighbourhood traffic using this route there is demand for a modification to the traffic light system. This would alleviate the strain on Kingston Street as some drivers seek a deviation to avoid the lights. While "statistics" may tell one story, there are other considerations such as the nature and purpose of the traffic density that requires serious attention.

I support the proposed rates increase. Well done to be among the most affordable in Aotearoa.

Annette Nixon

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Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
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Your submission	
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Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Aquatic centre with a pool with a depth of 1.8m the whole pool so that there is sufficient facilities for water sports to practice because at the moment we have to go to Wellington or HB to train properly
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Greg
Last name	Sawyer
Organisation you represent	Central Canoe Polo Association
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I would like the funding to be provided for an aquatics facility review. This is part of the Long Term Plan to review aquatics facilities in the region within this financial year. I strongly support the vision to build a 50 meter pool for use by all potential users. Canoe Polo players at all levels would greatly appreciate the use of a 50 meter pool for a few hours each day.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

Palmerston North rates submission

I am concerned that the Mangone stream is silting up through the city.

It is the Palmerston north City councils responsibility to maintain this regardless that the MDC are required to carry out the work.

The Mangone stream was excavated up to the city boundary a couple of years ago but it hasn't continued through the city.

With the unusual weather conditions happening this is important.

If the Mangone overflows it is to later to say what should or could have been done to save a lot of the city from flooding.

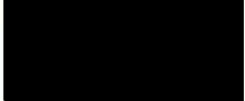
If think this should be a priority and I hope the council have budgeted for it.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Steve Morrison

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Your contact details	
First name	Helen
Last name	King
Organisation you represent	Manawatū Food Action Network (a collective of Environment Network Manawatu0
Hearing	
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Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
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Do you have any other feedback?	
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Submission to PNCC Draft Annual Budget Consultation 2023-24.

To: Palmerston North City Council

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Overview: A submission expressing the need for the development of a city-wide Food Resilience and Food Security Policy to be included in the 2023-24 budget.

Background:

Environment Network Manawātū (ENM) is the environment hub for the Manawātū Region with the key purpose of facilitating and enabling communication, cooperation, and increasing collective action amongst its member groups and the wider community. ENM provides leadership by underpinning, fostering, and encouraging environmental initiatives in the region and our 65 plus current member groups are from throughout the Manawātū River Catchment with interests including biodiversity regeneration, freshwater management, citizen science, food security and resilience, sustainable living, alternative energies, and active transport. The network is organised into two collective focus areas: Manawātū Food Action Network and Manawātū River Source to Sea.

Manawātū Food Action Network (MFAN) is a collective of social service and environmental organisations (and other community stakeholders) working together to increase collaboration, education and awareness around issues of food security, food resilience and food localisation. Currently MFAN's main focus is preparation and implementation of a strategy to improve Kai Security in the 4412 postcode of Palmerston North.

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ENM's constitutional purposes are to:

- coordinate and communicate the efforts of the member groups to enhance the local environment:
 - actively protect, maintain, restore and enhance the environment of the Manawātū;
 - promote ideas to the wider community to encourage them to participate in environmental projects;
 - develop concerted long-term plans of action to enhance the environment and actively progress the implementation of these plans;
 - encourage the provision of "green" areas for passive recreation;
 - work together to identify, initiate, support, implement and maintain environmental projects that benefit the wider community;
 - initiate, develop, implement and participate in environmental education.
- Act as a central point of access to environmental information.
- Advocate for ecological sustainability and matters of agreed environmental significance.
- Work in partnership with iwi to recognise kaitiakitanga and environmental aims and objectives in common.
- Liaise with similar organisations elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world as appropriate to source and share ideas for environmental projects and issues.

Submission:

In 2022 we submitted and talked to council around the need for the development of a City-Wide Food Resilience Policy. The purpose of this was to more fully enable the work highlighted in the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy to be broadened to encompass the whole city and lay the foundations for the city to implement this policy in the future. We understood there was a resolution made by council to so complete this work. Recent communications have informed us that there was an oversight in the inclusion of this in the Draft Annual Budget for 2023-24 (as Council resolved for it to be). We are aware that elected members are also being made aware of the omission.

We strongly encourage the Council to include the development of a City-Wide Food Resilience Policy to be included in the final budget, as per their previous decision.

Over the last 12 months food resilience and security have become and even greater issue for people in our rohe. This is due to increases in cost of living and disruptions to local food supply chains linked to climate related events in Auckland, Northland and Hawkes Bay. The urgent, imperative development of City-Wide Food Resilience Policy that aims to mitigate food insecurity would allow widespread recognition of this as a pertinent, pressing issue. It will also enable corresponding actions and initiatives linked to MFAN and other food resilience focused organisations to be executed with increased speed and ease.

As per our last submission we stress that:

- The right to food is a human right. It protects the right of all human beings to live in dignity, free from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. The right to food is not about charity, but about ensuring that all people have the capacity to feed themselves in

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dignity. As such, having a policy around food resilience that can speak to and support this right is of utmost importance.

- Food resilience stems from the ability of communities to produce their own food, and as such is dependent on appropriate land for this production. PNCC are kaitiaki over much of the land within this city and are, to an extent, able to regulate land use. Given the power PNCC have, it is appropriate they have a policy in place to ensure that its' citizens can take an active part in growing their own food if they so wish.
- Palmerston North is a city that boasts a wide range of food-related industries, hosts a university with a centre on food research, and is surrounded by fertile land that produces food. Having a policy on food resilience would be a good fit with our regions status as a "food basket".
- As an organisation that works alongside and supports other organisations helping the most vulnerable in our communities, we know the additional stresses that food insecurity is having on those whose lives are already heavily stressed. Food insecurity is a growing problem and one that has numerous detrimental flow-on effects for those individuals it directly affects, and the wider communities within our city. Having a policy in place to support programs that help move communities from food insecurity to food resilience and beyond is a social investment in these communities that will contribute to a safe future for our city and all its citizens.



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Organisation you represent	Environment Network Manawatū
Hearing	
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Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
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Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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To: Palmerston North City Council

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Overview:

A submission linking to support and suggestions around the Draft Annual Budget for 2023-24.

Background:

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- Advocate for ecological sustainability and matters of agreed environmental significance.
- Work in partnership with iwi to recognise kaitiakitanga and environmental aims and objectives in common.
- Liaise with similar organisations elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world as appropriate to source and share ideas for environmental projects and issues.

Submission:

We acknowledge the pressure that the last three years of living with a pandemic has placed on council operations. This increasing momentum of the effects of climate change, increased costs of living and rising food insecurity all add extra challenge.

Despite this, it is important to recognize that decisions that are made from primarily economic, social or cultural viewpoints often have detrimental environmental impacts. Without a healthy living environment, we simply don't have life. The two are fundamentally interconnected and inter-twined. Therefore, we would encourage council to ensure that an environmental and ecological lens is placed over these budget decisions to ensure they are truly sustainable.

We support:

- The trial and implementation of food waste collection services throughout the city which we understand will reduce food going to landfill, reduce emissions and generate a valuable resource in the form of compost. We note there is a strong government- led directive for the kerbside collection of food waste to be implemented by local authorities within the next few years. Council statistics note that the current percentage of food waste in our stream to be high. We support and encourage council to be a national lead in reducing food waste going to landfill, as is consistent with its Eco- City priorities.
- The establishment of protected cycleways on Featherston Street and Summerhill Drive to increase active transport use across the city, and reduce the use of vehicles, emissions, and the resulting climate implications. We strongly support and encourage council to continue making active transport safer including creating a viable cycling network right across the city. Cycle networks should be a strategic priority. Evidence suggests that the occasional cycle path does not increase cycling by much unless it is connected to a bigger network (Christchurch is an example of a cycle lanes having limited effect until there is a network).
- We support the proposed reduction in speed limits near schools to enable children to walk to school and reduce the need for their parents to drive to school. Speed reductions will have limited impact on travel time due to the need to stop at traffic lights, and will increase safety and create nicer places to walk ([This article nicely summarises evidence for the positive impacts of slower speed limits in cities - making them better places to live](#)).

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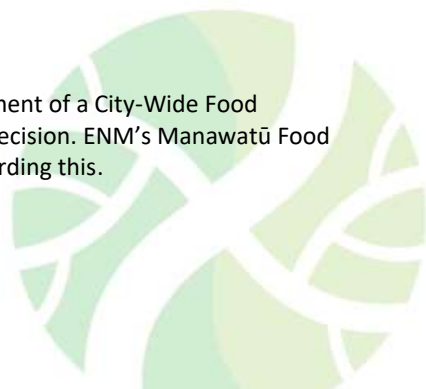
- Proceeding with the Nature Calls project by working with Horizons Regional Council to obtain a new resource consent for discharging treated wastewater.
- The rises in fixed charges to ensure the continuing high level of services linked to the provision of water, waste disposal, recycling and wastewater.

We challenge and question:

- The centralisation over localisation of the food waste collection service, in the understanding that the compost could be used as a valuable locally based resource that people could introduce back into their gardens. Resources could also be invested in encouraging and support local communities to undertake composting as an option.
- How little funding is put into Eco-City priorities comparatively to other areas, this currently being the third to lowest area of spending. We encourage increased investment in this.
- The reduction in the climate change mitigation budget from 388k to 258k for this coming year. Reflecting on the damage caused by climate related events over the last few months we seek further explanation around this rationale. It is essential that climate change mitigation continues to be prioritised.
- The reduction in budget for biodiversity and sustainable practises. As noted above, this is linked with our Eco-City Goals and our need as a society to do all we can to mitigate climate change. Resourcing to undertake and improve biodiversity initiatives and sustainability practices is essential.
- The concept of an Envirohub being deprioritised for 2023-24 and added to the 10-year plan. We strongly advocate for the fast tracking of the next steps towards development of a fully functioning, inspirational Environment Centre for our rohe. We ask, at the very least, that an exploration into what an Environment Centre could and should look like, and what the benefits to the community would be is resourced. In the stark understanding of current climate change events and the devastating, heart-breaking impact on many of our regions this seems increasingly imperative. A space that can model change, innovation and offer support and information to people to guide them through the vital adaptation to a more sustainable climate friendly lifestyle is immensely important.

In addition:

N.B We strongly encourage council to include the development of a City-Wide Food Resilience Policy in the final budget, as per their previous decision. ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network has made a more detailed submission regarding this.



From: Submission
Subject: FW: Pathways Presbyterian Church Submission 2023-24 Draft Annual Plan

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Sent: Wednesday, 19 April 2023 1:03 pm
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Pathways Presbyterian Church Submission 2023-24 Draft Annual Plan

INTRODUCTION

This last year saw the completion of Earthquake Strengthening at the St Andrew's site of Pathways Presbyterian Church and a celebration for the return to this historic inner city site as a worship centre. We thank Palmerston North City Council for their contribution towards this achievement through the Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund grant made available

Funds for the remedial work were supplemented by further funding to modify the interior now providing a "fit for purpose" public worship, performance and event venue already much used especially for music ministry and publicly promoted musical events. We appreciated the interest from the Mayor, Mayoress and some Councillors to view the improvements at their recent visit.

FUTURE PLANS

Now the St Andrew's site is back in use we continue to review the use of the St David's site at Main Street, Terrace End where a range of community focused programmes operate, but currently no Parish worship services.

At St Marks in Awapuni we reiterate the potential of the site, which adjoins the Guide Hall at Panako Place, for consideration for community development now the Parish no longer holds services there. Currently the property houses the OP SHOP and leases the church building to Korimako Church. The Manse is let to a former refugee family. For many years community feedback has noted this land as a possible site for a purpose built community library / community hub to meet growing residential, recreational and social activity in the area.

We recommend your continued attention to this potential site for community facility development.

Parish Council
 Pathways Presbyterian Church

We wish to speak to our submission - Wednesday 17 May 9-11am

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Your contact details	
First name	Brian
Last name	Way
Organisation you represent	Te Araroa Manawatū Trust
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Refer to attached document
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Refer to attached document
Supporting information	

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**Submission to Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan
2023/24
from
Te Araroa Manawatū Trust**

Te Araroa Manawatu Trust (TAMT) is the independent regional branch of the national Te Araroa Trust. TAMT is run by volunteers who work year-round to monitor, maintain, enhance, and promote the Manawatū/Horowhenua section of the Te Araroa trail. Our section of the trail stretches 112km from Bulls to Poads Rd, Levin, with Palmerston North at its centre. Palmerston North is also the city-at-the-Centre of the trail. The 1500km halfway mark is always found somewhere south of the city with the nominal point at a sign on Back Track, Arapuke Forest Park. (The actual 1500km mark shifts each year as a result of trail adjustments elsewhere in the country)

The national Te Araroa Trust's strategic plan identifies five focus areas.

- facilitating a high-quality experience for walkers
- improving trail infrastructure
- strengthening relationships with stakeholders
- clearly communicating trail information to walkers, and
- securing the sustainability of the trail and the Trust through partnerships and new funding streams.

TAMT works to support these focus areas.

Precise numbers are unknown but best estimates for the 2022/23 season suggest between 3000-4000 through hikers are doing the trail. On top of that there are many thousands more walking sections of the trail either incidentally, or deliberately accumulating sections to eventually have walked the length of the country.

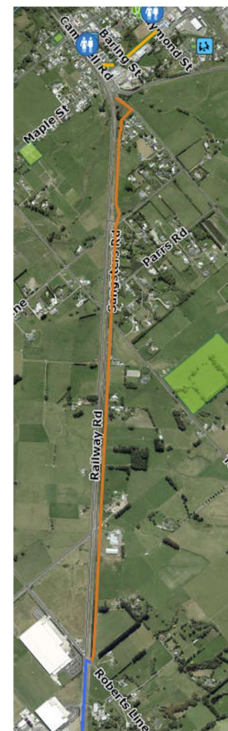
The Palmerston North city centre provides great resupply options (eg. food and outdoor supplies) and rest opportunities for hikers – many choose to spend two nights in the city as they prepare to head into the rugged Taranaki range.

TAMT recognizes and acknowledges the significant support that the city has provided to the Te Araroa Trail over the years, notably:

- The Whare o Moturimu facilities – ie. the shelter, toilet and camping area provided in Gordon Kear Forest – one day's walk south of Palmerston North

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- The nominal “halfway” signage on Back Track
 - *These two features are amongst the most anticipated and photographed facilities along the national trail*
- Signboards north and south of the city which serve to orient hikers in the place
- Bridging to cross streams
- Green Corridors along streams to get hikers off the road
- The recently purchased 1000m strip purchased alongside the first hill section of Greens Rd. This has separated hikers from the wind farm construction traffic and provided another small piece in the long term puzzle to get most of the trail off the roads.
- Building the off road piece of trail from the top of the bends near the start of Turitea Rd to the first one lane bridge
- Provision of toilets and rubbish bins and picnic tables at strategic points along the way. (There are ten PNCC public toilets along the Palmerston North section of the trail between Bunnythorpe and Gordon Kear Forest)
- Inclusion of the TAMT developed walking route along the unformed section of Sangsters Rd in the City Walkways booklet.



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In terms of specific programmes in the 2023/24 budget Te Araroa Manawātū Trust notes and supports the following:

Active Transport

Opex Programme 1494 - Active and Public Transport Planning, \$74,000 – We support this programme and the opportunity to use some of this funding to continue to plan for construction of the shared path to Bunnythorpe and beyond to connect with the Manawātū District Council shared path along Campbell Rd as far as Kung Fu Corner.

Capital New Programme 2057 & 2141 C/F– Regional Shared path network improvements, \$2.32 mill & \$812,000 respectively – We support this programme and urge council to progress the shared path from the Roberts Line intersection with the railway through Bunnythorpe and on to Kung Fu Corner on the city's northern boundary.

We are aware that planning is underway for the first and most important section of this path, being the 500m paper road stretch of Waughs Rd between Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd and the dead end section of Waughs Rd, north of the old MDC Waste Transfer Depot. If this section of path is completed it will bridge the Mangaone Stream and Jacks Creek and provides walkers and cyclists a safe route north of Bunnythorpe where they do not have to use the very narrow stretch of Campbell Rd on the opposite side of the railway.



We urge council to prioritise construction of this short section for safety reasons.

If resources are available, and the Ashhurst shared path project is further delayed, we urge Council to proceed with planning and construction of the shared path along the unformed legal road (Sangsters Rd) along the eastern side of the railway line between Bunnythorpe and the existing shared path on Railway Rd at the intersection with Roberts Line.

With Manawātū District Council making good progress on their section of the shared path, south along Campbell Rd, the two councils have the opportunity to complete the commuter active transport route between Feilding and Palmerston North within a short time. Completion of this route would also be a boon and safety improvement for all Te Araroa hikers passing through the district.

Active Communities

Renewal Programme 1834 – Walkway Renewals, \$117,000

Opex Programme 2000 – Walkways maintenance, \$76,000

We support these two programmes in their importance for maintaining and restoring the city walkways but especially the ones used by the Te Araroa Trail as it passes through the city. Hikers are impressed with the walking facilities provided by the city. Continuing to maintain and renew

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walkways and building resilience to weather events is important to maintaining this most popular of City Reserve assets.

The Te Araroa Manawatū Trust would like to take the opportunity to speak to this submission.

David Grant
Chair TAMT

Brian Way
TAMT Trustee

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Aaron
Last name	Fox
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I had hoped to see a better balance between the delivery of PNCC's core business, and the maintenance of key assets with the reduction or elimination of expenditure on non-essential services. I question the use of 'city wide' in many respects, when the debate which accompanies many of these activities has a distinct centre-city focus. If this is to be a truly city-wide budget, meeting the current and future needs of a community facing individual and collective economic challenges, I would look to a wider and more coherent needs analysis for the city, and a credible response to the increased costs of, for instance, transport. Ongoing support for the PNITI is a case in point - a centre-city focus on moving road transport to the rural areas of the city, which then have to accommodate the problems, inconveniences and dangers of heavy transport in (smaller) rural/urban areas. Recent events show that roading, drainage and flood protection are vital to the health and wellbeing of a community, while urban growth needs to be managed with care. I support the ongoing maintenance of the city's reserves and sporting facilities. What is 'Workforce Transformation' at \$256K?
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Less expenditure on economic development for the foreseeable future, as the council or its proxy agency CEDA support projects in which the council has no investment. The expenses and returns on economic development, international relations and city marketing are not sustainable in the current economic climate. Cut the funding for CEDA, and instead work with existing businesses within the city to enhance and expand existing development opportunities. Why spend money on marketing the city when the residents face difficulties getting about given the condition of roads, traffic congestion, bus timetables and so on. I am opposed to the phrase 'urban growth' when associated with the NEIZ and the PNITI - these developments will work against rural/urban areas outside of the centre of Palmerston North. There is no equity here. I call for the integrated management of the city's arts and heritage - Te Manawa and the library - and for a pause in public sculpture

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	<p>funding. Strengthen and weatherproof those buildings which house our city taonga, and match this with a vision as to how these facilities and holdings will best be utilised into the future. The Annual Budget includes \$5.6M for 'direction setting'. Please explain.</p>
<p>Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?</p>	<p>I would add in city shaping to the list of programmes which can safely be deferred. Likewise public sculpture. If the city chooses to favour a business model for activities, then privatise social housing. Eco city initiatives can be deferred, as can the Manawatu River projects. If the latter were changed to community development initiatives, then the council could consider reduced seed funding to enable local groups to carry out some of the projects. Defer the master plan for the civic and cultural precinct. If you can barely afford to undertake basic work on the library and museum, then why spend money on an unaffordable aspirational plan? Equally, the delivery of industrial growth planning needs to be re-examined and deferred. The track record of industrial growth planning in the city over the past decade has not been a roaring success - the failure of the NEIZ extension is just one example.</p>
<p>Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?</p>	<p>I see no mention of upgrades to the three waters of Bunnythorpe, despite known problems of considerable duration with respect to the quality of the water supply and the efficiency of sewage and stormwater disposal or the maintenance of roadside drainage. Sort out your existing communities before attempting to support new urban developments. Even some of the basics such as mowing verges in rural communities. Road safety is another issue of concern for my own community - the road surrounding the village of Bunnythorpe are sometimes lethal (and increasingly so, according to the additional information attached to the Annual Budget), and require local consideration and solutions outside of any central-government-funded initiative.</p>
<p>Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?</p>	<p>Better consultation is a good start. The council needs to get out of the confines of the chamber once in a while and go and listen to the variety of communities around the city to better understand people's priorities. I am concerned at the level of council debt, as interest rates change. Another suggestion is to be open about each expenditure line in the budget. Some of the expenditure lines are opaque. Let's be open and honest about how, where and when the council plans to spend thousands of our dollars - spell it out, please. The odd apology would not go amiss either, whenever a service has not been delivered or a budget has not been met.</p>
<p>Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?</p>	<p>In principle, yes, but only if these services represent value for money. Planning services, for instance, should cost-effective and timely. Targeted rates for water supply and wastewater - this assumes that the service offered by the council is effective and efficient. Neither is the case here in Bunnythorpe, so targeted rates for a substandard service is not equitable. If rates are to be targeted, then match these with a service agreement - what the customer can expect, and the levels of service which will be delivered. Rating differentials should equally reflect the levels of service which the council can provide - the higher the rate, the higher the levels of service offered. Conversely, for those parts of</p>

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	the city which may not enjoy many of the amenities provided to centre-city dwellers, consider a REDUCTION in rates. Less service should equal less rates required.
Do you have any other feedback?	To my mind a budget or a plan from any council should be as equitable as possible - delivering services where they are needed most, ensuring the quality of those services, and appreciating the differences between the varied communities within the council area. In these straitened times, focus on what needs to be done to maintain an acceptable standard of living and community vibrancy, and apply that consistently across the council. In the cast of Bunnythorpe, for instance, do not sacrifice the health and wellbeing of the community for unquantified economic gains. And above all remember that any decision will. inevitably come at a cost. Just be sure that the benefits consistently outweigh these costs.
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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Marian
Last name	Dean
Organisation you represent	Age Friendly Palmerston North
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>AGE FRIENDLY PALMERSTON NORTH - SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET</p> <p>I would like to see operational budget allocated in this Plan for PNCC to apply to the World Health Organisation to have Palmerston North accredited as a WHO Age Friendly City. Age Friendly Palmerston North has been meeting for many years to pursue the goal of getting Palmerston North accredited as an Age Friendly City. To this end we developed an Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2021 which is one of the steps towards Accreditation.</p> <p>We believe that Palmerston North is a great place for older people to live. Our members know that older people are selling up houses in Auckland, Tauranga etc. and moving here, recognizing what Palmerston North has to offer them.</p> <p>PNCC is actively building more social housing for seniors, and working with other agencies such as Kainga Ora to get more social housing built. PNCC supports Horizons in running a bus service; we have a good regional hospital; we have a great range of social and cultural activities; PNCC has instigated the Companion Card and it is a city that is generally an easy to get around, although some places and buildings remain inaccessible. PN is a great city for older people to live in, and it deserves to be recognised as an Age Friendly City. However Age Friendly Palmerston North also sees that there is more that can be done to make PN truly Age Friendly and we want to work with PNCC on this.</p> <p>Members of Age Friendly Palmerston North were invited to a meeting with Mayor Grant Smith and Councillors Lew Findlay and Billy Meehan on 5 December 2022. We shared our Age Friendly Strategy with the Mayor and councillors at this meeting. The Mayor was very supportive of PN becoming an Age Friendly City</p>

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	<p>and said he would recommend that PNCC staff make the application and that it would be put in the Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Seniors Reference Group reported of their support for Palmerston North to become an Age Friendly City in their presentation to the PNCC Community Development Committee of 15 March 2023. At that meeting Councillors were surprised to hear that PNCC had not actioned this already and the Councillors agreed that it would go in the Draft Annual Plan and Annual Budget for 2023-2024.</p> <p>We ask that after all this time and all this work that Palmerston North City Council move this forward.</p> <p>Thank you Marian Dean Chairperson Age Friendly Palmerston North</p>
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Marian
Last name	Dean
Organisation you represent	Age Concern Palmerston North and Districts
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>AGE CONCERN PALMERSTON AND DISTRICTS - SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET</p> <p>Age Concern Palmerston North & Districts would like to see operational budget allocated in this Plan for PNCC to apply to the World Health Organisation to have Palmerston North accredited as a WHO Age Friendly City.</p> <p>Age Concern considers that Palmerston North is a great place for older people to live in and older people throughout New Zealand are recognizing this and choosing to move here. We see many older people who have moved here within the past few years. We have a knitting group where people come together to knit and chat twice a month. Of the 10 participants, 2 have moved to Palmerston North to enjoy what our city offers them.</p> <p>We know that PNCC is very committed to supporting its older residents to have a good standard of life. Older people living in Palmerston North in rental accommodation find the cost of private rentals prohibitive, particularly if they only have government superannuation to live on. PNCC is actively supportive of older people, as shown by building more social housing for seniors, and working with other agencies such as Kainga Ora to get more social housing built.</p> <p>Other organisations also contribute to making Palmerston North a great place for older people to live. Horizons in running a bus service; we have a good regional hospital; we have a great range of social and cultural activities; PNCC has instigated the Companion Card and it is a city that is generally easy to get around in, although some places and buildings remain inaccessible.</p> <p>Getting Palmerston North recognised as an Age Friendly City</p>

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	<p>supports the vision of the Better Later Life He Oranga Kaumātua 2019 to 2034 strategy, which is “Kia noho ora tonu ngā kaumātua – Older New Zealanders lead valued, connected and fulfilling lives.” This Strategy was developed by the Office for Seniors.</p> <p>Age Concern Palmerston North and Districts is a member organisation of Age Friendly Palmerston North. Age Friendly Palmerston North is positioned to assist PNCC to gain Accreditation having been working for many years to this end. It developed an Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2021. Whilst this is now out of date, it still contains relevant information and could provide the basis of another Strategy moving forward.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this. Marian Dean Manager Age Concern Palmerston North and Districts</p>
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Ebey
Last name	Prince
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I agree that the increased cost of labour and expenses might have made the decision to increase the rates. But as a local, I am struggling to meet my expenses and increase in rate will be an additional burnden to every individual house hold in Palmy
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Don't know how many people are making use of kerbside rubbish collection nowadays as the bag is not cheap. Compared to the price and the bag capacity most people are nowadays using low cost bins for their rubbish. If we could get a cheaper way for kerbside rubbish that's much appreciated.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes I support
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Consider and promote more ev charging stations around city and subsidized solar panel installation in households so that we can reduce the carbon footprint.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Promote kerbside recycling and rubbish. Promote the use of EVs. Promote subsidies for solar panel installation. Provide more support to the community from the boy racers and people making problems in midnight
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes I Support
Do you have any other feedback?	I am new to Palmy. But I am so impressed how palmy looks and overall cleanliness of the city. Good job PNCC. Keep doing great job for our community. Looking forward to work for PNCC one day.
Supporting information	

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18 April 2023

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Dear Waid,

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023-24 – HORIZONS' SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Palmerston North City Council's (PNCC) 2023-24 proposed budget. Horizons Regional Council (Horizons) values the strong relationships between our two organisations and the other local authorities in the region.

With regard to your proposal, our submission relates to public transport planning. The transport function of Horizons includes strategic transport planning, public transport planning and delivery, road safety promotion and education, and administration of the total mobility scheme. There are two strategic documents guiding strategic transport and public transport delivery in the region. These are the Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan. The Regional Land Transport Plan is the primary document guiding integrated land transport planning and investment within the Horizons region. The current RLTP was adopted in 2021 and includes a range of transport investment activities, to deliver the strategic direction of the Plan.

We work closely with PNCC on the delivery and operation of public transport services and infrastructure in Palmerston North City. In the strategic planning space, we work collaboratively with PNCC during the review and development cycles of the Regional Land Transport Plan. Our continued partnership is important to realising our collective goals for transport in the Palmerston North City area.

Supporting the uptake of public transport in Palmerston North - request for funding

We wish to thank PNCC for their proactive and supporting role in the development of the new Palmerston North public transport services due to be rolled out in February 2024. As part of the implementation of the new services, we wish to offer users access to a 'free bus month' (or similar) to encourage people to use the new services. This approach has been used with the recently implemented Feilding Orbiter and Whanganui Tide services with great success. The month after the launch of the Tide service in Whanganui patronage was at a six year high. In both cases, the local Council provided financial support to support the new service. Given the new services will benefit Palmerston North ratepayers and the wider PNCC goals for carbon and Vehicle Kilometres Travelled reductions we respectfully request PNCC include funding to help support the proposed free bus month. Horizons are considering

funding a free bus month and we request \$60,000 be included in Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan 2023-24 to fund another. This funding would further remove barriers to people catching the bus in Palmerston North when the new service commences.

Bus terminal redevelopment

We note the bus terminal redevelopment project has been deferred. While we understand this is due to delays associated with securing a contract for the business case work, we wish to stress the importance of this project to the overall public transport network. With the new Palmerston North PT services due to commence in February 2024 which will see increased buses passing through the terminal and surrounding streets, redevelopment of the Main Street Bus Terminal will be important in providing a safe and attractive experience for our public transport users. In our view, the sooner the terminal redevelopment occurs, the better it will be for the Palmerston North public transport network overall.

Palmerston North Integrated Transport Initiative (PNITI)

We note some elements of this project are underway as planned, with funding to continue. However it appears that other components have been deferred such as intersection and bridge improvements and urban transport improvements. PNITI is a significant activity in the RLTP 2021-31 and is ranked Priority #1. This signals the high value of the PNITI project in achieving the strategic direction of the RLTP. We support PNCC in their efforts to deliver this programme in the years ahead.

Support for new projects

We note the proposed inclusion of the following new projects in Annual Plan 23-24:

- Transport choices
- Urban cycle infrastructure
- Streets for people

We support the inclusion of these projects as they will contribute to achievement of the goals and direction of both the Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan. In addition, we expect these projects to complement the Palmerston north bus services by giving people better access and more travel options.

Horizons does not wish to present this submission at the annual plan hearings.

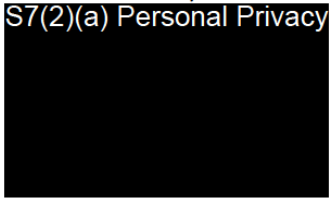
Yours sincerely,



Michael McCartney
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

18 April 2023

Bruce and Marilyn Bulloch
S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy



We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Submission on 2023/24 PNCC Annual Budget Consultation

Palmerston North City Council's Failure to Address Rating Disparities

At the time of the 2022/23 Annual Plan consultation, there was a large body of public opposition to the huge rating increase proposed. This increase especially affected landowners with larger properties. The proposed rate increases were cut back, but this cut-back did not address the fundamental problem of the current land-based rating system.

Last year we suggested that the Palmerston North City Council should move to a Capital Value based rating system as soon as possible. We noted that the City Council had already resolved to undertake a study of this matter earlier last year (2022). We were told that failure to resolve this matter, before the rates were set for 2022/2023, was constrained by available resources.

We also wrote that "Another reason for the failure to address the rating base disparity was a seeming desire by this Council to force landowners to subdivide larger properties in order to solve the housing crisis problem. Owners of large properties are doing the environment a favour with their large amount of vegetation cover, including large trees. These larger properties are environmentally compensating for the smaller properties which are mainly a cover of concrete, tar seal, and tile roofs, with a tiny patch of lawn. Vegetation cover is important for ambient temperature control in this era of rising global warming."

We can now add that the flooding and land-slip damage caused by the recent Cyclone Gabrielle has highlighted the hazards of building intensification in urban areas. It is now widely agreed we need to be managing the urban environment more sustainably.

We are disappointed that the Council has been slow to move towards a capital based rating system and urge that this work be progressed. We believe there is a public will for this change to be made.

Lack of Funding For Neighbourhood Support.

Last year, in April 2022, we were disappointed to see the elimination of funding for the Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support Organisation in the Council's Strategic Priority Grants. This decision was very short-sighted and could have led to the dissolution of this grass-roots organisation. Any funding helps support the employment of a Field Officer who in turn supports the group members in maintaining their membership databases, and also enables the formation of new groups or the resurrection of lapsed groups.

Neighbourhood Support has proved its value in the past such as in the 2004 flooding when neighbours came together to evacuate their houses. The groups were also very valuable over the past two years when neighbours banded together to help each other during this time of the COVID-19 epidemic. Neighbourhood Support groups have a very important role during a civil defence emergency. Civil defence is already under funded.

The groups are also very important to help combat criminal activity as has been proven multiple times in our street. The maintenance of the groups also adds to social cohesion in a time when real social interaction is diminishing. Concern has been expressed over young people's lack of social connection in particular.

Last year we also wrote that people in general are relying too much on electronic media to communicate, rather than person-to-person contact. During the recent 2023 adverse weather conditions, the reliance on cell phones and land lines for communication was found wanting when power supplies were cut and cell phone towers were out of action. This proved our point for the need for good functioning neighbourhood support groups. Some people think they are never going to be hit by any disasters and are ill-prepared when the worst happens.

It is fortunate that the local Palmerston North Neighbourhood Support Group has been able to continue functioning with the help of outside funding. Across New Zealand many local bodies do support their local Neighbourhood Support groups. It is about time that Palmerston North City Council pulled their weight and provided financial support in their Annual Plan for this valuable, basically voluntary, organisation.

Central Public Library Opening Hours

Last year in our 2022/23 Annual Plan Submission we wrote that although the Library was open at 9:00 a.m., books were not able to be borrowed until 10:00 a.m. which as an inconvenience to library users. We were pleased to discover that books and other items can now be borrowed from 9:00 a.m.

Sale of Public Reserves and Parks

As we commented in last year's submission, we are not happy to see the Palmerston North City Council's ongoing intention to dispose of public reserves and parks for the purpose of

solving the housing crisis, by either building on these public lands or selling these public assets. Easily accessible public spaces are vital for community well-being and physical health. Open spaces are not waste spaces, but passive recreational spaces. More and more often we are seeing these passive green spaces described as under-utilised, which is used as the justification for their repurposing or sale. We support all programmes in this Annual Budget which support the preservation, acquisition and maintenance of public reserves, parks and green spaces.

PNCC's Lack of Action on Removal of Dead, Dying and Dangerous Trees.

On 10th of January this year, we alerted the Council's Contact Centre to the matter of a dead elm tree in Victoria Avenue, and dead branches in a plane tree in the adjacent Broadway Avenue. Three months later and counting, no action had been made towards removal of this tree. In our travels around the city we have also noticed other dead trees, dying limbs and dangerous branches, on Council property. More urgent action needs to be taken. The Council needs to proactively and routinely check all their trees (and some privately owned ones) for safety. People can be killed or injured by falling branches. Adequate funding should be incorporated into the Council's budget for the maintenance of trees and shrubs, and not be discretionary.

We have looked at the programmes in the Annual Plan that (as far as we can tell) involve trees. Under Roading – Operational (page 35) there is programme 1858 Tree Maintenance \$108,000 which is slightly more than the 10 Year Plan (10YP). Presumably this is a reflection that the current level of tree maintenance of street trees is about right. On the same page under programme 2028 Street Tree Removals the Annual Plan provision is \$200,000, which is over \$100,000 less than the 10YP. We support there being funding for essential removals of trees and vegetation but otherwise favour removals being only where necessary.

Under Active Communities – Capital New (page 42) we note programme 1099 Parks and Reserves – Shade Development \$62,000 (10YP \$32,000). We support more provision of shade and note that while trees are not the only option, they are often a cost-effective option. We also observe various programmes to do with parks and reserves maintenance and development, eg. in respect of Memorial Park and Manawatu River Park for example, and presume a component of these includes trees, although we do not have access to the detail.

Organisational Performance – Capital Renewal (p. 84 of Annual Plan) and Capital New (p.85 of Annual Plan)

We understand some Councillors' concerns in regard to making cuts in the Council's budget in order to keep individual ratepayers' bills down, but this should not come at the expense of the City Council's staff ability to carry out their day-to-day functions. Short term financial gains may lead to long term financial pains.

Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Tracey
Last name	Rowe
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	PN desperately needs increased access to better aquatic venues that will allow for all sports to be participated in (swimming, water polo, canoe polo). There is insufficient access to lanes for swimming and subsequently we have lost hosting of some key meets that would have economic benefit to the region. Its shameful PN does not have a covered 50m pool.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Prioritise aquatic centre for the sport and recreation of locals, as well as having the opportunity to host larger meets that brings in economic benefits (accommodation and expenditure that goes with that).
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Priorities a new aquatic centre for the city for long term benefits
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Janina
Last name	Gapper
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	1. Continue improvements to cycle paths/lanes around the city to enable everyone to safely travel by bike 2. Prioritise the review of the aquatics facilities in Palmerston North. There is insufficient lane space to accommodate all users, facilities are aged, and hosting of aquatics events is very limited (we urgently need an indoor 10 lane 50m pool with sufficient seating).
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	allan
Last name	burne
Organisation you represent	awapuni community centre
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	wifi added,real security caremas beautication planters sculpture murals gateway bbg seating better disabled access
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	update awapuni library
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sarah
Last name	Laurence
Organisation you represent	Swimming Manawatu
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	I would like to take the opportunity to encourage our Elected Members, to ensure their continued support for our aquatics community in terms of aquatics facilities. We can ill afford any cuts at this point as lane space is at capacity. We have established a united Manawatu Aquatics Facilities User Group (MAFUG) combining 5 aquatic sports to pursue this project. Furthermore, I encourage PNCC to review the effectiveness of the management of their existing facilities; an arrangement that has been in place for some 20 years. There is a monopoly on Learn To Swim (a disservice to our community!) and no evidence of any substantial review of the effectiveness of this structure. I look forward to speaking further on these matters at the hearings in May.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Kerry
Last name	Ross
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	We need another pool in Palmerston North. One that can cater for all aquatic events, especially water polo. Currently my girls need to travel to Wellington or Hawkes Bay for their closest deep water pool. It needs enough seats for all aquatic events.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Ryan
Last name	Laurence
Organisation you represent	NA
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	I would like to see more spending on aquatics facilities as a swimmer, because of the following reasons. There is a current issue with limited lane space in pool, this is causing me to have to train late at night between 6-8, I often don't get home and ready for bed until 9:30. I often find my self tired from this and it makes socialising with family and friends difficult as I am training whilst everyone is getting home from work or other activities. There is also an issue with a lack of adequate facilities for competitive swimming, while other regions eg hawks bay have flash new swimming facilities held to Fina standards for competitive races we have nothing of the sort, I often find my self travelling to compete and from lack of lane space as well our competitions are on Sundays, our only day off. There are also minor issues with the pools we do have, for example the 25m pool in the lido has very

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	sharp tiles and I often cut my feet open on them. I would love to see a new 50m pool built held to Fina standards like that of the hawksbay one. Thank you
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Mark
Last name	Laurence
Organisation you represent	DairyNZ
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I'm Comfortable that you have made an effort to reduce the increase. This is financially prudent.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would love to see a public pool that is future proofed and suitable for the aquatic needs of our community. We have significant numbers of children not able to swim (In an island nation) and yet our swimming clubs are severely limited as to their access to pools. Linked to this are the other aquatic sports like water polo triathlon etc. The current facilities are limited and not to a level that should reflect our region
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More pool access
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Hugh
Last name	Wilde
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Page 6 of the Consultation document mentions "how to slice the pie" in relation to divvying up the income to the various programmes the Council wants to carry out. At present the "pie" is too small to pay for all projects as demonstrated by delays to extending the cycle/walking track to Ashhurst, unfinished lighting along the river walking track between Fitzherbert Ave and the new bridge (work stopped after the cables were laid), repairs to roads and footpaths, etc, etc.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The Council needs to charge rates on not only land values but also on improvements to properties (buildings, fences, etc) the values of which are currently ignored in Palmerston North rates, unlike about 70% of NZ towns and cities. That is, Palmerston North City Council needs to change the rating system to capital value rating. Note that even Feilding has a component of CV in its rates, which are a property tax by another name. Rate payers need to be treated fairly and at present many are not in Palmerston North. Owners of properties of lower capital value are paying higher rates than owners of properties of higher capital value.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I couldn't easily find what programmes have been deferred but I would support deferring the planned upgrade of Te Manawa and other improvements in the central city, in favour of repairs to roads and footpaths, completing unfinished projects and carrying out needed repairs to council buildings, e.g. repairing the library roof.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Completing the cycle track to Ashhurst.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	At present the fixed charges or targeted rates are evenly spread over all ratepayers irrespective of how much use they make of the services. There is an element of user pays for rubbish collection in

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	that ratepayers pay for the bags, although this year the council is subsidising the cost of bags from rates. Residents should be encouraged to minimise rates. Likewise waste water. A family of two adults and three teenagers uses more water and produce more waste water than does an elderly couple. If the council introduced water meters and charged according to consumption of fresh water then those producing larger volumes of waste water would be paying for the privilege. The common notion that when water meters are installed then residents always pay more for water need not be a truism. Each ratepayer can be allocated the same amount of water, paid for out of rates, but over that allocations the big users would pay an extra amount. An element of user pays. It would also reduce the wasting of water, as has occurred on the Kapiti Coast.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes, cost of disposing of trade waste should be borne by those creating the waste. I think that other services provided by the council should be charged out fairly without being subsidised by ratepayers. But the charges need to be fair and not padded out by unnecessary work. E.g. building consents.
Do you have any other feedback?	Yes. Another note on the problem of Palmerston North's broken rating system.
Supporting information	

PNCC Draft Annual Budget Consultation

To comment on the proposed Annual Budget, consideration of the funds available (the Budget) for the proposed work and whether there are sufficient funds to complete the proposed work. If there is a shortfall in funds then either more money becomes available or the work programme is reduced. With the exception of roading projects for which NZTA provide some funding, PNCC rely on income from rates, or from borrowing (which must eventually be paid off).

The problem for Palmerston North City is that the rating system is broken/seriously flawed. This is because improvements to Palmerston North residential land are ignored for rating purposes. Rates are a property tax by another name and it makes little sense to ignore a large component of city values and tax only unimproved land values. This is akin to the government setting an upper threshold of \$50 000 for income tax above which no tax is payable irrespective of how much a person earns – whether it is \$55 000 or \$500 000. Clearly Palmerston North City is out of step with most of New Zealand where about 70% of NZ towns and cities levy their rates, or a proportion of their rates, on capital values. Capital value rating spreads the rate burden more fairly over a city. Owners of higher capital value properties pay a fairer share of the rates burden, and compared with owners of lower capital value properties.

For example, in newer suburbs of Palmerston North such as the Summerhill area and in pockets throughout the city where section sizes are smaller and the houses newer, larger and more expensive than in older suburbs with older houses of lower capital value, but on larger sections with lawns and gardens which were the norm decades ago. The result of this, particularly for the current rating year, is that many properties in the older parts of the city

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attracted higher rates than higher capital valued properties in newer suburbs. Not only does this skew the rating system but denies the city funds to carry out necessary work on infrastructure. We are all well aware of the problems with many city road and footpath surfaces and other uncompleted works such as the lighting project along the river walkway, downstream of the Fitzherbert Bridge to mention a few.

Adopting capital value rating does not mean that rates will increase over the city because the Council can manipulate the rating multiplication factor as they recently did after the last land valuations, down from 0.00635 to 0.004103 to keep this year's rates within more affordable limits. Capital value rating burdens the rates burden more fairly over all city suburbs, and if commercial and industrial rates are considered too high with CV rating, they can be adjusted using the rating factors.

To summarise:

- The Palmerston North rating system is skewed.
- It doesn't reflect true values throughout the city.
- It is unfair because it penalizes owners of larger sections in older parts of the city while favouring more valuable properties in newer suburbs.
- It is prejudicial because the present system discriminates against (often older, retired) residents who like to have a lawn and garden with trees and shrubs, which also act as "sponges" to soak up rainfall and cool the environment but favours ratepayers in newer suburbs, often in more expensive properties, that are mostly covered in impermeable roofs and concrete that shed almost all rain water into the city stormwater system and maintain higher temperatures.

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Your contact details	
First name	Marina
Last name	Ponga
Organisation you represent	Age Concern PN
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	AGE FRIENDLY PALMERSTON NORTH SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET I would like to see that our older community of people not be put aside into the wings another moment longer, it is just unacceptable. Please put into your DAP Bible money from your operational funding to do what you acknowledged you would do, and that was to apply to the World Health Organisation, to have Palmerston North accredited as a WHO Age Friendly City. Everything else you've heard before.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sam
Last name	Row
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	There is not a sufficient budget to address the crime rates in the CBD and the city in general.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More action on crime, particularly youth crime in the city.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Crime deterrence in the CBD
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Krys
Last name	Baker
Organisation you represent	Housing Advice Centre
Postal address	77 King Street Palmerston North
Email	
Phone	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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20th April 2023

SUBMISSION:

Te Kaunihera o Papaioea Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)

Mahere Pūtere Ā -Tau Annual Budget 2023-24

Kia ora Koutou

Whāinga 1: He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu

Goal 1: An innovative and growing city

- ~ *Provide enough development capacity to meet expected demand for housing in the short, medium and long term.*
Housing Advice Centre (HAC) has seen an increased demand for accommodation and that availability of stable secure housing has decreased. Emergency. short term, transitional accommodation is difficult to achieve and the demand is higher than the availability. We would support enough land in Palmerston North (PN) to be zoned to enable feasible infrastructure to develop more housing to meet this increased demand.
- ~ HAC supports that PNCC *provide public spaces that are diverse, sustainable, connected and safe*
- ~ Support *economic wellbeing* through funding of external organisations is crucial for many Not-for- profit organisations such as HAC and others working with homelessness, housing, emergency/ accommodation.

Whāinga 2: He tāone whakaihiihi, tapatapahi ana

Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

- ~ HAC supports that PNCC continues to support community organisations, cultural council-controlled organisations and individuals to help PN to enjoy the vibrant and exiting city it can be.

Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū

Goal 3: A connected and safe community

- ~ That the PNCC continue to provide through our city libraries access for people to gain knowledge and support through their services and programmes which meets the needs of our people of PN, which reflects the greatest needs, diversity and changing needs of our communities
- ~ Provide and increase the diversity of cemetery services such as a more eco friendly land that provides a space for the different burial sites that are becoming more a requirement and responsive for our diverse community needs.
- ~ HAC supports PNCC to continue to fund communities and for-purpose organisations to enable them to build community, neighbourhood and organisational capacity and capability. Through this it can help with supporting people/families to sustain their accommodation/tenancies within there communities.

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- ~ HAC would like the Safety Advisory Board (SAB) to be able to fulfil their PNCC strategic plan responsibilities, through enough funding to continue to carry out their successful and develop new initiatives that will meet the needs of our communities.

Whāinga 4: He tāone tautaiāo

Goal 4: An eco city

- ~ Encourage, foster, educate and provide resources to PN residents so they can follow the sustainable practices. PN then becomes more sustainable and we can achieve our goal of 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2031.

Whāinga 5: He Kaunihera ahunui, whakamana i te iwi

Goal 5: A driven and enabling Council

- ~ We would like to acknowledge the many councillors present and ones who have recently left, they have and continue to make a difference within our communities.
- ~ We would want the councillors to continue to engage and encourage our people to participate in the decision-making processes that affect our community

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Your contact details	
First name	Sheenagh
Last name	Tinkler
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I am frustrated. I would like to make a submission about my proposed rates for 2023/2024. However your website does not provide any information for me. Either it's not available or it's overloaded. In either case it is unsatisfactory.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Information available for me on my proposed rates increase. I have tried to access it both through address & valuation number. To no avail.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	No unnecessary new 'nice to have projects, like the entrance to Cuba St off Rangatikei St.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Be frugal in your spending.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Deniz
Last name	Gultekin
Organisation you represent	Viva Cafe And Bar
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like some bike racks along Cuba street and especially by viva cafe and bar. This will increase bike user-ship and will bring customers.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I haven't seen them
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More public transportation, fixing potholes, more public housing and the fast track of the new housing in the new suburbs
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Ask for more funding from govt.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Lesley
Last name	Lowdon
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	As usual rates continue to be set on land value only. According to the RV my land value is \$655,000 while my house then becomes worth \$85,000. As a senior citizen approaching 70 years old and having lived in my home since I had children in primary school I find it incomprehensible that I should have to pay more for my rates than people with large, luxury homes. It would seem to be unfair and unjust for luxury homeowners to pay less for rates than I have to. The alternative, under current rules, would seem to require me to have to leave my home of twenty years - which is also unfair and unjust.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The rates to be assessed on a total RV figure, which would seem to be a fairer system which I understand is used by numerous other rating authorities.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Set rates according to total capital value
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Hueymei
Last name	Chen
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The economy is obviously in recession, and things are just getting worse. All households have already struggled and are trying to cut down our spendings. Why does the council want to add more financial burdens on residents, instead of cutting your budgets, like we the people would do? Sorry, can't agree with and approve the increase in rates.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	To defer the programmes is what the council should do at this difficult time.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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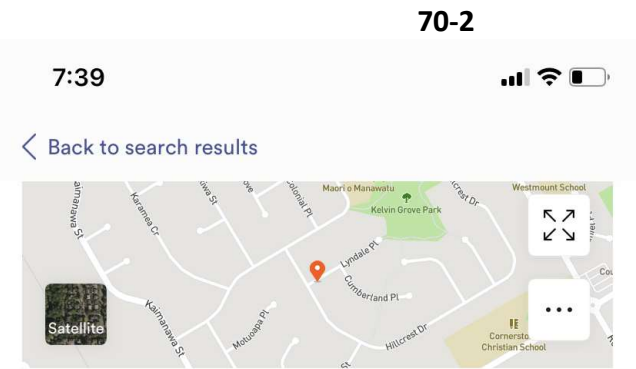
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Your contact details	
First name	Lian
Last name	Khoo
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I support the build of a New Olympic sized swimming pool
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I support the build of a New Olympic sized swimming pool
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	I support the build of a New Olympic sized swimming pool
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Your contact details	
First name	DAVID
Last name	BROWN
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Property values have now fallen in Palmerston North. PNCC were quick to increase my property value so I have in the past paid the increase in rates as well as the increase due to RV. Now PNCC says my property is worth \$675k where sites like one roof show a drop in price down to \$560k (max \$625k) would expect PNCC to reduce the property values to reflect the negative capital growth in our region.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	My property value has dropped 17 percent so with this increase I should pay less in rates than last year.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Update council property values and accept property values have dropped.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Market insights

Insights for all bedroom homes, in Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North City

Property type

All property types

Bedrooms

All

Time (yrs)

5

Median sales price

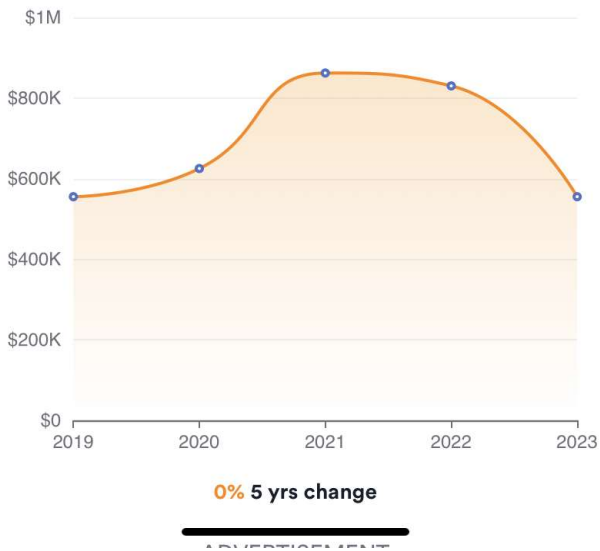
\$555K

Rental yield

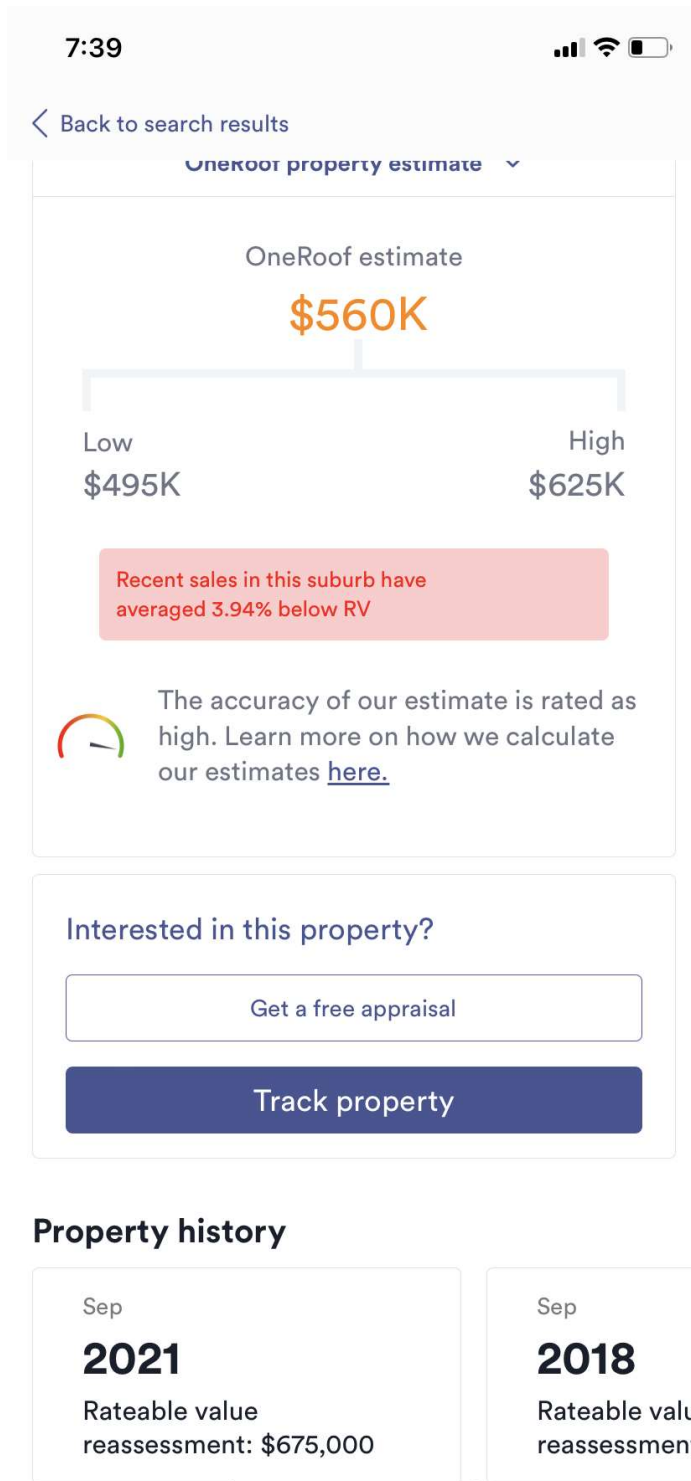
Capital growth

-1.26%

Median rent



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Your contact details	
First name	Julie
Last name	Griffiths
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	There are still too many projects that could be deferred or stopped altogether.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Stop the organics rubbish collection. People who want a green waste collection can do so through private waste companies. Any move to introduce an additional service means all residents have to go along with it. That not only increases rates, it takes away peoples freedom of choice. Also high density housing needs looking at. We have a big enough population as it is without adding more housing. Finally, the work on the Old Post Office and Bus shelters need to be put on hold, while there is a cost of living crisis. It never pays go gallivanting along with loads of projects while a large percentage of the population are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Not all of them. Work on the library is important due to the usage by the public, together with the earthquake damage. I don't support work on the old Post Office or bus station though. They need to be deferred.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Stop the organic Rubbish collection! People who need green waste bins can hire them from private collectors. That prevents everyone being obligated to have them. It's also a waste of ratepayers money. Education is the requirement to solving the recycle problem - not more Council bin programmes. Also putting meat or fish bones into organic waste encourages Rats!
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Stop the organic Rubbish programme. Plan the housing more carefully. For example, people who work in or near town may want a place in town rather than the suburbs. Don't do more expensive makeovers on roads. We have already got one in Ferguson Street this year and had one in Cuba Street last year. Far too expensive.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste,	Yes.

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planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	The field near the Speedway where the hurricanes played the force earlier this year needs looking at. The big screen wasn't working properly. Thank you.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Mary
Last name	Legg
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>I am totally opposed to any increase in rates. I currently pay \$100 per week to PNCC for a small 3-bedroom house with one bathroom, in Awapuni. This is too much.</p> <p>I also don't think areas like Polson Hill Drive should be paying PNCC rates of less than half of what I pay, for much larger houses. They presumably use all of PN's facilities as well, and they are paying very low rates.</p> <p>PNCC needs to limit its spending, so that rates don't keep on going up and up.</p> <p>I do think that PNCC don't spend enough on wastewater treatment, and that \$284 for a whole year of sewage disposal is too cheap. I think PNCC should spend more on limiting the environmental damage caused by PN residents.</p> <p>15 Totara Road rates \$5100 74 Polson Hill Drive pays rates of \$1,706.02 111 Polson Hill Drive pays rates of \$1,744.96</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>I would like to see Aokautere residents paying their fair share of PN rates.</p> <p>I would like the budget to be cut so that rates don't increase.</p>
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	

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Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Tom
Last name	Hawinkels
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Could be better more diverse
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More money put into pool and aquatic facilities
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Palmerston North desperately needs a multi use 50m pool, we are lacking when it comes to the rest of the nation. A multiple use facility would be if it palmy substantially.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
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SUBMISSION

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To: **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**
Private Bag 11034,
PALMERSTON NORTH

Submission on: Palmerston North City Council Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

Date: 20 April 2023

Contact: **MURRAY HOLDAWAY**
PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT MANAWATU/RANGITĪKEI
Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Peter Matich
REGIONAL POLICY MANAGER (CENTRAL) (primary contact)
Federated Farmers of New Zealand
m: | e: pmatich@fedfarm.org.nz

1. The Manawatu/Rangitīkei Province of Federated Farmers (Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Palmerston North City Council (the Council) Annual Plan 2023/24.
2. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual Plans and Long-Term Plans to ensure councils exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness, and equity issues regarding rates. We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
3. We would be happy for the opportunity to be heard in support of our submission.
4. Federated Farmers supports the tone of the Council's consultation document for this year's Annual Plan¹. We agree that the community are feeling effects of the current global recession and cost of living increases, and that this means there is little room to manoeuvre in setting this year's budget.
5. We support the sentiment in lowering overall proposed rates increase (compared to the 8.3% increase that was forecast for the same period in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan). We note that

¹ <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/annual-budget/cd-annual-budget-2023-24.pdf>

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the average proposed increase of 6.4% for the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan is below the current 7.2% rate of inflation². We urge all Councils to keep cost increases at or below inflation rates.

6. We support cutting and/or deferring expenditure on all the projects listed on page 8 of the Council's consultation document. We encourage the Council to continue in this cost-cutting vein. In the context of 2022/23 interest rate rises in the Official Cash Rate (OCR)³, the alternative of borrowing to fund civic projects is highly imprudent.
7. In terms of affordability of rates for the rural sector and the economic outlook for agriculture, Beef & Lamb NZ recently announced farm profit before tax for sheep and beef farmers is expected to fall by a third in the 2023 following reduction in exports⁴. For dairy, Fonterra has recently announced a further fall in farmgate price/kg of milk solids, which have continued to decline over the last 12 months⁵. These factors point to harder times ahead for the entire rural community.
8. In the context of the gloomy economic outlook for farming, we would prefer that rates are capped at existing levels or reduced. We encourage the Council to keep their pencils sharp with the aim of avoiding rates increases to rural ratepayers.
9. Farmers are not an infinite source of revenue for Council rate increases. Incomes for rural ratepayers are highly unlikely to increase to the same extent as proposed increases in rates. Any increase in costs the Council is imposing on rural ratepayers, will squeeze out other areas of expenditure. This is especially so for farming, where, despite farm properties having higher land-values than residential properties, the ability of farmers to pay rates is tied to their ability to productively farm the land, rather than relative or absolute wealth in land. The reality is that for our members who are rural ratepayers, any increase in rates will have a real impact on their livelihoods.
10. In apportioning ratepayer burden for funding Council activities, we support the Council utilising the full maximum 30% Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) permissible under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.⁶ A UAGC is the fairest mechanism for ratepayers who get the same benefits for Council services they receive.
11. We expect that the Council will continue not to charge rural ratepayers for services that they do not get, such as public water supply treatment and connection, public wastewater disposal and treatment, stormwater drainage assets (except where these form part of a road network used by rural communities) or kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling. In certain situations where

² <https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/annual-inflation-remains-at-7-2-percent/> accessed 14 April 2023

³ <https://www.rbnz.govt.nz/monetary-policy/about-monetary-policy/the-official-cash-rate> accessed 4 April 2023

⁴ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/country/486059/farm-profit-expected-to-drop-by-third-beef-lamb-nz> accessed 16 March 2023

⁵ <https://www.fonterra.com/nz/en/investors/farmgate-milk-price.html> accessed 4 April 2023

⁶ <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0006/latest/DLM132235.html>

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ratepayers in rural areas do get the benefit of these services, we recommend the use of targeted rates and/or user pays charges for such properties.

12. We recommend the Council provide for a rural rating differential applicable to rural zoned properties that has the effect of reducing the proportion of rates that such property owners are expected to contribute to rates. Under the present rating powers system, in which rates are traditionally assessed based on land value or capital value, there are grounds for adjusting the rates burden on rural zoned farming properties.
13. This is because properties of a certain size are required to operate as *farms* under various Government laws and regulations (such as the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020). Under this legislation, land used for horticultural land use measuring 5 ha or more in land area, or properties used for arable or pastoral land use measuring 20ha or more in area landowners are obligated to produce (and adhere to) *freshwater farm plans* that conform with RMA objectives and goals for farm management (including reducing agricultural pollution). Therefore, for owners of these properties the ability to pay rates is not related to relative or absolute wealth in land; rather, it is tied to their ability to farm the land (and derive revenue from farm produce).
14. Moreover, under the recently introduced National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022, any land classed as LUC I, II or III in the NZ Land Resource Inventory must be protected from subdivision and development, unless it is specifically required⁷ for urban expansion under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020. This reinforces our concerns about inappropriate rate burdens being applied to landowners of farming land.

Summary of key recommendations

15. Federated Farmers key recommendations are summarised as follows:
 - That the Council keep the average rates increase to no more than 6.3% in the 2023/24 Annual Plan and reduce expenditure to ensure there is no need for loans to cover revenue shortfall
 - That the Council continue to ensure that rural landowners are not rated for any services they do not receive (such as water treatment and supply, wastewater treatment and disposal, stormwater drainage services and kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling).
 - That the Council continue to use User Pays Fees and Charges for solid waste disposal and keep cost increases in these at or below the current rate of inflation.
 - That the Council continue to use targeted rates for localities that get exclusive benefit of specific Council activities.
 - The Council should utilise the full legally available maximum UAGC of 30% permissible under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for funding Council activities and services used by equally by all property owners, as this is most equitable mechanism for assigning a fair and equal ratepayer burden on ratepayers for such services.

⁷ That is to say, land *specifically required* for urban development must be set aside and zoned accordingly. It cannot just be any-old rural zoned land.

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- The Council should continue not to charge rural ratepayers for services that they do not receive, such as public water supply treatment and connection, public wastewater disposal and treatment, stormwater drainage (except where stormwater drainage assets form part of a road network used by rural communities) or kerbside collection of rubbish and recycling. In certain situations where ratepayers in rural areas do get the benefit of these services, we recommend the use of targeted rates and/or user pays charges for such properties.
- That the Council provide for a rural rating differential applicable to any rural property used for horticultural land use which measures 5 ha or more in land area, or any property used for arable or pastoral land use which measures 20ha or more in land area. This rating differential should have the effect of reducing the proportion of rates that such property owners are expected to contribute to Council rates revenue.

Ends

About

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector advocacy organisation that represents farmers, and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their businesses in a fair and flexible commercial environment.
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community.
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Federated Farmers thanks the Palmerston North City Council for considering our submission on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.

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Draft ANNUAL BUDGET 2023/24

Submission.

To :- Palmerston North City Council

By :- John Bent

Address :- S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy

I wish to speak to my submission on :-
Thursday 18 May :-
1-00 - 3-00 pm

John Bent
21 April 2023.

My submission is as follows.

- 1.** **Goal 1:**
 - (a) An innovative city - **YES**
 - (b) and growing city - **NO** ¹

- 2.** **GOAL 2:**

A creative and exciting city - **YES**

- 3.** **GOAL 3:**

A connected and safe community - **YES**

- 4.** **GOAL 4:**

An eco city - we do not have one now and, at best, all that is achievable is a delay in the inevitable for this city, our nation and the planet as we know them now.

- 5.** **GOAL 5:**

A driven and enabling council

 - (a) The Local Government Act 2002 grants councils the power of "general incompetence". ²
 - (b) Whereas this and previous council have neglected to have particular regard to its core services. ³
 - (c) This council has consistently funded "nice to haves" and taxpayer responsibilities.

- 6.** **GENERAL COMMENT :**
 - (a) Over the years a degree of "cost shifting" from tax-payer funded activities to ratepayers and the reverse may have occurred.
 - (b) Also many "nice to haves" have been introduced.

¹ see attachment, The nine boundaries humanity must respect to keep the planet habitable

² s12

³ s11A

- (c) Those activities properly funded by taxation, eg. Social and Community Housing, should be sold back to the appropriate government ministry/ies.
- (d) "Economic Development' should be restricted ot the development and establishment of export industries to support the economic well-being of both Palmerston North and New Zealand whereas continued immigration and population growth have the opposite effects.

7. In the council chamber I have had a sense that the mind of the chamber is afflicted by bi-polar disorder, alternating between manic delusions of grandeur and deep depression,

From: Submission
Subject: FW: River Stop Awapuni Submission PNCC Draft Annual Plan 2023-24

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Sent: Thursday, 20 April 2023 2:29 pm
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: River Stop Awapuni Submission PNCC Draft Annual Plan 2023-24

Kia ora tatou,
 We appreciate the opportunity to submit to Council through this process.

We request a speaking time for Wednesday 17 May 9-11am

ACHIEVEMENTS - River Stop continues to engage with residents in multiple ways and celebrates action in the last year in partnership with PNCC and community connections:

- Fruit tree planting in gardens at Pitama / College Street corner
- Defibrillator ordered (and in the country) for installment in Awapuni Village
- Correction to Awapuni Village entrance signage
- Local History Month grant - event held with Tanenuiarangi at Boho Cafe followed by a tour of site in Maxwell's Line. Planning for the topics for the next two years is underway.
- We acknowledge the community services provided by St Matthew's Anglican Church with food security (Veg Hub, community vege garden, food bank donations, Ezi Meals) and with St Mark's Pathways Presbyterian Op Shop providing some of the cheapest goods in Manawatu.

MATTERS THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION - At the time of the cycle lane installation a BUS SHELTER was removed in College Street and not replaced. This loss of service is noted and replacement requested, again. Additional BUS SHELTERS would be appreciated.

DRAINAGE / FLOODING at the corner of Pitama / College periodically halts traffic, retail services and is known to enter premises. This deserves urgent attention.

WAY FINDING SIGNAGE TO MANAWATU RIVER FROM AWAPUNI VILLAGE - another matter discussed at cycle lane installation time but no action seen yet.

VILLAGE ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT - Gardens under the Village signage are requested to create a more dynamic feature around these now corrected signs.

PUBLIC TOILETS - everyone is encouraged to become active outside of their homes which demands provision of public toilets. The Library is not open 24/7, while retail outlets do not have space to provide additional access.

STREET TREES - We have many older citizens. Some of these with deciduous street trees in close proximity to their home report an ongoing cost and safety hazard from trees dropping leaves onto roofs, into spoutings, over paths, over driveways. The cost of dealing with this debris should not fall on the resident. The slip hazards and associated costs could be avoided by PNCC responding with care and concern to requests for pruning or clean up action.

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PANAKO PLACE RESERVE and GUIDE HALL - we look forward to the consultation process to determine a new status for the reserve which allows for a more flexible use of the site. Public Halls are a precious resource, always in demand.

ST MARK'S SITE - We continue to support consideration of this area for long term use for community facilities. (Public Toilet site? along with an enhanced Community Library / Hub)
The site connection to Panako Place Guide Hall provides an exciting opportunity for future use.

AWAPUNI COMMUNITY LIBRARY - has outgrown it's space. Programmes are growing and well supported. It is a great service for the whole community, especially children, but also bringing in people who may not have ever used the library on a regular basis. When looking at how to best serve working people there is scope for some creative problem solving perhaps to offer a book "repository" for pick ups out of hours.

RIGHT TURN AT BOTANICAL ROAD / COLLEGE STREET - we note there are those who quote statistics regarding the "low" number of accidents in this area, without concern for incidents, perceptions of safety, willingness to use the intersection, traffic flow, traffic demand, presence of many students and the retail outlets in the location. We believe there is an immediate need for action.

DOG LEG WALKWAYS - In our 2022 - 23 DAP submission we talked about the safety perception of the two near the village. In the last year the situation has become much worse as noted by graffiti and youth assaults reported especially in the walkway alongside St Matthew's Church.

CONCLUSION - We appreciate the liaison with Council officers who respond to our requests for information and provide timely updates relating to issues and action. This connection is valuable as we then share information with residents, help people to sort issues for themselves and act as advocates in this amazing community.

Nga mihi
Annette Nixon
on behalf of River Stop Awapuni

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YOUR DETAILS

Name	Grant Brenton & Lynden Noakes		
Organisation you represent (if relevant)			
Address	C/- Lido Aquatic Centre	Phone	
	50 Park Road, Palmerston North	Email	
Signature			

All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

Goal 2 in Section 1 of the 10 Year Plan focuses on building a Creative and Exciting City with Active Communities including Sports and Recreation.

We are 2 businesses pleased to be already working with Palmerston North City Council in the operation of the Lido Aquatic Centre and other community pools.

We too have a focus on providing exciting go to destinations here in the city that the whole population can enjoy. As part of this, we are currently replacing the aging AquaPlay outdoor interactive water play structure in time for reopening in the October school holidays.

During this installation there is one-time opportunity to include additional water spray features that are particularly focused on delivering **increased accessibility for toddlers and those with disabilities.**

QEII Hydrosides and Community Leisure Management are already investing \$500,000 in the new AquaPlay installation and for a minimal cost reallocation of approximately \$110,000, Council could have the additional features and new matting installed on the existing splash pad as outlined in the submission below.

This is approximately 1/3 of the cost of installing the same features on a stand-alone splash due to the integration with existing services already in place for the AquaPlay.

Unfortunately due to timing pressures for importation and installation, approval would need to be forthcoming by the end of May.

Thank you for considering our proposal





Palmerston North City Council 2023/24 Draft Annual Plan Consultation Submission

from

Community Leisure Management Ltd & QEII Hydrosides Ltd



Annual Plan Submission focus

Annual Plan Submission Area of Focus

Section 1 – Implementing the 10 Year Plan

Goal 2 – focuses on building a **Creative and Exciting City with Active Communities** including sports and recreation

This submission presents a unique opportunity for the Council to enhance the accessibility of water play at Lido Aquatic Centre working with the pool managers Community Leisure Management (CLM) and the outdoor hydroslide and AquaPlay owners and operators QEII Hydroslides Limited (QEIIHL).

For a comparatively small capital expenditure, this proposal will provide additional outdoor water recreational attractions for toddlers and enhance accessibility for all regardless of abilities.



Background

Lido Hydroslides & AquaPlay

In 2014 Council entered into a Tripartite Agreement with Community Leisure Management and QEII Hydroslides to build and operate outdoor hydroslides and an AquaPlay interactive water play structure at the Lido Aquatic Centre. This award winning attraction has been very popular.

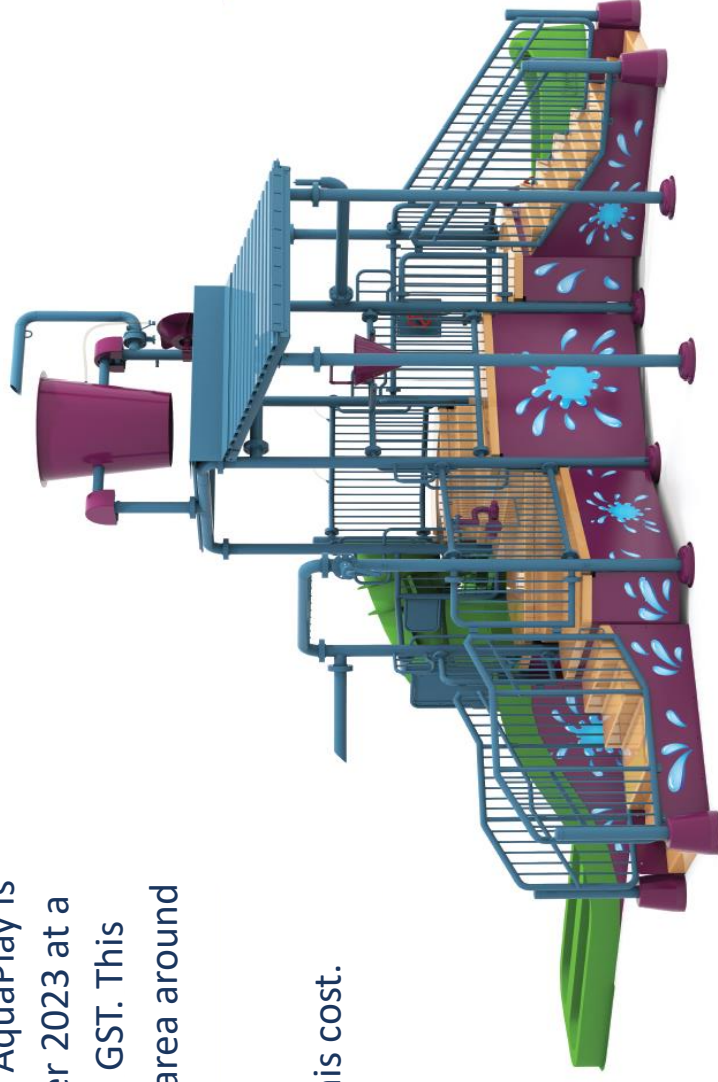


Planned Improvements

AquaPlay Replacement

The planned upgrade of the existing AquaPlay is scheduled for completion by October 2023 at a cost of approximately \$500,000 plus GST. This includes resurfacing the splash pad area around the new AquaPlay.

CLM & QEII Hydroslides will cover this cost.



QEII Hydroslides Ltd

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Opportunity

Additional Water Toys around the New AquaPlay

The AquaPlay is extremely popular with its 52 water jets and 17 interactive play features, including the 600 litre tipping bucket.

The scheduled AquaPlay replacement creates a cost-effective, but time-limited, window of opportunity to enhance and extend accessibility to water play at the Lido through the addition of 7 zero depth water toys to the splash pad surrounding the new AquaPlay for roughly 1/3 of the cost of an equivalent stand-alone water play splash pad.

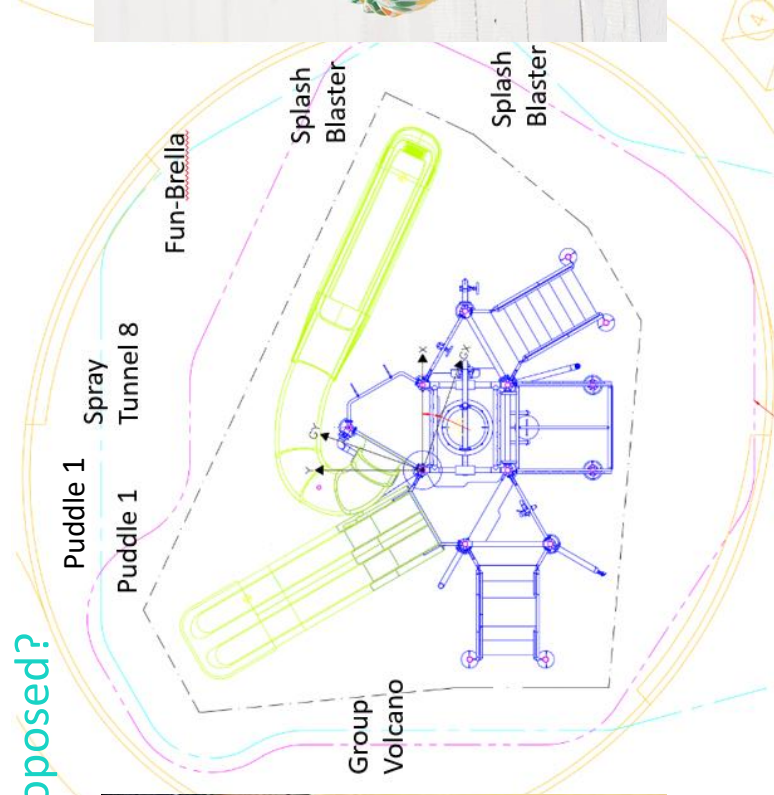
The new water toys would be retro-fitted to the existing splash pad, with pumping, filtration and installation integrated into the existing facilities.

However, timing is crucial with confirmation required by the **end of May** in order for the new toys to be ordered, manufactured and delivered in time for installation in September 2023.



Water Toys

What Water Toys are proposed?



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Water Toys

Proposed Water Toys



Splash
Blaster (x2)

The Splash Blaster encourages team play and interactivity on the play pad. Grab the handle to aim the water spray 120°. Multiple (2) cannons allow for a high action play experience.



The Fun-Brella features a unique laminar water effect that fascinates curious minds. “Waterplayers” love to run fingers through, or huddle under the Fun-Brella’s shield of water.



Fun-Brella



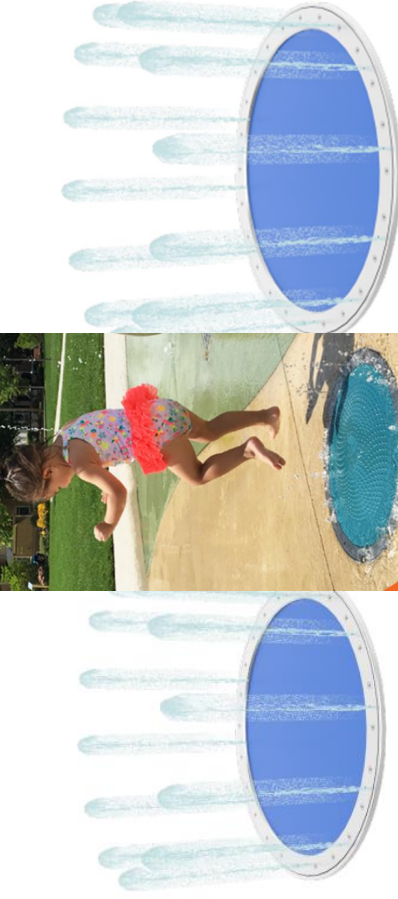
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Water Toys

Proposed Water Toys

Sprays are an essential part of every design and can be used alone or in multiples to complete a design with dynamic spray patterns.

Puddle – 1(x2)



Puddles bring the fun of rain puddles to the play pad. Designed with a squishy jump pad, this ground spray encourages “water players” to stomp, dance or hop to create a splashy water effect.



Spray Tunnel 8



QEII Hydrosides Ltd ¹⁰

Water Toys

Proposed Water Toys

Encourage teamwork!
“Water players” cover the
outer nozzles of the Group
Volcano to send the centre
nozzle shooting into the air.



QEII Hydrosides Ltd ¹¹

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Group
Volcano

Cost for Council

Filtration and Pumping Quote

Local Palmerston North supplier, Filtration & Pumping Commercial Limited (FPC) are agents for both Waterplay equipment and Life Floor splash pad safety surfacing and are contracted extensively for plumbing, pumping and filtration work for both the hydroslides and Lido pools.

FPC has provided a quote for supply, installation and water connection to our AquaPlay pump and water reticulation system as well as laying of the Life floor matting. Details are as follows:

Site preparation, plumbing and installation
Supply of Waterplay toys

\$61,799.32

\$46,709.98

\$108,509.30 Plus GST

Total FPC cost



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Summary

This is a one-off, time-limited opportunity to add significant community value to the Lido Aquatic Centre by increasing accessibility to water play activities for both toddlers and children or adults living with accessibility challenges.

The proposed supply and installation cost of \$108,509.30 + GST is approximately 1/3 of the cost for a similar stand-alone water toys splash pad due to cost effective integration with existing services.



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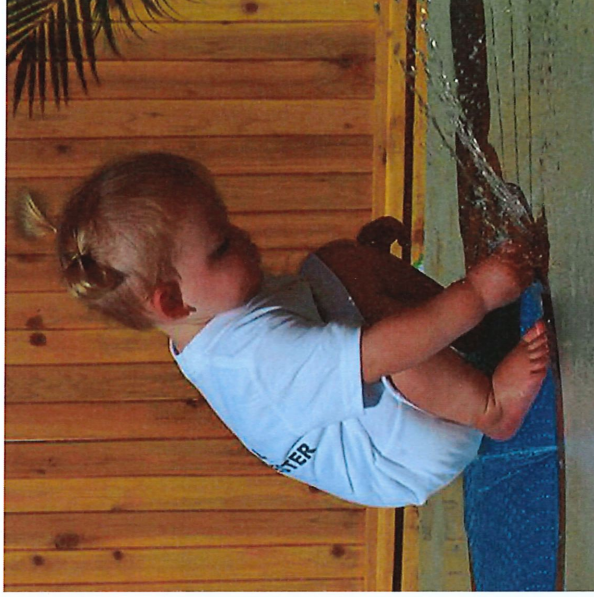
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YOUR DETAILS

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Organisation you represent (if relevant) **St Matthews Anglican Church**

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Signature **S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy**

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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

Ensure that there is adequate provision for maintenance of neighbourhood areas -

e.g. planted beams at College St - Pitama Rd often looking untidy.
Right-of-way - College / Winchester Streets needs more regular maintenance to ensure safety.

Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?

Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?

I have composted waste for probably 40yrs and have a wormfarm. I do not wish to pay a general rate for waste collection because I will never use it.

St Matthews Church is encouraging people to bring their household waste to the compost bin at the Church - to be used in the Community Garden there

I am also submitting in conjunction with the River Stop Annapurri Group of which I am a member.

I would want to present photographs of the Right of Way from College Street to Winchester Street. There has been extensive graffiti (some of which I have addressed).

I believe there needs to be a co-ordinated plan to look after this area to ensure its safety due to the 'dog-leg' in the Right of Way.

I support the submission from Riverstop Annapurri and would want to speak to that.

Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Michael
Last name	Hawkes
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More Pool space, we desperately need access to more pool space.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
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Do you have any other feedback?	More Pool space, we desperately need access to more pool space.
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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Teresa
Last name	Alcock
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>I support the building and use of a 50 meter pool in the Manawatu.</p> <p>Our aquatics facilities are so important in supporting the health and well being of our communities. We face big challenges with the limited lane/pool space we have at present with games finishing at 9:30 pm.</p> <p>let's get the aquatics facility review underway – we desperately need access to more pool space.</p> <p>Our Canoe Polo club is keen to support the use of a 50 meter pool!</p>
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Your contact details	
First name	Flo
Last name	Gibson
Organisation you represent	Bunnythorpe Community
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
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Submissions to PNCC Long Term Plan 2023 from Bunnythorpe Community.

On behalf of the Bunnythorpe Community:
Flo Gibson
(Treasurer) ~

*We would like to speak to our formal submission on: **Thursday 18th May 21023 1-3pm***

Firstly a huge acknowledgement to Mayor Grant Smith and all his team Councillors and staff. Thank you for our New Bunnythorpe Community Centre.

At this point in time we have advanced bookings, regulars plus some businesses hiring it for 2-5 days.

Now to reiterate on past submissions over the years. Same old, same old, beginning to sound like a cracked record but it would be so nice to see some of the things that have appeared for a number of years actually being noted.

- **WALKING PATH**– Stoney Creek Road from Nathan Place to Parrs Road
extending a foot path down Parrs Road and Sangsters Line.

There are a good number of houses in the area and people who walk, run, walk dogs. Comments from those residents: Footpaths would be a vast improvement to the safety of all. Added to this is a deep drain between fences and the road in Stoney Creek Road from Nathan Place to Clevely Line. School children who walk that stretch of road and even down from Parrs Road end up with very wet shoes before they even get to school or to catch a bus. Other residents have mentioned even a walking path down Clevely Road from Stoney Creek.

This was previously submitted from Bunnythorpe Community in the 2020 submissions and I have not seen a reference in the long term plan unless I have missed it.

To note: page 156 on the Annual Plan document 23/24 states:

“Footpath standards as Per Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia”

My thoughts: Even if it was just a well packed Base Course for a walkway would be better than walking in often long wet grass or out on the seal which is dangerous to both pedestrians and other road users.

- **BUNNYTHORPE FOOT PATHS:** The majority of these are in a very poor state and most would be classified as Fair to Very poor as per above note re PNCC standards.

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- **Dixons Line, Campbells Road, Baring Street, Raymond Street** to name but a few. It is requested that priority be given to those adjacent to the Hotel, public toilets, dairy and bakery. Tripping hazards ++
- **Raymond Street footpaths.** There is a lot of flooding right across the footpath particularly close to the walkway. It comes about because there is no 'drain' and the slope of the road, grass to the footpath makes it very easy for the water to flow across the footpath. This makes it hazardous and walking through the water most unpleasant.
- **ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT** – there has only ever been a request for ONE piece in 2018,2019,2020 previous submissions.
NOTE: PAGE 127 – Facility to increase level of Physical Fitness.
- **BUNNYTHORPE SCHOOL CROSSING: – And Baring Street**
generallywe, Tthe Bunnythorpe Community support the submission put in by the school. A 'raised platform' type would reduce the speed of cars down Baring Street. *Refer to Annual Plan 23-24 page 37 – item 2222 – physical deterrent – installation of speed humps at additional locations.*
- **WALKWAY BETWEEN Baring street and Raymond Street.** This has not been well cared for by the PNCC contractors with long grass overgrowing the concrete path that flicks water onto legs and trousers. It is a very well used pathway. The shrubs in that area are very much past their USED BY date and need replacing. Some have been planted far to close to the path. Better contained small shrubs would be beneficial.
- **CORNER OF DUTTON STREET AND CAMPBELL ROAD.**
We are grateful to see the deep drain that followed the curve of the footpath was filled in a few years ago (2018) and grass grown. However there are a small number of trees that are past their best, i.e. falling over, uprooted and generally very old. *Suggestion: Perhaps this would be a good piece of land to plant Community fruit trees?*
- **OPEN DRAINS:** Throughout Bunnythorpe there are a number of 'OPEN DRAINS' eg Dixons Line, Raymond Street, Stoney Creek Road – particularly from Nathan Place to Clevely Line. These are full of weeds.
- *Suggestion: To seriously consider covering in those drains some of which have a lot of leaf collection that never seem to get cleaned by PNCC . Dixons Line poses a problem particularly when cars park on both sides of the road on grass verges impeding the passage of traffic which more often than not straddles the centre line with the manouvre. Also to note is there is a distinct DIP in Dixons Line from No. 11 to 17, which makes passing even more dangerous. By filling in those drains it would allow cars to park much further off the road safely.*

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BUNNYTHORPE GATEWAY: This was first put up in 2019 Please refer to Stuff article by Janine Rankin dated Nov 8th 2019. Who can update us on the lack of progress to complete this project please.

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- **LIGHTING NATHAN PLACE TO PARRS ROAD.** This has been requested in past submissions – Any update would be welcomed please.
- **SPEED SIGNS TO BE EXTENDED FROM CURRENT POSITION** in Maple Street to extend to corner of Te Ngaio Road. When there is a funeral at the Bunnythorpe Cemetery there are a lot of cars parked which narrows the carriageway for other vehicles to pass by and *THE CEMETERY IS CURRENTLY IN THE 100KPH ZONE. Requested since 2018.*
- **KERB AND CHANNELING:** *As notified in submission of 2021 there is a real lack of Kerb and channeling along Dixons Line particularly from Baring/Little Streets to Redmayne Street*
- **BUNNYTHORPE CEMETERY:** This has been notified too in previous submissions asking for seating for the elderly and a toilet to be placed on site.
Refer to page 132 – PNCC – provides Cemetery Services that are responsive to Community needs. In a previous submission it was suggested toilet and seating at the Cemetery as some residents have spoken about it in the past.
IT is noted: PNCC – Measure of success = Visitors to the cemeteries are satisfied with services provided. WE THINK NOT.
- **BUNNYTHORPE WATER SUPPLY:** It is imperative that residents are involved with ALL aspects of PNCC's plans to rectify the current water supply and dirty water problems experienced by some residents.
- **PNCC to note:** On page 128 of Annual Plan 2023-23 says that to quote: *"PNCC maintains that they – work closely with Rangitane O Manawatu to increase wider Community's understanding of Rangitane O Manawatu."*
Comment: what about finishing the Sculptures on Corner of Dutton Street and Campbell Road. This has been ongoing since 2019. refer to article on Stuff by Janine Rankin dated 8th November 2019 and headed up 'New Gateways planted at Village Entrances to City. Go on line and put in NEW GATEWAYS PLANTED AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES TO CITY TO VIEW.
- **DOMAIN BOARD FARM LAND** – between Stoney Creek Road and it goes through to Tutaki Road. To reiterate.. the written submission of 2018 and strongly requesting that there be dialogue with the Bunnythorpe Community as to the future plans for this unique heritage of

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Bunnythorpe. In days gone by the funding from this Land was used by the Domain Board for upkeep of the Recreational Land (Cnr Raymond Stret and Dixons Line), the then Bunnythorpe Public Hall – demolished in 2008 – and the Bunnythorpe School so the income was being put back in the Community.

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Matt
Last name	Alcock
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the building and use of a 50 meter pool in the Manawatu. As a member of the community, I believe that our aquatics facilities play an important role in supporting the health and well-being of our residents.</p> <p>Currently, we are facing significant challenges due to the limited lane/pool space we have available. This is particularly evident with games finishing as late as 9:30 pm. It is clear that we desperately need access to more pool space to address this issue.</p> <p>I urge the council to undertake an aquatics facility review as soon as possible, with a view to providing additional pool space to the community. As a member of the Canoe Polo club, I offer my support for the use of a 50 meter pool. I believe that this would be a valuable addition to our existing facilities and would help to meet the growing demand for aquatic activities in the region.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.</p>
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	

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Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Dave
Last name	Dawber
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	let's get the aquatics facility review underway – we desperately need access to more pool space
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sam
Last name	Hawinkels
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I support the new addition of a 50 metre pool as we are desperate for more pool/lane space with the increase in kids wanting to get into water early.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	The 50 Metre pool is crucial as it will develop the swimming skills of young ones exponentially
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Kayla
Last name	Carne
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like to see a new 50m pool. I play canoe polo and manwatu is arguably the strongest and biggest region for canoe polo. To be able to continue to grow the sport, their needs to be a new pool so that we have a better facility to train at. At the moment we train at the lagoon and now with day light savings that means that we only have 1 hour of daylight to be able to train. with upcoming national tournaments for every grade this is not ideal. Access to an inside pool would be able to provide us with year round training abilities to be able to train and get stronger to have the chance at taking out the finals. Thank you
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Owen
Last name	Svensson
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	You need to do better. Start by re-evaluating the CVs on properties. Having ratings set on properties in the peak of the market book is utterly ridiculous.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Lower rates. Stop these mammoth year on year increase to our rates.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	No. You need to focus on making the city more affordable . You need to be supporting families who have had massive overall day to day cost increase by suspending any projects/initiatives that do not support cheaper cost of living.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Do better.
Supporting information	

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Peter
Last name	Wells
Organisation you represent	Manawatū Mountain Bike Club inc
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	As per attached submission
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

Manawatū Mountain Bike Club Inc.

PNCC Annual Plan 2022/2023 Submission



Submission

- We support the continuation of item 1249-Arapuke Forest Park - Contribution to Manawatū Mountain Bike Club for Trail Development \$60,000
- We submit more regular maintenance on Kahuterawa Rd and capital works on some dangerous sections for safety to reflect the increasing usage from recreational users of Arapuke MTB park and Sledge track.

Arapuke MTB Park

- Arapuke MTB park is a recreational asset for our local community and attracts riders from around NZ and the world with riding Arapuke as their primary reason to visit Manawatū.
- Arapuke is a 30 km MTB trail network in the PNCC-owned Arapuke Forest Park, Kahuterawa Rd, built and managed by the Manawatū Mountain Bike Club (MMBC). MMBC has plans for another 20km of MTB trail and park infrastructure.
- MTB trails cost between \$35 and \$70 a meter to build, and trails require annual maintenance and then full refurbishment approximately every 5 years as they wear through use. Work is carried out by contractors with volunteers contributing to the maintenance and some new trails.
- MMBC has leveraged PNCC's annual contributions over the years to raise over 1.2m in extra funds through grants, sponsorship, and membership contributions. PNCC's annual contribution underpins park costs and is essential in leveraging our extra fundraising.
- Our current year's budget is \$250,000 for new MTB trails and \$80,000 for MTB trail maintenance and refurbishment. We are also planning to build a bike wash out of our own retained funds (\$25,000) to complement the new shelter and surrounds in the Kahuterawa car park.
- We will complete a new style of trail this year "Te Ara Kai Kohi". An intermediate iconic trail built to embrace the environment, rather than the physical challenge of the ride, and when linked with Backtrack this will give recreational riders an 11km ride around the park and attract one of the largest MTB riding groups to the park not currently catered for.
- MMBC requires resource consent to build MTB trails at Arapuke and has just successfully renewed its consent with Horizons for 10 years. A process that has taken several months requiring a very high level of detail.
- We acknowledge the popularity of the Arapuke and Sledge track and the effect this is having on Kahuterawa Road. To reflect this traffic flow, we would like to see a more comprehensive maintenance schedule of grading and vegetation removal and some capital works on a couple of black spots which would significantly improve the safety of the road.

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- We have a great working relationship with Rangitāne' at the governance and staff level. We catch up annually with our plans and over time we plan to partner with signage telling the Arapuke story, including the flora and fauna.
- We would like to recognize PNNC's past contributions to the MTB trails and park infrastructure and acknowledge the great working relationship with have with staff. We stress that the ongoing financial support as budgeted is critical for us to continue to build the recreational asset that is Arapuke. And with a new council in place, we would request an opportunity to present to the full council or culture and sports committee our achievements and plans for Arapuke.

Manawatū Mountain Bike Club.

Who we are:

- Non-Profit Incorporated Society, incorporated in 1998 and the club is run solely by volunteers.
- Our goals are to promote Mountain Biking for all grades of riders and styles in Manawatū.
- Our 2022 Membership was 875.
- We have a core committee that runs the club affairs and the following sub-commitments.
 - Arapuke Trails Manages Arapuke MTB Park
 - Dirt Divas Women's Riders Group
 - Development Running development programs for all rider levels.
- Events: the club hosts around 7 different types of events annually with around 1500 entrants. These are events of all levels including Ibike for kids which can attract up to 500 children and women-focused events.
- The Club manages several ridings areas.
 - Arapuke MTB Park: 30 km trails
 - Scotts Ferry: winter riding area 15km trails
 - Waitoetoe Park: a small trail network here, although severely impacted by recent floods.
 - Te Apiti: in partnership with DOC, we have a small downhill trail and have an iconic trail included in the Te Apiti Recreational Plan.
 - Foxton: our members maintain a small trail network on public and private land, and we are currently working with HDC to develop a small MTB park on a public reserve.
- Development: the club has a development program including
 - Free summer coaching clinics Thursday nights in October and November for all levels of riders and riding styles
 - Bringing in professional coaches and subsidizing the cost to members
 - Supporting riders financially for local and international MTB events

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The Manawātū Mountain Bike Club (MMBC) is an incorporated society which was formed in 1988. The club has over 800 members and is very active in developing and supporting riding opportunities for people of the Manawātū. This work was recognized by the club winning the 2017: Supreme Award at the annual Palmerston North Trustpower Community Awards. This award reflected the thousands of volunteer hours being put into a wide range of activities including;

- Summer and Winter Race series
- Rider coaching and development
- Trail development in partnership with PNCC and the Department of Conservation
 - Arapuke Mountain Bike Park
 - Te Ara o Mahurangi trails
 - Raumai XC trails
 - Paneiri skills development park
 - Awapuni Jump Park
 - Riverside trails

A standout example of the close working relationship that MMBC has formed with the PNCC is the Arapuke Mountain Bike Park. PNCC as the land owner and MMBC as the stewards. This involved the creation of an Arapuke Trails subcommittee who has had complete oversight, planning, coordinating, building and maintaining the trails, with fantastic support from the council. The park has grown rapidly over the last 5 years with an original build budget of \$15,000 to this year where that same budget exceeds \$200,000. The ridership in the park has increased markedly as well as a significant growth of riders from outside the Manawātū coming to ride the park.

Mountain bike and cycle tourism is arguably one of the largest growing tourism sectors globally. From the mountains to the city, more people than ever are looking to escape on their bikes and explore the world. The developing cycling assets located in Palmerston North provide the opportunity to become a real cycling destination.



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ITEM 9- ATTACHMENT 3



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Your contact details	
First name	Ian
Last name	Staples
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	As far as it goes it seems to be acceptable. However there is no mention of the coming Three waters Scam or the 20 Minute City - these must be resisted. Three waters scam; The extra bureaucracy involved in this will be crippling to many ratepayers. Yes, PNCC rates may reduce but the new outfit will cause total rates to increase insurmountably. Oh what an evil thing to impose on New Zealanders. 20 Minute Cities; Again what an evil thing to impose on New Zealanders and for most NZ cities and towns not really workable - What a nonsense. Just look at Oxford in England and Melbourne in Australia. I tried to get around Hamilton 2 days ago and found it very difficult with all the changes due to the new expressway. And finding Cambridge - wow no signage to get there - central planning gone mad!
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	See above - no separate 3 waters or 20 minute cities. Why Just have a look at the disfunction in our hospital!
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Cleve
Last name	Cameron
Organisation you represent	Big Street Bikers
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	See attached submission
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	See attached submission
Supporting information	

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Submission to the Palmerston North Council on the draft Annual Budget 23/24

On behalf of Big Street Bikers

Big Street Bikers is an Aotearoa owned company based in Tāmaki Makarau. We are a social enterprise accredited by the Akina Foundation focused on removing the barriers to the rapid, widespread and equitable uptake of ebikes across Aotearoa. We aim to achieve this through physical infrastructure for secure bike parking and charging data insights as well as financial infrastructure that allows everyone in Aotearoa the opportunity to have access to or afford an ebike through both subsidised and commercial ebike subscription service.

Big Street Bikers has embarked on the nation-wide rollout of a network of free, secure bike parking and recharging stations known as Locky Docks with partnership funding from Waka Kotahi and Mercury sponsorship. Locky Docks are a public amenity that is both free to the council and free to the user and bring many benefits. Independent research* shows that a network of 10 Locky Dock stations reduces vehicle kilometres travelled by 250,000 a year and contributes a net social benefit of \$32 million to the region over a 30 year period. This impact is from reduced air pollution, reduced carbon emissions and increased health benefits. * (*Locky Dock - a Cost Benefit Analysis, Sense Partners, commissioned by Big Street Bikers, February 2022*).

Locky Dock sites with digital screens provide a medium for storytelling and sharing of council communications and a climate positive media network to engage the public. They also provide bike path wayfinding for new bikers and allows Big Street Bikers to cover the capex and opex of the Locky Docks. Locky Docks enable more people to ride more often; people are more likely to use their bike when they have secure bike parking at their destination.

Big Street Bikers is currently working with Palmerston North City Council's transport team and city centre businesses on a design for a network of 5 Locky Dock sites. This initiative is potentially part funded by Waka Kotahi's Transport Choices programme.

We congratulate the council for the infrastructure investment including the award winning He Ara Kotahi that allows Palmerstonians and visitors the opportunity to switch short expensive car trips to an easy bike ride. This switch is one of the most effective ways of reducing household transport costs. All residents benefit from a transport network that supports an urban lifestyle where short trips by bike or on foot are the norm. More trips by e-bike lead to cleaner, safer, more business friendly streets, and more resilient communities.

It is an investment that will pay long term dividends for the future with less pollution, emissions reductions, healthier and safer neighbourhoods and reduced costs on business and maintenance costs for wear and tear on local roads.

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In providing feedback on the draft Annual Budget 23/24 we ask Palmerston North City Council to support further opportunities for investment and partnerships that will deliver high quality cycling infrastructure and better transport options.

In particular, Big Street Bikers requests council support:

- the installation of Locky Docks to create a network of connected “villages” of secure e-bike parking and recharging stations - at no cost to council
- low traffic neighbourhoods and reduced traffic speeds around schools and shops
- protected cycleways on Featherston Street and Summerhill Drive and the continued expansion of the city’s network of safe, protected, accessible cycleways
- advocating to government for an e-bike subsidy scheme to put e-bikes into targeted groups and low income households to greatly expand the uptake of e-bikes as a viable form of transport especially for short trips

Big Street Bikers would welcome the opportunity to speak to this submission virtually if this option is available.

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Your contact details	
First name	Paul
Last name	Hocquard
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	As a local canoe polo player (member of the Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo sports club) I would be very keen to see the establishment of a new 50 metre swimming pool as a multi sport facility.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Dianne
Last name	Wilde
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	We would love to see a review of the aquatics facility in the region underway. Canoe Polo is currently played in the lagoon during the summer season and we desperately need access to more pool space. There are many New Zealand representatives in the Palmerston North region an indoor facility would be assist the team members greatly. Training and playing in tournaments is a key part of the build up to international level sport and the use of an indoor facility would mean year round events could be held. The sports facility in Hawkes Bay is currently used for National level tournaments which could be potentially held in Palm North.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Jean
Last name	Hera
Organisation you represent	Athena Women's Collective
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm, 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Athena Women's Collective
c/- 12 Bourke St
Palmerston North

ATHENA WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE SUBMISSION
PNCC Draft Budget 2023-24

Introduction

The Athena Women's Collective is a group of tauwi women with a strong background in Palmerston North community involvement and community work, and an ongoing interest in civic matters. We are a group of elders who have past and current involvements in community development, health, education, the arts, climate action and the environment. We are active supporters of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding covenant of Aotearoa NZ and the need for understanding and action to honour the treaty. We commend the partnership work with Rangitāne by Council and support Council's developing this commitment further.

Our submission relates to all 5 Whāinga Goals of the Matawhānui Papaioea Palmerston North vision.

Council's vision for Palmerston North is for every resident to be able to enjoy the benefits of living in a small city, with the advantages of a big city.

Whāinga 1: He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu

Goal 1: An innovative and growing city

Whāinga 2: He tāone whakaihiihi, tapatapahi ana

Goal 2: A creative and exciting city

Whāinga 3: He hāpori tūhonohono, he hāpori haumarū

Goal 3: A connected and safe community

Whāinga 4: He tāone tautaiāo

Goal 4: An eco city

Whāinga 5: He Kaunihera ahunui, whakamana i te iwi

Goal 5: A driven and enabling Council

We have also been thinking of future 10 Year Plans as we have collated our submission.

Recommendations Summary

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As Mahatma Gandhi said 'the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable'.

- Use a health impact lens on council decision making on the Budget and consider the impact on community health and well-being. The benefits and costs of proposed development across our community need to be distributed equitably so that people living in high deprivation areas are not further disadvantaged.
- Increase the spending allocation for social housing and make the Council commitment to social housing a priority.
- Address the need for urban green spaces in housing planning and development.
- Invest in active transport and a user-friendly public transport system.
- Invest in sustainable energy.
- Address the impacts of climate change by reducing carbon emissions, regenerating native biodiversity, increasing the health of the Manawātū River environment and expanding the Green Corridors Scheme.
- Establish a natural burial ground.
- Increase support for community groups.
- Extend community development initiatives of benefit to those on low incomes.
- Incorporate important access allowances for those with disabilities, the elderly and their support workers.
- Further encourage the democratic process in the work of Council.

Housing as a Human Right

We strongly support Council's work on social housing. Housing was the key issue raised as the biggest issue facing at risk communities in last year's Social Well-being Forum which is a key community forum to advise PNCC from community perspectives. We were very concerned to hear that there has been a recommendation to decrease the spending allocation for social housing. If anything, this should increase. The Social Well-being Forum recommended developing more social housing and enabling more housing development with urgency. Adequate (healthy) housing is a basic human right and needs to be a priority for local as well as national government. We support Council to make this a high priority.

We have concerns about high density housing impacting on the community, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities who need to have parking available for support people coming in. The Pasifika community have raised the issue that housing needs to meet the needs of bigger families and including intergenerational extended family living. It is important for this to be recognised and included in developments. Competent careful housing planning is also very significant as we experience climate change impacts. Location, types of housing, green spaces and access need to be a key part of planning processes. The 2023 report prepared by Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *Are we building harder, hotter cities? The vital importance of urban green spaces* outlines key concerns that need to be addressed by local government in housing planning and development.

What might the loss of green space might mean for the health and wellbeing of city dwellers. Having places nearby to exercise or socialise, or simply to escape the day-to-day clamour of city life, plays a vital role in promoting good mental and physical health. The

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present housing demand with infill housing creating smaller sections, will mean that houses with backyard trees for children to play on will soon be no longer part of the New Zealand way of life. Neighbouring parks providing green spaces, trees and rocks to climb, shade challenging and interesting adventure play equipment; trees/greenery and shade; open spaces, and street tree canopies will be strategies that will become even more important providing safe places to play, and mitigating the effects of climate change, providing shelter and shade, to reduce the impact of impact of increasing temperatures, and increasing UVR levels during summer.

Water as a Human Right

Water needs to be available freely to all, safe and healthy. We also need to encourage the conservation of it. Continuing to improve water ways for safety and environmental habitat reasons is very important. We want to see a vibrant healthy awa, streams and waterways.

Key Infrastructure Needed

Infrastructure for what became called 3 waters is key. This to us is far more important than roads although all need to safely navigate the city by foot, bicycle and other vehicle. Making public transport and active transport more popular is very important. Infrastructure in terms of electricity is also something to be considered. PNCC does have potential to make more electricity for the city rather than being dependent on purchasing it. We need to build on our current wind farm capability and encourage the use of solar power.

Improving active and public transport so that they are more popular and the city is investing in sustainability is a key aspect of this and working with regional council for this. We commend the Council for the ongoing commitment to make our city a safe and family friendly cycling environment. We commend Horizons and Council for their commitment to increasing electric buses with a full electric bus fleet being implemented. We also need reliable buses for those depending on them to get to appointments etc.

Climate Emergency and Biodiversity

We need to do all we can to address the climate emergency and to protect the biodiversity of our native fauna and flora specifically. We need to address the impacts of climate change by reducing carbon emissions, regenerating native biodiversity, increasing the health of the Manawātū River environment and expanding the Green Corridors Scheme.

To truly be an ecocity we need to invest more in ecocity priorities. The reduction in the climate change mitigation budget from 388k to 258k for this coming year concerns us. Climate change mitigation needs to be prioritised. The reduction in budget for biodiversity and sustainable practises concerns us. We must do all we can to mitigate climate change and improve bio diversity. It is essential for Council to retain and develop resourcing to undertake and improve biodiversity initiatives and sustainability practices. The concept of an Envirohub is important and needs to be prioritised for 2023-24 not deprioritised

The 2023 report prepared by Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *Are we building harder, hotter cities? The vital importance of urban green spaces* outlined other key concerns in the need for green spaces to mitigate climate change. Recent extreme weather events have provided valuable lessons for us to learn from. Ageing storm water systems have been overwhelmed, flooding houses and businesses and leaving their owners with

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costly clean-ups. Our city needs to find a way to address this in terms of stormwater management and city safe spots for anyone who needs to leave their home or find a safe space to go to.

We also need to have plenty of green spaces, building strategies and planting to assist with water drainage with heavy rain. Tree planting is an essential strategy. From recent experiences of cyclone impacts we are also aware of the importance of maintenance of bridges over streams and rivers and the river/stream/ditch beds so that there is adequate space for increased water levels. Subsidence can occur when flooding problems occur. Adequate drainage is very important. We need to learn the lessons from Cyclone Gabrielle and not cut costs for important infrastructure.

Green spaces particularly trees and wetlands, continue to provide a range of vital services, including temperature regulation, stormwater management, air filtration, carbon sequestration and habitat provision. The Parliamentary Commissioner's 2023 Report concluded that "urban areas have higher air, soil and water temperatures. The air temperature in heavily built-up urban areas is often several degrees higher than it is in surrounding rural areas. These higher urban temperatures occur because some of the incoming solar radiation is trapped in buildings, streets and other structures, which act as radiators. Furthermore, cities are often devoid of vegetation and therefore lack the natural cooling effect of shading and plant transpiration." P30.

We also want to raise concern about the noxious plants on the walkways and important of removing these and replacing these with natives. There is a lot of pampas grass, for example when it should be toitoi on the river walkway (perhaps people think it is toitoi). It is with new planting and so looks like it has been planted. It is particularly evident near the site of the eels which have sadly been affected by the flooding from the cyclone. We are sad to see the destruction of the eel area and hope Council can work with Rangitāne to re-establish a safe environment for the eels that we can visit.

We await news of PNCC establishing a natural burial ground. We understand that collaborative work has been going on with the Manawātū Council (which was suggested to Council a few years ago) and we hope to see establishment work come from this. Development of natural burial and ecoburial options will be good for the environment and assist in the development of green spaces, tree planting etc.

Community Wellbeing and Smokefree Commitment

The inspirational goal of eliminating the harm that smoked tobacco products cause our community, by transforming Aotearoa to a smokefree nation by 2025, has already been endorsed by this Council. We would like to recognise PNCC as leaders in the national Smokefree arena with your commitment supporting a Smokefree community, your strong and comprehensive Smokefree and vape-free policy, and ensuring that an implementation plan was funded to make the policy a reality. Developed in response to the concerns about inequities in the impact of smoking for Māori and Pasifika peoples, the growing numbers of teenagers vaping, wanting to support people who were trying to quit, the impact of millions of toxic non-biodegradable cigarette butts polluting our waterways, beaches and harming marine life, the adoption of the Aauhi Kore and Vape-free Council policy meant that the Council committed to future generations being supported to live and grow in healthy

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smokefree and vapefree environments. It is important that the funding for this continues.

Supporting The Elderly, Those with Disabilities and their Caregivers and Support Workers

While we commend the Council's efforts to make our city a safer place to walk and cycle, we also need to support those in the community living with disabilities, including limited mobility, and their caregivers or support workers who need private transport and convenient parking in order to provide services and assist their clients. We commend Council for supporting the Super Gold card for 65+ scheme, giving free access to buses, and making possible free parking from 9am-12pm for Super Gold card holders.

We ask that the commitment made to Palmerston North City being an Age Friendly City is strengthened by measurable progress made in age-friendly transport, housing, community support and health services. We also ask that the accessibility needs of children and adults living with disabilities is an essential consideration in the development of parks, playgrounds, and all PNCC areas.

Supporting Those on Low Incomes

We are strong supporters of the free community resources provided by PNCC. We want to emphasise the importance of supporting citizens who have lower incomes. Women and children are often those most affected as lower income families. It is great to see all the free parks and events PNCC provides. For example, the Library, the Living Room of our city, is a key free service we support. This is a valuable and essential service for all ages and stages of life, supporting the community to be connected, and providing access to life-long learning, providing a safe place for many in the community, through the accessible and affordable programmes, workshops and resources.

We support free rubbish bags for community service card holders. It is great to see a trial of this new development and we hope this can be continued and extended, and that those eligible will find it easy to access this.

Supporting Community Development, Community Groups and Initiatives

We strongly advocate the importance of supporting groups that are providing food support and security and other important free resources and services at the community level which are so very important to those on low incomes. The costs of living rises have exacerbated the hardship those on low incomes are facing. We strongly support Council's current community funding and other support work, and advocate for the ongoing development of this. It is good to see the increase to the Community Development Small Grants Fund which helps to support so many community groups, and also the increase to the Strategic Priority Grants included.

Food Action and Food Security

We support the food waste recycling as a new development to reduce landfill and carbon emissions. We support Council involvement in food action and security. It is great to see the development of marae based mara, community gardens, pātaka kai/community pantries, food rescue free stores, food deliveries, and the trial of food waste collections; helping reduce the quantity of food waste going into the landfill as well as helping to feed the community. Having a separate purpose-built area could allow the conversion of waste to a

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reusable asset. We are keen for Council to build their support and involvement in this area and add our support to the Environment Network Manawatu proposal of the adoption of a city-wide Food Resilience and Food Security Policy, and the recommendations made by Te Tihi o Ruahine *Whānau Ora* Alliance of mapping food foraging spaces, increasing fruit and citrus tree planting, planting native trees to enhance birdlife and working with Te Tihi using a *Whānau Ora* approach in ongoing developments. It is very clear that the high cost of living is having a significant impact on the most vulnerable in our communities and this has worsened since the Social Well-being Forum identified this as a key issue last year.

Rates

We support a change from capital based to land-based rates as a fairer system of rating. We recognise the need for Council to set rates at a level that allows the important programmes to go ahead but we also acknowledge the hardship of many in our community and would like to see a more compassionate approach to rebates, late penalties imposed and repayment schemes. This compassionate approach is important in general when people are in vulnerable circumstances.

Encouraging the Democratic Process

When people are coming to submit to Council there should be a parking exemption for those that need this. We discussed this as something that used to happen but was withdrawn some years ago. We would also like to see more engagement by councillors with those interested in writing submissions to help outline key issues and be available for discussion. On-line engagement could be an option as well as face to face. It was disappointing to attend a Saturday meeting at the library about the draft budget to find that it was staff only attendance and no presentation. It is useful to learn more about any key and contentious issues, reasons behind changed decisions and delays to work. In the days of ward committees and pop-up consultation opportunities there was more ability to engage and discuss issues.

Maryanne Mechen, Elizabeth Lawn, Kerry Hocquard, Jean Hera
on behalf of the Athena Women's Collective

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Your contact details	
First name	Jennifer
Last name	Sweny
Organisation you represent	Manawatu triathlon club
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Two points: The Aquatic facilities and water recreation preliminary feasibility is urgently needed. Many children miss out on quality experiences of learning to swim and competitive swimming. Children involved in competitive swimming are forced to swim in very crowded lanes (12 children/25 meter lane) Deferring active transport initiatives is short sighted in an increasingly busy and congested city.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Safe methods for active transport should be considered with less focus on on street parking.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Consider new aquatic facilities Prioritize accessibility of active transport by prioritizing safety.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Please urgently consider the need for new aquatic facilities. The many competitive swimmers in palmy are at an increased risk of injuries due to poor facilities. My children and their teammates often train in very crowded lines (14 children per lane) and there are many risks associated with this outlined below. Risk of Collisions: When swimmers are training in small, crowded lanes, there is an increased risk of collisions, which can cause injury. This is especially true during high-intensity training sessions, where swimmers may be moving at high speeds.

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	<p>Restricted Movement: Small, crowded lanes can restrict the movement of swimmers, limiting their ability to perform strokes and turns correctly. This can lead to muscle strain, joint pain, and other injuries.</p> <p>Lack of Space: Limited space in small lanes can lead to swimmers being unable to follow proper training techniques, such as allowing for an appropriate distance between swimmers when starting, turning or finishing. This can cause frustration and create a stressful training environment.</p> <p>Inability to Train at Optimal Level: When swimmers are unable to train at their optimal level due to the constraints of small lanes, they may not be able to achieve their goals, leading to decreased confidence and motivation.</p> <p>Mental and Physical Fatigue: Constantly navigating through crowded lanes can be mentally and physically exhausting for swimmers, causing them to become fatigued and possibly leading to burnout.</p> <p>In summary, training in small, crowded lanes can pose serious risks to competitive swimmers, including the risk of collisions, restricted movement, a lack of space, an inability to train at optimal levels, and mental and physical fatigue. It is important that swimmers are provided with a safe and comfortable training environment to reduce the likelihood of injury and achieve their full potential.</p>
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Your contact details	
First name	John
Last name	McGifford
Organisation you represent	Central Football and 15 other clubs/organisations across Manawatu, Rangitikei and Taranaki
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Please refer uploaded submission.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	No comment.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	No comment.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	No comment.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	No comment.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	No comment.
Do you have any other feedback?	No comment.
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21 April 2023

To: **The Submission Team - Palmerston North City Council**
 Re: **2023/2024 Draft Annual Budget**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the 2023/2024 Draft Annual Budget and thank you also for receiving and considering this submission. Such submission is specific to the football artificial turf detailed under "Active communities – Capital New" in the Draft Annual Budget.

On behalf of Central Football, and the football clubs/organisations listed below, I wish to submit that all budgeted costs for the football artificial turf be retained in the 2023/2024 Annual Budget. Currently \$199,000 for design and associated costs sits as an expense item and we look forward to the work that is allocated for being completed in 2023/2024 with the LTP budgeted expense for the build (subject to external funding) being enabled soon after.

This submission represents:

1. Central Football
2. Bulls-Ohakea Junior Football Club
3. Dannevirke Soccer Club Incorporated
4. Feilding United Association Football Club
5. Levin Association Football Club
6. Manawatu Plunderers Football Club
7. Linton Football Club
8. Massey Football Club
9. Pahiatua Football Club
10. Palmerston North Marist Football Club
11. Palmerston North Marist Junior Football Club
12. Palmerston North United Football Club
13. Riverside Red Sox Junior Football Club
14. Ruahine Association Football Club
15. Takaro Association Football Club
16. Woodville Association Football Club

Again thank you for your receipt and consideration of this submission and for the opportunity to submit.

Yours sincerely

John McGifford
 Project Manager

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Your contact details	
First name	David
Last name	Brown
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The Annual Budget should be reduced further! The proposed rates increases far exceeds the annual increase in this households income (0%) by 6.4%. On top of inflation and cost of living increases you are helping make home ownership unaffordable (I have a mortgage).
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Live within your means like us ratepayers have to!
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	The Council are completely out of touch with the people of this city. Your re-election owes more to the lack of quality candidates than any redeeming qualities you bring to public service.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Kevin
Last name	Low
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The annual budgeting process seems a robust and fair way to allocate Council's resources, although the large number of line items makes it very difficult for a layperson to understand what general areas are being prioritised and which are being deferred.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like to see greater weight being given to meeting our climate mitigation responsibilities and in particular a higher priority given to implement a multi-modal transport strategy. I urge Council to deliver on the Urban Cycle Network Master Plan and to make progress on Te Mahere Aranukunuku 10 year Transport Plan.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	I am greatly concerned by and do not support deferring roading improvements to meet multi-modal needs. I note both Rooding and Active and Public Transport activities are proposed to be reduced from that proposed in the 10 year plan and also from previous years in real terms. An example is that 2120 - Off-road Shared Path Network has been deferred in this plan. Likewise, 1442, 1878 and 1494 on transport behaviour changes have been deferred or funding reduced.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I see a critical need to progress the Road-user Hierarchy to make our streets safer, take advantage of the many recreational cyclists to encourage commuting, encourage car-less healthy recreational pursuits, and most importantly of all, to take our responsibility to reduce carbon emissions seriously. I support improving the safety of arterial commuting routes for pedestrians and cyclists. I support additions to the recreational cycling network. I am especially frustrated that the Riverside shared pathway to Ashhurst has not progressed despite an announcement with great fanfare in 2012. This lack of progress is embarrassing and is

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	becoming symptomatic of the fate of a number of well-planned transport initiatives.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	<p>I note further examples in capital expenditure, specifically 1695, 1807, 1808, 2013 and note that it appears that delivery of the 10 year transport plan is falling further behind with every annual planning process.</p> <p>As an outsider it appears that cutting transport, particularly multi-modal transport strategies, has become the safest way of trimming annual budgets to make them palatable. Given that transport is a fundamental role of Council my preference would be to trim non-fundamental activities if the political imperative exists.</p>
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	I urge Council to adopt Te Mahere Aranukunuku, the 10 year Transport Plan without further procrastination.
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Your contact details	
First name	Ross
Last name	Linklater
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>My request is that council places high importance and ranking on improving cycle ways both within and surrounding the city.</p> <p>Rationale</p> <p>1/ There is a growing number of people now cycling for both commuting and recreational, particularly with the advent of "E-Bikes"</p> <p>2/The concerns over hazardous gas emissions along with rising fuel prices will tend to add to this cycling growth.</p> <p>3/The city is surrounded with small residential areas that have residents commuting to the city for schools, employment or retail spending. Eg, Longburn, Bunnythorpe, Ashhurst and beyond.</p> <p>4/Within the city the designated cycle lanes are appreciated but more could be developed. Eg. Vogel street.</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>The safety factor is very important to the cyclist. Well defined cycle lanes are certainly helpful within the 50kmh zone. However, an off-road cycle path that allows, walking, running, or cycling, away from high-speed traffic, is certainly preferable. The Aotearoa walking trail, where it occurs in the area controlled by PNCC could also benefit.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>Can council gain assistance from "Waka Kotaki" for financial</p>

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	consideration? Whilst I appreciate the many items council has to consider and prioritise, I sincerely hope that due consideration is given to this Request.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Tim
Last name	Kendrew
Organisation you represent	Te Pū Harakeke—Community Collective Manawatū
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May: 9am to 11am, 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Please see attached.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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21 April 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on PNCC's 2023/243 Annual Budget.

Background

Te Pū Harakeke—Community Collective Manawatū (formerly Palmerston North Community Services Council) was established in 1971 as a collective body for community and social service agencies in Palmerston North. Our vision is to see a strong, vibrant, and connected community sector in Palmerston North. Our mission is to empower community groups to participate and contribute to, the community and its wellbeing. Our membership consists of more than one hundred for-purpose organisations and individuals working in the local community and social sector, and we are proud to partner with the City Council in this mahi.

We are grateful for the City Council's ongoing support for the City's community sector. We enjoy a positive and productive relationship with both elected members and Council officers, and we thank you for the assistance the Council gives the sector — both in operational support and in building organisational capacity and capability.

Overall, we are generally supportive of this proposed budget, and we acknowledge the challenges involved in balancing service delivery with manageable rate rises for residents and businesses.

A Safe and Connected Community

Te Pū Harakeke strongly believes that the best way to support the city is to support its people, and this goal aligns closely with the Council's statutory obligation to promote the social wellbeing of the city's residents. We recognise the financial strain that many residents are feeling due to the high cost of living, and take this opportunity to remind you that financial pressure often has the greatest impact on those on the lowest incomes, and encourage you to prioritise support for essential social infrastructure. We commend Council's continued commitment to funding social and community services in the city.

Like the public and private sectors, for-purpose organisations have found it increasingly difficult to find staff, especially for roles which require specific qualifications or skillsets. This has made it difficult for organisations to meet the level of need in our communities. We have also found that the social aftereffects of COVID and increase in social isolation has meant that

many social organisations are working with individuals with more complex needs. This can only be addressed by ensuring that the funding available to community groups is sufficient to offer wages more comparable to other sectors, and that funding arrangements are flexible to cover staff and operational expenses.

Recommendations from the Social Wellbeing Forum:

- Increase or, at a minimum, maintain current funding levels for the for-purpose sector (at real, inflation-adjusted levels).
- Note the reliance the sector has on local and central government funding and contracts, and the flow-on effect that this has on our ability to employ a sufficient, qualified, and well-supported workforce.

Housing

Alongside the cost of living, housing continues to be the most pressing issue for the communities our organisations work with. This was the major finding of the Social Wellbeing Forum held at the end of last year. Median rent prices have climbed steadily in the last few years and is currently \$550 a week. The ongoing housing support is particularly appreciated, including maintaining allocated funding for social housing. While there has been a welcome decrease in clients on the Palmerston North housing register last year, there were still 170 applicants more in December 2022 than in March 2020. We therefore fully support any ongoing efforts to bring housing security to our people.

Recommendations from the Social Wellbeing Forum:

- Note that housing is still the biggest issue facing our at-risk communities.
- Develop more social housing and enable more housing development with urgency.
- Explore ways to streamline or coordinate housing support agencies to ensure there is a single, clear, accessible contact channel for those who need emergency housing.

We wish to speak to our submission.

Ngā mihi,



Justin Ngai

Kairuruku Kaupapa/Programme Coordinator



Tim Kendrew

Kaiwhakahaere Matua/Manager

Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Katy
Last name	van Deventer
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I would like to see more forward planning.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Cycle lanes swept more often, especially Summerhill.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Yes, I believe we need to look into a covered 50m pool. Canoe polo is massive in PN and perform at a high level nationally and representing NZ. If there was a covered pool that would benefit the region hugely for Swimming, canoe polo and water polo events. All these events would bring large numbers to the region which can only be good for local businesses.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Yes
Do you have any other feedback?	Palmy council are amazing and damn hard working. I appreciate everything you do to make this place such a lovely place to live.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Justin
Last name	Ngai
Organisation you represent	Individual
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	In general, I support the budget. Good to see our social services being funded. Wellbeing is important.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I'm from the community arts sector, and I've seen the great sense of community and wellbeing it brings to performers and audiences. We are losing two theatres this year — Wallace Development and the Dark Room. This will have major effects on the sector. I strongly believe that the city has the capacity to support more art spaces. It improves the wellbeing of those involved, fosters creativity, creates vibrancy in the city, and help promote local businesses with events nearby. It is an investment in expression and community.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	Thank you to all our councilors. Not every city has this level of support from local government. I am very thankful.
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Your contact details	
First name	Courtney
Last name	Manu
Organisation you represent	Pasifika Reference Group
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>Pasifika Reference Group are in support of most of the Annual Proposed Budget but would like to see more specific focus on Pacific.</p> <p>Our group is supportive of the budget and specifically wants to acknowledge our support for the following budget proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1539 - City Ambassador Program Budget • Increase to Community Development Small Grants Fund • 1448 – Welcoming Communities Budget • 2115-Social Housing restrict rents to a maximum of 25% of the tenant's benefit or NZ superannuation • 1459-Social Housing - Additional Social Housing Units • 1506-Community Events <p>These above budget commitments from our council have been great for our Pasifika community and we have been well represented and engaged in, these pieces support the wider community and our Pasifika Community.</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>Pasifika Reference group supports the continual development of the Bill Brown Hall, also known as the Pasifika Centre. This year's annual budget proposes a 206,000 commitment to the additional carparking. We would like some planning done (via LTP) around the plan for when this is no longer fit for purpose regarding the growing Pasifika population and needs in the city.</p> <p>From the community perspective we currently see Pasifika outgrowing this space already and would like to see more commitment from Council to the growth of Pasifika. We would see this being achieved through an extension on the current building which would increase the capacity for events.</p> <p>As council knows the facility is used for the following on a regular occurrence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papaioea Pasifika Trust operates from this Building. • Pacific language week celebrations encouraged by Ministry for Pacific Peoples • Pacific Community Events and Engagement • Te Fatu Pasifika – Educational Programme • Digital Hub is established on premises.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papaioea Pasifika Trust Matua Ola Programme • Friday Food Bank Initiative <p>With this many events already booking the hall out and an increased engagement and growth in Pasifika in the community, we see the expansion of this well-known building as a priority.</p>
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	N/A
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	<p>Pasifika Reference group would like to see the Social Housing budget of \$1,049,000 have some of this budget directly feed into Large Houses being built specifically for Pasifika.</p> <p>We would like to see a commitment from Palmerston North City Council begin by building 5-10 houses within this budget and creating a Partnership with a Pasifika Organisation or Church to make this happen.</p> <p>We appreciate that Palmerston North currently has an appetite for smaller homes for our elderly, the idea that we do this to free up larger homes for our people does not always mean success. The maintenance on a pre-loved home that is larger can be overwhelming for a family that is already in an inequitable position. We are asking Council to engage with Pasifika so that we can work together to build a mix of Housing that caters to many, rather than few.</p> <p>We would like to ask Council that they continue to consider building NEW larger buildings (4-5 bedrooms) and more medium density with good accessibility options for elderly and disabled people, that accommodates for larger families who have intergenerational and cultural priorities that feed into these living spaces. As Pasifika we know that intergenerational living is part of who we are, we live as a village and this village looks after us. Supporting Pasifika culture through housing will enable the "it takes a village" support to thrive, by creating safe, dry, warm large houses families can live together and support each other better making them, in some situations, less reliant on the "system".</p>
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	N/A
Do you have any other feedback?	<p>We would like to thank the Palmerston North City Council for using time and resource within its operations to facilitate the Pasifika Reference Group. We are humbled by the opportunity to have the opportunity in this space to grow as a community alongside the local council for the sake of our people.</p> <p>To summarize our submission, our focuses within this budget are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A commitment from PNCC for a minimum of 5-10 x 4-5 bedroom homes to be tagged within the current budget and built in

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	Partnership with Local Pasifika Organizations to achieve. 2. The continual development of the Pasifika Centre through expansion of the current building.
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Tony
Last name	Carne
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	We desperately need more access to more pool space. I am keen to support the use of a new 50 meter pool
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	We desperately need more access to more pool space. I am keen to support the use of a new 50 meter pool
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sunlou
Last name	Liuvaie
Organisation you represent	Niue Community; Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 1pm to 3pm Wednesday 17 May: 1pm to 3pm Thursday 18 May: 1pm to 3pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Refer to attached file.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Refer to attached file.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Refer to attached file.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Refer to attached file.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Refer to attached file.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Refer to attached file.
Do you have any other feedback?	Refer to attached file.
Supporting information	

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20 April 2023

To: PNCC Budget Committee

SUBJECT: Submission for the PNCC Draft Annual Plan 2023/2024

This submission is made on behalf of the Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust, a Pan Pasifika organisation representing the following island groups: Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands, Tokelau, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, and Fiji. PPCT also advocate and support families from the following community- Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and others. It is a registered Charitable Trust. Since its establishment, PPCT has supported Pasifika families in Palmerston North, Whanaganui, Rangitikei, Feilding, Ashurst, Woodville, Dannevirke, Foxton, Tokomaru Shannon, and Levin.

Over the years, the Pasifika Community Centre also support Non-Pasifika Groups- some of our long-term users of the Pasifika Community Centre are Iwi Tapu an Iwi Based Christian group; Karen Church (Myanmar Group), Pakistan Muslim Group, Bahai Faith Group.

1. What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?

On the whole, given the current economic climate I commend Council's decision to propose a rate of 6.4% instead of the 8.3% indicated previously in the Council 10YP. There is also a good balance in the range of activities included to be funded in this financial year.

I acknowledge in particular proposed spending in the following areas:

GOAL 3: A connected and Safe Community which include investment in community facilities, community development, social housing, Healthy communities and events and festival. These are programs that would offer immense benefits for Pasifika peoples.

Investment in initiatives under Goal 4: Eco City is also important given the recent extreme events caused by climate change. Investment in infrastructure will build our city's mitigation and adaptation capacity in particular resilience against extreme future weather events.

I also commend investments in housing which is a critical priority need for Pasifika families. The budget allocated for the City Ambassador Program is also crucial in growing the leadership capabilities of our young people. This investment will encourage them to consider tertiary studies in our city or to return to Palmy on the completion of their studies.

2. What (if anything) would you like to see changed?

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In light of the past, current and projected growth in the scope of PPCT function, increase in demand for its services, and vision for future growth, it is absolutely pertinent that as an invaluable partner, PNCC and Council make a strong commitment by investing in the expansion of the Pasifika Community Centre, in this financial year.

Over the past 2 years, COVID 19 has caused immense challenges and also provided opportunities for the people of our city including Pasifika communities. The Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust which has leased the Pasifika Community Centre for more than 15 years has transitioned from a voluntary NGO into a social service provider and has played a lead role in responding to the needs of our Pasifika community.

PPCT has achieved growth in a number of areas: Funding contracts from government ministries, and semi government bodies has seen PPCT revenue increase from \$30,000(hire of Hall) to \$1,768,000 from various funding contracts, which include the following: Pasifika Futures Limited (\$1,010,000); MSD (\$520,000); Pacific Business Trust (\$25,000); MOE (\$69, 000); MPP (\$134,000); DIA (\$10,000). It has now 4 full time staff, and has established collaborations with key government agencies, Pasifika and Māori providers in our region, PNCC and other key stakeholders.

PPCT has led the covid 19 response for Pasifika families not only in Palmerston North but also in Whanganui, Rangitikei, Ashurst, Feilding, Woodville, Dannevirke, Foxton, Shannon, and Levin.

PPCT current operations and plans for future growth is severely hampered by the capacity limitations of the current facility.

As noted in the proposed budget, \$206,000 has been allocated for expanding the carpark at Bill Brown Park.

Instead, PPCT and the Pasifika Community consider investment in expanding the Pasifika Community Centre as an **urgent priority** need for the PPCT and the growing Pasifika community that we serve. The expansion would see the Centre increase in capacity through the following: increase in the size of the Hall for community events; increase in office space for staff and social, education, and health services; provision of storage space for the Trust and users; increase in community learning space.

The Papaioea Pasifika Trust operates from this Building and current usage is as follows:

- Venue for cultural activities throughout the year and also for the celebration of Pacific language week celebrations
- Pacific Community Events and Engagement
- Te Fatu O Te Pasifika Pasifika – Educational Programme
- Digital Hub is established on premises.
- Papaioea Pasifika Trust Matua Ola Programme
- Friday Food Bank Initiative and MSD Food Hub
- Office for 4 fulltime staff including volunteers
- Venue for community consultations and workshops

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- Long term users of the hall include non-Pasifika group like: Pakistan Muslim Association, Karen Christian Group (Burmese), Iwi Tapu (Māori Christian Group).

Projects in the pipeline include the following:
Pasifika Health Centre; Community Garden; PPCT Nigh Market; Connect through Kai Project; Cultural Center for Pasifika and our city .

In the **Long Term (5-10 years)**, the ultimate **vision of PPCT** is to develop a **Multipurpose/multi-function Community Hub** for Pasifika families in the Mid-central Region.

3. Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?

Given the current fiscal climate, I support the projects that have been deferred.

4. Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

Consideration should be made for increasing investment in Economic Development component of the plan in particular building the entrepreneurial or social enterprise skills of individuals or community groups to enhance their revenue earning capacity.

5. Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?

Support initiatives that would build the capacity and capability of community groups to increase revenue stream, enhance governance, and improve standards of service design and delivery/implementation. Explore opportunities for enhancing collaborations between PNCC and Pasifika community groups and other migrant or minority ethnic groups.

This for example could be in the area of Housing whereby PNCC can partner with a Pasifika Housing provider to invest and build housing stock that is suited to the cultural context of Pasifika families and also enhance equitable access through more cost effective or affordable housing.

The Pasifika community Centre can also be recognised as a cultural building given its role as the hub for Pasifika cultures, practices and language.

6. Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?

Fully support the charges for Trade wastes given the onus for the company to pay for costs. The charges imposed will enable PNCC to meets its obligation under the Trade Waste Bylaw 2022 and provision in the LGA2022.

As stated the process by which consultation is undertaken is transparent, Fair and responsible, and also charges are in line with what is charged by other comparable entities.

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All proposed charges will assist with the revenue generation and overall fiscal position of PNCC.

7. Do you have any other feedback?

I would like to acknowledge the Palmerston North City Council for the foresight in developing this progressive budget in a time of difficult economic circumstance, and also the opportunity to provide some feedback. Since the prevalence of Covid 19 and its far-reaching impacts on our community, with the support of our partners and key stakeholders PPCT has responded effectively to the complex and growing social, cultural and economic needs of Pasifika families. However, our ability to maintain or grow our services in line with client demand is severely restricted by capacity limitations in the current facility in which we operate from.

On behalf of our Pasifika families and community, PPCT therefore humbly request that Council renders support to include in the 2023/2024 Draft Annual Budget, funds required for the expansion of the Pasifika Community Centre, making it a modern, culturally appropriate, and fit for purpose facility that would meet the growing, complex, and diverse needs of the Pasifika community. This investment aligns with the goals of the PNCC Strategic Plan and will not only enable PPCT to achieve its vision of: An Empowered, Resilient, and Thriving Pasifika families, but also empower our families to make a meaningful contribution to our beautiful city.

I would like to wish the Committee all the best with your work. I look forward to an opportunity to make an oral submission.

Yours sincerely

Sonny Liuvaie
Chairperson
Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Mike
Last name	Moleta
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	We need to get the review of aquatics facilities underway as our current facilities are out of date, hard to access lane space and not fit for purpose.
Supporting information	

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YOUR DETAILS

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All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

If you would like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors, please tick up to three preferences:

	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May
9:00 - 11:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5:30 - 7:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2023/24?

(see attached submission + Petition)

- The petition is attached separately with 122 names shown.

What, if anything, would you like to see changed?

Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred?
If not, what do you suggest and why?

21st April 2023

Venessa Pokaia

Tihei Mauri Ora!!

This submission is in support of a Cultural Hub being built at Monrad Park, adjacent Te Patikitiki library. I would also like to make a personal presentation in support of my submission.

Ko Venessa Pokaia tōku ingoa

Ko Venessa Pokaia tōku ingoa, he uri ahau a Ngāti Kauwhata rāua ko Rangitāne.

I want to elaborate on the brief about myself.

My Grandparents, Parents, myself, my tamariki and mokopuna have all lived in the community of Highbury and apart from my Grandparents and Father who have now passed, all still live in Highbury, alongside immediate whānau, whānaunga and long-time friends who are also like whānau, who have also lived in Highbury for generations.

I work full time at Te Wakahuia Manawatū Trust Hauora, a Māori Health Organisation situated at Highbury Shops, Pembroke Street, where I have worked for ten years. I also work part-time for Massey University's Centre for Culture-centered Approach to Research and Evaluation (CARE), as a community researcher, where I have worked for almost three years, I am Kairongoā for my whānau, hapū, iwi and hāpori and a member of both The Rongoā Collective of the ART Confederation (Ati Awa, Raukawa, Toa Rangatira), and Aotearoa Rongoā Māori Collective, and I am also a member of Kauwhata Māori Women's Welfare League.

I am forwarding this submission today on behalf of the numerous Highbury community members voices who have voiced their want for a cultural hub throughout the years, the 24-member strong Highbury Advisory Rōpū, 122 community members who completed a petition at a local event, Pā Tamariki, that was co-designed by the Highbury Advisory Rōpū to build social cohesion and peace and to reduce violence in Highbury. The event, built around the concept of building a Highbury that supports and empowers youth, was held on December 2022. Additionally, we have whānau from the community who are also in support of this submission and have chosen to lodge their own.

The Highbury Advisory Rōpū, which has 24 members, with most having lived in the Highbury community no less than fifteen years each, and therefore are all aware of the community needs and solutions for the betterment of all who reside here, was co-created by CARE in 2018 and is now in its sixth year. The Highbury Advisory members being:

1. Tuturu Hotereni,
2. Cushla Kerr,
3. Rob Williams,
4. Sarah Holdaway,
5. Shailiyah Holdaway,
6. Gayle Moana-Johnson,
7. Jasmine Pai Brah,
8. Daniel Martin,
9. Hana Taunga,

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10. Maureen Stone,
11. James Neketai,
12. Tai Martin,
13. Cina Poland,
14. Nick Whatuira,
15. Tracy Taiaroa,
16. Peter Farnell,
17. Marita Te Oka,
18. Teiria Wereta,
19. Laine Skipper,
20. Marcia Governor,
21. Leighton Hokianga,
22. Louise Ashley,
23. Zahra AliZadah,
24. Venessa Pokaia

The Highbury Advisory Rōpū has co-created and run several successful initiatives in Highbury such as the “I Choose Highbury” campaign that sought to generate positive stories around Highbury, three PhotoVoice campaigns that highlight the resilience of Highbury, community food gardens and cupboards, community COVID-19 mutual aid, community-led culture-centered violence prevention (including participating in shaping national policy-making: see <https://tepunaonui.govt.nz/assets/Resources/CARE-Executive-Summary.pdf>), and most recently, community led social cohesion initiatives.

In the course of carrying out the social cohesion work in Highbury, the rōpū felt the importance of building a ‘Cultural Hub’ in Highbury that brings together Māori, Pasifika, diverse ethnic migrant and refugee communities living in Highbury to create opportunities for cultural learning for youth, to engage youth in positive cultural practices and storytelling, and to prevent violence through the promotion of activities rooted in culture. The Highbury Advisory Rōpū Petition gathered **121** names during the Pā Tamariki event for the construction of a ‘Youth Hub’, which in itself shows the demand. A cultural Hub can be encompassing of a Youth Hub.

The construction of a ‘Cultural Hub’, situated directly adjacent Te Pātikitiki, Highbury Avenue, Pioneer Highway side, where the current historical hangi pit is situated. My reasonings are as follows:

Unsuitable Venues

There are currently ten community venues which have had the capacity over the years to hold community hui, educational sessions (violence prevention, youth and adult literacy, arts and crafts, health promotion (including rongoā Māori, mirimiri/romiromi), satellite services, and many other community driven activities. While each service/organisation/church we believe are contributing immensely to the community and further afield in their own way, unfortunately, over time the venues have become unsuitable for community members, with the following reasons given:

- Pacifica Centre-nil availability, over utilised with Pacifica needs.
- Legacy Church-nil availability, church services, and church programmes, religious undertones-non-neutrality.
- Te Wakahuia Manawatū Trust-nil availability, health focus.
- Kiwi Iwi Kainga Youth Centre-nil availability, youth focussed programmes.

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- Wesleyan Church-nil availability, religious undertones-non-neutrality.
- Te Aroha Noa- minimal availability, religious undertones-non-neutrality,
- Te Whare Koha- nil availability, provides free second-hand community resources.
- Highbury Whānau Centre-minimal availability, youth focussed alternative education, providing afterschool, holiday and community programmes at a minimal cost.
- St Michael's Anglican Church & Marae-average availability, costings associated-unaffordable for a lot of whānau of this area, religious undertones-non-neutrality.
- Te Pātikitiki Library-day time availability, semi-small space, nil privacy.

In the 1980s, my whānau and I were a part of the whānau voices who were significant drivers in the development and consequential establishment of 'The Highbury Whānau Centre'. At the time, the Highbury Whānau Centre served a community need, as a recreational space for whānau. This initial purpose served by the Highbury Whānau Centre is quite different from the alternative education community need it is serving today. Highbury Whānau Centre has moved with the times and the changing needs.

What is needed now is a space where community can book in and discuss the issues of today and come to their own solutions, updated knowledge sharing, economic strategies like social enterprise, collaborate to eliminate child poverty, working alongside partners like new migrant, Pacifica, disability, elderly, rainbow.

Community voice has stated throughout the years that a space is needed for the community where the Tino Rangatiratanga sits with the community and not with a community organisation or faith-based organisation. Some of the whānau voices have mentioned having been abused at the hands of faith-based organisations and no longer feel safe in these spaces ie elderly Māori, and those from the LGBTQIA community.

Cultural Hub

What is the purpose of a Cultural Hub?

As well as being an enjoyable space in its own right, a Cultural Hub has the potential to enrich our community and the wider society through arts, history especially that of mana whenua and individual whakapapa/genealogy, Highbury, significant heritage, diverse cultures, and library.

Benefits of a Cultural Hub

The Highbury Advisory Rōpū has identified the following benefits of a Cultural Hub:

- Community empowerment and self-reliance,
- Bringing community together in a safe space.
- Empowering the community to take part in activities in a safe, less time constraint, neutral setting.
- Neutral space.
- Abandoning prejudices.
- Space with no strings attached ie religious undertones, health requirements, age restrictions, etc.
- Enhanced community participation.,
- Creating bonds through commonalities and differences.

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- potential for tuakana/teina relationships to develop and provides a space to develop important life skills.
- Able to establish a sense of cultural identity and allows others to learn about perspectives and traditions from around the world..
- Creates a sense of belonging.

Addressing Community Needs (by the community for the community)

1. Improving community living standards.
2. Safety-including everyone in the community korero.
3. Support groups-Inclusion and sense of belonging-Rainbow community, those with impairments, elderly, youth-education.
4. Education-addressing root core issues ie colonisation, patriarchy, programmes on community-based development.
5. Multi-cultural-often feeling isolated
6. Social Enterprise- economic development-Arts and Crafts
7. Satellite services-Kainga Ora, WINZ, Financial literacy, Oranga Tamariki.
8. Health-partnership solutions, cultural development and inclusion, driven at their own pace and capability.

Economic Development

We believe that a suitable building would be eco-friendly, have approximately six breakout rooms and a commercial kitchen, with potential for later growth if required by the community. We realise this is a big ask and also the associated financial costs. However, we believe the holistic wellbeing of the community and our future vision of a safe, supported, thriving community, far out ways the financial burden. There are so many benefits with having an additional space for the various communities including a neutral space where community members do not feel obliged to meet organisational/service requirements, but not limited to:

1. Tackling unemployment at a ground roots level-growing the economy-ie social enterprise-tuakana/teina-community working together in a neutral space where all feel their voices are heard where they are able to use their own pūkenga (skills) to find solutions which lift them out of employment and into work. Having a space where they are free from time constraints offers an opportunity to hui and discuss issues, in an environment that is safe and inclusive.
2. Arts and Crafts made and sold by community members,
3. Less health costs on the health system when community members feel supported and a sense of belonging, reduction in those feeling isolated-tackling mental stress,
4. Cultural connections-whakapapa and Genealogical growth,

The cultural hub will serve the following goals:

Goal one-Innovative and Growing City

Economic development

Social enterprise-communal rooms with commercial kitchen

Adult literacy education

Youth literacy education

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Community Education- enhance the development of community based programmes and projects.

Arts and craft

Goal Two-Creative and Exciting City

Active communities-multi-cultural traditions with the ability for growth as the park is directly adjacent.

Arts, Culture, Heritage-youth engagement and positive development, social groups

Arts and Crafts-promoting cultural and economic progression, keeping alive traditional stories, customs, song, dance, craft.

Whakapapa/Genealogy korero

City Shaping-Placemaking

Space for Community-led approaches to placemaking and beautification of their community, lessening the external imprint of 'w know better for you'.

Goal Three-Connected and Safe Community

Connected Communities

Where everyone feels connected and included

Community share ways to Celebrate Cultural Diversity

Safe Communities-Public Health, Safer Communities Initiatives

Developing partnerships with Police, health organisations/services, education facilities-literacy enhancement for all ages from preschool to kaumatua, various forms of education including but not limited to health, financial capability, whakapapa/genealogy, history and where support groups can also flourish, kaumatua inclusion and guidance. Kaumatua, Rainbow, those with impairments, and the migrant communities have often voiced feelings of isolation and judgment.

Goal Four-Eco-City

Climate Change

Environmental Sustainability

Manawatu River

All rivers-Te Tai Ao-community forming of Kaitiaki groups-tuakana/teina. Where hui development of these may take place.

Improving environmental excellence

Mana whenua teaching trial learnings-pepi through to kaumātua, indigenised green space, neutral space, those living away from their traditional homelands/tribal areas, a sense of connection, Maramataka, maara kai, hangi through use of traditional hangi pit.

Educational groups-partnerships, satellite services.

Conclusion

My submission is in relation to the building of a cultural hub adjacent the local Highbury library, Te Pātikitiki. I believe I'm best placed to speak on this matter after the whakapapa that connects me here by way of mana whenua to both Rangitaane and Kauwhata, and also of my many established relationships within the community throughout my lifetime of living and working here. My paternal whanau have lived specifically within the community of Highbury for generations, stemming from the 1960s urban drift. My Mother, myself, my children and their children, continue to uphold this legacy. I see my role in encouraging and empowering community-led initiatives that center the imaginations and needs of those living and working closest to the ground.

This submission reflects the voice of the community at a time where there are significant challenges being experienced in the community. The sense of mistrust within the community, particularly in service organisations that the community feels have turned their backs on the people they were meant to serve suggests that spaces are needed that enable the community to enact tino rangatiratanga. Giving the mana to one service was never going to work and this proposal puts forth a broad approach that supports community by empowering community agency and ownership.

Thank you for your time.

Ngā mihi mahana



Venessa Pokaia

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Cushla kerr
Attachments: 20230328_214925.jpg; 20230328_214916.jpg; 20230329_165323.jpg; 20230329_165333.jpg

From: cushla kerr
Sent: Friday, 21 April 2023 9:23 pm
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Cushla kerr

Tena koe my name is cushla kerr I agree with everything outlined in the submission sent by Venessa Pokaia. I certainly would love to talk to mine.

Nga mihinui
Cushla kerr.

28/3/23

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Cushta I'm a mother of 3 & a Taup of 15. I raise 3 of my mokopuna aged 15, 14 & 9.

I've lived in Highbury for 15 yrs. Same house as well. I raised my youngest in Highbury as well. And now my 3 mokopuna.

There is such a need for a 24hr hub. In Highbury & I'm sure in other ~~sa~~ areas as well. Unfortunately violence is on the rise. What I have witness is alot of our young women ages 13-17 yrs old. In domestic violence either as in a relationship themselves or it's against them. 5yrs ago we had alot of female youth every wknd in manure park. From 10pm till about 4am in the morning. Also alot in the Square. I observed this & opt to know some of the girls. I ask them why they want to hang out at these times. I said obviously ur up to no good. Some gave me che but most told me their why. Their whys were either their Baw hits them & they have no where

go. Because of their age. Women's
 refuge don't take under 18 yr olds.
 Others said their parents or whānau
 they stay with will be getting drunk
 & dramas (ie fights). By 4am
 they should be all asleep we can
 go home.
 I ask what can I do to help
 you. One of my questions were
 How bout a Kai.
 They replied no whaea. Can
 you find us somewhere we can
 hang from 10 till 4am all we
 need is a couch & internet
 & a Kai would be a bonus
 whaea. I never forgot what
 they said. You know unfortunately
 violence isn't from 9-5.
 We so need to accomodate our
 rangatahi we need to give
 them a reason why.
 There is such a urgency for
 a 24/7 hub for all people
 at risk. Maybe it could
 be a hub for alot of services. Who
 knows. But what I know now is
 our rangatahi need us.

I'm 19 yrs old & grew up in
 highbury.
 I was fortunate to be brought
 up in a loving ~~from~~ parent whom
 I had love & all the material
 things I needed, security, etc.
 However ~~when~~ I started intermediate
 my behaviour changed.
 Big time. I wanted to be cool & hang
 out till late & not listen to my mum.
 My mum raises 3 of my nephews so
 everytime I'd take off she would
 either have to find someone to watch
~~me~~ them or bring them to look
 me. I stole cars, fought, fights,
 disrespected everything & everyone.
~~I~~ I lost 2 of my friends in a
 car chase and I was in a car
 accident in a stolen car. Relations
 were toxic. My poor mum I put
 through hell. But she never gave
 on me.
 Anyway I know ~~what~~ ^{the} needs are v
 out there. Girls as young as 13 are
 in relationships abusive they have
 no where to go. Whanau are drink
 committing crime, violence & they
 no where for the youngs kids. For
 one wants to go to authority's.
 deep they love there family. All there
 is a safe space to hand ~~a~~ on
 when shit happens. Sometimes
 just need a non judgemental space

a space that's gonna be 24hr.
 Because straight up violence
 doesn't have a time frame.
 You know you can put all
 these ~~flash~~ programmes in place.
 But most of the times they
 we just want a safe place to
 to talk ~~compare~~ to vent
 our stuff.
 And build trust amongst us.
 Would be really cool if this
 could happen.
 When our heads are clear then
 we could ~~a~~ can better ourself's
 & that's also where a space
 could provide that.
 Real people who have walked the
 journey & have healed themselves
 are the best navigators.
 Suppose
 you know most of us want to do
 good we just need yr patience.

PNCC Draft Annual Budget Submission

21 April 2022 - CRJ Wilson

1. I make this submission as someone who chooses to reside, raise a family, run a business, employ people, and own residential and commercial property in Palmerston North City.
2. Council is to be congratulated on recognising the cost of living and economic pressures that residents and ratepayers face, and acknowledging that the Budget must play to those realities. But that is where the congratulations absolutely stop! The Draft Budget, as proposed, is lazy, wasteful, unproductive, uninspiring and effectively misleading from the first paragraph to the last.
3. On the basis of the Draft Budget presented, I absolutely object to its effect of a 6.4% overall rates increase. This continued increase is a slap in the face for the community which must pay for it, while quite remarkably, council is planning to achieve even less than it has been. The disparity between the extent of under delivery, and rates increases to level which would indicate no reduction in delivery, illustrates a council still unable to operate within its means.
4. The budget consultation in my view is pitched to be deceptive. it starts with a claim of there being a “current global recession” - which is highly debatable – then further relates council budgeting challenges to those of household cost of living increases. This is clearly intended to liken household pressures to council pressures, and imply that council has little choice – which is the outright claim made with “ there is little room to manoeuvre in setting this year’s budget”.
Council is of course in the luxurious position that Rates can be set and demanded, a significant proportion of expenditure is discretionary, budgets and timelines can be varied without consequence, and unlike the rest of society, outright savings seemingly never need to be found. Businesses or households in the same position of grossly declining productivity would have no choice but to find operating savings to offset that decline.
So the combined ‘deception’ is that council faces the same pressures as the householder – it does not; that council is doing everything it is able to – it’s not, unless it makes operating cost cuts; and that the rates increase has been minimised – when in fact what is planned to be achieved has been substantially reduced.
The effect of this I believe will be low community engagement with this consultation. I implore elected members to push for more honesty in this, particularly if there is low community engagement with the budget. I doubt many households or businesses are actually that happy with the prospect of paying hundreds of dollars more for council to be doing substantially less.
5. In brief, I support the deferment of any capital works which unnecessarily compete for constrained labour resources, but expect that the deferral should show far greater overall cost reduction. This may require operating cost cuts; I believe there is strong evidence that the council as a whole is not sufficiently productive and there are spending items that could be eliminated. . I suggest that council would be doing a service to society if it ‘freed’ some staff to pursue other more productive careers where there are clear labour shortages at present. This year, anything with Active Transport, Climate or Carbon can be safely deferred to a time it can be afforded, or cancelled entirely.

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Your contact details	
First name	Stacy
Last name	Carter
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Palmerston North requires a new aquatics facility. It should include a 50m competition pool that meets World Aquatics standards and include electronic timing. The council should look to the new Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatics Center as an example to follow. A pool of this nature would bring money into the city because people will want to travel here to compete at multi day meets in a modern pool. The city could host national sporting events.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	In addition to under 5s swimming free, offer lane hire to local swimming clubs at a subsidized rate. The cost of swimming through a swim club is getting untenable, and the one thing driving up the price is the cost of lane hire.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Matthew
Last name	Sawyer
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I really support a 50m pool for bringing more sports to palmy
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Paul
Last name	Smillie
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 17 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 18 May: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	I understand that rates need to be charged at a proportional rate but the current system of using land values is bias against those with high land to capital values and older houses with low improvement values. This system is not fair and equitable to all rate payers as is the objectives stated in the Annual Budget rating objectives.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Change the general rating system to be calculated using capital value, not land value.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	Yes.
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	No
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Yes. As stated above and in the feedback below.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	We wish to make a submission regarding the 2023-24 budget in particular how rates are calculated by Palmerston North City Council. The 2022-23 increase rounded off a 10 year average increase in our rates of 9.12% per year. This is far above the national 10 year inflation rate to year end 2022 of 2.11%. The single year increase of 53% meant we were expected to pay \$2870 more that year. The 2021-22 rates change had also seen an increase of 7.02% on the

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	<p>previous year. The 2023 PNCC brochure titled 'Finding a balance in tough times' starts with 'Like the rest of the country Palmerston North city council is feeling the effects of the current global recession and cost of living increases'. You have nicely described our situation and it is hard to stomach another increase in rates in the 2023-24 of 5.68% after the 10 years we have had with rate increases.</p> <p>PNCC is one of the few councils in the country that uses land value to calculate the general rate. In general throughout New Zealand councils use the capital value of a property to calculate the general rate. In Palmerston North the General Rate makes up the majority (72%) of the total rates income across the city and so any increase in land value will see an increase in rates.</p> <p>In June 2021 the three yearly assessment of rateable values was calculated by QV. This was at the height of the property market boom and while this did not affect the value of improvements, our land value increased by 270%. This had a direct effect on our rates which saw a single year rise of 53% in the 2022-23 rates period from the previous year. While this increase in land value was seen in most properties on our street (Karina Terrace) this was not the norm for the city. Our street has seen a lot of subdivided properties and the sale of smaller sections with newer larger houses had the effect of disproportionately increasing the land value of the remaining houses when it was the improvements that have increased the value of our street.</p> <p>Rates are used by the council to fund services and improvements across the city and as a 5 bedroom single dwelling with four residents we are no more a consumer of these services and improvements than other smaller houses. The fact that the land area of our property is larger, should not be a reason why we pay significantly higher rates. We do not live in a regressive tax system where each person pays the same amount but a proportional system where the more you can afford the more you pay. When purchasing a house you consider and ultimately purchase a house that has a capital value proportional to your household income. This is not how the rates in Palmerston North are paid when measured against the land value. With houses where the land to capital value is higher like ours (88%) we pay proportionally more than a house with a similar capital value with smaller land. A demonstration of this is to compare our property with a CV of \$1,980,000 with that of a similar CV but lower land to capital ratio. An example of this is 17 Riverstone Grove. This property also has a CV of \$1,980,00 but a land to capital ratio of 48%. This property is a new house on a small section. Where we pay \$8,233 per year this property pays \$4,950. The owners of this property pay 60% of our rates for a property with the same capital value and it can be assumed the same property buying power. In the same period the Riverstone Grove property saw a 0.6% increase in rates compared to our 53%.</p>
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	<p>Another way to look at this is to take a sample of the rateable properties excluding the outliers over 100% change in rates in the 2022-23 year in either direction. On the land value scale we are 520/33443. In the same sample group of capital value we rank 1002/33443. This position better represents what our general rates should be in proportion to others not the same capital value and we believe that we should be paying the same rates as 17 Riverstone Grove.</p> <p>The system of General Rate using the land value over capital value discriminates against properties with larger sections and older houses. A system that uses the capital value to calculate the General Rate would be a fairer system for all ratepayers in our city.</p>
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Your contact details	
First name	Kayla
Last name	Wells
Organisation you represent	Manawatu Kiwi Canoe Polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	More funding for court/pool space for canoe polo
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Rebecca
Last name	Coulson
Organisation you represent	Manawatu kiwi canoe polo
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	Let's get the aquatic facility review under way. Canoe polo is lacking great facilities. We desperately need access to more pool space
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Megan
Last name	Pybus
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I would like to see rates based on capital value, not land value, as this is a more fair and equitable system, and more in keeping with other parts of New Zealand.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Rochelle
Last name	Chase
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>Would really like to see you give thoughtful and serious consideration to a new/upgraded pool facility.</p> <p>While we don't live within the ratepayer boundary, our children attend high school here and/or are involved in aquatic sports (club members) based in the city.</p> <p>One of our sons is involved in water polo, a sport that unfortunately doesn't have an adequate pool locally, which leads to out-of-town travel to enable them to compete in a sport that interest them. Though there isn't a pool that is "fit-for-purpose", they continue to be competitive at national level.</p> <p>Our three sons swim competitively, and we find with the high number of users, that lane space is an issue that affects the sport, and impacts on family life via travel, the high cost of attending out-of-region meets [where the timing equipment and facilities provide more competitive opportunities], and inconvenient training times due to the juggling of lanes. We are aware too that clubs often have to operate waiting lists, due to H & S limitations around lane numbers.</p> <p>We feel strongly that it would be worth investigating, and urge Council to do so.</p>

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Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Alan
Last name	Stockwell
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	6.3% overall, while reduced is still on top of years of compounding increases. Despite the increase however, instead of spending \$95 mil on capital projects, only \$66 million is being spent. Likewise there is less maintenance than originally budgeted. Yet all their overheads are going up. So this is basically shrinkflation. Rate payers are paying more to achieve FAR less.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The council needs to be more productive, and/or substantially cut costs to justify the increase or reduce it.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Staff of the council who are underutilized by the cut back of work being done should be encouraged to find work in the community. There are many industries short of workers where they could find productive employment
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Hugh
Last name	Francis
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The Annual Budget is comprehensive, well-thought through. However, I do not wish to address the overall budget plan - its too extensive with 146 pages!
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I wish to see the walkways and shared pathways of the urban and rural network given greater priority with an appropriate budget for completion. It is noted the operating budget in part has been reduced by \$6K for walkways and shared pathways. Reasons follow below.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	<p>About 2012, the PNCC declared they wanted the city to be the best and safest cycle friendly city in NZ. Since then the motivation and impetus to follow through has dwindled markedly. Certain streets still need to be made safe for cyclists such as Vogel St, Park Road, Summerhill Drive, ie. the main routes; with emphasis on safety lanes; clearly designated; and, with painted lines being fully maintained .</p> <p>In addition, the shared pathway through to Ashhurst has stalled and needs to be completed. This will be linked in with the NZ Cycle Trail and Saddle Rd trail; with the Gorge Rd becoming a possibility at a later date. This is envisaged to have huge potential to becoming an iconic trail drawing many visitors to Palmerston North with the obvious financial benefits to the City. At present there are safety concerns about the track to Ashhurst linking on to SHWY 3 for about 2km that is a deterrent to those cycling, jogging and walking for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Included here is also the planning from Roberts Line along Railway Road to Bunythorpe and Waugh's Rd, still to be submitted to Waka Kotahi for approval. MDC have already actioned the planning of their pathway from Feilding along Campbell Line to the rail-crossing near Newbury Line - with about 60% of its construction completed.</p> <p>Being part of the Te Araroa Trail it is wholly important from a safety viewpoint to have this completed soonest for the general public and many tourists alike who traverse this route.</p>

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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	The sales of E-Bikes over the last three years have increased markedly; and is ongoing. The benefits of cycling is well-recognised for: 1. Promoting exercise and healthy recreational purposes for all ages but more importantly to the middle-aged and outdoor-minded families. 2. A cheap way of commuting to work and ease of parking. 3. Helping to lower carbon emissions as requested by Govt policy.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	I suggest a working party be set up in Council with the inclusion of several like-minded members of the public from interested groups who are keen to assist the PNCC. This could help the Council finalise a workable plan more expediently with their combined expertise.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	Nil Comment
Do you have any other feedback?	Nil
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Your contact details	
First name	Lynette
Last name	Singleton
Organisation you represent	Ice breaker aquatics
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	The annual budget is ok, but I'm worried that 6% may be too much for some people.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I'd like the swimming pool facilities to be looked into. We have a number of different facilities charging different prices and most are unaffordable. Given that we live in NZ and play in water it would be much more cost effective to put more resourcing/budget towards teaching people to swim that when an emergency crew are needed to find someone who is drowning. We also need to look at the facilities here in Palmy as they are not adequate and the problem is not going away. Build a new pool today. Today is always cheaper than tomorrow!
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Swimming facilities
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	Yes. Currently users are paying between \$10-26 per lesson. This should be put back in the school curriculum and also subsidised by council.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Jena
Last name	Ivamy
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	It is devious and disgraceful to pretend the council are like rate payers in relation to cost of living. The council has the power to choose what they do; rate payers have no choice but to pay rates set for them. Council is choosing to take more, whilst achieving even less. It is expected that council to do far better, or save far more.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	It is expected that council to do far better, or save far more.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	It is devious and disgraceful to pretend the council are like rate payers in relation to cost of living. The council has the power to choose what they do; rate payers have no choice but to pay rates set for them. Council is choosing to take more, whilst achieving even less. It is expected that council to do far better, or save far more.
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	It is devious and disgraceful to pretend the council are like rate payers in relation to cost of living. The council

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	<p>has the power to choose what they do; rate payers have no choice but to pay rates set for them.</p> <p>Council is choosing to take more, whilst achieving even less.</p> <p>It is expected that council to do far better, or save far more.</p>
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Your contact details	
First name	Sam
Last name	Wyss
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More theatre spaces. As a self appointed arts capital, we have plenty of opportunity for theatre and other performance art, but losing the Dark Room and Wallis theatre is a huge blow.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Again, the theatre scene is relatively self sustaining, but small businesses and arts initiatives perhaps suffered most and have taken the longest to claw back.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Lindsey
Last name	Tozer
Organisation you represent	Almighty Outcasts Swim Squad
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	In many ways its crystal ball gazing ...
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The number of aquatic facilities needs to be increased. PNCC needs to take actual responsibility for Learn to Swim in the city rather than palm it off to profit making entity with no moral responsibility for the function.
Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?	
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	<p>Folks - an urgent plea:</p> <p>We desperately need another pool in the Palmerston North city area. To this end we need to be pushing the Sport and Recreation Committee of the PN City Council for an improved relationship with competitive swimming as a sport and the construction of more training 25m pools in the city.</p> <p>This has been my/our mission for some time and a year or so ago Emily Brown and I managed to get some traction in this area and there was an amount included in the city budget for another pool on the 5 year plan ... however, it is time for us to begin this fight again.</p> <p>We have just re-negotiated our lane bookings for the squads for the winter terms. We have been allowed lanes 4-6 every day and after 6 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings only. This means that our senior swimmers who work or attend Uni etc until after 5pm cannot train during the winter on these days ... this situation is unsustainable as these swimmers need to be training at least 5 days a week ...</p>

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	<p>Our junior parents have also been in contact asking for flexibility in the squads etc, we cannot offer any flexibility when we are restricted to 2 lanes in a single 25m pool ... Our apologies for this - it is beyond our control.</p> <p>In part this situation is brought about by the City Council demanding that 2 lanes be kept free for the public (ratepayers like yourselves) at all times. Surely, as tax payers and children of ratepayers you would think that our senior swimmers would be able to utilise these lanes at these times. They are going to but sadly without the sanction of the Lido Management.</p> <p>We do not enjoy pushing these boundaries but it is essential to do so in order that pressure is brought to bear so that management will further the push to increase the amount of lane space available for squad/lane swimmers in the city.</p> <p>We have suggested several alternatives to the current opening hours and other options to management which have subsequently been refused by the council. These have included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closing the 25m pool to the public at 7 pm and allowing squads to utilise the whole pool for the 2 hours from 7-9 pm Mon to Fri. This only impact on the public for 1 hour a day with reduced opening hours in this pool. The council refused this option. 2. We suggested that the 2 clubs currently using the space be afforded equal access to the lanes ie 2 per club at this time - this too was refused on the grounds that the other club had had these bookings for many years ... 3. Ashhurst pool has come under CLM/PNCC management and this may be able to be used by our squad swimmers after 6 pm on the days we cannot get lanes at the lido facility - this may be acceptable in the short term but will not ease the overall congestion in local pools during the winter months. This option has not been fully investigated as the pool is not yet up and running, and there is a travel component for coaches and swimmers that may be an obstacle. <p>As a club/squad we need to be able to train throughout the year. We do have amazing access to the Lido facility during the summer months when the 50m pool is open but this very quickly becomes a real issue once this is closed for the winter.</p> <p>We have even suggested that this pool be covered and kept open during the winter months - an option the council has repeatedly refused to look at.</p> <p>OK so the upshot of all of this - I am making on behalf of our swimmers and the Club.</p>
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Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	See above
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	
Do you have any other feedback?	
Supporting information	

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission

Your contact details	
First name	Nathaniel
Last name	Grigg
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
Preferred hearing dates	Tuesday 16 May: Wednesday 17 May: Thursday 18 May:
Your submission	
What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget?	<p>My thought? I can hardly put into words my thoughts, mainly because I am absolutely disgusted with last year's decision making and then the subsequent follow-on this year with a further increase. Last year was \$1000 increase, this year is \$250</p> <p>If your debt is 25.5% less than forecast, why are you demanding more money for increased interest rates? If your outgoings across the board as per your quick guide you sent, are down or deferred across the board. Why are my rates 60+% higher than when I purchased a house here 4 years ago? Why do you keep referencing the 10-year plan when it stated something along the lines of 25% rates increase over 3 years to cover what was planned. So as a ratepayer I took that value and went my current rates + 30% because your multiyear staging would have been cumulative, and thought, ok that's a big ask but its manageable. So, can you at least sympathize with my bitterness towards you wanting an additional 6.4% or \$250 after my 25% is already well into the 50% increase range? Where is the recourse or recompence as a ratepayer?</p>
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	<p>Before I get into my real beef, why are there no incentives for "doing our part" or "being green"? You make such use of these buzzwords in your communications, yet you are going to saddle us with an increase in resource recovery once you approve the green waste bins (hardly a trial when its publicly known agenda the central government wants under the standardised recycling programs) I realise you still have 'trucks to run and facilities to run' but what about those of us who have been reutilising our Greenwaste for years? We just need to buck up and find more money because joe public around the corner doesn't/"can't" compost?</p> <p>Why is there no rebate on stormwater for those who have larger sections? The amount of water that inundates the system from roof run-off in a sudden downpour is massive, especially now our housing is much denser. So why can't we be rebated accordingly based on any onsite storage/buffer/land absorption?</p>

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	<p>It is still cheaper to have 3rd party general waste than use the council's services. So, we really are paying for a service that so many don't use because it is more expensive...</p> <p>What in actual heck are you doing with our rating values?</p> <p>I am absolutely disgusted with last year's decision making and then the subsequent follow-on this year with a further increase. Last year there was a \$1000 increase, this year it is \$250. When I bought my house 4 odd years ago in this city my rates were ~\$1500. Now in 2 years I am looking at ~\$1250 in increases alone.</p> <p>Yet you can sit there behind the veil of our total rates income is x% which falls within the guidelines set by the government to 'protect' citizens from being charged too much. YET here I am typing another submission, in what can only be described as, appealing to your humanity (better nature).</p> <p>I just can't fathom how out of touch things seem to be. Would switching to a capital value rating system make things fairer? I would hope so, but I highly doubt it. I struggle to see how you need more and more money from me to keep your building etc. from falling apart because you don't have enough money already. While I reluctantly am forced to pay it while I watch as my house crumbles around me because the \$30/week I was putting away for maintenance/renovations (i.e. new roof) gets redirected to your coffers to fix your leaky roofs rather than my own.</p> <p>If you want such a lion's share of my household income, why are you not responsible for the upkeep of my land?</p> <p>I know this comes off like a rant, but that's because it is. This is our ONE chance we get, and this is the cry of frustration of a council who seemingly is for the people in lip service only from our household.</p>
<p>Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred? If not, what do you suggest and why?</p>	<p>I am disgusted that I was unable to find this information???? I assume you discussed it in the videos, but why do I have to watch 10 HOURS of meeting on my time, that you are compensated for. Where are the minutes or discussion points in an easy to find place? I know my way around websites, and I couldn't even brute force some information. It totally eluded me, except for the 2 paragraphs in the flyer. The flyer stated to visit a specific URL, which redirects to the draft budget page.</p> <p>There is a link for the annual budget, but this had as much information as the flyer regarding what is being deferred in specifics. Which has NO INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT IS ACTUALLY BEEN DEFERRED apart from a couple generalizations which culminate as a "trust me bro" source.</p> <p>How does this not further prove and add evidence that this whole</p>

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	submission process, which takes up hours of my time and weeks of my mental space, is just lip service?
Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Why not invest in some sort of home composting solution instead of a weekly collection, surely the ROI on that is better than an ongoing cost of a service? See my response to Question One.
Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?	<p>Getting a grip with the reality of the situation.</p> <p>Perhaps you could look at changing to capital value rating system.</p> <p>Why am I getting rated more for my run-down house, that only has one bathroom instead of multiple. has greater land area which means the ground absorbs some water rather than it is running straight into our stormwater system. I.e. There isn't an additional roof catchment running into the stormwater in the same land area.</p> <p>I wish I could provide a better more constructive answer, but I don't have the mental capacity to put more into this, especially as I work over a full-time job and want to spend time with the family, and myself and all that. And still I must come up with a defence case as to why you shouldn't or should do X, Y, or Z. YOU are public servants. Why aren't you the ones charged with convincing us as to WHY YOU NEED X, Y, Or Z? Rather than just telling us how it's going to be. But I suppose the old adage is true, always easier spending someone else's money than your own.</p>
Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?	See above answer, Trade waste/planning/ etc. doesn't concern me, I glanced through it, saw you were putting up fees to match inflation. Hope those employees are getting a good cut of their \$200 charge out rates. I just wish my income matched inflation.
Do you have any other feedback?	<p>Why can you hide behind the not increasing total rates above x% calculation, when my rates over the last 4 years (inclusive of this years' proposed rates) have been in excess of 60%?</p> <p>Your statement 3 years ago was 'we need a 24% increase over the next 3 years in order to pay for things' so how come I and looking down the barrel of nearly 70% rates increase since I bought my property 4 years ago.</p> <p>I will say the same thing last year. Why does everything have to be made new, the amount of roading redesigns that has made traffic flow/parking/navigating the city worse recently is overwhelming. let me list the fixes required:</p> <p>Cook street/park road: Lights need to disable red turning arrow after x time. you end up having to wait multiple light rotations if you miss the green arrow, as it never disappears like it does in every other intersection, despite no oncoming traffic, this is extremely frustrating and time wasting, especially on one of our arterial routes.</p> <p>New Cuba/Rangitikei intersection between that corner and the square has shrunk from three lanes to two, and now is shockingly</p>

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	<p>backed up whenever you have the 'pleasure' of driving that way.</p> <p>I feel the amount of 'beatification' projects going around is unrealistic. look at the blowouts of this new intersection by pak'n'save. It has been 'fine' since before I moved to palmy, yes inconvenient for some traffic at certain times, but surely most locals know which routes to change.</p> <p>The corporate mindset of needing to spend budgets EOFY also needs to go, especially in these current times? Is a full overhaul of the council chambers required? were all the new vehicles recently purchased required? (On that in the image of being green etc., wouldn't getting more out of a vehicles life before fobbing it off and purchasing new be a better image and use of our tax money?</p> <p>I WHOLEY SUPPORT A MORE USER PAYS APPROACH for more things in the city, especially as you keep 'needing to do more' which was a response I got when questioning a CR with why, as the 'central government pressures us to do more and more' How can you not see that this model is not sustainable? Keep sucking more and more until your revenue base vanishes.</p> <p>This would allow for a couple things, an actual feedback of viability of a service, if it is deem relevant it may only need a small top up from PNCC rather than footing the whole bill. As it would allow you to distinguish between great ventures and ones that are just good on paper.</p> <p>And would allow those who really have no intention of using the service some reprieve in such a time as this.</p> <p>Be real for us, if housing crashed tomorrow our rates won't go down, because you still need x amount to do more. So, our per unit price would just soar.</p> <p>How did PNCC Function pre 2010 when rates were reasonable?</p> <p>How is a public steward, PNCC, getting away with fleecing more and more every year. keeping up with capitalism where they (private sectors) are expected to grow their own revenue. Not just charge people who have no ability to say no more.</p> <p>I really wonder how you sleep well at night?</p>
Supporting information	

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Annual Budget (Plan) Disclosure Statement

For the year ending 30 June 2024

What is the purpose of this statement?	managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings.	Regulations 2014 (the regulations). Refer to the regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in this statement.
The purpose of this statement is to disclose the Council's planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether the Council is prudently	The Council is required to include this statement in its annual plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence)	

Benchmark		Planned	Met
Rates affordability benchmark - increases	Total rates will increase by no more than the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) plus the growth in the rating base plus 3% (to fund the cost of higher standards and new services) plus an allowance for increased funding of asset renewal	6.4%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	Net external debt as a percentage of total assets will not exceed 20%	10.7%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	Net external debt as a percentage of total revenue will not exceed 200%	154.1%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	Net interest as a percentage of total revenue will not exceed 15%	6.0%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	Net interest as a percentage of annual rates income will not exceed 20%	7.9%	Yes
Debt affordability benchmark	Liquidity available will exceed 110% of existing external debt	114.4%	Yes
Balanced budget benchmark	100%	102.9%	Yes
Essential services benchmark	100%	232.7%	Yes
Debt servicing benchmark	10%	5.5%	Yes

Subject:

FW: SUBMISSION

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Draft Annual Budget 2023-24 submission**From:****Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2023 3:00 PM**To:** info@pncc.govt.nz**Subject:** SUBMISSION

I realise this submission is a day late but I cant imagine a Council getting started right on time so I would like to put this forward please.

I beleive Councils are there to make towns and Cities comfortable and assessable for all their citizens regardless of circumstances and wealth.

Expensive statues changing logos fireworks are just some of the things that come to mind when I think about my Council. Looking around today I see millions of leaves everywhere that will end up in the drains and create flooding, these sorts of things need to be dealt with immediately.

I see footpaths with concrete gaps 3 to 4 inches, easy for someone to trip on putting more work onto our health system. The airport is spending money on big Maori signs costing goodness knows how much, what will these do to help our Palmy people. When Council put drains in for various reasons dont put in small put the big big ones so as to keep our city from ending up like Hawkes Bay and Auckland. Get tough on people who own big buildings and dont do anything with them, there are several places like that in Palmy. The old Police building could be a great central carpark.

I for one do not like the 3 waters or 10 waters as it is referred to now, I would like to see our Council manage our water as that is what councils do. Make our rates count in all the areas Councils are elected to do, no more nice to haves.

The usual things like giving consents to building in flood areas on cliffs etc are bigger problems that Council need to look at all the time.

Lastly dogs on leads, the Bridel track is a contant worry, I notice lots of dogs not on leads here but never see anyone patrolling to check.

Thank you

Barbara Goldstone

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Draft Annual Budget 2023/24 Consultation Submission Form



All submissions are made publicly available on our website and at Council libraries. Your contact details (but not your name) are confidential and will not be published. Elected members will receive all submissions without contact details so they can consider the views and comments expressed.

We collect your contact information so we can keep you up to date with the proposal.
For more information, see our privacy statement at pncc.govt.nz/privacy

YOUR DETAILS

Name **ROGR D KEEM**

Organisation you represent (if relevant)

Address **S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy**

Phone **S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy**

Email **S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy**

Signature *R.D/Keem*

All submissions will be acknowledged in writing and given to the Mayor and Councillors, who will consider the views and comments expressed when finalising the Annual Budget.

If you would like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors, please tick up to three preferences:

	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May
9:00 - 11:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1:00 - 3:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:30 - 7:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YOU CAN GET YOUR SUBMISSION TO US IN ANY OF THESE WAYS

Online:	Freepost:	Deliver to:
pncc.govt.nz/annualbudget	Annual budget submissions	Customer Service Centre
Email:	Palmerston North City Council	Civic Administration Building
submission@pncc.govt.nz	Freepost PX33317	Te Marae o Hine -
Phone:	Palmerston North DX Sort	32 The Square
06 356 8199		Palmerston North
		or to any Council library

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2023/24?

Looks sound but do not hold back on asset maintenance.

What, if anything, would you like to see changed?

Could increase water charge as this is ^{similar} ~~low~~ compared to Auckland
~~for example~~. Suggest \$400.00 per year.

Increase rate communities to 1.25% because of
climate change events which have proved to be a problem

**Do you support the programmes we have recommended be deferred?
If not, what do you suggest and why?**

Bus terminal needs upgrade, especially with new
hotel being built nearby.

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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

Continue provision of social housing
 Develop library service and facilities. Repair library roof
 Do not remove inner city on-road parking to ensure elderly are able to enjoy city facilities
 Continue to maintain parks to current high standard
 continue with new animal shelter
 More plaques on historic buildings detailing history
 Contract waste Management Technical Services to handle hazardous chemical wastes.

Do you have ideas around how we could do things differently?

Bin for general rubbish rather than a bag. collect every two weeks. Other cities use these.

Work towards dark sky city so stars become more visible. Dunedin has started this & uses special street lights.

More public art installations. Suggest aperiodic tiles such as Penrose Tiles to make interesting areas

Do you support the changes we have proposed to the user charges for trade waste, planning and miscellaneous services?

Yes.



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Procedures for the Hearing of Submissions on the proposed Annual Budget 2023/24

Presenting your submission

You have indicated a wish to present your submission in person before Councillors. You may speak to your submission yourself or, if you wish, arrange for some other person or persons to speak on your behalf.

We would like this meeting to be relatively informal. We ask that you only speak to the main points of your submission and then answer any questions. It is not necessary to read your submission as councillors have a copy and will have already read it.

If your submission covers a number of matters, you may speak to the Council on one occasion only, with the time allocation set out below applying.

Councillors may ask you questions to clarify matters raised in your submission.

You will be asked to speak into a microphone. Please do not be concerned about this, it is to allow Councillors to hear you clearly. The meeting will also be recorded live on YouTube. This meeting is a public process.

If you are unable to attend the arranged time, **please contact us within 48 hours** if possible, in order that alternative arrangements may be made (see the "Further Information" section at the end).

Time Allocation for Submitters

10 minutes (including question time) will be allocated for the hearing of each submission. If more than one person speaks to a submission, the time that is allocated to that submission will be shared between the speakers.

Who will be there?

Council will hear the submissions. It is possible that not all Elected Members will be present at all hearings, however they will be able to view the recording.

There will also be other people there who are also presenting their submission. The Hearing is open to the media and the public.

Contents of Other Submissions

If you would like to read other submissions before the meeting, you are welcome to do so. Public display copies are located in the Customer Service Centre of the Civic Administration Building and the City Library. These will also be available on the Council website and at the meetings.

Agenda of Meeting	<p>An Agenda for the hearing at which you will be speaking will be placed on the council agenda website Upcoming meetings and agendas Palmerston North City Council (pncc.govt.nz) several days before the hearing. The Agenda lists the submissions generally in the order they will be considered by the Committee, although there may be some variation to this. Submissions will be placed on the Council's website.</p> <p>The hearing sessions are generally divided into two-hour time slots. You only need to attend at the time allotted for your group. Nevertheless, you are welcome to be present for the hearing of all submissions if you wish.</p>
Venue	<p>The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 Te Marae o Hine The Square, Palmerston North. The Council Chamber will be set out with tables arranged appropriately. You and the other people who are scheduled to present their submissions within the allocated two hours will be asked to confirm your attendance. You will be invited to sit at the table with the Councillors when they are ready to hear your submission.</p>
Addressing the Committee Remotely	<p>You may speak to the Committee remotely through Microsoft Teams if you wish. You will need to provide your own electronic device with access to the internet. Please contact the committee administrator if you wish to do so. We will call you ahead of time to set you up.</p>
Tikanga Māori	<p>You may speak to your submission in te reo Māori if you wish. If you intend to do so, please contact Sina Lome (see "Further Information" section below), no later than four days before the date of the meeting. This is to enable arrangements to be made for a certified interpreter to attend the meeting. You may bring your own interpreter if you wish.</p>
Visual Aids	<p>A whiteboard, computer with PowerPoint and video will be available for your use. If you require the use of this equipment, please contact Sina Lome (see "Further Information" section below), no later than two days before the meeting.</p>
Wheelchair Access	<p>If you require wheelchair access there is a lift which you are able to take to the first floor. If you require help then please contact Sina Lome (see "Further Information" section below), no later than two days before the meeting.</p>
Speaking Notes	<p>If you have any speaking notes, we would be grateful to receive them. Please provide a hard or soft copy to Sina Lome on the day, or provide by email before the meeting (see "Further Information" section below).</p>
Final Consideration of Submissions	<p>All submissions will be finally considered by the Council. The media and public can attend these meetings, but it will not be possible for you to speak further to your submission or participate in deliberations. These meetings will also be held in the Council Chamber.</p>

31 May 2023 and 1 June 2023: Council considers submissions

14 June 2023: Council adopts the Annual Budget

Council's Decision	You will be sent a letter or email advising of the Council's decisions after the Annual Budget has been formally adopted by the Council in June 2023.
Changes to this Procedure	The Council may, in its sole discretion, vary the procedure set out above if circumstances indicate that some other procedure would be more appropriate.
Further Information	<p>If you would like to cancel your hearing time, or try to change to another time, or if you have any questions about the procedure outlined above, or the hearing itself, please contact:</p> <p>Sina Lome, Committee Administrator - telephone (06) 356-8199 extension 7152 or email sina.lome@pncc.govt.nz</p> <p>Merle Lavin, Democracy and Governance Support - telephone (06) 356-8199 or email merle.lavin@pncc.govt.nz</p>