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# **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES ATTACHMENTS COUNCIL**

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**9AM - HEARINGS - ANNUAL BUDGET  
2023/24, TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR  
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

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## **COUNCIL MEETING**

16 May 2023

### **8      Hearing of Submissions - Annual Budget 2023-24**

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## Verbal submission to PNCC regarding rates.

17.5.2023

Tena koutou katoa

This is a submission by Peter and Isobel Wilson, **S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy**

Our submission is that the rating system using land-only rather than capital (total) valuation is unfair.

This submission proposes that Palmerston North residential rates assessment uses total rather than land-only valuation.

### Background

- Our land area is 2428sqm.
- Total valuation \$1.81m: \$1.67m land + \$140k improvements
  - i.e. high land and low improvements valuation compared with this street's averages.
- Rates 2021-22 = \$5235
- Rates 2022-23 = \$7905:
  - An increase of 51%: 8.8 times the 5.8% PN average.
- We consider this to be unfair.

### Fairness

We understand and accept the equity principle of a rates differential between properties using a valuation criterion, in conjunction with uniform general and service charges. The differential should be uniform, percentage-wise, and fair as possible.

The principle of fairness is not achieved by the present criteria of land-only rather than total valuation. Currently, properties with the same total valuation can have widely varying rates. This is demonstrably unfair.

It is notable that most (i.e. 71%) of Aotearoa/NZ councils use the total valuation criterion, suggesting that they too consider total value as the fairest criterion for rates assessment.

### The capital valuation scenario for our property

Based on available data for the 59 properties in Karina Terrace:

- Accounting for the fixed (uniform) charges of \$1089 per property, if rates were assessed on total rather than land valuation alone, we estimate our rates would be **\$6402**.
- This is an increase of **22.3%**
  - This is significantly fairer than our present 51% increase.
  - It represents a fairer and more equitable distribution of rates burden across all property owners than the present land- only valuation criterion.

A significant number of property owners in Palmerston North experience the present inequity.

We urge the PNCC to adopt a total valuation system for future residential rates assessments.

Kia\_Ora Madam Chair and PNCC Councilors,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak tonight

I am here to support my submission to ensure the aquatics work needs to stay on the budget. I would like to emphasize the critical need for a new swimming facility in our community. I see today in the Manawatu Standard, 30% of the submissions received by the council coming from members of the aquatics community, it is clear that many people in our community are eager for a new facility.

First of all it is very important to understand, Aquatics facilities are not just for swimming. There are many other sports that use Aquatics facilities and at the moment we do not have anything that caters to all. For us in the swimming community, The ability to provide lane space for training, and competitions is severely affected. Our club at Ice Breaker Aquatics is near capacity, meaning we are not actively engaging in the community to promote our sport to get kids learning this essential skill.

Many of our current pools are outdated, making it challenging to deliver the high-quality experience our residents need and deserve. Here is a run through of our facilities:

The John Bolt Memorial Pool at the Lido was opened in 1981 and is 43years old. I think the only investment in that pool has been some light bulbs. The Freyberg which is not available to swim clubs was opened in the early 90's, The PNBHS pool is a similar age while the West End pool is considerably older. The Lido 50mtrs pool is 65 years old. There have been some conversations around covering this facility. I would like to pass my thoughts on this that it is a bad investment. While some members of the community may argue that covering the pool may seem like a sound and logical investment, there are reasons why this is not the best course of action.

Firstly, covering the Lido 50mtr outdoor pool, which is already 65 years old, is not a sustainable solution. It is not a long-term solution and It is a band aid on a on what would quickly become a gaping wound. The cost to cover the pool would be significantly high and ongoing maintenance costs will continue to rise as the pool's infrastructure ages even further.

I also cannot imagine, as I sit outside at the Lido during the 4 months that the pool is opened and watch the chimney on the boiler room steam away that

this is the most efficient way to heat the pool now and definitely not year round to meet and environmental obligations we as a city may have. I would suggest this needs to be taken into consideration.

Moreover, covering the pool will not address the other underlying issue that the pool currently faces. The pool is 50 mtrs by 7 lanes. Covering this means that we still have a 50mtr by 7 lane pool. This means that there is still no facility for Canoe & water polo and 25mtr swimming will not be able to held at the pool. We will still not be able to host many events at the pool as you will not be able to install electronic touch pads for swimming. A new 50mtr pool will be 10 lanes wide and therefore 10 lanes wide means it will be 25mtrs wide. So not only do we get a 50mtr pool, we also get 20 lanes of 25mtr swimming. Its like getting 3+ new pools for the price of one. It also safeguards us for the future and will meet the needs for the future population growth.

Lastly, let's consider the financial burden of covering the Lido pool. This money could be better spent on creating a new, modern indoor swimming facility that better serves our community's needs and enhances our overall quality of life while providing better value for money. Covering the current facility just means we have not listened to the community and we start this process all over again.

As we look to the future, we must invest in a new swimming facility that meets the needs of our community and contributes to our overall quality of life. A new facility would provide us with an opportunity to elevate the experience for all users, from novice swimmers to elite athletes.

Our community deserves better than aging, suboptimal swimming facilities. A new facility would provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to experience the benefits of swimming and all our aquatics sports. We need to ensure that it is multipurpose and that is utilised 364 days a year.

Finally, in a light hearted move, I asked the source of truth- chat gpt if there is a need for a new aquatics facility in Palmerston North- Here is the reply: Yes, there is a need for a new aquatics facility in Palmerston North. The city has been facing this issue for many years as the current pool facilities are outdated, and there is a need to upgrade them to meet community needs. Palmerston North residents have expressed their desire for a new aquatic facility that provides year-round services and meets the needs of all age groups. An updated pool would cater to swimming lessons, competitive swimming, aquatic exercise programmes, and increase the number of

recreational swimmers. In conclusion, the need for a new aquatics facility in Palmerston North has been identified, and efforts are being made to address this issue through further planning and development

Therefore, I urge the PNCC council to prioritize funding for a new swimming facility and contribute to the growth and success of our community. Thank you



# Te Araroa Trail

Brian Way and David Grant  
Te Araroa Manawatū Trust  
(TAMT)

# Te Araroa 2022-23 hikers registered at 1 May 2023

| Country | New Zealand | International | Gender | Male | Female |
|---------|-------------|---------------|--------|------|--------|
|         | 803         | 1,759         |        | 1304 | 1225   |

| Age | Under 18 | 18-25 | 25-39 | 40-59 | 60 Plus |
|-----|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|     | 23       | 473   | 1135  | 638   | 292     |

| Duration | Through hiker | Section walker | Day walker |
|----------|---------------|----------------|------------|
|          | 1,899         | 602            | 61         |

# Accommodation and toilets









# Safety



**DALMY**

**ITEM 8 - ATTACHMENT 3**

# Volunteer contributions to the trail

- TAMT Committee of 7 members
  - Planning and liaison with stakeholders
- Fundraising
  - Weed spraying and slashing
  - Trail furniture
- Trail volunteers
  - Track monitoring and maintenance
  - Signage
  - Managing contractors









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# Bunnythorpe to Waughs Rd



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# Crossing Jacks Creek





# Crossing Mangaone stream











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# Main request

- Retain identified Active Transport and Walkway programmes that contribute to enhancing the Te Araroa Trail
  - **Opex Programme 1494- Active and Public Transport Planning, \$74,000**
  - **Capital New Programme 2057 & 2141 - Regional Shared path network improvements, \$2.32 mill & \$812,000 respectively**
  - **Renewal Programme 1834 – Walkway Renewals, \$117,000**
  - **Opex Programme 2000 – Walkways maintenance, \$76,000**

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VERBAL SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF Bunnythorpe Community  
Presented to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 between 9am – 10.30am  
Submission Number 81

Good morning Mayor Grant Smith and thank you Chair of this Hearing today for giving us the opportunity to speak to our Submissions and to all those Counsellors present.

My name is Flo Gibson a resident of Bunnythorpe since 1978 and I am being supported by Jo Jamieson Chair of the current Bunnythorpe Community Committee but currently focused on the Maintenance of the new Bunnythorpe Community Centre.

Thank you for reading our Bunnythorpe Submission subjects. As I said in our submission I wish to reiterate..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 and acted upon in the not too distant future and being conveyed to the Community at large.

- Re the walking path – Stoney Creek Road from Nathan Place to Parrs Road and consideration given to a safe off road path along Parrs Road to Sangsters Line. as per our submission.. (This was previously submitted in the 2020 Submissions.. that is 3 years ago and I have not seen a reference in the long term plan unless I have missed it.)
- Particularly to note: we would like to bring your attention to page 156 Annual Plan document 23/24 which states:  
*"Footpath standards as Per Institute of Public Works Engineering (MY THOUGHTS: Even if it was just a well packed Base Course for the Walkway it would be better than walking in often long grass that not only makes footwear very wet but would also wet long trousers or even out on the seal which is dangerous to both pedestrians and other road users.)"*
- **JO - Re Bunnythorpe Footpaths.** The majority of these are in a very POOR state and most would be classified as Fair to Very Poor as per

20230221- 122636  
 - 122659  
 - 122734

- Open drains: As per submission.  
*Suggestion: to seriously consider covering in those drains (some of which have a lot of leaf collection and they never seem to get cleared or the drains never 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. Vehicles more often than not actually 'Straddle' the painted Centre Line. (Also to note that there is a distinct 'Dip' in Dixons Line between No 11 – 17 which makes passing even more dangerous.)*  
**Photos: 20220809 – 164321**  
**IMG - 16204**
- Bunnythorpe Gateway: See attachment on screen of article in Stuff dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Can the Bunnythorpe Community please be updated on when we can expect to see this project Completed.  
*PNCC to Note: On page 128 of Annual Plan 23/24 says 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 the corner of Dutton Street and Campbell Road. This has been ongoing since 2019. refer to actual submission 2023)*  
**Attachment re Stuff News dated 08.11.2019**
- Lighting Nathan Place to Parrs Road. To reiterate: This has been requested in past submissions – any update would be welcomed please.
- **JO** - Speed signs to be extended from Current position – particularly in Maple street to extend to the corner of Te Ngaio Road. When there is a funeral/burial at the Bunnythorpe Cemetery parked cars narrow the carriageway for other vehicles to pass. The Cemetery is currently in the 100kph zone.

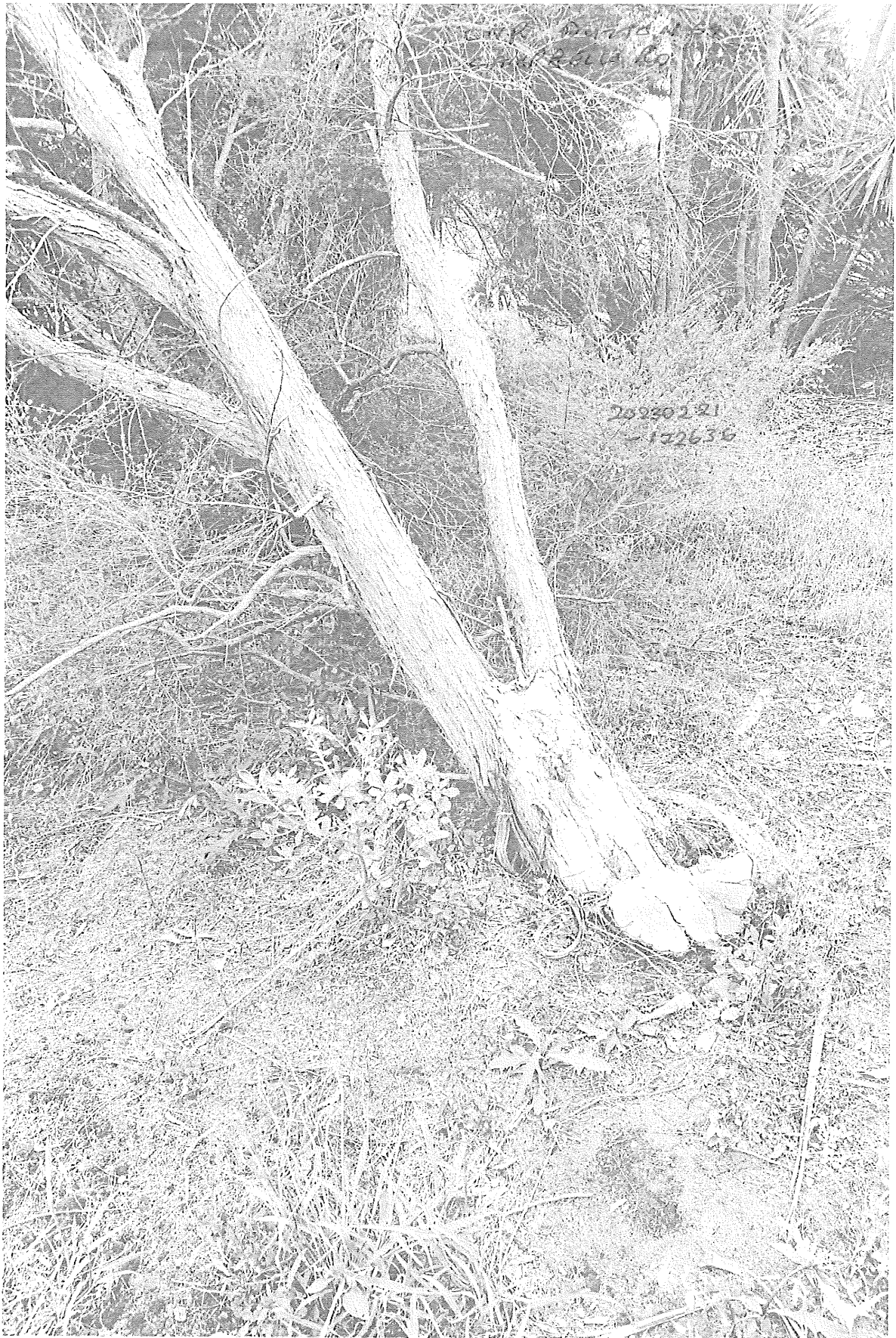


Any questions welcomed.

Thank you.

Flo Gibson and  
Jo Jamieson Presenters of the Bunnythorpe Community Submissions 2023.















DIXONS LINE DRAIN

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Domain LAND

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699 STONEY CREEK RD





Domain LAND TUTAKI RD  
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manawatu standard

Log in

Three of the welcome panels, designed by artist James Molnar, are the same for Ashurst, Bunnythorpe, Linton and Longburn, but the fourth is unique to each village, commands a woman's name and a woman's story. read more

Council chief infrastructure officer Tom Williams said the gateways would be special for the communities and for people travelling into the city.

READ MORE:

\* Walk this way to Longburn Adventist College

\* Welcome to Palmerston North's villages

\* Pathway extension requested by school

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## New gateways planted at village entrances to city

Janine Rankin • 16:05, Nov 08 2019



DAVID UNWIN/STUFF

Deklan Joll, 10, helps plant the gardens around the new entrance to Bunnythorpe.

New gateways are being created at the four villages that sit at Palmerston North's boundaries.



## manawatū standard

Three of the welcome panels, designed by artist James Molnar, are the same for Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe, Linton and Longburn, but the fourth is unique to each village, capturing values the communities identified as important to them.

Council chief infrastructure officer Tom Williams said the gateways would be special for the communities and for people travelling into the city.

**READ MORE:**

- \* [Walk this way, to Longburn Adventist College](#)
- \* [Welcome to Palmerston North's villages](#)
- \* [Pathway extension requested by concerned school](#)



DAVID UNWIN/STUFF

Helen Ji, 11, and Katie McIlhatton, 10, work on the new entrance garden welcoming travellers to Bunnythorpe.

The city's 20-year-old gateways were installed at the approaches to the main urban area, whereas the new ones recognised the villages on the boundary.

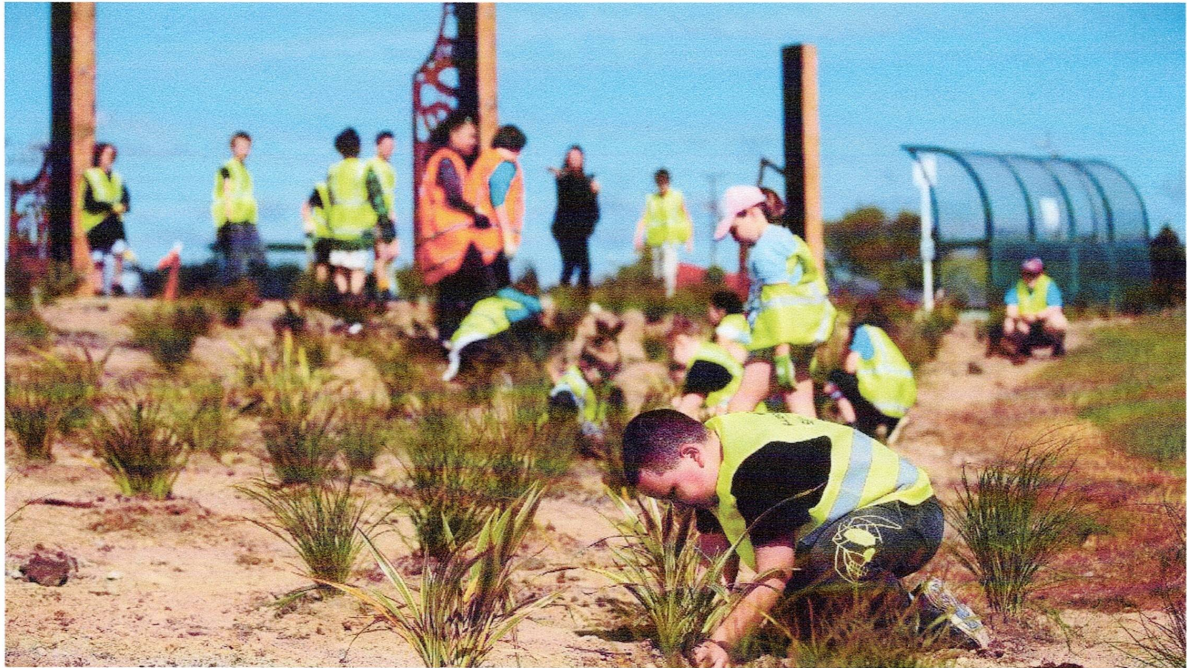
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"Thousands of people travel through these villages every day to get into Palmerston North, without them realising they're already in our city boundaries.



## manawatū standard

The latest round of work on the gateways is the planting, with native plants endemic to the region.



DAVID UNWIN/STUFF

Joe Sharpe, 9, joins a working bee at Bunnythorpe planting gardens around the town's new entrance.

There will also be phormium (flax) and astroderia (toetoe), reminiscent of the early wetlands and history of flax gathering and milling in the region.

Communities are getting involved in planting the gardens, starting on Friday in Bunnythorpe where local school children led the efforts.

Planting days will follow on the next three Fridays at 9am at Linton on November 15, Longburn on November 22, and Ashhurst on November 29.

The final flourish will be signs in Te Reo and English explaining the meaning behind each village's panel.

The wording and translations are still in development.





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# PALMY LOVES BIKES



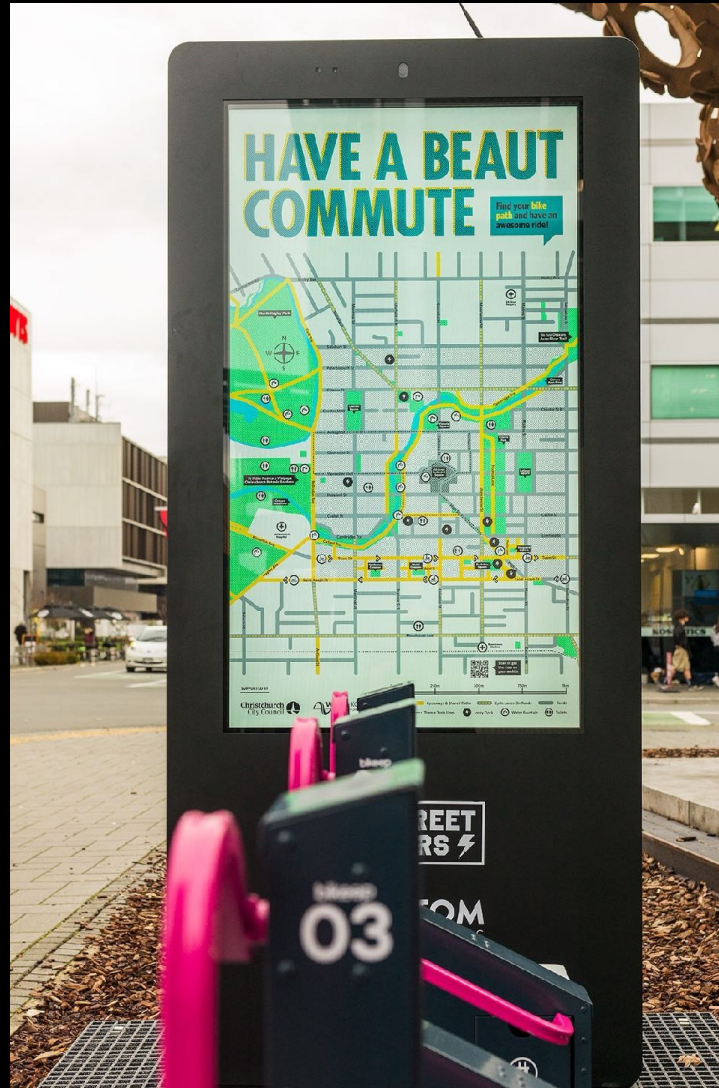








# 1. BIKE PATH AWARENESS



# 2. FREE SECURE PARKING



# 3. FREE CHARGING





Encourage new bikers by showcasing the cycleways and quiet streets.

## USERS FOUND LOCKY DOCK MAPS BENEFICIAL

# FIND A SWEET RIDE

Find your bike path and have an awesome ride!

**SUPPORTED BY**

**Christchurch City Council**

**WAKA KOTAHİ**  
NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

**Legend:**

- Cycleways & Shared Paths
- Cycle Lanes On Roads
- Roads
- Train & Train Lines
- Locky Dock
- Water Fountain
- Toilets

**Scale:** 250m, 500m, 750m, 1km

Co-designed for  
each neighbourhood

Council Logo





“Our review of the Christchurch Locky Dock network found that secure parking completes cycle networks. It unlocks the benefits of cycling infrastructure investments. Wayfinding helps people navigate safely.

We surveyed Locky Dock users, which showed 890,000 additional kilometres cycled per year, 28% shifted from cars.

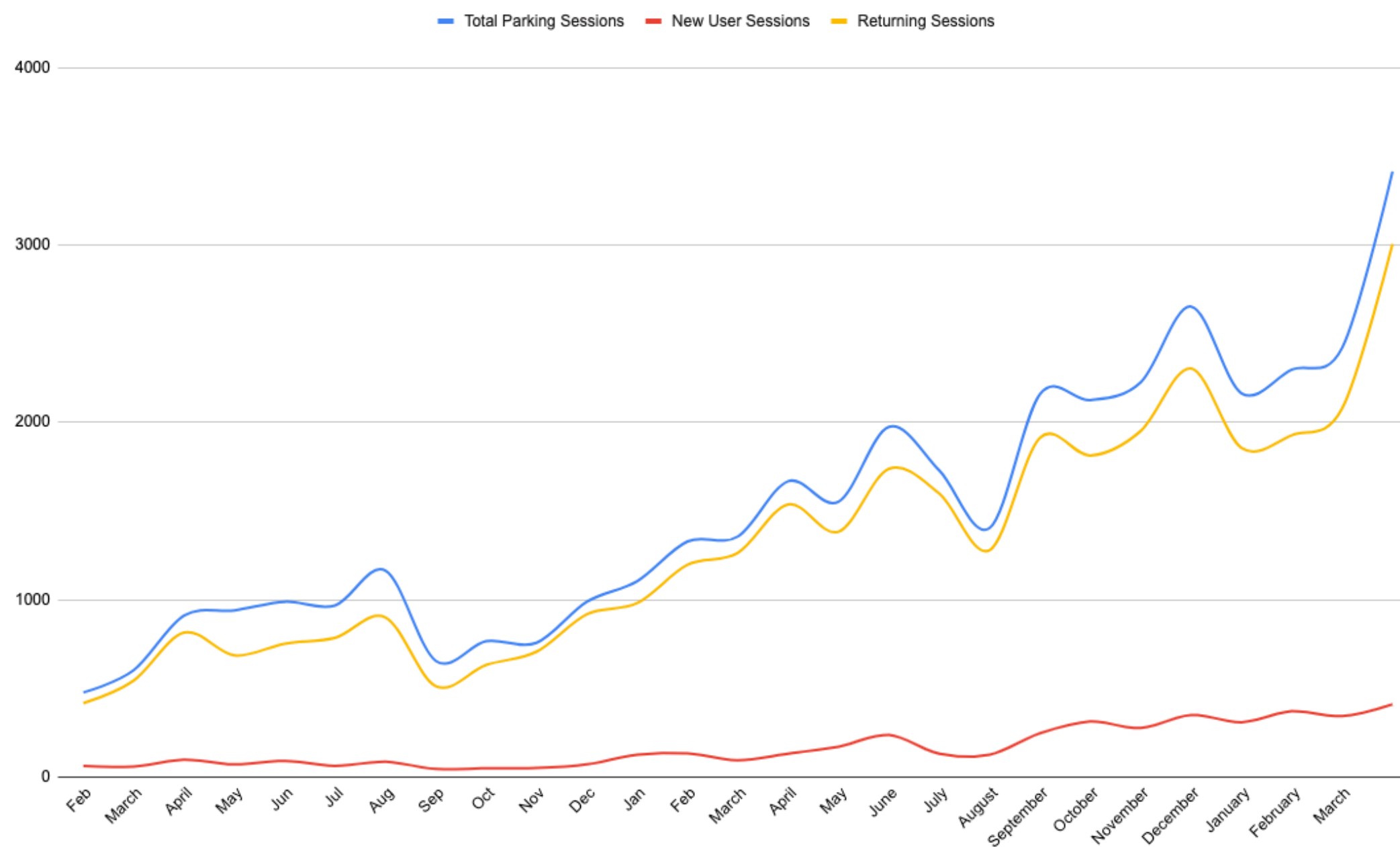
We found the net benefit was at least \$32 million”

Shamubeel Eaquib, CFA  
Sense. Partners





# LOCKY DOCKS NATIONWIDE — UTILISATION 2022-23





**BIG STREET  
BIKERS**

*Our Vision*

**A NETWORK  
FOR A HAPPY  
HEALTHY &  
CARBON FREE  
AOTEAROA.**

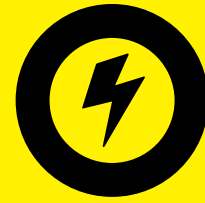
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 **WAKA KOTAHI**  
NZ TRANSPORT  
AGENCY







**Let's enable more people  
to ride more often.  
At no cost to ratepayers.**







# THE LOCKY DOCK VALUE PROPOSITION

## FREE PUBLIC AMENITY WITH NO COST TO RATEPAYERS

Adding 5 Locky Docks on public sites with digital wayfinding and media.

### NO CAPEX COSTS

Worth \$500,000:  
infrastructure,  
planning, installation.

### NO OPEX COSTS

BSB covers all  
maintenance,  
customer support  
and tech for the 10  
year term.

### FREE PUBLIC AMENITY

Made possible by  
BSB partners and  
advertising media.

### DIGITAL WAYFINDING

Increase awareness of  
cycleways, PT and  
tourist hotspots

### POTENTIAL REVENUE

For the Council  
once Locky Dock  
capex is recovered

### COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Apply Council revenue to  
screen media for  
community engagement

### 125,000 kms p.a.

Fewer Vehicle  
Kilometres Travelled  
(VKT) per year

### \$16m

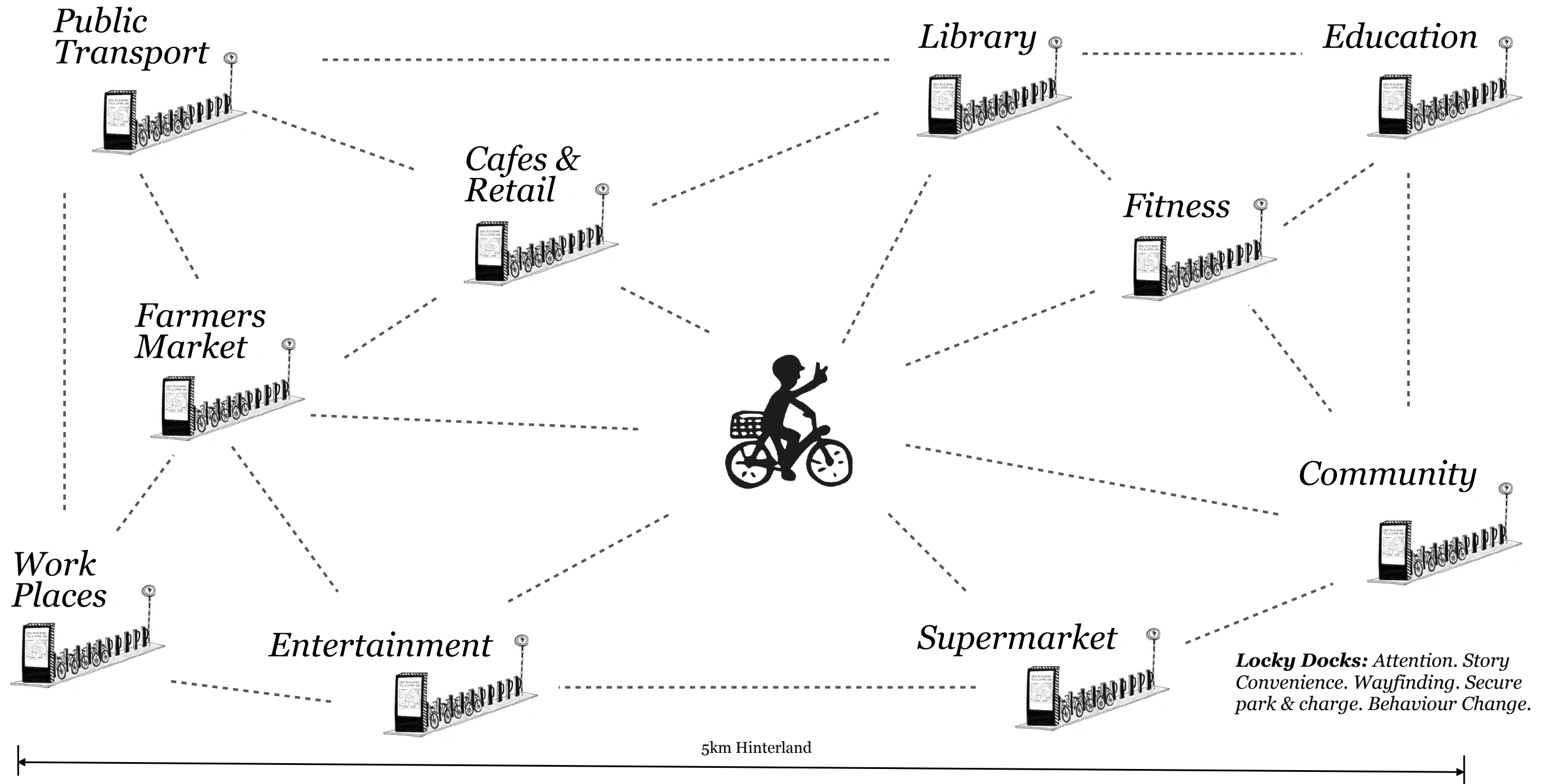
Net Social Benefit  
— improved health,  
wellbeing for the city

Network Partners:





# LOCAL NETWORK — NODES IN DAILY LIFE





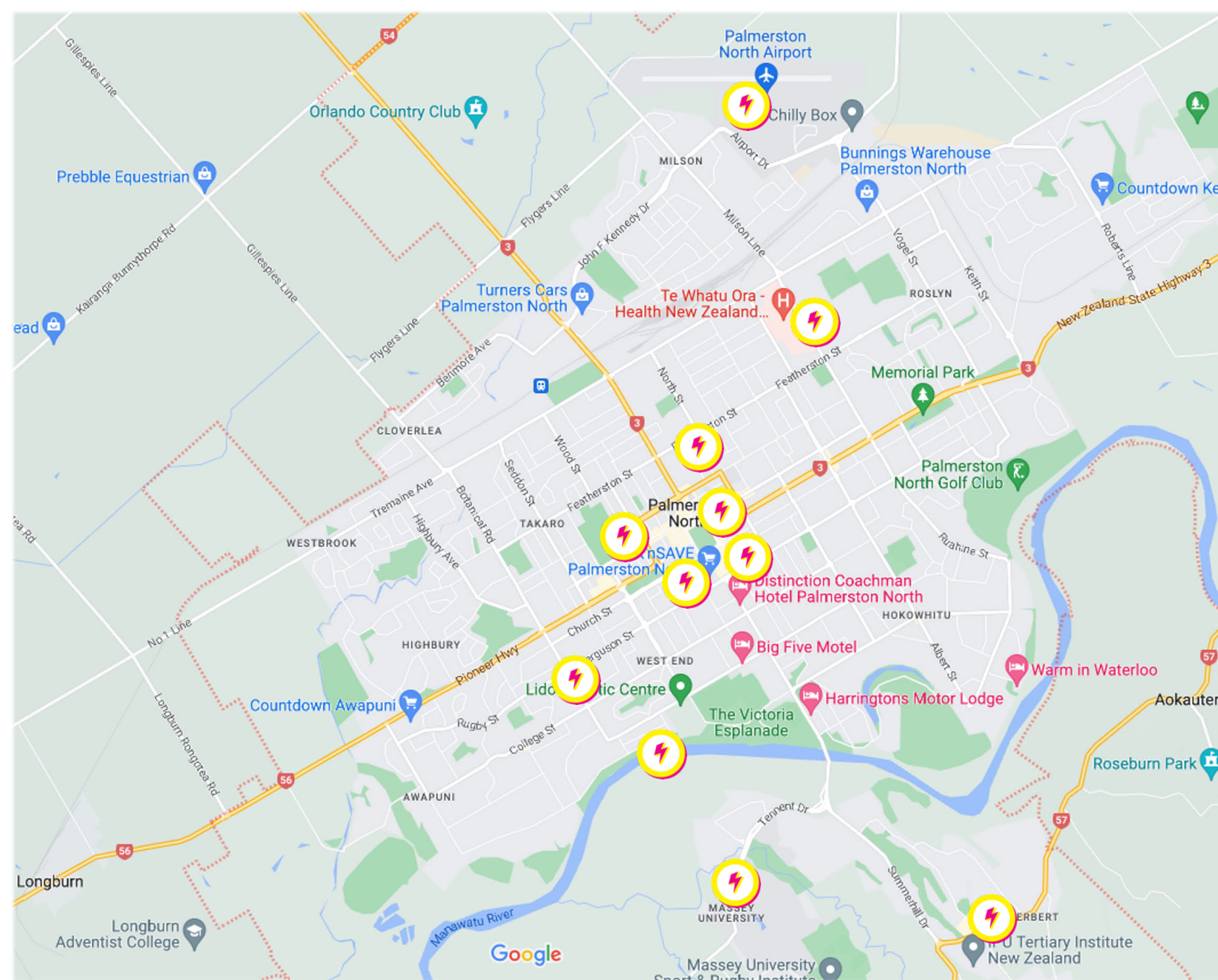
# PROPOSED LOCKY DOCK NETWORK

## Council

- The Square
- iSite
- Bus Interchange
- Community Arts Centre
- Conference Centre
- Library front / rear
- Trust Arena
- The Lido
- He Ara Kotahi

## Private

- PN Airport
- Te Whatu Ora
- The Warehouse
- Torpedo 7
- UCOL
- Massey
- IPU







Big Street Bikers requests Council's continued support for:

Developing network of Locky Docks (at no cost to rate payers) on council controlled land.

Next steps:

1. Confirm Network Design with Transport Team.
2. Enter into a Partnership Agreement with PNCC and BSB to install and operate Locky Docks
3. Engagement with key stakeholders and launch network

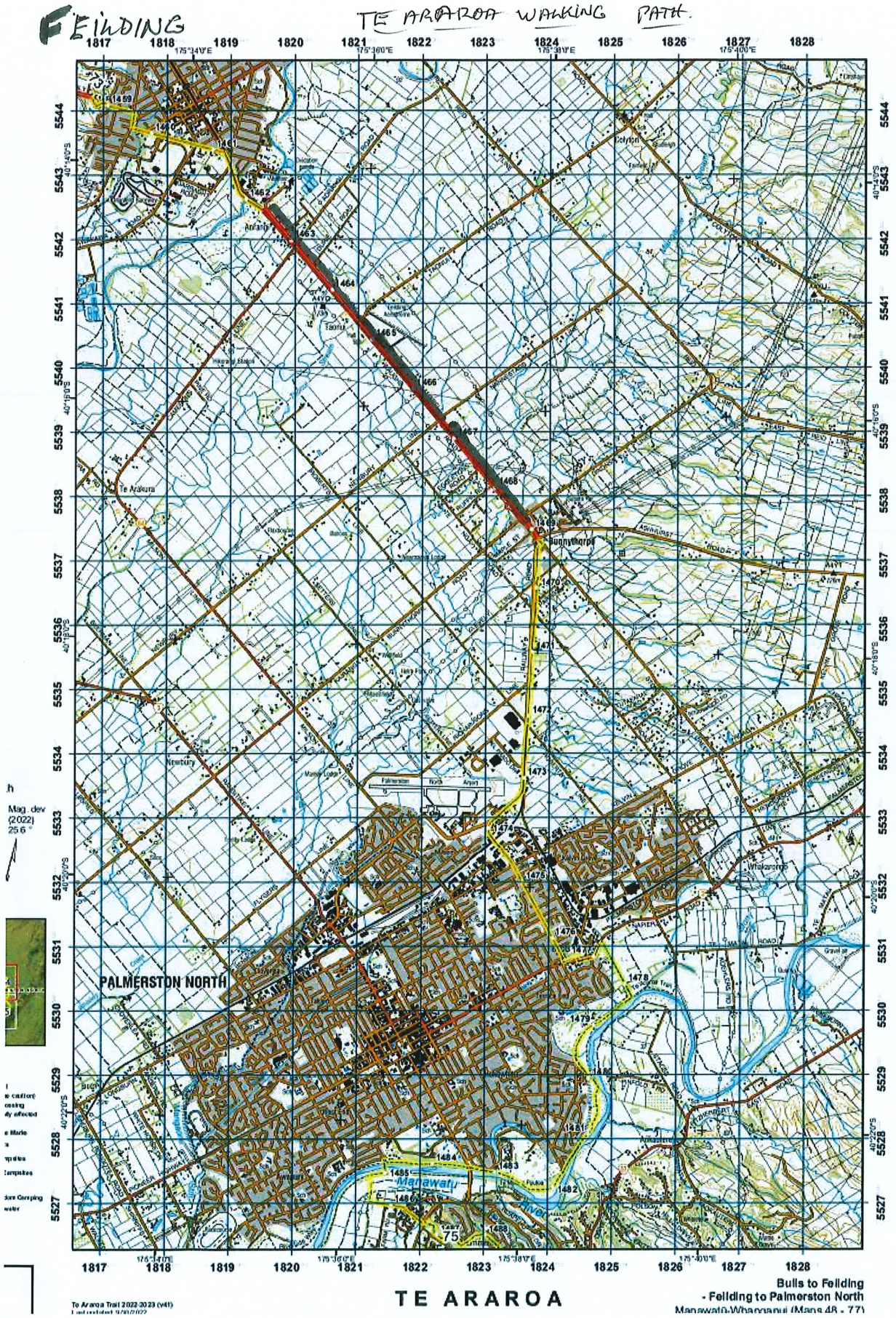




**THANK YOU.**









**PAPAIOEA PASIFIKA  
COMMUNITY TRUST  
SUBMISSION FOR THE PNCC  
BUDGET 2023/2024**



Sonny Liuvaie  
Chairperson, PPCT  
Email: S7(2)(a) Personal Privacy





# OUTLINE

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Issue and proposal

Organisational Profile

New Areas of growth

Summary





# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction & Welcome

### Acknowledge

- A rate of 6.4% instead of the 8.3% indicated previously in the Council 10YP
- Investment in Goal 3 initiatives: community facilities, community development, social housing, Healthy community and events and festival
- Investment in initiatives under Goal 4: Eco City
- City Ambassador Program



# ISSUE AND PROPOSAL

## ISSUE

- Since 2020 PPCT has experienced growth as a Pasifika provider
  - Increase in revenue from \$30,000 to \$1.7 million (2 years)
  - 4 staff and growing number of volunteers, with potential for further growth
  - Pasifika population in PN and our region continues to grow and so as demand for PPCT services during and post covid
- There is severe capacity limitations at the Pasifika Community Centre to accommodate current growth and cater for projected increase in scope of PPCT services
  - Current situation poses Health and Safety risks for Employees and users
  - Also impacts negatively on current services and user experience
- Funds (\$206,000) have been allocated in this financial year for the development of the Car Park which is not considered priority for the Pasifika Community and users of the Pasifika Centre



# PROPOSAL

## PROPOSAL 1: Short Term: 1-3 years

That PNCC partner with PPCT to invest in the expansion of the current facility to create a fit for purpose community centre needed to cater for the diverse needs of the Pasifika community , and growth of PPCT

WORK REQUIRED: Increase in Hall space; office and meeting space; Storage

## PROPOSAL 2: Medium-Long Term: 4-10 Years

That PNCC in partnership with PPCT and other funding partners commit to investing in building of a modern and fit for purpose Pasifika Community Hub



# PAPAIOEA PASIFIKA COMMUNITY TRUST

(Registered Charitable Trust)

## ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE





# GOVERNANCE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Tonga
2. Samoa
3. Cook Islands
4. Tokelau
5. Niue
6. Tuvalu
7. Fiji
8. Papua New Guinea

# OPERATIONS

## PPCT STAFF

Annie Scoon  
May Kwong  
Tolu Patelesio  
Teresa Liuvaie

PPCT Volunteers

Operations Manager  
Lead WO Navigator  
WO Navigator  
Community Connector



# OUR TEAM



**SONNY LIUVAIE**

Chairperson



**SAANE MA'U**

Vice Chairperson



**TREASURER**

Willie Kwong



**ANNIE SCOON**

Operations Manager

# PPCT STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

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VISION: An Empowered, Resilient, and Thriving Pasifika Community

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Accountability & Transparency; Innovative; Results focused; Pasifika Cultural Values; Uphold Te Tiriti Principles.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS AND GOALS



### Alignment with PNCC Goals

1. An innovative and growing city
2. Creative and Exciting City
3. Connected & Safe community
4. An Eco City
5. Driven and Enabling Council



# 1. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE





## 2. HEALTH AND WELLBEING





### 3. EDUCATION AND TRAINING





## 4. ECONOMIC & ENTERPRISE





## 5. ENGAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE



## PPCT PROGRAMS& HALL USAGE

- Venue for cultural and spiritual activities for community groups throughout the year and for the celebration of Pacific Language Weeks
- Te Fatu O Te **Pasifika Learning Hub** – Educational Programme
- **PPCT Digital Hub**
- **Pasifika Matua Ola Programme**
- **Friday Food Bank Initiative** and **MSD Food Hub**
- **Whanau Ora** Program funded by Pasifika Futures Limited
- **MSD Connector services**
- Venue for community consultations, workshops, and private functions
- Long term users of the hall include non-Pasifika group like: Pakistan Muslim Association, Karen Christian Group (Myanmar community), Iwi Tapu (Māori Christian Group); Bahai Faith School Holiday program).



# NEW SERVICE AREAS

1. Pasifika Health/ Medical services
2. Children's University- Massey University Initiatives
3. Puta Ora- Food Security Project- MSD
4. Kai and Connect Engagement Initiative
5. Connect Project for the Elderly- MPP
6. PPCT Night Market Project

# OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

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**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
TE TĀHUHU O TE MĀTAURANGA



**Te Tari Taiwhenua**  
**Internal Affairs**

**PALMY**



# SUMMARY

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Given the past and projected increase in the scope of PPCT function driven by a growing Pasifika population, funding opportunities, and consequently an increase in demand for its services, investment in the expansion of the Pasifika Community Centre by PNCC is crucial and must be prioritised in the PNCC Budget 2023/2024.

## Benefits

- (i) (ii) Fit for purpose Community Centre that has capacity to accommodate the growing and diverse needs of the Pasifika community
- (ii) Address safety issues and remove current impediments to current services
- (iii) Generate increased economic activity in our city and enhance social outcomes
- (iv) Contribute to the realization of PPCT and also PNCC Goals
- (v) Enhance the profile and visibility of our beautiful City

# THANK YOU

Sunlou Liuvaie  
Chairperson, PPCT  
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