

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

6 April 2017

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Consultation has begun on the 2017/2018 Annual Plan and Council invites your feedback. This is our time to come together as a community to develop an Annual Plan that seeks to maintain core infrastructure and levels of service as well as looking at affordable ways to invest in Wairoa's future.

The consultation document seeks feedback from the community and proposes to accelerate infrastructure developments and investment in the district's future. Council proposes to accelerate our ongoing progress with covering open drains and improving footpaths by setting aside just over \$330,000 for open drains and a doubling of the budget for footpaths.

for them. The consultation document seeks to discuss options for securing Wairoa's future which will mean a proposed total rates increase for the coming year of 4.9%, down from the previously consulted upon LTP indication of 5.76%.

CONSULTATION TOPICS

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Enhancing Wairoa



Strengthening transport networks



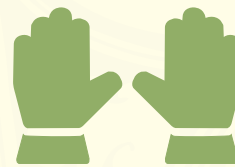
Building tourism infrastructure



Investing in sport



Investing in our people



Providing work experience opportunities

To continue our current levels of service (three waters, roading infrastructure, community services etc), rates would need to increase by just over 3%. We also need to look at options to invest in Wairoa's future and this consultation document looks at options for an affordable approach to maintaining current infrastructure and levels of services as well as investing in opportunities for Wairoa's future. This is your time to help us design a future for Wairoa that we can all be proud of.

RATES



Proposed 2017/18 rate increase of **4.9%**



Down from the Long Term Plan Indication of **5.76%**

Submissions will close on the 5th of May and you can access the consultation document (and other supporting documents) on the WDC website - keyword: #annualplan2018. Consultation documents are also available from the Council office, the Library and the i-Site. Let us know what you think so that we can all design a future for Wairoa together.

FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL FORUM

Tuesday, 18 April: 1.30pm

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 April: 1.30pm

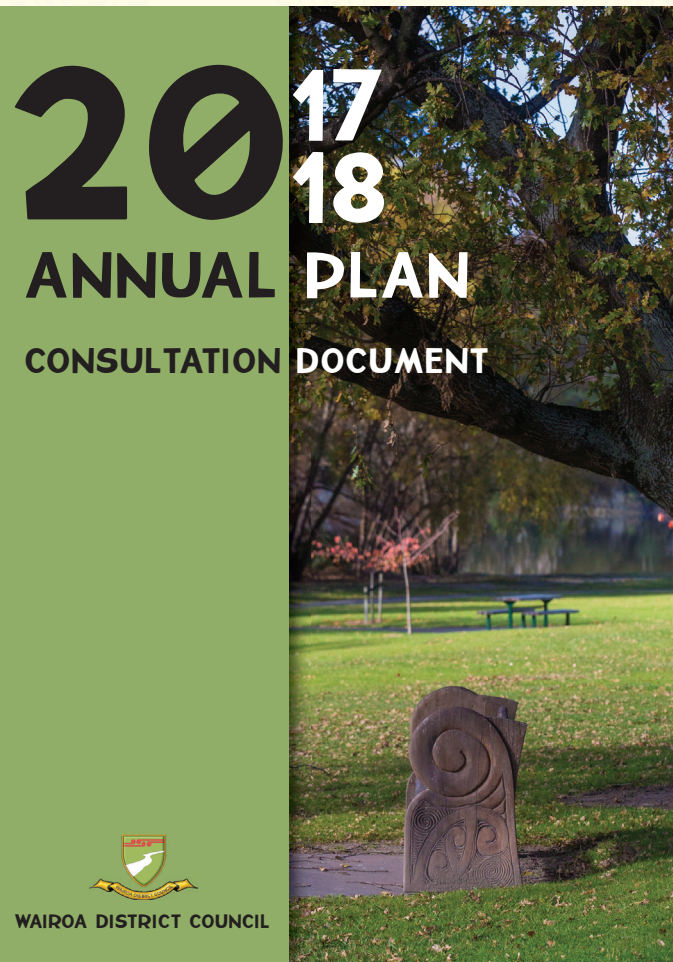
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 13 April: 12.30pm



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Council also seeks feedback from the community on proposed investment in a number of projects that we believe are in Wairoa's best interest. These projects will see Council investing in transport and tourism infrastructure, investigating how we can enhance our CBD, investing in our people and providing work experience opportunities

WHAT IS HAPPENING WHEN?



Submissions open



Submissions close at 12 noon



Draft Annual Plan Consultation Hearings



Annual Plan adopted

Hard copies of this consultation document can be picked up from the Wairoa District Council Queen Street offices, library and the i-SITE. The consultation document can also be accessed online.

www.wairoadc.govt.nz
keyword: #annualplan2018



Easter Sunday
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16th April 2017