

# COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS

**Tuesday 17 May 2022**

## LATE SUBMISSIONS

<b>Submitter No</b>	<b>Submitter Name</b>	<b>Submission Received</b>	<b>Received by</b>
54	David Wigley	Part 1 – 6 May Part 2 – 9 May	Email Email
55	Bryce Gilchrist	12 May	Hand delivered
56	Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust for the Visitor Information Centre	14 May	Email

## **SUMMISSION 54**

David Wigley, 6May2022

Annual Plan 2022-2023 Feedback

I apologise for this late submission, for which the closure date was 4May.

### Reserve Land: Future Management.

I would like to raise with Council the possibility of a more effective way to manage Reserve land within the Oamaru area.

From my experience of planting many trees in Glen Eden Reserve it is clear there is an uphill battle to maintain, let alone improve, this Reserve. The 2015 Reserves Management Plan is but a dream.

Both here and in Warren Res, there are walking tracks which verge on being dangerous to the unwary. Weed control is problematic. African Boxthorn is established and proliferating. Classified as poisonous and dangerous within New South Wales\*, it is difficult and costly to eradicate.

I walk both these Reserves and am aware of a decline in utilization. Notably fewer dog walkers in the Glen.

There is no appetite to list the maintenance work required and to estimate the costs. Raising matters with Council staff is largely a waste of time, as little or nothing gets done through lack of funds. There is no transparency.

Please consider the 3 lesser used reserves - Warren Res, Glen Eden Res, Forrester Heights – as one asset group for operations and development.

An example of what could be achieved is partial development on the 23 hA Warren Res\*\*, with long term leases to lock in funding for maintenance and development of reserve land, also for recreational facilities.

Consider the potential of say 5hA of new mixed use long lease housing with walking and cycling access to town, use expert landscape architect design.

An income stream is sorely needed otherwise these reserves will fall further into neglect.

I therefore ask Council to please agree to the formation of an Oamaru Reserves Trust in this 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

Notes:

\*<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/AfricanBoxthorn>

\*\*Warren Reserve is currently grazed by cattle and sheep, with electric fencing alongside walking tracks.

My details: I would like to speak to Council on this. Age 65yrs+. I am a ratepayer and a resident for 20years.

David M Wigley

To [consult@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waitaki.govt.nz)

David Wigley, 9May2022

Annual Plan 2022-2023 Feedback

I apologise for this 2<sup>nd</sup> late submission, for which the closure date was 4May.

Question 1:

I do agree with paying more to maintain our roads. I also support paying more for safety improvements, particularly for cycling and pedestrians.

Question 2:

I do support extra funds for drainage works.

Question 3. 3 Waters:

I do not agree with the decision to bring forward the 3 Waters projects.

When Council announced they were “gaming the system” by bringing forward 2 costly capital works, my immediate reaction was that this is the kind of politicking that the reforms are intended to fix.

Water is precious. Pipelines, storage, and treatment plants are terribly expensive, with costs rising rapidly.

Our local politicians are frightened by the suggestion of water meters on each and every user. The reality is that water consumption invariably reduces after meters are fitted.

Separation of governance from the management of water is opaque across this country, resulting in widespread under investment.

Governance needs to set a code for management to comply with, such that investment decisions for new infrastructure are regulated and transparent.

South Australia Water shows how one Water Utility can work successfully, covering an area much larger than the South Island and for a population less than 2million. With a Charter, Executive, and a Board, their website is a model of information and transparency.

Question 4. Reforms:

No I do not support this proposal.

As presented, this proposal will evolve into needing more staff, more meetings, more costs on ratepayers.

Instead, Councillors should redefine their role, focus on governance.

The workload on Councillors, evidenced by the weight of reports they are faced with, needs drastic reduction if you want more people, especially the young, to stand for Council.

I am a ratepayer and a resident for 20years.

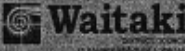
David M Wigley

# Getting BACK TO THE FUTURE


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## Let's talk about the Annual Plan Waitaki!

If you've got an opinion on stuff like Government reforms, 3Waters, the state of our roads, drains or anything in between, don't miss out on this chance to tell your representatives on Council. Have a squiz at the summary info on our website: [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2022-23](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2022-23) and have your say!



Scan for more info and online feedback form



## ANNUAL PLAN 2022-23 FEEDBACK FORM

If you live in Waitaki, whether you pay rates or not, we would love to hear your thoughts on what we are planning, and any other thoughts or ideas you have to help make Waitaki the best place to be.

-  **Do it online**  
 fill in the online form on our website: [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2022-23](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2022-23)
-  **Write it**  
 and post it back to us: Waitaki District Council, Private Bag 50058, Oamaru 9444
-  **Email it**  
 send your feedback to [consult@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waitaki.govt.nz)
-  **Drop it**  
 to Council offices in Oamaru - 20 Thames St, or Palmerston - 54 Tiverton St.

**Talk to us**  
 You can share your ideas and comments in person at the Council hearings. Be sure to outline the key points in your feedback that you will refer to - and tick the box that you would like to speak to your submission. The dates for hearing submissions and feedback will be Monday 16 May and Tuesday 17 May.

Please send us your feedback by 5pm Wed, 4 May 2022

### YOUR DETAILS

**Note:** your name and feedback will be made public as part of the decision-making process. Other details will remain private.

Name: Bryce Gilchrist

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: l

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick if you would like to speak to your feedback at the Council Hearings.**  
 You can attend the Hearing in person, or via a Zoom link. We will contact you to arrange a time.  
*Note: Council Meetings are livestreamed for public viewing and recorded.*

**We are asking the following questions to understand more about who we are hearing from - these questions are completely optional.**

Age (optional)  Under 18  18-24

Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you:  a Ratepayer and/or  a Resident  
 (tick all that apply)

### QUESTIONS

You're welcome to comment on any aspect of the Annual Plan but we are seeking your specific feedback on the four topics below. Visit the consultation page on our website or Council offices and libraries for all the background information.

**1. Our Roads**  
**Question:** Would you be happy to pay more to keep your roads in the current condition? Or would you prefer to pay the same, and accept that we will not be able to maintain the roads as well or as regularly as you are used to?  
**Which option do you prefer? (please tick one):**

Pay more to keep your roads in the current condition  
 Pay the same for reduced service

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Drainage**  
**Question:** Do you support extra funds being set aside to deal with drainage works that are needed?  
 Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_


**3. 3Waters**  
**Question:** Do you agree with our decision to bring forward 3Waters projects to ensure we have quality water and infrastructure for our future?  
 Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Reforms**  
**Question:** Do you support Waitaki working to be a leading council in ensuring local government in the future is better able to meet our community needs?  
 Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your thoughts and ideas**  
 Is there anything else you would like to tell us about?  
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 Run out of room? Attach more pages if needed.

## SUBMISSION 56

**From:** Carolyn Lewis <[carolyn.lewis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:carolyn.lewis@xtra.co.nz)>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 6:16 AM

**To:** Gary Kircher <[gkircher@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:gkircher@waitaki.govt.nz)>

**Cc:** Paul Hope <[phope@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:phope@waitaki.govt.nz)>; Graeme Clark <[clarkie@netspeed.net.nz](mailto:clarkie@netspeed.net.nz)>; 'Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust' <[admin@victorianoamaru.co.nz](mailto:admin@victorianoamaru.co.nz)>

**Subject:** Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre funding submission to WDC district plan



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Morena, Gary,

Attached is the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre submission to the WDC district plan.

As discussed at the meeting on Wednesday, we were not aware that a submission was needed (see below), so appreciate the opportunity to present this to you now.

I've also attached a supporting report on the visitor stats for the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre.

Please let me know if any other information is required.

Carolyn

Since 28 October 2021, Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust (OWCT) has been contracted to Waitaki District Council (WDC) to provide visitor information services through the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre at 12 Harbour St in the Historic Precinct. The contract runs until 30 June 2022.

The current level of service for the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre is 7 days a week, from 10am to 4pm.

The funding for this level of service at the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre over the original 8 month contract to 30 June 2022 is \$100,000 + GST (\$12,500 + GST per month).

On 8 March 2021, WDC advised OWCT by email that the draft annual council budget had been prepared 'in accordance with the current level of service' for the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre.

Over 12 months, at \$12,500 + GST per month, this would be an allocation of \$150,000 + GST.

As this was the funding OWCT required, OWCT did not make a submission to the draft annual plan.

WDC has now advised that the allocation it made to the annual budget for this is \$100,000 + GST instead of \$150,000 + GST.

OWCT therefore ask that the budget allocation is adjusted from the \$100,000 + GST, that has WDC has already allocated, to the \$150,000 + GST anticipated by previous advice from WDC, to enable us to provide the current level of service for the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre across the full 12 months of this next financial year.

**Carolyn Lewis (0274) 434 431**

**Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre**

**Under Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust**

## **Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre (VIC) + Whitestone City (WSC)**

1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022

### **Visitor Experience**

Visitors coming into the Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre (VIC) at 12 Harbour Street are provided with a wide range of advice and information on what they can do during their stay here. This includes a static display about the Waitaki Geopark, and various driving tours developed by the Geopark Trust.

The Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre shares 12 Harbour Street with Whitestone City (WSC), a hands-on heritage experience. Whitestone City itself is funded through visitor contributions.

Visitors to the VIC who also go through Whitestone City can enjoy an 8-minute film introducing them to the history of Oamaru and the Waitaki District. As they explore this Victorian 'arcade' further, they are given more context from guides and displays to the built and natural environments they will experience while during their stay in the town and district.

While both Oamaru & Waitaki Visitor Information Centre and Whitestone City are stand-alone operations, having them in one building is mutually beneficial. The VIC presence allows WSC to open more frequently than was previously possible, while access to WSC as well as VIC gives visitors a more immersive experience providing context to what they will see during their time in Oamaru and Waitaki district.

### **Total Visitor Numbers**

In November and December 2021, VIC was open every day and WSC was open 28 days. From the start of January 2022, both VIC and WSC were open 7 days a week.

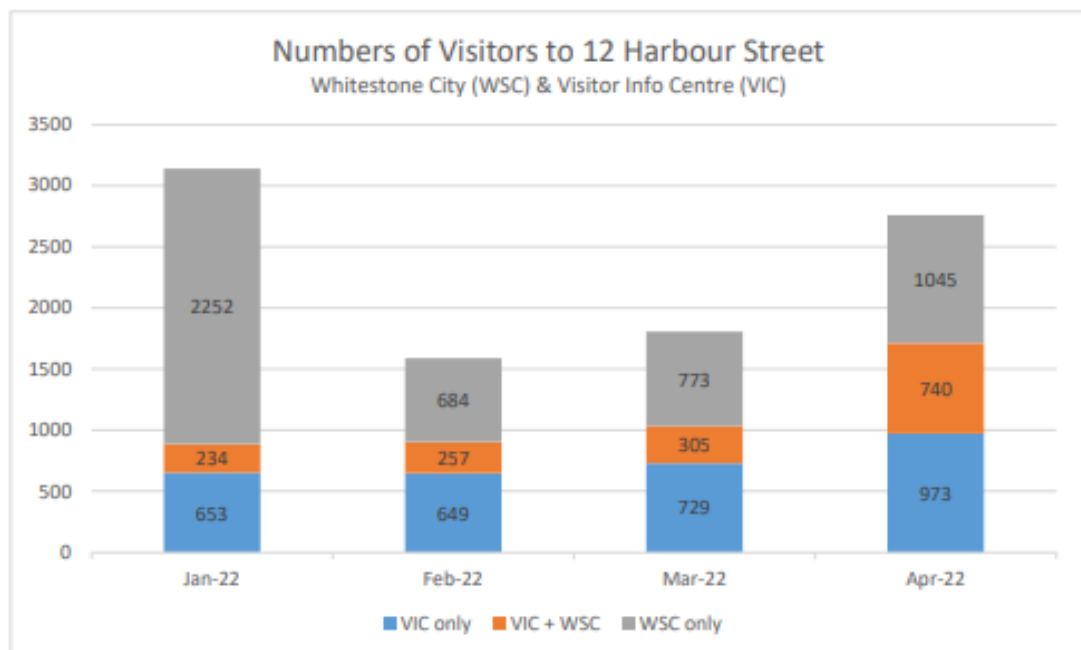
**Total number of visitors\* = 12470**

\*visitors to 12 Harbour Street from 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022

## Visitor Number Breakdown

From the start of January 2022, and our data collection split visitors into one of three categories:

- VIC only:** Visitors just wanting VIC and not going through WSC
- WSC only:** Visitors just wanting to go through WSC, not wanting info at the VIC
- VIC + WSC:** Visitors both going through WSC and seeking info at the VIC



### SUMMARY:

Of the 9294 visitors coming into 12 Harbour St between 1 January 2022 and 30 April 2022:

3004 came in just for information (32%)

1536 came in for information and also went through WSC (17%)

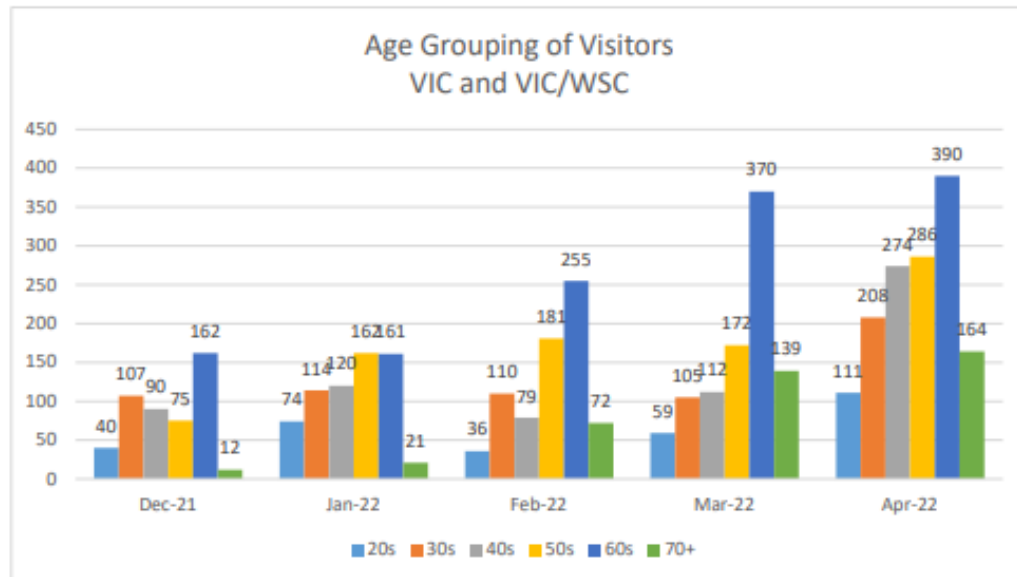
4754 came in just for WSC (51%)



## Visitor Age Groupings Breakdown

From 1 December 21 to 30 April 2022, age groupings of visitors who came into VIC (and may or may not also have gone through into WSC) were estimated.

While there is inevitably some observer bias in allocating ages to visitors without actually asking them, these guesstimates give some useful information on the age of visitors spread over the months concerned.



### SUMMARY:

Overall, of the 4261 visitors VIC and VIC/WSC in from 1 December 21 to 30 April 2022:

8% were in their 20s

15% were in their 30s

16% were in their 40s

21% were in their 50s

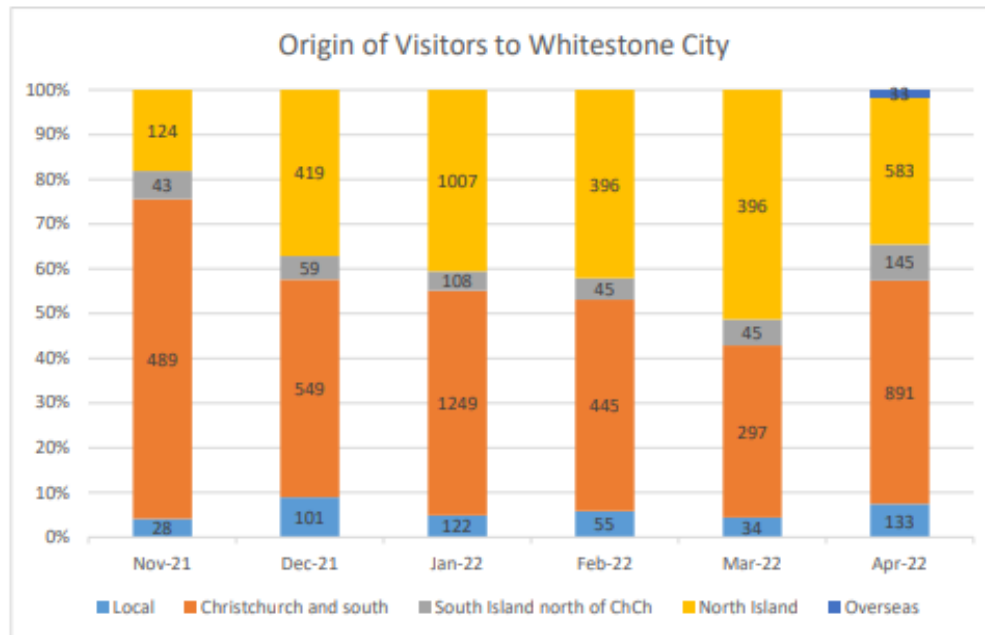
31% were in their 60s

10% were 70+

Across all age groups, around and between 30-40% of those coming into 12 Harbour St for the visitor information services will also go through WSC.

## Visitor Origins Breakdown

Information on the origin of visitors to WSC has been collected since July 2020, and gives a good general overview that can roughly be applied to visitors to 12 Harbour Street overall (WSC and VIC):



### SUMMARY:

Of the 7796 visitors that came into Whitestone City between 1 November 2021 and 30 April 2022:

50% were from Christchurch and south

38% were from North Island

6% were local (WDC ratepayers)

6% were from South Island north of Christchurch

Overseas visitors in this time accounted for less than 1% of the total.