



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI

**I hereby give notice that the
Waihemo Community Board Meeting
will be held on:**

Date: Monday, 5 September 2022
Time: 6.00pm
Location: Waihemo Service Centre, Palmerston

Agenda Addendum
(updated Agenda Item 6.4)

Waihemo Community Board Meeting

5 September 2022

Alex Parmley
Chief Executive

1 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

4.1 WAIHEMO COMMUNITY BOARD CORRESPONDENCE **UPDATED**

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Transformation Group Manager

Attachments: 1. **COPY WDC Response to WCB's Submission on Council's Annual Plan 2022/2023, dated 1 August 2022**

Agenda Addendum Note: An additional item of Board correspondence has been added to this report, as highlighted in red below and attached.

Correspondence items have been renumbered as a result of this addition.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waihemo Community Board receives and notes the correspondence received since the previous Board Meeting and agrees any required actions in response.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to attach correspondence addressed to the Waihemo Community Board that has been received since the previous meeting, for the Board's consideration and response action as required. The correspondence has been added to the Board's files.

- (a) **Letter dated 1 August 2022 from the Mayor for Waitaki in response to the Waihemo Community Board's submission on the Council's Annual Plan 2022-2023 (attached to this report)**
- (b) Presentation from OceanaGold to a Waihemo Community Board Workshop on 22 August 2022 – *"Macraes Gold Mine – A Regional Treasure"*. OceanaGold has agreed that this may be included with the agenda papers to this meeting as a public document (published as a separate Attachment to the Agenda Papers).

Response Actions

These will be recorded as part of the Minutes of the meeting and followed up after the meeting by the Board Chair and the Board Secretary (Council's Governance Advisor) as required.

Attachment (circulated as a separate document):

OceanaGold presentation to Waihemo Community Board workshop, dated 22 August 2022
"Macraes Gold Mine – A Regional Treasure".



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1 August 2022

Dear Heather

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on the Annual Plan 2022/23. The feedback we receive is a key part of the development of the Annual Plan and we appreciate your input into this process.

The Annual Plan 2022/23 was adopted at the 28 June 2022 Council Meeting which confirms Council's budget and programme of work for the next 12 months from 1 July 2022.

Council is supportive of the installation of Bike Stands, and support for the Hampden Skate Park group, and would be happy for the Community Board to use some of their funds for these purposes.

The development of the mountain bike track in Palmerston is being supported by the North Otago Mountain Bike Club who receive an annual grant from Council to develop and maintain tracks in the region. If more funds are required to support the work the group are doing across the region, the NOMTB should be encouraged to request an increase in the funding in the next Annual Plan.

Council has brought the Puketapu Trust funding forward to 2023/24 and we are positive about the development of this for Waihemo and the wider district.

The option to offer a discount for Waitaki residents for the Lakes Camping was considered. The idea was not dismissed, however without having a clear process to control this, it was decided in the interim to reduce the fee for additional adults, and to increase the age of children from 15 years to 16 years to stay for free.

Council has planned for improvements on the Palmerston footpaths, and we can confirm that Council has also committed funds to the rabbit issue in Moeraki as a separate project that will be run by our Regulatory Team.

It is my hope that we can work with our two community boards to further strengthen the boards and provide clearer pathways to getting things done. This will be something to be implemented after the October election, as a necessary and beneficial progression to make our community boards more effective.

We have committed to delivering a very full work programme in the year ahead with a rates increase of 7.53%, which is lower than planned for Year 2 of the Long Term Plan at 8.53%. I stated last year that it was my expectation to be able to reduce some future expenditure to relieve pressure on rates, which has been achieved despite the continued challenges of COVID and other global events causing significant inflationary increases.

Much of Council's work relates to maintaining and renewing our infrastructure to enable us to provide drinking water, wastewater disposal, our transport network, and sport and recreation opportunities across our District. This budget allows us to continue delivering the services that you are used to receiving across all of our infrastructure, services, and facilities – as well as delivering a number of additional key projects to ensure our community is "future ready".

We have made a commitment to bring forward a number of Three Waters projects with the intention to have these completed prior to the proposed transition of the Three Waters assets to the new entity in July 2024. While Council does not support the proposal for the Three Waters Reform, Government has mandated these and we therefore need to be prepared for this change. As a result, we are fast-tracking some Water Scheme upgrades to make sure the projects and infrastructure needed by our residents are not delayed or deprioritised when the assets move to the new water entity.

We will also see the Sports and Events Centre start to take shape in the coming year, which is a project that is really exciting for our district and is generating a great amount of community support. There are so many opportunities that the event centre will bring to our district once the facility is completed, which is planned for 2024.

Over the next few years there will be a lot of change across Council with the proposed Government reforms, in particular the Three Waters; Future For Local Government; and Resource Management Act Reforms. To respond to these reforms and the changing needs of our district and our communities, we have started a transformation programme across the Council organisation to ensure that it is modern, effective and efficient, and that we can serve our residents and district in the best way possible within a very changed landscape.

There are a number of other activities and projects scheduled for the year ahead that you can see in the full Annual Plan 2022/2023 which is available online and from Waitaki District offices and libraries.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts on the Annual Plan.

Kind regards



Gary Kircher
Mayor for Waitaki