

Waitaki District Council

# 2023-24 Annual Plan

Engagement Document

## 2023-24 Mahere ā-Tau

Tuhika whakawhiti kōrero



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say by  
Sunday 30  
April 2023!

*Year 3 of Waitaki's  
2021-31 Long Term Plan*

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DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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*We are committed to our vision of making the Waitaki District the best place to be – whenua taurikura! Part of this involves developing an Annual Plan for each financial year, which shows the community outcomes we want to achieve for the district, alongside our finances, programme of activities, and rates requirements which are set through the Annual Plan programme.*

### Want more details?

To view the draft Annual Plan supporting information and our online feedback form, visit

**[www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)**



## Message from the Mayor and Chief Executive

### He karere mai nā te Koromatua nā te Tumu Whakarae

#### Life is challenging for many Waitakians right now.

Local, national, and international trends and events are continuing to cause ripple effects within and across our district's communities. Many of you may be finding yourselves affected by any number of pressures, such as affordability of food and housing, mortgage payments, business rents, or planning for approaching retirement.

Adding to these pressures, you may be feeling a sense of uncertainty in relation to the Government's plans for the future ownership and control of our Three Waters assets, along with other proposed Government reforms, and what this means for you, the people, and the places of Waitaki you care about.

Council is feeling these same pressures, dealing with the government reforms whilst seeing the cost of goods, services, projects, and infrastructure increase significantly. Therefore, we empathise with anyone and everyone who is doing it tough right now.

Our approach to the Annual Plan for the upcoming financial year, as outlined in this engagement document, has been to take into account the increasing pressures our communities are facing.



Our commitment and focus is on ensuring the wellbeing of Waitaki's communities. This involves striking a delicate balance between ensuring Waitaki's communities have robust core infrastructure, services and facilities, on the one hand, and maintaining a level of service provision which is affordable, on the other.

To find this balance for the upcoming financial year, we have been working extremely hard in the lead up to this engagement period, to find ways we might be able to limit the rates increase for 2023-24, whilst ensuring you remain as supported by us as possible.

As a result, we are proposing some changes to our programme of activities and finances, which were originally developed as part of Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2021-31.

The 2023-24 LTP year included projects and general costs which required an overall 9.3% increase in rates. This was calculated on a low inflation rate of 1.5%. The situation has since changed and we are now dealing with an inflation rate of more than 7%, which would put the proposed rates increase closer to 15%. So, we are changing our plan, reducing our projects, and limiting the increases, to lower our proposed average rate increase to 8.06%, though this will vary for each ratepayer.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed changes presented in pages 10-13.

Council is continuing to take a look at how we can work better for our community. Through our Transformation Programme, we are looking at every aspect of how Council works with a view to making it more efficient and effective in how it delivers. We need to consider the changing needs of our communities, and the reforms we are subject to. Over the coming year, we will put considerable effort into this programme and look forward to people across the district starting to see the benefits of the changes we plan to make.

**We encourage you to read the Annual Plan engagement document and share your feedback with us.**



Alex Parmley  
**Chief Executive**  
Tumu Whakarāe



Gary Kircher  
**Mayor for Waitaki**  
Koromātua



# Our district at a glance

## Hei Tirohaka ki tō tātau takiwā

The Waitaki District lies within the traditional iwi boundaries of Kāi Tahu. The kaitiaki rūnaka who hold mana whenua for the Waitaki District are Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua and Te Rūnanga o Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki.



Total district area  
**7,216km<sup>2</sup>**



Total district population  
**24,000 residents**  
(0.5% of New Zealand's total population)



Total dwellings  
**9,276**



Average annual household income  
**\$87,891**  
(compared to \$117,786 nationally)

Population growth between 2021 & 2022: **0.4%**  
(compared against 0.2% nationally)

Population growth projection by 2048:  
**24,800**  
(Stats NZ medium growth assumption)

Our district is home to **38** Category 1 Historic Places and **108** Category 2 Historic Places

### AHURIRI WARD

Area **4,304km<sup>2</sup>**  
Pop **2,000**  
Dwellings **759**

Ōhau Village

Ōmārama

Otematata

Kurow

Duntroon

Ngapara

Waitaki Bridge

Enfield

Weston

Ōamaru

### ŌAMARU WARD

Area **39km<sup>2</sup>**  
Pop **13,880**  
Dwellings **5,079**

Maheno

Kakanui

Herbert

Hampden

Moeraki

Macraes

Dunback

Matakaea / Shag Point

Palmerston

### CORRIEDALE WARD

Area **1,553km<sup>2</sup>**  
Pop **5,650**  
Dwellings **2,406**

### WAIHEMO WARD

Area **1,321km<sup>2</sup>**  
Pop **2,500**  
Dwellings **1,029**

### Total district contribution to annual national GDP:

**\$1,948 million**  
(accounting for 0.5% of national GDP; a 4.9% year-on-year increase)

### Our 6 largest GDP contributing industries are:



Mining  
**\$559 million**  
(28.7% of district's total GDP contribution)



Electricity & gas supply  
**\$127 million** (6.5%)



Dairy farming  
**\$117 million** (6%)



Health care & social assistance  
**\$75.7 million** (3.9%)



Sheep, beef & grain farming  
**\$63.7 million** (3.3%)



Meat & meat product manufacturing  
**\$63.4 million** (3.3%)

Tourism contributed:  
**\$47.3 million** (2.4% of district's total GDP)

# Our Vision and Community Outcomes

## Te moemoeā i kā putaka hapori



### When we are planning our work for the year ahead, we are focused on our vision and our community outcomes.

We believe Waitaki can be the best place to be! A place where people are proud to live, work, and thrive in, and a visitor destination that is welcoming, and offers something for everyone.

Our four community outcomes are the pillars that we strive to deliver on to support our communities to thrive, and to make Waitaki the best place to be.

Our Strategic Priorities reflect the focus of our work for the next three years, to realise our ambitions for the district and deliver the outcomes.

All projects that we are proposing to progress in the 2023-24 Annual Plan align to at least one of our community

outcomes. These outcomes are a key consideration in the work that we do.

We have a lot of work planned for 2023-24. We would love to hear your thoughts on our plans by **Sunday 30 April 2023**.

**For a list of the projects we are planning on delivering in the 2023-24 Annual Plan, please see the supporting information on our website at [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24).**



# Our key challenges & opportunities

## Kā taero me kā whai wāhitaka



### Waitaki's population is changing...

#### What's happening?

Our population is growing. Our total district's population growth was 0.4% in 2022, higher than the national population growth for the same year (0.2%).

People are moving from cities to regional areas such as Waitaki.

Our population is ageing, with 23.4% of residents over 65 years, despite our growing Māori and Pasifika population being younger.

#### Why is this a challenge?

Different age groups have different needs in terms of health care, housing, transport, and recreation. The things we do to remain connected change over time.

Those over 65 are more likely to be on a fixed income. While overall population growth is good for our district, it can place strain on our infrastructure and service capacity if we don't plan ahead.

#### Our response

**We've worked to keep the rates increase to a minimum, while still delivering the services you need.**

**We have some projects planned that are being funded through Better Off funding to improve our community wellbeing through investment in our towns and hospital. We have also received a grant to improve our roadways and connectivity.**



### we have a housing issue...

#### What's happening?

Like the rest of New Zealand, house and land values in Waitaki have increased significantly.

In 2020, QV house values increased by 33.7% and land by 45.4% since 2017. Values continued to increase through 2022, though they are now easing. With building costs increasing, building material shortages, and new bank lending rules, it is harder to build or buy a home. Waitaki also has a shortage of smaller homes available to rent or buy.

#### Why is this a challenge?

Buying, building or renting a home costs a lot more now meaning people are looking for more affordable options.

The shortage of smaller homes across Waitaki means that many singles or couples are living in large family homes. Our ageing population is living in larger homes that are hard to keep, due to the low number of units and small houses. The average house price in Waitaki (Sept 2022) was \$480,990.

#### Our response

**Supported by Better Off funding, we are delivering our housing strategy to have healthy, affordable and appropriate homes for all.**

**We want to work with partners on affordable homes projects, and our new District Plan will let people build smaller homes in some areas. The District Plan will be ready for your feedback in the next 12 months.**



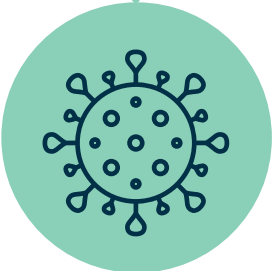
**...and rising costs and affordability**

<p>→ <b>What's happening?</b></p> <p>Events in New Zealand and across the world are impacting our supplies and costs of everyday items, as well as our inflation and interest rates. From the pandemic, to the war in Ukraine, coupled with the recent damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, things aren't getting any easier.</p>	<p>→ <b>Why is this a challenge?</b></p> <p>Rising costs mean that those on a fixed budget have less to spend on living.</p> <p>Costs of basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter are becoming unaffordable, which reduces our quality of life.</p>	<p>→ <b>Our response</b></p> <p>We've had to take a hard look at what work we can afford to do this year to keep our rates down and ensure the services you need are affordable, and that you see value for money in what we provide. Our Transformation Programme will improve Council efficiency to deliver a better customer experience and will look at other ways we can support our district.</p>
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**as well as ongoing skill shortages...**

<p>→ <b>What's happening?</b></p> <p>Finding the right people to fill jobs in Waitaki is hard. Across the country and internationally, skilled workers are in short supply, and housing challenges mean employers are finding it tough to get the workers they need.</p> <p>Additionally, without any local providers of higher education we risk losing our young people once they leave school.</p>	<p>→ <b>Why is this a challenge?</b></p> <p>Businesses across Waitaki are struggling to fill positions which places increased workloads on people covering vacant roles. This has resulted in employers having to offer staff more money to fill roles, or turn down work, or contract out work, in order to manage workloads. These additional costs for employers impact on affordability.</p>	<p>→ <b>Our response</b></p> <p>Our Economic Development Strategy proposes combining the management of economic development and tourism to build a more prosperous community. The implementation of some parts of the strategy will be funded by Better Off funding, including looking at how we support developing skills locally and how we attract skills our businesses need. We are partnering with others, such as Business South, to make this happen.</p>
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**COVID is still impacting us...**

<p>→ <b>What's happening?</b></p> <p>The lockdowns may be over but COVID's still very much present in our district. COVID is affecting our people through ongoing infection, our ability to access health services, and our business-as-usual operations due to shortages in staff and supplies.</p>	<p>→ <b>Why is this a challenge?</b></p> <p>COVID is still causing disruption to supply chains, business hardship, and loss of income.</p> <p>The presence of COVID limits access to workplaces, services, events and recreation, which affects the quality of everyday life.</p>	<p>→ <b>Our response</b></p> <p>We're trying to support our community by keeping rates as low as we can without impacting the services you receive. Implementing our Economic Development Strategy will bring benefit to our district and help overcome the challenges created by COVID and more recent events.</p>
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## our climate is changing...



### What's happening?

The world's climate is changing. We can see that in New Zealand and in other countries too. And the climate scientists say more change is coming in the decades ahead. The events we are seeing are becoming bigger and are impacting our communities and infrastructure.



### Why is this a challenge?

We've seen the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle and earlier storms in the North Island. The scale of these weather events may be repeated.

We may see warmer temperatures and droughts, less snow, extreme winds, an increase in storm intensity, and sea level rise. Loss of properties and loss of land are likely in these events.



### Our response

**We need to be prepared for more events. We have planned work to improve our infrastructure networks, and we're looking at coastal erosion concerns. We are remediating coastal landfill risks, and we have a Better Off funded biodiversity project focused on our natural environment. We will be working with communities to help improve resilience and readiness for future emergency events.**



## ...and so is our political environment



### What's happening?

The Government is making big changes that will affect all councils and our communities.

The Three Waters reform means Council will no longer own or manage the water infrastructure. Four new entities will take over those services. RMA reforms will see changes to the planning system that means planning will be undertaken at a regional level, not locally. There are other big changes in the pipeline coming from Government.



### Why is this a challenge?

The reforms will impact the way you receive the services you are used to getting from Council.

As a resident there may be some anxiety toward the changes proposed as the future service structure is not clear.



### Our response

**We brought some projects forward last year to future proof our 3 Waters infrastructure. Some of these will continue this year and some new ones have been added to improve our community resilience.**

**Our Transformation Programme will reshape the Council to respond to the reforms and ensure we can deliver better outcomes for our communities.**



# Our progress so far

## Kā mahi ko whakatutuki

How are we tracking so far against what we said we would do in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan?

We've adopted the Economic Development strategy

We've resurfaced 225,264m<sup>2</sup> of sealed roads so far

We've put new footpaths in Weston and a new shared track on Weston Road

We've begun the Coastal Landfill Remediation

We've completed Stage 1 of the Kakanui stormwater improvements

Wastewater mains & facilities renewals are completed or underway in Ōamaru, Kurow, Palmerston and Otematata

We're replacing and strengthening the Maheno Iron Bridge, Boundary Creek Road Bridge, Harris Street Bridge, and Ainges Road Bridge

We've started the Kakanui Point Bridge replacement planning & design

We've completed the Museum upgrade and refurbishment

Modelling of sealed road resurfacing and pavement renewals is underway

The Road to Zero programme is improving 30 of our major intersections

Footpath & drainage renewals are in progress

We're working on Healthy Homes for our community housing tenants

We've completed the Duntroon public toilets & have started renewals on the ones at Awamoa Road

We've finished restoring the Opera House dome

We've updated the Waitaki District Libraries website and the Waitaki Gallery, Museum & Archive website update is underway

We've started a new carpark beside the Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony

We're doing ongoing maintenance and repairs to the A2O Cycle Trail

We're putting in place a sewer main inspection & cleaning programme

We've refurbished Holmes Wharf

# What are your thoughts?

## He aha ō whakaaro?

We have some new proposals for this Annual Plan and some other proposals you may have already seen in our Long Term Plan (LTP).

If you have seen some of the proposals in this document before, we may be looking at doing these a little differently, or we would like you to know more information about them.

### We're still working on the Waitaki Event Centre



When Council's 2021-31 LTP asked people if they wanted us to support the planned sports and event centre, most of the responses said yes, so Council voted to put \$10 million into the project.

We've worked with the Waitaki Event Centre Trust since then to plan a facility our communities want. But rising costs have pushed the cost of building the Centre up by more than 30%, from \$25 million in 2021, to \$31 million in 2023. The Trust needs to raise more funds to build the Centre, and Council is considering the need to contribute more, for the project to continue.

**Option A: Proceed with Council's contribution of \$10 million as committed in the 2021-31 LTP, loan funded over 20 years**

	in 2024-25	in 2025-26
Impact on average Rates (\$ per year depending on how close the Ward is to the facility)	\$30.18	\$83.09

**Option B: Increase Council's contribution from \$10 million to \$15 million, loan funded over 20 years**

	in 2024-25	in 2025-26
Impact on average Rates (\$ per year depending on how close the Ward is to the facility)	\$37.31	\$119.32

**Option C: Discontinue the Event Centre project based on increasing costs.**

**Would you support Council contributing extra funds for the project to continue?**

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form!

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### Unfunding depreciation

**Don't panic. All depreciation means is saving a little money each year to pay a big bill 20 or 30 years on.**

Rather than hitting people with a huge cost (maybe millions of \$\$\$) in one year, we collect smaller amounts over a longer period so the money is there when we need to replace important things such as water infrastructure, roads and buildings.

But, there's a snag. Every three years, we have a valuation and the value of things tends to go up. That's fine if it's your house, but not so great if it's roads or water supplies. If a water supply, for example, has a higher value, then replacing it will cost more and that means we need to get more money each year from rates for depreciation.

We're planning to unfund a portion of the 2023-24 3Waters depreciation and property depreciation charges, rather than increase them.

**Rates impact:  
1.8% rates saving for 2023-24.**

**Do you support Council unfunding a portion of the depreciation for 3 Waters and Property assets?**

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form!

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### Community Outcomes



**Strong Communities**



**Quality Services**



**Prosperous District**



**Valued Environment**

## Preparing for emergencies



**Wild weather has hit New Zealand hard this year, with homes, farms, and businesses destroyed or damaged by floods and landslides.**

Communities have lost power, phone, internet, and other essential services, in some cases for weeks. In Waitaki we've experienced communities being cut off by weather events. It's made all of us aware that we need to be better prepared, especially if climate change means events like this will happen more often and be more intense.

So, we've added \$100,000 to this year's budget to support us making our district more resilient to events. We'll work with communities to decide how this would be spent but it could include protecting infrastructure, investing in communications or ensuring community halls can operate as support centres.

**Cost: \$100,000**

**Rates impact: No rates impact 2023-24 as loan funded**

***Do you support Council investing in tools to ensure community readiness in an emergency or severe weather event?***

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form!

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## Maheno water



**The water supply in Maheno has been operated by the local community through a committee for many years. Now the committee has asked the Council to take over the supply due to increasing regulatory requirements.**

Work needs to be done on the supply and it will cost money to 'plug' Maheno into the Ōamaru to Moeraki pipeline.

The change will result in a new rate for Maheno consumers based on the supply improvements that need to be done to join the wider Ōamaru supply.

**Cost: \$1,013,000**

**Rates impact: The same rate as the Ōamaru Water rate will be applied to Maheno users in 2023-24**

***Do you support Council taking over the scheme, which will result in a new rate for Maheno users?***

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form!

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## We're reviewing our Significance and Engagement Policy



**The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to have a Significance and Engagement Policy to provide a basis for how Council ranks the level of significance a proposal or decision has for the community, and whether we should engage with the community on it.**

Our present Policy was adopted in 2014, so it's time to review it and make sure it is fit for purpose. We've added in some additional strategic assets and we're keen to know your thoughts on those.

***You can see our proposed Policy on our website at [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)***

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form!

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## We have some coastal issues...



### Our coastal landfill remediation

**Last year, we told you about coastal erosion happening at three historical landfill sites that Council inherited.**

These are at the closed Hampden Landfill and two unauthorised dumping sites on Beach Road. The waste at these sites is in danger of slipping into the sea if nothing is done to stop it, which would cause damage to our natural environment. We are acting now to avoid this happening.

Since letting you know last year of the action we're taking, we've developed a plan for Palmerston Landfill on how we will use this, up until its closure in 2027. This includes putting the waste from the historic landfill sites there and putting in measures to better protect the local environment. We have discussed these plans with local residents and received approval from Otago Regional Council to take the waste to the Palmerston Landfill.

The project is progressing and over the next 12 months, we will make the improvements to Palmerston Landfill and start removing the waste from the eroding sites.

You can find out more about this project at [www.projectreclaim.co.nz](http://www.projectreclaim.co.nz)

#### Cost:

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
\$2,917,400	\$3,206,581	\$3,520,134	\$5,962,814

**Rates impact:**  
**Nil as funded through internal loans**

### Other coastal erosion

There is no doubt Waitaki is home to some stunning coastlines, but years of storms, tidal impacts, and rising sea levels are showing signs of coastal erosion which are impacting some of our communities. Council wants to work with partners to look at options on how we can best act. We want to create a plan that will be ready to put in action once further funding becomes available.

**Cost: 2023-24 \$150,000**  
**Rates Impact: No rates impact 2023-24 as loan funded**

Please share any thoughts on this project at the end of the feedback form.

**Do you support Council investing in a plan to address coastal erosion?**

Please share your thoughts in the feedback form.

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## We're making our roads safer



**Our roads keep us connected. We've received funds from the Transport Choices Programme to reduce emissions and make our roads, intersections, and crossings safer, subject to Waka Kotahi scoping and agreeing the projects for Waitaki.**

They have approved several projects, including three new sets of traffic lights on Thames Highway and a redesign of the Severn Street and Awamoa Road intersection.

**Cost: \$5.2 million**  
**Rates impact: Nil as grant funded**

## Ōamaru and Weston Amenity

### Rates



**We're changing the basis of the Ōamaru and Weston Township Amenity Rates Cap from using a land area to using a value.**

**Rates impact: no rates increase**



## We're working on better community wellbeing



**Better Off funding is Government money given to Councils to invest in improvements in their district and the communities they serve. It was a commitment made by Government as part of the Three Waters Reform.**

Government has given an early commitment to Waitaki which we expect to bring a real lift to our district. We have agreed to put this towards meeting some of the Community Outcomes the Council has agreed for the district including:

### **Waitaki Placemaking**

This project forms part of the Economic Development Strategy we developed with iwi and businesses, to promote economic activity and vibrancy across the district. It will enable us to invest in Ōamaru CBD as well as Palmerston, Ōmārama and Otematata town centres.

### **Health**

This project will improve how the health system works locally so that it works better for everyone. It will help join up the local health system and make sure there is better access for those who need it.

### **Biodiversity**

This project will work with iwi, local groups, and landowners to restore and enhance the biodiversity of our district and support sustainable land use.

### **Housing**

This project will allow us to secure resources to manage the development and delivery of the Waitaki Housing Strategy, which will be working towards the goal of having healthy, affordable and appropriate homes for all.

**Cost:**  
**\$14.8 million**  
**Rates Impact: Nil**  
**as grant funded**

***These projects will be funded by Better Off funding, so no impact on rates.***

**Please share your thoughts at the end of the feedback form.**

## Reforms & transformations



**Councils are facing big changes right now. Three Waters may be the biggest, but there are other changes that will also have a real impact on individuals and communities, such as changes to the RMA (Resource Management Act), and the Future for Local Government Review.**

For more information on these changes, please go to [www.LGNZ.co.nz/reforms/](http://www.LGNZ.co.nz/reforms/)

At Council we know that with change, there is an opportunity for better outcomes for individuals and communities. Council is taking a hard look at the way we do things and we've started a major Transformation Programme. With costs growing fast, we need to make changes so we can live within our community's means. We want to be more efficient, more effective, and more accessible. These are some of the main reasons for transforming our Council.

## What else is happening?

### **We're also engaging on our proposed Economic Development Agency**

Council's Economic Development Strategy recommends the dissolution of Tourism Waitaki Ltd and the creation of a new Economic Development Agency. As Tourism Waitaki operates the Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony, this engagement will also consider how the Ōamaru Blue Penguin Colony will operate in the future.

**You can find out more about this and have your say on the Consultation page of our website [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz)**

### **Want more details?**

For a list of the projects we are planning on delivering in the 2023-24 Annual Plan, please see the supporting information at **[www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)**





# What would this plan cost?

## He aha te utu?

Council activity group	2023-24		What we do	How we fund it
	Capital \$000	Operational \$000		
<b>District Leadership</b> Democracy & Accountability Customer Services Support Services Communications Economic Development	3,756	37,134	Your Mayor, Councillors, Community Board Members and Youth Councillors represent you when making decisions for the district to achieve our community outcomes. Our Communications team work to keep our public informed and engaged. Our customer and support services teams provide the resourcing, finance, administration and technology functions required for the effective and efficient delivery of core Council services and activities. Our economic development team is working to grow our economic base and provide sustainable opportunities for business and district development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External grants &amp; subsidies</li> <li>Rates</li> <li>Reserves</li> </ul>
<b>Property</b> Property Management & Investment	242	4,043	We manage the use of publicly owned land and buildings, community housing properties, the Ōamaru Harbour, and airport, on behalf of our communities. We work to keep the district's unique heritage, while supporting lifestyles and experiences, opportunities for businesses, and contributing to the local economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External grants &amp; subsidies</li> <li>Rates</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>User charges</li> </ul>
<b>Heritage, Environment &amp; Regulation</b> Heritage & Planning Regulatory, Environmental & Building Community Development & Engagement	85	8,236	We look after the district's communities and natural and built environments, protecting them from natural and man-made harms, while promoting and protecting the heritage of our district. We coordinate and support emergency responses across Waitaki. We do this to create a district that is safe and protected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External grants &amp; subsidies</li> <li>Rates</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>User charges</li> </ul>
<b>Infrastructure &amp; Services</b> Roads & Footpaths Water Supply, Stormwater & Wastewater Recreational facilities Parks & Reserves Property Waste Management & Minimisation	71,430	28,536	Robust core infrastructure and services are essential to Waitaki's community wellbeing. We provide roads and footpaths to connect people, properties, and places. We supply safe drinking water, treat wastewater to a high standard for its safe disposal, and manage stormwater to prevent and minimise flooding events. We provide recreational facilities and services which contribute to the quality of life. We also provide accessible waste disposal services and focus on supporting waste minimisation within the district, encouraging people to recycle and protect our environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External grants &amp; subsidies</li> <li>Rates</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>User charges</li> </ul>
<b>Arts, Culture &amp; Community</b> Waitaki District Libraries Forrester Gallery, Museum & Archive Ōamaru Opera House	252	4,980	We contribute to a vibrant Waitaki through art and culture enriching the lives and wellbeing of residents and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External grants &amp; subsidies</li> <li>Rates</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>User charges</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,765</b>	<b>82,929</b>		

# What would this mean for rates?

## He aha te pāka ki kā rēti?

**We are proposing a lower rates increase than what was forecast in our 2021-31 LTP.**

Indicative Rates for 2023-24

	Example of Residential (Hampden)	Example of Residential (Herbert)	Example of Residential (Kurow)	Example of Residential (Ōamaru)	Example of Residential (Ōmārama)	Example of Residential (Palmerston)	Example of Commercial (Ōamaru)	Average Commercial (Waitaki)	Average Agricultural (Waitaki)
<b>Rateable value of property 2022-23</b>	\$380,000	\$335,000	\$350,000	\$491,875	\$390,000	\$370,000	\$510,000	\$2,360,000	\$7,158,000
<b>Rate increase 2023-24 (%)</b>	7.06%	5.90%	5.70%	6.04%	6.01%	4.89%	14.18%	11.67%	13.11%
<b>Rate increase 2023-24 (\$)</b>	\$132	\$116	\$131	\$175	\$143	\$129	\$642	\$1,698	\$1,881
<b>Rate in 2022-23</b>	\$1,871	\$1,965	\$2,299	\$2,897	\$2,380	\$2,640	\$4,529	\$14,544	\$14,347
<b>Rate in 2023-24</b>	\$2,003	\$2,081	\$2,430	\$3,072	\$2,523	\$2,769	\$5,171	\$16,241	\$16,228
<b>Rate in 2023-24 (\$ per day)</b>	\$5.49	\$5.70	\$6.66	\$8.42	\$6.91	\$7.59	\$14.17	\$44.50	\$44.46

## What about fees & charges?

### He aha kā nama me kā utu?

**We are proposing changes to our fees & charges as outlined in the table.**

A full schedule of fees & charges can be found in the supporting information on our website [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)

Service	What's changing?
<b>Animal control services</b>	Increases in fees to recover the costs of delivering the service
<b>Building Fees</b>	Increases in fees to recover the costs of delivering the service
<b>Camping</b>	Increases in some fees to offset maintenance costs
<b>Cemetery services</b>	Increases in fees to cover higher contract costs
<b>Civic activities</b>	New fee for a community half-day hire option at the Waihemo Service Centre Removal of fees where services no longer available
<b>Ōamaru Harbour services</b>	Increases to fees to reduce ratepayer subsidy of this activity
<b>Planning services</b>	Increase to specific consent deposits to better represent average costs
<b>Property information services</b>	Increase in print and copy fees to recover staff costs
<b>Registrations under the Food Act 2014</b>	Increase in fees to cover higher contract costs
<b>Registrations under the Health Act 1956</b>	Increase in fees to cover higher contract costs
<b>Solid waste disposal services</b>	User charges increases to cover higher contract costs
<b>Trade waste</b>	Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase (rounded)
<b>Waitaki Aquatic Centre</b>	User charges increases to recover higher cost of operation
<b>Waitaki District Archive</b>	New fee for new digital image reproduction service Removal of fees & charges where services no longer available
<b>Waitaki District Libraries</b>	New fee introduced for new 3D printing service Removal of fees & charges where services no longer available
<b>Water supply</b>	Increase to cover higher contract costs

# What do your rates get you? Ka ahatia ō rēti?

For every \$10 of rates you would pay as part of this plan, we would spend (on average):



**\$2.06**  
on Water Supply

15 water supplies



**\$0.25**  
on Property & Buildings

181 buildings & facilities



**\$0.32**

on Parks & Green Spaces

120 hectares of parks & reserves



**\$1.97**

on Roads, Bridges, and Footpaths

1,800km of roads,  
166km of footpaths,  
171 bridges &  
10 major culverts



**\$0.25**

on the Aquatic Centre



**\$0.01**

on Civil Defence



**\$0.28**

on Solid Waste



**\$0.09**

on Alps 2 Ocean  
Over 300km of trail



**\$0.99**

on Leadership, Governance, and Consultation



**\$0.36**

on Economic Development



**\$0.02**

on Camping Grounds

6 Camping Grounds



**\$0.76**

on Wastewater Treatment

8 waste water systems



**\$0.23**

on the Opera House



**\$0.09**

on Cemeteries

13 cemeteries



**\$0.36**

on Forrester Gallery, Waitaki Museum & Archive Te Whare Taoka o Waitaki



**\$0.19**

on Community Development



**\$0.09**

on Stormwater Disposal



**\$0.42**

on District Planning



**\$0.17**

on Public Toilets

37 public toilet facilities



**\$0.13**

on the Ōamaru Public Gardens

5-Star Garden of Significance



**\$0.42**

on Libraries

1 central library &  
5 district branch libraries



**\$0.18**

on Sports Fields & Playgrounds

23 playgrounds,  
3 bike parks &  
4 skate parks



**\$0.37**

on Regulatory & Building Control

Average only – does not apply to every ratepayer

# Your Mayor & Councillors

## Tō Koromatua me kā Kaikaunihera



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# Your Community Board Members

## Kā Mema o kā Poari Hapori

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# Have your say! Kōrero mai!

**Your feedback is welcomed between Friday 31 March 2023 – Sunday 30 April 2023. Let us know your thoughts in one of the following ways:**



## **Online | Tūhono**

Via the online feedback form at [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)



## **Email | Īmēra**

Email it to us at: [consult@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:consult@waitaki.govt.nz)



## **Post | Pōhitia**

Post it to us!  
Waitaki District Council,  
Private Bag 50058, Ōamaru 9444



## **Drop off |**

### **Wāhi tuku tāpaetaka**

Drop it off in person:

#### **Ōamaru, Council HQ**

20 Thames Street  
8am-5pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri  
8am-4pm Thurs

#### **Palmerston,**

#### **Waihemo Service Centre**

54 Tiverton Street  
8:30am-5pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri  
8:30am-4pm Thurs



## **Let's talk in person!**

### **Me kōrero tāua!**

#### **Come for a chat!**

#### **Haere mai ki te kōrero!**

We'll be hosting drop-in sessions with our Elected Members for you to call in and share your thoughts. Dates for the drop-in sessions will be on our website and Facebook page during April.



## **Talk to us**

### **Kōrero mai ki a mātau**

Share your ideas and comments in person at the Council hearings on 15 and 16 May. Be sure to outline your key points in your feedback form and tick the box stating you would like to speak to your submission.

**We'd love to hear from you!**

We are happy to accept your feedback in any format.

## **Need help? Kei te hia āwhina?**

If you would like help making a submission, our friendly Customer Services team are here to help from Monday-Friday.

Phone **03 433 0300** or visit our Council offices.

Or, you can drop in to see our friendly Libraries staff!

## **What happens next?**

### **Ka aha ināianeī?**

### **Important dates:**

### **Rā whakahirahira**

- Engagement opens  
... 31 March 2023
- Engagement closes  
... 30 April 2023
- Hearings  
... 15-16 May 2023
- Adoption of the Annual Plan  
27 June 2023



## **Want more information about the Annual Plan? He pātai anō āu?**

You can find all of our supporting documents and related policies at [www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz/annualplan2023-24)



# 2023-24 Annual Plan Feedback form Puka whakahoki kōrero

Scan for more  
info and online  
feedback form



**We'd love to hear your thoughts on what we're planning and any other ideas you may have to help make Waitaki the best place to be!**

**Email:** consult@waitaki.govt.nz

**Post:** Annual Plan 2023-24, Waitaki District Council, Private Bag 50058, Ōamaru 9444

**Deliver:** Drop it off at any Council office or district library

## Your contact details: (please print clearly)

Full name: .....

Organisation (if applicable): .....

Postal address: .....

Email: ..... Phone: .....

**We're asking the following questions to understand more about who we are hearing from. Answers are completely optional.**

Age (optional): ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25 - 49 ☐ 50-64 ☐ 65+

Ethnicity (optional): .....

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

## Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

☐ Yes ☐ No *If you choose 'yes', we'll be in touch to arrange a time. Hearings can be in person or online via Zoom. Hearings will be live-streamed.*

## What are your thoughts on our proposed changes?

### 1. Waitaki Event Centre

Would you support Council contributing extra funds for the project to continue?

☐ **Option A:** Proceed with Council's contribution of \$10 million as committed in the 2021-31 LTP, loan funded over 20 years

☐ **Option B:** Increase Council's contribution from \$10 million to \$15 million, loan funded over 20 years

☐ **Option C:** Discontinue the Event Centre project based on increasing costs.

**Any other thoughts?** .....

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## 2. Unfunding depreciation

Do you support Council unfunding a portion of the depreciation for 3 Waters and Property assets for 2023-24?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Any other thoughts?**

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## 3. Preparing for emergencies

Do you support Council investing in tools to ensure community readiness in an event?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Any other thoughts?**

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## 4. Maheno water

Do you support Council taking over the scheme, which will result in a new rate for Maheno users?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Any other thoughts?**

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## 5. Significance and Engagement Policy 2023

Do you support the updated list of Council's strategic assets?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Are there any other comments you wish to make for Council to consider prior to finalising the Significance and Engagement Policy and Guidelines?**

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## 6. Coastal erosion

Do you support Council investing in a plan to address coastal erosion?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

**Any other thoughts?**

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## 7. Any thoughts on other topics or anything else to share?

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**Need more room? You can add extra pages if there is not enough space on this form.**

**Points to remember when giving us your feedback:**

- Please note that all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included in accordance with our Privacy Policy which can be found on our website [www.waitaki.govt.nz](http://www.waitaki.govt.nz).
- Submissions accompanied by multiple signatures or as a petition will be processed as a single submission.

