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Waihī Beach Community Board

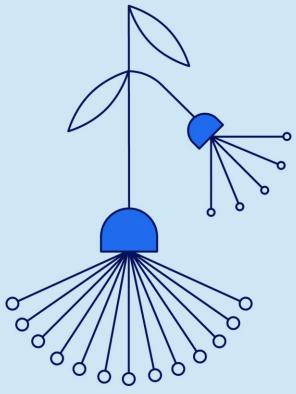
Poari ā Hapori o Waihī Beach

WBC25-3

Monday, 9 June 2025, 5.30pm

Waihī Beach Community Centre, 106 Beach Road,

Waihī Beach



Waihī Beach Community Board

Membership:

Chairperson	Dani Simpson	
Deputy Chairperson	Heather Marie Guptill	
Members	Ross Goudie	
	Wayne Stevenson	
	Cr Anne Henry	
	Cr Allan Sole	
Quorum	3	
Frequency	Eight weekly / Workshops as required	

Role and Purpose of Community Boards:

- To represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of their communities.
- To consider and report on all matters referred by Council and its Committees, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- To maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the community.
- To prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community.
- To communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- To undertake responsibilities as delegated by Council or its Committees.

Delegated Functions:

Subject to compliance with Council strategies, policies, plans and legislation:

- To have input into Council and its Committees on issues, services, plans and policies that affect communities within the Community Board Area.
- To provide an effective mechanism for community feedback to Council.
- To receive reports from Council appointees on Council matters relevant to the Community Board.
- To control, expend and monitor funds as allocated by Council.
- To allocate Community Board reserve funds to specific capital non-recurring projects for council assets on council land.

Notice is hereby given that a Waihī Beach Community Board Meeting will be held in the Waihī Beach Community Centre, 106 Beach Road, Waihī Beach on: Monday, 9 June 2025 at 5.30pm

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- 1 PRESENT
- 2 IN ATTENDANCE
- 3 APOLOGIES
- 4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS
- 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest that they may have.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

7 PUBLIC FORUM

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for a public forum. Members of the public may attend to address the Board for up to five minutes on items that fall within the delegations of the Board provided the matters are not subject to legal proceedings, or to a process providing for the hearing of submissions. Speakers may be questioned through the Chairperson by members, but questions must be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker. The Chairperson has discretion in regard to time extensions.

Such presentations do not form part of the formal business of the meeting, a brief record will be kept of matters raised during any public forum section of the meeting with matters for action to be referred through the customer contact centre request system, while those requiring further investigation will be referred to the Chief Executive.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2025

File Number: A6783269

Author: Rosa Leahy, Senior Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Robyn Garrett, Governance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Minutes of the Waihī Beach Community Board Meeting held on 7 April 2025 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
- That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Waihī Beach Community Board Meeting held on 7 April 2025

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MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC25-2 HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHĪ BEACH ON MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025 AT 5.30PM

1 PRESENT

Chairperson D Simpson, Deputy H Guptill, Member R Goudie, Member W Stevenson, Cr A Henry and Cr A Sole.

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

6 Members of the Public.

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.1

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

That the apology for absence from Cr A Sole be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 BOB HULME - DOG CONTROL AT ISLAND VIEW TO BOWENTOWN TRACK

Mr Hulme was in attendance to discuss issues with dog control at the Island View to Bowentown Track. He noted the below points:

- There were ongoing issues with dogs off leash at the Island View to Bowentown track. The track was used by pedestrians and cyclists who frequently encountered dogs off leash in this area.
- There needed to be greater education around dogs off leash in this area, however, it was noted that increased signage was not enough.
- It was suggested some communication about dogs being on leads should go out to the public as a reminder.

7.2 MIKE HICKEY - VARIOUS ISSUES

Mr Hickey was in attendance to discuss various issues and provide an update on the MenzShed. He noted the below points:

- In the past, Mr Hickey was an Honorary Dog Warden and Assistant Dog Registrar for dogs at Waihī Beach. Dog control on the beach was still an ongoing issue.
- He believed that Council should consider going out for tender for the CEO position to attract a person who would accept a lower salary.
- There had been two traffic accidents on Beach Road/Oceanview Road due to loose metal from the recent road works and speeding drivers.
- The crossing by the Surf Club was becoming hazardous to pedestrians due to speeding drivers.
- The kerb and channelling and tar sealing outside the MenzShed was now complete. The group was continuing to provide vegetables to the community.

7.3 KEITH HAY - LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL.

Mr Hay, Chairperson of the Katikati-Waihī Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, was in attendance to discuss Local Waters Done Well. He noted the below points:

- Council's preferred option to comply with Local Waters Done Well legislation was to join Tauranga City Council in a Council-controlled organisation. The Katikati-Waihī Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association was opposed to this.
- Mr Hay was of the opinion that no due diligence had been done on the proposal and there had been a lack of consultation and explanation as to why the status quo was not acceptable.
- Mr Hay felt, that because Tauranga City Council had a larger population and more revenue, it would make it the dominant entity in the partnership.

 Mr Hay raised concerns about the Tauranga City Council's debt levels and the impact it could have on Western Bay of Plenty.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.2

Moved: Member W Stevenson
Seconded: Chairperson D Simpson

- 1. That the Minutes of the Waihī Beach Community Board Meeting held on 17 February 2025 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
- 2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

9 REPORTS

9.1 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - WORKSHOP NOTES

The Board considered the workshop notes from 10 March 2025 and no discussion was held.

9.2 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 7 April 2025. An overview of the report was provided, with further discussion as below:

• The Board would discuss the Wilson Road Park upgrades at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.3

Moved: Deputy H Guptill

Seconded: Cr A Henry

 That the Chairperson's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board - Chairperson's Report - April 2025' be received.

CARRIED

9.3 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from Councillor Henry dated 7 April 2025. An overview of the report was provided, with further discussion as below:

- Council was holding an expo for the Katikati-Waihī Beach Community Forum which would be held in Katikati.
- Concerns had been raised about the omission of lifts in the Heron Crescent elderly housing units.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.4

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Member R Goudie

1. That the Councillor's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board - Councillor's Report - April 2025' be received.

CARRIED

9.4 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from the General Manager Infrastructure Services dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read.

It was noted that the MenzShed would manufacture the cycle racks.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.5

Moved: Member R Goudie

Seconded: Chairperson D Simpson

- That the General Manager Infrastructure Services' report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board - Projects and Operations Report - April 2025' be received.
- 2. That the Waihī Beach Community Board allocates up to \$6,000 from the Waihī Beach Community Board Roading Account for costs related to the manufacture and installation of three cycle racks to be located by the entrance to Wilson Road carpark (by The Porch) and rotation of the existing seat.

CARRIED

9.5 BEACH ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE PROJECT

The Board considered a report from the Project Engineer Transportation dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

 The Board was pleased to able to progress the project, noting they would use the remainder of their uncommitted Roading Account for the project and fund any remaining costs from their Reserves Account.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.6

Moved: Member R Goudie
Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

- 1. That the Transportation Project Engineer's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge Project' be received.
- 2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 3. That the Waihī Beach Community Board approves the proposal to construct a pedestrian refuge on Beach Road at an estimated cost of up to \$203,500, to first be funded from the uncommitted funds in the Waihī Beach Community Roading Account with the remainder of the project costs to be funded from the Waihī Beach Community Board Reserves Account.

CARRIED

9.6 WILSON ROAD CAR PARK LIGHTING

The Board considered a report from the Project Engineer Transportation dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board was concerned about the cost of the lighting options and queried how many lights would be required.
- The Board queried if the lights in the vicinity of the new library, that were being decommissioned, could be repurposed for the Wilson Road Car Park.
- The Board would consider options for lighting at Wilson Road car park at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.7

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

1. That the Wilson Road Car Parking Lighting report dated 7 April 2025 lie on the table until further advice and options are obtained from staff.

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9.7 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

The Board considered a report from the Finance Business Lead dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

• The Board would review their committed expenditure at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.8

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Finance Business Partner Lead's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board – Financial Report – February 2025', be received.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihī Beach Community Board meeting held on 9 June 2025.

Chairperson D Simpson

CHAIRPERSON

9 REPORTS

9.1 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - WORKSHOP NOTES - 12 MAY 2025

File Number: A6783278

Author: Rosa Leahy, Senior Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Robyn Garrett, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The notes from the Waihī Beach Community Board workshop on 12 May 2025 have been attached for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Waihī Beach Community Board - Workshop Notes - 12 May 2025 🗓 🖫

WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD WORKSHOP

DATE: 12 May 2025 at 9am

HELD: Waihī Beach Community Centre

TOPICS: 1. Roading

Reserves
 Board Issues

FORUM MEMBERS Chairperson D Simpson, Deputy Chairperson H Guptill, Member R Goudie, Member W Stevenson, Cr A Henry

PRESENT: and Cr A Sole

APOLOGIES Cr A Sole (arrived 10.40am)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), S Dunstan (Project Engineer Transportation), P Browne (Road

Safety Engineer) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor)

Roading

Entranceway Signs

- The Project Engineer Transportation provided an update on the entranceway sign for Waihī Beach Road. It was advised that the original location for the entranceway sign was no longer deemed suitable. Advice had been sought on the location and it was determined that as it was on private property, a licence to occupy and possible compensation to the property owner may be required.
- A new location was proposed on the roundabout at the entranceway to Waihī Beach. This new location was in road reserve. This meant there would be less legal risk and the sign would be easier to install and maintain in the new location.
- Staff advised that a service check for that location would be undertaken to determine if it was suitable.
- Board Members requested that consideration be given to where Mayor Island was in relation to the background of the sign.

Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge

• Staff advised that the project would begin May/June, but this would be dependent on when it would work with PowerCo. It would potentially take 4-6 weeks and would need to be timed with good weather.

Lighting at Wilson Road Carpark

- The Board queried if the lighting from the carpark outside the library could be repurposed and installed at the Wilson Road carpark. Staff would investigate this option.
- Staff advised that the mains powered electrical connection was the major cost for the project, however, solar lights would not require a mains powered electrical connection.
- There was an option to install an individual solar lights, which could be done at individual cost. Staff would seek costs for this.

Speed in village

- As a result of consultation on the Community Plan, the Board had become aware that there was an issue with speeding drivers in the village.
- Members of the community had raised the idea of installing raised tables or other speed reducing measures to improve the safety of the village.
- There was also an issue of trucks and other vehicles using the median strip as a loading zone. Some Members raised the idea of having a single white line to prevent trucks from using it as a loading zone. Staff advised that from a safety perspective it was safer to have a median strip on the road to ensure that there was enough space for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Staff recommended conducting a speed survey for the village to determine how big of an issue speeding was and then look at options for traffic calming measures.
- If the Board were to install raised tables, then consideration would need to be given to vibration and noise. The Board was also advised that there were other measures such as visual changes to the road that could be used to help reduce the risk of speeding drivers.

Community Roading Allocation

• The Board queried if they would receive a Community Roading allocation for the next financial year. It was advised that this would be determined through the Annual Plan process.

DIRECTION	RESPONSIBLE
The Board supported the new location of the Waihī Beach Road entranceway sign and requested staff undertake a service check for that location.	Project Engineer Transportation
The Board requested that staff seek costs to install individual solar lights at Wilson Road Carpark.	Road Safety Engineer
The Board requested staff to seek quotes for a speed survey for the village on Wilson Road.	Project Engineer Transportation

Board Issues

Community Plan

• The Chairperson provided an update on the Community Plan and advised the Board of indicative timings for consultation on the plan.

Financial Commitments

- The Board discussed their financial commitments in their account. They were advised that a recommendation to release funds that have been committed but not spent be included in their financial report.
- It was noted that the Water Refills stations project was complete, and the money could be released back into the Reserves Account.
- It was unclear whether the commitment for the Broadlands Block shared path would be used, however, it was noted that it was now an appropriate time for the project to begin.

RELEVANT ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
A recommendation to release unspent committed funds back into the Reserves Account to be included in the Financial Report.	Senior Governance Advisor

Reserves

<u>Pohutakawa Park Signage</u>

• The Board requested an update on the signage for Pohutakawa Park.

Wilson Park Upgrades

- Staff had been working on procuring a replacement toilet for Wilson Park. The work to install the toilet was planned for the end of this financial year. The current toilet would be demolished and replaced.
- Plantings were planned to be undertaken in this financial year.

Beach Safety Signage

- Staff had been working with Surf Livesaving New Zealand on the proposal to install beach safety signage at Waihī Beach. Surf Lifesaving New Zealand were looking to install rescue equipment at different locations at Waihī Beach and Bowentown.
- Staff were looking to install 6-8 signs at different accessways to the beach, it was anticipated that these would be installed before Labour weekend 2025. There was an opportunity to install more signage, if required.

RELEVANT ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Update on Pohutakawa Park signage to be circulated to the Board.	Senior Governance Advisor

Workshop ended at 11.00am

9.2 WAIHĪ BEACH SEASONAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT 2024-2025

File Number: A6770308

Author: Dougal Elvin, Compliance and Monitoring Manager

Authoriser: Alison Curtis, General Manager Regulatory Services

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to provide feedback to the Waihī Beach Community Board on the compliance and monitoring service for freedom camping and the seasonal monitoring activity provided to the Waihī Beach community during the 2024-25 monitoring period.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 9 June 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2024-25' be received.
- That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

2. REPORT BACKGROUND

Since December 2015, Council has progressively developed its response to freedom camping issues and seasonal monitoring services for the Waihī Beach community.

Seasonal monitoring was introduced in 2015 following a review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw, focusing on ensuring compliance among freedom campers, particularly during the peak holiday season. The service has also expanded to include parking management in the town centre and dog patrols in Waihī Beach, addressing community concerns about non-compliance with dog restrictions in the prohibited area of the main beach.

The seasonal freedom camping monitoring service extends beyond Waihī Beach to include other areas across the District, such as Te Puke, Paengaroa, Maketu, Pukehina, Ōmokoroa, and Te Puna.

Summer Ambassadors have been part of Council's freedom camping monitoring programme since 2020–21. For the 2024–25 season, the strategy involved employing four Summer Ambassadors, split into two teams. One team focused exclusively on Waihī Beach and Bowentown, monitoring freedom campers and engaging with dog owners on the beach. The second team covered the rest of the District by splitting the District into East and West regions and spending a day in each area. The two teams rotated weekly, ensuring a broad coverage across the District.

Funding for the 2024-25 monitoring service comes directly from Council's compliance and monitoring operational budget. Previously, additional funding from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) was provided to support the transition to the amended freedom camping legislation (The Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023).

The Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 came into force on 6 June 2023. Its purpose was to amend and update the Freedom Camping Act 2011 with the following key changes:

- a) Freedom camping to be conducted in vehicles which are certified as self-contained.
- b) Self-contained means vehicles that have fixed and plumbed in toilets.
- vehicles with portable toilets will no longer be able to be certified as selfcontained.
- d) The blue self-contained sticker will be phased out and replaced with a green self-contained sticker. (The deadline for all campervans to display the green sticker has been pushed out to June 2026 by the government).
- e) Infringement notices have increased to \$400.
- f) People living in the vehicles because they are genuinely homeless are not considered to be freedom camping.
- g) MBIE is no longer providing additional funding, meaning Council will need to assess the Summer Ambassador programme and whether we have sufficient funding to continue.

3. SEASONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Freedom camping, parking and dog control activities are managed by Council's compliance and monitoring team. This includes warranting of contractor's staff, training of contractors and seasonal ambassadors, management of infringements, waiver requests, website information and complaint handling.

Watchdog Security Limited provides Council's contracted seasonal monitoring service for freedom camping, including after-hours noise, and dog control.

The freedom camping, and seasonal freedom camping service is currently delivered by Watchdog as follows:

Freedom camping - complaint response (District wide)
 24/7 service year-round

• Freedom camping monitoring

Weekend patrols from (and including) Labour Weekend to Easter Monday.

Daily patrols from the third Friday in December to 6 February 2025 (inclusive).

Monitoring of dogs on beaches for the 2024-25 season was carried out by the Summer Ambassadors, and Council's Animal Services Team, who patrolled the beach in their vehicles. Parking in the Waihī Beach town centre was overseen by Council's Parking and Bylaws Officer.

4. MONITORING - RECORDING SYSTEM TICKETOR

Council uses a specialised compliance infringement system called "Ticketor" for compliance staff and contractors. This system is managed by way of an app on the phone of staff and contractors, and it records information in an easily recoverable format. "Ticketor" records vehicle details on site at the time of the officers monitoring visit and is used to issue infringements for non-compliance.

5. DOGS ON BEACHES IN WAIH! BEACH

Dog patrols took place over the peak holiday period (18 December 2024 to 7 February 2025) to assess compliance with the prohibited area and time restrictions for dogs being on the beach (9.00 am to 7.00 pm). This service was primarily undertaken by Council's Animal Services Team, who patrolled the beach to deter non-compliance.

As part of their service, the Summer Ambassadors took an educational approach to encourage compliance by engaging with dog owners, offering positive guidance on the importance of adhering to the restrictions on dogs being on the beach during the prohibited hours.

6. PARKING SERVICE FOR 2024-2025

Parking monitoring was conducted by Council's Parking Officer during the peak holiday period to ensure responsible parking in the town centre. A high level of compliance was observed, with no infringements issued during this period.

7. FREEDOM CAMPING SERVICE FOR 2024-2025

For the fourth consecutive year, the Summer Ambassadors provided daytime education to freedom campers and surveyed their behaviours and needs using a survey App called Survey Monkey. Surveys were conducted at various freedom camping locations across our District, with most responses coming from Waihī Beach.

309 responses were received across the district, a significant decrease from the 519 responses received in 2023-24.

The survey included 14 questions, with 2 directed at Biosecurity New Zealand. A summary of the data can be found in **Attachment 1**.

Three survey questions were aimed to raise awareness of the changes under the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 and to see whether freedom campers intended to comply with the new legislation.

An additional survey was conducted this year, focusing on individuals experiencing homelessness due to an increase in reported cases. This survey was designed to understand the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness and explore how Council can offer better support. The survey consisted of 5 questions, with 10 responses received from across the District. A summary of the data can be found in **Attachment 2**.

The Summer Ambassadors had no compliance role other than to educate campers and gather information. To encourage participation, freedom campers received branded water bottles as incentives, which were positively received.

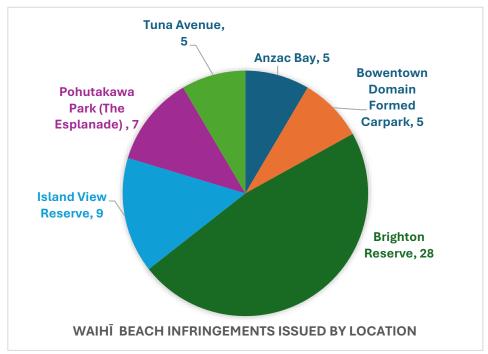
Compliance monitoring and enforcement of the freedom camping bylaw was provided by Watchdog Security. Weekend monitoring by Watchdog was conducted between Labour weekend and Easter, and daily monitoring took place from 19 December to (and including) Waitangi weekend.

There was an increase in the number of freedom camping infringements notices issued during the 2024-25 seasonal monitoring period. A total of 59 infringement notices were issued in 2024-25, compared to 41 in 2023-24.

The following table illustrates the freedom camping monitoring data from the 2024-25 season, in contrast to the previous year:

Month	Number of infringements 2023-24	Number of infringements 2024-25	Notes
November	7	0	Most freedom
December	19 6		camping infringements
January	10	35	were for camping
February	5	18	in a prohibited area (37), camping in an undesignated area (18), camping for more than 3 nights (3), and not camping in a self-contained vehicle (1).

Freedom camping infringements were issued in the following areas:



Brighton Reserve received the highest number of infringement notices, primarily due to the site being a seasonal freedom camping area that prohibits freedom camping during the summer months.

A high number of requests to waive infringements are received, and these are approved (waived) when the camper can provide evidence of compliance. For example, this may occur when a camper meets the self-containment requirements but has failed to display the certificate.

8. FUNDING CONSIDERATION

Infringement revenue is used to offset the operational costs of delivering the seasonal monitoring service.

9. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 is now in force and the Act has stipulated the following timeline with regards to the transition to the amended legislation.

- 7 June 2024 Self containment certification can only be completed by certification authorities under the new requirements (Green warrants).
- 7 December 2024 Rental vehicles must be certified under the new requirements and display their green warrant as evidence of self-containment.

 7 June 2026 – All vehicles must be certified under the new requirements and display their green warrant as proof of self-containment. MBIE has extended the compliance deadline from 7 June 2025 to allow more time for vehicles to meet the new standards.

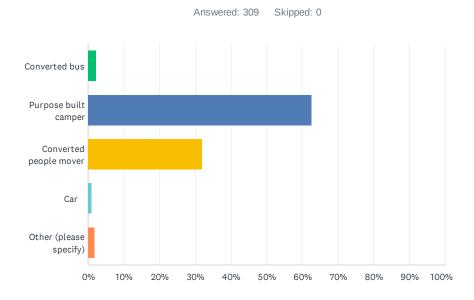
Current feedback from freedom campers this year suggests a strong awareness of the new requirements, with the majority already complying by having a plumbed-in toilet. Given the decrease in freedom camping numbers compared to last year, it is likely that the 73% who indicated in last year's survey that they would stop freedom camping altogether due to these requirements have indeed followed through on their decision.

Although the Summer Ambassadors have been an effective educational tool for engaging with freedom campers, given the significant decrease in camper numbers this year, we will need to assess whether to use them again for the 2025-26 summer season.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. 2025-02-04 2024/25 Freedom Camping Survey Monkey results data summary
- 2. 2025-02-04 2024/25 Homelessness Survey Monkey results data summary 🗓 🖼

Q1 What type of vehicle do you use to freedom camp?

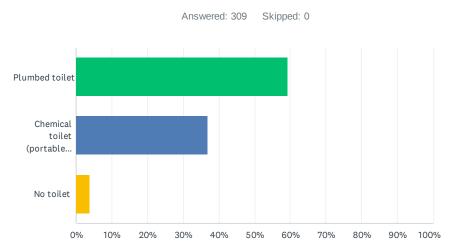


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Converted bus	2.27%	7
Purpose built camper	62.78%	194
Converted people mover	32.04%	99
Car	0.97%	3
Other (please specify)	1.94%	6
TOTAL		309

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Caravan	1/29/2025 12:28 PM
2	Caravan	1/23/2025 11:36 AM
3	Caravan	1/16/2025 2:07 PM
4	Roof tent	1/8/2025 12:03 PM
5	Caravan	12/22/2024 12:15 PM
6	Converted truck	12/20/2024 11:25 AM

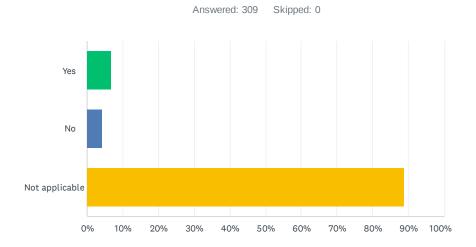
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Q2 What facilities does the vehicle have?



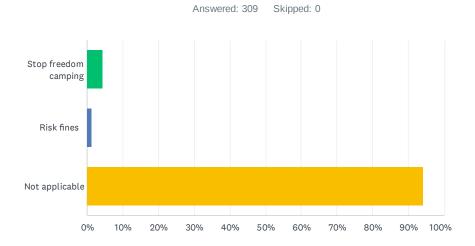
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Plumbed toilet	59.22%	183
Chemical toilet (portable toilet)	36.89%	114
No toilet	3.88%	12
TOTAL		309

Q3 If you don't have a plumbed toilet, do you think you'll have one installed to comply with legislation?



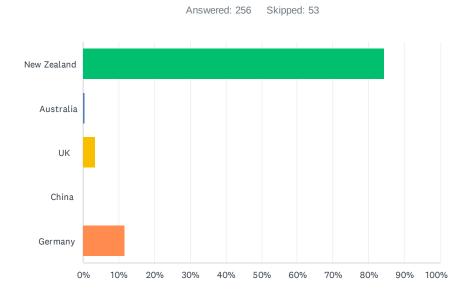
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	6.80%	21
No	4.21%	13
Not applicable	89.00%	275
TOTAL		309

Q4 If you don't comply with the legislation, will you stop freedom camping or risk \$400 fines?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Stop freedom camping	4.53%	14
Risk fines	1.29%	4
Not applicable	94.17%	291
TOTAL		309

Q5 What country have you travelled from?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
New Zealand	84.38%	216
Australia	0.39%	1
UK	3.52%	9
China	0.00%	0
Germany	11.72%	30
TOTAL		256

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1	Switzerland	2/2/2025 12:36 PM
2	France	1/31/2025 4:04 PM
3	Czech republic	1/30/2025 11:31 AM
4	Netherlands	1/29/2025 3:23 PM
5	Austria	1/29/2025 11:38 AM
6	Latvia	1/26/2025 12:15 PM
7	Denmark	1/26/2025 10:05 AM
8	C.Republic	1/24/2025 3:42 PM
9	Israel	1/24/2025 12:49 PM
10	France	1/24/2025 11:54 AM
11	France	1/24/2025 11:48 AM

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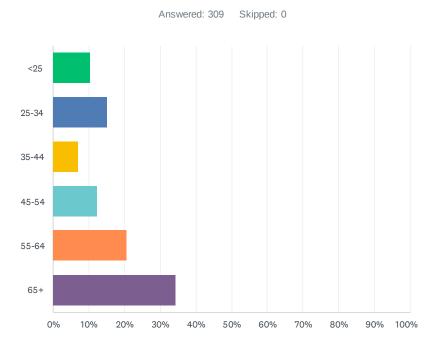
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13	Germany	1/24/2025 11:42 AM
14	Canada	1/24/2025 11:17 AM
15	France	1/23/2025 11:00 AM
16	France	1/22/2025 4:45 PM
17	France	1/19/2025 10:10 AM
18	Norway	1/18/2025 12:09 PM
19	Netherlands	1/18/2025 12:07 PM
20	Canada	1/18/2025 11:25 AM
21	Netherlands	1/16/2025 11:31 AM
22	Chile	1/15/2025 11:55 AM
23	Ireland	1/11/2025 11:50 AM
24	Ireland	1/11/2025 11:48 AM
25	Ireland	1/11/2025 11:43 AM
26	France	1/11/2025 11:38 AM
27	Check republic	1/10/2025 12:06 PM
28	Netherlands	1/10/2025 11:55 AM
29	Chile	1/9/2025 11:57 AM
30	Ireland	1/9/2025 11:52 AM
31	Germany	1/8/2025 11:28 AM
32	France	1/5/2025 10:51 AM
33	Australia	1/5/2025 10:38 AM
34	Poland	1/5/2025 10:37 AM
35	France	1/4/2025 11:33 AM
36	Netherlands	1/4/2025 11:15 AM
37	Japan	1/4/2025 10:12 AM
38	Netherlands	12/29/2024 5:06 PM
39	Denmark	12/29/2024 4:28 PM
40	Canada	12/29/2024 11:21 AM
41	Netherlands	12/28/2024 12:28 PM
42	France	12/28/2024 11:33 AM
43	France	12/28/2024 11:28 AM
44	France	12/28/2024 11:24 AM
45	France	12/28/2024 10:02 AM
46	France	12/27/2024 11:19 AM
47	Czech Republic	12/27/2024 11:16 AM
48	France	12/27/2024 10:36 AM
49	France	12/27/2024 10:29 AM

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50	France	12/22/2024 12:03 PM
51	Austria	12/20/2024 12:17 PM
52	Slovenia	12/18/2024 11:47 AM
53	Canada	12/18/2024 10:52 AM
54	France	12/18/2024 10:45 AM

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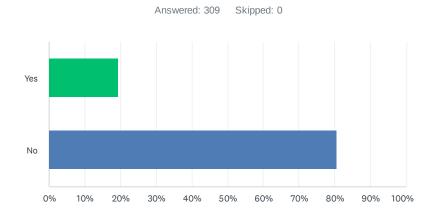
Q6 What is your age group?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
<25	10.36%	32
25-34	15.21%	47
35-44	7.12%	22
45-54	12.30%	38
55-64	20.71%	64
65+	34.30%	106
TOTAL		309

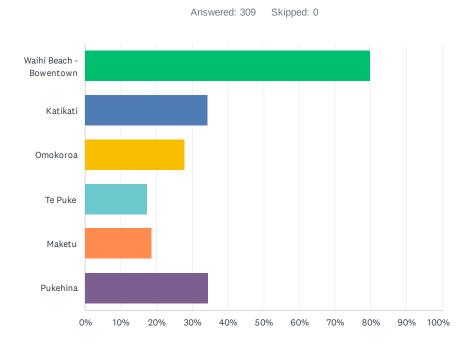
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Q7 Do you do seasonal work when freedom camping?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.42%	60
No	80.58%	249
TOTAL		309

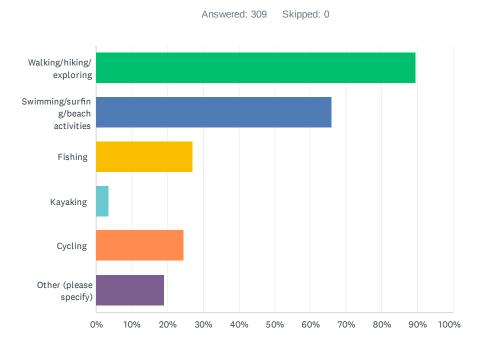
Q8 Where do you like to freedom camp in the Western Bay?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Waihi Beach - Bowentown	79.94%	247
Katikati	34.30%	106
Omokoroa	27.83%	86
Te Puke	17.48%	54
Maketu	18.77%	58
Pukehina	34.63%	107
Total Respondents: 309		

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Q9 What recreational activities do you enjoy in the Western Bay?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/hiking/exploring	89.64%	277
Swimming/surfing/beach activities	66.02%	204
Fishing	27.18%	84
Kayaking	3.56%	11
Cycling	24.60%	76
Other (please specify)	19.09%	59
Total Respondents: 309		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Surfing h	2/2/2025 2:34 PM
2	Relax	2/2/2025 2:33 PM
3	Reading	2/2/2025 12:38 PM
4	Rafting	2/1/2025 1:46 PM
5	Music	1/31/2025 3:52 PM
6	Reading	1/31/2025 3:47 PM
7	6	1/31/2025 12:16 PM
8	Golf	1/30/2025 11:40 AM

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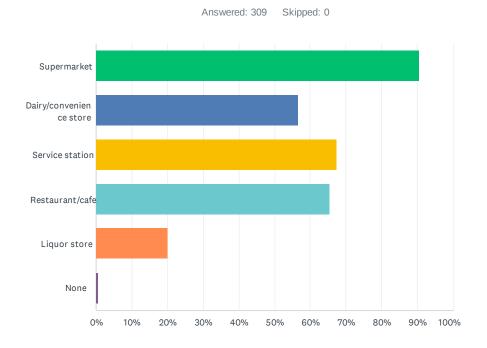
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10	Golf	1/30/2025 10:48 AM
11	Metal detecting	1/29/2025 12:28 PM
12	Golf	1/29/2025 12:00 PM
13	Eat	1/26/2025 12:19 PM
14	Diving	1/26/2025 10:52 AM
15	Reading	1/25/2025 12:18 PM
16	Reading	1/24/2025 12:00 PM
17	Volleyball, skateboard	1/24/2025 11:54 AM
18	Party	1/23/2025 11:00 AM
19	Motorbiking	1/22/2025 11:35 AM
20	Tennis	1/18/2025 12:36 PM
21	Sightseeing	1/18/2025 12:09 PM
22	Running	1/16/2025 11:42 AM
23	Running	1/15/2025 11:55 AM
24	Golf	1/15/2025 11:55 AM
25	Climbing	1/11/2025 11:50 AM
26	Snorkeling	1/11/2025 11:48 AM
27	Volleyball	1/11/2025 11:44 AM
28	Running	1/11/2025 11:43 AM
29	Snorkeling	1/11/2025 9:33 AM
30	Canyoning	1/10/2025 11:55 AM
31	Museums	1/9/2025 11:53 AM
32	Sailing	1/9/2025 11:45 AM
33	Dancing	1/8/2025 12:11 PM
34	Surfing	1/4/2025 3:32 PM
35	Golf	1/4/2025 11:26 AM
36	Knitting, reading	1/4/2025 11:21 AM
37	Reading	1/4/2025 11:00 AM
38	Golf	1/3/2025 3:52 PM
39	Geo-cashing	1/3/2025 2:26 PM
40	Diving	1/3/2025 1:59 PM
41	Reading	1/3/2025 11:57 AM
42	Reading	1/3/2025 11:45 AM
43	Golf	1/3/2025 10:56 AM
44	Phototaghrapy	12/29/2024 4:30 PM
45	Golf	12/29/2024 11:43 AM
46	Phtography	12/29/2024 10:50 AM

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47	Nothing	12/28/2024 12:32 PM
48	Boating	12/28/2024 12:18 PM
49	Reading	12/28/2024 11:20 AM
50	Surfing	12/28/2024 10:02 AM
51	Golf	12/27/2024 11:09 AM
52	Knitting	12/22/2024 2:16 PM
53	Climbing	12/21/2024 3:09 PM
54	Surfing, gym	12/21/2024 12:33 PM
55	Snooker	12/18/2024 11:38 AM
56	Relaxing	12/18/2024 11:34 AM
57	Rafting	12/18/2024 11:27 AM
58	Home workouts	12/18/2024 11:00 AM
59	Reading, skiing, hunting	12/18/2024 10:50 AM

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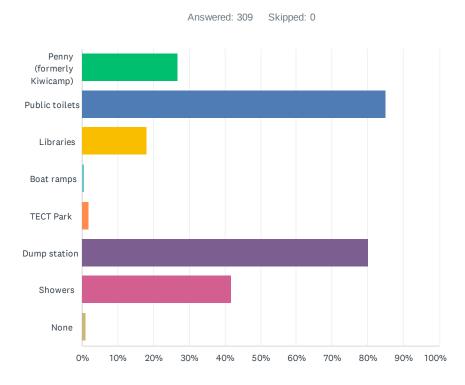
Q10 What local businesses do you intend to use during your stay?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Supermarket	90.61% 280)
Dairy/convenience store	56.63% 175	5
Service station	67.31% 208	3
Restaurant/cafe	65.37% 202	2
Liquor store	20.06% 62	2
None	0.65%	2
Total Respondents: 309		

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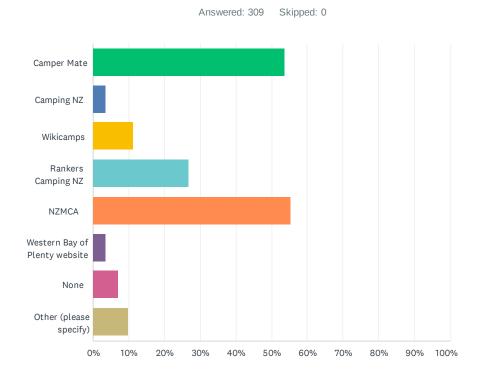
Q11 What council facilities do you use in the Western Bay?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Penny (formerly Kiwicamp)	26.86% 83
Public toilets	85.11% 263
Libraries	18.12% 56
Boat ramps	0.65% 2
TECT Park	1.94% 6
Dump station	80.26% 248
Showers	41.75% 129
None	0.97% 3
Total Respondents: 309	

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Q12 What apps do you use for freedom camping information?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Camper Mate	53.72%	166
Camping NZ	3.56%	11
Wikicamps	11.33%	35
Rankers Camping NZ	26.86%	83
NZMCA	55.34%	171
Western Bay of Plenty website	3.56%	11
None	7.12%	22
Other (please specify)	9.71%	30
Total Respondents: 309		

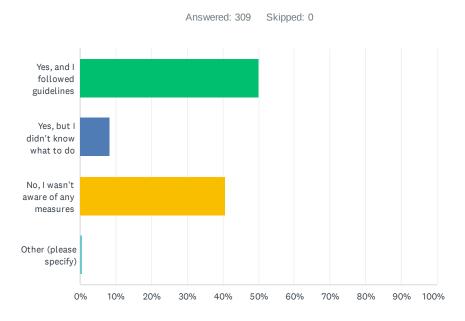
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1	Google	2/1/2025 1:46 PM
2	Redwings	2/1/2025 12:16 PM
3	Roady	1/31/2025 3:52 PM
4	Nzmca handbook	1/29/2025 4:00 PM

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5	Kiwicamp	1/26/2025 12:19 PM
6	DOC and Penny	1/26/2025 12:15 PM
7	Traveller's Autobahn	1/25/2025 12:51 PM
8	Google	1/25/2025 12:16 PM
9	Roadie	1/25/2025 11:58 AM
10	Council websites	1/19/2025 10:23 AM
11	Doc	1/18/2025 12:15 PM
12	Thl	1/18/2025 12:09 PM
13	Н	1/17/2025 2:54 PM
14	Google maps	1/16/2025 11:42 AM
15	Kiwicamps	1/12/2025 11:26 AM
16	Google maps	1/11/2025 11:32 AM
17	THL	1/10/2025 12:11 PM
18	Google maps	1/8/2025 12:11 PM
19	Word of mouth	1/8/2025 12:10 PM
20	Roadie	1/8/2025 12:03 PM
21	Camperfy	1/8/2025 11:44 AM
22	THL	1/8/2025 11:27 AM
23	Park4night	1/3/2025 1:59 PM
24	Penny	12/28/2024 12:22 PM
25	Park4night	12/28/2024 11:33 AM
26	Park4night	12/28/2024 11:24 AM
27	Google	12/22/2024 3:29 PM
28	Fishing for less	12/19/2024 1:28 PM
29	Google	12/18/2024 11:38 AM
30	Happy campers. ThI road trippers	12/18/2024 11:21 AM

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Q13 Before arriving at this site, were you aware of any biosecurity measures or action you should take to help protect the environment? (eg cleaning gear, checking for pests)

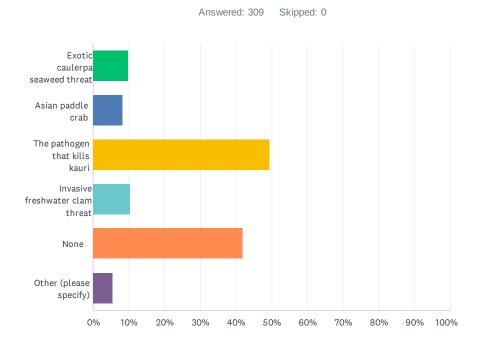


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, and I followed guidelines	50.16%	155
Yes, but I didn't know what to do	8.41%	26
No, I wasn't aware of any measures	40.78%	126
Other (please specify)	0.65%	2
TOTAL		309

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Google Maps	1/17/2025 2:54 PM
2	None	12/18/2024 11:29 AM

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Q14 What biosecurity threats are you aware of that could be in the region?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Exotic caulerpa seaweed threat	9.71%	30
Asian paddle crab	8.41%	26
The pathogen that kills kauri	49.51%	153
Invasive freshwater clam threat	10.36%	32
None	42.07%	130
Other (please specify)	5.50%	17
Total Respondents: 309		

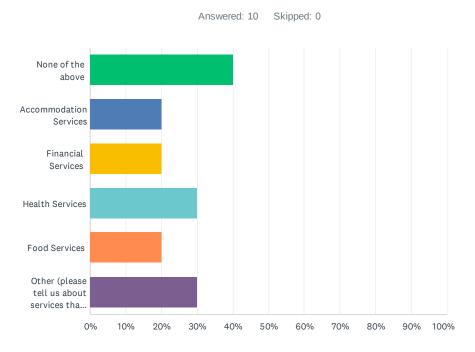
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1	Golden clams	2/1/2025 2:55 PM
2	Donegal bird, stay off the dunes	1/31/2025 3:31 PM
3	Toxic clams	1/31/2025 12:30 PM
4	Wasp in auckland	1/30/2025 12:51 PM
5	Dotterals	1/29/2025 11:41 AM
6	Toxic shellfish	1/25/2025 12:16 PM
7	Keep off the dunes	1/24/2025 12:07 PM
8	Toxic mussels	1/24/2025 11:42 AM

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9	Don't walk on the dunes	1/23/2025 11:00 AM
10	Dotterals	1/18/2025 12:36 PM
11	Fruit fly	1/18/2025 12:18 PM
12	Toxic clams	1/11/2025 11:38 AM
13	Fruitfly	1/11/2025 9:35 AM
14	Fruit fly and alligator weed	1/9/2025 11:45 AM
15	Fruit fly	1/9/2025 11:43 AM
16	Fruit fly	1/5/2025 11:36 AM
17	Mantis prawn	12/29/2024 3:44 PM

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Q1 What kind of services would be of assistance to you?



ANSWER C	HOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the	above	40.00%	4
Accommod	ation Services	20.00%	2
Financial S	ervices	20.00%	2
Health Serv	ices	30.00%	3
Food Service	es	20.00%	2
Other (pleas	e tell us about services that could help you out)	30.00%	3
Total Respo	ndents: 10		
#	OTHER (PLEASE TELL US ABOUT SERVICES THAT COULD HELP YOU OUT)	DATE	
1	Showers	1/5/2025 10:41 AM	

#	OTHER (PLEASE TELL US ABOUT SERVICES THAT COULD HELP YOU OUT)	DATE
1	Showers	1/5/2025 10:41 AM
2	Don't kick me out from the spots	12/19/2024 1:31 PM
3	Coin operated showers more	12/15/2024 1:42 PM

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Q2 How can Council be more helpful?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

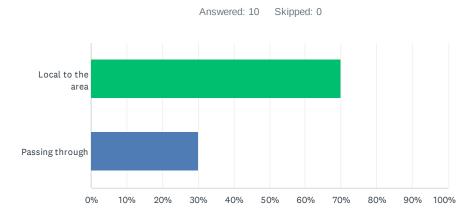
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Having access to showers every day	2/1/2025 2:02 PM
2	Nothing	1/25/2025 3:09 PM
3	Parks are tight, not taking into consideration the wind direction	1/8/2025 12:04 PM
4	No answer	1/5/2025 10:41 AM
5	Happy with everything	12/22/2024 12:21 PM
6	More shower facilities	12/19/2024 1:31 PM
7	More facilities- showers.	12/19/2024 1:15 PM
8	Nothing	12/15/2024 3:01 PM
9	Outdoor showers, doesn't need to be hot water Katrina pointed toilets are damaged	12/15/2024 1:53 PM
10	Keep security good as it has improved but it can be intimidating if they knock or shine torch, more rubbish bins for big bags of rubbish like tuapero point bins	12/15/2024 1:42 PM

Q3 How can Council improve the safety of their Reserves?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 0

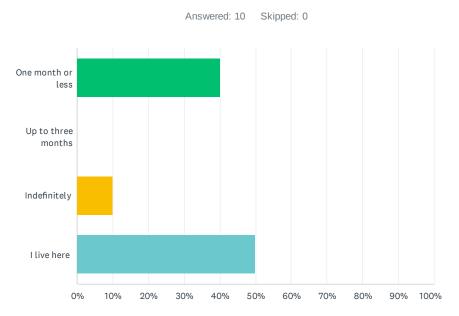
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The lights are good in Jubilee Park, but the toilet blocks are full of men using drugs and drinking. I appreciate when patrol cars come through	2/1/2025 2:02 PM
2	More cameras	1/25/2025 3:09 PM
3	Feel safer with cameras	1/8/2025 12:04 PM
4	No answer	1/5/2025 10:41 AM
5	Happy with watchdog security	12/22/2024 12:21 PM
6	Dogs on leads	12/19/2024 1:31 PM
7	Cameras and sensor lighting	12/19/2024 1:15 PM
8	We're doing great	12/15/2024 3:01 PM
9	Camera is good.	12/15/2024 1:53 PM
10	More cameras	12/15/2024 1:42 PM

Q4 Please tell us if you are local to the Western Bay district or are you passing through?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local to the area	70.00%	7
Passing through	30.00%	3
TOTAL		10

Q5 How long do you plan to stay in the area?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One month or less	40.00%	4
Up to three months	0.00%	0
Indefinitely	10.00%	1
I live here	50.00%	5
TOTAL		10

9.3 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - GRANT APPLICATIONS - MAY 2025

File Number: A6751849

Author: Rosa Leahy, Senior Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Robyn Garrett, Governance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable the Waihī Beach Community Board to make a decision regarding the applications for Community Board Grant Funding as applied for by the Waihī Beach Community Response Group and Athenree Action Group.

The application and supporting information relating to the Community Board Grants have been forwarded to members separate to this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 2 April 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board – Grant Applications – 9 June 2025' be received.
- That the Waihī Beach Community Board approves the grant application from the Waihī Beach Community Response Group for \$......., towards purchasing supplies for an Emergency Hub Centre.

OR

That the Waihī Beach Community Board **does not approve** the grant application from the Waihī Beach Community Response Group.

3. That the Waihī Beach Community Board **approves** the grant application from the Athenree Action Group for \$......, towards purchasing materials to upgrade the Athenree Food and Produce Exchange.

OR

That the Waihī Beach Community Board **does not approve** the grant application from the Athenree Action Group.

BACKGROUND

The Waihī Beach Community Board has funding of \$5140 available for disbursement to community organisations for the 2024/25 financial year. The balance as of 9 June 2025 is \$4390.

The Waihī Beach Community Response Group was formed to assist with establishing an emergency hub at the Waihī Beach RSA in the event of a crisis/emergency. The group has requested funds to purchase supplies that would be needed in a crisis situation where an emergency hub would need to be set up. The supplies would include First Aid

supplies, toiletries, cans of animal food as well as two easels for whiteboards which would be shared with the RSA.

The Athenree Action Group was formed to assist with beautifying and improving public/community facilities in Athenree. The group has requested funds to assist with purchasing materials to upgrade the Athenree Food and Produce Exchange. The upgrades will include replacing the roof, paving the floor and lining the ceiling with treated plywood. The project will benefit the Athenree Community.

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Interested/Affected Parties	Completed/Planned Engagement/Consultation/Communication
Waihī Beach Community Response Group & Athenree Action Group	The applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.

FUNDING/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Funding Information	Relevant Detail	
Community Board Grant Funds	The Community Board will consider applications for distribution of grant funding before the end of the financial year. Annual Budget \$5140 Current Balance \$4390	

9.4 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - JUNE 2025

File Number: A6774872

Author: Dani Simpson, Community Board Chairperson

Authoriser: Adele Henderson, General Manager Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

 That the Chairperson's report dated 9 June 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board – Chairperson's Report – June 2025' be received.

That the Waihī Beach Community Board approve up to \$1,000 from the Waihī
Beach Community Board Reserves Account for a speed survey for the village on
Wilson Road.

The Board has made good progress on consultation with key stakeholders regarding our refreshed Community Plan. By the time this report is read we'll have begun consulting with the wider community on the Plan. The Plan was last reviewed in 2022, so we felt it timely to see if it needed a refresh.

We had great engagement at three stakeholder sessions with lots of constructive conversations and ideas. Thank you to everyone has taken the time to provide input to the Plan. We intend to finalise it and look to adopt it at our final meeting in August, so the next Board has a resident-mandated Plan to implement.

One of the key issues to come out of our consultation so far is concern around the look of the village and the speed at which vehicles drive through Wilson Road. While we will be considering the aesthetics of the village as part of our refreshed Community Plan, we have been talking to staff about the speed issue (or perceived speed issue). Until we know what speeds people are doing and when, it's difficult to work out a solution. So, we are hoping that an electronic speed survey will give us critical data about traffic flow and speeds through the village, so we know what we're dealing with. Staff have sought quotes for a speed survey and a recommendation to commit funding (including a contingency) has been included in this report for consideration by the Board.

The Welcome to Waihī Beach (and Athenree) sign locations have now been finalised and staff are in the process of finalising manufacturing and installation details. It's wonderful to finally see this project come to fruition. It was one that the community asked for a long time ago, so we're pleased to see them hopefully be in place by the end of this Board's term.

There is progress happening elsewhere too:

- The Wilson Park upgrade is being rolled out in stages with a replacement toilet block due to be in place before the end of June and planting being undertaken over the winter months.
- The Beach Road pedestrian refuge contract has been awarded, and work is expected to be underway from the end of May/early June and, weather dependent, should take 4-6 weeks.
- Beach safety signage is also in train, with approximately 6-8 signs set to be installed before Labour Weekend. Council is funding the signs while the Waihī Beach Lifeguard Services will be providing the lifesaving equipment such as buoys and life rings.

It was great to see so many people providing feedback on Ahi Pātiki – the proposed crossing to Athenree. This project remains one of the most supported in our area and one that we hope will one day come to fruition. Council will be finalising plans with the intention of lodging resource consent with BoP Regional Council by the end of the year. It's important to note that there is currently no Council funding tagged to this project so external funding will be needed.

9.5 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - JUNE 2025

File Number: A6774866

Author: Allan Sole, Councillor

Authoriser: Adele Henderson, General Manager Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

 That Councillor Sole's report dated 9 June 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board - Councillor's Report – June 2025' be received.

Things continue to progress at Barkes Corner, with Interim CEO Miriam settling into her role. Her prior experience as CEO, along with her work across multiple councils since then, will be an asset to our team.

Stormwater Management – Waihi Beach

Staff are actively assessing various options for stormwater management, gathering key data to inform decisions. This work is essential to prevent property flooding and to prepare for potential structural changes, including a shift to a "2x Waters" or "2.5 Waters" approach under Local Water Done Well (LWDW).

Local Waters Done Well

Staff, Council, and our consultants remain focused on this significant decision regarding future water management structures. We have conducted community information sessions and our first consultation to gauge ratepayer preferences. Submissions have been received, hearings held, and a final decision will soon be made in alignment with Central Government requirements.

Annual Plan

The Annual Plan (AP) is progressing, with further work required before its scheduled adoption in late June.

Fluoridation

A directive, issued under the Health Act 1956, requires Council to begin fluoridating water supplies at the Athenree and Wharawhara treatment plants. The decision to require fluoridation is made by the Director–General of Health, not local councils. Fluoridation will begin at the Athenree Water Treatment Plant in June 2025, once the newly installed equipment is tested and commissioned. Waihī Beach, Bowentown and Athenree are included in the affected areas.

Council Expo

On 9 April, council staff organized a well-attended expo in Katikati, showcasing various projects and developments in our ward. The event was highly successful in engaging the community.

Infrastructure and Works - Waihī Beach Area

Several road rehabilitation and sealing projects have been completed, with further work underway. One priority project—the rehabilitation of Seaforth Road from the Bowentown roundabout—is being planned, though funding limitations from Central Government/NZTA Waka Kotahi make scheduling difficult. Additionally, work is progressing on the sea wall replacement in Athenree and the removal of concrete jetties.

Athenree Crossing (Ahi Pātiki)

Two well-attended drop-in sessions on the proposed cycle/walkway were held—one at Dr. North Park and another at the Saturday market. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with over 90% of ratepayers ranking this as their most desired project. The plan is to lodge the resource consent application with the Regional Council in June or July. Once consent is secured, detailed designs and project costs will be sought.

Te Ara Mātauranga - Waihī Beach Library and Community Hub Opening

The Waihī Beach Library's official opening is scheduled for 1 July 10:00 am. Over time, we anticipate expanding the services offered from the new facility.

Advisory Group & Environmental Concerns

As a council representative on the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group, I, along with fellow Councillor Murray Grainger, continue to advocate for environmental issues. Concerns about the impact of erosion, Canadian Geese and Black Swans on local ecosystems are being taken seriously, particularly in relation to the loss of sea grasses and flounder populations. The Group is actively monitoring these challenges and exploring necessary control measures.

Reserves contract and levels of service

We are at the beginning of a review of our service contract for parks and reserves. It is required that we start this review two years out from its expiry date. There is potential for this review to change how we manage our reserves and contracts in the future. The outcome of our Local Waters Done Well choice could also have effect if we change how we work with storm water due to many reserves being used to manage storm water.

9.6 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT - JUNE 2025

File Number: A6783236

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waihī Beach Community Board with an overview of the Infrastructure Projects currently being undertaken in the Waihī Beach area, as well as to provide an overview of the operational matters from across Council that relate to the Waihī Beach area.

RECOMMENDATION

 That the General Manager Infrastructure Services' report dated 9 June 2025 titled 'Waihī Beach Community Board - Projects and Operations Report - June 2025' be received.

COUNCIL-LED PROJECTS

<u>Your Place – Tō Wāhi'</u> is an engagement platform where residents can get updates on projects in their neighbourhood. Council-led projects in the Waihī Beach-Athenree neighbourhood include:

- Waihī Beach Library
- Stormwater Projects
- Waihī Beach Athenree (Waiau Estuary) Crossing
- Athenree Jetty

PROJECT UPDATES - ROADING

BEACH ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE				
Project Description	Staff Comment/Update	Progress Level		
The Board, together with Waihī Beach School representatives raised concerns around the safety on Beach Road. The Board resolved to fund a design for the project.	Construction on the Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge is expected to begin at the start of June 2025 and will take 4-6 weeks to complete (weather dependent). There will be temporary traffic management in place periodically throughout the construction. Waihī Beach School and residents immediately adjacent to the pedestrian refuge have been notified of the works.	In progress		

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ENTRY/EXIT TO WILSON ROAD CARPARK (BEHIND THE PORCH)				
Project Description	Staff Comment/Update	Progress Level		
Improve the visibility of the entry/exit point of the carpark on Wilson Road (behind The Porch)	The MenzShed have been contracted to manufacture the cycle racks. It is anticipated they will be ready by mid-June. Once they been manufactured, they will be installed along with rotating the existing seat.	In progress- Expected delivery date TBC		

WAIHĪ BEACH ENTRANCEWAY SIGNS PROJECT			
Project Description	Staff Comment/Update	Progress Level	
The Waihī Beach Community Board approved the Entranceway Project design in principle, noting that changes may be required to address safety restrictions and material once locations are confirmed.	At the previous Board workshop on 12 May 2025, the Project Engineer raised concerns about the agreed location of the entranceway sign for Waihī Beach Road. A new location was proposed, which the Board were supportive of. The new location is on road reserve at the Waihī Beach Road/Beach Road/Wilson Road roundabout (Attachment 1). This location does not require landowner consent and would likely have lower construction and ongoing maintenance costs.	In progress - Project delivery target date - TBC	

COUNCIL-LED PROJECTS INVOLVING COMMUNITY BOARD ENGAGEMENT

WILSON ROAD TO EDINBURGH STREET PEDESTRIAN LINK				
Project Description	Staff Comment/Update	Progress Level		
Progress the shared path from Wilson Road to Edinburgh Street with a bridge over Two Mile Creek.	The concept plans for the footbridge across Two-Mile Creek are complete and were presented to the Board on 6 November 2024. The project is currently at the consent stage. Once consent has been obtained the construction time should take approximately 4 weeks. It is anticipated that the project will be delivered by the end of June 2025.	In progress – consent phase. Anticipated completion June 2025		

SERVICE REQUESTS

This section is to provide an overview of Service Requests for the Waihī Beach Community Board area since the last meeting.

There has been one of each of the following subtypes of Service Requests raised and **completed**.

- Water All water leaks Known Issue
- Building Act Compliance Building Compliance
- Kerbside Collective Damaged Bin -Replace/Repair
- Animal Services Dog Roaming
- Stormwater Flooding open drain/culvert-raining only
- Local Road Footpaths on Local Road - Replacement/Maintenance Asset Requests
- Building Act Compliance General enquiry
- Consents Administration Liquor licences
- Water Meter/Toby issue (not leak)
- Customer Service Planning Minor dwellings
- Water Reinstatement after works
- Wastewater Sewage overflow/spill on ground/dump station
- Stormwater Spill to stormwater network
- Water Water pressure too high or low

- Local Road Bridges/Structures -Replacement/Maintenance Asset Requests
- Local Road Detritus (Loose Chips/Sand/Dead Animal) - NO Illegal Dumping
- Customer Service Planning -Fences/Walls
- Consents Administration General enquiry/call-back
- Health General Health Matters/Enquiries
- Water Hydrant/Valve issue (not leak)
- Customer Service Planning Natural Hazards Enquiries
- Animal Services Other Animal Enquiries
- Wastewater Pumpstation Issue or Blockage
- Local Road Slip/Flood/Crash/Spill/Trees Down
 on Local Road--All URGENT!RING!

There has been one of each of the following subtypes of Service Requests raised, which are **under investigation**.

- Properties General Enquiries
- Reserves and Facilities General Enquiries
- Privacy and LGOIMA LGOIMA Request

The table below shows Services Request's that are higher in numbers and have a mix of statuses.

Service Request Subtype	Notes	Completed	Under Investigation/ Scheduled for Completion
Local Road - ALL Cesspit/Grill/Gutters & Drains (sealed road)	Replacement/Maintenance Asset Requests from Seaforth Road, Ian Place and Wilson Road	3	0
Water – Water Leaks	Reports from across the Waihī Beach community	11	1
Reserves & Facilities - Bollards	Reports from Shaw Road and Savage Avenue	2	0
Building Act Compliance - Building Warrant of Fitness Enquiries	Reports from Seaforth Road	2	0
Compliance & Enforcement General	Enquiries from across Shaw Road and Seaforth Road	2	0
Complaints about Freedom Camping affecting Reserves or Roads	Reports from Tuna Avenue and Beach Road	2	1
District Plan advice	Reports from Queen Street and Edinburgh Street	2	0
Water – Emergency Shutdown	Reports from Citrus Avenue and Fyee Road	2	0
Building General	Multiple reports from across the Waihī Beach community	13	0

Collections – General	Reports from Citrus Avene and Tuna Avenue	2	0
Rates – General	Reports from across the Waihī Beach Community	5	1
Building Inspectors - General	Enquiries from Leo Street and Edinburgh Street	2	0
Customer Service Planning – General	Reports from across the Waihī Beach Community – Multiple from Seaforth Road	12	0
Local Road – General	Multiple reports from across Waihī Beach	13	4
Refuse - Illegal Dumping + Carcasses	Reports from Waihī Beach Road	2	0
Kerbside Collective – General	Enquiries from The Crescent and Mayor View Terrace	2	0
Local Road – Lighting	Replacement/Maintenance Asset Requests across the Waihī Beach Community	11	0
Reserves and Facilities - Litter/Litter Bins or dumping in Reserve	Reports from Shaw Road, Broadway Road and Mako Avenue	5	0
Local Rds-NON- URGENT tree requests	Request for trimming or removal of fallen tree/branch from across Waihī Beach	4	0
Local Road Signs (damaged/graffiti)	Replacement/Maintenance Asset Requests from Savage Avenue and Marine Avenue	2	0
Kerbside Collective - Lost/Stolen Bins	Reports from Ocean View Road and The Crescent	2	0
Reserves and Facilities - Mowing and Vegetation/Gardens (NOT Trees)	Reports from across the Waihī Beach Community	4	1
Water - No water (Known Issue)	Reports from Citrus Avenue and Longboard Drive	3	0

Pensioner Housing - Stafford Crt. 55 Beach Road Waihi Beach	Enquiries regarding the pensioner housing	5	0
Reserves and Facilities – General	Enquiries from across the Waihī Beach Community	8	2
Road Surface Defects - SEALED LOCAL RD	Reports from Waihī Beach Road and Wilson Road	3	0
Stormwater - Urban Stormwater General/Info Request	Requests from across the Waihi Beach Community	3	0
Wastewater – General	Enquiries from Seaforth Road	2	0
Water General	Enquiries from across Waihī Beach Community	2	1

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

This section relates to any matters arising from prior Community Board meeting where a Minute Action Sheet was not raised.

Date raised	Matter/Issue	Comment
December	The Board requested to	The Community Board visited Waione
2023	meet with the Athenree	Reserve with staff to discuss potential
	Action group to discuss	upgrades to the Reserve. The Chair will
	priorities and a path	arrange an appropriate time to meet
	forward for their desired	with the group once the projects have
	projects.	been finalised.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Location of Waihī Beach Entranceway Sign 🗓 🖼

Attachment 1: Site location of Waihī Beach Entranceway Sign





9.7 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2025

File Number: A6775594

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the Community Board with regular monitoring of its operational budget. Attached are the financial statements for the period ended 30 April 2025. Operational costs are \$6,252 under budget year to date. (Attachment 1).

The Waihī Beach Community Board Roading Current Account has now been incorporated into the financial report. The opening balance of \$339,600 has been reduced by spending on projects and has a balance of \$283,829 as at 30 April 2025 excluding commitments. There is a deficit remaining for future projects of (\$84,640), after including commitments for approved projects. It is noted that draft AP26 will include additional funding of \$157,000 which will allow for the planned projects to be completed. Any remaining project costs are to be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Board Reserves Account, as per Resolution WBC25-2.6.

Attached is a more detailed report for the period ended 30 April 2025 (Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Finance Business Partner Lead's report dated 9 June 2025 titled 'Waihī
 Beach Community Board Financial Report April 2025', be received.
- That the Waihī Beach Community Board approve for the remaining funds from the below resolutions, to be released back into the Reserve Account:
 - a. WB22-2.5 with remaining funds of \$16,689.

Grant payments made to date:

Resolution	Description	\$
WBC24-5.4	Waihī Beach Mums Coffee Group - towards the hireage of the playcentre.	652
	2024/25 Total grants paid to date	652

Committed - Operational expenditure:

	2024/25 Total operational commitments	0
	No current commitments.	0
Resolution	Description	\$

2024/25 Reserve analysis:

Resolution	Description	\$
	2024/25 Opening balance	163,769
	No transactions year to date	0
	2024/25 Closing balance	163,769

Committed – Reserves expenditure:

Resolution	Description	\$
	2024/25 Closing balance before committed expenditure	163,769
WB20-3.9	Fund up to \$3,000 for meetings in relation to the Community Plan. (In progress)	(3,000)
WB22-2.5	Fund up to \$23,045.75 (incl. GST) for costs relating to the purchase and installation of water refill stations in Waihī Beach. (Note: \$6,357 paid as at 30 June 2023)	(16,689)
WB22-3.10	Funding up to \$12,000 for additions to the Broadlands Block Shared path project, from the Waihī Beach Community Board Reserve Account.	(12,000)
WBC24-3.11	Approve up to \$4,500 from the Waihī Beach Community Board Reserve Account for costs relating to consultant advice for the Entranceway Signs project.	(4,500)
	2024/25 Closing balance after committed expenditure	127,580

Other Reserves

Waihī Beach Town Centre Development Reserve Account

Resolution	Description	\$
	Opening balance 24/25	483,846
	Transfer portion of District Wide Town Centre Development fund per Council resolution.	80,405
	2024/25 Closing balance after committed expenditure	564,251

Waihī Beach Community Board Roading Current Account

Resolution	Description	\$
	Opening balance 24/25	339,600
	Increase / (Decrease) year to date	(424,240)
	2024/25 Closing balance after committed expenditure	(84,640)**
	AP 2025/26 Funds to come	157,000
	Closing balance	72,360

^{**} Note that committed spend may not eventuate in the current financial year and will be offset by funding in the following year.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Waihī Beach Community Board Financial Report April 2025 🗓 🖼
- 2. Waihī Beach Community Board Roading Current Account 🗓 🖫

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Income and Expenditure Statement								
-	ended 30 April 2							
Waihi Beach (Waihi Beach Community Board							
	Y	ear to Date		Fu	Full Year	Last Year		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)/Fav		Budget	Actual		
Direct Costs	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$		
Conference Expenses	3,763	1,710	(2,053)	8	2,052			
Contingency - [see breakdown below]	1,098	1,710	612	☑	2,052	(2,603		
Grants	652	4,280	3,628	☑	5,140	5,38		
Mileage Allowance	0	4,280	4,280	☑	5,136	(
Salaries	21,176	20,960	(216)	8	25,152	23,02		
Inter Department Charges	30,758	30,760	2	☑	36,912	38,670		
Operating Costs	57,448	63,700	6,252	☑	76,444	64,48		
Total Costs	57,448	63,700	6,252	Ø	76,444	64,488		
Income								
Rate Income	68,274	67,990	284	☑	81,588	86,578		
Total Direct Income	68,274	67,990	284	Ø	81,588	86,578		
Net Cost of Service	10,826	4,290	6,536	☑	5,144	22,09		
<u>Contingency – breakdown</u>								
Dani Simpson and Heather Guptil - Orbit Travel charges	1,012			☑	Favourable V	ariance		
Dani Simpson - Survey costs for LTP consult	86			8	Unfavourable	Variance		
Year to date contingency costs	1,098							
<u> Waihi Beach Community Board Reserve</u>								
Opening Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	163,769							
(Decrease) Increase in year	0							
Closing Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	163,769							
Other Reserves								
Waihi Beach Town Centre Development Reserve								
Opening Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	483,846							
(Decrease) Increase in year	80,405							
Closing Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	564,251							
Waihi Beach Community Board Roading Current Account								
Opening Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	339,600							
(Decrease) Increase in year	(424,240)	(see detailed	report for brea	ıkdov	/n)			
Closing Balance - Surplus (Deficit)	(84,640)							

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Waihi Beach Comm	nunity Board Roading Current Account			Waihi Beach Community Board 2025 \$		
As at 30 April 2025	5					
Current Account:						Status
	pening Balance 1 July 2024			339,600		
Interest 2025				-	To be	alculated at the end of the financial year
Allocation for 2025						No allocation for the 2025 financial year
Subtotal				339,600		
Less: Completed pr	rolante	Total committed:	Total project spent:	Spent in 2025 financial year:	Balance remaining:	Status:
Less. completed pr	iojeca		rotal project spent.	-	busines remaining.	
	Approve up to \$40,000 from the Waihī Beach Community					
	Board Roading Account, for costs relating to the detailed					
WBC23-7.7	design of the Beach Road Double Bus Bay and confirmation of					
	the pedestrian refuge positioning, noting that this is part of the	40,000.00		6		
	Safety Enhancement Project. Approve funding of up to \$45,000 from the Waihī Beach	40,000.00	(38,388)	(2,502)	-	
	Roading Account, toward Stage 1 of the Wilson Road Carpark					
WBC23-6.11	Extension project, noting that this project will happen in parallel					The \$19,064 was repurposed for Wilson
	with the stormwater upgrade.	45,000.00	(25,936)	-	0	Road Carpark Extention
	Approve up to \$4,500 from Waihi Beach Reserves Account for					·
WBC24-3.11	costs relating to consultant advice for the Entranceway Signs					
	project.	4,500	(3,781)	(3,781)	-	
Subtotal				(6,283)	0	
		Total committed:				
Less: Projects in pr	rogress	rotal committee.	Total project spent:	Spent in 2025 financial year:	Balance remaining:	Status:
WBC24-1.8	Community Board Roading Account for the completion of the	20,000,00	(13,535)	(2,928)	6,465	
110021110	Approve for the remaining funds committed to resolution	20,000.00	(13,333)	(2,320)	0,400	
WBC24-1.8	WBC23=6.11, being \$19,064, to be reallocated to the Wilson Road					
	Carpark Extension project (Stage 2).	19,064.00	-	-	19,064	
WBC24-6.4	Approves up to \$55,000 for costs related to the design of Beach					
WDCZT-0.T	Road Pedestrian Refuge.	55,000.00	(36,537)	(36,537)	18,463	
	Approve up to \$15,000 for costs relating to the footpath					
WBC24-2.5	extension and removal of two carparks at the entrance of	\$ 15,000.00	(10,023)	(10,023)	4,977	
	Wilson Road carpark (behind the porch). Approve \$15,000 costs related to the Athenree Homestead	\$ 15,000.00	(10,023)	(10,023)	4,9//	
WB24-6.5		\$ 15,000.00			15,000	Awaiting invoice.
Subtotal				(49,488)	63,969	
Current Account Cl	losing Balance			283,829		
Less: Approved Pro	destruction of the standard					
Less: Approved Pro	ojects not started					
	Approves up to \$95,000 for costs related to the Entranceway					
WB24-6.7	Signe	\$ 95,000.00				
	Approves up to \$6,000 from the Waihī Beach Community Board	» 95,000.00				
	Roading Account for costs related to the manufacture and					
WBC25-2.5	installation of three cycle racks to be located by the entrance					
***************************************	to Wilson Road carpark (by The Porch) and rotation of the					
	ovieting cost	\$ 6,000.00				
	Approves the proposal to construct a pedestrian refuge on	» в,u00.00				
	Approves the proposal to construct a pedestrian refuge on Beach Road at an estimated cost of up to \$203,500, to first be				Notes de la Computação de Comp	
	funded from the uncommitted funds in the Waihī Beach				l	t MORE than currently available funds in
WBC25-2.6	Community Roading Account with the remainder of the					nclude additional funding of \$157K which livered, otherwise the remainder will be
	project costs to be funded from the Waihī Beach Community					Reserves Account, as per the resolution.
	Roard Reserves Account					
		\$ 203,500.00				
Total commitments	s on approved projects not started	\$ 304.500.00				
. oi communents	a on approved projects flot started	- 554,550.00				
Less: Committed fu	unds on Started Projects unspent			(63,969)		
	unds on Unstarted Projects			(304,500)		
Total uncommitted funds available for future projects				(84,640)		
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9.8 2025 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS - UPDATE AND PROTOCOLS

File Number: A6788131

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report updates Community Board members on the triennial elections process and notes expectations around current member behaviour in the lead up to the election.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 9 June 2025 titled '2025 Triennial Elections Update and Protocols' be received.
- That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, as the report is processbased and for elected members' information.

BACKGROUND

2. The local government triennial elections will be held this year in September and October, with 11 October 2025 the last day for voting. Key election dates are outlined in the table below:

11 and 12 June (Wednesday/Thursday)	Candidate Information Sessions (Ōmokoroa and Te Puke)
4 July (Friday)	Nominations open
10 July (Thursday)	Māori Electoral Option closes
11 July (Friday – 3 months prior)	Pre-election period starts
1 August (Friday)	Nominations close at 12 noon
9 - 22 September (Tuesday to Tuesday)	Delivery of voting papers
11 October (Saturday)	Close of voting at 12 noon
12 October (Sunday)	Preliminary results announced
16 October (Thursday)	Final results announced

- 3. Details regarding the election and information for voters and candidates can be found on Council's website: <u>Elections 2025 | Your Place Western Bay of Plenty</u>.
- 4. Council must remain neutral during an election. While Council must manage the election process and is required to facilitate and foster elector participation, it cannot support or promote any candidate. This also means that current elected members who are candidates in this year's election cannot use any Council resources or their position as a councillor or community board member to promote their re-election. They must balance between the business-as-usual of being an elected member and campaigning as a candidate.

ELECTED MEMBER PROTOCOLS

- To help current elected members standing for re-election understand their role in the lead up to the election, protocols around expected behaviour have been developed. Members are expected to follow these protocols in the three-month pre-election period.
- 6. Accepted protocols include:
 - Elected members cannot use Council resources for re-election purposes (logo, branding, colours, Council FB or twitter feed, photos, council buildings).
 - Elected members standing for re-election may not be photographed/quoted in any media release and any standard media slots paid for by Council.
 - No campaigning or electioneering in Council Chambers or on Council premises, or in the same premises as an orange ballot bin.
 - No articles or columns in local publications in the pre-election period by members standing for re-election.
 - Members cannot use council-taken photos in campaigning.
 - Council staff will not assist with electioneering activities.
 - Use personal email addresses (not Western Bay of Plenty District Council email address) for campaigning.
 - Voting papers may not be collected from electors by candidates or their assistants.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

7. Council's social media channels will remain neutral. Council will promote elections and the importance of voting but will not associate these posts with any candidates. Any post - positive or negative - made by any individual specifically relating to their own or someone else's nomination, intention to run for Council or election campaign, will be removed.

- 8. Council's social media channels will unlike / unfollow all candidate social media channels.
- 9. Candidates must not link their own social media channels to the Council's social media channels. Candidates must ensure that any social media posts used for campaigning purposes have the appropriate campaign authorisation.
- 10. Council social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public, Council channels will be constantly monitored and activity strictly enforced. Examples of social media use that will not be permitted include:
 - No posting on Council pages / accounts.
 - No comments / replies on Council pages.
 - No mentions with a tag (e.g. @westernbaycouncil).
 - No picture tagging.
 - No rating or reviewing Council pages or posts.
 - It is illegal to post a photo of your completed voting papers on social media.
- 11. Any questions can be directed to Council's Deputy Electoral Officer Robyn Garrett, or Council's independent Electoral Officer Warwick Lampp at electionz.com.

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Interested/Affected Parties	Completed/Planned Engagement/Consultation/Communication				
Current elected members	Protocols session delivered to current Mayor and councillors by Electoral Officer; elections report provided to community boards.				
General Public – voters and possible candidates	Elections information on Council's website, candidate information sessions scheduled.	Ongoing			

ISSUES AND OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

Report received						
Reasons why no options are available	Legislative or other reference					
Report is for information and process- based, no decision required.	Informs elected members of electoral legislation requirements.					

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

12. Impartial management of elections meets Council's legislative obligations under the Local Electoral Act 2001, Local Electoral Regulations 2001 and the Local Government Act 2002.

FUNDING/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Funding Information	Relevant Detail
Nil	Election management is budgeted for in Council's Annual Plan

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT