

Submitters to be Heard - LTP 2021-2031

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To: [GDC Submission](#)
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Do you wish to speak at the Council meeting in support of your submission?: No

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Kia ora

I find the stoical acceptance of population decline and an ageing population somewhat strange. Surely Council should be seeking ways of avoiding this? At the moment, there's an economic energy provided by the Indian community. Learn from this. Why not become a refugee centre for instance? Development West Coast have finally been dragged kicking and screaming into considering 'social fabric'. This should be encouraged. There are ways of making the district a story and an exciting place which don;t require big investment, but some small injections of capital, often to match gov funding requirements.

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I think Runanga can learn from Blackball, Blackball runs its own swimming pool, with some help, but it is a considerable task. There should be a sharing of knowledge. There could well be a way for both village's libraries to become outliers of the central library, being able to collect requests, take over redundant books... There could be a way for people needing to pay online but without gear or knowledge to receive local help for a very small fee.

Blackball runs a shopping trip van once a week; that's a good thing.

I find the level of rates increase outlandish; as far as I can see, rates doubling over ten years. Given the low rate of interest at the moment, to be charging people what is the equivalent of 6% interest annually for the next ten years is ridiculous. Borrow the money and plan the repayment over a longer period. It's what everyone else is doing. Capital is not in short supply.

Can the new library have a meeting room big enough for intimate performance (poetry readings, solo acoustic musicians - that sort of thing)?

Error: Blackball is not connected to the Greymouth water supply; rather a worry that that is not known. Hopefully the lesson has been learnt re coal fired boilers? Took a while. About time to take a leaf out of Buller's book in terms of working with climate change, Generally, stop wasting money e.g. the Cobden freedom camping park fiasco. There remains a dumb acceptance of the local coal lobby's position which will get us nowhere.

Finally, there remains a lack of real vision or imagination in this plan. It's not inspiring.



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16 March 2021

The Mayor and Councillors
Grey District Council
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Your Worship the Mayor and Councillors

**West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Submission to the Grey District Council
Long Term and Annual Plans**

Introduction

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust would like to apply to the Grey District Council for a contribution of \$10,000 per year in the Council's Long Term Plan beginning with inclusion in this year's Annual Plan.

The Wilderness Trail is an asset owned by the Grey and Westland District Councils, in partnership with the landowners. It is used extensively by ratepayers for cycling, jogging and walking and can be considered as similar to the Westland Recreation Centre or a sports field. It has also grown to become one of the largest tourism attractors in the district and region. The trail is therefore of high importance for social, community and economic wellbeing.

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust was established in 2016 by the Grey and Westland District Councils to manage the day-to-day operations of the trail outside capital development and maintenance. The original Trustees were invited by the Councils and the Trustees have undertaken this role voluntarily ever since. This request for funding is therefore considered by the Trust as a small ask for support, to what is the overseeing of a significant Council asset. In respect of this, the Trust is seeking the Council to commit to ongoing support. We request this through the Annual and Long-Term Plans in the same way Westland District Council is with their \$15,000 per annum contribution drafted for inclusion in their Long-Term Plan.

Lead Position of the Trail

The Trail remains one of the leading cycleways amongst the 22 Nga Haerenga Great Rides network, the Trust and Trail Manager's work doing much to achieve and maintain this status. This is based on the trail having achieved the following:

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WOF Score: A requirement of trails is to support MBIE in a Warrant of Fitness, being one of 4 trails that sit with Warrant of Fitness ratings scoring between 4-5 on a scale of 5. This is not only based on the physical aspects of the trail but also rider experience, management, governance and marketing.

Surveys completed: As a requirement to retain funding MBIE require trails to submit at least 300 surveys per year and aspire to 500. The Wilderness Trail sits at the top with over 500 surveys submitted. From those surveys many other ratings are gained. Virtually all of which the trail sits above the average for all trails. These include:

Net Promotor Score: This score is currently 87.7 well above the average of all trails at 76.7.

Satisfaction: 9.4 against the average of all trails at 9.1.

Trail Ratings: The trail scores above the average for all trails in all but three of the 16 areas the trail is rated. The three remaining scores equal the national average. The scores are attached below.

Economic Return per Rider: The trail has over 14,500 riders with an average spend of \$264 per night staying on average 4.3 nights. This indicated a direct return of over \$16.5 m per annum. With the MBIE multiplier of 3.55, the return is in the vicinity of \$60 m per annum.

This trail is in this position through the sheer hard work of all involved. Our Trust is one of those key players.

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust and its Role

In addition to providing trail governance, the Trust contracts and oversees the work of the dedicated professional Trail Manager.

The Trust comprises five voluntary trustees, John Wood (Chair and Treasurer), Pauline Cox (Vice Chair), Cindy Hopper, Mark Jones and Gary Gibbens. This is a good mix of people from the two districts and includes operators and riders.

Jackie Gurden has undertaken a leadership role as Trail Manager under a contract for the last four years.

The Trust provides the link, working proactively and collaboratively between the riders, businesses, Councils and New Zealand Cycle Trails Inc. It also works with many other key stakeholders including DOC, Trustpower, partner trails (including the Old Ghost Road) and the community. A snapshot of the recent work of the Trust includes:

- Undertaking the requirements of NZCT and MBIE including the monthly survey data, warrants of fitness and providing other information required.
- Emergency management communications for closures and diversions.
- Inputting into trail infrastructure planning
- Undertaking enhancement projects like the eight recently installed interpretation panels in the Greymouth section, more directional signage and upgrading the start/finish kiosk signage.
- Working with the 70 Official Partners in the membership programme.

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- Managing the website, Facebook and TripAdvisor portals.
- Preparing the guide for riders with disabilities.
- Preparing the economic assessment report.

Of note over this last year, we undertook a marketing campaign that included new video content, social media and new brochure distribution valued at around \$40,000. Our Trust raised the funds for \$10,000 worth of this, with DWC funding the remainder.

The Financial Position of the Trust

The Trust operates on a budget of around \$100,000 - \$110,000 pa. This includes the Trail Manager and small projects, marketing and administration budgets. As of this year we receive \$45,000 from MBIE, \$20,000 from Official Partners. We also aim to receive donations along with our voluntary activity fee paid by tour companies bringing riders here totalling \$10,000. Westland District Council have included \$15,000 in their long-term plan. An annual contribution of \$10,000 would help secure the Trust's funding while also providing the incentive for us to remain active in seeking funding from other sources.

Conclusion

The districts' have a huge asset in the trail. Our Trust is working very hard to maximise the return from the trail. Our advocacy, work on trail enhancements, managing trail riders (especially with closures) and investment in marketing at a time when visitors are desperately needed is playing a key role in the returns being realised. We would like to have the Grey District Council as a partner and contributing financial support for the work of the Trust.

We are happy to supply any further information you require.

We would like to speak to this submission.

Yours faithfully



Jackie Gurden
Trail Manager
West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust

The C E O,
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Greymouth District Council,
Greymouth. 7805

2/03/21



Kaiata Community centre Inc.
C/- 21 Litchfield street,
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Greymouth 7805

Dear Paul,

It was agreed at our recent meeting that a letter be written to you to request that a new public toilet installation be added to the Council Plan for Kaiata.

A public toilet is sorely lacking and its installation would be of huge benefit to our community.

The Community Centre playground is a very popular destination for many families from all around the Grey district. The hall too is being used three afternoons a week for dance. It is our Civil Defence Base, is used by the Kaiata Women's Institute and of course our Committee for meetings and the running our fund-raising days.

We do not have toilet facilities available to visitors 24/7

A public toilet would also be a great asset in assisting the Committee with Playground Birthday Party gatherings, Community picnic's and BBQ, s. etc. and therefore enable greater use and development of the Playground facilities.

It is suggested that this new public toilet be installed on the main road near the bus stop at the top of Golf Links Road easily seen and accessed by the general public, including the Shuttle bus as toilet facilities are few and far between.

With Kaiata now having a new sewage system and the new water supply being installed very soon, and hopefully as planned for several years, followed by the long-awaited main road footpaths we believe this to be a great time to have a public toilet installed.

Thank you for your time in considering this urgent request. I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely

Margaret Becker

President

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SUBMISSION FORM



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Austin and Annette Adams

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Do you wish to speak to Council at the meeting in support of your submission? Yes No

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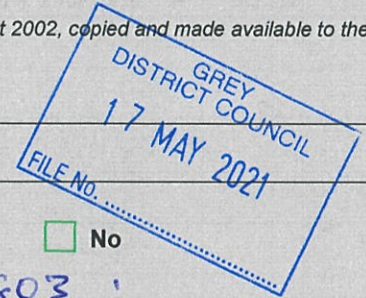
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FEEDBACK ON KEY & OTHER ISSUES - Please indicate your preference by ticking the below boxes.

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Your comments: (More space on the back)

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Date 16 May 2021
To Greymouth Council
From Austin and Annette Adams
Subject No long term plan for sewer connection for Rapahoe

No mention is made in the council's ten year forward plan for any sewer connection for the Rapahoe community. Such a proposal existed in the council's plan two decades ago. We were denied installation of a septic tank system by the Regional Council when we built our house in 2008-2009, ostensibly because of the Greymouth Council's plan for sewer installation.

Our waste system was subsequently designed for sewer connection at some near future date. Currently (at a past cost to us of approximately twenty thousand dollars for sewage removal) we are very disturbed to see there is no plan for a sewer connection to Rapahoe.

We consider that in the long term it is inevitable that some community sewage system is installed in Rapahoe. Unless radical new sewage technologies are developed, the costs of installation are steadily increasing. We urge the council to plan for the installation of a Rapahoe sewage system before the costs of such an installation become too much of a burden on Rapahoe ratepayers.


Austin Adams


Annette Adams

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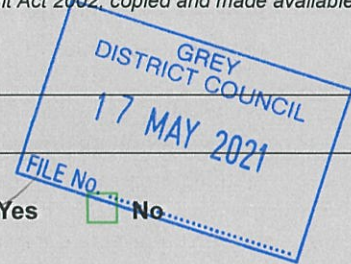
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Your comments:

17th May 2021

RE: ANNUAL PLAN

P. 8 Challenges we're facing

Para 2: quote willingness to pay for any nice to have but not essential projects.

Deferred Renewals:

You forgot to include rubbish as a core activity addressing the core activities roading, water, sewerage and rubbish should be still top priority.

New water, sewerage and rubbish have been all addressed in the last two decades and just about there.

The Grey District in my view would be one of not many districts in New Zealand utilizing subsidies fully compliant and to get there with Ahaura and Nelson Creek communities getting stuck in also with subsidies achieving compliant water schemes themselves.

Whoever 25 years ago would have thought Blackball would have fully compliant sewerage and water. Please remember that all of these ratepayers will be funding these core services for probably another generation at least of sewerage and water.

Some will still be struggling to fund hookups.

That leaves roading which of course includes bridges. About 20 years ago a Government paper wanted feedback about outlying roading be given less importance on maintenance, fortunately town people either through work or pleasure overwhelmingly stated these networks were the lifeblood of the District.

These last few years our Districk has dropped the ball on this core activity for other projects or industry which rate paying funding is not Government subsidized.

Page 11 – Increased reserves

As councillors are aware to say that \$8.4 million will be in reserves in 10 years which is a high amount. It will only happen if untouched.

These two reserves need separating so Westland Recreation Centre reserve is that. I understand that already ½ million goes to reserves now.

Stormwater mentioned on 12 pages

P 4,8,10,11,21,22,23,24,25,26,29 and 30

Forget stormwater as Government has already indicated taking over the three waters in two years time.

P21 A user pays component as all urban not District wide
There was no indication when this plan was implemented 2018 about the three waters.

p.27 4th para: Is this to lower rates for those items who directly benefit p29.

p.29 years – project lines

Lines 1,2,3,6 and 7 are all targeted rates for ratepayers who directly benefit.

\$1.5 million for heavy vehicle assess to the Port unbelievable. There is already heavy vehicle assess now.

½ mill replace Pound facility.

These last two items requires more accurate figures.

What it means:

p.31 Rural Fires

Government took over this funding 5-6 years ago. I brought this item up at an Annual Plan about five years ago but was given the run around so it appears that those who have funded this targeted rate have still been paying until now.

The Auditors should have picked that up.

What it means:

p.31 Funding Splits – was clear before – now seems confusing.

Moonlight Bridge Replacement PGF Funding

200m south of Moonlight Bridge is McGhies Hill. This 300m of road will need reshaping for mainly safety reasons regarding shaping, icing, visibility and shading. This needs to be done in conjunction with the two-lane bridge replacement.

As the Moonlight Bridge was re-decked with new baulks in recent years, the beams refurbished could be ideal to replace a Bell Hill bridge back to Class 1.

Both of these projects will attract Government subsidies (page 21).

Do all of the figures in this Plan include GST, or not?

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Please find attached our proposal for Learner Licence Education in the Greymouth District.



Learner Licencing Education (Drive WEST programme) in the Greymouth District

Our Proposal

We would like the Greymouth District Council to financially support WestREAP to run Learner Licencing in the Grey District. We proposal to run six workshops catering to 10-15 clients at a time for an amount of \$2,380 per workshop being a total of \$14,280. This is an all-inclusive amount which will result in 90 more licenced drivers on the West Coast.

We are making this application as we know that there is a need. We receive on average two requests per week from people living in the Grey District to run the course in Greymouth. We have been approached by Salvation Army, the Te Tai o Poutini Polytechnic, Greymouth High School and other agencies to run this course.

Who are WestREAP?

REAP is an acronym for Rural Educational Activities Programme. REAPs are community organisations based on a philosophy of community development through education. The government of the day established 13 REAPs between 1979 and 1982 with the overarching aim of facilitating access to lifelong learning opportunities for people living in rural and isolated areas.

A substantial part of REAP work is in a brokerage role, connecting learners with appropriate programmes across the sectors of Early Childhood Education (ECE), Schools and Youth and Adult and Community Education (ACE).

WestREAP connects learners to opportunities, filling gaps in education across Early Childhood, Schools and Youth and Adult and Community Education, adding value to existing educational initiatives. WestREAP has its main office base in Hokitika with a smaller office and learning hub in Greymouth. The work WestREAP does is underpinned by a community led development model across the region.

The Drive West programme

The Drive WEST programme is a Learner Licensing programme, run by WestREAP and supported by Westland Safer Communities Coalition. We teach an 8-hour programme over a 2-week period to those in the Westland District who need their Learner Licence, regardless of their age. We fund this programme fully, including tutor wage, venue, resources and pay for the cost of each participant to sit the tests.

Drive WEST Success

To date, since starting writing and delivering this programme in August 2019 we have now had over 80 participants. Of those who have completed the course then come to do their licence we have a 100% success rate. So far this year we have run four programmes with 21 participants aged from 16 to over 50. We have run courses in the Westland District Library, in Ross and at WestREAP in Hokitika.

Therefore, the 20% who are doing the course but not completing the test, need extra support to get them to the test. Some of the reasons people have done the programme but not come to do their test is: anxiety, they've moved away, their parent hasn't let them sit the test or they have become uncontactable, probably for one of the aforementioned reasons. Some are waiting for birth or medical certificates to arrive.

Expanding Drive West

We believe this programme should and must be replicated in the Grey District. The funding for the Westland District, has been a huge success and continues to grow. We are currently working out how to teach a group in Haast and another in Hari Hari. We will continue to do more work around supporting

participants to reach the final hurdle of their test. Those who have come through agencies such as Oranga Tamariki, PACT Poutini Waiora or Youth Services (Ministry of Social Development) can get extra support to make sure they're confident and it is imperative we keep working alongside these agencies.

When contacting earlier participants, they have given us feedback such as:

- *Mum said that both girls benefited greatly from getting their learners it enabled them to have more confidence and they are booked in for Professional lessons before they sit their restricted.*
- *Her mum said what a Great programme, so important keep it going. Harder to sit licence as you need to have drive's in Greymouth, but she did well, got her restricted licence first pop. They live in South Westland and she said it was great Julia could come down.*
- *It enabled her to get her NZ full, very grateful*

Further Information

We are very grateful for your time in considering this proposal and are more than happy to discuss any questions you may have and are also willing to present this proposal in person.

Kind regards,

Ivan Wharerimu Iraia, Chief Executive

WestREAP

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Date: Monday, 17 May 2021 3:32:45 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the plan.

I believe that the as built heritage of our district is a huge factor in what makes our area distinct.

It may be outside the scope of the 10 year plan but I see no mention of heritage at all.

Our towns landscape values are changing all the time with the loss of heritage buildings. Is this of concern to Council and our population?

In particular I am concerned about the future of the heritage values of the western end of town. It seems incredible that council is working with the Greymouth Heritage Trust spending hundreds of thousands of dollars restoring the historic wharf cranes yet things seem to be very sketchy on the future of the Harbour Board building and the old County chambers known as History House. Surely these two buildings should be included in any long term planning of telling our town's story. Council has seemed to 'wipe it's hands' in relation to History House. In my opinion the building could have strengthened and utilised at a lesser cost as what has been spent on investigations and pop-ups. Whatever future plans are for this building it is important to not to loose it to the town.

Could Council please address the importance of heritage buildings as to how they fit into our future. Maybe a updated register of these is required.

Thank you

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PS I would like to be heard in relation to my submission.

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Subject: Submission on Long Term Plan
Date: Monday, 17 May 2021 12:38:03 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit regarding the long term plan.

My comments may be well outside the scope of the plan but I'm going to make them as follows anyway.

It is good to hear that money is being set aside for a new library complex. I believe that a bold vision is required for this with a hope that some sort of Library / Modern Museum complex could be established. Puke Ariki in New Plymouth is a fine example of what I believe we should aim for.

I believe that it is essential for this to be in the CBD but can appreciate Councils wish for it to be on Freehold land. Another approach maybe to share a space with Mawhera Inc. so a joint Tangata whenua and 'western' story of Mawhera / Greymouth could be told together. Maybe GDC could provide the building and space and Mawhera provide the land at no charge for say 100 yrs ... just a thought.

From my initial meeting with the Pounamu Pathways group they are very keen to tell the wider Mawhera / Greymouth story. I am not privy to any discussions but this seems an ideal time for all the groups to get together to see if an amazing outcome could be planned for our town. If this was a possibility it would need to be got onto right away. Could the Pounamu Pathways initiative be combined with GDC vision with the possible support of DWC?

The story of our town is very much the story of our river. It is simply the reason why Maori and Pakeha both traded and settled here.

With this in mind I believe that the old R&N trading site on Boundary Street could be an ideal location for any development. It is just on the edge of the CBD but with adjoining vacant land would provide a great historical site with access to the river and ample parking. The old wharf cranes which are currently being restored could be a significant part of any complex that would provide a truly unique experience for locals and visitors alike.

Thank you

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Long term plan.

The possible proposals for changes at Runanga have brought about robust discussion which will be good for the community.

Runanga has a unique identity and with its distance from Mawhera / Greymouth cannot be considered a suburb as Blaketown, Cobden and Karoro are.

Runanga, as much of the West Coast has a changing demographic with people moving to the area for lifestyle changes or retirement. Many are realising the advantages of living in vibrant small communities.

I believe that Runanga is at a crossroads and has the possibility going forward in any of two major directions.

1. It does become a satellite for Mawhera / Greymouth and as such is a large housing estate with a school, few shops and not much else.

Or 2. It becomes a proud and vibrant community within itself offering great community facilities. It could become a hub for the outdoors and history that draws others to it.

I believe that the GDC should see the possibilities ahead and assist Runanga to reassess itself and help launch the town into the future. This will need strong community leadership and buy-in.

In the short term I would like to see the GDC to commit to keeping the Pool and Community centre going while investigating the future. Runanga needs a 'hand up' not a 'knock down' at this critical time.

I'm sure that all would agree that Reefton is a glowing example of what can be done in a small community. This didn't happen overnight and started some 30yrs ago with the involvement of Australian Peter Kenyon in association with I.D.E.A.S.

Peter held a workshop in Greymouth hosted by DWC in October 2018. There was good discussion but only a small group in attendance so suspect that nothing major came of this. I however believe with the right promotion someone like Peter could facilitate workshops in Runanga to focus community energy to bring about real and vibrant and sustainable change.

Some will disagree with me but I believe that the Runanga Miners Hall when completed will provide a major catalyst for renewal of Runanga.

Let's help the community keep walking forward until it can run under its own momentum.

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My submission is that someone (I suggest Peter Kenyon) be brought in to assist with the transformation of Runanga based on its own strengths. In the meantime keep the existing facilities. I'm happy for my rates to help.

Thank you, Stewart Nimmo

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PS I would like to be heard on this and my Library submission

I have attached a fairly recent plan that Peter was involved with for Gaynda in Australia.

GAYNDAH

Community Development Plan



June 2020

Foreword

I am Gayndah. I am said to be 'the oldest town in Queensland'.

I have stood proudly astride the magical Burnett River for nearly two centuries, I have been tendered, nurtured and loved by generations of my people, of all trades and professions and pursuits who have moulded me to the great country community I now am. I have been visited by endless droughts, the floods have also visited my lands, as have the triumphs, the disappointments, the pursuits of greatness, and the challenges of my journey.

And now as you read, my journey will be enriched by the generosity of Rural Aid Australia and Australia's own Peter Kenyon. I have been fortunate to be selected for the benefits of the Rural Aid Package, and the benefits and wisdom of Peter. The engagement of Peter and his team and the community Gayndah will keep me strong and growing for many years to come, with the adoption of the great ideas and plans put forth.

I see Peter's work as a map for ensuring that I continue to be your loved home, for without you the people of Gayndah I am very little.

Just give me your time and your love and your labours and we both shall be fine for generations to follow, for it really is all for you, the readers of this story and the people of myself.

Definitely a compulsory read.

Yours,
GAYNDAH

Our Story



The township of Gayndah is situated on the Great Dividing Range, 323 km north west of Brisbane. Settled in 1849, Gayndah lays claim to the being 'the Oldest Town in Queensland'. The 2016 ABS Census recorded 1981 residents in the town.

The district has a long connection with the Wakka Wakka Aboriginal people. European explorations occurred from 1843, settlement from 1847 and a town declared in 1848. Gayndah grew to be a regional town of similar size to Brisbane and competed with it to become the capital of Queensland when it became a separate colony from New South Wales in 1859. In 2008, the Gayndah Council was amalgamated into the North Burnett Regional Council, whose major administrative office was subsequently located in the township of Gayndah.

Gayndah's horse racing heritage is incredibly significant - the site of the first Queensland Jockey Club in the mid 1850's, Queensland's first Derby in 1868 and the first Ladies Side

Saddle Race in 1880. The historic track is still active today and gazetted for two major horse races each year.

Agriculture and grazing have been the dominant industries of the district. The town is the centre of one of Queensland's largest citrus-growing areas. The town has long connection to tourism with the first Orange Festival being held in 1957. The district is also home to some of the major cattle studs in Queensland.

The town is currently recovering from major floods in 2010/11 and 2012/13, and six years of drought conditions. These realities have negatively impacted the viability of many businesses and seen the closure of 19 businesses in the last five years. However, Gayndah had a long tradition of being a 'can-do' enterprising community, and these resilient qualities are being reflected in the desire of our residents to design and implement a positive community and economic future.

Acknowledgements



The formulation of this Community Development Plan was initiated and funded by Rural Aid as part of their 'Ten Towns' Makeover Initiative, of which Gayndah was a winner. Facilitation of the community engagement process and preparation of the Plan was undertaken by Peter Kenyon from the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. and assisted by Tracy Alder and Jen Curnow Trotter from Rural Aid and a passionate Gayndah community team comprising John Zahl (Convener), Andrew Bryant, Jo Dowling, Dael Giddins, Amanda Wenck and Steve Hickey. Special thanks to so many Gayndah community members and staff from North Burnett Regional Council who gave so generously of their time, wisdom and skills.



Finally, the Plan acknowledges the traditional custodians of country - the Wakka Wakka people and their significant contribution to our community past, present and future.

Our Vision

A vibrant friendly community where heritage, growth and lifestyle proudly combine.



Our Goals

- Maintaining and continually expanding our lifestyle and employment options and opportunities.
- Actively pursuing new economic and entrepreneurial opportunities that strengthens and diversifies our local economy.
- Encouraging a strong, innovative, customer-focused, profitable and collaborative business environment.
- Developing and promoting our community as a desirable place to stop, stay, experience and reside.
- Preserving and maintaining our significant heritage buildings and landmarks as Queensland's Oldest Town.
- Involving, supporting and empowering our young people.
- Maintaining our strong sporting traditions, clubs and facilities.



Our Guiding Values

The following eight guiding values provide the context for our community's identified actions and initiatives, namely -

- Sense of community - ensuring all community members experience a deep sense of connection, inclusion, and contribution.
- Collaboration - committing to a high level of community and stakeholder cooperation, partnership, and networking.
- Safety - maintaining high levels of community safety, freedom, low crime rate and wellbeing.
- Local loyalty - fostering a strong sense of commitment and practical support to the local community and its institutions and businesses.
- Pride - encouraging pride and times of celebration relating to our heritage, uniqueness, and achievements.
- Respect for environment and wildlife - valuing and protecting our unique natural environment and its diverse and prolific wildlife.
- Respect for heritage - appreciating our unique heritage, stories, traditions and cultures and their importance in community and economic development.
- Rural lifestyle - retaining our unique sense of country way of life, local connections rural landscapes.

Our Challenges

Like most small rural communities, our community faces and needs to respond creatively to a series of demographic, social, economic and environmental challenges, including -

- Ongoing drought conditions.
- Population and business loss.
- Communication limitations.
- Small customer base.
- Online shopping and lack of support for local businesses.
- Appearance of Mainstreet.
- Heritage appearances not reflecting the reputation of being 'Oldest Town in Queensland'.
- Mainstreet parking limitations.





Gayndah's community is a desirable place to stop, stay, experience and reside.

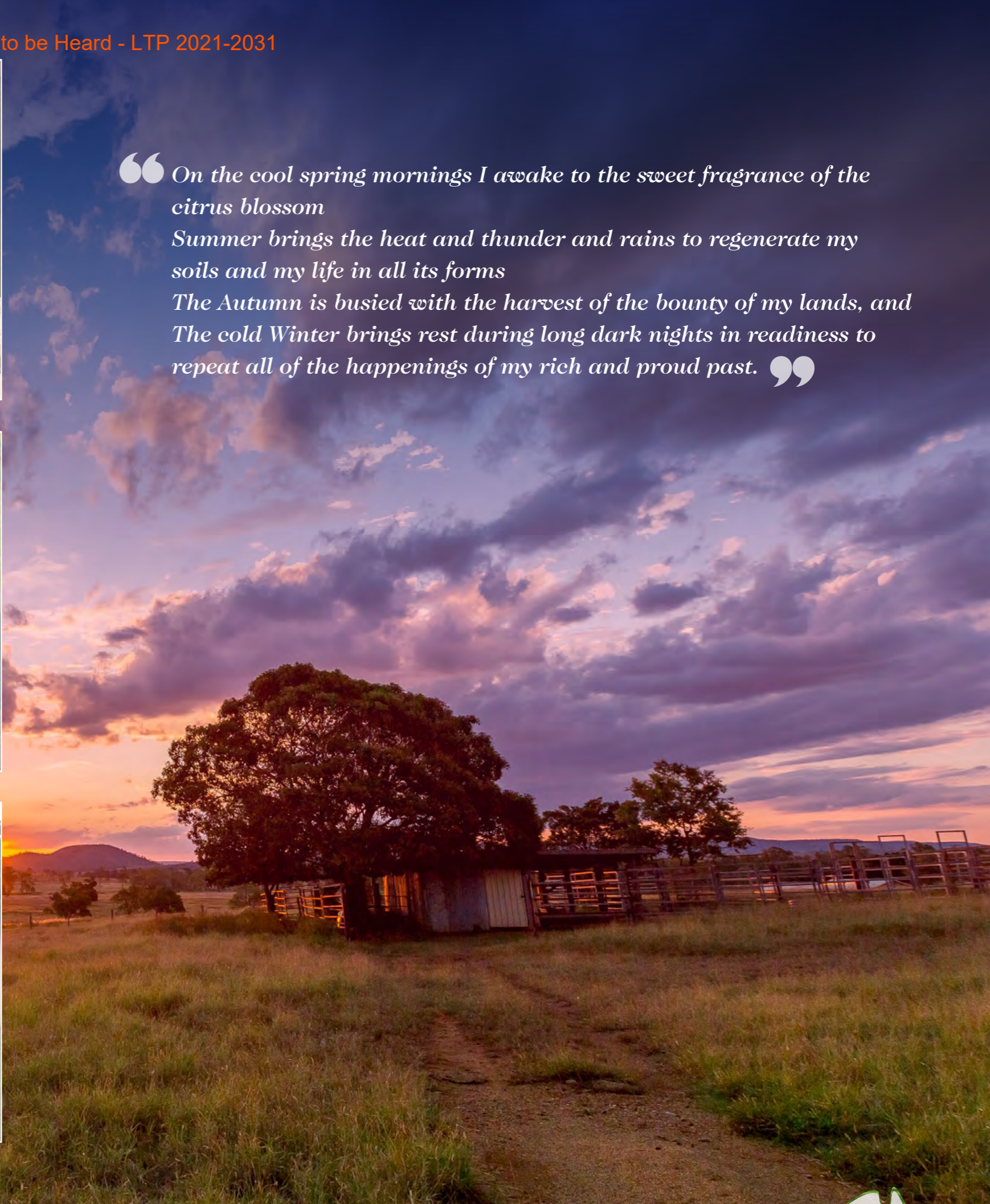
“ On the cool spring mornings I awake to the sweet fragrance of the citrus blossom
Summer brings the heat and thunder and rains to regenerate my soils and my life in all its forms
The Autumn is busied with the harvest of the bounty of my lands, and
The cold Winter brings rest during long dark nights in readiness to repeat all of the happenings of my rich and proud past. ”



Gayndah's goal is to always involve, support and empower our young people.



Gayndah is home to the first Queensland Jockey Club (mid 1850's), Queensland's first Derby in 1868 and the first Ladies Side Saddle Race in 1880.



Social Networks

Service groups - Rotary, Lions, RSL, Men's Shed, CWA, Masons.

Gayndah Development Association.

Historical Society, Rail Trail Group, Gayndah Railway Heritage.

Sporting clubs- jockey, golf, rugby league (seniors and juniors), tennis, netball, touch football, swimming, archery, little athletics, lawn bowls, cricket.

Scouts, Guides, MS Club.

Gardening Group.

Community Radio.

People

Rural lifestyle.

1800 residents.

500+ backpackers resident in community over a 3-6 month period.

Friendliness and welcoming community.

Safety and low crime rate.

Dr Jillian Kenny, Dr Henry Ung.

Connection with Army (2nd Combat engineer Regiment).

Blue Gum Farm.

Physical

Water skiing, boating and recreational fishing opportunities.

Burnett River, Gayndah Riverwalk.

Scenic rural land farming landscapes.

Claude Wharton Weir, public boat ramp and park facilities.

Archer's Lookout - the "Duke and Duchess" twin hills.

McConnell Lookout (Mt Gayndah).

Heritage infrastructure - including a set of heritage listed buildings - Mellor's Drapery, State School, Soldiers Memorial Hall (art deco style), Racecourse and the Ideraway Upside Down Bridge.

Abundant and visible wildlife.

Parks - Zonhoven Park, Lions Park (includes Skate Park), Jaycees Park.

Sports grounds complex

Racecourse Complex.

Showgrounds Complex.

Gayndah to Mundubbera Alternative Scenic Drive.

Pioneer Place and Native Botanical Gardens.

Citrus plantations - visual green impact.

Institutions

North Burnett Region Council.

Hospital and community health services.

Police.

Gayndah aerodrome - Ted Kirk Field.

Education- Burnett State College, Gayndah State School, St Josephs Primary School, Pre-school.

Emergency services - QFES, SES, Rural Fire Brigade, Ambulance.

Disaster management centre

Brian Pastures Research Station (AMLC and Agforce)

Queensland Government Services - Court House

Community service providers - Bridges, NEADO.

People

Gayndah Development Association, BIEDO, RDA.

Key agricultural industries- citrus, beef, dairy, piggeries.

Tourism sector - 3 hotels, 5 motels, 2 caravan parks, 9 dining outlets, 20 - hour free camping location, Gayndah Bush Camp facility for Backpackers and Travelers.

Retail sector - supermarkets, pharmacy, banking, post office, fuel outlets, butchers, clothing shops, cafes, furniture and furnishing, hardware

Service sector - doctors, dentist, real estate offices

Manufacturing sector - engineering works

Part of the largest citrus area in Southern hemisphere.

Roadside fruit stalls.

Slack Sawmill.

Culture, Stories & Sources of Pride

Ban Ban Springs - the Traditional site for the Wakka Wakka People and is guarded by the Rainbow Serpent.

Local Indigenous connection and culture.

Recognition as the 'Oldest Town in Queensland'.

Gayndah Museum and Information Centre - including the renowned static and live display of the history of the Queensland lungfish - 'Ceratodus'.

Gayndah Art Gallery.

Big Orange. Citrus shaped town clock.

Horse race heritage.

Gayndah bear folklore.

Race meetings - twice annually and attract 500+ race goers and mobilise 50 volunteers.

Rail heritage and the Gayndah Railway Station complex, Upside Down Bridge Ideraway.

First Queensland Jockey Club, Queensland's first Derby and the first Ladies Side Saddle Race.

Events - Monthly Markets, two race meetings per year, Gayndah Silver Whip Campdraft, Family Fishing Competition, Agricultural Show, Gayndah Street Party, Gayndah Citrus Kick Off Festival, biannual Orange Festival.

Mellor's Drapery - one of the few buildings in Australia which still uses a 'flying fox' to deal with transactions.

Unique vertical street signs.

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme One

Main Street Appeal

ACTIONS



1. Develop and implement a 'Mainstreet Beautification Plan' which includes -

- Reinstating a 'Mainstreet Streetscape Policy'.
- Rejuvenating garden beds, nature strips and planter boxes.
- Refreshing signage.
- Planting citrus trees.
- Creating more seating areas.
- Painting planter pots bright orange.
- Introducing a 'Hanging Baskets Scheme'.
- Painting planter pots bright orange.
- Introducing a regular tree and plant watering program.

Timeframe: Immediate and ongoing.

2. Reinforce 'Queensland's Oldest Town' image by -

- Developing and promoting a 'Heritage Town Walk'.
- Restoring heritage frontages.
- Creating historic displays and interpretive signage.
- Introducing old fashioned solar lighting.
- Encouraging greater use of Council heritage fund.

Timeframe: Short term

3. Improve parking and pedestrian movement by -

- Designating an easy parking area for caravans.
- Painting clear lines for parking.
- Creating a truck stop/RV stop at Barambah Recreation Reserve.
- Building bike racks.
- Repairing and enhancing footpaths.
- Improving shop access and mobility.
- Introducing some pedestrian crossing points.
- Advocating for a heavy vehicle by-pass.

Timeframe: Immediate and ongoing.

4. Wi-fi main street.

Timeframe: Short term.

5. Develop and implement a 'Ask Me, I am a Local' scheme.

Timeframe: Immediate.

6. Foster greater 'streetlife feel' through -

- More business activity on pavements.
- More mainstreet community events.
- More alfresco dining.
- Encouraging coffee and food shops to stay open longer.

Timeframe: Immediate.

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council
Gayndah Development Association

OTHER PARTNERS

Business community, BIEDO, Historical Society

Theme Two

Pool Enhancement

ACTIONS



1. Enhance the Pool complex as a key community 'hub space' through immediate Pool physical improvements -

- Extending Pool area by realigning the fence.
- Exploring heating the Pool for all year use.
- Creating wave Pool attractions.
- Introducing a slide.
- Adapting the Pool for physically challenged people.
- Enhancing privacy at Pool by planting dense shrubbery.
- Building barbecues and picnic tables.
- Add gym to the pool complex.

Timeframe: Short term.

2. Hold events at the Pool -

- Running outdoor films.
- Introducing beach volley.

Timeframe: Immediate and ongoing.

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council

OTHER PARTNERS

Swimming Club

Theme Three

Youth Retention & Attraction

ACTIONS



1. Formulate a 'Youth Retention and Attraction Plan' that focusses on -

- Enhancing meaningful child and youth civic engagement.
- Increasing youth recreation options.
- Identifying local youth training and jobs options.
- Identifying youth leadership opportunities.
- Maintaining regular contact with young people after they leave the community.
- Implementing a campaign to target the return of the 25-40-year-old cohort.

Timeframe: Immediate.

2. Establish an after-school youth drop-in centre.

Timeframe: Short term

3. Instigate immediate youth recreation option infrastructure including -

- Providing shade at the Skate Park.
- Building a half basketball court.

Timeframe: Immediate.

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council
Gayndah Development Association

OTHER PARTNERS

Rotary Club, Lions Club

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme Four Tourism Development

ACTIONS

1. Formulate a comprehensive 'Tourism Action Plan' which incorporates key elements, including -

- Audit of existing tourism product.
- Opportunities for existing tourism product enhancement, including expansion of the Orange Festival, agri-tourism (including orchard tours, cattle property visits, development of more citrus related local products).
- Identification and development of new tourism product, including building on the horse and racing heritage, Indigenous tourism.
- Enhancement of marketing, customer service, town storytelling and operator networking.

Timeframe: Immediate.

2. Establish physical infrastructure that enhances visitor appeal including -

- Establishing a free overnight camping area near the CBD.
- Creating an interesting Gayndah 'Selfie Spots' including main street and main lookouts.
- Developing a rail trail from Gayndah to Mundubbera.
- Enhancing the Claude Wharton Weir with gas barbecues, children's playground, more shade.
- Erecting bird and wildlife interpretative signage at the river and main lookouts.
- Locating a tourism flyer stand in every business.

Timeframe: Short to medium term.

3. Instigate feasibility studies into identified tourism opportunities including-

- Residential Airpark - house and hangar arrangement linked to the Ted Kirk Field.
- Conversion of Ideraway Homestead into history information and interpretative centre.
- A paddle boat and canoe hire service on the river.

Timeframe: Short to medium term.

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council
Gayndah Development Association

OTHER PARTNERS

BIEDO, RDA, Historical Society, Rail Trail Group,
Gayndah Railway Heritage

Theme Five Signage & Entrances

ACTIONS

1. Design and implementation of a 'Signage/Town Entrance Strategy' including -

- Developing an agreed town identity/brand.
- Undertaking of an audit of existing signage and entrances.
- Formulating and implementing of standardised, quality, and attractive signage within the mainstreet and all town entrances.
- Removing or updating of old outdated signs.
- Using trees and shrubs to screen industrial sites.
- Encouraging homes and businesses on approaches to town to smarten their appearance.

Timeframe: Short term

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council

OTHER PARTNERS

Gayndah Development Association

Theme Six Community Hub Developments

ACTIONS

1. Create or enhance existing spaces, events and interests that brings residents together to share, learn and enjoy, including the following possibilities -

- Reinventing a Community Hub Space to replace the loss of the YMCA and its former activities.
- Developing a Creative Hub Space - music, video, recording.
- Re- introducing an afterschool Youth Drop-in Facility that engages youth leadership involvement.
- Improving the Town Hall as a community meeting space - introduce air conditioning, develop as a cinema space...
- Enhancing the Pool and its environments as a community hub space including gym.
- Enhancing the Claude Wharton Weir as a community and family recreational space (gas barbecues, children's playground, more shade).
- Finding excuses to host regular community get-togethers and celebrations.

Timeframe: Short to medium term

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council
Gayndah Development Association

OTHER PARTNERS

Swimming Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme Seven

Business Retention & Expansion

ACTIONS

1. Evolve a local entrepreneurial development support eco-system that can facilitate and assist local enterprise ideas and opportunities become reality through connection to mentoring, workspace, information, networks and finance.

Timeframe: Short to medium term.

2. Actively explore through feasibility studies new economic opportunities that build upon community assets of location, airport, citrus and interest in renewable energies.

Timeframe: Short to medium term.

3. Instigate a 'Buy-local Campaign'.

Timeframe: Immediate

4. Develop a local customer service program for local business employees that incorporates a 'Ask Me, I am A Local'.

Timeframe: Short term

LEAD GROUPS

North Burnett Regional Council

OTHER PARTNERS

Gayndah Development Association, BIEDO, Burnett Catchment Group, RDA

Theme Eight Lifestyle Enhancement

ACTIONS



1. Continue the development of the Riverwalk as the priority physical enhancement initiative including -

- Completing Stage 2 (to Riverview Caravan Park) and Stage 3 (to the Swimming Pool)
- Creating a bush tucker trail with interpretation.
- Establishing a beach area for launch of canoes, rafts and rowing boats.

Timeframe: Immediate to medium term

2. Develop a 'Lifestyle Promotional Campaign' to attract new residents including- Internet and print media campaign.

Establishing a 'Welcoming' committee, kit and events.

Timeframe: Immediate and ongoing

3. Undertake a 'Community Skill and Passion' Audit'.

Timeframe: Immediate to medium term

4. Introduce new initiatives that strengthen and connect community including -

- A community garden.
- Off leash dog park at the Showgrounds.
- Fencing of playgrounds.
- A Rowing Club.
- A local transport support service.

Timeframe: Immediate to medium term

LEAD GROUPS

Gayndah Development Association

OTHER PARTNERS

Rotary Club, Lions Club, Gardening Group, Indigenous community, North Burnett Regional Council



Gayndah

QUEENSLAND

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Gayndah was established in 1848 and was in competition to become Queensland's capital up against Ipswich and Brisbane.

Gayndah is the centre of Queensland's largest citrus growing area.

Gayndah is home to just under 2000 community passionate people.

Gayndah's youth run a great number of its community organisations, with the quiet guidance of the elders.

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12 . 5 . 2021



Grey District Council
105 Tainui Street
Greymouth 7840 NZ

Re: Council's Draft Long Term
Plan 2021 - 2031

Good morning

For your consideration

Any remaining asbestos water
pipe (drinking water supply)
in our district be removed
and dumped at an approved
land fill site for asbestos

Yours sincerely
Alex Woods

SUBMISSION FORM

HAVE YOUR SAY!



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FEEDBACK ON KEY & OTHER ISSUES - Please indicate your preference by ticking the below boxes.

KEY ISSUE 1:
Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth

- OPTION 1: Extend area. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2: Don't extend area, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 2:
New Library

- OPTION 1: A new purpose built library on freehold land. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2: Don't proceed with building a new library, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 3:
Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service

- OPTION 1: Spring Creek Pool is no longer a Council provided service. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2: Council continue to provide the service - funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3: Council continue to provide the service, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 4:
Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

- OPTION 1: Runanga Service Centre is no longer a Council provided service and the building is disposed of. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2: Continue to provide the service (status quo) – funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3: Continue to provide the service (status quo) – funded by general rate.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSULTATION

Revenue and Financing Policy Do you agree with the proposed changes to the policy? Yes No

Resource Management Fees Do you agree with the proposed fees for 2021/2022? Yes No

Transfer of Floodwall Asset to West Coast Regional Council Do you agree with the proposed transfer? Yes No

Please provide any comments you have on any of the above or anything else you wish to provide feedback on in the section below.

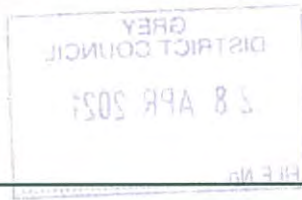
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Kerbside refuse and recycling
Have the option of using a recycling
station only.

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Your comments continued:



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Three Waters Review
Grey Valley Community Sewage Scheme
If you have a compliant onsite
waste water system. Allow a ten (10)
year sunset clause.

Those that have contributed twelve and a half
thousand (12½) dollars towards the Grey Valley
Community Sewage Scheme become share holders

Grey District Library
Investigate funding options
Example. Private Public Partnerships (PPP)
There are various PPP options
Library

Consider the local Maori history when
naming the library
Entrance foyer with local Iwi
history, photo's, display.

Library
Central site that allows outside
activities easy parking. Consider
a small meeting room that could
be hired out. Design for the weather
inside and outside, site specific
for central Greymouth.

Happy to speak to my submission

Thankyou for considering this

Yours sincerely,
Alex Woods.

Example only: English towns, Northern hemisphere

4.11: Microclimate

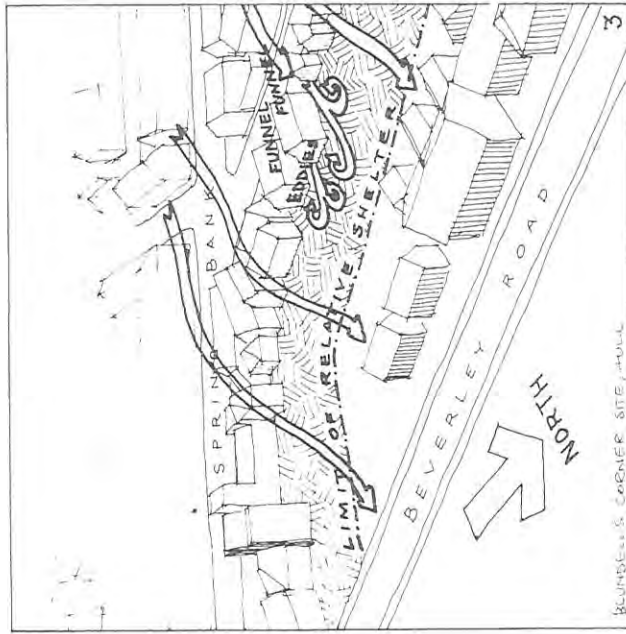
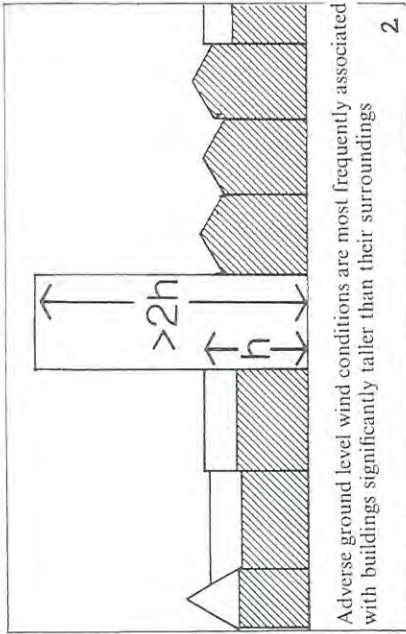
The range of activities in an outdoor place - and hence its robustness - depends partly on its microclimate: particularly windspeed and sunlight. Begin by asking the local meteorological office for data on windspeed and direction, for the weather station nearest to the site.

Situation	Windspeed m/s	Effect
Calm, light air	0-1.5	Calm, no noticeable wind
Light breeze	1.6-3.3	Wind felt on face
Gentle breeze	3.4-5.4	Wind extends light flag, hair is disturbed, clothing flaps.
Moderate breeze	5.5-7.9	Raises dust, dry soil, loose paper; hair disarranged.
Fresh breeze	8.0-10.7	Force of wind felt on body, drifting snow becomes airborne, limit of agreeable wind on land.
Strong breeze	10.8-13.8	Umbrellas used with difficulty, hair blown straight, difficult to walk steadily, wind noise on ears unpleasant, windborne snow above head height (blizzard).
Near gale	13.9-17.1	Inconvenience felt when walking.
Gale	17.2-20.7	Generally impedes progress, great difficulty with balance in gusts.
Strong gale	20.8-24.4	People blown over by gusts

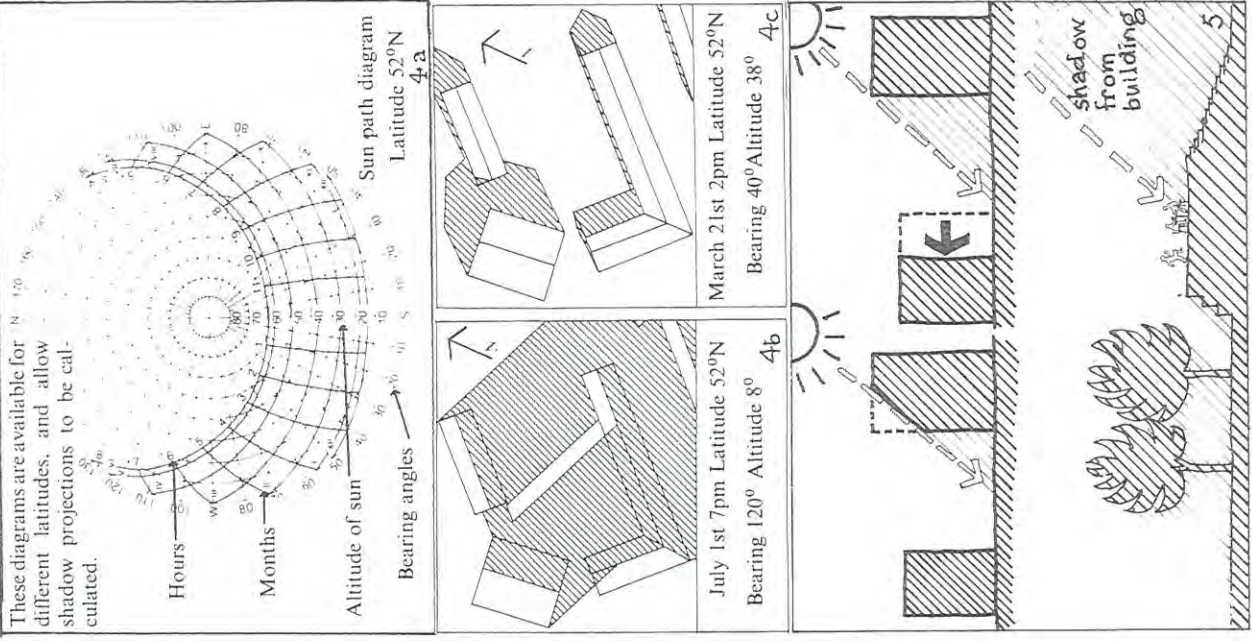
After Penwarden and Wise, 1975 **1**

Windspeed is important partly because it affects temperature. For example, a 50 kph wind at minus one degree centigrade has six times the cooling effect of still air at minus twelve degrees centigrade. Fig. 1 summarises the effects of windspeed on human activity, and therefore on the robustness of the space. The clear implication is that we should design to keep windspeeds below 5 metres per second¹⁴.

Figure 2 indicates typical effects of building form on windspeed. Note the considerable advantages of four-storey buildings in street/block configurations, as advocated in Chapters 1-4.



People tend to follow the sun across a space; seeking or avoiding it according to the climate. The amount and position of sunlight in the space depends on the latitude concerned (4a,b,c)



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Grey District Council
AM & E Department

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For your consideration

Re: Dumping cost prohibitive for
Landfill for construction and
demolition waste for most
house holder's

Good morning

Issues include
Excessive weight reflected with
cost.

Community is changing with
property and building upgrades
and demolition. There will be
an ongoing increasing demand
for this type of rubbish disposal

Monitoring of dumping site's
will need to be considered as
people take advantage of
unmonited sites to sometimes
avoid incurring high cost

It would be essential that major construction firms be involved in this process.

Discussing with them to reflect the importance of a level playing field for all, from small to big.

The alternatives to not providing areas needed will be an increase and continue illegal dumping as currently. This impacts on the environment and social perception.

Happy to speak to my submission

Yours sincerely
Alex Woods

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West Coast Regional Council

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30 JUN 2020

750 Taylorville Road
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29.6.2020

Grey District Council
105 Tainui Street. Greymouth.

Submission for consultation

Good morning

Could a landfill area be made available to dispose of community sewage connection trench excavation material, sometimes containing glass, asbestos, old plastic and clay pipes, building renovation waste.

This type of waste should not be disposed of where people live within their communities

Thankyou for considering this

Yours sincerely
Alex Woods

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Transfer of Floodwall Asset to West Coast Regional Council Do you agree with the proposed transfer? Yes No

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Your comments:

I would like to see the library, post office and pool run by the Runanga community with the support of Council. These are valuable resources which I would hate to see us lose and would be interested in participating as a volunteer to support these services to continue to be offered to Runanga residents.

15/05/21

Submission on Grey District long term plan (2021-20310

Key Issues

It is clear that the council has some difficult decisions to make in regards to the backlog of infrastructure renewals within the district, caused by deferrals to ensure that rates are affordable to the ratepayers and to ensure the wellbeing of ratepayers which is a key government requirement when developing council plans.

The current Council has decided to take what they call prudent decisions to get on top of the required renewals within a 10-year period.

However, I believe Council is proposing to make a decision that is not prudent. That decision is to fund the development of a new library.

Although the current library doesn't have all the bells and whistles of a modern library it is still functional and could continue to be functional past 2031.

I believe that this proposal should be delayed until the infrastructure issues are resolved including the decision to have ratepayer's revenue cover the majority of the cost of the development without utilising a loan. At the very least council should consider reversing this decision by using rate-payers revenue to cover purchase of land and planning and use borrowings to cover the construction of the library.

Under the current circumstances in a low-income economy like Greymouth, the library is a nice to have but is not essential at this time.

Council should be aware of the fact that some people in our district and on the coast as a whole are malnourished due to low income and ongoing cost increases, the proposed rate increase will have a

significant impact on these people. Clearly any increase will also increase rents on residential properties and for those on lease hold land.

Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth

If it can be demonstrated that extending the kerbside collections will reduce future costs for disposal of rubbish and recycling, it would be prudent for the collection to be extended.

However, council must be sure through a business planning approach that in the long run rubbish disposal costs will be contained by implementing this proposal.

Delivery of Spring creek pool service

I have ticked the status quo for this issue as I think there is no benefit of closing the pool to the community's wellbeing. The proposed ongoing savings is insignificant in the scheme of things. Doing so could discourage future community fund raising efforts.

If council wants to proceed with exiting, they should consider other options to keep it operating without their full input. Covering the full costs by establishing a special rating district for Rapahoe and Runanga on top of increased rates is just unacceptable to us.

Consider.

- Approaching education services to take overall responsibility of the pool but ensuring that public have access by providing half of costs rather than full costs. This could include an increase in user charges.

New Library

This is a nice to have asset at this time, and is unaffordable to ratepayers using the proposed funding model. This project should be deferred.

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

Council has identified what they consider to be the big issues i.e. Spring Creek pool closure, Runanga service centre closure, extended kerbside collection, new library.

It is my view that the big issues facing the community are actually the proposed rates increases, the financial policy impact on funding of capital projects, the desire to build a new library, the state of roads and other infrastructure. I wonder what was the motivation of council to decide to make the pool, service centre, and roadside collection the big issues.

Taking into account that many ratepayers don't take the time to read the whole draft long-term plan, they therefore have no real appreciation of the of the implications of the underlying council proposed big projects funding strategy and its impact on rates and rental costs.

Finance policy

The changes to the Revenue and financing policy are not considered by council to be significantly different from the existing policy.

However, the (current?) policy and the proposed policy allows the council to significantly change the way some projects are funded. The proposal has a big impact on the increased annual rates.

Put simply in the past ratepayers paid mainly the debt servicing costs of capital loans over the time of the loans thus keeping annual cost

to an affordable level. The council are proposing that rate- payers cover most of the capital costs up front and minimising the use of capital loans.

This in my view is the major reason for the significant increase in rates. It is proposed that a loan be used to cover the planning and purchase of land for the library and that rate-payers directly fund the remaining library construction costs of \$13million.

This is a significant change and should be explained clearly in the consultation document, rather than how this change in strategy is currently portrayed as nothing to worry about.

Remove the Library development from the plan and the rates bill will be considerably less.

Using future generations costs as an argument against continuing with previous strategies is in my view a nonsense, history shows that when you become a rate payer your rates contribute towards servicing costs from previous generations.

This proposed financial strategy is unaffordable and should not be implemented.

Rapahoe rates

Rapahoe's proposed average rate increases are for year one 18% and then for the following nine years approximately 12% per annum. Council should have put the 12% increases in the spread sheet as was done for the first-year rate increase. The total increase over the term of the Plan will be a minimum of 126% compared to predicted inflation over the years will be approximately 30%.

In Rapahoe we do not have formed paths, no piped stormwater drains, we have to endure open storm water drains (which are clearly a health and safety issue) that are not maintained by council and regularly flood, roads and the environment are poorly maintained if at all.

The most galling thing to for us is that two of the out years rate increases are targeted for stormwater in Greymouth. There is no plan for improvement in Rapahoe in the next 10years. For goodness and fairness' sake reconsider the plan and include some investment in Rapahoe, this money tree is withering.

- Extension of kerbside collection. Option one
- Spring creek pool. Option 3 status quo
- New library. Option 2 don't proceed
- Runanga service centre. Option one
- Revenue and financing policy. No
- Resource management fees. Unsure
- Transfer floodwall. yes

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From: [Grey District Council](#)
To: [GDC Submission](#)
Subject: GDC Website - Online Submission: 2021-2031 LTP Submission ref: GDC-QF-210503-ADFC0-LQ0
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The Key Issue for me is the New Library.

I believe wholeheartedly that it is timely and prudent for the Grey District to invest in a new library.

The current library could generously be described as inadequate, but more honestly be described as unfit for purpose. A modern library is an essential facility for a flourishing and robust community. It

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should include community spaces as well as adequate collections of fiction, and non-fiction. It will provide an important educational role outside of the mainstream educational facilities that cannot or will not be accessed by certain sectors of our community. A modern library will provide electronic resources both in-house and online, including access to technology used to access these services.

Our current library has been standing for some time, and anyone involved with the library world knows that libraries have changed in their functions and facilities over those years. As a qualified librarian who spent many years in senior library roles I know that a library with an adequate budget and a robust collections policy should be growing in size on an annual basis. The Grey District current library has no room to expand its collections or make the best use of them let alone room to provide the services that I as a ratepayer expect from my library.

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I also believe that the council should look at library costs as part of their "cost of democracy". Maintaining a democratic process is a core function of the council and a proper democracy requires an informed populace. It is not easy for some ratepayers to access information from local or central government. A well-built modern library helps to bridge the gap between government information and ratepayers. It is in my view an essential aspect of a functioning democracy.

As the largest civic centre on the West Coast we should have a library to be proud of, not a library that is languishing behind the rest of New Zealand.

Thank you for accepting my submission. I would like the opportunity to speak in support of my submission.

SUBMISSION FORM

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Your comments: (More space on the back)

- I am opposed to the building of a new library until there is enough money to do so. We need to solve the immediate problems first. Also I don't see the point in spending between 2-3 million dollars to buy a piece of free-hold land we might never need.
- I am against the closing of the Runanga swimming pool and service centre. If the council can afford 777,000

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Your comments continued:



For the Greymouth Pool, I can't see why they can't afford the 60,000 for the Runanga Pool. It seems very small in comparison.

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- Runanga water needs to be sorted. We can't rely on this marxist government to have our best interest at heart. I did propose to the mayor and CEO at the drop in session at Runanga School to do a test run on our new water system to find out if there is a problem with the supply from the mains to the houses. Given that this has already been paid for and to trial this would not cost a lot and we would know one way or the other. Also it would save money not having to chlorinate the water, which is a systemic enzyme poison.

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Your comments: The stance of the GDC re the Service Centre & Spring Creek Pool seems an anomaly to the Council's way of life - we want to be a thriving, connected & resilient Grey District.

Please find a submission attached that expresses the need for people to be able to connect & facilities like the Runanga Men's Hall, Service Centre & Spring Creek pool achieve that & contribute to well being.



From: PA Thomas <paulthomasreefton@icloud.com>
Subject: Fwd: Runanga Urged to Fight - A Consideration Developing for Runanga a Community Led Development Plan - For Example the Development Plan for Monto Small town Australia -
Date: 15 April 2021 at 12:07:17 AM NZST
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Hi all

I read with dismay the front page item of the Greymouth Star - 'Runanga Urged to Fight' - the potential loss of the service centre, library and pool.

I'm sure you'll have your own opinion about the threat of the loss, but for communities to thrive they actually need a critical mass of community infrastructure and facilities and they need to be local. Loose facilities, and places become impoverished, there is no incentive to reside in a place with poor public facilities or none.

With the restoration of the RMH we are trying to add to, or bring back an important community facility that can be used by the community and where people in the community can connect .

Our Vision Our Vision: "To connect people and communities through celebrating the past, embracing the present, and deliberately shaping the future."

Our Purpose: "Restore the hall; restore the community."

The use of the hall ties in nicely with the concept of wellbeing that is now defined in the Local Govt Act, the following extract from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage has relevance:

Cultural Well-Being and Local Government - Definitions and contexts of cultural well-being

*Under the Local Government Act 2002 (Section 10), one of the purposes of local government is to "... **promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities, in the present and for the future**".*

Cultural well-being, however, is not defined in the Act. But the following definition is how the Ministry for Culture and Heritage has defined cultural well-being. This is just one attempt at a workable definition – each council is free to develop its own definition.

Cultural well-being is the vitality that communities and individuals enjoy through:

- *participation in recreation, creative and cultural activities; and*
- *the freedom to retain, interpret and express their arts, history, heritage and traditions.*

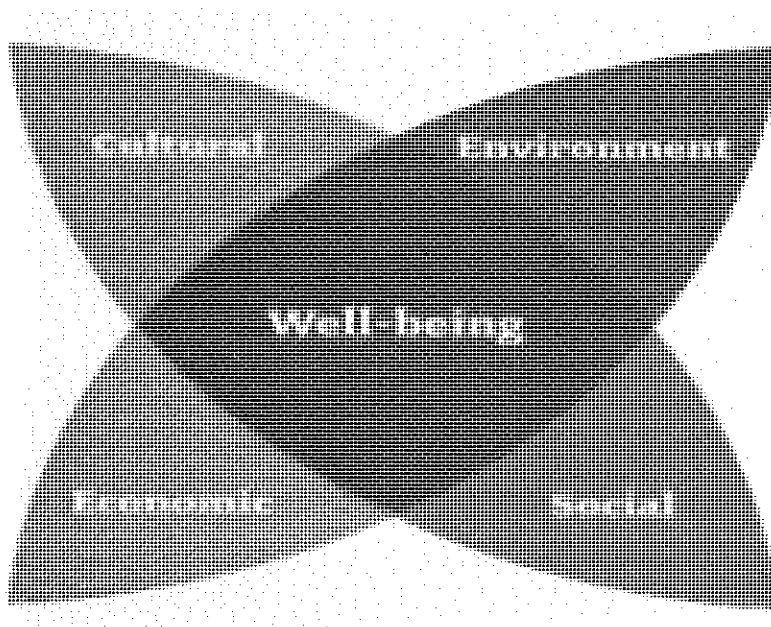
For more on this definition, see <http://www.mch.govt.nz/cwb/index.html> Cultural well-being: what is it?

When culture and well-being are brought together, the resulting concept is a dynamic one, influenced not only by arts and cultural activity, but also by such things as economic development, the maintenance of heritage, urban planning, provision and access to recreation and sports amenities, community health policy, community development strategies [etc]
(Vaneveld 2003)

At its core, cultural well-being is about activities and initiatives such as:

- *support for arts and cultural expression;*
 - *protecting cultural associations with our natural environment;*
 - *the provision of library and archival services;*
 - *celebrating the diversity within communities;*
 - *the provision and maintenance of sports and recreational facilities and events;*
- and*
- *conserving heritage buildings as much as urban space and rural landscapes.*

The following diagram illustrates the interdependence of the elements of wellbeing:



So the Grey District Council is charged with providing well-being to its communities - the key is - "to its communities", that is the communities that make up the Grey District of which Runanga is a key one in terms of its size (1,300 pop of Greymouth 8,170).

It's not about the Council taking an ethnocentric perspective that it's all about Greymouth, and rationalising community facilities elsewhere - its about looking after all its communities and ensuring they have the facilities they need in order that well-bing is achieved.

It's about how the Council in conjunction with its communities can deliver creatively and innovatively to provide community facilities and retain / sustain community facilities.

For example, it's not about the Westland Recreation Manager sitting in her office managing the recreation assets, it's about that person being proactive, creative and entrepreneurial, working with her staff / working with the communities in which recreation assets are located and making them work well so they are thriving and vital assets for the community, participation is high / community satisfaction is high.

The best way forward I'm going to suggest for Runanga is to take a leaf from Peter Kenyon the guru of small town sustainability in both Australia and New Zealand and initiate a Community Led Development Plan - to take a holistic approach in bringing together the desires and aspirations of the Runanga community to create a thriving and vital place, a place where people want to live, work and play and care for the stunning environment that surrounds Runanga.

Attached is the community led development plan for the town of Monto in Australia to inspire you. See attachment below.

To develop such a plan assistance could come from Peter Kenyon. It could also come from the 'Inspiring Communities' organization which have already been involved in community planning in Runanga.

So the way forward I'd suggest is to:

- Rekindle RAA (the Runanga Area Association) - to have a strong community advocacy group, and can be for example a strong and collective community voice to the Grey District Council
- Retain what we have in terms of community facilities in Runanga such as the Library / Service Centre (we have placed in our RMH feasibility study the possibility of the Library and Service Centre going into the hall), and the Spring Creek pool

- Resource and undertake a community led development plan - Runanga Plan - that plan can and should amongst other things advocate positions on the strategic direction for the retention, development and management of community facilities

The community has to be proactive (not reactive) and collectively strong. The statement on the facade of the hall is the enduring message - 'United we Stand - Divided we Fall'

Hope the above helps.

I can't be at the 'drop in' meeting tomorrow in Runanga - I'm up at the Globe Mine with the Tai Poutini / West Coast Conservation Board during the day and have an evening meeting with them. Good luck with the meeting!

Paul Thomas

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MONTO

Community Development Plan



August 2020

Foreword

The thing that makes a place a home is the people. Monto is the home of a diverse community of people. From the quintessential farmer to the more contemporary personas - and a full spectrum in between. They exist in one town; in one community we call home.

There is something special about Monto, apart from its abounding natural beauty and feeling of belonging. There is always a connection to the little Burnett town that reaches far and wide. We believe Monto really is the centre of the universe.

“ When we have the courage to walk into our story and own it, we get to write the ending. ” Brené Brown

Monto has reached the moment to embrace change. Acknowledging the past and bringing together collective wisdom and energy to move into deeper connection and a prosperous future. This Community Development Action Plan envelopes a grass roots desire to explore what it means to be a small, rural, Queensland community in these modern times of change and challenge. It is a real, living document and an action plan that will adapt and change to the community landscape and cultural developments.

We extend much gratitude to Rural Aid for the opportunity for a 'town makeover' which enabled our community to be graced with the expertise and wisdom of Peter Kenyon. We are grateful for the time Peter spent listening and facilitating what is in the minds and the hearts of the Monto people.

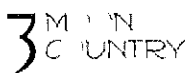
Our deepest appreciation goes to each and every Monto community member who choose to make their home here and contributed towards the conversations, ideas and knowledge sharing in the development of this plan. Those who have deep historical connections and those who have been drawn to the community for a fresh start. You make Monto unique.

Those who have the courage to express ideas, to live aligned with their values and lead their community in an authentic way are truly inspiring and Monto possesses many of these leaders. Thank you to each and every one who co-created this Community Development Action Plan.

May our whole community lead Monto into a richer, healthier community with people who can solve one's own problems and write the story of their collective future.

Melinda Jones & Carly Baker-Burnham
MONTO

Acknowledgements



The formulation of this Community Development Action Plan was initiated and funded by Rural Aid as part of their 'Our Towns' Initiative, of which the town of Monto was a winner. Facilitation of the community engagement process and preparation of the Plan was undertaken by Peter Kenyon from the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. and assisted by Tracy Alder and Jen Curnow-Trotter from Rural Aid and passionate Monto residents Carly Baker-Burnham (The Rex Monto) and Melinda Jones (Monto Magic). Special thanks to so many Monto community members and staff from Burnett Catchment Care Association & North Burnett Regional Council, who gave so generously of their time, wisdom and skills.

Finally, the Plan acknowledges the traditional custodians of country for the Monto community - the Gooreng Gooreng people and their significant contribution to our District past, present and future.

Our Story



The Monto District is situated approximately 200 kilometres west of the coastal cities of Bundaberg and Rockhampton, and 477 km north west from Brisbane. The District comprises the key agricultural service town of Monto, and a set of five attractive villages: namely Mungungo, Mulgildie, Bancroft, Kalpowar and Moonford.

Prior to the arrival of European settlers, Monto and surrounding area was home to people from the Gooreng Gooreng, Wakka Wakka & Willi Willi Aboriginal language groups.

Monto is one of the newest towns in Queensland, having come into existence as recently as 1924 when, under the Upper Burnett and Callide Valley Land Development Scheme, larger properties were resumed and prime agricultural land was provided in smaller lots to soldiers who had returned from World War I. 1.4 million acres of the large properties were resumed by the Queensland government to create the town. The vision was for a vast and productive agricultural settlement supporting a population of 50,000 people.

Monto was also the first town in Queensland to be designed under town planning techniques. In 1926 the state government designed Monto as a "Garden City" and the first town buildings were constructed, many in an art deco style. In 1928 the railway connected the district to Maryborough. The Monto Shire Council was established in 1932 but was forcibly amalgamated by the State Government in 2008, and today is the most northerly town in the North Burnett Regional Council.

Farming activities have always been the mainstay of the local economy. Current major industries of Monto include beef, pork, fodder, pulses, grains, tree nuts, milk production and timber. Historically however, Monto was once a significant dairy producer, with the construction of the Monto Dairy Factory in 1929. However, there has been a dramatic change over the last 50 years. In 1964, there were over 420 dairy farms - today only three remain. Due to dairy deregulation the factory closed in 2001. A similar story has occurred regarding the number of piggeries in the district with the removal of import tariffs on cheap pork imports, which has resulted in a reduction of smaller piggeries and large expansion of a select few.

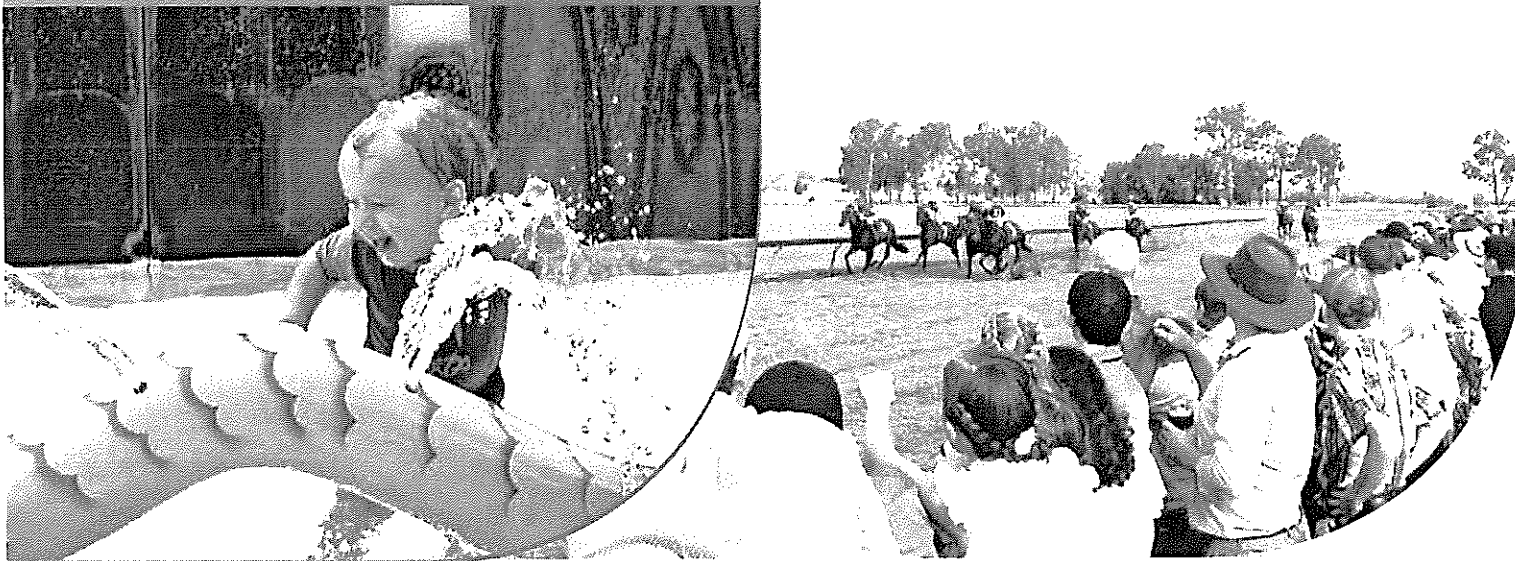
Tourism is increasingly becoming an important element to the local economy, with the district home to a fascinating array of folklore, buildings, and a unique natural environment. The impressive Art Deco style Monto Town Hall was built in 1939-40 by Hall and Phillips Architects. Hall was one of Brisbane's most successful architects of the early 20th century. He also designed the Brisbane City Hall, Tattersall's Club and Sandgate Town Hall. The natural jewel of the District is the Cania Gorge National Park - within this 2931 hectare park there are a variety of eight walking tracks ranging in length from 300m to 22km, weird and wonderful rock shapes, more than 150 different types of plant community and more than 90 species of birdlife.

Our Vision

A vibrant, family friendly and safe community, embracing traditions and contemporary practices in order to create progressive and community driven action for all generations to live, work, play and age well.

Our Goals

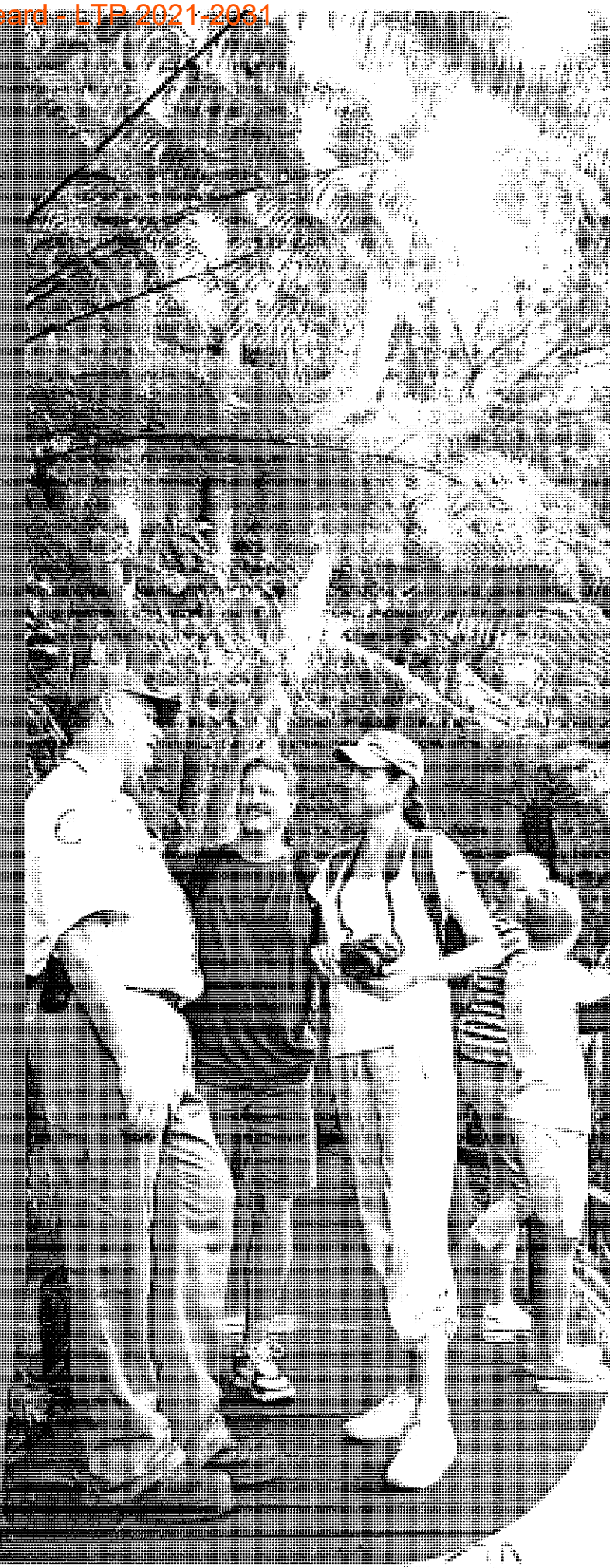
- Actively promoting our community as a lifestyle, work, business, investment and tourist destination
- Creating the environment where our young people feel involved, supported and empowered, and will consider returning to our community for work, enterprise development, family and lifestyle opportunities
- Enhancing levels of local business service, confidence, viability and networking
- Actively pursuing new economic and entrepreneurial opportunities that strengthens and diversifies our local economy and local job options
- Pursuing key road and infrastructure improvements
- Enhancing our community capacity by continually building and diversifying its local leadership base
- Valuing and strengthening community collaboration, partnerships, collective action, volunteerism and active citizenship
- Maintaining our strong sporting and cultural traditions, clubs and facilities



Our Guiding Principles

As we move forward with our plan, we will be guided by the following principles, which will be central to our vision for the future of Monto.

- **collaboration & positive mindset** – working together to create a better future for all, embracing change and innovation, and being open to new ideas and perspectives. We will work together to create a better future for all, embracing change and innovation, and being open to new ideas and perspectives.
- **economic & business growth** – supporting the growth of the local economy, creating jobs, and attracting investment. We will support the growth of the local economy, create jobs, and attract investment.
- **respect for heritage and traditions** – preserving our history, culture, and way of life, while embracing change and innovation. We will preserve our history, culture, and way of life, while embracing change and innovation.
- **community-led** – involving the community in the planning and implementation of the plan, and ensuring that the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of the community. We will involve the community in the planning and implementation of the plan, and ensure that the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.
- **respect for our culture, our natural environment and rural landscapes** – protecting our heritage, culture, and way of life, while embracing change and innovation. We will protect our heritage, culture, and way of life, while embracing change and innovation.
- **embracing new opportunities** – exploring new ideas and perspectives, and being open to change and innovation. We will explore new ideas and perspectives, and be open to change and innovation.



Our Challenges

Monto is not unique when it comes to challenges faced by small rural communities. There are many issues shared, however there are some unique to this community.

Over time, Monto has experienced problems attributed to typical rural decline and social implications, namely -

- Population decline
- Loss of local services, tradespeople & traditional industry jobs
- Ageing population - declining youth demographic
- Impact of online shopping and lack of support for local business
- Affordable labour (competition with mining industry and FIFO appeal)
- Seasonal tourism
- Limited educational resources to access specialist activities and support services
- Insurance compliance and red tape for community groups
- Declining levels of community engagement and volunteerism
- Lack of youth engagement and boredom
- 'Silo' building attitudes and lack of group collaboration
- Strong traditional attitudes - 'It has always been done this way'
- Limited childcare support

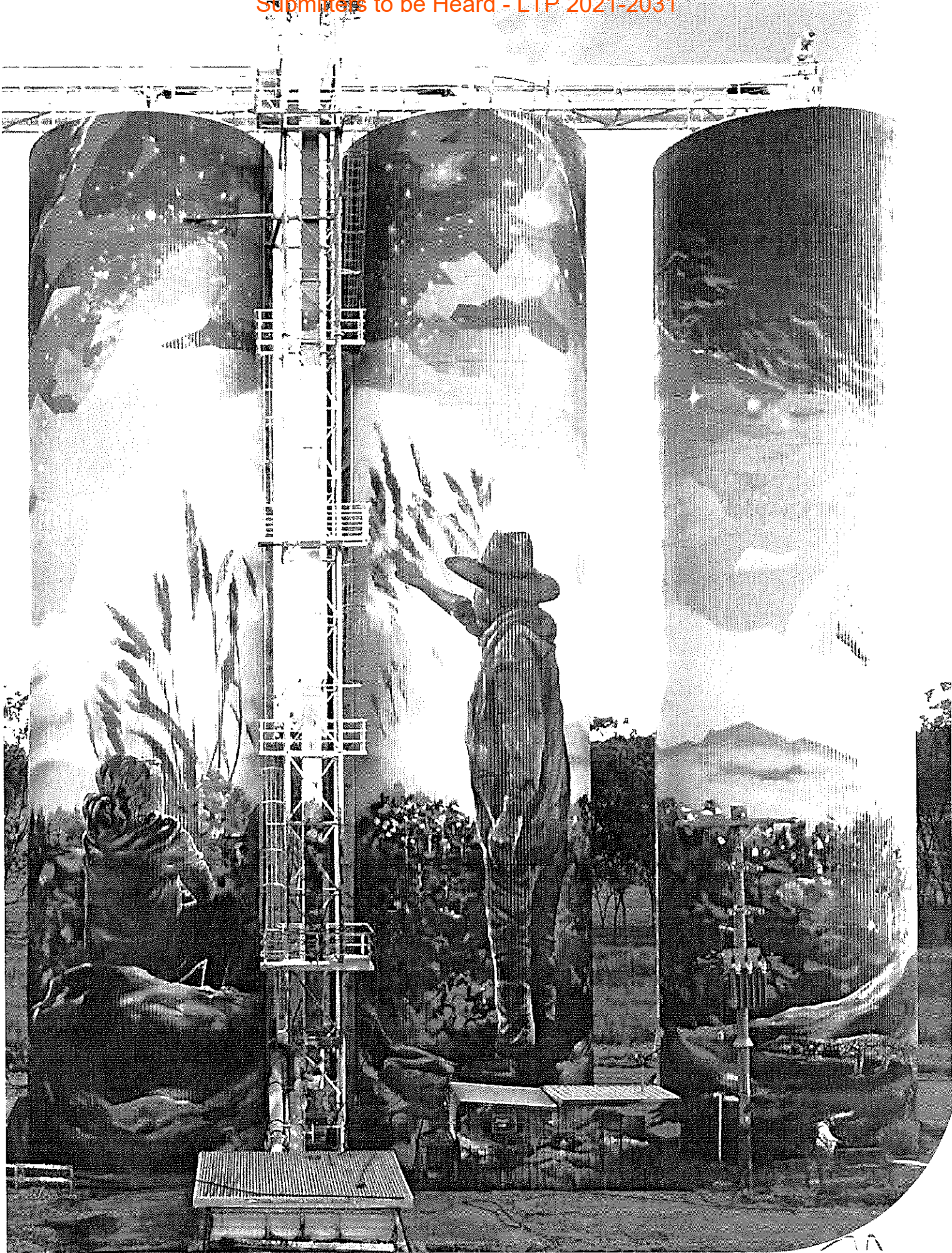
Key agricultural challenges -

- Increased cost of farming land
- Farming energy and water costs
- Freight, transport and communication costs
- Labour shortages and lack of youth retention in the agriculture sector

Key environmental challenges -

- Impact of ongoing drought and flood
- Lack of infrastructure like shade in public green spaces and main street
- Poor signage
- Poor footpaths and pathways
- Unattractive town entrances





Our Assets

People

- Rural lifestyle
- Friendliness and welcoming community
- Child friendly community
- Community can-do and self belief spirit
- Safety and low crime rate
- Great place to age well
- Large variety of groups in the district
- Famous sons and daughters - Kenny Russell (famous QLD jockey), Chilla Seeney (famous rodeo rough/horse bronc rider), Mal Meninga & Greg Heading (Rugby League), Michael Caton (Actor), Gil Jamieson (Renowned Australian Artist), Jeff Seeney (Former Deputy Premier), Mark Steketee (Australian cricketer), Prof Megan Davis (Aboriginal Australian activist & Human Rights Lawyer), Len 'Rusty' Cook Darryl Norwood & Harry Caine (Boxers), Arthur Hamblin & Chris Postle (Artist), Daphne Fancutt & Wayne Hampson (Tennis), Martin Kent (Cricketer), Mark Ostwald (touch football), Ryan Seeds (Campdrafting), Courtney Winfield-Hill (Cricket/football), Alan Heidrich (QLD Judo)

Physical

- The five villages, Mungungo, Mulgildie, Bancroft, Kalpowar & Moonford
- Small community halls - Mungungo, Mulgildie & Kalpowar
- Scenic rural land/farming landscapes
- Close location to a number of major centres. Approx 250km to Gladstone, Rockhampton, Bundaberg
- Upper Burnett River Catchment
- Cania George National Park (22,000-hectare park) and Cania Dam- strong Aboriginal presence dating back 19,000 years
- Kroombit Tops National Park
- Three Moon Creek
- Wuruma Dam
- Walking trails & tours, 4WD self-drive tours
- Coominglah State Forest (lookout) and Kalpowar State Forest
- Cannindah ancient coral reef
- Hurdle Gully Lookout and Hurdle Gully Scrub
- Rail Corridor - track trail, tunnels, railway station
- Tellebang Mountain
- Swimming Pool
- Parks - Memorial, Apex Park, Jaycee Skate Park
- Showgrounds complex
- Monal & Splinter Creek
- Mulgildie Sports Ground & Rodeo arena
- Monto Combined Sports Complex
- Mungungo Sports Grounds
- Monto Botanical Gardens Landcare

Social Networks

- Service groups - Rotary, Lions, CWA (X3), Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, Men's Shed
- Religious groups - Uniting, Anglican, Catholic, Presbyterian, Jehovah Witnesses, Monto Christian Ministry, Seventh Day Adventists
- Landcare groups
- Sporting clubs - netball, cricket, rugby league, touch football, little athletics, pistol, rifle, pony, tennis, bowls, golf, race, polo cross
- Youth groups - Girl Guides, Australian Army Cadet Unit, Blue Light, Presbyterian youth group
- Cultural groups - quilters(X2), Historical Society, arts group, Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble, Monto Singers, old time dance groups (Mulgildie School of Dance - Hall & Mungungo Arts - Hall), Monto Gardeners
- Playgroup, visiting playgroup
- Monto & District Show Society
- The Rex Monto Limited
- Monto Magic Tourism Action Group
- LiveBetter - Monto Neighbourhood Centre
- Cadets
- Impact4Monto
- Montonians Luncheon

Our Assets

Culture, Stories & Sources of Pride

- The Gooreng Gooreng, Wakka Wakka & Willi Willi people and their culture and attachment to Country
- Three Moon legends
- Monto Three Moon Historical & Cultural Complex
- Arts Group and Professional and amateur artists
- Legendary Mulgildie Bunyip Hole and Sculpture
- Monto & district art and mural trail
- 150 species of birds in the Cania National Park
- Lister Street Parkland and Artwalk
- Monto & District Historical Society and Museum Reserve
- Monto Art Deco Town Hall. Other Art Deco buildings
- The Rex Theatre – Art deco Theatre
- Historic Monal Goldfields and Cemetery
- Events - Wuruma Dam Fishing Competition, Monto Annual Race day, Cania Dam Fishing Competition, Cattle Shows, Monto Annual Cattle Drive and Trail Ride, Monto Silver Buckle Challenge & Campdraft, Monto Polocrosse, Agricultural Show, Mulgildie Campdraft, Monto Country Craft Markets, Monto Spring Markets & Flower Show, Mulgildie Rodeo, Festival of the Three Moons (previously known as Monto Dairy Festival), Mungungo V's The World Cricket Event
- Statues - Ken Russell Jockey at Lions Park Monto
- Rail heritage - Kalpowar Tunnels and Monto Railway Precinct
- Beautiful Betsy plane crash story and site Kroombit Tops
- Beautiful Betsy replica at Monto & District Historical Society and Museum Reserve
- Valued past & present community elders - Beryl Bleys, Ken Gleadhill, Phyliss Lea, Glen Baker, Graeme Sanderson, Harold 'Spook' Ware, John Lynn, Bruce Jamieson, Tommy Goody, Jan Darlington, Carol Larsen, Kev Hockey, Warren McLachlan, Alan McDonald, Adrian Kummerfeld, Lyn Woodall, Les Hotz, Joan Heilbronn, Nancy Peardon

Institutions

- North Burnett Region Council
- Ridgehaven - 36 beds, 10 units
- Police station
- Monto State High School, Monto State Primary School, Mulgildie State Primary School, St Therese Catholic Primary School & Monto Kindergarten
- Hospital and health services
- Medical Centre
- Family day care
- Emergency services - QFES, SES, Rural Fire Brigade, Ambulance
- NDIS partner in the community and service providers
- St Vincent De Pauls.
- Translink service
- ADRA secondhand store

Economy

- North Burnett Regional Council, Burnett Catchment Care Association, Monto Magic Tourism Action Group, Ag Force, Monto Growers Group, Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation, Regional Development Australia, Wide Bay Burnett Region of Councils
- A few existing dairies
- Expanding piggery industries
- Numerous viable grazing & cropping properties
- Service sector- doctors, taxi, blue care, Ridgehaven (aged care facility)
- Retail sector- banks, post office, supermarkets, pharmacy, fuel outlets, butcher, clothing shops, cafes
- Manufacturing sector- steel fabrication, building and construction
- Tourism sector- three caravan parks, RV stopover, four hotels, two motels
- Two local butchers with their own abattoir
- Pioneer Cottage Information Centre
- Logging, sawmills

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme One

Population Attraction & Lifestyle

ACTIONS

- 1. Development of a 'Population Attraction and Lifestyle Campaign'** that especially targets former youth residents, city-based families seeking a great environment to raise kids and ageing city residents seeking that ideal village lifestyle including-
 - Formulate a comprehensive plan
 - Develop and implement a media strategy
 - Collect and disseminate stories of why people came to or returned to Monto
 - Create a welcoming committee, strategy and kit
 - Target former youth residents with an attachment to the town (potential 'Home Comers') - regular communication about 'opportunities in their hometown', organisation of school reunions
- 2. Design and implementation of a local job and income generation strategy,** including-
 - Local traineeships campaign
 - Emphasise 'localism' in job appointments
 - Identify and support a local enterprise facilitator to develop localised enterprise ideas to become income generation realities, through linkage to mentors, workspace, funding options, training
 - Investigate training and open learning options
- 3. Securing funding for a school music program across all schools equally**
- 4. Enhancement of youth recreation options**

LEAD GROUP

**Monto Magic Tourism Action Group
LiveBetter (Neighbourhood Centre)**

OTHER PARTNERS

**North Burnett Regional Council
Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation
Burnett Catchment Care Association
Monto State School
Monto State High School
Builyan State School
Mulgildie State School
Abercorn State School
St Therese School**

Theme Two

Tourism Development

ACTIONS

- 1. Formulation and implementation of a Monto District Tourism Plan and branding strategy** including -
 - Identify points of difference, identity and brand
 - Celebrate and build on the appeal of the small villages
 - Build upon the Three Moon legends and the Bunyip story as marketing campaigns
 - Develop the Silos Mural Project and an Art Trail
 - Utilise heritage photographic material in public spaces
 - Ensure better coordination of events
 - Develop Indigenous tourism products
 - Revamp walks at Cania, making them more accessible to all abilities
 - Establish tourist drives in the Kalpowar State Forest
 - Celebrate & promote our local villages, localities and significant historical sites
 - Investigate Ag Tourism opportunities
 - Develop a mailbox art scheme
 - Install fibre-glass cows through the community
- 2. Design and implementation of a signage/town entrance strategy** including-
 - Undertake an audit of existing signage
 - Prepare and implement a coordinated signage strategy on all town entrances
 - Develop and implement a road design and signage plan to attract visitors into the main street
 - Enhance entrances to towns with botanical gardens, trees and shrubs
 - Use trees and shrubs to screen industrial sites
 - Remove or update old outdated signs on highway

LEAD GROUP

Monto Magic Tourism Action Group
North Burnett Regional Council - regional focus

OTHER PARTNERS

Landcare Monto
Monto Rate Payers Association,
Kalpowar Hall Committee
Mungungo School of Arts Inc,
Mulgildie Hall Committee
Tourism related businesses,
Accommodation businesses
Burnett Catchment Care Association

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme Three

Mainstreet Appeal & Development

ACTIONS

1. Develop and Implement a 'Newton Street Beautification Plan'

including -

- Prepare a plan based on the 2006 'Progress Monto' document
- Identify, plan and implement key works as part of the 'Rural Aid Town Makeover Week.'
- Beautify and green with significant actions and low maintenance gardens
- Create child and people friendly spaces
- Construct more shelter, shade and seating
- Foster greater streetlife feel - more business activity on pavements, more mainstreet community events, more alfresco dining
- Develop a plan and commitment with local businesses to utilise Council's main street funding program
- Design and install a 'selfie' photograph attraction
- Instigate artworks and sculptures
- Slow the traffic
- Develop and implement ideas for better use of the iconic Town Hall. Night lighting/tours

Timeframe: 2020 - 2025

2. Undertake the restoration of the Rex Theatre as the town's key community hub.

- Formulate a 'Concept, Financial and Works Plan' for the evolution of the Rex Theatre into a community hub space
- Identify funding options for implementation, including employment of a Coordinator
- Undertake necessary restoration work
- Introduce a calendar of events and activities as spaces become functional
- Convert street front apartments into enterprise workspaces
- Convert street front shops into gallery, information and display areas

Timeframe: 2020 - 2025

LEAD GROUP

The Rex Monto
Monto Magic Tourism Action Group

OTHER PARTNERS

Monto Businesses and Community Groups
Monto Landcare,
Monto State School
Monto State High School
Builyan State School,
Mulgildie State School
Abercorn State School & St Therese Schools,
Monto Garden Club
North Burnett Regional Council

Theme Four

Physical Environment Enhancement

ACTIONS

- 1. Develop a 'Green Space Strategy'** including -
 - Undertake an audit of local parks and degree of shade
 - Develop a plan for creating more shade and greening in Monto
 - Develop a quality child friendly play area and oasis accessible to all abilities - trees, shade, equipment, fencing, barbecue area
 - Create a community garden

Timeframe: 2020 - 2024

- 2. Build an undercover arena for horse events at the Showgrounds**

Timeframe: 2025

- 3. Develop an Enhancement plan for the Pool** including -

- more shade
- extend pool hours
- heat for winter
- build water park features

Timeframe: 2023 - 2025

- 4. Develop a 'Footpath Development Strategy'** with priorities being - around Ridgehaven and between Ridgehaven and the hospital, Mulgildie, hospital side of railway and Lister St

Timeframe: 2021 - 2025

LEAD GROUP

North Burnett Regional Council - regionalised focus & infrastructure owner
Monto Magic Tourism Action Group

OTHER PARTNERS

Monto & District Show Society, Swimming Pool Lessee, Monto Swimming Club, Landcare Monto, Burnett Catchment Care Association, Local & Visiting playgroups

Theme Five

Business Retention, Expansion, Attraction & Creation

ACTIONS

- 1. Continue the newly created 'Support/Buy Local' Campaign** including the tangible benefits of spending locally
- 2. Instigate actions to create 'referral lines' between local businesses** and focus on actions to enhance **business collaboration**
- 3. Target the attraction of tradespeople to Monto**
- 4. Lobby/Attract key medical services to Monto** - dentist, speech, OT, physiotherapist, local birthing facility, local dialysis unit, mental health, allied health, counselling and support services.

LEAD GROUP

Monto Magic Tourism Action Group

OTHER PARTNERS

North Burnett Regional Council, APM - NDIS, Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO), Monto & District Rate Payers Association, State Member for Callide, Federal Member for Flynn, Monto & District Businesses

Our Strategies & Actions

Theme Six

Community Building Initiatives

ACTIONS

- 1. Advocate for a Monto Community Board** to return some level of local community ownership, delegation and decision-making and well as annual review of community plan
2020-2021 - 2021-2022
- 2. Instigate mechanisms for community to come together more** to celebrate, share ideas, express aspirations and plan for the future
2020-2021 and onwards
- 3. Improve internal communications** to ensure everyone knows what is happening in the district and what other groups are doing
 - Facebook page specifically focused on community events
 - Improve Monto website
 - Instigate a community newspaper/newsletter
2020-2021 and onwards
- 4. Develop initiatives to grow community involvement, connection and pride** including -
 - Identify and support whole of 'Community Connectors' that link residents and groups together as a united community through leadership development
 - Promote key community building values- positivity, less gossip, welcoming spirit and volunteering
 - Hold more family friendly events
- 5. Develop a 'Youth Engagement Strategy'** including -
 - Instigate 'hangout spaces' for teenagers
 - Instigate initiatives that provide young people with more opportunities for their voices to be heard and their leadership capacity developed
2020-2021 and onwards
- 6. Identify and implement possible community transport options**
2020-2021 and onwards
- 7. Establish a community gym**
2020-2021 and onwards

LEAD GROUP

Monto Magic Tourism Action Group
The Rex Monto

OTHER PARTNERS

North Burnett Regional Council, LiveBetter (Neighbourhood Centre), Monto Driving Force, Red Earth Community Foundation, Burnett Catchment Care Association

Theme Seven

Rail Corridor Development

ACTIONS

- 1. Develop and implement a 'Rail Trail' Strategy** including -
 - As Stage One, a cycling and walking trail from Mulgildie to Mungungo
 - Utilise tunnels as attraction
 - Develop outdoor fitness station
 - Develop walking track through railway cutting from school to railway
 - Install rails and hog back sleeps in a replica tunnel at the rail station precinct.

LEAD GROUP

Monto Magic Tourism Action Group as Licence holder of Monto Railway siding & Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail

OTHER PARTNERS

**Landcare Monto
Kalpowar Hall Committee
Gladstone Regional Council
North Burnett Regional Council
Monto Grain Co-op and adjoining landholders to the rail corridor**

Theme Eight

Agriculture Sector Developments

ACTIONS

- 1. Strengthen the resourcing of the Burnett Catchment Group to support more farmer information, education and research initiatives** including more trials, study tours and a one site Information Hub
(2020-2021 - 2025)
- 2. Seek funding for a Coordinator for the Grower's Group**
- 3. Establish a Grazier's Group**
(2021-2022 - 2025)
- 4. Construct new stable facilities and cattle sheds at Showgrounds**

LEAD GROUP

**Burnett Catchment Care Association
Monto Growers Group**

OTHER PARTNERS

**Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation – with a regional focus
North Burnett Regional Council
Burnett Mary River Group,
Monto & District Show Society
Ag Force
Agriculture business owners**

This little town that prides itself for being a caring community with all the essentials I need, has been my home from my arrival aged 14 to now my 80th year. It has a heart and I love it dearly and am proud to call it home with so many wonderful friends who care.

Nancy Peardon

*“In one word what Monto means to us is “Home’
... we can’t think of anywhere else we’d rather be.
Monto has held endless opportunities for us! The country spirit shown in the community gives us reassurance to be able to live and raise our children here, and the support we have already received from the community helps us work harder and grow our business.*

Luke & Tara Harm



SUBMISSION FORM



HAVE YOUR SAY!



Please read the Consultation Document and/or the Draft Plan before providing your feedback. Once you have completed this form, you can return it to Council by **5pm Monday 17 May 2021** to:

- Email to submissions@greydc.govt.nz
- Post to Grey District Council, PO Box 382, Greymouth 7840
- Deliver to Grey District Council, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

SUBMITTERS DETAILS

(Note: Every submission made to the Council will be acknowledged in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, copied and made available to the public.)

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Organisation (if any): INDIVIDUAL

Do you wish to speak to Council at the meeting in support of your submission? Yes No

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FEEDBACK ON KEY & OTHER ISSUES - Please indicate your preference by ticking the below boxes.

KEY ISSUE 1:
Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth

- OPTION 1:** Extend area. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Don't extend area, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 2:
New Library

- OPTION 1:** A new purpose built library on freehold land. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Don't proceed with building a new library, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 3:
Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service

- OPTION 1:** Spring Creek Pool is no longer a Council provided service. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Council continue to provide the service - funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3:** Council continue to provide the service, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 4:
Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

- OPTION 1:** Runanga Service Centre is no longer a Council provided service and the building is disposed of. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Continue to provide the service (status quo) - funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3:** Continue to provide the service (status quo) - funded by general rate.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSULTATION

Revenue and Financing Policy Do you agree with the proposed changes to the policy? Yes No

Resource Management Fees Do you agree with the proposed fees for 2021/2022? Yes No

Transfer of Floodwall Asset to West Coast Regional Council Do you agree with the proposed transfer? Yes No

Please provide any comments you have on any of the above or anything else you wish to provide feedback on in the section below.

Your comments: (More space on the back)

Would love to see the Runanga services transferred to the community with council support to upskill volunteers to run them. The library would be the most straightforward, if alternative space could be found e.g. the Miners Hall, or maybe some space at the Runanga Club, which already has a small library. Volunteers could staff it. I have significant experience in the book trade & could help with admin, purchasing etc. A small operational grant

SUBMISSION FORM

HAVE YOUR
SAY!

Your comments continued:



annually from council would go a long way in this context.

It would be great to see the school take over the pool, with support they could use community volunteers too. Using the community engagement officer @ Grey DC could be an important link.

Let's think about how these assets can be preserved & maintained, & in the case of the pool, hours & local programs could even be expanded e.g. aquafitness classes run for a small donation, evening hours of opening to suit more people.

New people are moving into the area with skills, experience & a desire to be active in the community. We should harness this, & encourage the social enterprise type of model. For a great example of this, see recent Stuff article "Sweet Spots: Why Colville is New Zealand's kindest and most helpful place" April 7, 2021, Stuff website.

Once we lose these services, they won't come back, so let's work together to keep them local, at least possible cost.

Thanks
Kate Kennedy

Submitters to be Heard - LTP 2021-2031

From: [Grey District Council](#)
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Do you wish to speak at the Council meeting in support of your submission?: Yes

KEY ISSUE 1: Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth:

OPTION 1: Extend area. [PREFERRED OPTION]

KEY ISSUE 2: New Library: No strong feelings either way

KEY ISSUE 3: Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service: OPTION 3: Council continue to provide the service, ie status quo.

KEY ISSUE 4: Runanga Service Centre and Community Library: OPTION 3: Continue to provide the service (status quo) – funded by general rate.

Revenue and Financing Policy Do you agree with the proposed changes to the policy?: No strong feelings either way

Resource Management Fees Do you agree with the proposed fees for 2021/2022?: No strong feelings either way

Transfer of Floodwall Asset to West Coast Regional Council Do you agree with the proposed transfer?: No strong feeling either way

Please provide any comments you have on any of the above or anything else you wish to provide feedback on in the section below.

THE LIBRARY

While I greatly value the role public libraries play in contributing to community well-being, there is a dearth of information in this consultation document regarding the proposal for the rebuild; namely, the present funding costs, how well- patronised the library is, and substantive evidence of the need for a new building and an expansion of library services. If I were to play the devil's advocate here, I could well argue there has never been less need for a new public library because almost any activity or service a library provides can be accessed on-line – unlimited reading material, audio-visual material,

self-help guides on you-tube not to mention access to the world's great libraries. It may be true that a few older folk are not equipped to take advantage of these services, however, most will not be around to take advantage of the rebuild either. If the basis for Council provision of social and recreational services is argued on the basis of usage and cost, as it has been in the instance of the Runanga Pool and Service Centre, then I'd have to say sell the books and close it down.

However, I am not seriously advocating the closure of the library. Public libraries are based on the notion of a public good. They extend and enhance community well-being in ways that meet human needs for social interaction and importantly build social capital. The new library is not slated to be built for some time – purchase of land in Year 5, and building over Years 6, 7 & 8 (Financial Plan p.7). If the sale/closure of the existing Runanga Library and Admin Office is being seen as a way to defray these costs, then there is no need to actively consider this option until at least year 5. In the interim, plans could be made to better integrate the existing Library facilities. It needs to be noted that the Grey District library is only one of several libraries in the town, namely the Tai Poutini Polytechnic library, the Grey High School library and the medical library at Te Nikau hospital, so it is worth considering that if the council were to proceed with an expansion and upgrade, there could be real advantages in seeking ways to collocate these facilities, with concomitant cost-savings, thereby retaining all its services including those in Runanga.

This would have the advantage of minimising the perception of the new Library as being simply a gratuitous 'vanity project'.

DELIVERY OF THE SPRING CREEK POOL (SCP)

What is the real issue? Saving money, under-usage, or the fact that we do not conform to a statistical norm? I am in favour of maintaining the SCP delivery, firstly, because it was with a great deal of effort over a 25 year period that the community fund-raised for the upgrade of our pool. It is a shining example of community self-help, and reminds us of what a great little community we are. It seems to me to be an unconscionable act on the part of Council to threaten to take away a facility which the community worked so hard to provide. It is divisive and corrosive of community spirit and endeavour to be divesting the Runanga community of a hard-won asset which will only cost the rate-payers an extra \$3.80 a year to maintain.

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.... A report undertaken by Sport New Zealand in June 2020, called the West Coast Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy, revealed that the West Coast has three standard sized (8 lane-25m) Council pools. This equates to 10,716 people per Council provided standard pool, which is significantly better provision levels than the national average for Council pools (23,472) and only slightly under the national average overall for all pools (10,518). The report suggests rationalisation of ageing or low use facilities is required.

It is a faulty rationale to suggest that because the West Coast has better than average access to Council pools than other districts, then the Coast should be penalised (by closure of the Spring Creek Pool) in order to move it closer to a statistical norm which is already flawed and representative of a dereliction of community responsibilities. This logic also fails to take account of (1) the fact that the Spring Creek Pool is next to the Runanga School, and hence a resource for them as well – for which a contribution might be sought from the Department of Education, and (2) the Council also has a responsibility for community health and welfare (which is largely ignored in all the published elements of the LTP), but the Pool is a great resource to offer the likes of training, aquarobics etc without the need to outlay further money in order to meet those requirements which fall naturally to the Council.

Instead, tell us what would constitute an acceptable level of usage. In the first instance, attempt to remediate the issue of under-utlization through your community development and/or sport and recreation staff. Get the school involved, get Community Public Health and Community Mental Health involved. Councillors, I implore you to show some leadership, instead of opting for crude, short-sighted asset stripping.

We all know how quickly circumstances within a community can change, and while one year a facility may be underutilized, the next year it may be highly patronized, as indeed the Runanga pool was when the Greymouth pool was closed for an extended period due to the supporting wooden roof beams sagging (a bitter memory I'm sure). At that time, our pool provided an alternative for the broader Grey valley thus ensuring resiliency of Council service provision. Similarly, consider a civil defence emergency such as an earthquake wherein northern ward residences may be cut off from Greymouth; in such an eventuality the pool would serve as a significant component of Runanga's resiliency. Additionally, Runanga, along with other regions of the Coast, has recently experienced a flurry of property sales due to the post Covid surge of people from other regions seeking affordable

housing and enhanced life-style opportunities. Watch this space - pool usage could be poised to increase!

Furthermore, Runanga, I believe, has unexploited tourism potential for the Grey district. It contains the exceptionally beautiful and accessible Coal Creek Falls walkway; the more demanding and even grander Rewanui walk and cycle pathway, and the potential of many more walking pathways in the Southern Paparoas. Runanga is the town from which many historic, heritage mining corduroy (graded walking tracks) either begin or end. The previous Mayor advocated strongly for the development and upgrade of these attractions. The town is sitting on great potential which will only eventuate if the Council, together with the local people, hold a vision for its future development. The development of these walk and cycle pathways has got to be foregrounded in any Council long term plan, as part of a broader social and economic survival of our region together with the major regional initiative of the Runanga Miners' Hall category 1 heritage building. We need to start now to look for ways to leverage funding for these regional initiatives. The opportunity of a swim in the local pool would greatly enhance any future tourism development as well as continue to provide for the local population's health and well-being. An empty swimming pool will be a further nail in the coffin of a small town, struggling for its survival in a post-mining era. What the town needs is Council leadership around end-of-mine life opportunities. Let's have some more workshops Council and come up with a vision and a plan to be included in the long term plan.

COUNCIL SERVICES

Along with the swimming pool, we also need to retain our council services. Your consultation document states that Greymouth is only 7 kms away, so people can use the Grey service, but it is in fact a 14 km round journey. The cost of a taxi is over \$60 for this trip. Going to town to use the pool and/or council services is not an option for many elderly, low-income people, without reliable transport, and for whom there is no public transport. Therefore, I support the retention of these services, at least in the short to medium term, until we can determine what the future holds in terms of local tourism opportunities and until such time as the post-covid world of international tourism is normalised. After all said and done, the rate-payers of Runanga have already paid out upwards of a million dollars in funding for a water delivery system which has never materialised.

THE LIBRARY

While I greatly value the role public libraries play in contributing to community well-being, there is a dearth of information in this consultation document regarding the proposal for the rebuild; namely, the present funding costs, how well- patronised the library is, and substantive evidence of the need for a new building and an expansion of library services. If I were to play the devil's advocate here, I could well argue there has never been less need for a new public library because almost any activity or service a library provides can be accessed on-line – unlimited reading material, audio-visual material, self-help guides on you-tube not to mention access to the world's great libraries. It may be true that a few older folk are not equipped to take advantage of these services, however, most will not be around to take advantage of the rebuild either. If the basis for Council provision of social and recreational services is argued on the basis of usage and cost, as it has been in the instance of the Runanga Pool and Service Centre, then I'd have to say sell the books and close it down.

However, I am not seriously advocating the closure of the library. Public libraries are based on the notion of a public good. They extend and enhance community well-being in ways that meet human needs for social interaction and importantly build social capital. The new library is not slated to be built for some time – purchase of land in Year 5, and building over Years 6, 7 & 8 (Financial Plan p.7). If the sale/closure of the existing Runanga Library and Admin Office is being seen as a way to defray these costs, then there is no need to actively consider this option until at least year 5. In the interim, plans could be made to better integrate the existing Library facilities It needs to be noted that the Grey District library is only one of several libraries in the town, namely the Tai Poutini Polytechnic library, the Grey High School library and the medical library at Te Nikau hospital, so it is worth considering that if the council were to proceed with an expansion and upgrade, there could be real advantages in seeking ways to collocate these facilities, with concomitant cost-savings, thereby retaining all its services including those in Runanga.

This would have the advantage of minimising the perception of the new Library as being simply a gratuitous 'vanity project'.

DELIVERY OF THE SPRING CREEK POOL (SCP)

What is the real issue? Saving money, under-usage, or the fact that we do not conform to a statistical norm? I am in favour of maintaining the SCP delivery, firstly, because it was with a great deal of effort over a 25 year period that the community fund-raised for the upgrade of our pool. It is a shining example of community self-help, and reminds us of what a great little community we are. It seems to me to be an unconscionable act on the part of Council to threaten to take away a facility which the community worked so hard to provide. It is divisive and corrosive of community spirit and endeavour to be divesting the Runanga community of a hard-won asset which will only cost the rate-payers an extra \$3.80 a year to maintain.

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.... A report undertaken by Sport New Zealand in June 2020, called the West Coast Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy, revealed that the West Coast has three standard sized (8 lane-25m) Council pools. This equates to 10,716 people per Council provided standard pool, which is significantly better provision levels than the national average for Council pools (23,472) and only slightly under the national average overall for all pools (10,518). The report suggests rationalisation of ageing or low use facilities is required.

It is a faulty rationale to suggest that because the West Coast has better than average access to Council pools than other districts, then the Coast should be penalised (by closure of the Spring Creek Pool) in order to move it closer to a statistical norm which is already flawed and representative of a dereliction of community responsibilities. This logic also fails to take account of (1) the fact that the Spring Creek Pool is next to the Runanga School, and hence a resource for them as well – for which a contribution might be sought from the Department of Education, and (2) the Council also has a responsibility for community health and welfare (which is largely ignored in all the published elements of the LTP), but the Pool is a great resource to offer the likes of training, aquarobics etc without the need to outlay further money in order to meet those requirements which fall naturally to the Council.

Instead, tell us what would constitute an acceptable level of usage. In the first instance, attempt to remediate the issue of under-utilization through your community development and/or sport and recreation staff. Get the school involved, get Community Public Health and Community Mental Health involved. Councillors, I implore you to show some leadership, instead of opting for crude, short-sighted asset stripping.

We all know how quickly circumstances within a community can change, and while one year a facility may be underutilized, the next year it may be highly patronized, as indeed the Runanga pool was when the Greymouth pool was closed for an extended period due to the supporting wooden roof beams sagging (a bitter memory I'm sure). At that time, our pool provided an alternative for the broader Grey valley thus ensuring resiliency of Council service provision. Similarly, consider a civil defence emergency such as an earthquake wherein northern ward residences may be cut off from Greymouth; in such an eventuality the pool would serve as a significant component of Runanga's resiliency. Additionally, Runanga, along with other regions of the Coast, has recently experienced a flurry of property sales due to the post Covid surge of people from other regions seeking affordable housing and enhanced life-style opportunities. Watch this space - pool usage could be poised to increase!

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SUBMISSION FORM

HAVE YOUR SAY!



Please read the Consultation Document and/or the Draft Plan before providing your feedback. Once you have completed this form, you can return it to Council by **5pm Monday 17 May 2021** to:

- Email to submissions@greydc.govt.nz
- Post to Grey District Council, PO Box 382, Greymouth 7840
- Deliver to Grey District Council, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

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(Note: Every submission made to the Council will be acknowledged in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, copied and made available to the public.)

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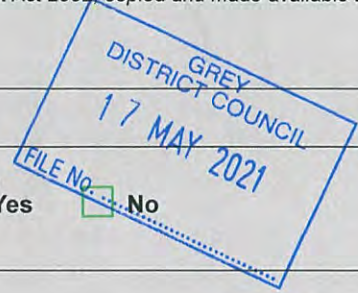
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Do you wish to speak to Council at the meeting in support of your submission? Yes No

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FEEDBACK ON KEY & OTHER ISSUES - Please indicate your preference by ticking the below boxes.

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- OPTION 1:** Extend area. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Don't extend area, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 2:
New Library

- OPTION 1:** A new purpose built library on freehold land. [PREFERRED OPTION]
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Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service

- OPTION 1:** Spring Creek Pool is no longer a Council provided service. [PREFERRED OPTION]
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KEY ISSUE 4:
Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

- OPTION 1:** Runanga Service Centre is no longer a Council provided service and the building is disposed of. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Continue to provide the service (status quo) – funded by a targeted rate.
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OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSULTATION

- Revenue and Financing Policy** Do you agree with the proposed changes to the policy? Yes No
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Your comments:

I have printed & attached sheets with comments etc.

Key Issue 1

Kerbside Collection

Yes – even though it does not affect me

Comment

- Could residents have the option as to what size bin they use for there Rubbish and Recycling.

I am a one person household and my Yellow bin goes out every 2-3 collection rounds, and even then it is not full. From July 2022 we will be provided with a Glass Crate hence further reducing as to what goes into the Yellow bin.

At the moment my lawn clippings and garden waste have to be taken to the Refuse Station. This is an inconvenience and an unnecessary cost to me. If I could put my rubbish, lawn clippings and garden waste in the big bin and Recycling in the small bin would make sense.

Key Issue 2 – New Library

Option 1 – YES

It would be very short-sighted for the Council to not seize the opportunity to buy the Freehold Revingtons Site, for the new Library/Museum. The building could then be a 2-3 storey building, and be a Social Hub for the Town. Borrow now while interest rates are low, on a fixed term.

To build outside the CBD would be, to the detriment of the Town Centre and businesses located in it.

In the meantime to address issues identified with the size of the current Library

- could the reading and study area be reduced, that way the book shelves could be rearranged, so people can move in and around the space easier.

- Could the Library make use of the Westland Rec Centre to hold there holiday programmes, reading groups for preschoolers, the digital literacy classes and device service sessions

Comment

– The History House Pop-up needs to be open 7 days a week and for the hours to be extended. It is very short-sighted to target this, at just people off the Train as locals are interested in visiting, and also Tourists do not visit our town solely off the train. Then there is the School holidays. If the reduced hours is to do with paid staff, then what about putting the call out an advertise for Volunteers.

Also an optional Gold coin Donation to help cover running costs.

Comment

- is there the possibility for some of History House objects be included in the new Maori Pathway PGF project. If a site has not yet been identified for this project the Old Courthouse in Guinness St would be the prefect old building (with upgrading) to depict both Maori and European history.

Key issue 3 - Spring Creek Pool

Option 3

I do not live in Runanga, however maybe a Committee of interested Residents, be formed to work alongside the Council to promote the Pool Facilities.

* There could be the possibility of issuing Pool Keys on a Seasonal basis. I have lived in a rural town where the Community had access to the local school pool for the Summer (this was an outdoor pool, with a cover), we paid a fixed rate for the pool key. The uptake was about 90% of the town taking up this scheme. It meant we could access the pool outside of school hours during the week and at the weekend. The Gate was locked and Children were not allowed in the Pool area unless accompanied by an Adult hence there was no need for the cost of a Lifeguard.

* Is there funding from the Govt for the local school so they can have access to the pool for Swimming lessons.

* can the BBQ area be better utilized

Key Issue 4

Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

Option 3

Once again, I do not live in the area.

* could Council departments be re-located to the Runanga Service Centre

* are the opening hours what the Community want, is there a Saturday morning opening

*Bring back the bill payment service and you will see an increase in usage.

* could free Tech lessons be provided, as is the case at Grey Library

* are books, magazines, DVDs, etc regularly rotated with supplies from Grey Library

* is there a Meeting room available for the Community

You will need to go back to the Community and CONSULT with the them as to how they see this service going forward.

With regard to the Pool, Service Centre and Library these are services, and therefore not needing to make a profit. It is the Councils responsibility to ensure they have allowed for the maintenance and operating costs of the buildings etc in there budgets. Why should the Community be penalized for Councils oversight. The Council needs to ask itself are we doing enough to increase Patronage.

Thinking outside the Square is needed and would that not fall within the scope of a Community Development Manager role.

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Blackball Residents Association Trust

Submission to the LTP for GDC

• IN REGARD TO MCEWEN PARK AND AMENITIES

TOILETS AND SHOWERS

Submitters to be Heard - LTP 2021-2031

The Blackball Residents Assn thank the GDC for the installation of the amenities on McEwen Park. Our understanding was that the showers would be "pay to use", not free, as they are currently. We urge Council to address this as a matter of urgency. With new technology it is possible to solve this without the use of cash (which encourages vandalism). We would like any funds generated by this payment to be returned to the Blackball community who have allowed GDC a Right To Occupy the land with no lease.

WIFI

The Blackball Residents Assn believed that the WIFI would be installed by now. The router was supposed to be housed in the cavity of the toilet/shower block and any funds generated were to come back to the Blackball community. Could GDC advise when this installation will be completed and how it will be funded and operated?

BBQs

In the original Tourism Infrastructure Fund application there were two BBQs with shelters to be installed on McEwen Park. These were to be user pays with the funds being returned to the Blackball community. Could GDC advise when these will be installed and the operation of these?

BIKE STANDS

These were also in the application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund but have yet to eventuate. We are happy to work with GDC staff towards a solution that fits with Blackball, similar to the consultation that took place with the toilet block. We would like these installed as soon as possible once a mutual agreement has been reached.

• CLEANING AMENITIES

Cleaning of toilets and showers and maintenance of gardens around the toilet block on McEwen Park

We understand that this tender comes up for renewal in early 2022. We formally request that GDC acknowledge our Expression of Interest in this tender.

• RATES INCREASES

While the Blackball Residents Assn recognizes that rates increases are often inevitable, we note that the currently proposed increases will have a profoundly negative impact on some of our residents. To this end we ask that if the increases cannot be reduced, that GDC lift the threshold of rates rebate available to low income families to assist in reducing their hardship.

• REGARDING MOWING

Mowing of reserves, berms and community areas in Blackball such as McEwen Park, Community Centre, Pool, Museum, Playcentre

Blackball Residents Assn has been active in the acquisition of mowers and weedeaters to keep these areas mown. We would like to formally request that GDC acknowledges our Expression of Interest in any tender process or contract, to create employment and allow Blackball people to take a pride in the town and how it presents to the wider populace.

• THE NEW CARPARK AT 18 HART STREET

We would like to thank the GDC for completion of the carpark - it has already been utilized by Paparoa Track walkers wishing to leave a car in Blackball.

In regard to the care and maintenance of the landscaped areas of this car park, including grassed areas, we would like to be considered for any tender to carry out this work and request that GDC acknowledge our Expression of Interest in this tender.

We also request that at least one streetlight is installed in the carpark for added security. This could be an all night light, or one operated by a motion sensor.

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We would also like to request signage, so people know they can use the carpark and that there is no overnight camping, as was agreed to in the consultation process.

- INSURANCE

We have been asked to install a playground for the community on McEwen Park. While we are happy to do this and maintain the playground, we wondered if it would be possible to piggy-back onto the GDC insurance policy covering public liability (as per other Council playgrounds that do not have any supervision).

- LAND ADJACENT TO BLACKBALL WORKINGMENS CLUB

We understand that the triangle of land next to the Blackball Workingmens Club has now been acquired by GDC. Blackball Residents Assn would like to build a community building on some of this land to house the ambulance, community van, mower and tools. We would also erect on the side of this building a space to house the Black Ops Charity Shop, along with a community garden. This would help tidy up an area which is largely waste land, making it look more attractive and be more useful to the community. We would like to formally ask for a Memorandum of Understanding to occupy this land for this use.

Thank you for your consideration in all these matters.

13 May 2021

Greymouth High School Students Submission to the Long Term Plan 2021-2031

On the 11th March, Staff from the Grey District Council undertook engagement with students at Greymouth High School for their input into the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

The students were given the opportunity to give their thoughts on the Big Issues that Council has in the Long Term Plan, as well as provide any other information they wished.

This is what the students said:

Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth

Overwhelming response in favour of extending the refuse and recycling collection throughout the Grey District. There were 45 comments received about wanting the service extended.

Comments include the following:

- More recycling is always good
- Extend the bin service to Runanga and all other places so we shouldn't have to use more plastic to get rid of rubbish
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- Extend service area. Would be nice to have recycling
- More recycling and rubbish bins in Taylorville
- Recycling bins in Gladstone
- More rubbish bins be sick

New Library

Of the 46 comments we received, 30 of the students were in favour of building the new library and 16 of the students were not in favour.

Comments include the following:

- Yes, to all of these. These solutions seem to be a positive change for the community
- Bigger library be mean
- Bigger library x 7
- Bean bags at the library
- Library is fine, might need to be modernized
- Instead of new library, make building in Greymouth earthquake proof
- Library in Greymouth is fine, we don't need a new one

Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service and Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

The students were mainly engaged in the topics of the extension of recycling and the new library, as issues they are directly interested in. There was little response to these issues and 1 wanted the Runanga Library fixed.

Other issues, concerns and ideas that were raised by the students at the engagement session:

- Update Paroa storm water drains on main road
- Bins around shops/Countdown and Warehouse
- New bins in town, mostly areas that have the most rubbish
- Yes, we should put more bins out mostly on bike tracks
- More walks to go on
- Add more tourist attractions; stuff to do around town
- Can you please add more and fix the toilets around Greymouth
- Build/fund a new rugby stadium or grandstand

Submission

17th May 2021

In response to public demand, I am making a submission to the Grey District Council with regards to the upgrading of the spa pool at Westland Recreation Centre.

After much discussion as to why there are no bubbles in the spa currently, we asked the facility supervisor Greg Hawkins at the Westland Recreation Centre to respond. He said that a pump worth approximately \$20,000, would need to be installed.

The desire by the public to have the spa upgraded, has resulted in a petition by 242 signatures supporting this submission to be tabled by the Grey District Council today.

Myself, my working party and the 242 signatories, wish that the spa be upgraded with the necessary pump, to enable the jets to be used as intended. This will provide many therapeutic benefits (both physically and mentally) as well as recreationally, for young and old alike.

We would like to be given the opportunity to speak in person, to the submission and discuss any conditions the Council feels should be imposed if the consent is granted.

Thank you for your time.





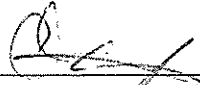

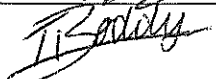


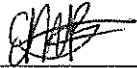
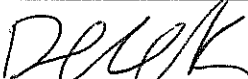


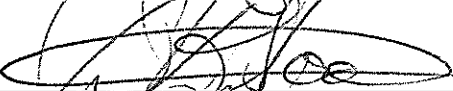

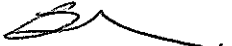

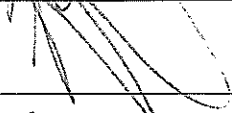
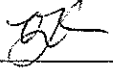
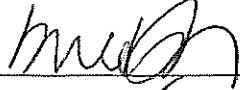

Petition to upgrade spa

All signatures below wish that the Westland Recreational centre spa could be upgraded with Jets (bubbles)

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Mara Hilton	
Ivan Manawatu	
Sonal Sharma	
Erin Webb	
Zach Buiges-Short	
Isaac McCallum	
Caleb Hartigan	Caleb H
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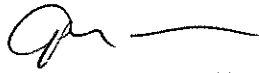

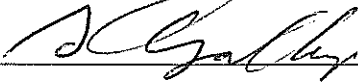
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Summer Murcott	
Emma Boddy	
Derek Chizumi	
Alex Fraser	
Damien Goad	
Dore Bristow	
Tom Paul	
Bridie Jackson	
Pavis Jackson	
Alexandra Roux	
Val Russell	
Bria Walsh	
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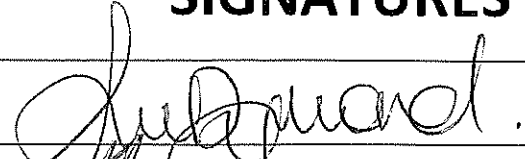

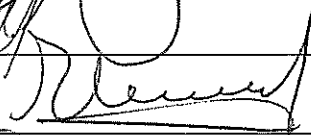
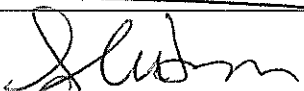
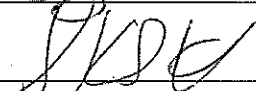
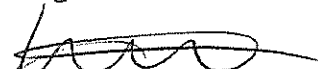
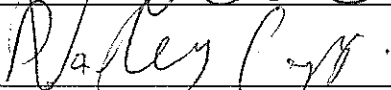



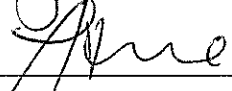
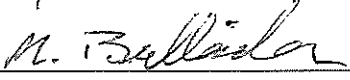
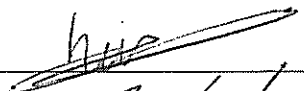

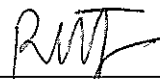
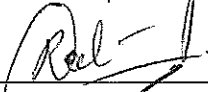
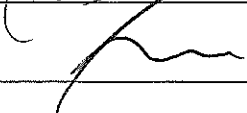
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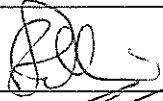




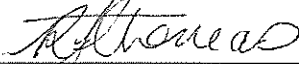

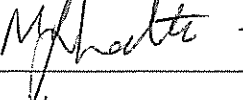
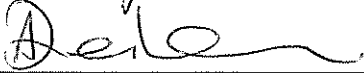

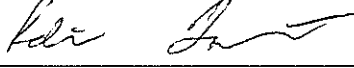

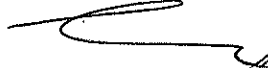




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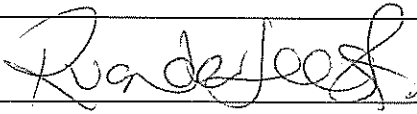


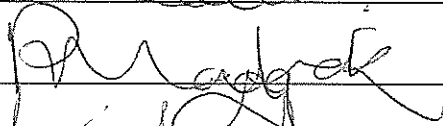
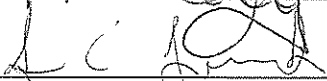

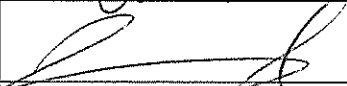

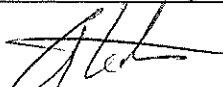
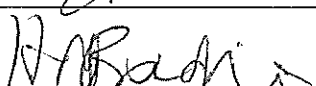




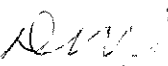
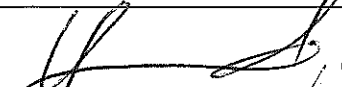

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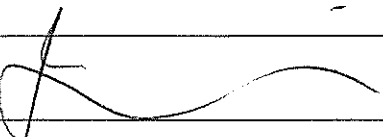
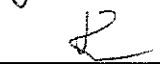

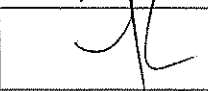


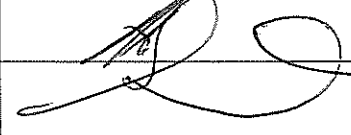
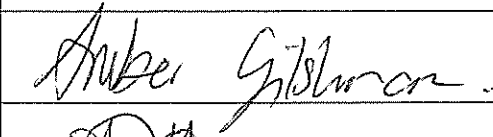


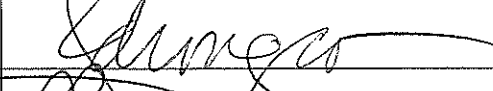

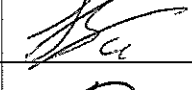

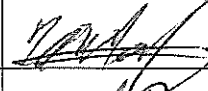
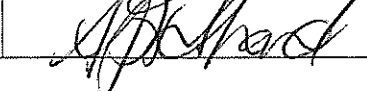
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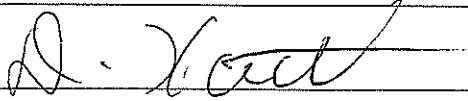
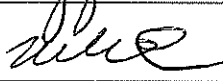
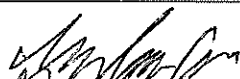
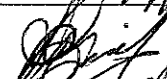

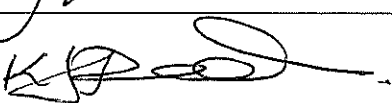
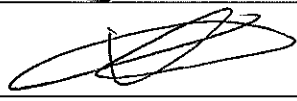
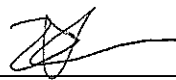
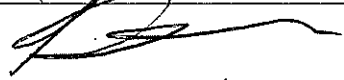
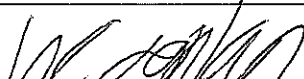
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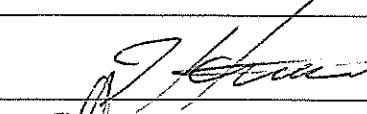
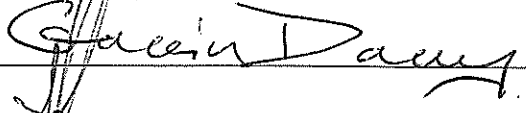


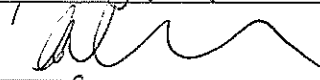
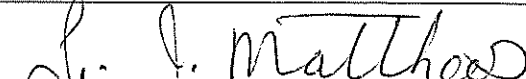




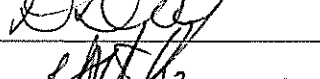

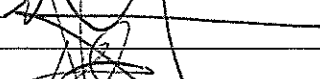

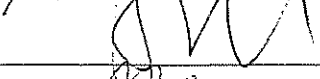

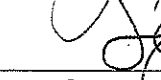
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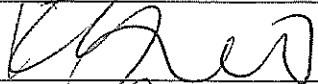
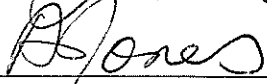

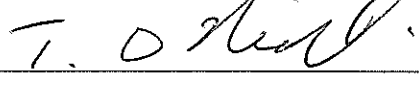
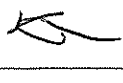
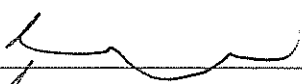

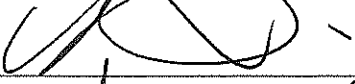

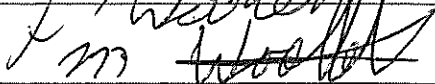

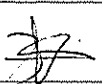

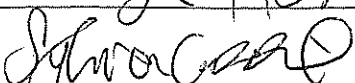
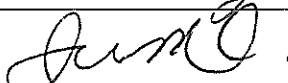
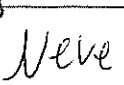
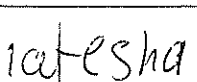
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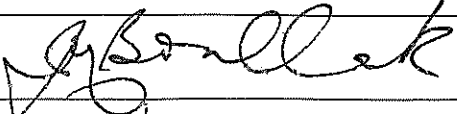
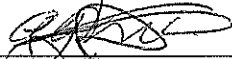

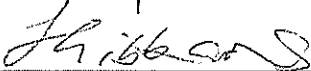





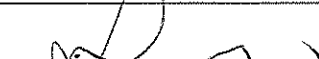

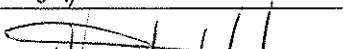



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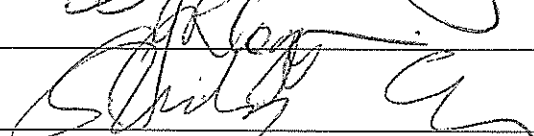
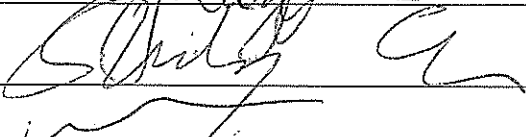
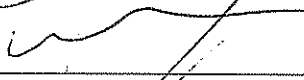
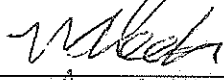
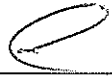
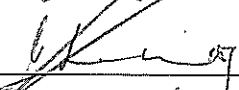
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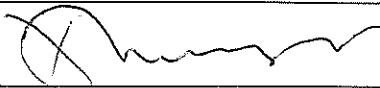
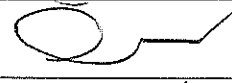
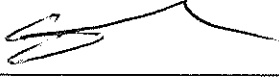
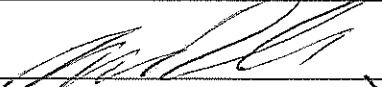

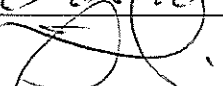
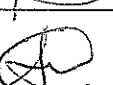
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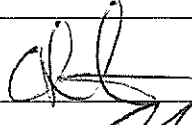
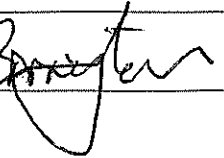
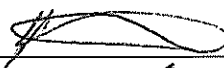





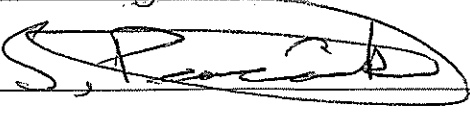
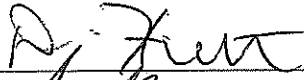

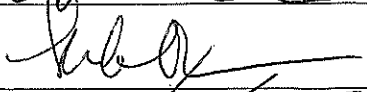
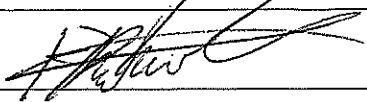
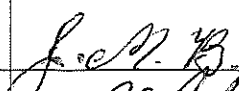



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SUBMISSION TO GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE 10 YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

To: Grey District Council

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We wish to speak to our submission at a Council hearing.

ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a membership organisation, which is mandated by its members to advocate on their behalf and ensure representation of their views. Federated Farmers does not collect a compulsory levy under the commodities levy act and is funded from voluntary membership.

Federated Farmers represents rural and farming businesses throughout New Zealand. We have a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers

Federated Farmers aims to empower farmers to excel in farming. Our key strategic outcomes include provision for an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of a vibrant rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and sustainable food production practices.

INTRODUCTION

Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to the Grey District Council's ('GDC or 'Council') 10 Year Plan Consultation Document (2021-31) ('LTP').

We recommend Council reviews its planned expenditure and amend the draft LTP in line with our submission points below.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

That GDC reduces the proposed rate increase in year one, allocates expenditure appropriately and restores its monetary reserves in a realistic manner.

Federated Farmers commends Council for increasing the UAGC.

That Council stops using ratepayer funding for the port, a non-significant piece of infrastructure that continually runs at a loss.

GENERAL SUBMISSIONS

Proposed increases in rates and expenditure

Council is proposing a "one off" rate increase of 9.9% in the first year and then 6% for the next 9 years. This initial increase is worded in the draft LTP "this one-off increase is needed to make up for the reduction in rates income from last year, where Council sought to soften the immediate impacts of Covid-19". Which initially seems reasonable.

However, earlier in the document it is stated that "In the last financial year due to the uncertainty around the economic impacts of Covid-19, Council reduced its forecast rates rise from 3.66% to 2.7% to temporarily cushion impacts on ratepayers".

How this small reduction then leads to the proposed 9.9% year one increase is unclear. The proposed average rate increase in year one is more than double last year's rate. As with all businesses, costs have increased over time, and the excuse of "catching up" on underfunded programmes does not equate to this substantial increase.

If this was a one-off, and there was evident major benefit for the community, then perhaps it would be acceptable. But it is not. GDC seems to be indifferent to the fact that every annual increase in rates which exceeds the Consumers Price Index, reduces the living standard of ratepayers.

The Council should show leadership and some degree of empathy with its ratepayers by demonstrating that it can operate within a set budget, the same as everyone else has to.

Whilst there is a lot of focus on the Three Waters, and rightfully so, we do not believe that the users should be exclusively the ratepayers of the next decade only. If an activity is investigated fully and installed to a high standard, then there will also be benefit for ratepayers beyond 2031.

It can easily be assumed that the current infrastructure which is in need of replacement, is well over 10 years old. If GDC is following the principle "that those who use the service pay for it", then it should not only be the ratepayers of the next 10 years who cover this cost.

We acknowledge that Council has had to use their reserves to pay for activities, but that is the whole purpose of having reserves. If the 2020 Covid-19 event was not the “rainy day” occasion, then what is?

It took a reasonable amount of time for these reserves to accumulate, and we seek that Council looks to restore them in a similar timeframe.

The spectre of Covid-19 and its impact has not gone away, you only have to look overseas to see countries struggling to cope with the second or even third wave of the pandemic. New Zealand has certainly been lucky so far, but changes to our current situation like the trans-Tasman bubble, the emergence of different virus variants and a severe lack of skilled personnel and building materials still make us vulnerable.

The district economy is facing constraints with limited tourism, limited labour supply, temporary worker restrictions and limited capacity in some goods and services. Therefore, GDC must be realistic in how quickly it can rebuild its reserves.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

We strongly support the increase in the UAGC from \$520.65 to \$642.

Under s.21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the UAGC can be used to collect up to 30% of total rate revenue. Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30% allowed.

Use of the UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district. Its effect is to amend the impact of property value rates on higher value properties.

The basis of our view is the fact that council services are in large part used by people, and a per property charge at least ensures that all people make some reasonable contribution (whether through rates or rent) toward their cost.

Port

We query why GDC continues to throw money at an entity that in Council states ‘has run at a deficit for many years and continues until year 9 of the Plan’. Yet GDC seeks to increase the ratepayer input and considers this the most prudent approach.

In the infrastructure strategy, the port is not deemed to be significant infrastructure, so why must the District ratepayers keep paying for it?

Any other business running this type of approach would struggle to get finance from any source. So why does GDC continue to display an absence of basic financial understanding and pass the cost of a non-significant asset continually running at a loss onto ratepayers?

We would encourage GDC to consider what Buller District Council is doing in regard to their port as a way forward in their LTP. Buller’s preferred option is to ring-fence the port and challenge the asset to be self-funding.

Fees and Charges

Whilst we endorse a “user pays” approach, we do query the substantial increase in fees and charges across all sectors:

- All building fees are up by 33%
- Dog registrations are up a minimum of 10.3% or for a working dog 11.10%, which appears to be a convenient rounding up for the new fee
- All planning fees (deposits) are up 45%.

The reasoning behind these increases is absent from the documentation. Fees and charges must only cover the costs incurred from those activities and not be viewed as an instant boost in cash flow.

SUBMISSION FORM

Submitters to be Heard - LTP 2021-2031

HAVE YOUR SAY!



Please read the Consultation Document and/or the Draft Plan before providing your feedback. Once you have completed this form, you can return it to Council by 5pm Monday 17 May 2021 to:

- Email to submissions@greydc.govt.nz
- Post to Grey District Council, PO Box 382, Greymouth 7840
- Deliver to Grey District Council, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

SUBMITTERS DETAILS

(Note: Every submission made to the Council will be acknowledged in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, copied and made available to the public.)

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss Ms. M. Trayce

Organisation (if any): —

Do you wish to speak to Council at the meeting in support of your submission? Yes No

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FEEDBACK ON KEY & OTHER ISSUES - Please indicate your preference by ticking the below boxes.

KEY ISSUE 1:
Extension of kerbside refuse and recycling collection to all of Greymouth

- OPTION 1:** Extend area. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Don't extend area, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 2:
New Library

- OPTION 1:** A new purpose built library on freehold land. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Don't proceed with building a new library, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 3:
Delivery of Spring Creek Pool Service

- OPTION 1:** Spring Creek Pool is no longer a Council provided service. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Council continue to provide the service - funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3:** Council continue to provide the service, i.e. status quo.

KEY ISSUE 4:
Runanga Service Centre and Community Library

- OPTION 1:** Runanga Service Centre is no longer a Council provided service and the building is disposed of. [PREFERRED OPTION]
- OPTION 2:** Continue to provide the service (status quo) - funded by a targeted rate.
- OPTION 3:** Continue to provide the service (status quo) - funded by general rate.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSULTATION

Revenue and Financing Policy Do you agree with the proposed changes to the policy? Yes No

Resource Management Fees Do you agree with the proposed fees for 2021/2022? Yes No

Transfer of Floodwall Asset to West Coast Regional Council Do you agree with the proposed transfer? Yes No

Please provide any comments you have on any of the above or anything else you wish to provide feedback on in the section below.

Your comments: (More space on the back)

I wish to speak on the matter of a new library + the museum

Mary Trayce

Grey District Council

2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Sport Canterbury Submission

About Sport Canterbury / Hakinakina Waitaha

Sport Canterbury is one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts operating throughout New Zealand.

We are an independent, Charitable Trust governed by a Board. We have been operating since 1989 with a presence in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru and Greymouth.

Our vision is 'Kia Nui Ake, Kia Kaha Ake, Te Tokomaha Ake (More People, More Active, More Often) and everything we do is about getting and keeping people engaged in sport, physical activity and play. We connect community leadership to make healthy choices more accessible to families /whānau where they live, learn, work and play, so, our communities thrive.

We achieve our outcomes through partnerships, initiatives and programmes that align to the strategic priorities set out within our strategic plan.

The Value of Sport and Recreation

Sport NZ undertook a [study](#) that explored the value of sport and recreation to New Zealanders, their communities, and our country. *The Value of Sport* is based on extensive research, including a survey of around 2,000 New Zealanders and a review of previous studies from here and around the world.

People consulted saw real value in participating in sport and recreation. Findings included:

- 92% believe being active keeps them physically fit and healthy and helps relieve stress.
- 88% believe that sport and other physical activities provide them with opportunities to achieve and help build confidence.
- 84% believe sport brings people together and create a sense of belonging.
- 74% say sport help builds vibrant and stimulating communities.

The research also showed the ability of sport and recreation to create connected young adults and improve the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders.

Wellbeing is more important than ever with the COVID-19 pandemic and the highly uncertain economic outlook both having an impact on all aspects of our wellbeing.

The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation, and sport sector

COVID-19 has placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand's play, active recreation, and sport system.

Organisations which play a key role in supporting New Zealanders to be active were impacted by COVID-19 including lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity to deliver and changes in membership. All these things have hit the sector hard and will have an ongoing impact in a continued uncertain future.

The importance of councils to the sector

Sport Canterbury covers an area that includes 10 Territorial Local Authority areas. Councils are an important partner for Sport Canterbury.

We see councils playing a key role in our goal to ensuring everyone has access to quality physical activity options.

Councils have a key role in facility planning, development and operation that enables play, active recreation and sport but are increasingly involved in running or supporting local programmes which drive physical activity and wellbeing as well.

Sport Canterbury will always aim to maintain its independence while working with councils to achieve the best outcome for the sport, active recreation and play sector.

A regional approach to facility planning and delivery.

Since 2017, Sport Canterbury has led the development of three Spaces and Places Plans covering the Greater Christchurch, South Canterbury, and West Coast areas. These plans aimed to provide a cross-boundary approach to facility planning and prioritisation to ensure needs were met on a regional basis avoiding duplication.

Sport Canterbury is now reviewing these plans and bringing them all together into one overall plan for the whole of the Sport Canterbury Region. We see these plans as being beneficial to councils when considering investment in sport, active recreation and play facilities.

These plans are available on our [website](#) and have been integral in forming the basis of this submission.

Caveat

Sport Canterbury works with many sporting and community organisations across the region and often advocates on behalf of sport and physical activity. However, the comments presented within this submission are those of Sport Canterbury only and do not necessarily represent any individual or other sporting, or other group.

Using this Feedback

This written feedback is to be considered and reported in its entirety. No partial use, excerpts or subjective interpretation of this document is permit.

Submission Points

General

Thank you for maintaining your investment in sport and recreation across many areas during some extremely tough economic times. Sport and recreation supports a thriving community where benefits are real, human, and long lasting for the people of the Grey District.

- **Spring Creek Pool** - Changes to existing services

Losing sport and recreational facilities of any sort can impact negatively on a small community like Runanga, however if the facility has minimal patronage, then the impact becomes less and financial costs of maintaining the facility now and into the future can be better directed.

We support Option 1A. This would require support from Council to investigate other models of community pools be investigated and presented to the community for consideration E.g. Blackball Community Pool, Ahaura Community Pool, Ngakawau/Hector Community Pool in Northern Buller or School Pool models.

This will require time, consideration should be given to Grey District Council retaining the current model with a targeted rate increase (Option 2) until year two of the LTP, to allow the community time to commit to any potential change of model.

We agree the pool is not sustainable under the current model.

- **Westland Recreation Centre** -

This is the Jewel in the Crown of our sport and recreation facilities with a modern, fit for purpose building that is integral for our community to play and recreate.

We support on-going financial investment into this facility to ensure residents and visitors enjoy a high quality experience. We also encourage the establishment of a regular hui for users and community groups to collaborate on ideas and initiatives to maximise facility usage.

Sport Canterbury offers to partner Westland Recreation Centre management to establish these hui and user group forums.

- **Parks and Tracks** - Interest in creating new walking and cycling tracks

In line with the West Coast Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy we support the option to consult on interest for new facilities in conjunction with the overall review of existing parks and tracks.

The proposed review should include sports fields which are owned by Council but managed by volunteer groups, these facilities are coming under increasing pressure to be sustained and maintained to appropriate levels.

Sport Canterbury is investing in Spaces and Places planning and scoping that align to the West Coast Sport and Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy and this project may align.

Sport Canterbury offer to work closely with Council regarding this.

- **Public Rest Rooms –**

Having access to clean and safe community restroom facilities where people congregate to play and recreate can be an important part of the experience for the participant.

We support the Council developing a plan to ensure current and future needs are identified to ensure locals and tourists are catered for adequately.

ANZAC Park amenities are currently inadequate for this sporting hub which services large sport and event gatherings through-out the year.

In addition Karoro Domain is another sport and recreational hub without appropriate facility provision.

We recommend these spaces be prioritised in any planning review.

- **Heritage and Culture –**

Sport Canterbury encourages organisations to consider obligations to the **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** – The Treaty of Waitangi

We encourage council to also take a bicultural lens to future decision making and actions.

- **Sport Canterbury**

Acknowledges and thank the Grey District Council for their ongoing financial support to Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust.

Summary

Sport Canterbury wants to again acknowledge and commend the Grey District Council for their Long-Term Plan and for their current levels of investment in Sport, Active Recreation and Play across the region. We value the relationship we have in getting our community physically active. We look forward to the opportunity to present alongside our submission.

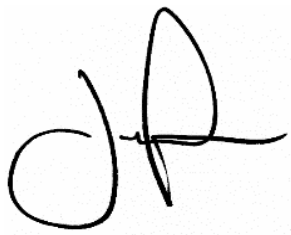
1. **Spring Creek Pool:** Support for investigating into the feasibility for a community run model to retain the pool.
2. **Parks and Tracks:** That an overall review of existing parks and tracks be extended to include council owned but volunteer managed sport grounds.
3. **Public Restrooms:** That consideration be given to current gaps in the community for restrooms where people play and recreate to ensure improved access to amenities.
4. **Bi-cultural signage:** That council is a leader in their approach to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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