

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Penny    **Last Name:** (required) Carnaby

### Feedback

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

support all spending Parks and Reserves especially

for biodiversity

### Rating for renewals

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Yes

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

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We get good value for our rates

### Trade waste

1.2.6

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Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

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Parks biodiversity

Libraries

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#### Air Force Museum Grant

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**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

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#### Central city shuttle service

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**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

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#### Future feedback

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Yes

**Personal Submission from Penny Carnaby** on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

**I wish to present my submission in person**

To: Christchurch City Council

53 Hereford Street

Christchurch Central

Christchurch 8013

25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

From: Penny Carnaby

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Kia ora koutou

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the CCC draft Annual Plan 2025/26.

1. While this is a **personal submission**, I have the following interests:

- I am a previous Chair of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) and continue to support and represent the Trust in a variety of ways including on Te Kākahu Kahukura <https://www.tekakahu.org.nz> a collaboration of 22 organisations working together to enhance biodiversity outcomes in the Port Hills.
- I am the current Chair of the Banks Peninsula Native Forest Climate Change Group (BPNFCCG). The Banks Peninsula Native Forest/Climate Change group is an informal inter-agency alliance seeking to improve opportunities for biodiversity through native forest restoration on Banks Peninsula, principally through enabling landowners who restore native forest to gain an income from the carbon sequestration and other benefits these forests provide. (see membership of BPNFCCG attached)
- I am a resident of Lyttelton and am involved in a jointly owned property at Otanerito Bay located in the Wildside, at the head of the Hinewai Reserve. Enhancing biodiversity outcomes on Banks Peninsula is the focus of each of these properties.

## 2. Comments on the Draft Annual Plan

- **Support the proposed average rates increase of 7.58%** and note the efforts to keep the increases as low as possible. We get a great deal of value from our rates.
- **Support** for the Environmental Partnership Fund **\$700,000**
- **Support Biodiversity fund \$500,000.** I would recommend this fund be increased to reflect the value that the Council gets from the thousands of community volunteer hours contributed to conservation projects across the City, including Banks Peninsula.
- **Support Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust grant of \$167,00**
- **Support \$60,000 grant for the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Project** but note that this will be unlikely to be enough for pest control generally. Further targeted funding will be needed to address the alarming feral deer increases in the Port Hills, Ōtamahua Quail Island and Banks Peninsula generally.

## 3. Additional comments relating to biodiversity:

- **Need for targeted funding to support the work of 22 TKK** <https://www.tekakahu.org.nz> organisations working together to enhance biodiversity outcomes in the Port Hills.
- As Chair of the Banks Peninsula Native Forest Climate Change Group (BPNFCCG) I wish to emphasise the **importance of covenanting, pest control and weed control in enhancing carbon sequestration and biodiversity outcomes** on Banks Peninsula
- **Support the CCC Coastal Hazards Adaption** plan which largely relates to Whakraupō and Port Levy and note the likely biodiversity outcomes which will be likely to be delivered as this plan operationalised.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Penny Carnaby

## Membership of the Banks Peninsula Native Forest Climate Change Group (BPNFCCG)

Table 1 Group membership

Name	Organisation and role
<b>Adrian Loo</b>	Forever Forests Co-Founder & Director
<b>Alice Shanks</b>	QEII National Trust Central Canterbury Advisor – attending to represent QEII
<b>Alina Toppler</b>	ECAN Climate Change & Community Resilience
<b>Anthony Johnson</b>	Manager Oashore conservation project 540ha, landowner of Hukahukatuaroa in Western Valley
<b>Bob Webster</b>	Landowner Waipuna Bush, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
<b>Brent Martin</b>	Manaaki Whenua Senior Data Scientist
<b>Bruce Hansen</b>	Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai)
<b>Bryan Storey</b>	Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Geopark Trustee, former Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust Trustee
<b>Clayton Wallwork</b>	Orion Sustainability Manager
<b>Crystal Lensky</b>	Lyttelton Port Company, landowner
<b>Di Lucas</b>	Lucas Associates Director, Landscape Architect
<b>Helen Greenep</b>	Environment Canterbury Biodiversity Officer
<b>James Wright</b>	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
<b>Josh Foster</b>	BPCT Farm Biodiversity Programme
<b>Kaitlyn Leeds</b>	Department of Conservation Banks Peninsula ranger
<b>Karen Banwell</b>	Retired Whaka Ora Programme Manager
<b>Kirsty Brennan</b>	Lyttelton Port Company
<b>Lan Pham</b>	Green Party MP
<b>Larry Burrows</b>	Manaaki Whenua Forest Ecologist
<b>Maree Burnett</b>	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Manager
<b>Mark Christensen</b>	Chair of the Project Oversight Group for Pest Free Banks Peninsula, Director of EcoCentral Limited, and Director of the state-owned enterprise Animal Control Products (Orillion)
<b>Mark Nixon</b>	Landowner with High Bare Peak group (500ha) in Little River, Tūpari (400ha) in Kaituna and Putaweta (40ha) above Akaroa
<b>Morag Butler</b>	ECAN Climate Change & Community Resilience leader
<b>Nick Butcher</b>	CarbonCrop Chief Technology Officer, Founder of CarbonCrop
<b>Nick Head</b>	Christchurch City Council Senior Ecologist
<b>Pam Richardson</b>	BP Branch Federated Farmers, Former BP Community Board Chair and BP Conservation Trust Trustee
<b>Paul Dahl</b>	Landowner in Purau, Hidden Valley Trust in Purau and on Whaka Ora.
<b>Paula Jameson</b>	President Summit Rd Society
<b>Penny Carnaby</b>	Chair BPNFCCG, representative of Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
<b>Piper Pengelly</b>	Representative from Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
<b>Richard Simpson</b>	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Trustee and Landowner
<b>Rowan Sprague</b>	BPNFCCG Coordinator, Science Knowledge Broker at Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research

<b>Sam Mander</b>	Agri Intel Carbon specialist
<b>Sarah Helleur</b>	Forever Forests Consultant. ETS consulting indigenous opportunities
<b>Shelley Washington</b>	Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust manager
<b>Tasman Gillies</b>	Te Ahu Pātiki Trust
<b>Tina Troup</b>	Maurice White Native Forest Trust Trustee (Hinewai), BPCT Covenanting committee

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Mahere Rautaki ā tau

# **OUR DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26**

## **Submission form**

We'd like your feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 and the matters we have raised in our Consultation Document.

**Tell us what you think by Friday 28 March 2025.**

**[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan](https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan)**

# How to have your say

We would like your feedback on our plan for the coming year, and the matters we have outlined in this consultation document.

**Submissions can be made from Wednesday 26 February 2025 until 11.59pm on Friday 28 March 2025.**

There are several ways you can give feedback:

-  Online: **letstalk.ccc.govt.nz**
-  Email: **cccplan@ccc.govt.nz**
-  Fill out a submission form at your nearest library or service centre and hand it to staff.
-  Post a letter to:  
Freepost 178 (no stamp required)  
Annual Plan Submissions  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154
-  Or deliver to the Te Hononga Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street. (To ensure we receive last-minute submissions on time, please hand deliver them to the Civic Offices.)

Regardless of the method you use to give feedback, your submission must include your **full name, email address and/or postal address**. If you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings, please also provide a daytime phone number.


If your submission is on behalf of a group or organisation, you must include your organisation's name and your role in the organisation.

## Hearings

Public hearings will be held in late April 2025 (specific hearings dates to be confirmed).

## Social media

Informal feedback, which is not counted as a submission but will be summarised for our councillors to consider, can be made in the following ways:

-  Go to our Facebook page **facebook.com/christchurchcitycouncil** and include **#cccplan** in your post.
-  Tweet us your feedback using **#cccplan**

## Talk to the team

You can give us a call on 03 941 8999, provide your details and a good time for us to call, and one of our managers will be in touch.

Your councillors and local community board members will do their best to be out and about in your area during the time we're consulting on the Draft Annual Plan. If you'd like to talk directly with a councillor or community board member about the Draft Annual Plan, get in touch: **ccc.govt.nz/community-boards**

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**Submissions are public information**

Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Contact details are provided to elected members with your feedback to be considered when making their decision. We will also contact you with updates about the decision.

Submissions, including names, are published on our webpage, so please do not include any personal information you would prefer to keep private.

While contact details will not be published, if requested through the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, these must be supplied. If there are good reasons why your personal details and/or feedback should be kept confidential, please contact us on [cccplan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:cccplan@ccc.govt.nz) or 027 291 8638.

View our privacy statement at [ccc.govt.nz/privacy](https://ccc.govt.nz/privacy)

**Your details**

First name\* **MARIK FRANCIS**

Last name\* **CRADDOCK**

☒ I would like to speak to the Council about my feedback.

Please provide a phone number so we can arrange a speaking time:

If you are responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide:

Name of organisation

Your role

## Questions to think about when making your submission

### Proposed average rates increase

What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?

Room for improvement.  
Able to be realised if non-essential works are not implemented eg. bike lanes on very busy arterial routes (Harewood Rd)

### Proposed spending

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Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?

Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?

Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?

## Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

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Yes

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No

Comments – if you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

*Christchurch Cathedral is central to Christchurch's identity.*

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Yes

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No

Comments

## Fees and charges

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

## Trade waste

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

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Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

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Option 2: Two-tiered volume rate

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Option 3: Fixed volume rate

Why do you prefer this option?

## Reducing rates

### Tell us about the services

- You value the most and would not want reduced.
- You could manage without.
- Where there could be an opportunity for savings.

## Climate Resilience Fund Policy

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

## Air Force Museum Grant

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

☐ Yes      ☐ No

## Central city shuttle service

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

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Yes

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No

Comments

## Potential disposal of properties

The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

## Anything else?

Any further comments?

Wheels to Wings - Harewood Rd  
 Proposal To Extend the cycle way to The  
 Toll length at Harewood Rd.  
 Not needed - Harewood Rd (East) to Matson Ave  
 Condell Ave / Ararangi Rd / Elam Rd (For  
 Students) / Recreation cyclists travelling West  
 have Warraker Rd / Sargent Arms Rd. for access  
 to West. If improvements for cyclists are investigated  
 on Harewood Rd - then yellow broken line  
 to encourage homeowners to park  
 their cars in their driveways  
 and Bupa visitors to park their cars in the  
 Bishopdale car park. Some allowances could  
 be made for charity  
 Hospital visitors / patients  
 + Copenhagen shoppers  
 A clearly marked white line for  
 cyclists is already in place, and adequate  
 gate passageways.

Thank you for your submission.

Please put this submission form in an envelope and send it to:

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Draft Annual Plan submissions

Christchurch City Council

PO Box 73016

Christchurch 8154

Consultation on the Draft Annual Plan closes at 11.59pm on Friday 28 March 2025.



The Harewood Rd is one of the main  
 arterial routes used by Northerners coming into  
 their highways

The Harwood Rd is also the principal route chosen by essential services — eg ambulances, medical personnell, Firebrigades, police taxi (Airport dropoffs from the East.

Learning from the reduction of lanes imposed upon the Shank Rd residents and students and service providers (Refuse Trucks) The citizens of Christchurch don't want a repeal of the ill conceived imposition of traffic flow of what was previously a major route.

Why respond to a very small minority of bike users at the expense of a majority of vehicle users (cars) Regrettably there are few and far less student cyclists — A lot of students use their student loan to purchase an imported Japanese car.

Accommodation is not always available close to university / teachers' training colleges etc.

Let an improvement be considered for Harwood Rd — lights on the right corner turning right  
Greens Rd / Harwood corner turning right  
Motorists are taking risks



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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025  
First Name: (required) Phil    Last Name: (required) Kilgour  
If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name: (required)  
Silver Fern Farms Limited - Belfast Plant

Your role and the number of people your organisation represents: (required)  
Plant Manager

Feedback

Trade waste

1.2.6  
What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:  
Option 2: Two-tiered volume rate

Attached Documents

Name	
Silver Fern Farms Belfast - Tradewaste - Submission Letter	



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PO Box 73016, Christchurch 8154

28 March 2025

Dear Cathy

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2025/26.

Silver Fern Farms Belfast wishes to express objection to the proposed increase of trade waste fees and charges.

A comparison of our trade waste volumes from 2024 to the proposed changes to the charges indicate there could be an increase to our trade waste volume charges of between 5% with Option 2, 7% increase with Option 1 or an unacceptable increase with Option 3.

The suggested benefits to the Council wastewater system from increasing the flexibility of large wastewater customers to time their discharges are not applicable to Silver Fern Farms even under the proposed changes to the charging structure. Our existing Trade Waste Agreement currently limits when we are permitted to discharge, will this new pricing structure trump our Trade Waste Agreement? Silver Fern Farms Belfast would welcome an amendment to our trade waste agreement, to allow us and Christchurch City Council to benefit from the proposed flexibility of discharging at more variable times. Without an amendment, then we will be paying more for no or limited benefit, to site operations.

Of the proposed options, Option 2 is seen by Silver Fern Farms Belfast as the best of an undesirable set, due to the smaller cost increase for site.

Option 3 with up to a 33% increase in charges is considered unacceptable and would be an undue burden on the site.

Additionally, the proposed price increase would divert resources away from efforts to reduce waste and operate in an environmentally sustainable manner. We believe the Council should be supporting business in this area, not penalising them with higher charges

In light of these concerns, we ask the council to reconsider the proposed price increase and to find a more equitable and sustainable solution that does not place an undue burden on local businesses.

Yours faithfully,

**Phil Kilgour**  
**Silver Fern Farms Belfast Site Manager**

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) James    **Last Name:** (required) Ridpath

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Youth Alive Trust

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Trust Manager

### Feedback

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

With both the increase in residents into central New Brighton, an upcoming decommissioning of play equipment in Rawhiti Domain, and a lack of play equipment for a local school, we're advocating for some council budget to be allocated for play equipment for young people in Rawhiti Domain. There is currently one small play park for small children beside the canopy, and this is coming to the end of its natural life and the children's natural playground in another area of the park. However, we at Youth Alive Trust plus the school community, PTFA and management at New Brighton Catholic School have been working on a proposal for long term, quality play equipment in Rawhiti Domain in walking distance of most of the central New Brighton residents, and within the play area of the 200 New Brighton Catholic School students who use it each day. This project has been in the works over a couple of years, and last year we presented to our local community board and councillors about the proposed project, with the CCC Parks team approval, and the board gave staff the remit to come up with designs. The school is keen to fundraise towards some play equipment costs, and we are asking if the council would consider budgeting some money into this project too.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Youth Alive Trust took on the custodianship of the Roy Stokes Hall at the end of 2023, after an open tender by Christchurch Development Limited, who wanted to place the hall back into the possession and ownership of the local community. We look after the many groups who use the hall including a circus trust, dance groups, arts classes, events, cultural groups and one off markets. One issue we often have is the lack of parking for visitors to the hall. There is very limited street parking, and only a small area behind the hall where approximately 6 cars can park, after driving down a very narrow path to access it. If we had been involved in the original decision when the hall was split from the private land sale, then we would have heavily advocated for a proper car park on the back of the hall, where the many users and visitors could park off the local streets. Now there are plans for the development of the road outside the hall, and even more public parking is proposed to be lost. We would like the council to consider approving some funding to re-purchase a small piece of land currently unused by the current developer to create a purpose built car park. We believe the land owner is open to this option, and with careful negotiation it could be possible. Some of the funding needed for the purchase could be transferred from the budget tagged for the development of Seaview Road, as I understand some of that budget is allocated to creating more parking spaces for hall users through road development. We are asking council to ask staff to investigate this option and tag some budget to this possibility.

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Yes

Attached Documents

Name	
Play Area Proposal outside NBC School in Rawhiti Domain	
Possible Roy Stokes Car Park Photos 2025	



<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Plans/Park-management-plans/RawhitiDomainPlan.pdf>

We believe the Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park Management Plan gives permission for the development of the play area, as one of the Objectives (8.7) states: “Install new facilities by the school play area to meet park user needs and school needs”.

### *The Process so far*

A nationwide Play Hui in 2022 included two projects at New Brighton Catholic School, including brainstorming and interviewing students about Play habits and hopes. The school PTFA approached a local designer who designed a concept for that play area with various play resources. Designs were presented to the school PTFA, school board, teachers, and other community groups including Youth Alive Trust. Youth Alive Trust often uses that area of the domain for play, activities and games, as it is their closest green space. They heavily support the development of a play space in this area and would use it during their after-school clubs and holiday programmes. We know the general public would also use any new play equipment in this area, particularly in light of the council’s proposal to decommission the children’s play area beside the Canopy.

### *Going Forward*

After recent further discussions with council parks and recreation staff, it was decided the best process is for council staff to lead the design, concept and quality control of the equipment to be installed. We have received positive responses from council staff about the development of a play area in this space, particularly if the school can fundraise towards some of the proposed equipment and the proposed decommissioning of the council park beside the canopy due to age. We are asking the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board to ask council parks staff to work on a concept for play in that area in partnership with the school and community. This draft would then be presented to the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board for feedback and then go to the wider community for consultation. If approved, then quotes would be obtained for each part of the equipment needed, and the school PTFA would do fundraising and submit grant applications to help pay for various play areas. Any equipment bought with funding by the school PTFA would be handed over to the council. There are other local examples of this type of partnership include the Pump Track in Bexley Domain and other Christchurch schools who also share a play area in a council owned park.

On further inspection of the current fort, there is a strong possibility it will need to be taken down. In discussion with the children at NBC, and researching other popular park attractions, we have been brainstorming the types of play we would love to see in that area of the domain. We would like as much to be natural wood as possible. This may include:

- Scooter Pump Track
- Gaga Ball Pit
- Agility course
- Whare
- Football field
- Circle of Swings
- Mesh Swing
- Picnic benches for games

*A home-made draft concept*

Pump Track

Football Field

Gaga Pit

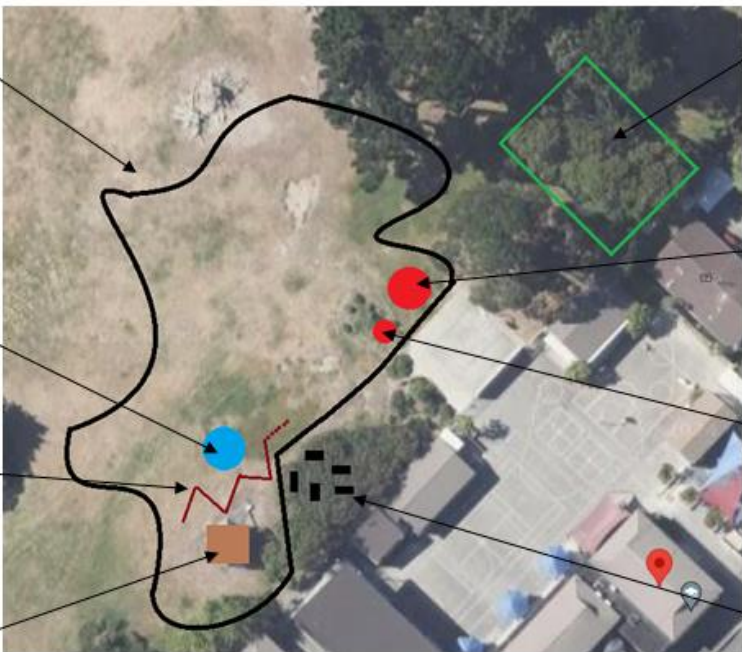
Social Swings

Agility Course

Large Rope Swing

Whare

Picnic Seating



## Roy Stokes Hall: Car Parking Issues

### Current Street Parking



Small Car Park on back of hall (approx. 6 cars)

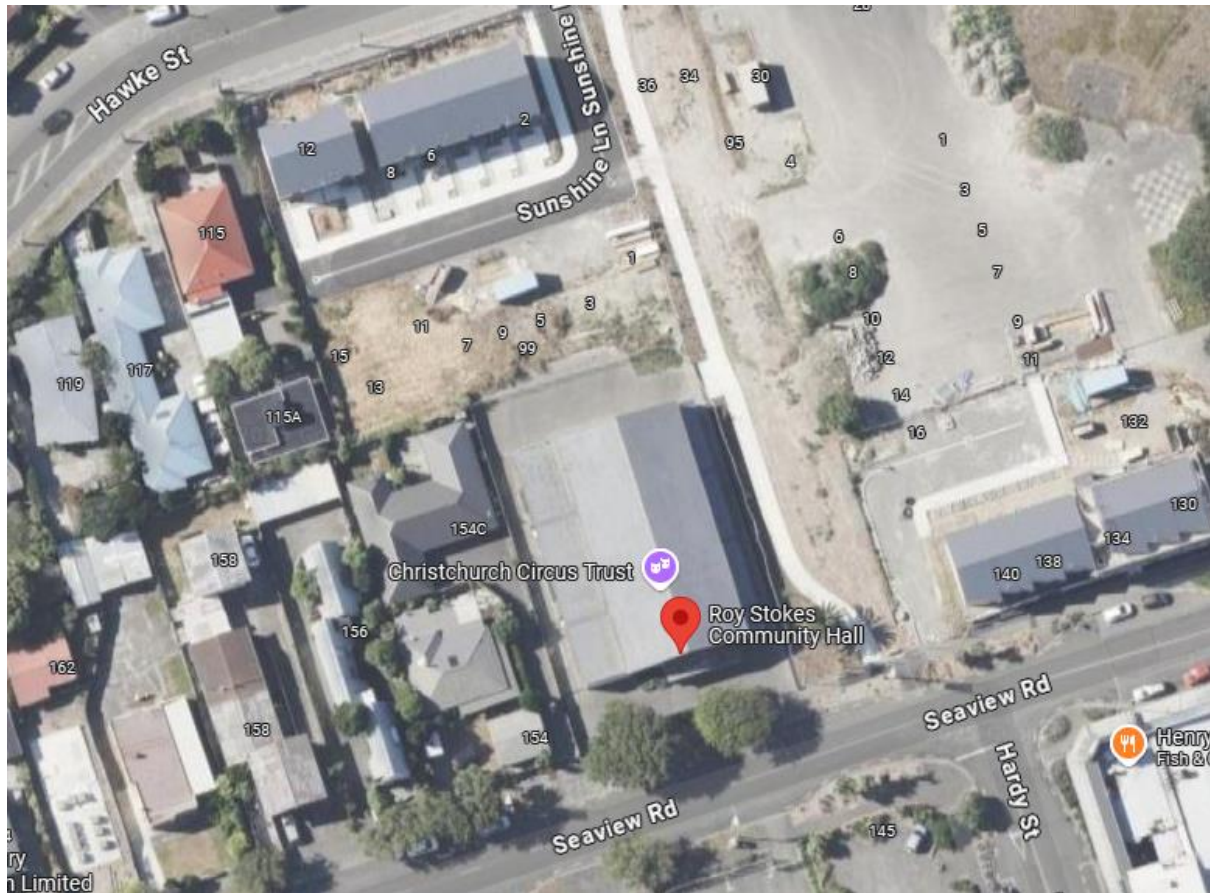


Tight path beside the hall for accessing back car park (next to footpath)



Potential site for car park – originally sold by DCL to developer





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### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I am concerned that the focus on reducing the rates increase has come at the expense of delivering essential services and investing in critical infrastructure. While I acknowledge the effort to keep rates lower than originally signaled, this should not come at the cost of maintaining and improving the city's core functions.

Christchurch needs long-term investment in infrastructure resilience, transport networks, and community facilities. Delaying or underfunding these areas may lead to greater costs in the future due to deferred maintenance and reduced service levels. I urge the Council to prioritize sustainable service delivery and infrastructure investment over short-term rate reductions.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I am disappointed that the Wheels to Wings cycle route has not been confirmed in its entirety, as this project would have delivered significant benefits to Christchurch. Given the current situation, I welcome the proposed safety improvements, and I support a staged approach as the most sensible way to complete this crucial project. However, further stages should be scoped and prioritized asap to ensure Christchurch realizes the full benefits of this transport investment.

The Lincoln Road public transport project should not be deferred. This project has the potential to be a key part of our public transport network. The success of any public transport system depends on efficiency, timeliness, and reliability. Delaying this project risks severely undermining these attributes and will negatively impact public confidence in the network.

The Council should also establish a structured program for cycleway maintenance to prevent cost blowouts from ad hoc repairs. Asset renewals and maintenance must be separated from cycleway costs to improve transparency and budgeting.

I strongly support increased spending on new footpaths. It is unacceptable that some communities in Christchurch remain inadequately served by basic pedestrian infrastructure.

There are concerns with how the Council reports spending on cycleways. For example, the recent road upgrade on Antigua Street included significant road improvements, yet the entire cost was reported as cycleway spending. These costs should be transparently split between road and cycleway budgets to provide an accurate picture of investment. While we acknowledge that labeling projects as cycleways can sometimes help secure greater NZTA co-funding, in general, such projects should be referred to as 'improvements' to avoid misleading cost perceptions.

We strongly support the Te Aratai College and Simeon Street cycle connections. Additionally, we urge the Council to reinstate or bring forward previously deferred cycle connections. Expanding these connections will improve access to schools, malls, and other amenities currently underserved by cycling infrastructure.

### 1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

I support investment in the three waters network, as it is an essential service that underpins housing and urban development in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Given that we are already funding these assets, the city should maximize their use by encouraging urban intensification.

A denser urban form reduces long-term costs, as a more compact network is cheaper to maintain. The Council should ensure rates are set at a level that allows for proper network upkeep, preventing costly ad hoc repairs and insulating against future cost increases. There is no better time than now to invest in critical infrastructure.

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It's important that community facilities are maintained at their current, or greater levels. Everybody should have the right to access Libraries, Service and Community Centres and Recreational Facilities.

## Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

### 1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

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Yes

## Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I don't support cutting services to reduce rates. In my opinion any cuts would need to show a clear lack of benefit to the community, especially those who might need services the most.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

I support the Climate Resilience Fund. This should be costed to continue past the 10 years currently allocated. I'm unsure of how long funds should be held in reserve for, ideally we should be investing in climate resilience products sooner to better mitigate the negative affects for climate change. However there is a risk that projects that may have been funded in other ways then draw on this fund.

More important than how long is ensuring that there are robust guidelines for using the fund to ensure that projects that will have the most impact will be funded from it. In addition Council should not see the fund as an excuse to not fund projects through other means.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I'm unsure why this would cost up to \$200,000. However I see the central city shuttle service as a major win for Christchurch and would love to see this make a comeback.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Properties should only be disposed of where they do not generate revenue for the council. There should also be consideration if these properties will generate a return in terms of being able to be used to adapt to climate changes in future developments or provide space for amenities in future developments.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

*To: Christchurch City Council*

*PO Box 73016*

*Christchurch 8154*

**Date: March 28, 2025**

*I wish to speak in support of my submission.*

**Dear Councillors and Mayor**

### **Strengthening Emergency Response & Community Resilience in Akaroa and the Bays**

The Akaroa and the Bays Emergency Response Team (ABERT) are seeking funding in the 2025-26 Annual Plan to enhance community resilience. The region is highly vulnerable, relying on a single road, State Highway 75, and one high-voltage power line—both of which have failed in past emergencies, leaving communities isolated for weeks. Currently, only \$70,000 has been allocated across Banks Peninsula Emergency Hubs, which is insufficient to equip ABERT for an effective emergency response.

Small communities in the bays face extreme risks due to limited access, power vulnerabilities, and unreliable communication networks. Emergency services cannot always reach the area quickly, making it essential for local communities to be self-sufficient. ABERT has developed a comprehensive resilience plan that includes securing emergency supplies such as generators and insulated storage, improving communication networks, and conducting regular response training. Additionally, aerial satellite mapping of critical infrastructure will improve situational awareness.

Proactive measures include visitor information leaflets, a 37-page Community Response Plan, and an Emergency Management Operations Guide. In a crisis, ABERT will operate from the FENZ building, with welfare hubs at Gaiety Hall, Akaroa Area School, and Mt Vernon Lodge.

To implement these, \$250,000 is needed over two years for emergency resources like backup generators and communication infrastructure. With \$1.95 million allocated for Emergency Management and Community Resilience, a fair share must go to Akaroa and the Bays to protect lives and livelihoods.

### **Youth and Multicultural Initiative – Akaroa and the Bays Community Preferences [See Appendix A]**

In late 2024, Christchurch City Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt met with the Banks Peninsula Community Board to discuss project ideas related to his Youth and Multicultural Portfolio. While our communities have long recognised this gap, we see this as a crucial opportunity to address the need for local facilities. While tourism plays a vital role in the region, the needs of the local population are often overlooked.

I have followed the development of Ōtautahi Christchurch's Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre over the years and had the privilege of attending its opening in March 2024. Described as "a symbol of hope and progress," the Centre is designed to be a welcoming, empowering, and safe space for people of all backgrounds. Offering a dedicated venue for cultural and recreational activities plays a vital role in fostering social cohesion and celebrating Christchurch's rich cultural diversity.

Currently, Akaroa and the Bays lack such facilities, forcing residents to travel to Christchurch at considerable cost and inconvenience. This lack of local access limits youth engagement opportunities and negatively impacts mental well-being and social inclusion.

Akaroa is home to a diverse range of families, including those of French, Swiss, Japanese, German, Indian, Pakistan, Pacifica and Thai descent, which enriches the community and fosters greater tolerance. A community centre celebrating this diversity would enhance the sense of belonging and unity among residents.

The lack of accessible recreational spaces has serious consequences for our youth.

[REDACTED] This highlights the urgent need for local support systems. Research consistently shows that participation in sports and structured activities is linked to lower rates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among adolescents. Such activities provide young people with a safe, supportive environment to build social skills, and confidence, and maintain their mental well-being.

There is also a growing gap in social infrastructure for teenagers. Many local events revolve around alcohol, leaving few safe, drug-free spaces for youth. The recent tragedies underscore the need for spaces where young people can feel safe, supported, and valued. Providing recreational spaces can reduce mental health risks such as depression and substance abuse.

A dedicated youth and multicultural centre would offer structured activities, social connections, and support services in a non-commercial, alcohol-free environment. This initiative aligns with the Christchurch City Council's Strengthening Communities, Youth, and Multicultural Strategies, promoting social cohesion, mental well-being, and cultural inclusivity. It also enhances Akaroa's appeal as a family-friendly destination, supporting local economic and tourism objectives.

Kind Regards

Dr Asif Hussain, PhD

Akaroa and the Bays

## Appendix A

### Youth and Multicultural Initiative – Akaroa and the Bays Community Preferences

**Date:** March 16, 2025

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#### 1. Background

Late last year (November 11, 2024), Christchurch City Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt met with the Banks Peninsula Community Board to seek project suggestions related to his two key portfolios: Youth and Multicultural Portfolio.

To better understand community preferences, I consulted with various stakeholders and constituents to gather insights, which are documented here.

These ideas, proposed by a diverse group of participants, aim to support Councillor Harrison-Hunt in presenting initiatives to the council and working towards their implementation.

Two rounds of community consultation were conducted: the first in late November to December 2024, and the second in February to March 2025, involving the following stakeholders.

- Students and staff from Akaroa Area School (*selected staff and students in 2024 followed by a workshop with two senior classes in 2025 – 25-30 students participated*)

- Akaroa Police (who conducted *BLAST (Blue Light Alternative Strategy for Teenagers)* 27 young students participated in the programme.
- Akaroa Heartland Services
- Akaroa Voices for Peace (*a local multicultural group*)
- Akaroa Playcentre
- Selected parents and caregivers
- Banks Peninsula Sports and Recreation Incorporated (*also known as Banks Peninsula Community Sports Complex*)
- Akaroa Bootcamp and Training (*over 50 people enrolled and age range between 15-80 years*)

## 2. A Vision for an Inclusive Community Hub

Imagine a facility with modernised amenities designed to meet the needs and aspirations of youth – both visitors and residents. This space would feature extensive indoor and outdoor equipment tailored for young people and a diverse multicultural community. It would include an upgraded kitchen and dining area, multimedia and art spaces, as well as enhanced shower and toilet facilities.

Outside, vibrant multicultural displays, outdoor exercise equipment for all age groups, and a revitalised skateboard area could create an engaging environment. Inspired by the Margaret Mahy Family Playground (a Playground Designed for and by Kids), the space could also include a running track and additional outdoor fitness equipment as shown in Figure 1.

These enhancements would complement the council's existing investment in Akaroa's tennis and multipurpose courts (led by Banks Peninsula Sports and Recreation Incorporated), bringing high-quality recreational and cultural facilities to the community's doorstep – eliminating the need to travel to Christchurch. This project would foster a vibrant, inclusive space, benefiting both residents and visitors.

## 3. Breaking Barriers: The Urgent Need for Local Sports Facilities in Akaroa

Given the rising cost of living, many families in Akaroa and the surrounding areas simply cannot afford to travel to Christchurch to access recreational and sporting facilities. Unfortunately, there are no equivalent facilities available locally, effectively excluding many young people from participating in such activities. The nearest facility is in Christchurch, but the journey is both costly and time-consuming – requiring at least \$60 in fuel and taking between three to four hours for a round trip. This not only places a financial burden on families but also consumes an entire day, making it impractical for many.

The lack of accessible recreational spaces has serious consequences. [REDACTED] highlighting the urgent need for local support systems. Research has consistently shown that participation in sports is strongly linked to lower rates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among adolescents. Engaging in such activities provides young people with a safe and structured environment – a crucial space between home and school where they can develop socially, build confidence, and maintain their mental well-being.

At a time when youth mental health is increasingly under strain, investing in local sports and recreational facilities is not just a matter of leisure but a critical intervention for the well-being and resilience of our young people. Providing these opportunities in Akaroa would ensure that no child is excluded due to financial constraints and that all young people have access to spaces that foster growth, social connection, and mental health support.

#### **4. Project Overview and Location**

The objective of the project is to establish a dedicated Youth and Multicultural Centre in Akaroa by enhancing existing council facilities to foster social inclusion, youth engagement, and cultural exchange. Proposed locations for the centre include the Akaroa Sports Pavilion/Recreation Ground, Children's Bay Skate Park, and Akaroa Tennis Courts and the surrounding area as shown in Figure 2. Rather than constructing a new facility, repurposing these sites provides a cost-effective and timely solution to meet community needs.

#### **5. Facility Upgrades – Akaroa Sports Pavilion/Recreation Ground**

The Akaroa Sports Pavilion is currently underutilised but has the potential to become a hub for youth and multicultural activities as identified by participants of this sample group. Planned upgrades include modernised kitchen facilities for community gatherings and multicultural cooking demonstrations, enhanced shower and toilet amenities for inclusivity, and improved dining and multimedia areas to support educational and cultural programs. Additional developments include outdoor multicultural displays, exercise equipment, and an upgraded skateboarding area to encourage youth recreation. Inspired by the successful Margaret Mahy Family Playground, culturally themed play zones and interactive installations will be incorporated to make the space more engaging.

#### **6. Project Benefits**

This initiative will establish a safe and inclusive space for youth activities and cultural events, fostering stronger community connections and providing meaningful opportunities for youth development. Addressing the growing need for accessible community hubs, the initiative will create an environment where young people can engage in positive social interactions, build confidence, and develop essential life skills. The project aligns with Christchurch City Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy, which aims to enhance social cohesion and well-being, as well as the Youth Strategy, which supports initiatives that empower and uplift young people. Additionally, it contributes to the Multicultural Strategy by promoting inclusivity through diverse cultural programmes. This initiative will provide significant social and economic benefits, ensuring that both residents and visitors can enjoy a richer, more inclusive, and culturally engaging environment.

Beyond benefiting residents, this initiative will also enhance Akaroa's appeal to visitors. Through outdoor cultural displays and activities, the project will reinforce Akaroa's reputation as a vibrant and inclusive destination. By integrating multicultural elements into the town's visitor experience, it will celebrate diversity while contributing to the local tourism economy. This aligns with the objectives of the Visitor Strategy, which focuses on promoting sustainable and regenerative tourism growth and ensuring visitors engage with and appreciate Akaroa's unique cultural heritage.

#### **7. Alignment with Key Council Strategies**

This initiative aligns with several key Christchurch City Council strategies and policies aimed at enhancing community well-being, inclusivity, and the effective use of public resources. The Strengthening Communities Strategy promotes social engagement and inclusion through accessible, multipurpose facilities, while the Youth Strategy focuses on creating safe and supportive spaces for youth development and leadership. The Multicultural Strategy ensures cultural diversity and inclusion, fostering a community where all cultures feel represented and engaged. Additionally, the Community Facilities Network Plan prioritises optimising the use of existing council-owned facilities to meet the evolving needs of the community effectively.

## **8. Return on Investment – Global Case Studies**

Similar initiatives worldwide have demonstrated significant community and economic benefits. Melbourne's Multicultural Hub increased tourism revenue and local business engagement, while Wellington's Waitohi Community Hub stimulated the local economy by creating jobs and boosting property values. Vancouver's Britannia Community Centre saw a 30% reduction in youth crime rates through active engagement programs, and Singapore's Community Clubs fostered national cohesion, attracting private investment and supporting entrepreneurship. These examples highlight the potential positive impact of Akaroa's Youth and Multicultural Hub.



Figure 1 Proposed concept ideas.

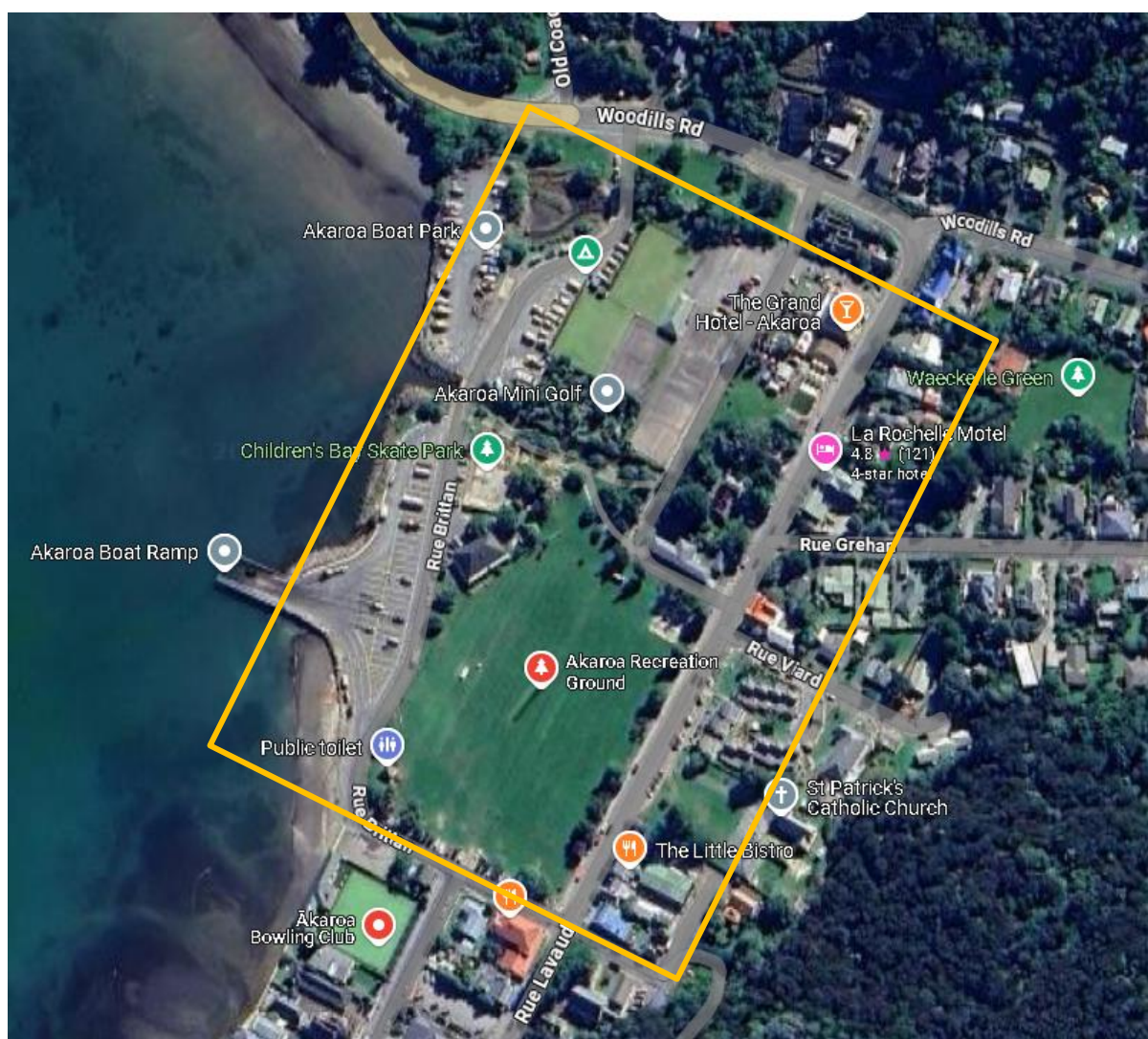


Figure 2: Proposed location for Youth and Multicultural Initiative

## 9. Addressing a Key Gap: A Dedicated Youth Gathering Space

One of the key gaps identified is the absence of a dedicated youth gathering space. With minor upgrades, the facility could be transformed into a dynamic youth and community hub serving Akaroa, the greater Banks Peninsula, residents, families, and visitors alike. The proposed upgrades include modernising the kitchen facilities to better support community gatherings and cultural events. Upgrading the shower and toilet facilities will ensure inclusive access, supporting diverse cultural practices and increasing participation in events. This need was highlighted during the BLAST (Blue Light Alternative Strategy for Teenagers) programme at Akaroa Area School, where local police identified the importance of such spaces. Renovations will meet universal design standards, including disability access and improved gender-neutral restrooms.

Enhancing the dining and multimedia areas will create dynamic spaces for educational workshops, cultural presentations, youth programmes, and social interaction. With Akaroa Area School's first-year class comprising students from seven different nationalities, celebrating multiculturalism within the community is vital. Improvements will include

modular seating, high-quality audio-visual equipment, and flexible room configurations to support diverse activities.

## 10. Revitalising Outdoor Spaces

Outdoor spaces will also be transformed to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Banks Peninsula. Multicultural displays and installations will be commissioned to highlight the unique heritage of the region. Local artists will be engaged to create art installations, interpretive signage, and interactive exhibits that enhance public spaces. Additionally, installing outdoor exercise equipment for all age groups will encourage physical activity and well-being among youth and the broader community. Durable, all-weather fitness equipment will be strategically placed to ensure accessibility for all.

To provide a safe and engaging environment for youth, the existing skateboard area will be upgraded. The Children's Bay Skate Park has significant potential to become a vibrant recreational space for both residents and visitors. Local police have identified the opportunity to create more activities for youth, and the proposed upgrades include new ramps, rails, and safety features. The design process will actively involve local youth to ensure the space meets their needs and expectations. Drawing inspiration from the Margaret Mahy Family Playground, the redevelopment of the Akaroa Sports Pavilion will incorporate culturally themed play zones, interactive installations, and nature-inspired play equipment, ensuring a welcoming and engaging environment for all children and youth.

## 11. Analysis of workshop with Akaroa Areas School senior students

Seven groups of students were consulted regarding their preferences and priorities for a youth and multicultural initiative. Their input provides valuable insight into the recreational, social, and infrastructural needs of the local youth community. This report summarises their suggestions, analyses key themes, and provides recommendations for council consideration, along with explanations of how these objectives can be achieved and why they are important.

## 12. Key Findings

### 1. Recreational Facilities

A significant number of students expressed interest in recreational activities and facilities, including:

- **Gym** (Groups 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) – High priority across multiple groups.
- **Water-related activities** (Swimming pools, water park, hot pools, wakeboarding) – Highlighted by multiple groups.
- **Sports and fitness infrastructure** (Boxing ring, running track, volleyball court, basketball court, airsoft/paintball, zipline, luge).
- **Extreme and adventure sports** (Go-kart track, mechanical bull, trampoline park, zorbing).

### How & Why?

- **Investment in gym facilities:** Creating partnerships with local fitness hubs or integrating gyms into community hubs can provide accessible spaces for youth

engagement. This supports physical health and mental well-being, promoting an active lifestyle.

- **Water-related infrastructure:** Developing swimming pools and water parks through public-private partnerships can provide not only recreational opportunities but also serve as tourist attractions. These activities engage youth, promote physical fitness, and have economic value.
- **Sports infrastructure development:** Providing a variety of sports facilities (such as boxing rings and basketball courts) supports physical activity and can help foster community cohesion. These facilities reduce health-related costs, such as treating lifestyle diseases, by encouraging exercise.
- **Adventure sports:** Establishing adventure parks like zip lines and go-kart tracks supports youth seeking thrill-based activities, boosting local tourism and the economy while providing exciting recreational outlets.

## 2. Community and Cultural Spaces

Several groups emphasised the need for communal and cultural spaces:

- **Community Kitchen/Hall** (Group 3) – Supports multicultural integration and shared activities.
- **Event Centre/Music Event Centre** (Groups 1, 2) – Spaces for youth events and cultural activities.
- **Open communal space** (Group 2) – To promote social interaction and engagement.
- **Community Garden** (Group 1) – Encourages sustainability and social cohesion.

### How & Why?

- **Community Kitchen/Hall:** Integrating kitchens or halls within community centres supports multicultural integration, allowing groups from different backgrounds to share and celebrate their culinary traditions. This fosters inclusivity and a sense of belonging.
- **Event Centres:** A dedicated event centre can be used for youth-focused activities such as live performances, cultural events, and social meet-ups. Council funding and local business sponsorships can help bring these spaces to life, providing a platform for cultural expression and youth engagement.
- **Open communal spaces:** Strategic urban planning can create inclusive, accessible spaces where youth can meet and engage. These spaces should encourage social interaction, which can enhance community bonds and reduce isolation.
- **Community gardens:** Establishing community gardens promotes environmental sustainability, healthy food production, and community collaboration. These spaces also provide opportunities for youth to learn about gardening and environmental stewardship.
- **More food places** (Group 4) – Supports local economy and diversity.
- **International food options** (Sushi bar, Bubble Tea shop, Asia Mart, McDonalds, Mecca shop).

## 3. Accessibility and Fun

- **E-Scooters** (Group 5) – Supports sustainable and affordable transport.
- **New water fountain (cold)** (Group 7) – Basic infrastructure for public spaces.

## How & Why?

- **E-scooter schemes:** Introducing e-scooter services through agreements with private providers allows for affordable, environmentally friendly transport options, particularly beneficial for youth needing quick access to recreational spaces and communal areas.
- **Public water fountains:** Installing additional public water fountains in youth-heavy areas promotes sustainability and ensures hydration is easily accessible.

## 4. Infrastructure and Development

- **Roof over sports courts** (Group 3) – Supports all-weather sports activities.
- **Slipway upgrade** (Group 3) – Suggests a need for better waterfront infrastructure.

## How & Why?

- **Roofing sports courts:** Roofing over outdoor sports courts provides year-round accessibility, encouraging continued use regardless of weather conditions. This would increase the use of sports facilities and improve the health and well-being of youth participants.
- **Waterfront infrastructure upgrades:** Enhancing the slipway and waterfront areas supports water-based activities such as kayaking and wakeboarding, attracting tourism and encouraging community interaction.

## 13. Analysis & Recommendations

### 1. Recreational Infrastructure Investment

- Prioritise multi-purpose sports and fitness facilities (gym, swimming pools, running tracks, volleyball/basketball courts, trampoline parks).
- Consider extreme sports facilities such as zip lines, go-kart tracks, and mechanical bull attractions.

### 2. Community and Cultural Spaces

- Develop a Youth Event Centre focused on music, cultural events, and social interaction.
- Establish a Community Kitchen/Hall to support multicultural gatherings and food-based initiatives.
- Enhance open public spaces with seating, recreational areas, and community gardens.
- Encourage investment in diverse food options, including international cuisine and popular youth brands.
- Invest in public drinking water stations, particularly in high-traffic youth areas.

## 14. Conclusion

The proposed Youth and Multicultural Initiative in Akaroa will serve as a cornerstone for fostering youth engagement and cultural inclusion on the Banks Peninsula. This project not only responds to community needs but also aligns with Christchurch City Council's strategic goals for community well-being.

The student feedback provides a clear direction for the council to enhance youth engagement, multicultural inclusivity, and community well-being. Prioritising investments in recreational infrastructure, communal spaces, food diversity, and transport accessibility will contribute to a vibrant and supportive environment for young people. By working with local businesses, leveraging public-private partnerships, and securing government funding, these initiatives can be effectively implemented.

We invite the Council to support this this transformative project, enhancing the social fabric and cultural vibrancy of the Akaroa and the Bays.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Zoe    **Last Name:** (required) Brock

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I have no problem with you charging rates as long as you don't neglect places that Chch historically seems to think are unimportant. Lyttelton deserves MORE from CCC. Our Museum needs to be funded, our school is a DISASTER, our playground adjacent Albion Square is a liability and our roads are a pockmarked hazard. In addition we are surrounded by speedways that are never monitored for boy racers. Why should Lyttelton people have to pay rates when CCC has abandoned us in the wake of Sail GP?

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Fund the Lyttelton Museum, add busses from Lyttelton to Sumner and around to Governors Bay

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Fix Lyttelton playgrounds

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

arts, culture, parks and rec, rail, environmental protections

1.2.10

Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

invest in rail

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

1.3.3

### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Fund Lyttelton Museum instead

### Future feedback

1.3.8

For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

## **Submission to the Draft CCC Annual Plan 2025/26**

Pam Richardson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I wish to be heard.

### **Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Annual Plan 2025-2026**

Ian and I own 'Balcarres' a 690 ha coastal hill country property in Holmes Bay Valley Rd, Holmes Bay, Pigeon Bay . Andrew our son and Jo manage the property .

Ian and I have built our retirement home in Duvauchelle .

Holmes Bay is a small steep catchment draining from the crater rim - Mt Sinclair to the Pigeon Bay foreshore . A shingle road provides access to our property from the turn off at Wharf Rd Pigeon Bay .

The Annual Plan has become a complicated document to navigate but in a recent Banks Peninsula Community Board newsletter the Community Board provided a link to the plan and Banks Peninsula Capital projects were identified with an easy link - how helpful this is. It is noted that a considerable number of projects 'all big capital items ' have been identified across Banks Peninsula .

### **I want to submit on**

#### **1. Repairs to our Pigeon Bay seawalls.**

For many years I have been submitting on the erosion of our seawalls and In 2021 I noted in my submission – 'the tidal impacts along the Pigeon Bay foreshore are considerable and we can see the changes year on year. Over 10 years ago the community planted an area along the foreshore to slow down the process. Yes, we knew that it 'was useless' but it has shown the community the rapid rate at which it is eroding away. There are also some incredibly old, constructed seawalls in Pigeon Bay and several years ago part of a seawall was repaired ' .

Today the erosion continues and some work is required to slow down / prevent the current erosion year on year along this foreshore. It is the only access road from Pigeon Bay to Holmes Bay providing access in and out for 22 residences.

The road continues on over a narrow single lane shingle road to Port Levy. This road following closures - serious motor vehicle accidents, flooding in the Little River area, slips, fallen trees, vegetation fires etc. on SH 75 provides an alternative route through to the Lyttleton Harbour roading network and into Christchurch.

In this Annual Plan 2025/26 I am very pleased to note that some funding has been allocated to repair the Holmes Bay seawall 2025-27 along with 14 other retaining wall works. It appears the project is planned for 2026 and will cost \$418,000. What seawall area is being considered?



2021



2024

*Along the foreshore east of the junction of Pigoen Bay Rd and Wharf Rd*



*Along the foreshore west of junction of Pigon Bay Rd and Wharf Rd - the bank eroding adjacent to the road 2025*

## **2. Kukupa Hostel**

Kukupa Hostel has been included in the Longterm Plan and has an allocation of some funding , for some time. It is time to consider a far more affordable option for this building . There have been a number Expressions of Interest called for and I believe a proposal maybe being considered underway a number of years ago.

An old early building , Cora Wilding Hostel is surrounded by a relatively small area surrounded [enclosed almost enclosed ] by large trees . The building has no maintained infra structure including maybe no power on site .The building could be deconstructed etc and the land area retained as a reserve for this catchment of houses in the top end of Pigeon Bay .

Pigeon Bay already has 2 CCC facilities Pigeon Bay Reserve and the Pigeon Hall and a historic Church that are managed by the community and we do not have the capacity to manage of fundraise for another building .

Robinsons Bay have an ideal example that could be considered. The old school building site has information boards , an outline of the building and have improved the plantings and a small walkway .

**I am looking for an opportunity for our community to discuss both matters**

- the seawall repairs and
- Kukupa Hostel with the Christchurch City Council

**with the option to have some input - and maybe assist in some way to find some solutions.**

**An accolade.**

I just want to close with our communities' thanks for the support Christchurch City Council including the Facilities team provide to our Pigeon Bay Hall Committee. Using our local community skills and along with council support we have achieved so much. Sincere thanks .

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025

First Name: (required) Jan Last Name: (required) Cook

### Feedback

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

Any further comments?

I would like the Council to provide Wifi service at the Gaiety Hall, Akaroa. This is an important venue for community meetings and hearings. Wifi would facilitate such events and assist public participation.

#### Future feedback

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Still not low enough. Doesn't factor how high our rates already are or the rising costs all households are facing. Council still hasn't showed signs of slowing down on vanity projects further inflaming public opinion of council spending of our rates.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curlletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Simeon Street proposed cycle lane back on the table after being scraped. Have submitted on every platform and in person in relation to this last round. Council still ignoring my disability and the hardship I will experience if it goes ahead. Very distressed to have to go through that all again only to be ignored again. Over engineered, heavy handed cycle lanes ignore the residences that must endure them at the end of the their driveways. Please remember residents ARE you rate payers TOO! Cycle lanes are a great safety measure but not at the expense of every one else using roads, driveways and footpaths. They don't have to be so heavy handed, invasive and EXPENSIVE. Come up with better designs that take the whole street landscape in mind. Make the roads safer and more enjoyable for all NOT just one group. The needs of the emergency services based on Simeon Street are ignored in this plan too - leaves me speechless! If your house was burning down would you want the fire truck to have to wait behind traffic turning into Barrington mall and wait for patrons mounting a bus stopped in the middle of the lane? So little common sense for so much money spent.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Past council showed little regard for looking after Christchurch's water supply and as such we have all suffered the effects. I don't trust the council to look after our water. Again the priorities for spend seem very skewed to vanity projects and cycle lanes rather than the main services that the council should be prioritizing. Trust not there.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

No - Council seems to have the balance there.

## Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

## Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

## Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Road upgrades and repairs. Storm water systems. Water in general. Waste collection. Parks and Heritage.

1.2.9

Tell us about the services you could manage without.

Over engineered cycle lanes, intersection and road modifications that cause confusion, delays and general disturbance to driving from A to B in our city. Strange two section speed bumps on Tennyson Street that make drivers either choose to position themselves heading into parked cars or an island to avoid the car not hitting the bump evenly. If you drive over it in the correct position for the lane, the correct position for a car to be in then half your car lifts over the bump and the other half doesn't damaging car suspension. Try it sometime. Watch cars trying to navigate all four of them in a row. Those poor residents trying to get in and out of their driveways and drive in their own street. Why? Why are they in two parts???? Where is the common sense. Great example of "safety measures" that make it unsafe for cars. I like the cycle lanes in this street though. Great example of clever design that uses unused grass berms instead of taking from the road.

1.2.10

Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

See above. Expensive over engineered cycle lanes and road modifications in the name of "safety" that make driving unsafe.

## Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

## Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Don't waste money on a "study" just do it!

#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

By "acquire" do you mean forcibly stolen from their original owners? Because if so they should be offered back to those original owners. Government "acquisition" is theft that leaves many victims in its wake. The stress of losing his property to the government sent my father to an early grave. It shouldn't be allowed to happen. Give it back.

#### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

No

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Niamh **Last Name:** (required) Fanning

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I'm fine with this.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I am in favour of investment in cycleways and pedestrian/cycle crossings. I think a cycleway on Simeon st with crossing on Simeon street and Milton street would be fantastic and well used. My husband bikes to work this way to his work in wigram/sockburn. It would make it easier to access Barrington mall by bike or by foot. It can be tricky to cross milton street because of constant traffic. Also I am in favour of antigua-moorhouse-tuam cycleway. I bike on Antigua street on my way to work from Dunn street and its a very busy cycle route. Any spending to encourage safe cycling, active transport (walking and public transport) will continue to make Christchurch a great place for healthy and sustainable living.

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

## Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

cycleways, pedestrian crossings and public transport. Speedbumps to deter speeding cars. Parks and reserves. Greener communities.

## Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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Yes

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### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Brad **Last Name:** (required) Cohen

☐ Withhold my details

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

NZ Opera

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

General Director

**Postal address:** [REDACTED]

**Suburb:**

**City:**

**Country:** New Zealand

**Postcode:**

**Daytime Phone:** (required if you want to speak at hearings)

[REDACTED]

**Would you like to speak to the Council (the Mayor and Councillors) about your submission at a hearing? If you select yes, please also select all potential hearing dates that would suit you from the list provided. We will contact you about a specific date and time as soon as we can.**

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

**Thu 3 Apr - AM   Thu 3 Apr - PM   Tue 15 Apr - AM   Tue 15 Apr - PM**

Are there any people or organisations you would like to make a joint presentation with? If so, please list these below.

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

You can read more about our proposed Annual Plan in our Consultation Document.

Or check out the Let's Talk page.

You can also look at the Draft Annual Plan.

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

NZ Opera seeks to be considered for Christchurch City Council line item funding going forward, as a change from our current annual grant. Recent discussions with Mayor Phil Mauger and [REDACTED] resulted in their suggestion that I should address Council in person. I would be keen to take advantage of either April 3 or 15, and have indicated my availability on the relevant page. I attach a copy of the letter NZO recently sent to CCC as part of its DRF application, which summarises the arguments in support of this proposal.


Future feedback

1.3.8

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No

Name	
DRF Cover letter - New Zealand Opera.pdf	

# NZ OPERA

20 March 2025

Christchurch City Council  
53 Hereford Street  
Christchurch 8154

Tēnā koe

As discussed in our meeting with Mayor Phil Mauer, Councillor Scandrett and Arts Officer [REDACTED] on 7 March, New Zealand Opera is grateful to Christchurch City Council for the opportunity to submit our application to the Discretionary Response Fund (DRF) to support our extensive delivery of professional opera and engagement activities in Ōtautahi, Christchurch. We are applying for increased support, on top of our existing allocated 2024/2025 grant, to assist in providing a wider range of opera offerings for the people of Canterbury than offered in recent years.

Our season in Christchurch in 2025 consists of a site-specific opera production (presented at The Arts Centre), *Mansfield Park*, in April which delighted audiences in Auckland and Wellington in 2024. We are thrilled to be able to bring this production to Christchurch and we already have two sold out shows. Our main stage production will be *La bohème* in July with a brand-new production made here in Aotearoa. It will involve substantial local chorus with 32 singers from our Christchurch New Zealand Opera Chorus, 66 musicians of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and 8 children for the children's chorus. We have already completed our Opera in Schools tour to six schools in the Canterbury region with our newest by Māori for Māori production *Matāio*. This included performances at Hornby Primary School, Marrin School, St Albans School, Haeata School, Rawhiti School and Te Waka Unua School.

In addition to this we will spend July-August preparing for our community opera project *The Monster in the Maze*, with performances in Ōtautahi, Christchurch in September 2025. These Christchurch performances will be the New Zealand premiere of this piece which has received worldwide attention. It represents a unique opportunity for the community to participate in a professional opera production. We will draw on our existing relationships with local community choirs, to build not only a children's chorus (ages 8-12), but a youth chorus (ages 13-18) and an adult chorus for this project, consisting of about 100 local Christchurch singers. We will be working with school groups and local community choirs and already have interest from Wharenui School. Over the rehearsal months, a local chorus music director and opera director will guide each ensemble through the learning of the opera and building their part in the performance. The community chorus will be joined by four professional soloists towards the end of this process to realise the production.

Our request is for \$32,000 from the DRF, which will cover the costs for the preparation of this work. The community chorus requires considerable support in preparation for this production. Supporting them and building the community preparation for this will fall within our budget period for 2024-25 and will incur costs in excess of our usual budget for rehearsals. The costs includes venue hire for rehearsal workshops, key creative team members and and bus transportation to reduce barriers to participation. This grant would also make a significant difference to us as a company. It will ensure we are able to deliver this project on a sound financial footing, which in turn will enable us to keep ticket prices low for the community to witness their local talent on stage.

New Zealand Opera's funding model relies upon strategic partnerships with local councils. As we discussed with you recently, NZ Opera's grant allocation from Christchurch City Council has been under considerable downward pressure in the past five years and has not kept pace or parity with the support we receive from other regional Councils, nor with inflation. We welcome the chance to progress these longer-term funding discussions with you over the coming months.

In the meantime, we are grateful to Christchurch City Council for this opportunity to apply to the DRF. Our planned programme of activity across January-August 2025 is substantial, in order to meet the expressed desire of the community to experience more opera in the Christchurch region. It would be most welcome to have extra support from the Council which reflected the level of our activity in this current year.

A grant from the Discretionary Response Fund is a powerful opportunity for the council to be visible in supporting community work and removing barriers to engagement with the arts. A grant to our community opera is also an investment in the creative health of the community in Ōtautahi, Christchurch, leading to opportunities to create more community-focused local productions.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and appreciate the longstanding partnership we have enjoyed with Christchurch City Council.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our application.

Ngā mihi nui

Brad Cohen  
General Manager | Te Tumu Whakarae

Post 27/3

Mahere Rautaki ā tau

# OUR DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26

## Submission form

We'd like your feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 and the matters we have raised in our Consultation Document.

**Tell us what you think by Friday 28 March 2025.**






[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan](https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan)

# How to have your say

We would like your feedback on our plan for the coming year, and the matters we have outlined in this consultation document.

**Submissions can be made from Wednesday 26 February 2025 until 11.59pm on Friday 28 March 2025.**

There are several ways you can give feedback:

-  Online: **letstalk.ccc.govt.nz**
-  Email: **cccplan@ccc.govt.nz**
-  Fill out a submission form at your nearest library or service centre and hand it to staff.
-  Post a letter to:  
Freepost 178 (no stamp required)  
Annual Plan Submissions  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154
-  Or deliver to the Te Hononga Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street. (To ensure we receive last-minute submissions on time, please hand deliver them to the Civic Offices.)

Regardless of the method you use to give feedback, your submission must include your **full name, email address and/or postal address**. If you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings, please also provide a daytime phone number.



If your submission is on behalf of a group or organisation, you must include your organisation's name and your role in the organisation.

## Hearings

Public hearings will be held in late April 2025 (specific hearings dates to be confirmed).

## Social media

Informal feedback, which is not counted as a submission but will be summarised for our councillors to consider, can be made in the following ways:

-  Go to our Facebook page **facebook.com/christchurchcitycouncil** and include **#cccplan** in your post.
-  Tweet us your feedback using **#cccplan**

## Talk to the team

You can give us a call on 03 941 8999, provide your details and a good time for us to call, and one of our managers will be in touch.

Your councillors and local community board members will do their best to be out and about in your area during the time we're consulting on the Draft Annual Plan. If you'd like to talk directly with a councillor or community board member about the Draft Annual Plan, get in touch: **ccc.govt.nz/community-boards**

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Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Contact details are provided to elected members with your feedback to be considered when making their decision. We will also contact you with updates about the decision.

Submissions, including names, are published on our webpage, so please do not include any personal information you would prefer to keep private.

While contact details will not be published, if requested through the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, these must be supplied. If there are good reasons why your personal details and/or feedback should be kept confidential, please contact us on [cccplan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:cccplan@ccc.govt.nz) or 027 291 8638.

View our privacy statement at [ccc.govt.nz/privacy](https://ccc.govt.nz/privacy)

### Your details

First name\* CORNELIA

Last name\* OEHLER

☐ I would like to speak to the Council about my feedback.

Please provide a phone number so we can arrange a speaking time:

If you are responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide:

Name of organisation

Your role

## Questions to think about when making your submission

### Proposed average rates increase

What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?

The average residential rates increase should be around 5% only. Keep in mind all the ratepayers on limited income like pensioners. They have to fund the rates increase out of their savings.

### Proposed spending

Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?

Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?

Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?

Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?

Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Comments – if you’re not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Rating for renewals

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments

Fees and charges

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

Trade waste

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

- ☐ Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council’s preferred option)
- ☐ Option 2: Two-tiered volume rate
- ☐ Option 3: Fixed volume rate

Why do you prefer this option?

## Reducing rates

### Tell us about the services

- You value the most and would not want reduced.
- You could manage without.
- Where there could be an opportunity for savings.

I value most the superb public library network of Chelk as well as the art gallery and Canterbury museum. But please do not give or waste any money on the voluntary libraries.

## Climate Resilience Fund Policy

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

## Air Force Museum Grant

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## Central city shuttle service

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments

## Potential disposal of properties

The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

Please sell surplus properties to social housing providers or to developers who are building affordable houses.

## Anything else?

Any further comments?

If CCC is serious about keeping rates down then please consider to keep heating cost in public buildings and CCC offices to no more than 21°C in winter.

Sorry, that sentence is a bit mangled, but you get the gist of what I am thinking, thanks.

**Thank you for your submission.**

Please put this submission form in an envelope and send it to:

Freepost 178 (no stamp required)  
Draft Annual Plan submissions  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154

Consultation on the Draft Annual Plan closes at **11.59pm on Friday 28 March 2025.**



Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025  
First Name: (required) Mark    Last Name: (required) Gerrard  
If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name: (required)  
Historic Places Canterbury

Your role and the number of people your organisation represents: (required)  
Chair

Attached Documents

Name
Historic Places Canterbury Submission CCC Draft AP 2025-2026



*The Voice of Heritage*

## Christchurch City City Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 Submission from Historic Places Canterbury

### Mayor and Councillors

Thank you for granting us the opportunity to make this Submission on the Christchurch Council Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 (AP).

**Historic Places Canterbury (HPC) wishes to acknowledge and “Thank” the efforts, the professionalism and dedication of the Christchurch City Council Heritage Team. HPC requests the Mayor and Councillors, communicate to the Heritage Team our appreciation of their efforts and endeavours.**

In Reference to the proposed Expenditure on Council Heritage Buildings:

Draft Annual Plan 2025/26												
Proposed Capital Changes Detail by Group of Activity (GoA)												
				Current Budget (Inflated)			Proposed Budget (Inflated)			Budget Change		
GoA	Activity	Driver	Project Title	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 - 34	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 - 34	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28 - 34
Improve the Level of Service												
			45164 - Robert McDougall Gallery Strengthening	1,478			1,478			1,478		
			65641 - Robert McDougall Gallery - Base Isolation	5,285			5,285			5,285		
Replace Existing Assets												
			22167 - Canterbury Provincial Chambers	4,500	4,963	10,000	19,463	4,500	4,963	10,000	19,463	
			3349 - Chokebore Lodge	179			179			179		
			61691 - Heritage Buildings Reactive Renewals	83	85	654	822	83	86	683	852	0
			61692 - Programme - Heritage Buildings, Structures and Furnishings	409	184	2,364	2,956	409	186	2,477	3,072	0
			Renewals									
			61693 - Programme - Public Artworks, Monuments & Artefacts Renewals (PAMA)		230	2,208	2,438		233	2,304	2,537	3
			61821 - Cunningham House Building Renewals (Heritage)	3,971	2,381	817	7,169	3,971	2,381	817	7,169	
			65406 - Sign of the Takahe Window Renewals (Heritage Building)	166			166	167		167	0	
			65416 - Delivery Package - Public Artworks Monuments and Artefacts (PAMA) Conservation and Renewal Projects	128	133		261	128	133	261		
			73982 - Heritage Buildings Component Renewal Works	110			110	110		110		
			76585 - Townd House Strengthening	50	50	35	135	50	50	35	135	
Parks Heritage Management Total				16,360	8,025	16,078	40,463	16,360	8,031	16,316	40,707	1
Parks, Heritage and Coastal Environment Total				88,914	73,883	638,704	801,501	87,022	79,265	669,097	835,384	-1,892

### 22167 Canterbury Provincial Chambers (CPC)

**HPC supports the CCC the allocation of funds for what we presume is the restoration of part of the Canterbury Provincial Chambers.**

According to media reports over a year ago (The Press, 26 May 2023), the Council has entered into public excluded commercial negotiations with an unknown commercial entity on the future / restoration(?) of the Canterbury Provincial Chambers.

HPC considers it is problematic that we are being asked to participate in a consultation on expenditure without knowing the conditions of any commercial agreement and with whom it is to be spent. The Canterbury Provincial Chambers are an internationally recognised as significant Heritage Buildings.

The CCC entered into public excluded commercial negotiations without any prior public consultation or input on the future options of this building and its repair/restoration. There was no public tender or call for public expressions of interest.

HPC notes there have been no announcements since we voiced our concerns at last years LTP. HPC is of the understanding that any program of work will have to be signed off by the Minister of Conservation.

HPC submits that the Council should have adopted and now has the opportunity to conduct a full robust consultative and open process in regards to the options of restoration, funding and repair of the Provincial Council Chambers.

**HPC requests the Council conduct a full consultation with public input sought, with the full disclosure of options, costings, funding, restoration and any proposed commercial agreements in regards to the future of this important building. HPC submits that Consultation should occur before any commercial agreements are entered into by the Council.**

Since there has been no announcement of a commercial agreement the Council there is nothing to stop the Council conducting a full public consultation on the options, including consideration of funding and commercial agreements, of the restoration of the Canterbury Provincial Chambers.

**HPC supports the proposed expenditure of the following as outlined in the A.P.**

45164- Robert McDougall Gallery Strengthening  
 65641 Robert McDougall Gallery -Base Isolation  
 3349 Chokebore Lodge  
 61821 Cunningham House Building Renewals  
 65406 Sign of the Takahe Window Renewals (Heritage Building)  
 65416 Delivery Package -Public Artworks Monuments and Artifacts

**HPC supports this and requests any work should be of international best practice.**

61691 Heritage Building Reactive Renewals

<i>Capital Grants</i>			
9,031	Canterbury Museum redevelopment	9,031	-
4,650	Venues Ōtautahi asset renewals	3,979	46
53	Riccarton Bush Trust capital expenditure	28	1
<b>13,734</b>	<b>Total Capital Grants</b>	<b>13,038</b>	<b>47</b>

**Canterbury Museum Redevelopment: HPC supports this proposed expenditure.**

**HPC also supports Riccarton Bush Trust capital expenditure.**

**HPC supports the following:**

"Group of Activities Activity" Canterbury & Akaroa Museums"

"Replace Existing Assets"

**Special Heritage (Arts Centre) Targeted Rate**

**HPC supports the Special Heritage (Arts Centre) Targeted Rate.**

### Special Heritage (Cathedral) Targeted Rate

HPC supports the CCC proposal to suspend the rate and investing the remaining collected \$5million.

HPC argues the Christchurch Cathedral is a nationally significant civic building.

HPC requests the Council urgently convene a joint meeting of Cathedral officials, the CCC and central government to facilitate the completion of the restoration of the Christchurch Cathedral.

### The Arts Centre:

Rates-funded General Grants				
7,241	Strengthening Communities – grants	7,386	7,386	-
4,168	Strengthening Communities - rates remissions	4,551	4,604	53
400	Environmental Partnership fund	700	700	-
628	Community Events funding	628	628	-
522	Major Events funding	522	522	-
500	Biodiversity	500	500	-
429	Central City vacant land remissions	469	474	5
380	Innovation and sustainability	400	400	-
342	City Placemaking	342	342	-
Non Contestable Grants:				
500	The Arts Centre	500	500	-
167	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust	167	167	-
100	Rod Donald Trust	100	100	-
100	Accessibility Working Group seed funding	100	100	-
75	Enviroschools	85	85	-
60	Pest Free Banks Peninsula	60	60	-
7,000	Christchurch Cathedral	-	-	-
1,365	Other specific grants	1,478	1,654	176
<b>23,977</b>	<b>Total General Grants</b>	<b>17,988</b>	<b>18,222</b>	<b>234</b>
Capital Endowment Fund Grants				
939	Christchurch NZ - Economic development	966	966	-
600	Major Events funding	618	618	-
125	Santa Parade	125	125	-
260	Orana Wildlife Park	260	260	-
250	The Arts Centre	250	250	-
298	Watch This Space - Street Art programme	250	250	-
50	Rainbow project	50	50	-
-	Youth Hub Events Space	-	1,030	1,030
300	Environmental/Climate Change Partnership fund	-	-	-
2,424	Unallocated grant funding	2,231	1,586	(645)
<b>5,246</b>	<b>Total Capital Endowment Fund Grants</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>5,135</b>	<b>385</b>

HPC supports the funding of the Arts Centre as outlined in this Draft A.P.

HPC requests the Council enter into negotiations with the Arts Centre with the aim of the Council providing long term viable secure funding for the Arts Centre and its unique group of internationally recognised Heritage Buildings.

Our reasons for the Council to fund the Arts Centre are the following:

The Arts Centre is an internationally significant collection of Heritage Buildings attracting a million visitors year round.(Consisting of locals and national and international tourists.) Such extensive complexes are not commercially self sustaining.

The Arts Centre is a Christchurch cultural powerhouse with a number of commercial tenants and home to 70 entities. It runs education programs as hosts galleries, opera, jazz, Matariki children's theatre to name but a few.

Why would the Council risk such a successful enterprise?

The Council does not expect its venues to break even so why is the Arts Centre, a prestigious community asset, being held to a different standard?

The Council has funded the Arts Centre for a number of years without public concerns along with an other cultural institutions.

If the Arts Centre were to become insolvent, whilst the process is complicated, the CCC will likely end up owning it and having to cover all the costs. Unlike the Arts Centre Trust, the Council will not be able to apply for grants and HPC doubts it will be as successful in securing sponsorship, donations and volunteer hours.

HPC notes the Arts Centre is legally required to focus on the arts, culture, education, and creativity. The (Arts Centre) Act forbids selling off part or all of the land so securing a loan against assets is problematic and it is doubtful the Trust could service a commercial loan.

### **"Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029**

The Council's roles and responsibilities are clearly outlined in its own Strategy.

In the Strategy's Executive Summary:

"This strategy recognises that the Council has a leadership role in facilitating a collaborative approach with its partners and communities, ensuring a broad range of our built and natural, tangible and intangible heritage is recognised, protected and celebrated."

The Strategy also states:

"The Council's roles in heritage ...  
Funder"

"Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029 adopted by the Council and was widely consulted and supported by Christchurch Residents.

Heritage Incentive Grants and The Intangible Heritage Grants

**HPC requests the Heritage Incentive Grants and The Intangible Heritage Grants be reinstated in the upcoming financial year and not as proposed in 2031/32.**

This draft AP contains no provision for Heritage Grants.

(The LTP has a provision for their return in 2031/32.)

**Christchurch is the only metropolitan City in Aotearoa New Zealand not to offer Heritage Grants. HPC in our research has found Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Dunedin City Councils offer Heritage Building grants and information on their web sites.**

HPC is confident many of our smaller provincial cities/towns offer Heritage Grants.

### **Heritage Incentive Grants (HIG):**

**HPC requests the Heritage Incentive Grants be reinstated and commence in the upcoming financial year.**

The Council has a role in ensuring the retention of our collective Heritage. Having HIG grants ensure the Council's Heritage Team can work with Heritage Building owners to retain our Heritage. The Council has developed processes and policies in support of our built heritage and the HIG are an integral practical part of these and their successful application.

HPC observes, a scheduled heritage building owner is required to file a Resource Consents etc for any work unless it is a repair. As proposed, the heritage building owner will not be able to apply for a grant to cover the cost of the consent. The Council insists the Heritage Building owner be responsible but under what is proposed the Council will not offer support in return.

"Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029

In the Executive Summary:

"This strategy recognises that the Council has a leadership role in facilitating a collaborative approach with its partners and communities, ensuring a broad range of our built and natural, tangible and intangible heritage is recognised, protected and celebrated."

The Strategy lists

"The Council's roles in heritage ...

Funder"

By not offering Heritage Grants until 2031/32, HP considers the Council is clearly in breach of its Heritage Strategy. This Strategy was widely consulted and supported by the Residents.

### **Intangible Heritage:**

The Council recognised the importance of Intangible Heritage in its "Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029.

### **HPC requests that Intangible Heritage Funding be reinstated and commence in the upcoming financial year.**

Some of this grant has in the past been used in the past as grants for Heritage Festival Events. While the past total grant \$28,500 is paltry by Council standards, it is significant for organisers of Heritage Festival events. On a practical level holding a public even requires venue hire fees, Public Liability Insurance, often someone with first aid training having to be present, plus emergency first aid kit and an Event Plan incorporating Health and Safety. Having no recourse to funding, many groups will not participate or hold an event.

HPC notes oral histories and related community group initiatives are increasingly popular. These grants are often effectively being leveraged by free community labour into significant Heritage Projects. Some of the resulting projects will appear on the Canterbury Stories web site.

HPC notes the cost of reinstating the Heritage Grants is a fraction of the proposed Christchurch NZ event funding. For example the \$28,500 Heritage Festival grant funding is a tiny and it supports directly our own community groups and residents to participate and run vibrant Heritage Events.

### **Ferrymead Heritage Park**

**HPC requests the CCC enter into negotiations with the Trust administering the Heritage Park, and reach an agreement to secure Council long term funding that ensures the long term viability of this unique organisation and its society stakeholders and attactions.**

Ferrymead is unique as it has a number nationally significant Heritage collections that are actively being added to as Heritage objects, having been restored by its mainly volunteer labour. All this activity is wrapped in an Edwardian Township experience and education. Ferrymead is where the Council support is leveraged by the free labour of the volunteers into nationally significant heritage restoration. Such support complies with the CCC "Our Heritage, Our Taonga" Heritage Strategy 2019–2029" and the Councils role as partner.

Canterbury Stories:

**HPC considers this is a great initiative by the Library and supports the continued funding of this community participation project.**

**Potential disposal of Council-owned properties:**

**HPC requests these criteria written such that each building/property deemed surplus must be assessed by the Heritage Team to determine its Heritage value. (The Council has this responsibility under its own Heritage Strategy) If it is found to have a Heritage value then it should have a Covenant placed on it and be scheduled in the next Plan Change.**

**HPC requests for all surplus dwellings, the Council should firstly call for expressions of interest from community and resident groups to determine if they have a use for it. This is to occur before expressions of commercial interest are called.**

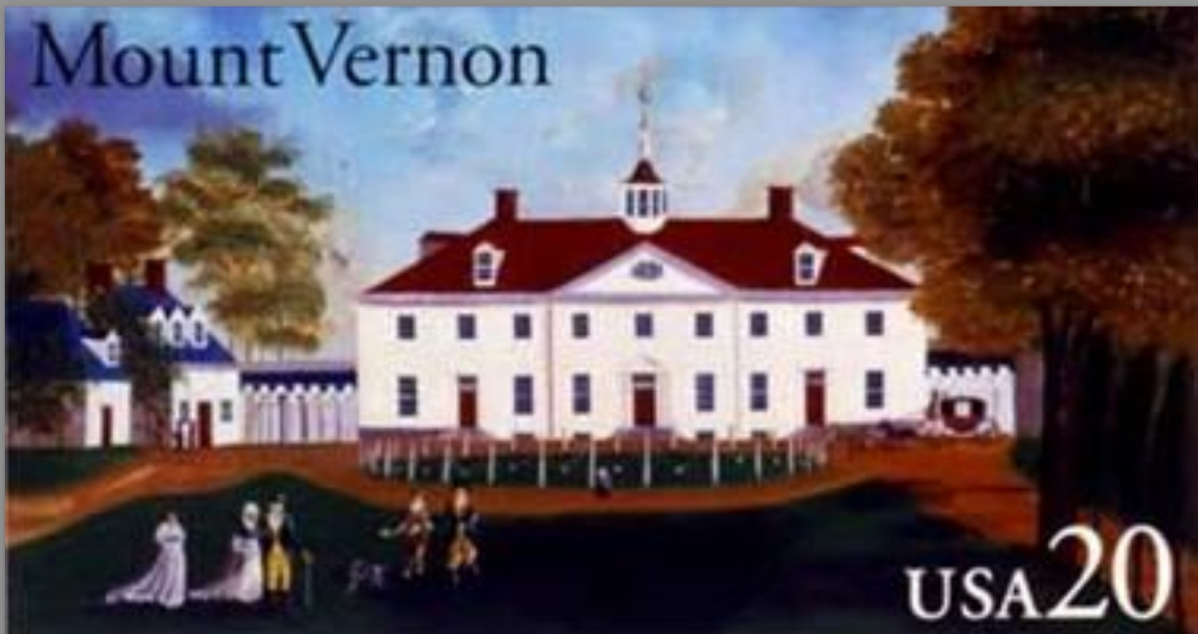
*Our rational is that with the cost of housing many community groups cannot afford to rent or own a building to support their activities. If these community groups cannot function then Christchurch as a city will suffer.*

Mark Gerrard  
Chair  
Historic Places Canterbury

The following are screen shots of a Heritage Building Economist Donovan Rypkema Presentation.

# Heritage Tourism

1. Fast growing
2. Integrated
3. Greater economic impact
4. Only 6-10% of spending at site
5. Entry level jobs
6. Move from informal sector



**In Virginia Heritage Visitors:**  
**Stay Longer**  
**Visit twice as many places**  
**Spend 2 ½ Times as much money per trip**  
**Than do non-heritage visitors**

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

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Christchurch Youth Council Incorporated

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

26

### Feedback

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

please see attached our formal submission document.

#### Future feedback


1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

### Attached Documents

Name
CCC Annual Plan - Draft Submission 

27 March 2025

Kei te rangatira, tēnā koe,

We are writing on behalf of the Rūnaka Taiohi o Ōtautahi / Christchurch Youth Council, a group of rangatahi volunteers aged 12–24 from across the Ōtautahi region. Our submission is informed by insights gathered from the Youth Takeover survey, which has received strong engagement from young people across Christchurch. This year, we have drawn on preliminary results from our latest survey, as well as data from last year's survey, which had approximately 600 youth respondents. We are happy to share the finalised Youth Takeover results with Christchurch City Council (CCC) once they are completed.

Our submission is also shaped by internal discussions and a workshop with our membership of 25 volunteers. While we acknowledge that we do not represent all young people in Christchurch, our role as a youth organisation is to collect, collate, and share the perspectives presented to us by rangatahi.

Young people consistently express a strong desire to be heard in decision-making processes, particularly on issues that impact their future. Through this submission, we aim to ensure that their voices are considered in shaping the city's priorities. We recognise that young people may hold a range of views on these issues, and we value and respect these differences as part of a broader conversation about the future of Christchurch.

## Youth Participation & Funding

The Christchurch Youth Council (CYC) plays a vital role in engaging young people with local government, developing youth leadership, and ensuring that Council decisions reflect the perspectives of rangatahi. Continued and increased funding for CYC is essential to sustain and expand our work, enabling more young people to participate in civic engagement, leadership training, and community initiatives. We urge the Council to commit to long-term financial support for youth engagement programmes and strengthen partnerships with youth-led organisations.

A key responsibility of CYC is to gauge youth perspectives on issues of local and national significance. In holding to this responsibility, CYC submits to both central and local government on policy and legislative proposals on behalf of Christchurch young people.

Beyond advocacy, CYC is **actively involved in civics education** for young people, working to increase awareness and participation in local decision-making. We ensure youth voices are heard in key Council plans and policies, such as the **Annual Plan, Local Alcohol Policy, and Transport Plan**, while also promoting and supporting young people to engage with these processes independently. Through school workshops, social media engagement, and community outreach, we strive to educate rangatahi on how they can contribute to shaping their city and the importance of youth perspectives in governance. CYC has also delivered **public**

**trainings on civic participation**, including how to make submissions, the Treaty Principles Bill, and understanding local government processes.

In addition to our policy and advocacy work, CYC actively fosters youth connection, leadership, and wellbeing through events and initiatives, including:

- **Youth Pride Quiz**, a fun and inclusive celebration for young people in the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies.
- **Youth Hot Pools Nights**, creating accessible opportunities for young people to socialise and engage in wellbeing focused activities.
- **Meet the MPs events**, providing direct engagement between young people and local elected representatives to learn and discuss key issues.
- **Advising on the Youth Hub**, supporting this incredible new space and ensuring that it reflects the needs and aspirations of young people.

This demonstrates the comprehensive process CYC undertakes to ensure we uphold our responsibility of representing the diverse views of Christchurch rangatahi. In order to ensure a sustainable future for Christchurch, CYC must be given an expanded mandate to strengthen youth participation—particularly for young citizens who are not yet of voting age. The Youth Council’s continuing advocacy will be vital in safeguarding the future of the city and ensuring that CCC decisions are made with mindfulness of young people’s views.

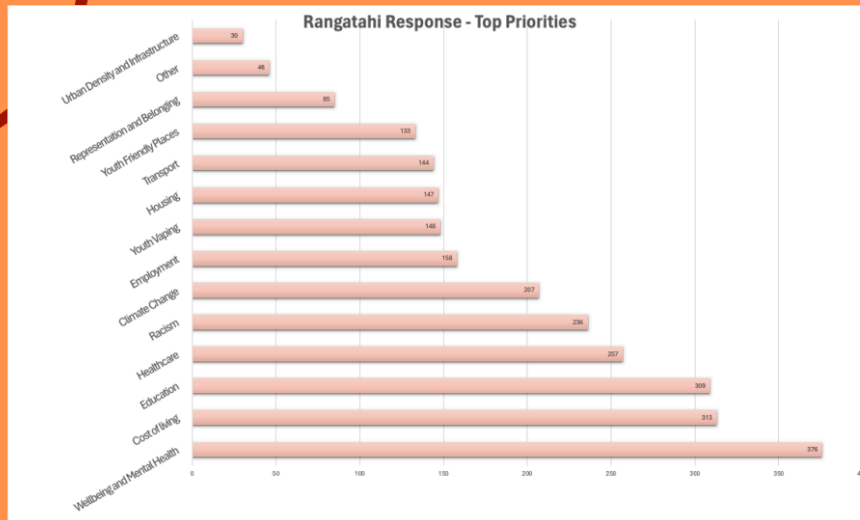
## Youth Takeover Survey

The Youth Takeover Survey (YTS) is a key initiative that allows the Christchurch Youth Council to capture and amplify the voices of young people across the city for use in our advocacy efforts and to best serve our young people. Conducted annually in partnership with Youth Voice Canterbury, the YTS gathers insights from hundreds of rangatahi on the issues that matter most to them. This data directly informs our advocacy and ensures that youth perspectives are represented in local government decision-making.

In previous years, the YTS has highlighted consistent concerns among young people, with the 2024 results showing that the top issues for rangatahi in Christchurch are mental health and wellbeing, followed closely by the cost of living. Other key concerns include climate action, public transport, and youth-friendly spaces. These insights shape our submissions and engagement with the Council, ensuring that young people have a tangible influence on policy.

The results from the 2025 Youth Takeover Survey will be available in April. In the meantime, we have attached a graph from the 2024 survey, which outlines the top issues for young people in Christchurch. We welcome further discussion with CCC on these findings and would be happy to share the full 2025 report once finalised.

# Youth Takeover: Snapshot



\* Due to our own reflection we added in Upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a response, as we wanted to hear rangatahi voice on this matter, as it was not included from the beginning we have not added it to this graph. 100 rangatahi selected this.

## Public Transport & Active Transport

Affordable and accessible transport is essential for young people to access education, employment, and social opportunities. We support further investment in public and active transport options, including:

- Lower bus fares for youth** to encourage sustainable and independent mobility. Many young people rely on public transport daily, as many do not drive or own cars. This includes many members of the Christchurch Youth Council. However, youth employment is often low-paying or unavailable, making it difficult to afford public transport alongside rising living costs. Without affordable transport, young people become dependent on others for travel, which is not a sustainable long-term solution. Affordable public transport supports youth independence and employment while being an environmentally friendly and convenient option.
- Enhanced safety and security measures** to ensure public transport is a viable and sustainable option for young people. Unfortunately many young people feel unsafe using public transport due to risks of harassment or assault, deterring them from using these services. The Christchurch Youth Council supports advancements in safety and security to encourage consistent and confident use of public transport, fostering independence and improving access to employment, education, and social opportunities.
- Improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure** to ensure safe and accessible routes across the city. Many young people walk and cycle daily to access education,

employment, and social activities. Investing in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure will enhance safety and accessibility, making active transport a more viable option for youth.

- **Exploring a central city shuttle service** to improve connectivity and affordability for students and young workers. A shuttle would enhance safety, facilitate youth engagement, and support access to employment, education, and social activities. We support CCC's proposal to investigate this, and encourage when investigating that youth engagement is a high priority focus.
- **Adjusting bus routes to connect with the Youth Hub** to allow this newly established space to be more accessible to more young people. The Youth Hub provides support services, accommodation, and a safe environment for young people to build connections and engage in creative and developmental activities and currently, few and infrequent bus routes pass by the Youth Hub, limiting accessibility. Ensuring safe and convenient transport options to this space is essential for supporting youth engagement and wellbeing.

## Climate Action & Resilience

The Council's commitment to climate resilience is critical for our generation's future. With young people set to inherit the long-term impacts of today's decisions, we strongly support continued investment in climate adaptation, sustainable infrastructure, and the Climate Resilience Fund. However, to be truly effective, climate action must be intergenerational, inclusive, and future-focused.

### Why This Matters for Young People

Over the past few years, our youth takeover survey results have consistently shown that climate change is one of the biggest concerns for young people. Many feel a sense of hopelessness in this space, however, this can change when young people are given agency through decision-making power, opportunities to take action, and funding to lead initiatives.

To strengthen the Council's climate commitments, we encourage:

- **Youth involvement in climate initiatives** – Ensuring young people have a meaningful role in climate-related decision-making will not only amplify intergenerational perspectives but also increase engagement in sustainable action.
- **Expanding green spaces and urban biodiversity projects** – Enhancing native plantings, urban forests, and community gardens will improve climate resilience, biodiversity, and community wellbeing, while also providing hands-on learning opportunities for young people.

- **Investment in renewable energy and waste reduction initiatives –** Sustainable infrastructure should align with Christchurch’s climate goals by prioritising low-carbon energy solutions, circular economy initiatives, and waste minimisation efforts.
- **Youth representation on the Climate Resilience Fund allocation board –** If this fund is intended to effectively address the future impacts of climate change, young people must have a seat at the table to ensure their concerns and solutions are part of the decision-making process.
- **Tangata whenua representation and targeted investments –** Climate resilience strategies should honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi by ensuring tangata whenua representation on the fund’s allocation board and dedicated funding for Māori-led climate projects. Indigenous knowledge and kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the environment) must be central to our climate response.
- **Prioritising the Red Zone for rewilding and native planting –** The Red Zone presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a large-scale climate resilience project. Prioritising native reforestation and sustainable land use here would provide long-term environmental, social, and cultural benefits, aligning with youth aspirations for a greener future.

## Youth-Friendly Spaces & Services

Public spaces and community services that cater to young people contribute significantly to our city’s vibrancy and wellbeing. Ensuring that young people have safe, accessible, and engaging places to connect, learn, and relax is essential for fostering a sense of belonging and participation in Christchurch.

To strengthen this, we urge the Council to:

- **Maintain and enhance funding for libraries, community centres, pools, and recreational facilities** that provide safe and accessible spaces for young people. Tūranga has been a key hub for study, social connection, and youth-led events, and extending its hours—particularly on school days—would ensure young people have more opportunities to access free and safe study spaces. Libraries are more than just book collections; they are essential community spaces that provide safety, learning opportunities, and a place for social connection.

Additionally, we urge the Council to keep pool costs down, particularly for children and young people. Learning to swim is a vital skill in an island nation like Aotearoa, and rising costs could become a barrier to access. Affordable entry fees ensure that all young people, regardless of background, can develop water safety skills, stay active, and enjoy recreational spaces.

- **Increase investment in the Youth Hub.** Having a dedicated space for young people has been incredibly meaningful. For our group of 25 young people, the Youth Hub has brought us together and given us a deep sense of belonging and given us a space to increase our advocacy and connect with young people. Beyond that, it has the potential to foster even greater connection by supporting vulnerable youth through its residencies and creating opportunities for collaboration with other youth voice organisations like VOYCE and Youth Voice Canterbury. The energy and excitement around the Youth Hub reflect how essential it is for our city's young people, and we strongly support its ongoing development through the next stages and into the future.
- **Prioritise youth-specific spaces in urban planning.** Designing more inclusive and welcoming public spaces that cater to young people will foster creativity, social connection, and wellbeing. This includes more youth-friendly parks, performance spaces, and areas that encourage community-building, study, and connection.
- **Increase funding for youth mental health initiatives** in collaboration with local organisations. Young people are facing increasing mental health challenges, and ensuring accessible, youth-centred mental health support is crucial. The Council has a role to play in advocating for and investing in initiatives that support youth wellbeing.

Investing in spaces and services designed for young people benefits the entire community by making Christchurch a more vibrant, connected, and supportive city for future generations.

## Community Safety & Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of young people must remain a priority. We support policies that create a safer and healthier city, including:

- **Stronger measures to address alcohol-related harm**, particularly in areas frequented by young people. Relating to our submission on the proposed Local Alcohol Policy, initiatives such as accessible public transport late at night and education for bar staff regarding nightlife dangers, these measures would particularly help women and minorities feel safer in spaces with alcohol.
- **Investment in youth-focused mental health support services**, such as the Christchurch Youth Hub and other outreach programmes. This is supported by our youth takeover survey, which consistently shows high numbers of rangatahi who feel this is a major issue. (See graph)
- **Ensuring public spaces are safe and inclusive** for all members of the community. Our team thought of some ways safety and inclusivity can be increased particularly around the Christchurch Bus Interchange, with youth workers and trained support in bus interchange as well as bus safety in general. This would especially help rangatahi that are young women or part of other marginalised communities, and if public transport is safe for young people then it is safe for everyone.

- **Support for unhoused individuals.** Based on our survey results, a very high number of young people feel cost of living is a major issue. With this issue in mind, it can be especially hard for rangatahi with difficult financial and family circumstances, so we support funding the Youth Hub's short-term housing.

## Balancing Rates Increases & Cost of Living

We acknowledge the financial pressures facing the Council and the need for sustainable funding however, we believe it is crucial to balance the rates increases with the rising cost of living. Rates affect young people, particularly those who are renting, students, and come from low-income households. Many young people already struggle with housing affordability, transport costs, and basic living expenses, and significant rate hikes risk further exacerbating financial hardship for our communities.

At the same time, we take notice of the fact that Council debt and financial decisions made today will have the greatest impact on future generations. As young people will be the ones most affected by these long-term financial commitments, therefore it is essential that we are able to have a meaningful voice in how the Council prioritises its spending and are heard on this matter.

To ensure young people are not disproportionately impacted, we encourage the Council to:

- **Prioritise funding for essential youth services, public spaces, and public transport subsidies** to support affordability. High-use places for young people—such as libraries, community centres, and recreational facilities—should remain accessible and well-funded to continue serving young people effectively. Affordable public transport is also essential for young people who rely on it for education, work, and social connection.
- **Ensure that any rate increases are justified with clear benefits for young people and communities.** While young people may not always be seen as direct ratepayers, they are significantly affected by rates through rising rents, transport costs, and the affordability of local services. Greater transparency around how rates contribute to services that impact young people would also help build understanding and trust in Council decision-making.
- **Explore alternative revenue streams** to reduce reliance on rates while maintaining vital services. This could include investigating new partnerships, sponsorship opportunities, or central government funding to alleviate financial pressure on residents while ensuring the city continues to thrive.

Given that young people will inherit the long-term financial outcomes of today's decisions, it is integral that they have a genuine role in shaping how the Council manages its finances.

Prioritising youth perspectives in financial planning will ensure that Christchurch remains an affordable, accessible, and future-focused city for generations to come.

## Conclusion

The Christchurch Youth Council strongly urges the Christchurch City Council to prioritise investment in the wellbeing, sustainability, and participation of young people in its Annual Plan. Through our engagement with rangatahi, including the Youth Takeover Survey, it is clear that young people are deeply concerned about issues such as mental health and wellbeing, the cost of living, climate resilience, and access to youth-friendly spaces and services. Addressing these concerns will not only benefit young people but also contribute to a more vibrant, inclusive, and future-focused city.

Our key recommendations include:

- **Accessible and sustainable transport:** Investing in affordable, safe, and well-connected public and active transport options to ensure young people can reliably access education, employment, and social opportunities.
- **Scoping for a CBD Shuttle:** We support funding the scoping mission for the CBD Shuttle, and CYC would be keen to support youth engagement in the scoping project.
- **Climate action and resilience:** Continued investment in sustainable infrastructure, climate adaptation projects, and youth involvement in decision-making around the Climate Resilience Fund.
- **Public spaces and services for young people:** Maintaining and expanding funding for libraries, recreational facilities, and community hubs, including reconsidering library opening hours and keeping pool costs low to support accessibility.
- **Youth engagement and decision-making:** Expanding opportunities for young people to participate in civic processes, including dedicated youth representation in Council decision-making, increased funding for the Christchurch Youth Council, and supporting youth-led initiatives.
- **Financial sustainability and affordability:** Ensuring that rates increases are balanced with the rising cost of living for young people, prioritising essential services, and exploring alternative revenue streams to reduce long-term debt.
- **Support for vulnerable youth:** Strengthening funding for youth mental health initiatives, ensuring ongoing support for the Youth Hub, and fostering collaboration between youth organisations.

By adopting these recommendations, the Council can ensure that young people have a meaningful voice in shaping the future of Ōtautahi. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this submission and look forward to continued collaboration to create a city where young people can thrive.

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On Behalf of Rūnaka Taiohi o Ōtautahi / Christchurch Youth Council

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

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CCBA

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Chairperson

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

Still too high

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Spending on this is not necessary at the present while debt levels are so high

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Spending on this is not necessary at the present while debt levels are so high

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

See the written submission

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

See the written submission

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

No

1.2.4

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

See written submission - need to get rid of unnecessary and irrelevant assets to pay down debt

1.2.9

Tell us about the services you could manage without.

Adjust library hours to reflect usage

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

Need to sell off assets to under take this project

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Extravagant and unnecessary glamour project

Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

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Yes

Attached Documents

Name	
2025 LTP Submission CCBA	

The Christchurch Central Business Association (CCBA) is highly concerned with the following five key issues in the Christchurch City Council's Draft Long-Term Plan 2025/26.

### **Opposition to Wasteful Spending**

The CCBA strongly advocates for prudent financial management to ensure ratepayer funds are utilised effectively. We are deeply concerned about expenditures that do not yield tangible benefits for the community and the local economy. It is imperative that all spending undergo a rigorous assessment to confirm its necessity and potential return on investment. Councillors and council staff must treat public money with the same care and responsibility as they would their own, cutting unnecessary expenditures and focusing on core services.

### **Opposition to Shopper Buses and Similar Projects**

We specifically oppose initiatives such as the proposed shopper buses, which we believe fall under the category of "glamour projects" lacking measurable advantages. With the new city blueprint following the earthquake, the retail precinct is now concise rather than spread over 2km, making the shopper bus no longer relevant. Resources allocated to such projects should instead be invested in core services and infrastructure that directly benefit businesses and residents. Rather than introducing new and costly transport initiatives, the Council should maximise the use of existing infrastructure, such as the tram, which is already in place and can be better utilised to support central city transport needs.

### **Call for a Comprehensive Budget Review**

The CCBA calls for a thorough review of the Council's budget to identify areas where efficiencies can be found. This includes scrutinising existing projects and services to determine their effectiveness and alignment with the city's strategic objectives. By eliminating or restructuring underperforming initiatives, the Council can reallocate funds to more impactful areas without necessitating rate increases.

### **Rates Must Be Kept in Line with CPI**

The CCBA strongly urges the Council to ensure that any rate increases remain aligned with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Businesses and households are already facing increasing financial pressures, and further rate hikes beyond inflation are unsustainable. The Council must exercise fiscal discipline to avoid imposing undue burdens on ratepayers.

### **Asset Review and Debt Reduction**

Like every responsible household and business, the Council must review its assets and identify those that are no longer relevant or necessary. Surplus assets should be sold to

pay down debt rather than relying on continued borrowing and ratepayer funding. Prudent asset management is essential for long-term financial sustainability.

## **Conclusion**

We urge the Christchurch City Council to prioritise responsible spending, focus on projects with tangible benefits, and conduct a comprehensive budget review to enhance financial efficiency. Rates must be kept in line with CPI, and surplus or obsolete assets should be sold to reduce debt. Councillors and staff must adopt a mindset of financial responsibility, treating public funds as they would their own. Additionally, the Council should maximise the use of existing infrastructure, such as the tram, rather than pursuing costly new initiatives like the shopper bus. These steps are crucial to fostering a sustainable and prosperous environment for businesses and the wider community.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

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Predator Free Waimairi Beach

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Cofounder, 148 members

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Support

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Support spending on cycle ways and public transport

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Support spending on three waters network

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**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Strongly support spending to enhance native biodiversity including predator control and native planting/habitat restoration.

The 2024-2034 LTP adopted by CCC in 2024 included the following that must be incorporated in subsequent annual plans:

**Strategic priority 2022-2025:** *Reduce emissions as a council and as a city and invest in adaptation and resilience, leading a city wide response to climate change while protecting our indigenous biodiversity, water bodies and tree canopy*

**Community outcome 2024-2034:** *A green, liveable city with neighbourhoods and communities [that] are accessible and well-connected, supporting our goals to reduce emissions [net zero by 2045], build climate resilience and protect and regenerate the environment, especially our biodiversity, water bodies and tree canopy. This includes ensuring that:*  
*Biodiversity is supported: Ecosystems supporting biodiversity are protected and restored*  
*We improve the quality of water resources to protect ecosystem health and provide for contact recreation, food gathering, mahinga kai and cultural values.*  
*Our urban forest thrives with healthy, diverse and resilient trees.*

It is important that the Council reflects in order to evaluate whether the proposed annual plan is fit to achieve the above strategic priority and community outcome.

It is great to see the Environmental Partnership Fund, Biodiversity Fund, Sustainability Fund and the Climate Resilience Fund as well as the appointment of the new Biodiversity Policy Lead and the continued advocacy from the CCC Biodiversity Champion and other members of Council. This resourcing is a good step towards achieving the stated biodiversity goals and it is good to see that public and private land, community and business are all being supported. Meeting our biodiversity goals will require a combination of central coordination and distributed action.

Predator Free Waimairi Beach (PFWB) is a group of volunteer Waimairi Beach residents supporting local biodiversity initiatives. As of 28/3/25 we have a membership of 149 residents and have removed 1590 rodents, possums, and mustelids from our community in the past two years. Activity is undertaken under a volunteer agreement with CCC and has been supported by \$2000 of funding from Predator Free New Zealand for trapping and \$3000 from the CCC Sustainability fund for planting. In 2025 we are on track to have more members and undertake more trapping and planting than ever before. We enjoy an excellent relationship with the CCC park ranger team and would love to see that they are supported and resourced appropriately. We also have strong relationships with sister predator free groups in New Brighton and Southshore, are engaged with the activity undertaken by Towards Pest Free Waitaha and support the proposal for total pest elimination on Southshore spit as an achievable local proof of concept project to highlight to residents the benefits of predator eradication.

PFWB recognises that we are extremely fortunate with the local environment we have access to but also accepts that we have catching up to do compared to other parts of the country when it comes to habitat restoration and predator control. We acknowledge that supporting biodiversity takes money and time but have little doubt of its economic, health, community and environmental benefits. Volunteer organisations such as ourselves will continue to contribute but collaboration with suitably resourced council teams and projects is essential.

Thank you so much for your work to date and recognition of the importance of accelerating current progress in enhancing indigenous biodiversity.

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1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Council facilities are important for communities and should be supported.

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**Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate**

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

CCC could follow the lead of ECAN and implement a targeted rate for biodiversity. Funds raised from the Christ Church Cathedral could be redirected to support biodiversity initiatives.

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

#### Fees and charges

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

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1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

-

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

Oppose service reductions except if there is widespread agreement that they are superfluous

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Oppose service reductions except if there is widespread agreement that they are superfluous

#### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This funding is of great importance and should be extended beyond its current 10 year lifespan.

1.3.3

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

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#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Potential disposal of properties

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The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

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#### Anything else?

1.3.7

Any further comments?

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#### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025  
First Name: (required) Bree    Last Name: (required) Loverich  
If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name: (required)  
Te Puna Matarau | Canterbury Screen Industry Association  
Your role and the number of people your organisation represents: (required)  
Committee Member

Feedback

Anything else?

1.3.7

Any further comments?

Te Puna Matarau | Canterbury Screen Industry Association respectfully requests that Christchurch City Council allocate at least **\$500,000 annually** through the Annual Plan to reinstate the Screen CanterburyNZ Production Grant. This trailblazing regional incentive previously received \$500,000 per annum and delivered outstanding results—over \$12 million in regional spend, more than 500 local contracts, and national recognition for its impact on employment, tourism, and industry development. With only \$600,000 budgeted over three years in the current LTP, a significant shortfall remains. Reinstating the previous level of funding is critical to attracting production, supporting the \$131M Digital Screen Campus, growing local post-production and IP development, and ensuring that Christchurch continues its momentum as a vibrant screen destination. Please see attached document for more information.

Future feedback

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Yes

Attached Documents

Name
Annual Plan Submission 2025





## **Te Puna Matarau | Canterbury Screen Industry Association Annual Plan Submission**

Christchurch City Council  
53 Hereford Street  
Christchurch Central  
Christchurch 8013  
New Zealand

25 March 2025

Re: Annual Plan Submission

Te Puna Matarau | Canterbury Screen Industry Association (TPM) is writing in support of the Screen CanterburyNZ production grant to be increased via the Annual Plan.

TPM is a group of screen professional practitioners located in the Canterbury region advocating for the local sector and working on the establishment of a screen incubator to grow and retain IP in the region from the local creative community. We are looking to promote the identification, mentorship, and development of South Island stories, storytellers, producer relationships, and avenues to go to market. This pan-sector industry group was made possible by the support of Screen CanterburyNZ both via funding and partnership.

We would like to thank Christchurch City Council for the funding to establish Screen CanterburyNZ in 2018 and for the Screen CanterburyNZ production grant in 2020, which has provided up to \$1.5 million of funding to attract screen production activities to the Waitaha Canterbury region. The grant has provided employment and upskilling opportunities for local cast and crew which in turn has promoted the growth of our region's creative economy.

As a direct result, the screen sector in Waitaha Canterbury has had its most successful couple of years in over 20 years in terms of screen production activity. As of 2023, nine productions that have received funds from the Screen CanterburyNZ Production Grant have completed filming, including feature films and TV series. The productions represent an impressive and diverse range of genres that will further showcase the region to international eyes for destination marketing.

Productions include *Dark City - The Cleaner* which is a TV series adapted from a novel by Ōtautahi Christchurch writer Paul Cleave. Several more of his novels have been optioned which could mean more ongoing production activity in the city. Also completed are

*Bookworm*, featuring Elijah Wood and filmed in the Methven area; *Went Up The Hill*, filmed in Arthurs Pass and Christchurch; *Te Motu*, filmed on Ōtamahua Island with support from Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke; *Head South*, a nod to Christchurch's 1970's post-punk music scene which was filmed almost exclusively in the Ōtautahi Christchurch city centre and suburbs; and TV Series *Friends Like Her* which will be shot in Kaikōura in the near future. It has been an incredibly busy time for our local crew as well as for tourism, transportation, accommodation, and hospitality operators in towns and cities throughout the region.



## The Screen Canterbury NZ Production Grant '21-'23

- **3 years** of growth and development
- **\$1.5M** investment
- **\$12.5M - \$15M** spend back into city
- **500+** contract roles created
- **9 major projects** filmed in city/region
  - Global acclaim
  - Potential for returning projects and reinvestment

Te Puna Matarau | Canterbury Screen Industry Association



The Screen CanterburyNZ Production Grant is a trailblazing initiative, the first regional incentive of its kind in New Zealand. It has proved very successful from both an economic development and a screen sector development perspective. A 500+ contract roles were created for a total of 240 days of filming and due to production activity, the total spend in the region has exceeded \$12 million dollars; a substantial return on a \$1.5 million dollar investment. You can read more about the productions on the [SCNZ's website](#) and view the [SCNZ's new showreel](#) featuring many of the completed productions.

### Production Attraction:

*Head South* was based in Ōtautahi Christchurch as a direct result of the grant. Though it would have been simpler to create the look of Christchurch in the 1970's in Wellington, the producer and director were looking to tell a uniquely Christchurch story. The extra money the grant provided, made this possible. As a result, *Head South* could tell a Christchurch story utilising Christchurch crew and cast. The production was based at UC's new Digital Screen Campus and used interns from the University of Canterbury's School of Fine Arts, Film Studies, and Ara's Broadcasting School.

*"We made it our ethos to get local cast and crew from the south island. In total 25 of the 55 crew members were from Christchurch with 60% of the cast also coming from Christchurch."*

–Antje Kulpe, *Head South* Producer.

### **Crew Development:**

*"It was an amazing experience to be part of the camera team as a young woman in the industry, especially as I'm still at university. I feel this has set me up for when I graduate and start working full-time. I learnt so much hands-on about how to work quickly as a team and make everything run smoothly. I've met some really cool people and it's not your usual sort of job, but I love it."*

–Meg Stickings, Camera Department Trainee, *Head South* and *Bookworm*

### **Canterbury Story Development:**

The grant also partially funded another first of its kind, the [Waitaha Canterbury Screen Story Incubator](#) which is a development programme aimed at supporting writer, director and producer teams from our region to take their projects to the next level. Script to Screen was chosen as the delivery partner due to their experience as a national story development organisation with ties to New Zealand On Air, the New Zealand Film Commission and a large database of heavy-hitting industry professionals to call on as tutors and mentors.

Five teams have been chosen representing three TV series, one feature film, and one game development project, all with a view to being produced locally. TPM was able to use the funding from the SCNZ grant and match that funding with resources from New Zealand On Air and the New Zealand Film Commission to make the seed funding go farther. Script to Screen has hosted two talks on the night before each incubator hub, utilising the mentors and tutors brought in for the incubator, which opens up access and learning to the wider screen community.

### **Waitaha Screen Wānanga:**

TPM hosted the Waitaha Screen Wānanga which was a full day event utilising speakers from the third incubator hub which include an incredible lineup of screen and game development talent including Alexander Swords, Glenn Standring, and David White. Local filmmakers Gillian Ashurst and Slavko Martinov are also scheduled to speak on the day. Professional industry organisations such as Doc Edge, Show Me Shorts, Script to Screen, and our own Toi Ōtautahi presented opportunities available to screen practitioners, and representatives from New Zealand on Air and the New Zealand Film Commission were in attendance for networking purposes. The purpose was to support the upskilling of our local screen industry by providing professional development and networking opportunities.

All of these initiatives were made possible in part by funding from the Screen CanterburyNZ Production Grant.

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### **Screen Industry Request for Annual Plan Consideration:**

TPM is writing to ask for your consideration via the Annual Plan submission to reinstate the screen production grant to \$1.5m over three years. The grant was awarded only \$300k in the 2024 Long Term Plan. \$300k in underspend was added to provide \$600k in total for the three years, which is a shortfall of \$900k. For this reason, we are requesting that some or all of this shortfall could be considered for funding out of the Annual Plan process to reinstate the grant. It is critical that we build on these unprecedented successes and continue the momentum created by Screen CanterburyNZ since the last Long Term Plan. It will not be possible to see the success of the last three years repeated with such a drastic reduction of the grant.

### **Increase in funding for production, post-production and business growth:**

We would like to request that CCC reinstates the funding available for the grant in order for SCNZ to attract more productions, For example:

- *To attract the same level of production that we had during the first few years of the grant, the grant would ideally need to be closer to \$500k per year.*
- *To ensure the success of UC's \$131m investment in the Digital Screen Campus, a steady stream of productions attracted to the region will provide jobs for UC graduates and commercial customers for the campus. This is critical to the success of the campus and the region via the development of screen infrastructure and providing work integrated learning for the students so that they will be screen ready when they graduate.*
- *To attract more Post-Production Services to the district, we would like to ensure that the SCNZ grant criteria includes post-production. This will incentivise productions filming in the region to stay longer and to use local post-production businesses where possible. Post-production is a high tech sector paying well above the national average. This is also a high growth segment of the screen sector and one that has recently received a higher level of support from the recent changes in the national rebate. These changes have lowered the threshold for access to the rebate and this will result in this segment growing at a higher rate than before, which was already growing faster than the production segment. According to a recent report, "The screen sector's recent growth is almost entirely driven by growth in the post-production sector. The number of post-production firms has grown by 33 per cent on average each year since 2015 – the number of production firms has only grown by 3 per cent on average each year over the same period," [MBIE Report. 2021](#). Ara, Yoobee and UC have strong post-productions programmes and UC is investing heavily in post-production facilities in Christchurch. Critical to the success of the Digital Screen Campus's Success will be a thriving post-production industry in Christchurch, which can be influenced by including post-production into the production grant and increasing the grant to accommodate its inclusion.*

### **Local Screen IP Development**

We would like to request that a portion of the grant is made available to continue the Waitaha Canterbury Story Incubator for writers, directors and producers of film, TV and Game Development, to ensure that Canterbury stories are told by Cantabrians in our beautiful region with such a rich history and a thriving creative community. This also increases the probability that those applying for the SCNZ Production Grant will be residents of Waitaha Canterbury.

In order to make this possible, any screen story incubators not only need to support writers and content creators, but concurrently need to deepen the pool of producer talent to create a thriving ecosystem in both game development and Film and TV. We see the strengthening of these relationships to be critical for economic development and storytelling for the city and region.

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## Closing

We thank you wholeheartedly for your foresight in putting these best practice, nationally recognised initiatives, in place and we thank you for considering our request around the future resourcing of Screen CanterburyNZ and the SCNZ Production Grant.

We offer our support to Christchurch City Council Governance and Staff as well as ChristchurchNZ and Screen CanterburyNZ to take these necessary next steps in creating a \$1B creative economy for Waitaha Canterbury and Otautahi Christchurch!

Regards,

**TPM Co-Chair:**

Amanda Jenkins



**TPM Co-Chair:**

Anna Canton



### Proposal to grant \$5 million to the Air Force Museum

The Air Force Museum of New Zealand, the national museum for the Royal New Zealand Air Force and New Zealand military aviation, is located at the former air base in Wigram. It features 5000 square metres of display area, 14,000 square metres of storage and workshop space, and attracts more than 150,000 visitors annually. The museum is independently funded, at no cost to ratepayers, and does not charge for admission.

The museum plans to build an extension to house additional historical aircraft, including the recently retired P-3K Orion and C-130H Hercules, and requested a capital grant of up to \$5 million from the council during last year's Long Term Plan process. This grant, which needs to be available from 1 July 2027, would be borrowed by the council, rather than funded through rates, resulting in a minor impact on rates – 0.01% in 2027/28 and 0.03% in 2028/29.

The grant is conditional on the Air Force Museum securing sufficient funding for the entire project and presenting a business case demonstrating community benefits and financial sustainability.

### The Christchurch City Council wants to hear what you think

What do you think of the proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site? This proposal would have a very minor impact on rates – 0.01% in 2027/28 and 0.03% in 2028/29?

Should the council proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments: Many of our Residents were part of the airforce & experience of watching the Hercules plane land & become part of the lasting history of the Wigram base & for such visitors for many years - Thankyou - take care of our history

First name: Jenni

Surname: Pasby.

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Or email address:

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<https://ccc.govt.nz/contact-us/about-this-site/privacy>

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Helen **Last Name:** (required) Pickering

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I think you need to get back to core spending and forget the rest.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

The Harewood Road cycleway should be put on hold, if not scrapped all together. Cyclists are few and far between on the road. I believe the traffic lights at Harewood-breens-Gardiners road and outside Harewood school should continue.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

WE need to fix our water infrastructure

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

These are essential elements of council

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

We need more spent on the arts, this is crucial to having a well balanced and mentally well population which understands its essence

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

### Rating for renewals

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Yes

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

Make sure continue to make libraries free

### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

library, parks, dog parks and arts and sporting funding.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

The money should be put to use immediately on any activity that improved our environment and impacts climate change for the good.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

bot sure. Christchurch is compact. Do we need it or i it nice to have.

#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

If thy are renatable, then use them for income otherwsie dispose of them unless they cold have future benefits. These ould need to be explained.

#### Future feedback

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Please implement the Wheels to Wings major cycle route as soon as possible - do not defer the Harewood Road extension. I will stop driving as much as I do and cycle instead if Harewood Road has a safe cycleway. I cannot cycle to the city from where I live in Bishopdale unless there is a safer route.

And of course the Harewood/Gardeners Road intersection needs a stop light.

A free central city bus like the previous Shuttle is also needed ASAP.

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Do not sell off our CCH assets.

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Yes

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

free bus service for gold card holders

Improved public transport and more extensive cycleways.

Street, footpath, and curbing repair.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

*If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know*

I'm surprised the you think you need a scoping study. We had one previously and it worked a charm. Just re-instate it.

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The proposed spending on the Wheels to Wings cycle route is mis-named. The three sets of lights, which will soak up the majority of the \$9.7M have minimal or no benefit to cyclists using Harewood Road. They are traffic improvements, which I do not necessarily disagree with, but they will not in anyway improve the safety of cyclists. The planned actual cycleway work at the eastern end of Harewood road might be nice to tick the box in terms of connecting the Norwest Arc to the Northern cycleways, but that stretch of Harewood Road is pretty much the safest section of the road already. As someone that regularly uses Harewood Rd to cycle down, plus to various destinations around the city, I am confident in saying that the two lane sections of Harewood Rd, cause me more concern for my safety than any other road that I cycle on. I am strongly in support of continuing work on the cycleway in some form or another. I am of the view that many of the cycleways are over-engineered, and would be more than happy for the work to take a much more minimalist approach, but reducing the two lanes to one one lane is an essential part of what is necessary to make it safe to cycle down the road. There is simply not enough room for the current configuration. My fear is that because the cost is so high, the project will keep getting pushed out and pushed out in the LTP. Looking at the map of the cycleway networks in ChCh the lack of cycleways in the northwest sector of the city is striking. It would be such a shame for the city to have been progressive in this area of transport options, but then fail in the completion of the work.

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Too much for those on low and fixed incomes.

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I support the revised scope of work for the Wheels to Wings cycleway.

i do NOT support the original plan.

1.1.3

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i support this spending.

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Continue maintenance on our green spaces, including rubbish removal.

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No

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Keep any increaes as low as possible.

### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 2: Two-tiered volume rate

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

I really value our libraries.

1.2.10

Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

Repeated roadworks on the same areas, do it once and do it right!

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Yes

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Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

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Dispose of these properties.

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#### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Patricia    **Last Name:** (required) Frankland

### Feedback

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Ben    **Last Name:** (required) Chapman

### Feedback

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

Yes

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Future feedback

1.3.8

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No

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Alastair    **Last Name:** (required) Watson

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I am resident in the Bryndwr / Bishopdale area and have comments about the proposed Wheels to Wings Harewood Rd -

1. Too focused on cars - be future-focused and ensure cycleway.
2. We live in Garden City - must protect ALL trees along Harewood Rd - ALL TREES should stay in place. No need to cut any down to make way for a desk-bound road designer's straight lines on the plan - - leave the trees alone, plan road, cycleway, footpaths around the trees. The mature trees (Bishopdale for example) provide enormous benefits - aid in cooling surrounding temperature, provide home for wildlife, are a thing of beauty - leave them alone!!!
3. Traffic lights at Harewood Rd / Breens & Gardiners Rd - NOT NEEDED - - only interrupts traffic flow, drivers need to follow rules. Suggest make this intersection Left Turn only, on both sides - will maintain flow and avoid crossing this major road. Let's be creative, consider a different traffic flow that will work !!! OR why not a round-about for continued flowing traffic ...

I am strongly advocating being Person-centric - we persons pay the rates, we are affected by increasing pollution and danger of speeding vehicles, let us persons feel safe and enjoy our surroundings with plentiful trees, let the cyclists peddle without danger of cars.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

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1.2.2

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Only reinstate if Cathedral rebuild continues - which is needed !!!

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**Air Force Museum Grant**

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

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**Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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1.3.5

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

At last some thoughtful consideration of moving people from outer areas into CBD - this is needed.

Consider peripheral parking lots, fee based, then FREE shuttle to one or two downtown drop off sites, and increase CBD street parking fees against the free shuttle service.

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**Future feedback**

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Yes

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28 March 2025

Christchurch City Council  
53 Hereford Street  
Christchurch 8013

Dear Councillors

### **SUBMISSION ON THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26**

On behalf of Business Canterbury, I welcome the opportunity to make a submission on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2025/26.

Business Canterbury prepared a substantive submission on the Council's Long Term Plan last year, so will limit comments on this Draft Annual Plan to the issues below:

1. Nobody will tell you to cut services, but there are some decisions that need to be made by the Council on behalf of ratepayers with the primary aim of keeping rates rises at sustainable levels. For example, don't spend \$200,000 on a scoping study to reinstate a central city shuttle – just trial it. Hire a bus and put it outside the Art Centre for a month and see how many people use it and how much they are willing to pay.
2. Businesses continue to face larger rates rises than households, which when coupled with a rates differential of 2.2 times the value of household rates means businesses continue to raise questions about value for money. And rightly so. When compared with other districts around the country – our rates costs can be significantly higher for comparable commercial properties.
3. If businesses continue to pay more – their contribution needs to be recognised and weighted accordingly when decisions are made.
4. Compliance costs can be severely limiting for businesses and are particularly frustrating when they are disproportionate to the outcomes desired by businesses and by councils. One way the Council could deliver considerably more value to businesses is around consenting. In a recent submission to the Council, a few very good examples of consenting not working well and getting in the way of growth included it taking seven months to get a building consent to build an 8m<sup>2</sup> extension, and another where it cost \$16,500 to get a building consent for a \$5,000 partition wall.
5. While I do think our city is much better than any other in New Zealand – sometimes there is the perception that this is despite the Christchurch City Council, not because of it (an example being the Council re-writing a 30-year transport strategy – 16 years early). This is not to say that over time since the original plan was developed things have not changed. However, there is care required by the Council that it doesn't try to boil the ocean with these projects and fail to appropriately consult on and appreciate the views of the businesses impacted – ultimately creating uncertainty about continuing to invest in our thriving CBD.
6. The Climate Resilience Fund was something we supported in principle last year – but I would like to take the opportunity again to reiterate the importance of protecting the most important council assets first – namely economic enabling assets like the Port of Lyttelton – which we are reliant on to sustainably grow into the future.
7. My understanding of the fund is that it will be governed by elected members which is counter to our advice to ensure that it was geared up for the long-term outcomes (i.e. beyond the terms of

any elected members) and that tough decisions about funding – which will inevitably occur – are not pushed to the side because of short term political thinking and risk.

8. We welcome the thinking by the Council to look at disposing of the property assets no longer fit-for-purpose or where better outcomes can be achieved outside of council ownership. This should be done quickly – with further application of these disposal principles for other capital/assets owned by the Council.

Thank you for considering our submission, which we look forward to presenting to in more detail at the hearings next month.

Kind regards,



Leeann Watson  
Chief Executive Officer | Business Canterbury

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### Proposal to grant \$5 million to the Air Force Museum

The Air Force Museum of New Zealand, the national museum for the Royal New Zealand Air Force and New Zealand military aviation, is located at the former air base in Wigram. It features 5000 square metres of display area, 14,000 square metres of storage and workshop space, and attracts more than 150,000 visitors annually. The museum is independently funded, at no cost to ratepayers, and does not charge for admission.

The museum plans to build an extension to house additional historical aircraft, including the recently retired P-3K Orion and C-130H Hercules, and requested a capital grant of up to \$5 million from the council during last year's Long Term Plan process. This grant, which needs to be available from 1 July 2027, would be borrowed by the council, rather than funded through rates, resulting in a minor impact on rates – 0.01% in 2027/28 and 0.03% in 2028/29.

The grant is conditional on the Air Force Museum securing sufficient funding for the entire project and presenting a business case demonstrating community benefits and financial sustainability.

### The Christchurch City Council wants to hear what you think

What do you think of the proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site? This proposal would have a very minor impact on rates – 0.01% in 2027/28 and 0.03% in 2028/29?

Should the council proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments: Lovely pieces of History for future Generations to visit and enjoy the Cafe experience as well.

First name: Lyn

Surname: Stanley.

Contact details:

Postal address:

Or email address:

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Allan **Last Name:** (required) Marshall

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

University of Canterbury

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Asst Director Facilities- Engineering and Maintenance

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

The University of Canterbury wishes to express concern over the major Traffic Management safety issue that is apparent at the intersection of Ilam Road and Holmstead Lane. This intersection sees pedestrians crossing at this point literally 100's (if not 1000's) of times per day. As this intersection has no means of crossing safely (pedestrian crossing etc) there is a large level of risk for all parties involved. In fact, on Monday March 17th a University Student required hospitalisation due to being struck at this location by a passing motor vehicle.

The University of Canterbury have attempted multiple times to get action on this issue over the period of the last 10 years approximately. A consultant who currently works for Stantec (Melanie Muirson) has worked on behalf of the UOC during this period to attempt to achieve traction in regard to a solution to mitigate this identified hazard.

UUOC staff have recently installed temporary fencing and signage in an attempt to educate pedestrians of the hazard and redirect them to a crossing point further north on Ilam Road. Examples of these measures can be seen in the saved photos with this application

### Future feedback



1.3.8

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Yes

Attached Documents

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Ken    **Last Name:** (required) Maynard

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

I would like to endorse the proposal to provide a grant for Te Ūaka - Lyttelton Museum. Lyttelton was the original settlement for Canterbury Province, and the arrival place of the first four ships. It featured in the early days of Antarctic exploration, and still supports research ships from several countries bound for Antarctica. Christchurch is one of a handful of Antarctic Gateways, of which Lyttelton is a part. The absence of a museum is a matter of some loss of civic pride. Fortunately the collection from the old museum damaged in the earthquake is stored safely, though not on display. The collection contains valuable items relating to the area's history. Visitors to the Lyttelton Information Centre often enquire about a museum, and it would provide a valuable learning resource if it were reinstated. The current proposal includes moving the Information Centre to the ground floor which would enable sharing of volunteers and enhance the synergy joining both organisations. Small museums around the country provide a vital perspective on the past which is often lost in larger museums. We want our museum back!

Ken Maynard  
 Lyttelton Information Centre

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Luc **Last Name:** (required) MacKay

☐ Withhold my details

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

University of Canterbury students' Association &  
University of Canterbury

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

~24000 (University Student Population) + ~2000  
(staff)

**Postal address:** [REDACTED]

**Suburb:**

**City:**

**Country:** [REDACTED]

**Postcode:**

**Daytime Phone:** (required if you want to speak at hearings)

[REDACTED]

**Would you like to speak to the Council (the Mayor and Councillors) about your submission at a hearing?**  
If you select yes, please also select all potential hearing dates that would suit you from the list provided.  
We will contact you about a specific date and time as soon as we can.

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

**Thu 3 Apr - AM    Thu 3 Apr - PM**

Are there any people or organisations you would like to make a joint presentation with? If so, please list these below.

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

You can read more about our proposed Annual Plan in our Consultation Document.

Or check out the Let's Talk page.

You can also look at the Draft Annual Plan.

1.3.7

Any further comments?

#### UCSA & UC submission on the Draft Annual Plan

The UCSA and UC are very keen to see a crossing put outside the Foundry / UCSA building. Many students cross from homestead lane and the risk of serious injury of death is quite high. We would really love to see a crossing here! Also something around Kirkwood ave between the school there and the rec centre <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jGBr4F4Zu2qfL7Tq5>, opposite 35 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/emn1THSdYNsCJaTN6>, as well as 51/53 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/A6YKGmz8WWchHmDi7> would be great. They're just humps and there is general confusion around them as that is not an official crossing, but people treat it as such, and it is a real H&S issue.

The UCSA and UC would be keen to see a reduction in pool fares for students at the CCC pools. Currently it is \$6.70 but we would be keen to see it be \$5 to encourage more students to use the facilities. \$5 would be in line with community service card holders. It would also encourage students to engage with CCC facilities so that when they leave UC, they have that connection with council facilities. The health benefit is a big one too!

More than happy to be followed up on these on [REDACTED]

Best,

Luc MacKay, President of the University of Canterbury Students' Association

Paul O'Flaherty, Executive Director - People, Culture and Campus Life

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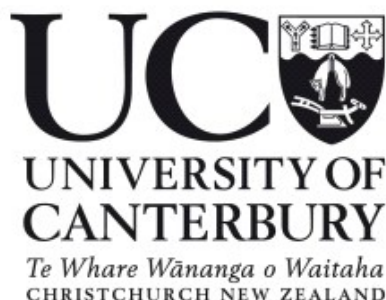
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UCSA x UC CCC Draft Annual Plan.pdf



UNIVERSITY of CANTERBURY  
**STUDENTS'  
 ASSOCIATION**  
 Ākonga tū, ākonga ora



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Ben    **Last Name:** (required) Alder

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Christchurch Envirohub

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Trust Manager / As a network we represent over  
 340 groups. Internal staff, contractors and board is  
 11

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Christchurch Envirohub is disappointed to learn about the delays to the Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route due to funding cuts. CEH agrees with the focus of cycleway developments for 2025/26 being to link the Te Ara O-Rakipaoa Nor'West Arc and Puari ki Pū-harakeke-nui Northern Line major cycle routes.

CEH opposes the deferral of the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30. Public transport users in this area already experience significant delays during peak travel times and this is likely to worsen as more and more people move into the area. Improvements to Lincoln Road's public transport will improve safety for cyclists, pedestrians and other road users, so this should be prioritised.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

CEH is very much in favour of additional budget being added to the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor stopbank project and supports the prioritisation of the Addington Brook and Riccarton Drain filtration devices.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

No

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

No

### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

The grant should be used to continue supporting organisations to carry out their thought out strategies, both in raising awareness around climate change and implementing action to reduce the impacts of it, and in supporting groups to have the resourcing they need to carry out the work.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

As far as we're aware, there is little demand for a free central city shuttle service. There is a lot more demand for improved cycleways and public transport routes into and around the city centre, and these areas should receive priority funding over a central city shuttle.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Christchurch Envirohub strongly opposes revoking reserve status from any reserve properties the Council deems as surplus. In this case, local environmental organisations should be consulted to help decide on an appropriate future for these properties.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Peter    **Last Name:** (required) Mulgrew

### Feedback

#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

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Suggest that the property proposed for sale on Wakefield Avenue between Campbell Street Intersection to Truro Street intersection not be disposed off but retained and converted to a park type reserve. This will to a degree compensate for the loss of the previous Wakefield Reserve land lost to the red zone opposite and part of the previous well used open area between Denman and Campbell Streets developed by the council in the 1990's. This reserve could also be extended to include the land red zoned to Paisy Street. This has previously suggested to the Council,

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Kate    **Last Name:** (required) Christie

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Harewood School

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Principal, 180 tamariki, 130 families

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

Harewood School fully supports the Council's plan to install a signalised pedestrian crossing on Harewood Road, recognizing it as a critical step toward ensuring student safety. However, the school and its community strongly advocate for the reinstatement of the originally proposed raised safety platform, which was intended to reduce vehicle speeds. Given the high traffic volumes and the tendency of vehicles to speed past the school—sometimes dangerously maneuvering around road patrol barriers—relying solely on traffic signals may not sufficiently deter unsafe driving behaviors.

The school community urges Councillors to reconsider the removal of the raised platform, emphasizing that it provides an essential physical measure to enforce lower speeds and protect students, parents, and staff. First-hand accounts from children on road patrol highlight the ongoing dangers of fast-moving vehicles, reinforcing the need for this added safety feature. Harewood School requests that the Council include the raised platform in the final Annual Plan and welcomes the opportunity to speak at the public hearings to further discuss this critical issue.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

Name	
CCC Draft Annual Plan 2025-26 - Harewood School Submission March 2025	



*Te Kura o Tāwera*

**Harewood  
School**

*Confident, connected & shining brightly.*

## **Harewood School**

Submission to the  
Christchurch City Council  
on  
Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

Prepared: March 2025

### Introduction

Harewood School

180 students

Located at 721 Harewood Road, at the airport end of Harewood Road

Previously called a Decile 8-9 school.

Our community are described as confident communicators highly invested in their child's education.

### Harewood Road Crossing

The vast majority of our students come to school by vehicle. This is due to the unsafe nature of Harewood Road for children to walk and cycle. There are also very few houses within walking distance. Many of our parents park down Waimakariri Road to allow for safe entry into their cars. This creates a busy environment on Harewood Road during school pick-ups and drop-offs.

Traffic to and from school is additional to the normal flow of traffic as vehicles use Harewood Road to access the motorway or the airport.

Vehicles moving in the other direction come from the airport or the motorway to access Papanui and the city via Harewood Road. Those vehicles have been in an 80km/h speed area before they turn on to Harewood Road. Too many retain that higher speed on Harewood Road as they approach the school's current crossing island.

### Signalised pedestrian crossing on Harewood Road at Harewood School Te Kura o Tāwera

The School community is appreciative of the commitment indicated by Council to establish a signalised pedestrian crossing outside of our School. When first announced last year the news was met with excitement and relief.

To see the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing is included in the draft Annual Plan, as per page 14, suggests that this upgrade will occur within the coming 12-15 months. That is incredible news!

Our School and wider school community wish to make it known that we support this initiative.

We appreciate that a draft Plan is just that, a draft, but we make this submission with a view to endorsing the draft Annual Plan specific to this item and ask that it remains in the finalized Annual Plan that Councillors will adopt in the coming months.

The safety of our tamariki is not something that should be anything less than the highest of priorities. Councillors will certainly be demonstrating to our school community that they are of a similar view if the signalized pedestrian crossing progress to completion in the coming financial year.

### Elevated Road Level

It is our understanding that when the signalised pedestrian crossing was first approved in 2024, it was intended to include a raised safety platform to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance safety for all road users, especially pedestrians and cyclists. Given the high speeds at which vehicles often travel outside our school, the raised safety platform was a welcomed addition, and we greatly appreciate the councillors' efforts in ensuring its inclusion.

However, if the current plan no longer includes the raised safety platform as part of the pedestrian crossing, we strongly urge reconsideration.

Far too often, at our existing road patrol pedestrian crossing, we witness vehicles traveling well in excess of the 40 km/h speed limit. Some drivers even speed up to pass through before the second barrier is extended or dangerously maneuver around the barrier arm before students enter the crossing.

We are unconvinced that a signalised pedestrian crossing alone will prevent similar driver behaviors. The raised safety platform directly addresses these concerns by enforcing lower speeds and creating a safer environment for everyone.

### Community Support

I include at the end of this submission messages of support for the reinstatement of the raised platform. I would ask that you listen to our community and ensure a safer environment on Harewood Road from next year.

### Conclusion

Harewood School and its wider community supports Council's intention to establish a signalised pedestrian crossing outside of our School.

Harewood School and its wider community advocates for the safety of our children through urging the Council to incorporate a raised platform as a component of this crossing.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.

The School would appreciate the opportunity to speak to Councillors at the Annual Plan public hearings.

### Recounts from Our Children on Road Patrol:

"I live in Harewood. My Mum helps me on Road Patrol in the mornings. I always get worried about cars that speed because they might not slow down. One time my sign was out but a car sped up - they were on their phone. Really scared me. I thought, 'this is a dangerous job.' My heart was beating so fast."

"I live in Bishopdale. My Mum helps on Road Patrol. One morning we were really scared because a driver wasn't paying attention and was not slowing down after coming along from the highway. They had to slam their brakes on. There have been other cars scare me with their speeding. I wanted to quit Road Patrol but my Mum told me not to."

"An adult always has to be looking at the cars when we are on Road Patrol because they have to watch people coming off the highway. Sometimes the adults helping have to yell at us to bring our signs in because of cars speeding and not seeing the Road Patrol in time. And sometimes people who are crossing have to run to the side of the road. It's really scary."

In just 24 hours, we gained 32 Messages of Support from Our Concerned Harewood Community to Reinstate the Raised Platform:

Thank you to the Christchurch City Council officers and staff for prioritising a signalised pedestrian crossing outside Harewood School. It will certainly make the environment outside the School much safer for all. I understand that the original proposal for this crossing included a raised road platform. This aspect has since been removed and the budget in the Annual Plan does not allow for the raised road platform. I would urge Councilors to reconsider this. Vehicles coming off the motorway onto Harewood Road are all too often traveling in excess of the 40km/h limit. It can be difficult to adjust quickly to such a reduction in speed, especially when having to cut speed by half. It is therefore not surprising how often vehicles go through the Harewood School crossing when one barrier arm is extended. This includes going around the extended barrier arm when it is on their side of the road. This occurrence of going faster to get through the crossing before children commence crossing is exactly why a raised platform is necessary. Reducing vehicle speeds as a result of the raised platform will mean the vehicles are more likely to stop at the crossing. If they do not, and elect to run an amber or red light, putting children at risk, then the reduced speed will be vital to the safety of children. Thank you for the commitment to a signalised pedestrian crossing being installed in the next 15 months. Please include a raised road platform as part of that crossing when it is constructed.

[REDACTED]

I have witnessed many cars speed and come close to the students crossing the road. Some also almost driving through the road patrol signs. A raised Platform would help slow the cars down on Harewood Road to protect the Tamariki from being seriously injured or worse! We need to slow the cars down to prevent this sooner rather than later as there has been so many incidents and near misses to day because cars were not guided to slow down and a platform would help this.

[REDACTED]

I feel it is extremely important to have everyone's safety come first, that being said - with Harewood School being on a main road & off the motorway, the crossing should be raised to ensure traffic slows down, especially coming off an 80km zone. Yes there is the 40km sign but having a raised crossing will make drivers slow down sooner.

[REDACTED]

With traffic flowing directly from an 80km motorway, vehicles often approach the crossing at unsafe speeds, creating a dangerous environment for our children, school staff, and the wider community. Those working the crossing, as well as parents and school staff, have repeatedly witnessed drivers failing to slow down appropriately. A raised platform would ensure vehicles reduce their speed, making the crossing safer for everyone. We really hope common sense prevails and Christchurch City Council prioritise this before a serious accident occurs.

[REDACTED]

The Harewood School crossing is just 250m from SH1. Much of the traffic passing our crossing has been habituated to travelling at speeds of 80 kph (and often over). It takes time for drivers to adjust these habits as many of our children will attest. We frequently see cars passing through the crossing at speed, apparently oblivious to the presence of children

attempting to cross this busy road. A raised crossing will act as a significant deterrent to speeding and provide a means to changing driver habits quickly and safely. I strongly endorse the school's request to reinstate the raised crossing in the Council plans.

[REDACTED]

Not installing a safety platform at Harewood school immediately affects the safety of the children attending this school. Having watched countless cars ignore the signs at school crossing or speed through presents a dangerous hazard. Even with lights, driver would speed through and a platform would deter that.. With a main high way just a couple of 100 Metres away, and often sun at the wrong level, drivers only slow down when police are onsite showing an a lack of regard for our younger generation, and sometimes extra precautions ensure safer processes. A safety platform would ensure safety at all times of the day, specifically when children are arriving and leaving school. No budget savings are worth endangering the children accessing Harewood school and or the neighbouring Playcentre.

[REDACTED]

Recently my daughter and I were a near miss crossing the road at Harewood School. While the crossing signs were out, with no fault of the Road Patrol, a driver went straight through not even hesitating to stop. I had to pull my daughter back to save her from being injured or something worse. A slowing traffic platform outside Harewood School is essential for enhancing safety by reducing vehicle speeds and minimizing the risk of accidents. By forcing drivers to slow down, it decreases the likelihood and severity of collisions, especially with so many young children crossing the road at this location. The raised design would improve visibility, making children and other pedestrians more noticeable to drivers. It will encourage safer driving behaviours, promoting a more cautious and responsible approach near the school after coming off SH1. Additionally, these platforms support walkability by creating a safer environment for students and parents who walk or cycle. Overall, it would serve as an effective traffic-calming measure, reducing aggressive driving and ensuring smoother, safer traffic flow outside the school. No cost saving measure is required here, you are endangering lives if you don't invest in the platform.

[REDACTED]

As a parent at Harewood School and a parent who also helped with road patrol, I have witnessed on a daily basis the number of people who come speeding off SH1 completely oblivious to the fact there is a school and a playcentre not far from the turn off. A safety platform would ensure the safety of all the families who attend Harewood school and playcentre and is a no brainer. It is sad to see the number of drivers who speed through the crossing, sometimes even when the lollipop has been placed out and sometimes don't even slow down when we have police onsite monitoring the speed of the vehicles. The raised platform is a necessity for the safety of our tamariki and the council shouldn't be making budget cuts at the expense of our children. I hope they reinstate this plan sooner rather than later.

[REDACTED]

I strongly support the addition of a raised platform on the Harewood School crossing, as maximising the safety of the Harewood School community should be of the utmost priority. Harewood road is very busy, and close to the motorway - the latter appearing to result in an increase in speed near the school. The raised platform will provide a clear prompt for cars to slow down, which can only be a good thing when children and their families are trying to safely cross the road.

[REDACTED]

There are many factors affecting the safety of our children both on their way to and from school. Any and all measures that can be taken to mitigate the risks for anyone crossing the road must be taken. There have been very few times when I've dropped off or picked our child from Harewood that I haven't witnessed speeding or inattentive drivers passing through the crossing with no regard for the safety of those using or about to use the crossing. The speed reduction measure of a raised crossing platform must be part of the reworked crossing. It alarms me that a vote was taken to remove this in the first place as it indicates that the construction of a cycleway that will congest an arterial route through the Northern part of Christchurch by removing the two lane capacity of Harewood Road takes precedence over the safety of our children. Council must reconsider their decision to remove the raised platform crossing and prioritise safety for children and adults using the crossing. I urge all Harewood parents to use their voices to help ensure the safety of our children and those who will attend Harewood School in the future.

[REDACTED]

Given the close proximity of the school from the motorway, motorists have a tendency to commence speeding when approaching the roundabout and therefore on approach to the school entrance. The speed limit is hardly enforced therefore making it a hazardous experience to cross to road to bring children to/from school. CCC objectives with regards to community outcome is to provide a safe environment. Providing a raised crossing would help mitigate and deter motorist to speed along Harewood Road. Harewood Road is a minor arterial road with heavy traffic volumes and high speeding vehicle, the safety of our children is a priority and traffic calming measures such as a raised crossing should be maintained in the CCC short and long term planning.

[REDACTED]

I am disgusted to learn that the plan for a raised platform on the Harewood School crossing has been removed. The proximity between the school and the State Highway should warrant the installation alone. As a parent of Harewood School I am parked outside the school daily (often earlier than 2:45pm waiting). The number of vehicles I witness daily that travel past at speed is scary. Please do the right thing, the children and parents deserve to be safe coming and going from school.

[REDACTED]

I have experienced a close call, due to speed and inattention, while supervising my son and another child on road patrol. It was traumatic for everyone involved. The entire school community, especially those on road patrol, would appreciate the provision of as many safety measures as possible to keep our precious tamariki safe. We are located on such a busy road and with so much traffic coming off the motorway at speed, surely it makes sense to provide raised safety platforms as another speed deterrent.

[REDACTED]

As a Nation, City and local community we need to guide and protect. Christchurch City Council you are our community you have responsibility and power to make a choice. Please take this moment to invest in protecting our future, add a raised safety platform, it will increase driver awareness and slow traffic. The opportunity presents itself now, it will be costly to wait.

[REDACTED]

A raised platform is a must have. I have driven down Harewood Rd countless times to see cars speeding or overtaking as they already consider it to be a 80km/h road. Many drivers don't bother to slow down during school pick up and drop off times. The only way to ensure our children's safety is to have the raised platform installed.

[REDACTED]

I am strongly for a raised platform and traffic lights to be installed outside of Harewood School. I am truly shocked at the speeds at which people drive past the school while children are trying to cross the road. My son has had to quickly pull his road patrol sign in on more than one occasion where a vehicle has failed to stop. Please get this job done right before a serious accident occurs.

[REDACTED]

Harewood Road is an incredibly busy road. I have witnessed cars speeding through the crossing, despite crossing guards clearly being on duty. It is a matter of time before a devastating injury occurs; our children are too precious to compromise their safety.

[REDACTED]

The legal speed limit is meant to be 40kms when the Tamariki are crossing too and from school. The Road Patrol kids do an amazing job but the number of times cars either don't slow down or don't stop at all is getting worse, especially from the airport end where they come off John's Road doing 80kms. A raised platform would enforce the slowing of vehicles to make sure the crossing is safe, not just for our School community but also for everyone else who uses the crossing.

[REDACTED]

I find it astonishing that the plan of a raised platform for the school crossing has been removed. When I have seen many going up around other schools and even speed humps along the road before even getting to the crossing. With a road that is regularly patrolled due to the issues of speeding, a raised platform crossing in this area for our vulnerable children should be a priority not a suggestion.

[REDACTED]

I would definitely support a raised crossing for the safety of our children at Harewood school, the amount of times where cars are not slowing down or stopping is scary. I'm always super nerves when it comes to walk across the road with my younger child who may not always remember to slow down and wait before cross.

[REDACTED]

To the Christchurch City Council: As a parent, my number one priority is my tamariki safety—especially when they're navigating busy roads to and from school. That's why I'm deeply concerned about the removal of the raised safety platform from the planned signalised crossing outside Harewood School. Every day, our children rely on this crossing to get to

school safely. But too often, we hear reports of drivers speeding through, ignoring the signs, and putting kids at risk. Road Patrol students (who are young children) have had to pull their signs back and retreat to the curb because cars aren't stopping as they should. That is terrifying. A raised safety platform is a simple but effective way to slow traffic, ensuring that drivers approach the crossing with caution. It's already been successfully implemented outside other schools, and we know it works. So why should our children be any less protected? I urge the Council to reconsider and reinstate the raised platform. Our kids deserve a crossing that prioritises their safety, not the convenience of speeding motorists. Let's make sure this cycleway truly supports safe, accessible transport for everyone—especially our youngest and most vulnerable road users.

[REDACTED]

I strongly support the reinstatement of a raised safety platform at the Harewood School crossing. A raised platform is vital for ensuring the safety of our tamariki, as too many drivers are oblivious to the fact that there is even a school there! I recently had a close encounter while on Road Patrol—children were crossing, yet a driver, still doing at least 80km/h, failed to see the lollipop signs. This kind of dangerous behaviour is exactly why a raised platform is necessary. It forces drivers to slow down, making them more aware of the crossing and the children using it. Without this essential safety measure, our children remain at serious risk. I urge the council to prioritise their safety by reinstating the raised platform in their proposed plan.

[REDACTED]

I will assume anyone voting on it to be removed doesn't actually have kids that attend Harewood School. But every parent would likely say it is absolutely necessary to slow the traffic down coming from the motorway, and in saying that plenty of drivers speed down Harewood road at 60km instead of the 50km normally. I think the car that is currently sitting on Harewood Road a few doors down from the school all smashed up from an accident is proof enough that drivers need extra help to slow down on this road. The raised safety platform absolutely needs to be reinstated for the safety of the kids who will use that crossing regularly, anything to help drivers be aware there are kids crossing there and to slow down gets my vote to keep our kids safe.

[REDACTED]

Far too many cars go well over the speed limit past our school, even when school patrol is out. The safety of our children should be the number one priority, as such the council should seriously reconsider their decision not to install a safety platform at the crossing.

[REDACTED]

I think the raised crossings at schools is a no brainer to slow traffic down. Ultimately a foot bridge or underpass would be much safer again, and I would strongly urge the council to look into this option as well if not possible with the current plan, maybe in the future. My wife is one of the road patrol parent helpers. Every time she has done the crossing duties, she tells me of the endless speeding drivers throughout the short time the crossing is operated by the school. Common sense must prevail here and safety should be number one. A raised crossing would help alot with the current and serious safety issues had daily on school days. The traffic is either leaving or entering an 80km/h busy motorway at that time a couple of hundred metres up the road. When she has the lovely community constable on duty, he tickets an alarming amount of drivers that choose to not slow down as they approach the crossing.

Just today there were several incidents of speeding drivers. Do the right thing by our children, they are our future after all.

[REDACTED]

The amount of cars that are still oblivious to there being a school there and thinking the speed is still 60 is a common occurrence. A raised crossing will definitely make drivers more aware of the crossing.

[REDACTED]

So important to have a raised platform at the crossing outside Harewood School. Vehicles come so fast off the motorway and often fail to slow down putting the tamariki, parents and staff at risk everyday. Having a raised platform would be very visible to drivers and alert them to take more care and slow down while passing the school. Please consider this before an incident occurs.

[REDACTED]

Coming from John's road the 8.45am-9am morning sunshine is very intense and creates a lot of glare. All efforts to slow traffic down should be taken. What is the reasoning for not keeping children as safe as possible!

[REDACTED]

In the event that a vehicle failed to stop, which seems like when not - if.... Harewood School is in a more dangerous place re these concerns than a lot of others so the more safety here the better.

[REDACTED]

It is staggering the number of vehicles approaching the Harewood School crossing at speed. Drivers are often oblivious to pedestrians and show little regard to speed. Something needs to change to ensure that the Harewood community is safe. It seems that a raised safety platform is an essential and effective way for the ongoing safety of our children at school crossing times but it will also help all pedestrians. I strongly urge the council to reconsider their decision and reinstate the safety platform.

[REDACTED]

I share the same concerns as all these parents. Don't let this be something you wish you'd done from the start.

[REDACTED]

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Robert **Last Name:** (required) Fleming

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

Given the ongoing progress over the last 14 years to get Christchurch back on its feet and recent events and inflationary environment this increase is acceptable to our household.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curlletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I believe that both projects need to be returned to their original spending priority and delivery schedule as per the approved long term plan. Both projects will have significant benefits to the city, particularly in the medium to long term. After all, we're already behind in delivering the promised major cycleway network; further delay only will add further to the costs. Bus priority is essential if we are to have any chance of preventing Auckland like congestion in the near future.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Other than to treat our water infrastructure renewal is a high priority.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

The of service here needs to be maintained. Green space is crucial if we're to attract people to live in the city and green public space must be retained and maintained to a good level. Once built on, green space is gone. We need higher density housing in appropriate areas; more people living in smaller spaces is a recipe for social unrest without high standard public space.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Capital spending must be prioritised for a better future, particularly community amenities, preservation of our past, three waters, waste treatment and that required for good urban planning. Capital spending that helps fund better public transport, active travel,

mobility travel and MRT should take priority over building more roads to reduce travel time by a few minutes or seconds. We're already an overburdened city with personal cars as the priority mode of transport. This needs to change.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Not too worried either way as it is a very small amount. The cathedral project does need to be completed in my opinion.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

No.

### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

All of them, bit more particularly those related to keeping Christchurch looking great. Those that protect our environment, and services such as the libraries, pools, and recreational spaces. Community support targeted at low income users, newly settled communities and the disadvantaged need to be retained as a priority.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

I don't believe our rates should be subsidising the provision of parking in the city. That money needs to be used for providing better transport choices. The cost benefit advantages of such choices and better living amenity need to given greater weighting than to providing car parking, disability parking excepted.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

We have to prepare for the future or we'll pay a higher price eventually. It is inevitable.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

From what I've read, it is sensible to consider disposal, providing that there is zero chance of the site being desirable for public green space in the future.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

The city is steadily becoming a better place to live. We have to keep progressing with what will make the city even more liveable in the future. Many areas of greatest improvement ( particularly CBD ) now have slower traffic speeds, enhancement of the ability to walk, bike and scooter and there is some great artwork. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

### Future feedback


1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

Attached Documents

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

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### Feedback

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**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

This is horrendous, well above GDP, wages increases or bank interest rates, so this is a losing battle. We need to cut spending on "un-necessaries" to reduce rates to be compatible with what people can afford. Home ownership is a traditional Kiwi virtue & we need to be supporting that fully. We don't actually need the fancy stuff like City centre stadiums(=free work environs for the elite sports), excess riverside precincts, art sculptures/art constructs and all those cultural pander projects. We also don't need to spend ANY money on dubious climate change ventures that target the hoax of carbon dioxide content. Common sense ecology will do just fine & we've been pretty steady on that over the years.

Oh and we can quit spending any money on the recent & ever increase asphalt vehilce destroying, Emergency service slowing humps that are appear out of nowhere on pedestrian crossing. No warning, just a sign at the hump, and largely invisible at night. I CCC planner created disaster waiting to happen. Where has road planning's common sense gone??? In a true emergency this disingenuous development will come home to roost.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I'm a cyclist & have been all my working career. The fullness of this Wheels to Wings is ridiculous...in particular the Bishopdale round about proposal...absolute lunacy. Currently takes me 24 seconds to get thru this roundabout. Can one ever imagine all those traffic lights/signaled crossings creating anything in the name of progress??? Total lunacy and I dare say NONE of the planners will ever use it. At the presentation sessions some years back one of them had no other argument to the lunacy then to say to me "oh well you don't have to use it, you can still join the traffic if you like". As for the excesses of the actually cycle way up the length of Harewood Rd, totally not in the interest of ANY of the residents. Taking away on street parking for multitudes, endangering cyclists all day & especially at night on these ridiculous separated lanes the go past everyone's driveway. Do the CCC planners not realise that regular cyclists are not out for a Sunday golly...they can be

traveling at around 30km/hr most of the time. Compared to just a simple/cheap 1m green strip beside the vehicle lanes, these excessively built up cycle ways are a total hazard to all...including the cyclist. Take for example the upper Colombo st cycle way...a disaster for all. Have you seen the rubber marks and damage to cars from all those curbs!!! And then they even change sides with a set of randomly place signal lights just near the end??? What???

Harewood/Gardiners/Breens traffic lights are the only thing I support so far...and even that's because I feel sorry for the timid car drives who "freeze" at the prospect of traversing 4 lanes at once.

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1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Keep doing a good job with our wonderful resource that one can pump right from under our feet.

A few things I would NEVER like to see:

1. I don't want Fluoride added to the water. Nor any other chemical or product that is not primarily for potable water treatment.
2. Please make the unnecessary Chlorine disappear from our water as soon as possible.
3. Please don't go to a per litre charge for residential (home owner) properties. The excess use per month fee is fine.
4. Farm & industrial contamination of our water table thru negligent ecology management, especial up stream in the great Canterbury.

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1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Just keep them tidy and accessible. We don't need spending on art & culture in these areas.

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1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

No more Stadiums.

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### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

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1.2.2

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Finish the pledge and keep the funds invested. Things only get more expensive(NZD less worth) under the recent decades of NZ governance

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

No

1.2.4

### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Stop borrowing more money. Re-Budget within our means. If we get less Stadiums, all the better. Lots of stuff we don't need. Stick to core services.

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

No comment.

### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

Why do you prefer this option?

No comment, but just trying to support the council's preference.

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Good pure water supply.

Common sense progressive roading that allows for piratical & sufficient space for pedestrians & cyclist without ideological excesses.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

Stadiums,  
Culture ideology driven events,  
unnecessary arts purscutes,  
excess fireworks displays,  
unrealistic "study" groups and research grants that do not have common sense at their core.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Prevent Pedestrian crossing raised hump development ...Today!!!  
More co-ordination on road works/infrastructure upgrades/repairs...ie don't keep digging up the same bit of street, more planning.  
Yes, Stadiums...stop the gold plating.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

I don't believe the predictions in sea level rise & temperature are valid and so I don't think we need a specific "Climate" Resilience fund. We can just repair and deal with things from Annual plan to annual plan as the changing needs of the environment have always presented . If by 2030 we are not trending in the direction that The Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ "Environment Aotearoa 2019 has reported...then we have proved the point of avoid the cost of excess & unwarranted "insurance" policies.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Waiting until we can better afford it. The aircraft will keep just fine outside in our CHCH environment.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

1.3.5

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Just look at whether it "worked" last time? If outstandingly yes, then do it again. If mediocre then put it to bed. Trying the same unworkable feature twice & expecting a totally different outcome is dumb.

**Potential disposal of properties**

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

If they are unable to generate enough income to support their continued existence in CCC ownership, then sell them.

**Anything else?**

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

I hope the feedback is truly helpful :-)

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Peter **Last Name:** (required) Rough

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Lyttleton Historical Museum Society Inc.

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

President, 80 people

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

I have a written submission concerning a request that Council give due consideration to providing significant financial support for the proposed Te Ūka The Lyttelton Museum. Please see attached submission.

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Submission to CCC re Annual Plan - FINAL- 28 March 2025 

**Submission to:**

**Christchurch City Council regarding Draft Annual Plan 2025/26**

**From:**

**Peter Rough, President, Lyttelton Historical Museum Society Inc**

## **Overview**

The Lyttelton Historical Museum Society has a significant collection that is in storage in containers at the Air Force Museum in Wigram and at the Iron Mountain commercial storage facility. Since the loss of the Council-owned building on Gladstone Quay, which housed the Lyttelton Museum, the sense of the museum has been kept alive by maintaining a sense of community engagement in a variety of ways. A bold and innovative design for a state-of-the-art museum has been designed for a prominent site on Lyttelton's main street. Resource consent for the building has been granted by Council.

The level of community support for the proposed museum is extraordinarily high. Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum will tell stories local to Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour and in doing so will be quite different from, yet complement, the national Air Force Museum and the regional Canterbury Museum. It will also complement the local Ōkains Bay and Akaroa museums on Banks Peninsula.

Because significant sources of funding, which were anticipated to be available at the time resource consent was granted, have been terminated the only visible alternative is for Council to provide funding at a level well above the \$2m requested during the Long Term Plan consultation. I respectfully request Council to give due consideration to providing significant financial support for the proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum building project.

## **Background**

In 2024 I made a submission to the Long Term Plan asking that Council recognise the proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum and consider contributing a sum, in the order of \$2 m, for the project. This sum was envisaged as seed money for undertaking detailed design and documentation, contractor procurement, and initial siteworks for the proposed museum, for which resource consent has been granted by Council. While this work was underway the balance of the funds would be raised.

Subsequently we were asked by Council to prepare, with assistance from Council staff, a Business Case – this has been completed and made available to Council with several letters of support from community organisations in Lyttelton and other settlements around Lyttelton Harbour.

In 2024, fundraising advisor [REDACTED] was engaged to undertake a Fundraising Feasibility Study, the aim of which was:

- To determine if the build of a new museum in Lyttelton is still a priority and widely supported by a cross-section of the community.
- To determine if the fundraising goal can realistically be achieved, regarding the current economic outlook and in the context of a central government promoting an austerity approach to funding.

- To determine if volunteers with the need skills are available to join a fundraising committee.

Extensive interviews of a cross-section of the community revealed that the level of support for the museum project is extraordinarily high with 100% of the people we interviewed saying that the museum project is of very considerable value and should go ahead.

While the feasibility study was being undertaken the Ministry for Culture and Heritage announced the closure of the Regional Culture and Heritage Fund, which has had a significant impact on the ability of the campaign to raise money for the proposed museum. This situation has been compounded by the closure of the Lottery Grants Board Significant Projects Fund. And securing lower levels of funding is also challenging as Government has slashed funding or completely cut contracts to many NGOs that they contract for services.

A contribution of the scale of the grants previously available from the above-mentioned funds is required for the campaign to succeed. The only visible alternative is for Council to provide funding at a level well above the \$2m requested during the Long Term Plan consultation. A project cashflow amounting to \$14m over five years is set out in our Business Case.

## The original museum

Lyttelton Museum was established in 1969 by respected local historian [REDACTED] (QSO, NZAM), with help from dedicated volunteers and donors. Council provided space for the museum, initially in the former Shipping Company headquarters and, from 1980, in the Council-owned former Merchant Navy Centre building at 2 Gladstone Quay.

In September 2010, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake caused significant damage to the premises, forcing the museum to close for repairs, however an even more destructive 6.3 magnitude earthquake in February 2011 placed the building beyond hope of saving.

The Lyttelton Volunteer Fire Brigade and staff from the Air Force Museum of New Zealand staged emergency recovery operations, rescuing most of the museum's precious collection for safe storage in the Canterbury Cultural Collections Recovery centre at Wigram. The Council's building on Gladstone Quay was demolished in September 2011 leaving the community without its somewhat quirky and much-loved museum, which had a focus on Lyttelton's long-established connections with Antarctica.

## Strategic Plan

Based on a survey of the community and a feasibility study Society members agreed that a local museum was important to them and to the Lyttelton community, and in 2013 prepared a Strategic Plan, a principal purpose of which was to preserve, present, and interpret the history of Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour for the benefit of the local community and people who visit Lyttelton. Three key projects were identified:

- Recovery and management of the Society's collection
- Engaging with the public
- A new museum

## Recovery and management of the Society's collection

In the early years following the earthquakes, a grant from the Council and insurance proceeds were used to engage museum professionals to check all items in the collection for earthquake damage, clean, photograph, and fully document the Society's collection, before packaging it for safe storage. A subsequent grant from the Lotteries Commission allowed for the Society's photograph and image collection to be digitised and made available online.

Currently, most of the collection is stored in containers at Wigram while some of the more sensitive items are stored at Iron Mountain (a commercially operated, environmentally controlled, storage facility).

## Community engagement

Keeping the sense of the Lyttelton Museum alive and maintaining a sense of engagement amongst Society members and the wider community was identified in the Strategic Plan. Initiatives have involved establishing a website, which enables the more than 20,000 items in the Society's collection, including objects, photographs, and archival resources, to be viewed online, making our collection 'virtually accessible' to a global audience. The museum has produced numerous 'popup' exhibitions that have been held in various Lyttelton venues. Digital slide shows have been created and installed at community festivals and events, newsletters have been circulated, guided walks have been undertaken around historic sites and, in conjunction with Lyttelton Engineering, a calendar is produced annually using photographs from the collection.

Currently, Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum is undertaking an editorial partnership with Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke to develop a bicultural narrative based on the Museum Society's digitised collection and the hapū's Taonga Māori collection. This initiative, which received a Manatū Taonga Regeneration Fund grant, is enabling the development of innovative bicultural solutions for the proposed museum's narratives and exhibitions. The stories will be showcased in a soon-to-be published *Te Ūaka Stories* essay print publication.

## A new museum

A bold and innovative design for a state-of-the-art museum with a sustainable design framework, has been prepared for the Society by architects Warren and Mahoney. The purpose of the museum is to provide a place to actively share, celebrate, and preserve the taonga and stories of Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour for the benefit of the whole community and its visitors.

The concept of the proposed museum is based on an idea that this museum will collect, hold, and share not simply objects, but stories. The museum and its displays provide an opportunity to create a modern facility with dynamic and interactive displays that can bring the stories of Lyttelton and Whakaraupō to life. The main collection will tell stories in themes including Tangata Whenua, Antarctica, Maritime, Colonial Canterbury, Lyttelton Local, and Lyttelton by Nature. Discussions with Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke revealed that the hapū are keen for the new museum to display some of their taonga and incorporate Ngāi Tahu storytelling about Māori history and traditions associated with Te Whakaraupō.

With an entrance on London Street the building will have a reception area, permanent and temporary exhibition spaces, offices and meeting rooms, storage, and collection work rooms and, on

the uppermost level, an event space that will afford views over the port. The site of the new museum, located at 33/35 London Street next to the Lyttelton Library, will maximise access for locals and visitors and link the collection and stories within to the town, the port, and the natural environment of Whakaraupō.

During initial design phases Ngāti Wheke artist Nathan Pohio gave feedback on design development and a cultural narrative was provided by Ngāti Wheke to inform design conversations including designing to support meaningful ceremonies and tikanga for the gifting of taonga to the museum. Features of the exterior architecture that were adapted in response to these conversations were the entry threshold incorporating a ngutu, and the cladding, which was thought of as a woven cloak with a tāniko edging. Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke gifted the name Te Ūaka for the museum, referring to a landing place, a place of arrival or a berthing or mooring place for watercraft.

In March 2023, after a long-drawn-out process, the Society obtained resource consent from Council for the proposed museum.

## Benefits of a new museum in Lyttelton

Lyttelton has a unique and significant place in the history of Canterbury, New Zealand, and Antarctica. The richness of its stories from the land to the sea adds to the special character of the town and is integral to its sense of community and identity. From the ruins of the old building the Society has a vision to create a sustainable new attraction with dynamic and engaging displays and associated programmes that bring the stories of Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour to life. It will be educational, informative, and entertaining to a wide audience, from its community to international visitors.

The Society's collection is a core strength and is valued for being unique, comprehensive, and relevant. The Antarctic collection has international significance and numerous themes of national importance are also represented, including maritime and waterfront history, pre-European history, war, and immigration. Objects that resonate with local social history are also represented and are as diverse as historic furniture and textiles, maritime artifacts, images, and written records. The new museum will bring objects together with high quality interpretation and imagery. Objects will also be used to illustrate personal stories that are unique and inspiring, humorous, or poignant to enable visitors to easily connect with and relate to Lyttelton's, and Lyttelton Harbour's, history.

The new museum will play a role in education, in leisure, and in tourism. It will encourage visitors to Lyttelton but will be complementary to, rather than competition for, hospitality and retail businesses. Based on visitor numbers from similar-sized museums, it is anticipated that more than 35,000 visitors per annum could be expected, which is a similar number to those that used to visit Akaroa Museum when cruise ships were visiting. School visits and programmes were a frequent occurrence at the original museum and with modern exhibits and programmes to support them will be again.

A market analysis report suggests that the museum could help develop Lyttelton into a mini destination as it will be a recognised attraction for the town ship and could cause other facilities and services to be located close to it.

There are references of the need for a new museum throughout the **Lyttelton Master Plan** (prepared by Christchurch City Council, June 2012), but the case is perhaps best summed up under item N6 (page 70):

*Celebrating Lyttelton's heritage is about creating opportunities for people to connect with the stories and people of the place. It is about improving Lyttelton's legibility and finding ways to strengthen its identity. Providing memories of specific buildings and activities that stood in the town centre will be critical to rekindling a post-earthquakes sense of place. The Lyttelton Historical Museum is integral to local landscape and heritage interpretation. Its collections of local social and maritime, and international maritime, military, and naval history are of local, national, and international significance and are a tangible link to the past. It has been a valued part of the Lyttelton community for many years, regularly hosting schools and other groups, in addition to tourists and locals. Its building has been demolished. A new building should be designed to meet the needs of the collection and visitors to the museum but could be a shared facility.*

**Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan 2023-2030** (Christchurch City Council) is underpinned by 10 pillars that seek to guide decision-making and prioritisation of the many agencies and communities that work in the peninsula. We believe that the proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum will support at least five of the pillars, these being:

- Celebrate the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula narrative (03)
- Preserve and promote "communities of special character" (04)
- Embrace all four seasons and diversify tourism activities (06)
- Work with local hapū to develop tourism and associated activities (07)
- Provide tourism and facilities for visitors (09)

Since 1901, Lyttelton has a long history of involvement with the Antarctic region, especially as a vital port during the heroic era expeditions of discovery when it hosted some of the most influential figures in Southern Ocean and Antarctic history, such as Scott and Shackleton. Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum's significant Antarctic collection provides potential for far greater engagement by residents and visitors in Christchurch's Antarctic connection – from the history of exploration, through to current interests in science, ecology, and climate change, which will be compatible with the strategic framework of the council's **Christchurch's Antarctic Gateway Strategy (2021)**.

### **The proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum and its relationship to other museums in the Christchurch District**

The Air Force Museum of New Zealand at Wigram is the national museum for the Royal New Zealand Air Force and New Zealand military aviation and, accordingly, is a museum covering nation-wide Air Force and military aviation matters. Canterbury Museum is a regional museum, which tells stories about Christchurch City and Waitaha Canterbury. It does not cover all the stories about Ōhinehou Lyttelton and Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour in the detail and depth that is intended for the proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum, which will be a local museum telling its own stories.

Within the locality of Christchurch, the Air Force Museum, Canterbury Museum, and the proposed Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum have quite different roles and realms of interest but are, in essence, complementary. And regarding Banks Peninsula, as a local museum, telling local stories, Te Ūaka Lyttelton Museum will complement the geographically somewhat distant local museums located in Okains Bay and in Akaroa.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

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### Feedback

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

No

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were

originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

I vote to dispose them all.

#### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Jan **Last Name:** (required) Harrison

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I can cope with the rates increase so long as it is spent on the essential services needed to keep our lovely city operating.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

As a resident of Bishopdale, who is also a cyclist, I want the Council to install traffic lights at the Harewood Road, Gardiners Road and Breens Road intersection, and install a signalised pedestrian crossing on Harewood Road at Harewood School Te Kura o Tāwera, so long as the pedestrian crossing does not contribute to the congestion currently experienced every weekday morning at the Harewood Road roundabout. **The proposed cycleway should be put on hold.**

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Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

*If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know*

If I want to contribute to the Cathedral reinstatement I will do so as an individual. If it is included in our rates, then I don't have a choice.

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Yes

## Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

Why do you prefer this option?

It seems to me to be a fairer option.

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It's a huge asset to the city that will give payback for many years in terms of domestic and international tourist contribution to the city's economy.

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Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

### Comments

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It's one of the things that would be nice to have, but not essential to the wellbeing of the city and its residents.

**Future feedback**

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Yes

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**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Akaroa Voices for Peace

### Feedback

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#### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Kia ora

My name is renan Cataliotti. I am a resident of Akaroa community and a member of Akaroa Voices for Peace as well as Regenerate Banks Peninsula.

On Behalf of Akaroa voices for Peace I would like to express my support for the proposal of a youth and multicultural community centre and ask the community board to include this proposal to the annual plan 2025/2026.

Our community is very rich in diversity with many origins and culture: From Māori and British to French, Germans, north and south Americans, Africans, Czech, Indian, Pacifica, Asians, eastern and southern Europe, Pakistan, Indonesians, etc..

This great diversity could be celebrated and benefit our community even more through cultural events like cooking and sharing meals, teaching cultural traditions, a place where we can all meet and celebrate each other culture during important events throughout the year like matariki, Ramadan, Bastille day, etc...

We recently went to a fund raising event in Christchurch where a group of people were cooking meals from their home land for about 200 people. That evening was a great success and we thought this is something we

could organise for our community to help other communities in the world.

But the lack of venue and commercial kitchen usable by the public would make that planning very difficult. That is when we realised Akaroa needs a COMMUNITY CENTRE with a commercial kitchen, enough room to accommodate conferences, fund raising events and local groups activities like dancing clubs, art, music, reading, games, cooking, etc.. a public, functional and safe place for everyone to use.

Also a place, in collaboration with heartland, that can facilitate mental health help and treatment from counsellors, psychologist coming from out of the community and groups that help others in need to succeed through everyday challenges in life.

A place where our youth can meet and gather to do activities or just catch up away from home or school but in a safe environment.

A sport complex, where everyone can come and do yoga, basketball, tennis, swimming, relax in hot pools and then have a shower. These services can also be available for tourists and visitors. Especially in winter on a rainy day when there is not much activities available in out town. This will boost our local economy.

A HUB that goes from the freedom camping area ( which will improve it) to the main road and across the green.

A place that will link all of us, from all different origins, ages or interest together. One community in our diversity.

Also a community food forest and garden involving local residents and their Tamariki with a market area and conservation centre which will be explained in the next presentation on behalf of Regenerate Banks Peninsula.

Thank you

Renan Cataliotti

Akaroa Voices for Peace

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**First Name:** (required) Murray **Last Name:** (required) James

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents and Business Association)

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Chair Person

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As a committee - lower rates rises is of limited concern - we were bothered by the initial intent of the long term plan to implement lower rates rises at the cost of community funding. This was ultimately corrected and funding of community led elements in our and all other locations around Christchurch was reinstated. We were generally pleased with this.

As a community - we have a mix of comfortable and high need residents. most of the high need residents are renters and do not directly suffer from the level of increase in rates. They do however suffer from rental increases that inevitably follow rates rises. Accordingly our committee does not have a mandate to prefer maintaining level of service over minimising the degree of increase in rates in each annual plan.

I think we can all agree that eliminating wasteful spending so as to minimise the inevitable creeping increase in rates is a good idea.

As a committee we do not support the sale of council owned assets as a means of minimising rates increases

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In general terms Richmond has been well serviced by spending on the council owned transport network and we work hard to maintain an active link between WAR and the CCC Transport team. This relationship continues to be a good thing and we

understand that there are many competing priorities across the city. We seek simply to maintain our close relationship and to push for projects of importance within Richmond. We are however patient and take a long term view

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

No significant commentary on this element

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

We are blessed with many green spaces and reserves within Richmond and in particular delight in our proximity and relationship to the OARC.

The dismissal of community representation within the co governance committee is met with disgust and anger from our committee and in general from our community. We will be polling our community on this matter in upcoming events and will advise CCC of the outcome of this community survey.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

WAR has been invited to join the working committee for the capital project planned for 10 Shirley Road. We will engage with vigor to support and enhance our community engagement with respect to this investment proposal

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Heritage and key city landmarks are important. Our committee supports a targeted rate - we have not polled our community on this matter and can therefore not respond with a mandate.

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WAR has no particular position on this. In our view it is a matter of the cost of equity vs the cost of debt - if on balance CCC can borrow at advantageous rates and does not need to burden property owners with more regular rates increases - then borrowing to avoid this social burden makes sense - we leave it to the financial minds of the CCC to make the best call on our collective behalf.

#### Fees and charges

1.2.5

#### Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

Many of our committee members experience direct and personal contact with council fees and charges. Not one of us considers that the fees charged by council in particular with respect to building and resource consent matters reflect commercial reality and in the absence of the ability to tax - council would be out of business as a value provider in moments as cost does not reflect value.

This can be address either by reducing cost or increasing value. In many ways the latter would be better with CCC changing its mandate to actively enable activity and provide advice and guidance - moving some way from its "risk mitigation" current MO.

1.2.7

#### Why do you prefer this option?

No particular comment on this - however within Richmond there are many waste minimisation activities under way. These could be paid more attention and given some love and care by CCC.

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

#### Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

This should read - reducing the rate of increase of rates. Reducing rates is a misnomer. WAR would prefer to comment on this within our in person submission.

1.2.9

#### Tell us about the services you could manage without.

Insufficient time to consider this properly

1.2.10

#### Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

Insufficient time to consider this properly - however - in general engaging with community rather than sidelining it as a nuisance

tends to have fairly positive outcomes in terms of multiplier effect on spending.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This policy, like many others is lip service and is not truly supported by the actions of council staff in our Committees view - we have not polled our community in this matter and therefore cannot comment with a mandate

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Disposal of property that has no useful application and is surplus to foreseeable requirements is a good idea in the view of the WAR committee - we have not polled our community on this matter.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

A big yes on this.

The Long term plan starts by setting out a beautifully drafted set of strategic aims and objectives. From the perspective of the WAR the intent described in these paragraphs is compelling. In our experience across activities engaged in by WAR and by our associated groups AON, FRN, Otakaro Orchard, Council staff (not so much elected members) do not live by the doctrines described but rather view Community engagement as an inconvenient nuisance. (Rev) Peter Beck recently noted in a Finance and Expenditure committee meeting that Community is happy to be a nuisance and will continue to be so as a means of holding council to account against its stated aims and objectives.

This is a massive disappointment to us at WAR and we would love to see the focus and expressed actions of all council staff change to align with the stated position of the long term and by delegated inference annual plan.

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**First Name:** (required) Harrison **Last Name:** (required) McEvoy

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I do not believe this lower rate increase is a sustainable or sensible action.

Keeping rates artificially low will kneecap our city financially and cause CCC to fall further and further behind in meeting its obligations. To use additional funds from the 24/25 AP to suppress the 25/26 AP rates increase is a waste of those funds. CCC should be using those funds to pay down debt.

Suppressing rates is a political cheap shot during an election year.

The financial instability CCC is currently facing is in large part because we have exposed ourselves to risks in the OCR and insurance markets. As interest rates fluctuate, we will continue to see higher rates if we keep debt high.

CCC needs to enable density to ensure there are more rating units in the city where we already have infrastructure. They should also investigate Land Value Ratings instead of Capital Value Ratings.

CCC should rate at a level sustainable for its obligations, not at a level that is politically nice.

#### Proposed spending

## 1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Wheels to Wings needs to be kept on budget. It has been made into a political football to serve the needs of elected members, while the community is left out. CCC should look to build key safety improvements first, such as Bishopdale and Gardiners/Breens, then connect them when funds are available.

Bus lanes on Lincoln Road should be a priority. With PT Futures moving buses to turnup and go frequency, they need more priority. To this end, CCC should also investigate accelerating bus priority measures so these investments can be best utilised.

CCC has major accountability issues with Transport spending. The fact that it is either unable to, or unwilling to breakdown costs relating to major transport line items is unacceptable. CCC needs to be far more transparent with its expenditure in this field.

Local Cycle networks need to be prioritised going forward. These are essential parts of the city's networks and have been put off for no good reason.

If CCC commits to a business case, it must be sure it can complete it. The recent debacle around the PT Futures business case is unacceptable. CCC should not be taking on work to under-resourc it when it becomes too hard or falls behind. In taking on ECan's MRT BC, CCC complete it. The future of our city is dependent on how well we can move. If CCC fails to even set the groundwork now, we have no hope of becoming a livable, efficient city.

So much more work needs to be done in this space. Currently, this is a major concern.

If CCC can't complete business cases, it should spend the funds implementing programmes it needs to.

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### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

## 1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

## 1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

The rate should be paused.

The funds should be used to improve Cathedral Square by bringing forward line items from the 27/28-34 AP lines and doing them now. There is a major disconnect environmentally between the south and north of the city, and Cathedral Square is the primary reason for that. It is unacceptable that CCC has put off this work, and now that the Cathedral restoration has paused, the funds should improve the area adjacent.

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### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

Yes

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1.2.4

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

This should be far more ambitious. CCC should be targeting a much higher percentage of rating for renewal given the savings it will have.

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#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

This whole question is premised on the basis that we should cut services to cut rates. That idea is flawed and dangerous. Service Cuts should not be considered to reduce rates. They are inequitable and destructive.

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1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

See above.

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1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Why are elected members so focused on cutting costs instead of increasing revenue? This approach systematically pulls down CCC and makes it less capable of carrying out its job.

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#### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This fund should be uncapped and collected in perpetuity. The contribution rate should also increase. We literally can not afford the impacts of climate change unless we start now.

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#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

*If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know*

Why does this cost \$200,000? Will CCC operate the shuttle itself or are we doing a BC to then hand it over to ECan? Will it be compatible with Motu Move, and will it fill gaps in the Central City?

More clarity is needed here.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

- 1) CCC should not sell land that is being used by or providing an amenity to the community.
- 2) CCC should be cautious that the land it sells will not trigger further urban sprawl.
- 3) CCC should be cautious around the usability of the land in relation to contamination and identified risk under the District Plan.
- 4) CCC should ensure that the sale will give a return to ratepayers higher than the amenity value it would provide if retained.
- 5) CCC should ensure that Elected Members' Conflicts of Interests are scrutinised in the sale of land.

CCC should direct CIAL to sell the land at Tarras. CIAL's failed takeover of Queenstown Airport has sunk the Tarras Project. It is now a burden on the ratepayer as a shareholder of CCHL. There is no way CIAL can develop a competitive airport project at Tarras. Either they reapproach it or sell the land.

CCC should sell the Lichfield Carpark Building. CCC is under no obligation to be a carpark building operator. If it does not make sufficient returns then all CCC is doing is subsidising car trips into the city. That is detrimental.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

CCC needs to seriously reassess how it reports and presents project funding data. Programmes like PT Futures account for a \$71M spend but have no definition. That's insane.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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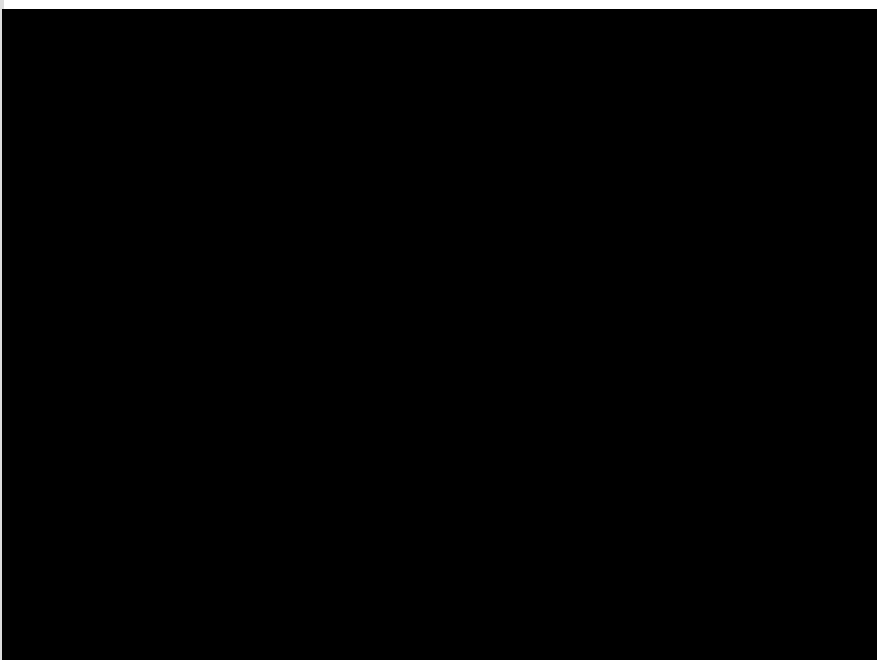
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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Josephine **Last Name:** (required) Cataliotti



Would you like to speak to the Council (the Mayor and Councillors) about your submission at a hearing?  
If you select yes, please also select all potential hearing dates that would suit you from the list provided.  
We will contact you about a specific date and time as soon as we can.

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

### Feedback

#### Air Force Museum Grant

You can read more about this on [page 26 of our Consultation Document](#).  
Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

#### Anything else?

You can read more about our proposed Annual Plan in our [Consultation Document](#).  
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1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

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I also run the Akaroa Community Dance club, assistant coach for the Akaroa Karate club and also helped for many years to teach for the Littleriver gymnastic club. Working with children and teenagers in my community is something I'm very dedicated to offering my free time to.

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For the youth of Akaroa we feel there is a gap and a need for a multi-functional space to focus on the health of our Tamariki and teenagers outside of school and homes where they feel safe and valued. A place where they can unwind from pressures of school and exams. Where they can be with their peers away from alcohol and drugs.

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Provided games like adventure card games, board games or Dungeon and dragons with possible tournament evenings. This is super popular at the moment and can also raise money.

Another idea is to have some video gaming allowed, controlled of course with pre chosen and downloaded games set up for multiple players. No games involving violence or lawlessness.

One of the most damaging things for our youth today is isolated gaming of violent and lawless themes, disconnecting players from each other and creating a lack of a personal accountability of ones actions. For this reason it is so important to promote interaction and team work without taking away what they enjoy doing.

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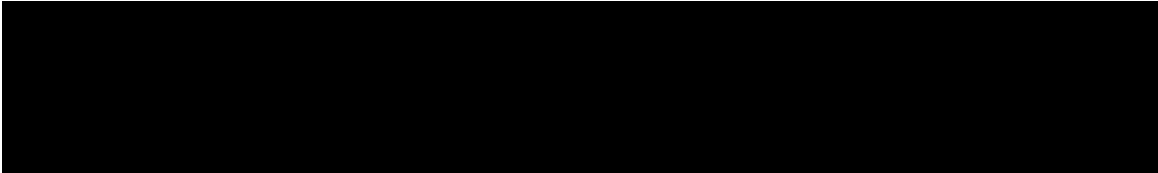
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Kelly, Samantha

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From: Josephine Cataliotti [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, 28 March 2025 5:58 pm  
 To: CCC Plan  
 Subject: Community and multicultural centre for Akaroa and the bays



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Josephine Cataliotti

Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025  
First Name: (required) Harry    Last Name: (required) Stronach  
If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name: (required)  
Akaroa Residents & Ratepayers Assn Inc

Your role and the number of people your organisation represents: (required)  
President, approx 100 members

Attached Documents

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# **Akaroa Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc**

To: Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154

Date: 28 March 2025

Attn: The Councillors

Dear Sirs,

## **SUBMISSION REGARDING DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-26**

The Akaroa Ratepayers and Residents Association is an Incorporated Society that has been established to promote the interest and wellbeing of the community in the Akaroa area. This submission is made on behalf of the members of this organisation, and we believe this also represents the general interests of the wider community.

This submission has been prepared by Harry Stronach, the President of the Society.

### **We wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

There are a lot of items that we could discuss, but this is a single-issue submission that focusses on the big item:

#### **The Akaroa Wastewater Debacle**

There are no kind words that can be said about the Council's attitude, behaviour and actions during this sad saga, that has now been on-going for over a decade.

Council have doggedly pursued a scheme that is now shown to be fundamentally flawed. Even in the most optimistic scenario, the scheme would have failed to achieve the stated key objective if preventing wastewater discharges to the harbour. While at the same time it promised to impose unacceptable risks, and cause distress and damage within the local community.

During the entire process the views of the local community, and of the overwhelming majority of local residents, have been largely ignored. As a final insult, laced with a dash of arrogance, Council spends ratepayers' money planting out over 100,000 seedlings for an unwanted patch of bush, even while the consent process is still in action. Maybe the project managers think money grows on trees, so if you plant more trees you get more money for Council to spend on the staff's favourite projects?

We know that the Council have spent many millions of dollars (we have lost track of the exact number) in pursuing this misguided adventure, and that much of it has been wasted. The scheme has been driven by flawed ideology, lacks any real strategic vision, and is poorly underpinned by shaky technical analysis. When it came up against a wall of common sense, all this was exposed.

And who does the Council have to thank, for being extracted from this sticky mess?

It is indeed convenient that Government have punted-up some new Wastewater Standards, which have given a convenient face-saving reason for calling a halt to the current consenting process.

But we all know that the real reason for the change of heart is the exceptional work that has been done by the Friends of Banks Peninsula Inc, and their supporter groups, by providing sound technical evidence and logical analysis that has laid bare the flaws in the proposed scheme.

To achieve that, FOBP and others had to raise over \$100,000 from the local community, to fund the necessary expert witnesses and legal professionals. And in direct opposition to the community that they claim to represent, the Council has spent many times that sum, extracted from the pockets of ratepayers.

There is no fairness in any of that. But we suggest that there is an opportunity for Council to repair at last some of the damage, make amends, and regain some level of trust within the Akaroa community.

Council produces a lot of talk about community engagement, resilience, growth, partnerships and well-being. Feel-goods words, but how about some action?

**We call on the Council to reimburse FOBP for all the expenses that they have incurred in opposing the Council's resource consent applications.**

After all, they were just doing the sort of work that Council should have been doing all along.

Submission by:



Harry Stronach (for, Akaroa Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc)

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Mark **Last Name:** (required) Fursdon

### Feedback

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1.1.1

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In this economy the Council should be taking all steps to keep rates increases to an absolute minimum. This means not spending money on changes to streets that benefit minorities and disadvantages the majority and compromise traffic flows and on street parking for residents and businesses alike.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I find it extremely difficult to understand why there is any need for a cycleway on Harewood Road to the airport and I am 100% opposed to this proposal proceeding as this is an absolute waste of our hard earned money paid in rates. The \$32m cost associated with this proposal cannot be justified for infrastructure that benefits minorities and disadvantages the majority and compromise traffic flows as well as on street parking for residents and businesses alike.

I would be happy for the Council to cancel the proposal in its entirety.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

No comment

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

I note that parks and reserves in the Harewood area are not well maintained and are full of uncontrolled weeds which are also encroaching over footpaths. Hedges are seldom trimmed and have also encroached over footpaths to the point where trimming

them back to the edges will destroy them

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

No comment

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

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Provided that the savings are used to reduce the proposed rates increase

### Rating for renewals

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#### Comments

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Use the money saved by canning the Harewood Road cycleway

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

No comment

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

No comment

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

No comment

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1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

No comment

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1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

No comment

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No comment

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### Air Force Museum Grant

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**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

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1.3.3

#### Comments

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Use some of the money saved by canning the Harewood Road cycleway

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### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

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### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the draft annual plan.

Through this process I have found it difficult to find the supporting information related to the questions and for that reason I have not been able to complete as many as I wanted to.

The consultation document is sparse on information and for the most part there are insufficient links to easily find the relevant information to be able to make reasoned submissions.

A cynic would suggest that the information is intentionally difficult to find to discourage review and comment and minimise objection to the Councils largely predetermined agenda.

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**Future feedback**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Alan    **Last Name:** (required) Collins

### Feedback

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1.1.2

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Harewood Road Cycle Way

I wish to propose the CCC puts the Harewood Rd cycle way on hold but installs traffic lights at Harewood-Breens -Gardeners as well as outside Harewood Primary school. Cycle way is a total waste of ratepays money in my view. Uptake for exsisting cycleways in the city is very low.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

## Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025

First Name: (required) Jane Last Name: (required) Ellis

## Feedback

## Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

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Yes

1.3.3

## Comments

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this is an iconic part of Christchurch. It has been visited by our family for over 35 years and now the 3rd generation of our family continue to visit regularly. There is a significant community input. This should be supported in any way possible

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The rate increase is reasonable given the low density of Christchurch, and the need to keep council services running smoothly.

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I am strongly in favour of spending to improve cycleways and public transit. I don't think it makes sense to delay the Lincoln Road project. Busways and higher-frequency service are crucial to making the service usable.

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**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

I am strongly in favour of this spending.

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I am generally in favour of spending on parks and reserves - they are a big part of what makes the City a pleasant place to live.

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This seems like a no-brainer. Interest rates aren't zero anymore, just fund it directly.

**Reducing rates**

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**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I am opposed to all service reductions, and would prefer increased rates over cuts in services.

**Climate Resilience Fund Policy**

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**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This is incredibly important given the City's vulnerability to climate risks including sea level rise and associated flooding, bush fires, and intensity of storms.

**Central city shuttle service**

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**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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A central city shuttle service seems extremely valuable.

**Anything else?**

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

I would like to see dramatic densification of the city. It is absurd that the densest housing in my neighborhood does not appear to exceed 3 stories, even on the intense public transit corridor of Riccarton Road. It is also absurd that even in the central city the housing is all surrounded by high-speed multi-lane roads. It's just not a particularly pleasant place to be, but it could and should be.

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Angus    **Last Name:** (required) Whitehead

### Feedback

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I believe the reinstatement of the shuttle service would be good for everyone. If it was in service people could get to places they may not be able to walk to, this would take cars off the road, which would benefit: pedestrians trying to get around the busy streets, drivers as there would be less traffic congestion for them to deal with, and the climate as a whole (less cars means less carbon emissions in the atmosphere).

#### Future feedback

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Fiona **Last Name:** (required) Bennetts

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I think keeping rates low now is kicking the can down the road for critical infrastructure replacements, such as three waters, and critical safety improvements, such as separated cycleways. I think rate should increase now, at least in line with the LTP, if not slightly higher, in order to deliver on critical infrastructure and other services.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

It is disappointing that the Wheels to Wings Papanui ki Waiwhetū Major Cycle Route is being delayed again. I'm please to see some crossing improvements along Harewood Road. Please also do the crossing near Nunweek Boulevard and the Bishopdale Roundabout. This would allow temporary materials to be used to create a cycleway along Harewood Road.

Local cycle connections, such as along Simeon Street, have a high benefit to cost ratio, so should be prioritised.

I am disappointed that the bus lanes along the middle section of Lincoln Road are proposed to be delayed. I hope that the other PT improvements offer vast improvements on bus reliability and frequency.

Please continue with the Mass Rapid Transit business case and keep pushing for regional commuter rail connections to Greater Christchurch and beyond (Dunedin).

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

I support spending on three waters. This is critical infrastructure that we don't want to fail.

Increase housing density to help fund this critical infrastructure maintenance, instead of urban sprawl.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Please include a line item to increase/improve bicycle parking and public toilet facilities (ideally co-located) in parks and reserves.

I support spending on parks and reserves. Green spaces are important for physical and mental health.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

I love libraries, swimming pools, and other community facilities like halls. Please don't cut these services.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I strongly oppose all service reductions to fund lower rates rises.

We need our libraries, swimming pools, sports halls, halls, community centres, and everything else to maintain community, health, and fitness.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

None

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

On-street car-parking should not be free in the entire CBD without a resident's card.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This fund is a great idea and I fully support it.

This fund should continue in perpetuity.

This fund could be used to respond to hazards, but also to mitigate against the effects of climate change.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

This service was well-utilised by both locals and visitors in its day. While some people get around the CBD on hire e-scooters, others are not able to and a free shuttle would be a much safer option.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

I would prefer to Council retains their property, but if there can be no foreseeable use for the property, and it is not serving the community, then disposal should be carefully considered. Do not sell land to developers to increase urban sprawl. All potential uses should be considered, including pocket parks and connections between communities.

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Fay    **Last Name:** (required) Brorens

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I think the cost of rates probably has to go up from time to time because it costs more to provide services - such as rubbish collection, libraries, sports venues, building inspections, consultation - and to maintain roads, safe working infrastructure. It is better, in my opinion to spend more on our city because it benefits us all. A safe, healthy, well run city is a place we can thrive and feel good about. It's the kind of place I value.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Good public transport is vital. I support improvements the council see as useful. Delaying cycleway can often mean less Government contribution - in these days where support is pared back we may need to 'suck it up'. I support improving roads to make cycling safer. If council staff could show the costs for road maintenance separately from cycle lane cost we may get better info. As our city density increases public transport will be easier. Mass transport routes need careful planning.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

clean water is essential. It will probably cost lots but delays will often be more expensive- there is as always a balance between planning and rushing ahead. It is essential we avoid burdening future generations with our mistakes.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

I love the tree planting programs.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

As mentioned already I support good quality services. Our government is currently cutting education, health

care, welfare, environmental protections, and it all creates a feeling of poverty and fear. I'd really like CCC to avoid this kind of cutting back. Good public facilities benefit social wellbeing and social cohesion which is very valuable in my opinion.

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

don't know

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

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No

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

keeping borrowing down is important. Future generations will have multiple challenges - climate heating, glaciers melting, sea level rise, population increases, resource scarcity, energy scarcity (very low EROI from wind and solar), less fertile soils, unhappy people expecting a higher standard of living, poorly insulated homes, people from flooded and hot countries seeking refuge etc It is import we avoid extra debt that isn't providing value.

#### Fees and charges

1.2.5

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

nope

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I value CCC services.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

I don't use many services but that's not the point.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

unsure.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

yes, I think costs are going to be massive.

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

unsure.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

good public transport is great value.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

be careful what is sold. Can it become a micro park? A place for biodiversity. Think long term.

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#### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Michael    **Last Name:** (required) Davidson

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I think the decision by the Council to reduce this year's rates increase, so it's less than what was signaled in the Long Term Plan by increasing next years rates increase is blatant electioneering and poor governance. This Council should take responsibility for its actions instead of creating a bigger rates increase for the next Council. Quite frankly the forecast 10.38% increase Council is now forecasting in FY27 compared the 5.80% is shocking. I don't recall rates increases ever being as high as we have seen over the last couple of years.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I do not support deferring the delivery of the Papanui ki Waiwhetū MCR. The delivery of this project has already been pushed out, which has seen costs escalate. The continual deferral of this cycleway will not only see costs continue to increase, but also leave the road, that Council knows is unsafe to bike on, in its current form for a much longer than it could be. Parts of Harewood that are not included in the first part of the staged approach are not safe to bike on. Councillors voting to delay this cycleway should ensure they've had legal advice on the consequences to them, if someone on a bike is injured or worse because of a decision they have made.

I do not support deferring the Lincoln Road PT project.

An elected member recently wanted an audit on mobility car parks because she saw some that are not being used, saying it was crazy. Instead of wasting money on an audit when most people value mobility car parks, i would like Council to consider increasing their budget and creating a budget of \$100,000 to make a transport infrastructure more accessible for people with disabilities. Eg, cutdowns on kerbs or even existing cutdowns made user friendly.

Also, stop allowing obstructions to be placed on footpaths that become a hazard for people with low vision.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

This sounds like a very sensible idea

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

While I don't use every service, I value every service that Council offers.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

The services that Council offer vary greatly and will be valued differently by everyone. It should not be a popularity contest.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Councillors' free car parks. Councillors should pay for the use of the car parks at the Civic building. From

memory certain Councillors get very angry when it's about removing something they get for free.

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### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

Fund should not be touched for at least 20 years, so it can accumulate.

Only be used on major projects that have been identified in approved adaptation plans. Not for BAU projects

Not used for disaster response

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### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Really.... This Council is delivering the highest rates increases this city has ever seen and you're proposing this

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### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

As part of scoping, work with ECan and consider a zero fare PT when the national ticketing system comes in.

Not sure why it's costing \$200,000 and being asked in this consultation when Council made a decision in September 2022 that should have seen more certainty around the shuttle by now.

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### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

This is nothing new...get on with it.

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#### **Future feedback**

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Ryan **Last Name:** (required) Bond

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

it is good that we fund the services we need

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

we should fund more cycle paths. Cycling gets people off the roads, gives people options, and helps promote healthy life styles. Cycle lanes enable all this.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

would be good to get a better playground in Simeon park

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

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Yes

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

we don't want to reduce services to our community. We should properly fund things.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

None

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

None

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Sophie    **Last Name:** (required) Bond

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I strongly support all efforts to increase the number, length and usability of cycle paths and cycling infrastructure.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

It would be great to see Simeon Park included in your spending plan. This is a high use park, with consistent growth in housing going in nearby. The playground is old and tired and dangerous in some places. This area needs a great playground.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

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Yes

#### Rating for renewals

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Yes

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

libraries, cycling infrastructure, public transport, parks and recreation areas, swimming pools

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#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

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#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

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#### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Please consider making a change to the Selwyn St shops pedestrian crossing. Drivers do not obey the 30km speed restrictions and I have experienced and witnessed multiple occasions of cars running this zebra crossing while pedestrians are either waiting or on the crossing. It is unsafe and many school children use this crossing.

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Brian    **Last Name:** (required) Enright

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Installation of traffic lights at Harewood -Breens-Gardiners is essential. I have witnessed a number of near misses especially for traffic turning right out of Gardiners Road into Harewood Road.

While I can appreciate the concept of the cycleway I have noticed very little cycle traffic on this route. At this stage with the rates pressure il would rate it at low priority and should be put on hold.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

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Yes

#### Rating for renewals

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No

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

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#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

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Yes

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Viane **Last Name:** (required) Makalio

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

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this is great the rate increase in the LTP had me really uneasy regarding affordability and how to keep up with the rising living costs

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I think we could probably look at prioritising areas with bad roads and upgrading general areas in the East example being our ongoing issues with roads footpaths and flooding/ drainage.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

N/A

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

i think this is important we have beautiful parks would love to see the east redzone used more for innovative and creative playgrounds, walking tracks, frisbee golf etc

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

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Yes

1.2.2

**Comments**

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

unless we do this for other churches or religions not sure if this is high on the priority list

**Rating for renewals**

1.2.3

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No

1.2.4

**Comments**

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

living costs are just too high at the moment

**Trade waste**

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

I think this is more equitable and gives good clear targets for groups to reduce so they are charged less

**Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

**Potential disposal of properties**

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

application based rent to buy for organisations or families

### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

i think the council should seriously consider a multi-year partnership with SPACPAC Canterbury who run 7 initiatives across the year for Pacific community. Their flagship event being SPACPAC Canterbury Polyfest bringing together over 30,000 people to North Hagley park. SPACPAC Canterbury have had a key role in building the Pacific resilience and leadership in Christchurch. I beleive CCC have funded here and there but i believe it would be worth seeking a multiyear partnership to allow SPACPAC Canterbury to have a foundation to grow and continue to elevate their initiatives.

### Future feedback

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Yes

#### Attached Documents

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# SPACPAC CANTERBURY PACIFIC CAREERS EXPO

Hosted by Ara Te Pūkenga and University of Canterbury to provide a general overview of future careers and employment opportunities. Over 40 businesses and agencies including training/tertiary institutions will be represented on the day to profile career and scholarship information for our Pasifika students.

Students will hear from inspirational Pasifika leaders and business owners. An expo with Pacific flare.

## Date & Time



Thursday 19 June 2025  
8.30am - 3.00pm

## REGISTER HERE



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## Venue



Te Pae, 188 Oxford Terrace,  
Christchurch Convention Centre

Contact Us

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# SPACPAC PACIFIC LEADERS BREAKFAST

The Emerging Leaders Breakfast recognises students who have made a significant contribution to the life of their respective school. As leaders they will have demonstrated the values and attributes associated with being an effective leader. Keynote speakers will be invited to motivate and encourage our student leaders throughout the morning on issues affecting youth of today. This is an opportunity for our Pasifika student leaders to strengthen networks with their peers from across Canterbury.


## Date & Time

 Wednesday 17 September 2025  
8am - 10am

## REGISTER HERE

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## Venue

 New venue to be confirmed

Contact Us

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INITIATIVE  
THREE



# SPACPAC CANTERBURY PACIFIC YOUTH AWARDS

This is an opportunity for students, parents, schools, and the wider community to celebrate our Pacific high achievers for 2024. With our revamp, we have come up with some unique and more prestigious awards that better showcase our Pacific students and their talents and achievements. Some examples of our new awards are Pacific Champion, Trailblazing Innovation Award, Sports Game Changer and Commitment to Wellbeing.

## Date & Time



Tuesday 6 May 2025  
5.30pm - 7pm

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-pacific-youth-awards>

## Venue



The Aurora Centre,  
151 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch

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# SPACPAC INNOVATE

A chance for young people to think of an issue and propose a solution for it. This provides our Pasifika students with challenges that will require some thinking outside of the box. Teams will be given opportunities to develop an innovative solution by means of a product/service to address a topical issue that is relevant to Pacific youth today.

Winning pitch will receive funds to support the development of their idea/ initiative. There will be opportunity to connect the groups with a business/community mentor to enable their idea/ initiative.

## Date & Time



Starting date:  
To be confirmed



Tuesday 12 August 2025  
3pm - 7pm

## Venue



Christchurch City Council  
Chambers, 53 Hereford Street

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-innovate>

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INITIATIVE  
SIX



# SPACPAC MAMANA LE LEO SPEECH FESTIVAL

The annual Mamana Le Leo Pasifika Speech Competition allows students to compete in the following languages: Cook Islands Māori, English, Fijian, Kiribati, Samoan, and Tongan. Students are able to gain NCEA achievement standards or unit standards (let us know if your school needs support around this).

Students can go on to participate in the Samoan FAGASA regional speech competition. Tongan language learners can gain speech writing support through the Lea Faka Tonga programme.

## Date & Time



Tuesday 2 September 2025  
9am - 5pm

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-mamana-le-leo-speech-festival>

## Venue



University of Canterbury  
Rātā Engineering Core

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INITIATIVE  
TWO



# SPACPAC CANTEBURY POLYFEST

Canterbury Polyfest provides the opportunity for our secondary school students from across the Canterbury region to celebrate and showcase their Pasifika cultural, language and identity through song and dance to reflect the diverse Pasifika cultures residing in Aotearoa New Zealand. In recent years we have extended special invitations to secondary schools from around the South Island to experience this opportunity.

Performing schools must complete a registration process to guarantee their spot on the performance schedule.

## Key information

- ✓ Maximum performance time of 15mins incl. entrance & exit
- ✓ Polyfest encourages the use of live music
- ✓ Provide your music tracks via USB & email track titles, 2 weeks prior. No exception after this.
- ✓ Please note additional gear you will bring on stage
- ✓ List number of people involved i.e. participants, teachers, parent help.
- ✓ Students are eligible to be assessed for NCEA credits (let us know if your school needs support around this)
- ✓ SPACPAC Canterbury Polyfest is 'NOT' a competition instead it is about celebrating and participating!


## Date & Time

 Saturday 22 March 2025  
8.30am - 5.30pm

## Venue

 North Hagley Park  
57 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

## REGISTER HERE

 <https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-canterbury-polyfest-2025>

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# SPACPAC PACIFIC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

This is an opportunity for any Pacific students in leadership positions to be equipped in a day retreat. This day will include leadership workshops, Pacific identity/ belongingness workshops, and an opportunity to meet other Pacific youth and community leaders from across Canterbury.

## Date & Time

 Tuesday 11 February 2025  
9am - 3pm

## REGISTER HERE

 <https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-leadership-retreat-2025>

## Venue

 Multicultural Centre  
455 Hagley Avenue, Christchurch Central  
City, Christchurch 8011

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Cody **Last Name:** (required) Cooper

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

We can reduce rates on an individual basis by increasing our rates base (the money we bring in).

Blocking different kinds of housing that would allow better utilisation of our existing assets already in the ground defies all logic.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Revoke, or defer until such time as NZTA is prepared to fund, all funding to KiwiRail or KiwiRail-related works. At the same time, write to Hon Bishop asking for some cash for rail upgrades here (as he has already done in Auckland). It is not acceptable to close infra we already paid for based on extraordinary demands by a party who barely participates in our community (ie no passenger rail).

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

The cost of the Akaroa Wastewater Treatment plant is concerning. I support targeted rates / DCs for this.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

The new teams are now working well and I want to say thank you to them for their hard work.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Please build the missing footpaths and kerb cuts down Dunbars Road.

I support signalising Awatea Road, as well as resealing Amyes Road. Give consideration before resurfacing Amyes Road how this will work with all the new townhouses down there.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I support money being used where it was originally intended. So either give it back (rates reduction), pay down debt or improve the wider Cathedral area's amenity.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Yes - it's common sense. We should not be using debt to fund renewals.

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

Paths maintenance.

Reducing the hours of facilities we have already paid for will lead to us underutilising them. Leave them open.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

KiwiRail sorting millions for their network upgrades.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Ask NZTA for more funding for Pages Road bridge and other works. We are paying more into the NLTF than we get back. Not fair to ratepayers.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

No - we have just spent \$1bn on Motu Move. Let's create a zone 0 and make that low or no cost instead.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Permitting more than one use for the building is always preferable to just a single use.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Dont sell Carrs Road Reserve.

The Kart Club move should be funded by DCs in that development area only (not the entire west).

### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about

future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Chris **Last Name:** (required) Carrow

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Christchurch Circus Trust

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Treasurer Trustee

### Feedback

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

The Christchurch Circus Trust is a tenant of the Roy Stokes Community Hall in New Brighton Christchurch, The Community hall is a hub for activities in our area.

The Circus Trust is a provider of Social Circus for CHch east community

We teach circus skills and performance, provide training space for circus practitioners.

We work with young people and adults and nurture social skills, coordination, fitness, strength and flexibility.

We have 3 to 5 productions per year that are for the public , we have a high level community of involvement, and have been in the Roy Stokes Community hall for 11 years .

Our shows have audiences of between 100 to 300 people. This equates to 20 to 100 car parks, When we have a show the collective audience park around New Brighton, and walk to the hall. While this parking option has worked with few having to park 3 or 4 blocks away, we see the continuing development of our area as a future car parking problem for our events and other users.

The following is some reasons why.

Chch city council has a plan to renew the road entrance into Seaview Road from the ring road. Rebuilding the bridge over the river and creating a limited street frontage parking zone, this will effect all current patrons and future users for events and bookings.

The community hall is available for all community events. The Old central New Brighton School site, its former home, was sold to a developer and they have consent to complete a total of 74 houses with minimal parking, the site has 14 houses currently completed.

When all the subdivision is complete the available parking will be marginalised as any parking on the street will potentially be occupied by the new apartment owners. And there are other subdivisions built or being built in New Brighton most of these developments have no onsite parking, so as they are being completed competition for the available car parks on the street will increase exponentially.

The Roy Stokes Commuity Hall was historically funded and run by the community as a hub. FYI it was used as the Central New Brighton emergency hub during the earthquakes.

When Chch city council CNZ sold the old school site, our community petitioned to have the community hall

subdivide off from the sale. This was successful, but no extra land was considered for parking around the hall. If there are any big audience events, patrons are forced to park blocks away, this will only get more intense with the continuing development of New Brighton.

At this time there is still an empty section of land behind the Roy Stokes Community hall, which would be ideal as a parking lot for all the current and future hall users. A potential space for 40 to 80 car parks.

In a conversation with the current developer, he is open to negotiate selling this land for a proposed car park.

The Christchurch Circus Trust are trying to find a solution for a future car parking problem in New Brighton.

Christchurch City council has the potential to help solve this problem

Please Christchurch city council, we need you to get behind this proposal, a future solution for a current and future problem. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Chris Carrow Treasurer Of the Christchurch Circus Trust, Caretaker of the Roy Stoke Community Hall and resident of New Brighton

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Yes

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### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Rob    **Last Name:** (required) Batstone

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1.1.1

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Of course i am not happy with the increase, its a disgrace in fact. Your spending our money willie nilly like its yours.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

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For a start speak english, the majority of us have no idea what those Maori words mean. Winston has said to knock it on the head. you guys are destroying the roads with these silly ideas, wasting money. There are better ways to achieve a similar result. easy to waste the money when its not yours isn't it.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

sorry i dont have much knowledge but with your track record i'd rather hand it over to the government

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

im happy to have my money spent in this area

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

no

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

I am happy to carry on paying for the rebuild of the cathedral, i love it. How ever just keep in mind that is not your money. so if in the future its decided not to repair the cathedral then that money must go back to the people it came from. dont keep it whats not yours.

#### Rating for renewals

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No

1.2.4

#### Comments

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NO way, do not increase any more. we have had enough. you need to look at what your spending money on. like any business

if your spending more than your making thats on you. Just spend on what needs to be done not what you think we want. Because if you keep doing what the community doesn't want its called a dictatorship

#### Fees and charges

1.2.5

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

dont understand enough to comment

1.2.7

Why do you prefer this option?

dont know sorry

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

just stick to collecting the rubbish, fixing the pot holes and looking after the water. stop ruining the roads. stop stealing our money for things we dont want. or let us vote before wasting our money. then you might find you dont need to borrow

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

humps in intersections, dog legs in roads that were designed by our predecessor to be wide and straight.

For an example, Manchester street.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

as my above comments

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

dont know much about it. But what i do know is NZ needs to pull out of the Paris agreement now. Its a total waste of money. we need to follow what the US is doing

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Yes i am very happy with giving money to Air force museum, its free to get in so of course im happy for this

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

## Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

give them back to the people you fleeced them off. shows your lack of empathy even asking this question. who are you.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

no

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Tim    **Last Name:** (required) McGoldrick

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

The revitalisation of the Children's Playground at Elmwood Park

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Community representative and coordinator

### Feedback

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1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I am happy to trust CCC with their judgement on this, so long as 7.58% is appropriated into the relevant areas that are needing attention. My thoughts are that the people of Christchurch deserve extra consultation with this.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

From what I understand, the majority of people in Christchurch feel the money could be better spent better elsewhere.

Going forward, again I refer to the people of Christchurch deserving extra consultation with this.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

No comment .

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

I have a petition in which I hope to attach to this email.

We need better playgrounds for our Families. Hagley Park SHOULD be an icon. The Botanical gardens themselves are spectacular, but the childrens play area is extreamly old and outdated. Can we spruce it up perhaps? Similar to Margaret Mahy or Sumner (Scarborough) . Residential playgrounds are embarrassing. Although Abberley Park is what we need more of.

Surely we at least levy every concert, festival or Polo event that happens to help part fund these?

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1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

No comment

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### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

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Yes

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1.2.2

### Comments

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The people of Christchurch deserve extra consultation with this

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No

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1.2.4

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Stop trying to save money.....start trying to generate it

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### Fees and charges

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

No comment

### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 3: Fixed volume rate

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

No comment

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

Making better attractions for not only families but visitors, indoors & out.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

Bike lanes

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Bike lanes. Invest, sell assets that aren't generating income

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

Put it to poll , vote

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

1.3.3

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Just don't loose carpark in the process

**Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

1.3.5

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Surely this could be scoped for 1/2 the price

**Potential disposal of properties**

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Sell them, invest, start making money or giving back

**Anything else?**

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

No

**Future feedback**



1.3.8

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Yes

**Attached Documents**

Name
Petition - In person 
Petition - Online 

# Petition to Christchurch City Council

Petition name (title):

To Rebuild Elmwood Park Playground.

Purpose (250 words or less, in either English or te reo Māori):

To provide better facilities for children & families, specifically ones upon the in the area. I have specifically proposed the playground.

To ensure your petition meets our Council's Standing Orders it must include the following details for each person who signs the petition:

- Full name
- Physical address
- Signature or email address

Full Name	
1.	Timothy James McElbird
2.	Nicola Clark
3.	Barry Clow
4.	Phil Shepherd

	Full Name
5.	JOHN DEED
6.	JULIE EATON
7.	HEATH WATSON
8.	JOE DUNKER
9.	MICHAEL CROFT
10.	MIKE WALL
11.	LEO WYNN-ULLMAN
12.	BOB SPINDE
13.	QUINT HANSEN
14.	WARREN SOLARSTONE
15.	FRED TAYLOR
16.	JESS A. JOHNSON
17.	ALAN JOHNSON
18.	MILARY SUTTON
19.	JEFF REED
20.	MARC GARYFORD
21.	GABRIELLE JOHNSON
22.	ED. MACHENZIE

Class of August.

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23.	Mark Cahill
24.	Antara Robinson
25.	Pam Kuchate
26.	Sarah Joya
27.	Cara Dehn
28.	Andre Paim
29.	Tanna Wilson
30.	Jim Parker
31.	Will Chappin
32.	Nick Gibb
33.	Chris Oliver
34.	Robert Flynn
35.	Diana Ming
36.	Anthony Belk
37.	Vanessa King
38.	Michael Watson
39.	Lee Stunbler
40.	Lee & Marcus Harrison

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42.	Elaine Robinson Ono
43.	Anne Ott
44.	Leoben Kogut
45.	Fergus Stephens
46.	Amy Thorsen
47.	Maria Harris
48.	Lucie Ey
49.	Francie Fenne
50.	Vivian Wore
51.	Jaimie Forbes
52.	Victoria Re
53.	Michelle Forster
54.	Jo March
55.	Kate Robinson
56.	Sam Brown
57.	Anna Hagler
58.	David Morgan

	Full Name
59.	Paul Frederick Shipley
60.	Sam York
61.	Sta Dave
62.	Ivan Maxwell
63.	Larisa Maxwell
64.	Sam Blair
65.	Melanie Jivn
66.	DEREK WHITE
67.	Lisa Paton
68.	Jenny Crothall.
69.	Kate Morgan
70.	Bridget Hyle
71.	Charlie Hanson
72.	Pip Webster.
73.	Kurt Bates
74.	Georgina Langridge
75.	JD DAVIS.
76.	Sarah Jeram

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79.	Sarah Bennett
80.	Dimona Chhens
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82.	Jane Alderson
83.	Kamajiet Singh
84.	Jenny Hills
85.	Tui Cooper
86.	Chloe Bayley
87.	Amya <del>the</del> Clark
88.	Eugene Evans
89.	Laurie Henderson
90.	Emma Richards
91.	Ashleigh Gargiulo
92.	Jon Marshall
93.	Madeline Fraboron
94.	

	Full Name	Address	Signature or Email addresses
95.	Charlotte Henderson		
96.	Johanna Tait		
97.	Rosa Henderson		
98.	Emma Robinson		
99.	Zoe Callaghan		
100.	Annela Leese		
101.	Kirsten Dick		
102.	Anthony Grace		
103.	Pete Stewart		
104.	Annela Gray		
105.	Nicki Halpern		
106.	Dianne Higgins		
107.	Nicki Gough		
108.	Jois Williams		
109.	Deb Simpson		
110.	Peta Petersen		
111.	Victoria Gibson		
112.	Dawn Polonsky		

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113.	Alana Taylor
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115.	Barant Shirlu
116.	Angus Street
117.	MARTIN BELL
118.	Phil McGarrick
119.	Dale O'Connor
120.	Kelsey Fairbairn
121.	Iwan Atwell
122.	Kirsty Puller
123.	Jackie King
124.	Mike Phillips
125.	EMILY WALTON
126.	Kristin Broadway
127.	Souja Bailey
128.	Souja Abernethy
129.	Louise Binnie
130.	Jim Skelborne

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132.	Steph Bevel
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134.	Rosa Carter
135.	James Dawkins
136.	Keira Tini
137.	JACKSON Lirace
138.	Michelle Carr
139.	* Wendy Spewood
140.	Rachael Pearson
141.	Maddy Nothing
142.	Nadine Thomas
143.	Indi Furze
144.	Danni Meekin
145.	Jordan Knight
146.	Hannah Campbell
147.	Michael Hayes
148.	Moulin Metch
149.	Francis Dettin
150.	

James  
Dettin

Name	Country
Mat Austin	New Zealand
Jenna Salt	New Zealand
Mandy Martin	New Zealand
Natasha Thomas	New Zealand
Nichola Myles	New Zealand
Elizabeth O'Neill	New Zealand
Michael Hall	New Zealand
Geovana Lage Barbosa	New Zealand
Genevieve Bergin	New Zealand
Ollie Young	New Zealand
Emilee Brown	New Zealand
Emma Haines	New Zealand
mellorie hinton	New Zealand
Hamish Falls-Anderson	New Zealand
Lucy Cross	New Zealand
Amelia Speight	New Zealand
Emily Gaffikin	New Zealand
Rochelle Everest	New Zealand
Helen Wright	New Zealand
Helen Desborough	New Zealand
Lorraine Desborough	New Zealand
Georgia Patterson	New Zealand
Lucy Harvey	New Zealand
Bruno Campos de Alvarado	New Zealand
Peter Crampton	New Zealand
Peter Bevin	New Zealand
Martina Kleinova	New Zealand
Julia Miles	New Zealand
Emma Little	New Zealand
Alli Copland	New Zealand
Georgie McLaughlin	New Zealand
Anelise Hyndman	New Zealand
James Rule	New Zealand
Elena Ash	New Zealand
Henry Shand	New Zealand
Lorna Craw	New Zealand
Josh Townsend	New Zealand
Matthew Hooper	New Zealand
Dan McLaughlin	New Zealand
Frankie Gosney	New Zealand
Sharon Trumper	New Zealand
Sam Wheelans	New Zealand
Kate Lambarth	New Zealand
Jocelyn Simmons	New Zealand
Hannah Lambarth	New Zealand
Jesse Cross	New Zealand

Lucy Robins		New Zealand
Khara Shine		New Zealand
Rebecca March		New Zealand
Pam Lags		New Zealand
Chris Fleury		New Zealand
Jude Parker		New Zealand
Emma Newman		New Zealand
Tim McGoldrick		New Zealand
Aaron Pero		New Zealand
Knox Dowson		New Zealand
Tim Weston		New Zealand
Ella Morley		New Zealand
Ali Harper		New Zealand
Jackie Whiting		New Zealand
Grace Rowland-Jones		New Zealand
Maisie Turner		New Zealand
Alex McGoldrick		New Zealand
Kieran Erasmuson		New Zealand
Kloe Palmer		New Zealand
Madeline Parker		New Zealand
Nikki Johnson		New Zealand
Yvette Hooper		New Zealand
Andrew Devlin		New Zealand
Joseph Petelo		New Zealand
Keri Page		New Zealand
Christine Mullins		New Zealand
Leesa Morton		New Zealand
Charlotte Cohen		New Zealand
James Turner		New Zealand
Sarah Keen		New Zealand
Sophie Palmer		New Zealand
Sheryl Killick		New Zealand
Simon McMenamin		Australia
Fuller Naomi		New Zealand
Lance Armor		United States
Lisa McPherson		New Zealand
Jill Wright		New Zealand
Jasmine Gough		New Zealand
Janna Robinson		New Zealand
Alison Aitken		New Zealand
Rose Chapman Chapman		New Zealand
Annabel Crozier		New Zealand
Nick Cowdy		New Zealand
Mark McGoldrick		New Zealand
Jon Inwood		United States
Lorna Hughes		New Zealand
Sandra Bamford		New Zealand
Michael Lewis		New Zealand

Veronica Garters		New Zealand
Angela Dowler		New Zealand
Nicola Bougen-Zhukov		New Zealand
Hartshorn ayman		New Zealand

Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26



Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2025  
First Name: (required) Fnn    Last Name: (required) Jackson  
If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name: (required)  
Somerfield Residents Association

Your role and the number of people your organisation represents: (required)  
Chairperson

Feedback

Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1  
What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?  
Please see attached document.

Future feedback

1.3.8  
For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?  
We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.  
No

Attached Documents

Name
SRA CCC Annual Plan submission 2024_25

Kia ora

The Somerfield Residents Association (SRA) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Christchurch City Council's Annual Plan 2024/2025.

### **About the Somerfield Residents Association**

The Somerfield Residents Association is the residents association for the suburb of Somerfield. At present we represent residents in the area between the Ōpāwaho-Heathcote River and Colombo, Strickland, Milton and Frankleigh Streets, except for the area south of Rose Street and west of Barrington Street which is currently represented by the Lower Cashmere Residents Association.

We are currently in the process of developing a vision for the future of Somerfield, based on what our residents love about the area and what they think it needs more of. While this is still underway, early indications are that our residents value their natural environment, the family-friendly nature of the suburb, and how easy it is to get around by foot or by bike. However, some residents still have concerns about road safety and accessibility, particularly for people on bikes.

### **Comments on the proposed annual plan 2024/2025**

Overall we are broadly satisfied with the plan. While a lower rates rise would be nice, this needs to be balanced with the need to invest in our growing city, including making up for years of underinvestment in our natural environment and pipe renewals. As such we feel that the Council has struck a reasonable balance.

We support the proposal to bring forward spending on the Selwyn Street Pump Station. While this project will be disruptive, it is a long-term investment that will improve the functioning of a core council service, including by reducing waste water overflows in the Ōpawaho-Heathcote River. We would like to see this work aligned with the construction of a cycle connection along Selwyn Street between Roker St and Christchurch South Intermediate School. This is a busy route for school children, and those on bikes do not currently have any protection from what can often be careless driving in the area. We would appreciate budget for the design and construction of such a connection with an MCR level of service being added to the plan, for delivery alongside the pump station and pipeline construction in the same area.

We support the proposal to add funding in 2024/25 and 2025/26 to complete the Simeon Street cycle connection. This is a popular route for many residents to commute to work, school or Barrington Mall. It was consulted recently and received broad support, so we are happy to see it has been readded to the capital programme.

We are concerned at the lack of a budget line item for the renewal of the Somerfield Park toilets. These toilets are very old and unpleasant to use, and we have been told an upgrade is coming shortly for some time. We would appreciate either an explicit line item for this renewal being added for delivery within the next financial year, or clarity from the council on where it sits within the renewals pipeline.

We support the proposed budget for the renewal of Cooke Street, and note that we have received feedback from local residents on the road surface quality of Selwyn Street between Somerfield Street and Milton Street. We would appreciate it if this could be added to the road resurfacing programme.

We would also like to state our support for the submission made by the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network, as pertaining to the natural environment along the river.

Thank you for your time

Finn Jackson, SRA Chairperson.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Samuel **Last Name:** (required) Miller

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

At this stage I believe the figure is appropriate.

While multiple consecutive above inflation increases might be difficult for some ratepayers, I believe it's important to look at both maintaining a decent level of service quality and trying to keep the rates burden down.

Fully support looking for more efficiencies while keeping a similar level of service quality. Would also support the council keeping debt levels down where possible

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Fully support both these projects.

Don't support deferring the Lincoln road proposal, as public transport should be one of our city's priorities.

Support the staged approach to Wheels to Wings, and would support safety improvements being prioritized for Harewood Road where possible, such as the Breens to Gardeners intersection traffic lights. Also support joining the Northern Line and Nor West Arc cycleways.

Would also support prioritizing the Blenheim Road to Wigram road section of Nor West Arc cycleway, as this is

currently a busy road for cyclists with a moderate number of trucks and heavy vehicles

Would also support creation of more local cycleways, both separated and on road. Would support further cycle and pedestrian safety improvements in the Riccarton area, particularly around Matipo and Clarence streets.

Also support the continued implementation of the PT futures programme, including potentially re-applying for NZTA funding.

Would also support further developing the MRT business case as the next step for improving PT, once PT futures rollout is complete

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### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Would support continuing it to fund the continued restoration of Christ Church Cathedral

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### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Fully support this

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### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Graham **Last Name:** (required) Robinson

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Addington Neighbourhood Association

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Treasurer, 25 members

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

It is still far too high an increase compared to the current inflation rate of 2.1%

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

There must be a cheaper way of doing the cycleways than is being done at the moment.

Why is it costing \$4.8 million for an upgrade on one block of Antigua Street ?

Other works on cycleways are equally as expensive.

It makes sense to get money from Whaka Kotahi towards the Lincoln Road upgrade, rather than the council pay for all of it.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Doing more water supply work than previously planned to avoid water leaks in the future seems a good idea, but people are struggling with cost-of-living increases. Can this not wait ?

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Are there enough parks and reserves to cater for the increase in population..

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Practical often lasts longer than flashy.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

No

1.2.4

### Comments

*If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know*

This seems to make a huge saving on interest costs when it is such a small percentage of the total Renewals spend of \$353.4 million.

My suggestion is to borrow less, even if it means doing less, especially if the Government is not offering to put money towards costs they are forcing on local government through regulations. Protest about the lack of financial help.

A list of items that the Government requires but does not financially support would be helpful in understanding the Council's position.

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

Fees and charges should reflect the cost of delivering services, but be aware that increases could be the straw that broke the camel's back for some people and businesses.

**Trade waste**

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

None of the above. It should perhaps be based on the type of trade waste ( and how that affects the waste system ) rather than just on volume.

**Reducing rates**

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

The three water services.

Many people on low incomes would have a poorer quality of life without public transport and library services.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

Should the Council really be involved in public housing ? This should really be the responsibility of the Government.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Stop buying into the idea that the city will gain from attracting tourists ( which is funded by the residents of Christchurch ). Concentrate on making life better for the people who live here.

Most new developments collect and hold grey water and stormwater, to release it later in a manner which does not overwhelm the system. Can this collected water be redirected ( in a cost-efficient way ) to the household toilet cisterns ? That would eliminate some of the work for the waste water system.

**Climate Resilience Fund Policy**

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the**

### Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

Why are you putting money into a fund , when the same money could be used to reduce debt and interest charges ? see Rating for Renewals, p23

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Why is the Council determined to be a local funding source ?

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Would it not be better to spend the money on supplying the shuttle for a period of time, then assessing its use ?

#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

If you are sure you are not going to need them, sell them ( but at realistic prices, not at bargain basement rates )

#### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

We live in Addington, which has had considerable housing growth over the past 5-7 years. This means that property values have shot up for older houses on a large piece of land suitable for redevelopment.

The down side is that the increased values are reflected in much higher rates, even for 500m<sup>2</sup> sections, which take more and more out of fixed incomes like pensions. There are some people being forced to leave their long-time homes because they cannot afford these increasing rates. The rate rebate available is way behind the

level of rate increases we have had.

The proposed increases for rates from a LTP total of 20.16% for 2025-28 to a Draft Annual Plan total of 26.58% ( the true increase over the period is actually higher, as each year increases on the previous year's increase ) is just wrong. The current NZ inflation rate is 2.1% and people's wages are not rising by very much. We had a spike in inflation a couple of years ago and it is expected to trend downwards, there likely being a recession.

The Council is given the right to levy rates on property to raise funds , but as it is a monopoly, there should be a limit to the level of rates it charges as people have no alternative supplier of services to turn to.

People are already struggling economically and the increases in rates also filter through to rental properties and higher overheads to business ( which leads to a higher cost of living for all residents )

Please find ways to reduce costs, or reduce the level of your spending to something the residents can afford.

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#### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Marie **Last Name:** (required) Gray

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I support the rates increase, as it's important that services are funded in a sustainable and equitable way. We do not save money when we cut funding to infrastructure, the environment, climate mitigation, parks and reserve and communities facilities and events. Spending money on these kaupapa are an investment in the future and will ultimately save us money by building resilience and social cohesion.

What I want is a council that is sustainably and equitably funded and which has the resources it needs to build a resilient and vibrant city. Underinvestment tends to be much more expensive long term – and historical low rates are one of the reasons we are in such a mess now.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Transport is one of the biggest expenses as a city. I am in favour on investment in footpaths, cycleways, public transport and safety improvements. I am a driver too and want to see a city that is not congested and where the roads are in good condition, but ultimately this is best achieved by getting people out of cars and by reducing the number of freight vehicles on the road (rail etc). I bike regularly with my son and safety is a big concern for me, I would bike more if there were more connected cycleways.

I want to see the Wing to Wheels cycleway go ahead and think a staged approach is logical with priority given to the connections between the Nor West Arc and Northern Line and safety measures. I want to see the Lincoln Road public transport corridor go ahead asap with no delays. I use Lincoln Road to travel most days and currently the buses are caught in the same traffic as everyone else. We want public transport to be convenient choice, not the inconvenient choice.

1.1.3

### Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?

The rates should be adequate to keep the water network in good condition and to ensure a planned series of maintenance and replacement. We have historically under-invested in our water infrastructure and we are playing the price now.

1.1.4

### Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?

I am a strong supporter of parks and reserves, I regularly access them with my children and want to see the biodiversity of the city and wider region enhanced. To this end, I support continued (and progressively increasing) investment in our parks teams. I also want to see investment in conservation organisations and projects. A healthy environment is essential for our wellbeing, plus conservation organisations do amazing work on the smell of an oily rag. Without CCC support many of these organisations could not achieve their goals and our city would be much worse for it.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Use the money already gathered to improve the amenity of the square.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

In the long run, it is cheaper to pay for the renewals as we go, rather than rely on borrowing.

## Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

The fund should be able to be used for both mitigation and adaption and should be extended indefinitely. Climate change is one of the greatest threats of our time and CCC needs to be a leader in this space, walking the talk and supporting our communities to change behaviours and adapt for the changes coming.

## Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I used to use the central city shuttle regularly prior to the earthquakes and believe this initiative helps reduce reliance on cars.

## Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

It is premature to dispose of any properties which may have future value as a reserve or community facility. Consult with the local communities on each property to understand how it is being used and the social/community costs of selling.

## Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

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### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

We pensioners only received a 3% increase for our "super" from the government! Why should we be asked to accept any increase over this percentage?

I am afraid that the City Council has become a "money grabbing machine". The mayor and councillors receive enormous salaries with hefty annual increases, free perks etc.

No I am sorry but we will not accept these increases. If some 10,000 ratepayers also refuse to pay for these ridiculous increases what will you do - arrest us all, grab our houses or kick us out of our homes?

But I suppose that anything we say will be ignored as usual (per the information I received from your weekly update)

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

leave transport as it is

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

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Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

My church has received nothing from the City Council so why should the Anglicans?

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

No

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Rubbish collection and police patrols

#### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

A complete waste of time - just "green rubbish"

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Why pay for contractors for this project when it could be done "in house"

#### Future feedback

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

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**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Sweet Soul Patisserie

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Director / 20

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

The proposed increase is 4 times above the inflation. This is really not fair on businesses.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

The majority of the customers and people spending money around CBD come by cars. We should facilitate more parking areas and not abusive prices on carparks.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

N/A

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

N/A

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Council staffing levels continue to grow without any corresponding increase in efficiency.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

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Yes

### Rating for renewals

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No

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Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

### Central city shuttle service

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Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

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No

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Andrea    **Last Name:** (required) Kofoet

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I get that keeping the rates increase lower than originally planned is a priority, but I worry that this could mean cutting back on essential services and much-needed infrastructure investment. Christchurch needs solid long-term investment in things like transport, community facilities, and infrastructure resilience. If we don't fund these properly now, we might end up paying even more later due to maintenance backlogs and declining service quality. I'd encourage the Council to focus on sustainable service delivery and future-proofing the city rather than just minimizing rates in the short term.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I'm frustrated that the Wheels to Wings cycle route still isn't fully confirmed, as it's a crucial project for Christchurch. In saying that, I appreciate the focus on safety improvements and agree that a staged approach makes sense, but it's essential that future stages are planned and prioritised to ensure the full project is completed.

I also think deferring the Lincoln Road public transport project is the wrong call. Public transport thrives on efficiency and reliability—delays like this could reduce confidence in the network and make it harder to encourage public transport use in the long run.

In terms of cycleways, it would be great to see a structured maintenance program in place to avoid unexpected cost overruns from ad hoc repairs. Separating asset renewals from cycleway budgets would also improve financial transparency.

And finally, the city absolutely needs to invest more in footpaths. Some communities still lack proper pedestrian infrastructure, which is completely unacceptable.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

I support investment in the three waters network—it's a core service that keeps Christchurch running and supports housing and urban growth.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Christchurch is full of unique urban parks and reserves, each with its own history and character. They're not just green spaces—they're social hubs that bring people together and represent a valuable investment in community wellbeing. Therefore the Council should ensure that parks, reserves, and walkways are and continue to be accessible, well-maintained, and welcoming for everyone.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

It's essential to maintain and improve community facilities. Everyone should have access to libraries, service and community centers, and recreational facilities—they play a key role in making Christchurch a great place to live.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I don't think reducing services should be a way to cut rates. Any cuts should only happen if it's clear that a service isn't benefiting the community—especially those who rely on them the most.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

I support the Climate Resilience Fund and believe it should be budgeted to continue beyond the current 10-year period. While I'm unsure of the ideal timeframe for holding funds in reserve, prioritising early investment in climate resilience projects would help mitigate the impacts of climate change more effectively.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

A central city shuttle service would be a great asset for the city and should definitely be scoped properly.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

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### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

If the city is to grow and prosper we need to both maintain the services and assets we have, and to invest in the future. I am happy with the current rate rise but I would be happy for it to go up to 8% if we reduce debit and invest in the future. Longer term that attracts more people to live in Christchurch and shares the rate burden across more households.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I would like to see Wheels to Wings build as it is currently unsafe to cycle down Harwood Road. I agree with the prioritization of the link between the Nor'West Arc and the Northern Line and the safety changes outside Harwood School. The lights at Breens Road has less justification without the cycleway.

I would like to see a cycleway connection from the end of the Unicycle at Dovedale, loop through to Merrin St past the school, down to Avonhead Cemetery then across to Stedmans Road, connection up with the Southern Express. I would also like a protected cycleway (or shared path) on the 700m of Northcote Road between the QEII path and the Northern Line. There are lots of school children cycling down this dangerous stretch of road that is full of heavy trucks. More cycle parking is needed. Some is not fit for purpose (Fendalton Library) and some non-existent. I support the Te Aratai College links and Simeon St, including lights on Milton St which is very difficult to get across. Cyclists will also need an alternative while the bridge is built. Love the new City to Sea path, and look forward to the Marine Parade changes.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Clean, safe water is essential, as is the removal of waste. I would prefer that the chlorine was removed. Water limits should be lowered to the original target as it saves both water and money. There should be programme working with ECAN on nitrate levels. This is a growing problem across Canterbury including Selwyn.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Fully support the spending on parks and reserves, including the native plantings, wetlands and water facilities. When upgrading paths, they should be widened to better facilitate mixed uses including cycling. Burnside Park paths have been recently renewed and are too narrow for their mixed use.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

I would like to see more expenditure of cycle infrastructure. Jellie Park needs a second group exercise room.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

We should use the existing money to pay off debt.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

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Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

We should be paying for regular maintenance and renewal now rather than leaving it to future generations or paying more in interest.

### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

## Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I value libraries, parks, recreation centres, green spaces and native plantings, cycle facilities. Plus the basics of sewage, rubbish, water, safety and all the things we forget about until something happens. I want the council to continue to work on reducing CO2 and other pollutants.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

I could do without a number of things but other might be reliant on them

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Work with the Minister and NZTA to reign in the unreasonable demands of KiwiRail.

## Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

## Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

This was a great service that I still miss. With Motu Move you have the option for another fare option. I would be happy to pay \$1 a trip for this service to come back. This would come some way to subsidizing the service. The original service was also partly subsidized by businesses.

## Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Happy for them to be sold s long as accessways are maintained where needed.

**Anything else?**

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Thank you for all the work that Council and staff are doing to make our city a better place to live. It is hard work trying to please everyone. Every year I see our city getting better and better. There are challenges but for the most part we are moving in the right direction.

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

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Yes

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Acceptable

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

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Acceptable

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Many councils around the country have experienced a S&P ratings drop as a result of central governments refusal to treat the three waters systems and offer fundig as opposed to insisting on a mandte

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

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No

1.2.2

#### Comments

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On the whole the citizens of Christchurch are completely dissapointed in the response of the Christchurch Cathedrals own rebuild efforts. The Cathedral has abandoned the city, and as a result it lies abandoned.

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No

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

Do not increase fees and Charges.

### Trade waste

1.2.6

What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

Why do you prefer this option?

It is the councils preferred option

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

I value our pools and libraries. I do not value expensive art work when our children will still be paying for it. I do not value the excessive debt servicing caused by increased borrowing.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

no feedback

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

1.3.3

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

I believe this is still an excellent investment and will yield both a social and a financial return.

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Future feedback

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I think it's not the right time to increase the rates when we are all struggling to make the ends meet. Christchurch city council has already done wasteful spending on some of the things when it wasn't required. Don't forget its our hard earned money. The bicycle lanes were not required in the suburbs. Only a handful of people are using it anyway. The roads are so narrow now that it's not easy to pass through in some suburbs without giving each other way.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Just stick to fixing the roads. No more cycle lanes for a handful of people.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

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Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

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Please do not waste our money on a material thing such as cathedral. When people have to sacrifice so much to pay the bills on time like rates, insurance, power and other bills etc. Our money should be spent wisely. Keep to the basic. Like upgrading of water pipes, maintaining our structures, keeping our city clean and roads etc.

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

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No

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Noise control Service

Street cleaning service mainly in autumn and winter when there are lots of leaves on the street which blocks the drains etc

Rubbish collection service

1.2.10

Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

I wouldn't recommend giving funds to different ethnicity people to celebrate their religious functions in the public. The rate payers money should not be spent on such things. I know this people are capable of doing it themselves because they get lots of funding from their own people. We could save lots of money there.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

not required

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

If not required . Then sell them.

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#### **Future feedback**

1.3.8

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No

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Joanna    **Last Name:** (required) Gould

### Feedback

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Relocate the Shirley Library to Shirley Road:  
Shirley Community Reserve, 10 Shirley Road, Richmond, Christchurch.  
<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-centre-report/>

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

### Attached Documents

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Att: Mayor Phil Mauger, Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter, Councillors & Council Staff

## 2025-2026 Draft Annual Plan | Topics

- T. 1. Shirley Community Reserve | Feasibility Study
- T. 2. Shirley Centre | Business Case
- T. 3. Emmett Street | Trees Removal

### Topic 1: Shirley Community Reserve | Feasibility Study

In response to the '2023 Feasibility Study' included in the Agenda for the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board's meeting on the 13th June 2024, I have researched & written my own Feasibility Study, available here:

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-centre-report/>

### Topic 2: Shirley Centre | Business Case

I do not agree with the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board's decision on the 13th June 2024, for 'Item 9. Shirley Community Reserve: Proposed Community Facility':

"3. Request that staff initiate the process to design an 'on budget community building' on Shirley Community Reserve that will enable a mixed use of the Reserve and support recreation, play and social connections."

[https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/06/PCBCC\\_20240613\\_MIN\\_9127\\_AT.PDF](https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/06/PCBCC_20240613_MIN_9127_AT.PDF) Page 5-6

I have researched & written my own 'Shirley Centre' Business Case for the Shirley Community Reserve, available here:

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-centre-report/>

### Topic 3: Emmett Street | Trees Removal

#### 3.1. 'Shirley Centre 10 Shirley Road' Facebook Post: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AP2bFNwGY/>

"I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues." The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

To tell the 'Emmett Street Trees' story, I did some research to find out when they were planted, by whom & why their story is an important part of our local history, landscape architecture in NZ, Christchurch the 'Garden City' & Shirley's identity. Below are four parts to the 'Emmett Street Trees' story:

1. 'Emmett Street Trees' (How did we get here?)

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/emmett-street-trees/>

2. 'George Brington Malcolm' (Who was G.B. Malcolm?)

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/george-brington-malcolm/>

3. 'Significant Trees' (They were, but now they're not?)

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/significant-trees/>

4. 'Emmett Character Area' (Plenty of character, but not an Area?)

<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/emmett-character-area/>

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better it's not." The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

UNLESS someone...cares:

George Brington Malcolm cared & we have benefited from his vision in the Emmett Street Oak Trees & MacFarlane Park. Christchurch City Council please care...'Save our Trees'...'Save our Character Area'...'Save our History'...

#### 3.2 'CCC Works Notice: Emmett Street and Riselaw Street – tree removals and road closures'

<https://ccc.govt.nz/transport/works-3/show/1677>

What: We're removing 22 trees in the area, due to non-compliance with the NZ Electricity (Hazards from trees) Regulations and other safety concerns. Some road closures on Emmett Street will be necessary.

Why: These trees are within the prescribed clearance distances of overhead powerlines. While various solutions allow many non-compliant trees to be retained, there are no viable solutions for these trees.

Where: Emmett Street and Riselaw Street, Shirley.

When: 7 April 2025 to 24 April 2025. Monday to Friday, 7am to 5.30pm. (weather/site condition dependent).

#### 3.3. Emmett Street Flooding Remediation

Has the CCC considered the ramifications of removing "19 trees on Emmett Street"?

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/129394267/residents-on-floodstricken-christchurch-street-feel-forgotten-it-looked-like-lake-emmett>

#### 3.4. Emmett Street Replacement Trees

Does the CCC consider the '2 for 1' replacement tree deal enough compensation for these established significant trees?

<https://ccc.govt.nz/environment/trees-and-vegetation/urbanforest>

## 2025-2026 Draft Annual Plan | Questions

- Q. 1. When will our Rates & Development Contributions be invested back into the communities around Shirley Road?
- Q. 2. When will the CCC Equity & Inclusion Policy be applied to the communities around Shirley Road?
- Q. 3. When will Elected Members vote in favor of Capital Projects to benefit the communities around Shirley Road?

While researching I found this article from 'The Press' on the 5th May 1980, nearly 45 years later it is still relevant today: "Funds for libraries: The Christchurch City Council has yet to adopt the recommendation of its cultural committee to go ahead with the new Shirley library...Part of this expense is for the new central library. It should not be forgotten that Christchurch people have been getting a central library service on the cheap because they have not had to pay for an adequate central library building for a long time past.

Because the cost of books and of everything to do with presenting books to the public is going up at a staggering rate, it must be a temptation for those in charge of public money to restrict expenditure.

The central government has, after all, shown in the past that cultural expenses can be an early casualty in difficult times. All times are difficult to some degree, and a case could always be made for standing still.

It is not the way of the Christchurch City Council to fail to consider a worth-while project just because the funds for it are hard to find. The Shirley library comes into this class.

If the council were concerned only to shelter its ratepayers, some notable facilities would be wanting in the city today.

Vital as the new central library may be, the local suburban services must be given a high rating.

They are an essential extension of the central library's service to readers of all kinds and it is to be hoped that the council will endorse the committee's recommendation in the interests of a fuller service."

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/CHP19800505.2.108>



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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

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**First Name:** (required) Jane    **Last Name:** (required) George

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I expect the council to ensure comprehensive workings to determine what rates contribution is required to maintain core services for our city. If that requires a higher than 7.58% rates increase, I would be disappointed if 7.58% is chosen to maintain public favour and services are cut particularly in areas of the city with less personal access/privilege.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curlletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I wholeheartedly support the cycle ways and it's interface with the Harewood/Breens/Gardiners intersection. I grew up being able to cycle to school safely, and this has contributed to a range of skills and health benefits that have lasted me well into adulthood. By prioritising motorists over the safety of our young cyclists the city is contributing to growing health and socioeconomic inequities.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

I am very grateful for the parks and reserves around our city. I think the council and volunteer groups do an amazing job maintaining them. There is a significant body of evidence about the benefits of parks and reserves - common spaces - including health, wellbeing, inclusion and connectedness.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

I am also extremely grateful for the libraries across the city. Libraries provide opportunities for education, connection, escape and safe haven (through stories and the facilities themselves).

1.2.2

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

The longer we hold off remediating the square (including the cathedral) the more costly this will be to the city in the long term.

1.2.4

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

I do not feel qualified to take a position on this component of the consultation document.

**Trade waste**

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

I am happy to take the council's guidance on the best option in this instance

**Reducing rates**

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

This feels like an impossible task! We need all of the services the council currently provide (hence my comment in the first question about preferring we have the rates rise we need rather than lose services).

I recognise that councils have a very difficult job. It is one that comes with a lot of solid evidence about community wellbeing and cohesion. This is essential for population wellbeing, and the wellbeing of the economy and planet.

Probably not a very helpful answer though!

**Air Force Museum Grant**

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

**Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

**Comments**

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

I think it is worth undertaking the analysis, so an informed decision can be made about the future of a city centre shuttle

**Potential disposal of properties**

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

I found it very difficult to ascertain the types of properties - the map did not link to property descriptions and I found the directions to further information took me in circles. This makes me suspicious - it would have been very easy to tag descriptors of the properties with the map markers.

Therefore I am unable to make specific comments. I will say however that I would not want to see existing park or reserve spaces sold.

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Grant    **Last Name:** (required) Slade

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

Horrible. There should be no more rate increase per year than the cost of living. Years of wastage and over budgeting needs to stop.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

On hold? How about scrapping it like many of the Harewood Bishopdale Papanui resident's have proposed repeatedly. Stop the elaborate cycle way on Harewood Rd completely and go back and plan something simple like a one bike marked lane that doesn't need any barriers or nasty curbs, making it much easier to merge with vehicle traffic when needed. Totally opposed to the time wasting Bishopdale round-about plan, so that can definitely be scrapped...save us heaps of money that one. Not going to work for anyone so a big waste of money. However, the traffic lights Breens/Gardiners rd crossing of Harewood rd would be good to keep on the budget and at least everyone is agreed on this

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Don't want any meddling with our water. So lucky to have great quality water right here under us. CCC needs to take charge & stop Central Government control over our very precious CHCH resource. That means no Fluoride & get rid of the nasty Chlorine. We're a garden City!!! Both these products are bad for organic life. And Fluoride has nothing to do with water treatment, its a "medicine". And for that matter I don't want anything else "added" to my water that some Central Government thinks I might need medicated with. I would also comment that I would not be in favour of a per litre charge for water. The current monthly free limit should be enough to keep residents of our wonderful Garden City from too much wastage. Excess use fees can always be increased if wastage becomes provably an issue.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Not really, but just no spending on irrelevant culture and art in these areas.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

If they're not progressing then its pointless isn't it?

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

No

1.2.4

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Years of wastage has to stop. Stop borrowing, stop excess spending and balance the budget with what you can reasonably take in. That is without these recent horrendous rate hikes.

We have to bring this whole policy of "borrowed" expansion to a halt...as you present the debt service cost, because the debt servicing game is a slippery slope we need to get off.

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

Good healthy water supply. Decent roads.

1.2.9

### Tell us about the services you could manage without.

Traffic impeding pedestrian crossing barriers in low flow suburban area. Quite dangerous at night.  
Speed humps and ridiculous raised pedestrian crossings/intersections. A danger to all especially emergency services...ask Auckland Council.

1.2.10

### Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.

The above traffic impediments.  
But also all the needless pandering to culture and arts that very limit proportion of the rate payer's benefit from. That sort of thing should go out in ballot form. It it doesn't get 50% resident approval its no go.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

### Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

Don't need it. The climate predictions have repeatedly been wrong. Temperatures not even going up here in CHCH!!! We can, as we have, respond to real time repairs/upgrades for climate issues as they actually develop & become real. The annual and 10 year plan development is sufficient. If we really are concerned about the sea level rising, then the main cargo ports will be the key area to keep an eye on. Has the port of Lyttelton recorded any drama or cause for concern in the last 150 years? Has Akaroa report any wharf-side issues? No? We're good to good without a Climate RFP then.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

### Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

1.3.3

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Need to keep the budget trim...we've got too much borrowed money. The big aircraft can sit outside till we've got not debt to pay and can afford nice to have hangars. Besides these aircraft have spent most of their service outside anyway, and CHCH is one of the 'kindest' cities in climatic terms in NZ for storing big aircraft outside.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

### Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

No

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Stop wasting of money.

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### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Yes sell them off. Get that debt paid off

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### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

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## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) George    **Last Name:** (required) Laxton

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

I think that it's important to properly fund the services in our city, and rates increases are an important way to fund this. Unless we start to build higher density and have more houses for the same amount of infrastructure rates rises will continue to happen. The large amount of transport spend because of all the roads that we need to keep building is a classic example. In essence I support the rates rises because I think it's important to fund services that are important to people in our city, but I would like to see the council enabling higher density growth in Christchurch and stop actively fighting against it.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I support the Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings cycleway, I think it disappointing that it was delayed so much that we now have lost govt funding. I would have preferred if the cycleway had been fully funded and built, but I think that now a better approach (and the best option left) is to partially fund what we can and get it built. I would add that sections that are built should be built to the plan fully so we don't have to come back later and redo work that wasn't done, to save money in the short term. For example the Harewood Road, Gardiners Road and Breens Road intersection should have all the relevant cycling infrastructure built so we don't have to come back and retrofit later.

The Lincoln road bus lane should go ahead, even though we won't get co funding. it is unlikely that the govt will co-fund next year, so in all likely hood we will wait two years for anything to event happen. With the recent service uplift of the number 7 and the fact that apparently this is the "most well-used and fastest growing routes in the city" it should be prioritised for better public transport

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

It is better to maintain our infrastructure now, than try to do it patchwork. It's more efficient to do it that way. If we do nothing our water assets will be like wellingtons' and we will spend over spend to patchwork fix leaks.

Please make sure that the water infrastructure is properly funded and maintained.

1.1.4

### Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?

I really value our current parks and reserves. I am happy to spend money on them.

1.1.5

### Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?

I think our libraries are our most value assets, places to meet with friends, borrow books, and now as a parent a place where I can take them when they grow up to things like the imagination station at Tūranga. I would love to see more libraries provided the funds to invest in cool places like this.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

1.2.4

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Yes, I think that it is a good idea to try reduce our debt.

### Fees and charges

1.2.5

### Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

No Comment

1.2.7

### Why do you prefer this option?

No Comment

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

### Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

For me personally there a few services that I highly value, but I don't think that any services should be cut as someone does find it useful or appreciative. We provide these services through the council because it provides a community and social benefit and overall is a good use of our money in my opinion.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

None

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

I'd like to see the council charging for car parking in the city, we are leasing this public space out so people should pay some of the cost of that by paying a fee to rent out space to park their car. It would also help with people finding a car park as people won't park their car there for long periods because they would be paying a cost and also help reduce the number of cars in the central city, a place that should be majority got to by public transport, walking and cycling.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

I think this is a good idea and we should continue to set this money aside, I view this as an equivalent to putting money aside for an emergency breakdown or other emergency expense and is also more equitable as we are spreading the cost over multiple generations instead of expecting future generations to pick up the full cost.

1.3.3

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I'm not sure either way, it seems like a good idea, but then it is also adding to the debt. So it would be interesting to know how this money will be paid back and how it will affect rates. It's also not clear if the "0.01% in 2027/28 and 0.03% in 2028/29." are just for those two years? Above you are consulting on an increase in rates to help pay down the debt which nets out a saving so does this extra spend do the opposite and in the long term we will pay more in rates?

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

Yes, though 200,000 seems very high for a feasibility study. Is this to fund the staff time? Isn't this the job of Environment Canterbury to provide this service, so why isn't Environment Canterbury running the study? Could council work collaboratively with them?

I have though mused in the past that having a inner city loop (similar to the orbiter) would be a valuable asset to the city as a lot of the time you have to go all the way in to the city due to how the bus network is laid out (like spokes on a wheel) and the orbiter currently connects them together. Having a similar service around the edge of the CBD (if that is what this service is planned to be) would be a great asset to the city. The other question is how would it be funded? Would businesses in the central city pay a levy to ensure that it is free? Or would it be a pricing zone where going only one or two stops would be still very cheap.

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

No comment

### Anything else?

1.3.7

#### Any further comments?

Please keep funding cycleways. More people cycling is less people who need to drive a car. Less traffic jams and faster times for driving for those who genuinely need to drive and have no other option. It's a upfront investment (and political investment) but long term this is a fantastic asset for our city.

Also please split out the costs of the cycleways from the rest of the project, the cost of the cycleway is actually very cheap, but because we are a smart city, we plan to do all the upgrades at once, but because of this the 'cycleway' cost gets reported as being really high, when in reality most of the cost is the underground services and redoing the road/footpath/upgrading traffic lights for the safety of everyone. A classic example is the protective sea wall in Wellington which has a cycleway on top, so the 'cost' of the cycleway is the cost of the seawall. But that is not why the seawall is being built, it's being built to protect the railway and the car driving lanes, but because it had a cycleway put on top suddenly the cycleway 'cost' millions of dollars. That is not accurate and feeds the people who think cycleways cost lots of money when they don't!

Another thing is to remember that cycle infrastructure can be done cheap, if you are willing to stop ran running and slow down cars in neighbourhood streets with traffic calming. There is no 'cycleway' down oxford terrace (Between armagh and Hereford street) and even though cars can drive down there speeds are low and car drivers respect the pedestrians and cyclists outside of their metal boxes. This is a reminder that cycleways are not cycle infrastructure but car infrastructure and we only need them because of how dangerous cars are.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Elise    **Last Name:** (required) Arnst

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Agree with increase spending to complete cycle networks. This will improve safety, particularly for Antigua St. An increase in connectivity of routes makes them much more appealing to use, especially for new cyclists.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Support network renewal funding to reduce water leakages.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

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### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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1.3.5

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

strongly support bringing back the shuttle. This will help reduce congestion and parking issues in the central city.

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### Future feedback

1.3.8

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No

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Sarah **Last Name:** (required) O'Keefe

### Feedback

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

i think the wheels to wings should go ahead as originally planned. Currently there is no safe route for my daughter to bike to school, Condel Ave is way too narrow and getting down Harewood to the cycle way is too dangerous, as it is for any cyclist down Harewood Rd.

No to the pedestrian crossing between Matsons and Chapel, there will be a set of light at the rail crossing. That would foul up traffic even more if there is 3 sets of lights in short succession!

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

It is a project that just needs to be finished, with some compromises, such as no under floor heating!

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Yes

#### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Peter **Last Name:** (required) Galbraith

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

By delaying and resisting Medium Density Residential Standards, the City Council has suppressed the number of rating units in Christchurch. More ratepayers are needed. Start allowing building of more homes.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Do not defer the Lincoln Road project. It will only get more expensive. This is vital infrastructure to stop roads becoming choked with traffic. The staged approach to W2W - fine, whatever, just hurry up and build it. The North-West needs cycling infrastructure. Listen to the biggest employer in the North-West, the Chch Airport, who supports more cycling infrastructure in the North-West.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Support more spending on three waters, especially where lack of investment is restricting housing growth

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

As the city densifies, parks and reserves become more important for green space. Don't cut back on maintenance

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Pretty broad question.

#### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Not one more cent of ratepayer money should go into rebuilding the Cathedral.

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.

Yes

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Don't cut back operating hours at pools and libraries. This is one of your core services.

1.2.9

Tell us about the services you could manage without.

Free parking. Start charging!

#### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?

This Fund is critical. Climate Resilience is vital to our city.

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

No

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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#### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

Sell the Lichfield Street Carpark. Should also try selling the stadium haha.

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#### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Anne **Last Name:** (required) Scott

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Spokes Canterbury

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Submissions Coordinator - 1200

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

Please see submission

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

Please see submission

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Please see submission

#### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

Please see submission

Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?

Yes, as long as access is preserved

Future feedback


1.3.8

For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

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Yes

Attached Documents

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# CCC Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

## Submission from Spokes Canterbury

Reference: <https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/annualplan>

Tēnā koutou katoa

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the CCC Draft Annual Plan 2025/26.

### Introduction

Spokes Canterbury (<http://www.spokes.org.nz/>) is a local cycling advocacy group with approximately 1,200 followers. Spokes is affiliated with the national Cycling Action Network (CAN – <https://can.org.nz/>). Spokes is dedicated to including cycling as an everyday form of transport in the greater Christchurch and Canterbury areas. Spokes has a long history of advocacy in this space including writing submissions, presenting to councils, and working collaboratively with others in the active transport space. We focus on the need for safe cycling for those aged 8 to 80. Spokes also supports all forms of active transport, public transport, and has an interest in environmental matters.

### Proposed average rates increase

Q1. What do you think of our proposed **average rates increase** of **7.58%** across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?

Spokes supports the rate increases. We need to continue to invest in services that are needed in our communities, and continue to build for the future. Well targeted capital expenditure that improves the daily lives of residents is critical to creating a vibrant and connected city. The cycling infrastructure is attracting new rate paying residents to our city.

**Q2. Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

The latest census has shown that cycling continues to grow in Christchurch, however the growth is uneven ranging from 2-20% cycling to work depending on the suburb. Areas where it is safer to cycle, or have separated cycle infrastructure close by, have seen the greatest growth in use and have the most support for cycling infrastructure as people can see the benefits to their community. There is an increasing number of young families who use cycling as their primary transport. This is contrasted with other areas of the city where there is little infrastructure and few options for active transport.

Spokes strongly supports spending on the MCRs (Major Cycle Routes), local cycle connections, safer speeds and support for cycling (such as cycling education in schools, cycle parking, cycling wayfinding and maps).

## 1. Wheels to Wings

*Carrying forward 9.7 million from 2024/25 to stage the delivery of the Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, focusing initially on linking the Te Ara O-Rakipaoa Nor'West Arc and Puari ki Pū-harakeke-nui Northern Line major cycle routes and making road safety improvements to three parts of Harewood Road (see page 14 for more information).*

- Spokes would like to see the Wheels to Wings MCR fully built in the next three years.
- Spokes support the 2025/26 connection between the Nor'West Arc and the Northern Line as it is currently very difficult to get safely across Harwood Road due to the number of vehicles.
- Spokes supports the safety changes at Harwood School for cyclists and pedestrians. There are issues with cars dropping off and picking up children obscuring the view of fast moving traffic.
- Spokes supports the traffic lights at Breens Road as long as it fully includes the cycle infrastructure required for Wheels to Wings.

## 2. Lincoln Road Public Transport

*Moving the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights roads) Public Transport project from 2025–2028 to 2028–2030 while we work on a business case for New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi funding (see page 14 for more information).*

Spokes supports building bus lanes on Lincoln Road from Curletts to Wrights Road given the rapid growth in housing in the area and the increase in buses from April. Bus lanes also support the needs of confident cyclists. There is also a need for cycle park and ride facilities on this route to complement the bus services, which would reduce congestion.

### 3. Te Aratai Cycle Connection

*Adding an additional \$2.5 million in 2025/26 and \$1.0 million in 2026/27 to enable us to complete the Te Aratai Cycle Connection project.*

Spokes fully supports this project. The volume of traffic makes this road dangerous. Active transport is fully supported by the school and students, with growing numbers of students cycling to school.

### 4. Speed Changes

*Adding an additional \$2.0 million in 2025/26 and \$1.5 million in 2026/27 to address the speed limit changes announced by the Government.*

This is a retrograde step and a waste of money. The Council should continue to negotiate with the new minister to leave the current changes in place, particularly around schools.

### 5. Simeon Street

*Adding an additional \$751,000 in 2025/26 and \$759,000 in 2026/27 to complete the Simeon Street cycle connection project.*

Spokes agrees with this change and is very pleased to see NZTA is going ahead with the bridge at Brougham St. It is a heavily used link for cyclists going north/south and provides access to Addington School. The first priority in 2025/26 should be a signalised pedestrian/cycling crossing on Milton Street at Simeon St, followed by safety changes at Coronation St and safety changes at the entrance to Addington School.

### 6. Antigua Street

*Adding an additional \$1.25 million in 2025/26 for Antigua Street Cycle Network (Tuam – Moorhouse) to support the initial design for the project.*

Spokes supports this change. 1200-1500 cyclists a day travel down Antigua Street. The numbers continue to grow which will soon require some additional space at intersections for cyclists.

### 7. South Express

*Adding an additional \$1.0 million in 2025/26 and \$7.8 million in 2026–2028 for Major Cycleway – South Express Route (Section 1) Hei Hei Road to Jones Road, to complete the route to Templeton.*

Spokes supports this change. We would like to see if there are safe options to move the cycleway to avoid conflict with KiwiRail if it can save significant costs.

## 8. Heathcote Expressway

*Transferring \$1.5 million into 2025/26 and \$3.0 million into 2026/27 from the 2028/29 budget for the Major Cycleway – Ōpāwaho River Route (Section 3) Waltham to Ferrymead Bridge, to the Major Cycleway – Heathcote Expressway Route – Scruttons Road KiwiRail Crossing.*

Spokes agrees with extending the cycleway through to the Ferrymead Bridge.

Spock does not agree with any further expenditure at Scruttons Road. The current crossing at Scruttons Road is fit for purpose given the amount of traffic. There are other more serious safety concerns for cyclists across the network that should have a higher priority.

## Other Issues

### 1. Cycleway Expenditure

When reviewing the project lists, in some cases it is difficult to follow which projects have been funded or not. It is clear that the pipeline has been significantly reduced in 2026/27 with a \$9M reduction and it looks like only items currently contracted are continuing. We need consistent long term planning of our transport systems. Given that 2026 is an election year it would be strategic to have a programme of works designed, consulted and ready to build if the government priorities should change. Spokes would like to see the same budget in 2026/27 as in 2025/26 with some of the MCRs and key connections pulled forward.

There is a lot of talk about “gold-plated” cycleways which has a negative impact on the social license for cycleways. The cost of the cycleways often includes necessary road improvements and replacement of underground services. It makes sense to do these improvements together in one programme but they should be budgeted for separately unless jointly funded with NZTA.

Spokes would like to see more cycleways designed and implemented in a similar manner to the Rolleston Ave/Park Terrace cycleway. This is an easy way to provide connections between the MCRs and to local neighbourhood destinations. Combined with safer speeds it will work well.

The green paint used on cycleways is expensive. CCC should work with NZTA to find cheaper alternatives that still provide a safe surface.

The new cycleway cleaner is making a difference to the on-going useability of the cycleways.

Spokes would like to see more enforcement of traffic rules funded, including red light running on cycle and pedestrian crossings, illegal parking around schools, and to reduce vehicles parking in cycle lanes.

There is no funding for the next two years for 41650 Minor Road Safety Improvements. There is a delivery package (65924) but no systematic programme to plan the continued improvement of the network.

## 2. Cycleway upgrades

In some areas cycling numbers are increasing beyond the design parameters of the cycleway. This is particularly noticeable at some intersections where more space is required to get large numbers of cyclists across in a reasonable time (e.g. Deans Avenue at Matai St East or Antigua St at Moorhouse Ave). Another pinch point is the bridge at the Boatsheds.

## 3. Cycle Parking

Spokes would like to see a separate minor works budget for cycle parking. A cycle stand and install is around \$2,000 for standard hooped parking that works for most cycles. Spokes suggests allocating \$50,000 a year for this purpose for at least the next three years. Many cycle stands in the inner city are now routinely full, others are not fit for purpose (e.g. Fendalton Library), and in many popular places there is no bike parking option at all. Spokes is happy to work with the Council on a priority list for additional cycle parking.

## 4. Public Transport

Spokes supports public transport. It is complementary to cycling, used when the weather is poor or as a backup when you get a puncture. PT reduces congestion making it safer to cycle and benefits those who are not able to drive. Both the PT Futures and the Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) Programme needs to be properly resourced with the production of timely business cases.

## Q4. Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?

Spokes would like to see:

1. Improved shared path through parks and reserves
2. Cycle parking close to amenities

Our parks and reserves provide shared spaces that support well-being, provide recreational opportunities and connections through communities that are used for active transport.

There is a regular maintenance programme for paths in parks. When paths are renewed they should be upgraded with sufficient width to provide a safe cycling and walking route. Hagley Park is a great example of infrastructure built with everyone in mind and as a result the paths that have been widened are now heavily used for active transport and recreation.

Q5. Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?

There are some examples above.

## Reducing rates

Q10. Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Spokes members value the cycling infrastructure and work done to increase active transport, public transport and road safety. We would like to see this expenditure increased as it has a high cost benefit. Cycle infrastructure is cheaper to build, uses less space, improves health and well-being, reduces congestion, and improves community cohesion.

## Central city shuttle service

Q15. Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?

Spokes supports Public Transport, including a central shuttle service that could potentially reduce traffic in the central city.

I would like the opportunity to present to the Council on this submission and I am happy to discuss or clarify any issues that arise.

Submissions Co-ordinator  
Spokes Canterbury  
submissions@spokes.org.nz

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Sara    **Last Name:** (required) Campbell

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

i support increasing rates, we need to fund our services.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I support continuing to complete the cycle network. We need to finish the major routes and connect the network. I support investing in our public transport network including MRT.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

i support the proposed spending on three waters. Three waters are essential.

#### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

I don't support reducing rates as we need to fund our services. Please no more vanity projects like stadiums.

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#### **Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

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#### **Future feedback**

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Bill **Last Name:** (required) Cowen

☐ Withhold my details

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Cashmere Technical Football Club

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Community Projects Manager

**Postal address:** [REDACTED]

**Suburb:** [REDACTED]

**City:** [REDACTED]

**Country:** [REDACTED]

**Postcode:** [REDACTED]

**Daytime Phone:** (required if you want to speak at hearings)

[REDACTED]

**Would you like to speak to the Council (the Mayor and Councillors) about your submission at a hearing?**  
 If you select yes, please also select all potential hearing dates that would suit you from the list provided.  
 We will contact you about a specific date and time as soon as we can.

☒ Yes

☐ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 3 Apr - AM    Thu 3 Apr - PM    Sat 5 Apr - PM    Tue 8 Apr - PM    Wed 9 Apr - PM    Thu 10 Apr - PM    Fri 11 Apr - AM  
 Fri 11 Apr - PM    Sat 12 Apr - AM    Tue 15 Apr - AM    Tue 15 Apr - PM

Are there any people or organisations you would like to make a joint presentation with? If so, please list these below.

Yes. Daniel Herd Board Member Cashmere Technical. Martin Field Johnson CEO of our RSO Mainland Football.  
 If allowed, Yani Johansen and Tim Scandrett.

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

You can read more about this from page 17 of our Consultation Document.

Or check out the Let's Talk page.

You can also look at the Draft Annual Plan.

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

Reasonable

### Proposed spending

You can read more about this from page 10 of our Consultation Document.

Or check out the Let's Talk page.

You can also look at the Draft Annual Plan.

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

You can read more about proposed spending on our transport network from page 13 of our Consultation Document (with details about Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings and Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) on page 14).

Happy with these initiatives

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

You can read more about proposed spending on our three waters network on page 13 of our Consultation Document.

No

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Yes. It is 10.30 pm Friday 28th March - the last day for registering interest in this survey. I have just been made aware that the deadline is 12 pm tonight and I do not have time to properly present my concerns re the extraordinarily difficult circumstances that my community club - Cashmere Technical Football Club - the largest sports club in Christchurch and indeed the South Island with 1750 players. Briefly, I have been a community volunteer for 45 years and feel that our catchment that encompasses Woolston, Linwood, St Martins, Opawa, Roimata, Philipstown, Huntsbury, Sydenham, Beckenham, Cashmere has insufficient quality playing and training pitches. Our sport is currently the largest (and growing) in New Zealand and yet we have to pay colossal sums of money and are now recording annual losses for the first time in our over 100 years history to lease and maintain both council and private football fields, which is extremely difficult, unfair and will lead to fabulous volunteers walking away in frustration. Since the Christchurch earthquakes, we have lost access to 5 football fields in Roimata, Woolston and Linwood - our main base at Woolston Club's Garrick Park is worryingly tenuous with the poor financial position of that community organisation, who have provided their 3 football fields to the community since the mid 1950's and have made it clear to the CCC over 18 months ago that they would prefer to sell the greenspace, changing rooms, community room and supporting carpark to the CCC. Could someone please contact me to explain how I can present our story in depth as I simply do not have the time this evening. Thank you, Bill Cowen [REDACTED]

You can read more about this on [page 20 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

No

### Rating for renewals

You can read more about this from [page 23 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

### Fees and charges

You can read more about this on [page 20 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

You can find even more information from [page 109 of the Draft Annual Plan](#).

1.2.5

**Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?**

No

### Trade waste

You can read more about this on [page 21 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

You can read more about this on [page 25 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

No

### Air Force Museum Grant

You can read more about this on [page 26 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

### Central city shuttle service

You can read more about this on [page 26 of our Consultation Document](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

### Potential disposal of properties

You can read more about this from [page 28 of our Consultation Document](#).

You can see the properties [here](#).

Or check out the [Let's Talk page](#).

A full list of the properties and more information can be found from [page 236 of the Draft Annual Plan](#).

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

No - move them on if they have no original or future use.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

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Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Colin **Last Name:** (required) Meurk

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Creative Transitions and Sustainable Futures

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

whatever it takes to deliver essential and necessary social and environmental services. If that means doing more in-house, getting citizen assemblies to provide cheaper decision-making, and flattening salary pyramid then so be it - while enhancing the employment environment and life-style in city at large!

i don't have time to read through all the material in detail, but i know what is not happening, should happen, and that many competent citizens in our community could provide a broader lens of expertise on challenges and opportunities - but are generally locked out. we want to help in a co-creative atmosphere.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

see previous submissions about the Triple-A commuter light rail Arc through demanding central government funding.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

sponge city; try to get back to non-treatment of drinking water, notwithstanding need for adequate fluoride in our bodies/teeth; separate detention basins into dog parks and wildlife parks and enforce dog laws generally.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

i'm very happy to share my knowledge in a citizen assembly atmosphere with other experts. and i don't mean breaking up into

subgroups - that is not an assembly! we need ecosanctuaries like every other part of NZ has. we are missing out and it is bad for our citizens identification with our unique and iconic wildlife.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

see my pictorial attachment.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

see my comment on presentation. we MUST stop building a fake cathedral but preserve the ruins and build an adjacent or nearby multi-faith worshipping facility - cf Coventry Cathedral. Use constructed skeletal tower as a platform for the embracing all our cultural and natural diversity.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

we have to pay for our services. and some should come from central govt in a fairer funding of the super south.

### Reducing rates

1.2.8

**Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.**

see my earlier comments. i'm for taxes and rates reflecting the fair needs of a cohesive society. otherwise it is a tax on future generations. we can see what happens when northern cities have given false promises to citizens about reducing rates without any understanding of unintended consequences.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

this is meaningless because what i can manage without may be essential for others.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

traffic light sequencing (red arrows left on way beyond any continuing straight thru traffic in a number of intersections) could be improved and reduce waiting traffic carbon-emissions and car-owner petrol costs !

H&S has become in many instances irrational, frustrating and costly.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

we MUST set the highest standards. or all our other fine actions will be for naught. this is a specialist area needing all the best experts onto it.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

why does it cost so much? i'm bothered by some consultancy fees

### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

they should be used for social housing - or other fee-paying amenities.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

see attachment

Future feedback


1.3.8

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Yes

Attached Documents

Name	
CCC Annual Plan2025	

**CCC Annual Plan** – there isn't time to wait for the longer-term plan nor to be complacent about our popularity! **Colin D Meurk ONZM** (Creative Transitions to Sustainable Futures)

We need to be more **aspirational** and **Promote ALL** our assets (not just the conventional ones that don't speak to our total history); analyse and **Demand** (together with all Councils and Iwi of the Super South) a **Fair Deal on Central Govt Investment** in Te Ika a Maui – for The 'Triple A' light **Commuter Rail Arc**, have our stadium labelled the **National Stadium**, the new BioEconomics **Head Office here/Lincoln**; **New Med School here**; ...

**Shout from Rooftops** – that we are beautiful, diverse, full of energy, history, inclusive & joyful



Promote **NZ's first Urban Great Walk** – as a marketable celebration of that diversity

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**The Christchurch360Trail - Te Ara Otautahi**  
**Showcases the City's Natural & Cultural Diversity**  
**In a shared experience**

Christchurch 360 Trail flyover (video on click)

**What is the Christchurch 360 Trail?**

The Christchurch 360 Trail showcases the wonderful diversity of Christchurch, featuring not just the flora and fauna but also historical, architectural, and cultural aspects of Christchurch. It is approximately 130km long.

Submit stone patterns and view more guided by others in the Murky Walk Project on iNaturalist NZ

**iNaturalist NZ**

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Don't be afraid of essential densification to prevent urban sprawl onto economy generating farmland – consult ecologists on how to **integrate nature and urban living**.



*Totara, Rata, Tarata, Manatu, Horoeka, Putaputaweta, Kanuka, Ti kouka* suitable **noble trees/distinctive forms for streets, parks & portals! – identity/place-making**



Maximise **identity** by visual dominance of indigenous trees and plants – in the foreground and promote the **10K Kapital City of Golden Winters**.

We need a constellation of **halo-generating ecosanctuaries** here – as per Press article. We are missing out & huge investment has been made in North Island for these. It's way past our turn.

## Mainland Island Sanctuaries

Habitat not enough on its own!

*Maungatautari – 3600 ha*

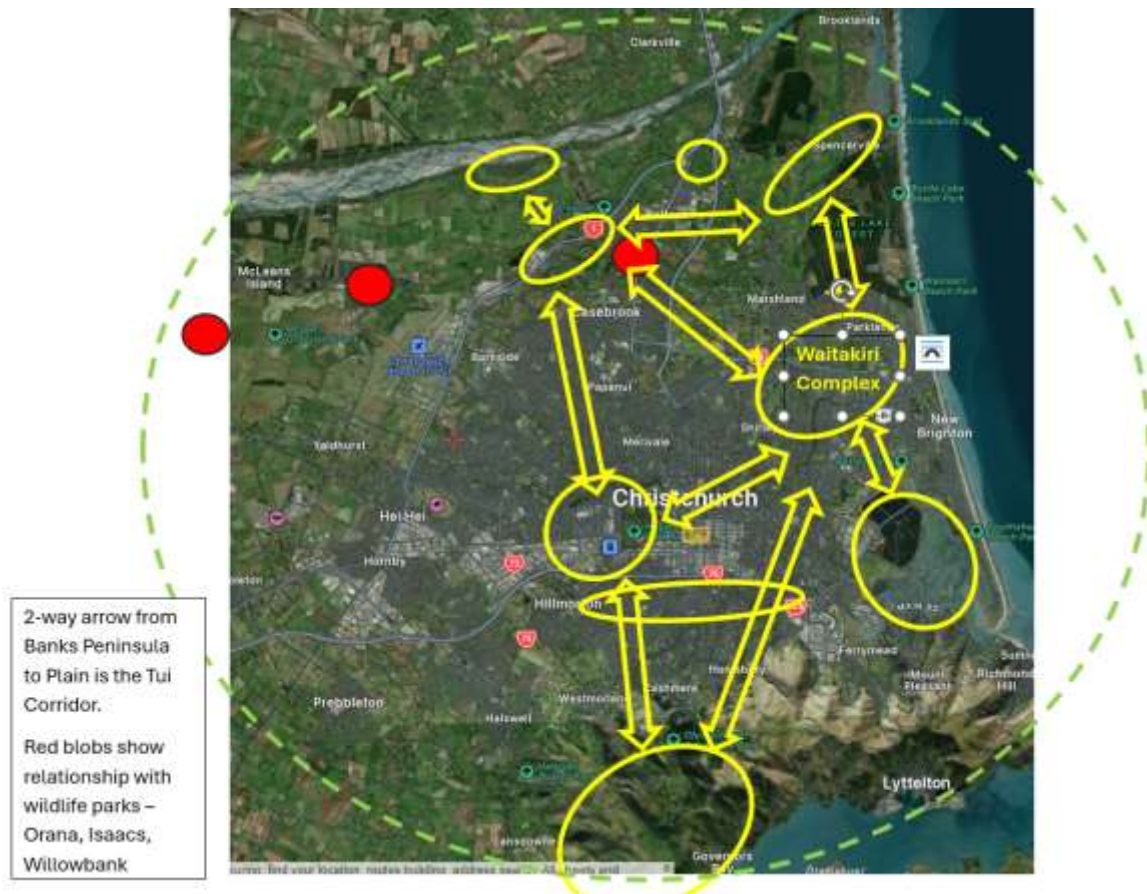


**Riccarton Bush - Putaringamotu**



**Zealandia  
200ha**

**Halo Effect**



**Abandon rebuild of a fake cathedral & retain the authentic historic roots** of the original nearly 200 year old construction – like we badly failed with the Basilica.

## **Dig into the Heritage Layers reflected in Heart of City (Cityhood)**

- Canterbury Bush City
- Tangata Whenua
- Colonial Cathedral & 1<sup>st</sup> 4 ships
- Multi-cultures & taonga

Revealing all valid parts of  
**Historical Tapestry**

### **LEGIBLE LANDSCAPE**

post-colonial **Fusion**

Overlapping/topping **Colonial** era

**Polynesian** era

**Mtn building & Glaciation**

**Transgression – tropics**

**Gondwanic history - Biogeography**

**Geo-tectonic** Foundation

**EMBRACE NATURE'S LESSONS  
MORE CRITICAL THAN MATH!**



Use our central place to spread the love with urban wild, legible history and **Platform of Peace**.



**Wasteland = Pioneer Biodiversity in**

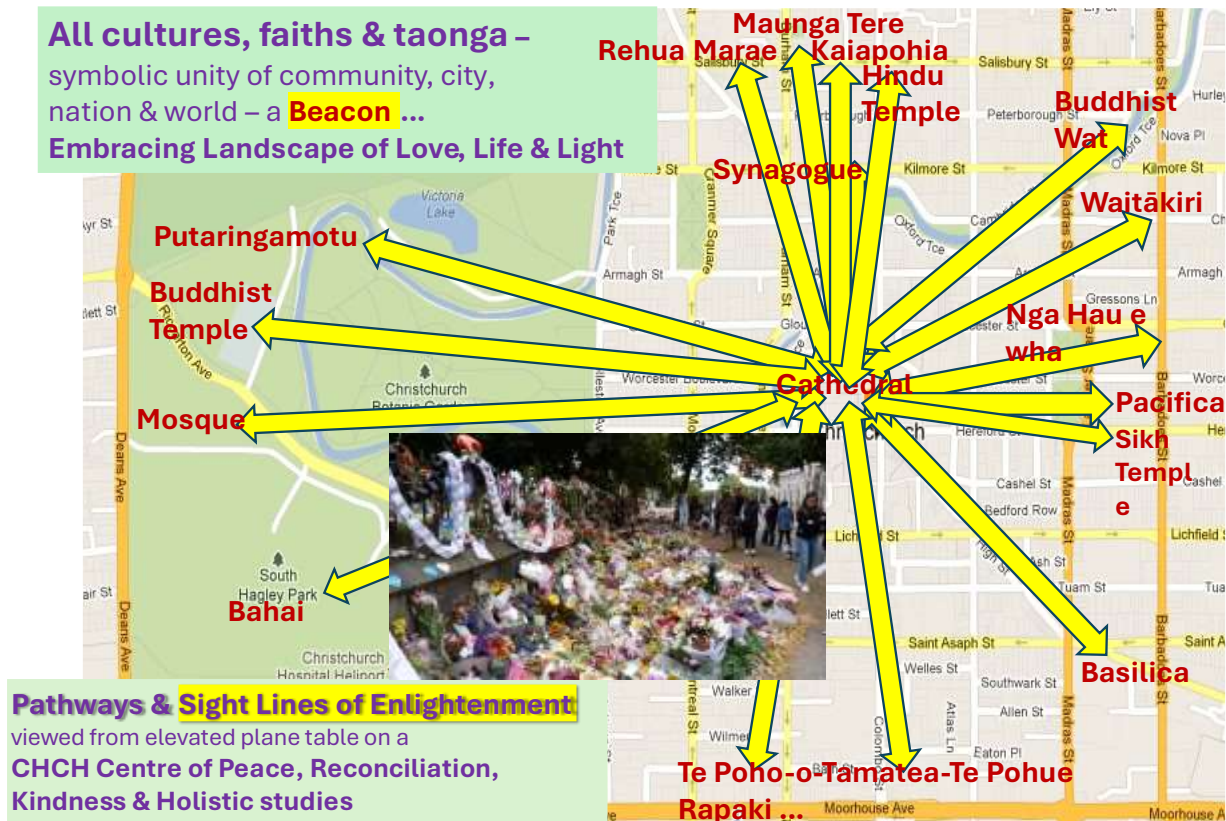


**... a contested/rotational space**



**No time (to waste) for complacency**

**Reformulate a mono-cultural Cathedral**



Turn our pre-occupation with **remote national parks on its head** and recognise that **we are in & part of nature** – where we all live – critical for our well-being, survival & marketing.

## ALL PART OF THE BIGGER WHOLE

Otautahi-Christchurch is  
National Park City material

Fourteen Great Reasons why we can be a National Park City  
– Let's do it Now!!



**Every city can be NPC !**  
*cf emergency declarations*

Bringing nature into all our hearts lose  
distinction between cities & parks – garden park  
city? The World is a Park for All  
*cf the decolonised Waiariki Park Region*

**Whatever Works - No hard boundary**

**London's initiative 2019**  
**National Park City**  
**= Biophilic City/Eco-City/  
Transition Town/Regenerative City**



Celebrate our beauty, reach for the stars and be grounded in reality and prepare for the future.



**Waitaha – Otautahi**  
***Sky Song City***



And many among other things (where are the **Citizen Assemblies** I've been requesting for years & everyone nods their head – e.g. **pets on buses** might only be allowed for health/mobility/dependency reasons. Accurate scientific interpretation of survey results in this and other cases are paramount. In this case, the publicity is from a biased sample, only a few % of citizens responded, takes no account of allergies, fear and anxiety, not to mention the general lack of biogeographic literacy on part of entitled predator-owners.

I wish to make oral presentation.

C D Meurk 28/03/2025

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Nutharat    **Last Name:** (required) Harnvorawong

### Feedback

#### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?

Yes

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Alana **Last Name:** (required) Batcheler

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

SPACPAC Canterbury

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Co-Chair: Operational team

### Feedback

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

where is the Pacific hub in this plan

### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

warmest Pacific greetings! We are SPACPAC Canterbury and we would love the opportunity to create an ongoing partnership with CCC. We execute 7 key Pacific initiatives throughout the year with our flagship event being SPACPAC Canterbury Polyfest along with our Pacific Careers Expo and Pacific Speech Festival and more. We have been fortunate enough to scrape through in the past but we would love an opportunity to discuss a partnership that would allow our Trust to grow our organisation and deliver elevated initiatives.

### Future feedback

1.3.8

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Yes

Attached Documents

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# SPACPAC CANTERBURY PACIFIC CAREERS EXPO

Hosted by Ara Te Pūkenga and University of Canterbury to provide a general overview of future careers and employment opportunities. Over 40 businesses and agencies including training/tertiary institutions will be represented on the day to profile career and scholarship information for our Pasifika students.

Students will hear from inspirational Pasifika leaders and business owners. An expo with Pacific flare.

## Date & Time



Thursday 19 June 2025  
8.30am - 3.00pm

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-careers-expo-school-registration>

## Venue



Te Pae, 188 Oxford Terrace,  
Christchurch Convention Centre

Contact Us

[spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com](mailto:spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com)




# SPACPAC PACIFIC LEADERS BREAKFAST

The Emerging Leaders Breakfast recognises students who have made a significant contribution to the life of their respective school. As leaders they will have demonstrated the values and attributes associated with being an effective leader. Keynote speakers will be invited to motivate and encourage our student leaders throughout the morning on issues affecting youth of today. This is an opportunity for our Pasifika student leaders to strengthen networks with their peers from across Canterbury.


## Date & Time

 Wednesday 17 September 2025  
8am - 10am

## REGISTER HERE

 <https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-pacific-leaders-breakfast>

## Venue

 New venue to be confirmed

Contact Us

[spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com](mailto:spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com)



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# SPACPAC MAMANA LE LEO SPEECH FESTIVAL

The annual Mamana Le Leo Pasifika Speech Competition allows students to compete in the following languages: Cook Islands Māori, English, Fijian, Kiribati, Samoan, and Tongan. Students are able to gain NCEA achievement standards or unit standards (let us know if your school needs support around this).

Students can go on to participate in the Samoan FAGASA regional speech competition. Tongan language learners can gain speech writing support through the Lea Faka Tonga programme.

## Date & Time



Tuesday 2 September 2025  
9am - 5pm

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-mamana-le-leo-speech-festival>

## Venue



University of Canterbury  
Rātā Engineering Core

Contact Us

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# SPACPAC INNOVATE

A chance for young people to think of an issue and propose a solution for it. This provides our Pasifika students with challenges that will require some thinking outside of the box. Teams will be given opportunities to develop an innovative solution by means of a product/service to address a topical issue that is relevant to Pacific youth today.

Winning pitch will receive funds to support the development of their idea/ initiative. There will be opportunity to connect the groups with a business/community mentor to enable their idea/ initiative.

## Date & Time



Starting date:  
To be confirmed



Tuesday 12 August 2025  
3pm - 7pm

## Venue



Christchurch City Council  
Chambers, 53 Hereford Street

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-innovate>

Contact Us

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# SPACPAC CANTEBURY POLYFEST

Canterbury Polyfest provides the opportunity for our secondary school students from across the Canterbury region to celebrate and showcase their Pasifika cultural, language and identity through song and dance to reflect the diverse Pasifika cultures residing in Aotearoa New Zealand. In recent years we have extended special invitations to secondary schools from around the South Island to experience this opportunity.

Performing schools must complete a registration process to guarantee their spot on the performance schedule.

## Key information

- ✓ Maximum performance time of 15mins incl. entrance & exit
- ✓ Polyfest encourages the use of live music
- ✓ Provide your music tracks via USB & email track titles, 2 weeks prior. No exception after this.
- ✓ Please note additional gear you will bring on stage
- ✓ List number of people involved i.e. participants, teachers, parent help.
- ✓ Students are eligible to be assessed for NCEA credits (let us know if your school needs support around this)
- ✓ SPACPAC Canterbury Polyfest is 'NOT' a competition instead it is about celebrating and participating!

## Date & Time

 Saturday 22 March 2025  
8.30am - 5.30pm

## Venue

 North Hagley Park  
57 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch

## REGISTER HERE

 <https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-canterbury-polyfest-2025>

Contact Us

[spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com](mailto:spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com)



# SPACPAC CANTERBURY PACIFIC YOUTH AWARDS

This is an opportunity for students, parents, schools, and the wider community to celebrate our Pacific high achievers for 2024. With our revamp, we have come up with some unique and more prestigious awards that better showcase our Pacific students and their talents and achievements. Some examples of our new awards are Pacific Champion, Trailblazing Innovation Award, Sports Game Changer and Commitment to Wellbeing.

## Date & Time



Tuesday 6 May 2025  
5.30pm - 7pm

## REGISTER HERE



<https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-pacific-youth-awards>

## Venue



The Aurora Centre,  
151 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch

Contact Us

[spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com](mailto:spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com)




# SPACPAC PACIFIC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

This is an opportunity for any Pacific students in leadership positions to be equipped in a day retreat. This day will include leadership workshops, Pacific identity/ belongingness workshops, and an opportunity to meet other Pacific youth and community leaders from across Canterbury.

## Date & Time

 Tuesday 11 February 2025  
9am - 3pm

## REGISTER HERE

 <https://events.humanitix.com/spacpac-leadership-retreat-2025>

## Venue

 Multicultural Centre  
455 Hagley Avenue, Christchurch Central  
City, Christchurch 8011

Contact Us

[spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com](mailto:spacpaccanterbury@outlook.com)

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Simon **Last Name:** (required) Shelton

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Chair - 35 staff + trustees (11)

### Feedback

#### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

BPCT supports the Council's intention to accumulate funds over the 10-year period to provision future climate adaptation needs through the Climate Resilience Fund. This initiative is both strategic, sensible and sine qua non.

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No

### Attached Documents

Name
20250328 - CCC DRAFT Annual Plan 25-26 - BPCT Submission - Rev 1



**Date:** 28 March 2025

**To:** Christchurch City Council  
53 Hereford Street  
Christchurch Central 8013  
New Zealand

**From:** Simon Shelton, Chair  
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

**Subject:** Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 Submission on behalf of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

Dear Council Members,

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) values the longstanding relationship and support provided by the Christchurch City Council (CCC). Our collaborative efforts continue to align closely with the Council's strategic goals for conservation and biodiversity enhancement. I wish to specifically thank the outstanding Council staff we work with, particularly the Parks team, Councillors and Rupert Bool.

As Chair of BPCT I am submitting this proposal, with a focus on biodiversity enhancement. When biodiversity thrives in the natural environment, we thrive; mentally, physically, socially and economically. Biodiversity brings commercial value to the Canterbury economy, as seen in tourism, agriculture, aquaculture, recreation, and healthcare, among other sectors. This submission, from BPCT aligns with the strategic priorities outlined in the Christchurch City Council's Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 and Long Term Plan 2024-34.

We commend the Council on the financial commitment to the Environmental Partnership (\$700k) and CCC Biodiversity Funds (\$500k) itemised in the CCC Draft Annual Plan for the 12-month period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

BPCT supports the Council's intention to accumulate funds over the 10-year period to provision future climate adaptation needs through the Climate Resilience Fund. This initiative is both strategic, sensible and sine qua non.

We also specifically acknowledge, with gratitude, the Council's commitment to providing grants to BPCT and Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP). This investment will support the delivery of the following initiatives led by BPCT:

## **1. Tūi Programme**

Over 10 years ago, 72 tūi were translocated to Hinewai Reserve, and today, the future of the Banks Peninsula tūi population is looking promising. The effort required to achieve this has been substantial, with numerous agencies, private landowners, and volunteers collaborating to reintroduce a once-extinct species back into the region.

Our Tūi Committee continues to coordinate a community monitoring programme led by ecologist Laura Molles. Each year, a number of birds are banded for identification purposes, and over 210 birds that can be identified by these bands have been observed recently.

## **2. Habitat Protection & Enhancement – Conservation Covenants Programme**

Assisting Banks Peninsula landowners to ensure that important indigenous biodiversity, landscape, and cultural values on their property are protected and maintained. The covenant is a powerful legal mechanism for perpetual protection that requires current and future landowners to manage the covenant for conservation purposes.

A well-managed covenant results in high-value biodiversity being not only protected but enhanced. Indigenous habitat quality quickly improves on the exclusion of stock, weed and animal pests. In addition, through sound covenant management, soil and water quality, plus carbon sequestration are boosted.

A conservation covenant is a priceless gift by current landowners to future generations.

## **3. Pest Free Banks Peninsula**

The PFBP initiative is achieving substantial success in biodiversity conservation, thanks to significant funding and collaborative efforts. The CCC has allocated \$60,000 for general pest elimination and an additional \$100,000 for a feral pig elimination program, underscoring their commitment to environmental sustainability.

In terms of pest management, the initiative has seen notable success: Approximately 1000 hedgehogs, 250 feral cats, and 309 mustelids have been removed from the Kaitorete area. This has enabled a dramatic recovery in native fauna, with the population of Canterbury Spotted Skinks increasing by 833% from 2022 to 2025. Similarly, the Extended Wildside project has led to a significant reduction in possum numbers over 10,000 hectares, with intensive monitoring over 1,700 hectares. This effort has resulted in a 150% increase in the population of the Banks Peninsula Tree Weta.

These achievements have been bolstered by active community participation, with PFBP liaising with 470 landowners and various community members. The total investment in these biodiversity initiatives over the past five years is valued at approximately \$15 million, demonstrating the leveraged impact of CCC's initial funding.

Continued financial support from CCC is crucial for sustaining these gains and further enhancing the region's biodiversity.

## **4. Farm Biodiversity Programme**

The Farm Biodiversity Programme supports interested farmers (and farmer catchment groups) to improve the indigenous biodiversity on Banks Peninsula. By providing farm-specific ecological planning

advice and user-friendly biodiversity monitoring tools, farmers have increased knowledge about their local ecosystems and a clear plan of targeted action to improve their on-farm indigenous biodiversity. This integrates with the existing farming system, providing farmers with valuable evidence of their biodiversity management.

## **5. Biodiversity Hubs**

These large-scale hubs of more than 1000ha, each of connected and protected indigenous vegetation, are important for biodiversity health and climate resilience. These hubs contain old-growth and regenerating forests and naturally uncommon ecosystems and provide ecosystem resilience from summit to sea. Land tenure is mixed, and collaborative cross-boundary biodiversity management is encouraged. BPCT currently supports three hubs:

1. The Wildside (South-eastern bays).
2. Te Kāhahu Kahukura.
3. Western Valley to Te Ahu Pātiki.

## **6. Volunteer Programme**

Keen conservationists, schools, community groups, and business groups contribute their time, energy and expertise to help restore indigenous flora and fauna across Banks Peninsula. Volunteers provide support with restoration planting, weed and animal threat management, biodiversity monitoring, administration tasks and governance. Our volunteer base is strong, committed, well connected and highly skilled. BPCT has a proud history of valuing volunteers in a win-win relationship, delivering efficient and high value-for-money biodiversity outcomes for the community.

## **7. Community Engagement and Education Programme**

Community groups, schools, Rūnanga, farmers, catchment groups, and other landowners are educated and supported to protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity. Activities include a wide range of biodiversity field days and workshops, school-specific programmes, restoration advice, plant and animal pest management advice, resources and publications.



All of these initiatives contribute to realising the 2050 Ecological Visions for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. Many are implemented in close collaboration with the CCC teams.

## The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

At the heart of our mission is assisting landowners (of which CCC is one) in preserving and enhancing their land's ecological values and ensuring these benefits endure for future generations (through legal protections (covenants)). To date, BPCT has established over 100 conservation covenants, the impact of which is both scientifically significant and visually noticeable as you travel between Akaroa and Christchurch or other parts of Banks Peninsula, including the Port Hills.

Securing consistent funding for our habitat protection efforts remains a challenge, and we remain very thankful for the Council's support. Despite these funding hurdles, we're optimistic about retaining and advancing the biodiversity successes achieved on Banks Peninsula during the Trust's 24-year history. The ecological benefits of our work extend beyond local boundaries, influencing the wider Canterbury plains and enhancing biodiversity across Ōtautahi's rivers, estuaries, and landscapes. We share our learnings in pest and weed management nationally and internationally.

With a team of approximately 35 staff members and a highly capable and well-respected General Manager, Maree Burnett, we aspire to be leaders in conservation and biodiversity enhancement. We value working with others; our work thrives on collaboration, uniting efforts with agencies (CCC, ECAN, DOC), organisations, landowners, and communities dedicated to ecological improvement. Through these partnerships, facilitated by BPCT, we maximise our impact, as evidenced by our productive relationships with the Council and its active staff involvement in our projects.

## In Conclusion

I would like to commend the Council's ongoing commitment to biodiversity and the natural environment, of which there exists an inextricable link to the health and wellbeing of our people. The very community you lead. Never has there been a more important time to provide resources to protect and enhance the natural environment. Future generations rely on it.

We have valued the regular engagements with Councillors on a quarterly basis; the exchange of information has been two-way and key to the efficiency in which BPCT turns council funding into high-value outcomes. We look forward to deepening our partnership with the Council and offer the opportunity to discuss any of the initiatives stated within this submission further. We remain available to meet at the Council's convenience.

Thank you for considering our submission. We remain wholeheartedly committed to continuing our work together, to achieve significant environmental benefits now and for future generations.

Kind regards,



Simon Shelton.

Chair, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

## Our Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Susan    **Last Name:** (required) Wilkinson

### Feedback

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Am wanting the flooding in McLean Street Linwood to not happen every year whenever there is heavy rain in the area happens. This has been on going every since I have lived here since 1987 and as there are more houses being build in the street it will get worse as there will be no back yards to soak up the water The drains can not handle it all as blockage acures more often than not since the open drain got covered over and the drain off from the road the the under ground pipe is smaller than the covered over drain and blockage can cover the whole street making access in and out of properties impossible if walking down to the street, with water even coming up the drive ways newer houses that have been build making access to their cars impossible. I and many other people is this street would like to have this resolved and not a temperry fix with contractor coming out when every we have to ring the council re the flooding.

Please can this be placed on the things to do this year

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### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

**Trade waste**

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 3: Fixed volume rate

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**Air Force Museum Grant**

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

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**Central city shuttle service**

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

No

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**Future feedback**

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Yes

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Sonya **Last Name:** (required) Hodder

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Spreydon Neighbourhood Network

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Secretary 16-20 meet/3,000 SNN Facebook members

### Feedback

#### Proposed average rates increase

1.1.1

**What do you think of our proposed average rates increase of 7.58% across all ratepayers (which is lower than the 8.48% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.40%?**

SNN residents appreciate your efforts to keep the rates down to 7.58% while still allowing for progress. We hope this may be possible in coming years as well.

#### Proposed spending

1.1.2

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

SNN would definitely support the increase in funding to complete the Simeon Street cycle connection project and the Antigua Street Cycle Network design due to the changes to the Brougham Street over bridge and improvements.

1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

It appears the proposed spending for the three waters networks is a combination of earthquake-related damage, the fire at the Waste Treatment Station, maintenance, and potentially deferred maintenance and is also in keeping with the Local Water Done Well Policy that's currently being reviewed. It is important to get the infrastructure repaired and up to a standard where it can withstand housing intensification.

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

We believe the money earmarked for Parks and Reserves is high, however if it is factoring in Heritage and Coastal Environment then it appears to be proportionate to the Coastal Environment Costs for the Otakaro Avon River Corridor project and Climate Resilience Strategy and implementing the Coastal Hazards Adaption Plan.

1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Again we urge you to keep the Capital Programme as low as possible to help ease the financial burden on the ratepayers of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula.

### Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

1.2.2

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

This is a tricky one when writing on behalf of an organisation as there are differing views. But definitely pause it until we have a clear indication of how the Church is going to fund this project. The building is iconic to Christchurch and the history behind it, but as leaders of our great City, you do need to be financially prudent when it comes to making these decisions. We need to know when to cut our losses and move on.

### Rating for renewals

1.2.3

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### Trade waste

1.2.6

**What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:**

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

**Why do you prefer this option?**

It appears to be the most fair and reasonable of the tiered system allowing for the waste to be disposed of appropriately

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

This is very important, we all know that we have to start now rather than wait for the Climate Change to leap out at us. We have to abide by the Government Legislation that is in place. Rather than have the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, lets be proactive now about setting aside the funds to do this well.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

Yes

1.3.3

#### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

This is part of our New Zealand Heritage and it is a way of honouring all of our Service Men and Women.

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

#### Comments

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Yes we believe it is an investment in a CBD we need to keep the foot traffic up and support the business in the

CBD whether it is visitors to Christchurch or Cantabs utilising this service. It was a great opportunity all those years ago for a cheap day out in town with the children during the school holidays, to visit the gardens, go to the library, and tiki tour around town on the yellow bus!

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### Potential disposal of properties

1.3.6

**The Council has a small number of properties which are no longer being used for the purpose for which they were originally acquired. Do you have any feedback to help us decide the future or next steps for these properties?**

We agree with the Council selling off unwanted land or buildings that are surplus to requirements providing the process is open and transparent and a sales and purchase agreement is done between the two parties including Social Housing Providers and Developers.

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### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

Thanks to our Mayor and Councillors for keeping the rates down as low as possible whilst providing the necessary services that Cantabrians have come to know and expect. We appreciate the Mayoral forums too.

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### Submitter Details

**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Jenny **Last Name:** (required) Healey

**If you're responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide the organisation name:** (required)

Cass Bay Residents Association

**Your role and the number of people your organisation represents:** (required)

Chairperson- 100

### Feedback

1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

WE appreciate and support the proposed funding for the development of the Cass Bay Reserves. Our community contributed over 2000 hours of voluntary work last year on our reserves with planting, watering and maintaining, and weed control on the reserves as well as developing new tracks, in conjunction with the park rangers. Locals are also involved in the WOPP to reduce predators which is showing results with more kereru and other native birds coming back to Cass Bay. This work is enjoyed by more than just Cass Bay residents as our reserves are very popular with walking groups and people from Lyttelton, Christchurch and further afield. The money proposed for further development of Cass Bay reserves will enable the CCC rangers and our reserves committee and volunteers to further develop these tracks and reserves for every ones enjoyment.

The money allocated for the ongoing development of the Head to Head walkway will enable the continued work to ultimately create an incredible asset for Christchurch. This walkway could bring many visitors from Christchurch, New Zealand and even overseas which will give an economical benefit to the area and create business and job opportunities.

The Reserves Committees, which operate on Banks Peninsula, provide many hours of volunteer labour to projects and thus save CCC money. They should continued to be supported.

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## Climate Resilience Fund Policy

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**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

It is essential that we prepare for the future and saving now to prepare for any climatic events is wise so that we do not end up in a situation where we cannot afford to cope with sudden disasters.

## Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

## Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

The Cass Bay Residents Association have been trying to work with CCC staff to get a site to build a badly needed community facility for our bay for over 4 years. This is even more essential as we work with Civil Defense in developing our Emergency hub for Cass Bay, like the other bays in Whakaraupo. The Banks Peninsula Community Board have given us support for a site to be found but we are continually asked for more information and in the meantime the costs of building has risen significantly. Please give us support in getting the situation sorted so that we can move on to fundraising and getting this much needed facility.

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Yes

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**Submission Date:** 28/03/2025

**First Name:** (required) Allan    **Last Name:** (required) Taunt

### Feedback

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1.1.1

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We need to stop with this blinkered focus on a low rate increase, we see it all the time - the figure in the media headlines, social media posts, and in fact it is the first up question here. Of course people always want low rates, but they also don't realise the services and projects Council provide. Then when they want rates reduced, they don't understand the difference between CapEx and OpEx, then start asking for things to be removed that make a negligible difference.

Staff provide very good information explaining where rates go, but unfortunately that good work is undone by misinformation on social media. Please can I ask that Elected Members, ensure the information they provide is complete and not open to misinterpretation by the public. Also, where there is obvious misinformation appearing on their social media pages, can they please address that.

Also related to projects costs - cycleway projects need to be broken down by cost of each component so that the public can understand what is cycleway, and what is not. Recently the Antigua Street improvements was reported as a cycleway, the media attributed the costs to the cycleway, but quite clearly the project is much more than a cycleway.

Back on the rate increase, I feel we need to take a more balanced view. The public need to understand all the services and projects that are provided as much as the rate increase itself.

As far as the rate increase goes, I would prefer a figure around the 8.48% mark and the reintroduction of the project work and other items that were culled.

#### Proposed spending

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**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our transport network, including the staged approach to delivering Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings major cycle route, or the proposal to defer the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project from 2026/28 to 2029/30?**

I agree with a staged delivery of Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings MCR, although each delay runs the risk that someone will be killed or seriously injured on Harewood Road. We know from the community Facebook

page there have been multiple incidents over the last two years of people being hit while cycling on Harewood Road. Sadly, many of those instances have been young people – the very people the cycleway is designed to protect. It is well known Bishopdale Roundabout is dangerous, as soon as possible can we get the improvements for this completed. Maybe there is also an opportunity to take a temporary approach to reduce the door zone risk until the cycleway is delivered.

With the delay to Papanui ki Waiwhetū Wheels to Wings MCR, I would like to see the direct cycleway link between the city centre and New Brighton advanced in its place. The same applies to the northern cycleway link to Prestons.

For the Lincoln Road (Curletts to Wrights) Public Transport project, I don't agree with kicking the can down the road for public transport projects. A project like this should not be delayed. More cars on the roads, means more damage to the roads and increased costs to ratepayers.

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1.1.3

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our three waters network?**

Support the proposed spending.

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1.1.4

**Do you have any comments about our proposed spending on our parks and reserves?**

Support the proposed spending.

Although do wonder if something could be done with Murchison Park? Is it possible a football field could be constructed here. A basketball court would be great as well. I also wonder if there is an opportunity for a children's mountain bike track (it could loop around the east side of the park as that area would be unlikely to be used for anything else).

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1.1.5

**Do you have any other comments about spending on our capital programme in general, for example our facilities?**

Support the proposed spending.

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### **Christ Church Cathedral targeted rate**

1.2.1

**Should we pause the collection of the targeted rate for the Christ Church Cathedral reinstatement for the remaining three years we were due to collect it, and factor the saving into our proposed rates increase of 7.58%?**

Yes

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### **Rating for renewals**

1.2.3

**Should we increase our rating for renewals by a further \$2 million a year (\$12 million in total over six years) in order to keep our borrowing costs lower over time? This would result in an additional rates increase of 0.25% in 2025/26 but will generate \$2.6 million of overall rates savings over the next six years, and \$21.3 million over 30 years.**

Yes

1.2.4

#### Comments

If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know

WE should minimise the loading of costs on to future years.

#### Fees and charges

1.2.5

#### Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

Illegal parking is a serious problem. As an example, on Sunday 23/03/25 there was a driver illegally parked in the mobility park outside Tūranga. This was at about 6pm. When I called it in to Staff, they unfortunately could not attend as it was outside business hours. People were attending a show at Isaac Theatre Royal, the mobility parks were full from other legal users. I logged as a SnapSendSolve as well if you want to look it up. I don't fault Staff, they simply don't have the resources for increased hours.

Things can be difficult for people that have a challenge with mobility, I feel the Council should try to make it easier for people where possible.

Please can we have a better mechanism for enforcement and/or issuing fines for illegal parking. These days we should be using technology, multiple photos if they meet a necessary criteria (i.e. enough detail to standup against a legal challenge) should be a mechanism available to us. I know, this has been rejected in the past, but can we find a better way of reporting illegal parking at any time.

#### Trade waste

1.2.6

#### What do you think of our proposal to change how we charge for trade waste? Which option do you prefer:

Option 1: Three-tiered volume rate (the Council's preferred option)

1.2.7

#### Why do you prefer this option?

Reasoning from Staff makes sense.

#### Reducing rates

1.2.8

#### Tell us about the services you value the most and would not want reduced.

Support for active transport and public transport is a must, ensuring anything associated with these is safe and well maintained is a must.

I would also like to see parks and reserves well planted in native trees and plants. I see many areas that are regularly mowed, and I'm thinking these would be much better planted and have nature do its thing.

I would also like to see sports fields kept in good shape for children's sport. So important we give children every opportunity to participate in Saturday morning sport.

1.2.9

**Tell us about the services you could manage without.**

I very seldom use carparking, so for me this is something I pay for through rates but don't get benefit from.

1.2.10

**Tell us about the services where there could be an opportunity for savings.**

Road maintenance and parking is a huge cost. We should be looking at ways this cost can be more targeted, rather than burdening every ratepayer. Congestion charging is part of the solution to this.

### Climate Resilience Fund Policy

1.2.11

**Do you have any feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy, specifically how the Fund will work, what the Fund can be used for and how long it will be held in reserve before being used?**

Fully support this, although I am concerned the contribution may not be sufficient. Nevertheless, a starting point, and as time goes on we will discover more.

### Air Force Museum Grant

1.3.2

**Should we proceed with our proposal to grant the Air Force Museum \$5 million towards an extension of its site?**

No

### Central city shuttle service

1.3.4

**Should we allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service?**

Yes

1.3.5

### Comments

[If you're not sure, or have more to add, let us know](#)

I think this could be positive. I do however feel the initial investigation could be done cheaper.

### Anything else?

1.3.7

**Any further comments?**

I have many ideas for small cheap projects, mainly in the active transport space. I'm hoping things like this could be progressed. Will be in touch on these.

**Future feedback**

1.3.8

**For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?**

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about our services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes

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## CCC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26 SUBMISSION

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KARI HUNTER | 28 MAR 2025

### WE NEED MORE ACTION ON REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS

Given that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our city, we need the Council to give significant priority to mitigation, adaptation and resilience in all planning that has significant effect on and from these. This time-frame available to avert the worst is short—this is too urgent to wait for another long-term plan to get moving faster on.

The Council's Climate Resilience Strategy (2021) is based on science that is several years old, and does not take a sufficiently precautionary approach. Current science-based advice says that changes to the Earth's climate system are happening faster than were predicted then, and that we need to reduce GHG emissions by 20% per year, from now, in order to have a better chance at avoiding serious effects on our civilisation from climate change.

At this late stage, aiming for anything less than halving emissions by 2030 is not serious, and ideally the Council would be aiming for 20% per year reduction for the city.

I see some activities aimed at reducing emissions, which is good, but nothing anywhere approaching halving them (unless I am missing something major?). The Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy has some excellent aims, but I don't see concrete programmes to meet them in timely manner. There are no good grounds to kick this can down the road for another year—it won't get any easier.

For Christchurch, the biggest source of emissions are from combustion-based transport. We urgently need to reduce this—by at least 15% per year and ideally by 20% per year from this year. We need Council to take action to make this happen. One corollary of this is that we do not need any roading expansions designed to reduce congestions—we need to plan for less motor travel, not more. Another is that we need everyone in the city to have safe routes for active travel everywhere, so that those who can and want to can have safe effective options for active travel.

We could review future annual and long-term plans more effectively if they included—or linked to in an accessible way—information about how GHG emissions will be affected by Council activities—at least for the ones where the GHG effects are significant.

We need plans that will actually ensure these reductions from:

- Motor vehicle travel in our district, and between our district and others
- Emissions produced and enabled by Council-owned companies such as the Lyttelton Port and Christchurch Airport.

**Safe cycle routes.** Get planning for the next set of safe cycle routes, and get on with implementing them. Next time there is central government funding available, be good to have lots of plans shovel ready.

There is a lot that could be done relatively quickly and cost effectively to improve safety, in ways that can be trialled and adjusted based on use. This includes:

- reducing speed limits

- filtering traffic with planters/gabions and reflective markings to prevent some residential streets from being used as thoroughfares for cars and trucks
- using light weight bollards as on Park Tce - Rolleston Ave to create cycle lanes. (In general, I favour 2-way lanes, especially on longer stretches).

Personally, I cycle and drive and occasionally bus, often preferring to cycle when there is a safe route, but choosing to drive when there isn't one.

## CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

### **Revise assessment of climate impacts**

I would like to see a more up-to-date assessment of the impacts of climate change on Ōtautahi based on recent studies that take into account feedback effects and consequent “tipping points” in Earth's climate system, and reinforcing interactions between elements of the system. Also, we need the Council to plan for the range of possible effects (including more rapid and severe ones), not just the most likely predictions (especially when based on scientifically conservative assessments).

The Council's Climate Resilience Strategy (2021) refers to being prepared for sea-level rise of 1m by 2100. Recent science suggests that there is a very real possibility that we could get 2m by 2100 and continuing to rise even faster thereafter. This is a big difference, and will affect more of the city, especially in combination with greater storm surges. (The rate of sea-level rise has doubled in recent decades - it will keep rising faster from now.)

We may so far have had relatively small effects from climate change compared with the unprecedented floods, wildfires, winds, droughts, crop failures that have befallen other parts of the world. That doesn't mean we are immune. We need to plan for events that have not occurred before in the history of the city.

On a world scale, predictions include major crop failures, with an increasing risk of them occurring simultaneously on multiple continents. If you are expecting that Aotearoa and Ōtautahi will be relatively unaffected by extreme events in other parts of the world in the near - medium term, consider who will be supplying the goods we are used to importing under conditions of more widespread hunger, floods, fires, heatwaves, etc, and resulting increased conflict.

### **Shelter for storms, floods and heatwaves**

We need plans for shelter and sustenance for more extreme events than we have experienced thus far.

### **Food security**

If you imagine that NZ and Canterbury produces lots of food—that's true—but much of the food in our supermarkets is imported - hence vulnerable to extreme events elsewhere. Also, even food that is produced in Canterbury needs to get to the people who need it. So we need plans for food security for the district for circumstances such as getting cut off from remote food supplies by weather events or other disruptions resulting from climate change.

I'd like to see food-growing in every school that has suitable soil available, and for this to contribute to school lunches. Again, it would be good to see central government support to make this happen, but we can't be holding our breaths for that. So it would be good to see Council provide more support in this area. This could provide a partial basis for local food resilience in case of supply disruptions, as well as providing our young-ones with knowledge of food-growing, which is likely to become increasingly important.

### **Sewerage system**

I would like to see beginning investigations for our sewerage system, so that we can consider options to replace the current system before it becomes overwhelmed. This is a very major piece of work, and it's not obvious how it can be accomplished. That's why it's important to get started now – it's not a bridge we can cross when we get to it.

### **Housing security**

Sea-level rise, flooding, storms or wildfires can be expected to displace people from their current homes. This could result in a lot of people needing housing quickly at once. We need good forward planning so that there is housing available as such events occur. We need publicly-owned housing available for affordable rents. It would be good to central government build lots of public housing, but we can't rely on this. Nor are these conditions that the usual housing market mechanisms are good at providing for. I would like to see the Council invest more in affordable healthy council-owned housing in areas that will be safe from 5m sea-level rise and from more extreme flooding than we have experienced so far. Urban design needs to be for future conditions- conditions to include relatively few car and truck trips – ie planned compactly around public transit hubs, safe active travel routes, locally grown food, local services, etc. Much as I would like to, we can't rely on the central government to provide all of this.

### **Trees for a temperate city**

Good tree cover is one of the most effective ways to protect against urban heat effect. Large trees in privately-owned gardens can contribute to benefit and protection for the surrounding community. Some of the areas of the city with lower tree cover have many people on low incomes. It can be costly to care for large trees and to check and care for their safety, and this cost can be prohibitive on low incomes. I would like to see Council provide free or low-cost arborist services to support people on low incomes in such areas, so that they can afford to keep and grow large trees on their sections.

### **Climate Resilience Fund**

I support allocating funds for the Climate Resilience Fund for Council-approved Adaptation plans for Council assets, and the recommendations for a 30 year reservation period.

I am concerned that Council is relying on unduly optimistic assessments about how severe and how soon the impacts of climate change on Ōtautahi Christchurch could be. Because of this, I'm concerned that the Exceptional Circumstances Provision is too likely to be called on before the 30 year mark. If this happens, it will probably also indicate that the need for this Fund in 30+ years will be greater than anticipated.

Therefore, I'd like to see more realistic assessment of future climate risks, and significant limitations on this provision,

### **Transport**

Internal combustion engines (ICEs) not only contribute to climate catastrophe, they are also vulnerable to it's effects, via supply disruptions (as well as to the underlying fuel supply limits). So transitioning away from ICEs is part of resilience, as well as mitigation. We need to be able to function with a lot less motor travel.

I'd like to see the Council invest in local development and manufacturing of human powered vehicles (HPVs) and low-powered vehicles (LPVs) that can serve many of the functions that we currently rely on cars for. I would like to see local production of light-weight and E-assisted cycles that can variously carry a family, a large load, a wheel-chair user, transport someone to hospital, protect from harsh weather, be used by people with impaired balance, etc. Such vehicles exist, but there is very limited availability in Ōtautahi. If we wait for the market to provide this, we are unlikely to be prepared when we need them more urgently.

### Speed limits

Increasing speed-limits is directly counter to the aims of reducing GHG emissions, with little real benefit, and significantly more risk and harm. The Zero Carbon Act commits the Government to emissions reduction goals that it does not appear to be honouring. It is not clear to me that the central government has a right to require councils to take action that is likely to result in more injuries and fatalities. This conflicts with the Right to Life. Given the conflict, stick with the sensible emissions reduction and safety benefits of safer speeds. Don't spend council resources on increasing any speed limits.

Further, I recommend proceeding with making the streets safer by continuing to reduce speed limits.

Ideally, make most of the urban streets 30kph, and most rural roads 80kph.

### HPV Processions and Speedway

On a lighter note, consider establishing regular Council events to showcase HPVs and LPVs—maybe including processions and racing.

## REVENUE

I favour ensuring sufficient income to fund Council activities; do not cut services or programmes to reduce rate increases.

I favour adding a component of **land valuation** to rating.

Use **higher rating for empty dwellings** and dwellings not used as primary residences. This has been done in other other cities, where it has been effective in making more housing available.

I do **not** favour disposing of Council-owned properties. I recommend **retaining** these properties at least till more effective and comprehensive planning for climate mitigation and resilience is developed that meaningfully addresses well-being needs in the face of possible future conditions. I expect that it will be very useful to have publicly owned land for this for a number of purposes.

**Charging for trade waste:** I favour Option 3—fixed volume rate.

**Increase rating for renewals:** I favour this increase.

## EXPENDITURE

**Climate Resilience Fund:** I support allocating funds for a **Climate Resilience Fund**.

**Central city shuttle service:** I support a scoping study for a **central city shuttle service**. Good to make it easy to get around in the central city without a car.

**Safe cycling:** I do **not** agree with deferring or slowing down safe cycling infrastructure.

Some excellent cycle routes have ben developed in recent years, and I use some of them regularly. We still need a great deal more safer cycling infrastructure quickly throughout the city, so that all who are able and willing to cycle can have safe options to all destinations. I recommend getting on quickly with all the cycle routes that have been planned, and continuing to plan for a fully connected network for the whole city. Proceed with Wheels to Wings route without delay. This is important for cyclists and everyone else in the north-west, and also for reducing GHG emissions for all of us.

**Bus lanes:** I do **not** agree with delaying the Lincoln Road bus lanes – go ahead with them as a priority, so that commuters can benefit from them soon, and to encourage more bus travel and fewer car trips.

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From: 美玲 Lynn Chiu [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, 28 March 2025 10:36 pm  
To: CCC Plan  
Subject: submissions of Harewood Rd Cycleway

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[REDACTED]

Hi there

I would like to give you my personal feedback on the draft annual plan 2025/26. For Harewood Rd Cycleway, I recommend to build up traffic lights on the intersection of Harewood Rd and Gardiners Rd first regardless budgeting.

For rates increasing, I recommend NOT to increase as the economy is still on the bottom. Many families are hanging on the edge of surviving.

My personal details:

Mei-Ling Chiu

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you for your time and help.

Have a nice day.

Mei-Ling

## Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee

### Submission to Christchurch City Council on Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee places a high value on local government, on the way in which it achieves so much for the common good, providing a wide range of services, both essential and discretionary, which enable people to live safe, healthy, pleasant and productive lives. At all our meetings we have reports from those who represent our area on the City Council, Regional Council, or Community Boards.
- 1.2 We began our discussion of the Draft Annual Plan by asking: **Is the Council is achieving, by and large, the broad objectives of the Long-Term Plan?** We noted, from our general observation of the city, that:
- The supply of water to homes and businesses throughout the city is extremely reliable.
  - The removal of wastewater from homes and businesses is similarly reliable.
  - The collection of rubbish and recyclables is satisfactory and the control of graffiti outstanding.
  - The adverse effects of the destructive fire in the trickling filters and the malfunctioning organics composting plant have been ameliorated, and long-term solutions have been agreed.
  - Traffic management enables the efficient movement of people and goods around the city, except for peak hours on major routes.
  - Major flooding problems appear to have been overcome.
  - Residents enjoy easy access to parks, playgrounds, extensive reserves, swimming pools and libraries.
- 1.3 The answer to our question must be **‘Yes’**, because the Council is providing to a high standard the basic services which residents and ratepayers expect. We make this point because central government politicians have recently made unjustified attacks on local government, accusing councils of incompetence and wasteful expenditure, and threatening a cap on rates or a ban on so-called ‘nice-to-haves’.
- 1.4 However, there are exceptions to the Council’s generally good performance. **Our submission will point to various failures, shortcomings and areas for improvement.**

#### 2.0 The level of rate increases

- 2.1 We noted a certain anxious frenzy amongst elected members in the final weeks of preparation of the Draft Annual Plan. The background was outrage in the media about the prospect of an ‘exorbitant’ increase in already ‘burdensome’ rates.
- 2.2 Luke Malpass, writing in The Press, brought objectivity to the debate. His research showed that local government expenditure as a percentage of GDP had hovered around 2% of GDP for the last 90 years. In other words, there had been no increase in real terms, despite the much higher standard to which modern infrastructure is built and the wider range of services now provided. The increased efficiency probably results from

the use of modern machinery. Malpass was making use of nationwide data. It would be useful for Council staff, perhaps with assistance from academics or government statisticians, to ascertain the extent to which City Council expenditure conforms with the national pattern which Malpass pointed out.

2.3 In normal circumstances, it is reasonable for ratepayers to expect that rate increases will not exceed the rate of inflation, but circumstances have not been normal since the 2011 earthquakes. We consider that the Council has not adequately explained the causal link between the earthquakes and the backlog in infrastructure renewal. The 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy prepared a few years ago showed that renewal of roading, water and wastewater networks was generally up to schedule at the time of the earthquakes. From 2011, the Councils of the day, understandably, gave priority to the replacement of badly damaged infrastructure, with the result that routine renewals were deferred. It is our understanding that this is the main reason for the backlog of infrastructure renewals. Raising rates to renew essential infrastructure requires explanation rather than apology. Given the over-reliance on borrowing to fund renewals, a rate increase lower than that planned would be irresponsible.

2.4 We have noted that Councillors have a habit of requesting that staff find savings at the eleventh hour of the budget process. We consider that this is unfair, since Councillors are trying to escape the consequences of their spending decisions, and it is also unwise, because staff acting under pressure may suggest savings against their better judgment. Genuine savings – from achieving similar objectives with different methods – should be the goal of staff and elected members working together in standing committees during the course of the year.

2.5 Given the lingering impact of the earthquakes and the cost increases beyond the Council's control, the rates increases proposed are not unreasonable. However, our submission includes suggestions for both savings and increases in expenditure.

## **2.6 Submission**

- (i) **That, given the circumstances, the rate increase proposed is not unreasonable.**
- (ii) **That the Council undertake research to measure rating income against GDP and other relevant benchmarks.**
- (iii) **That Council arrange for standing committees to work to identify genuine efficiency savings in the course of the year.**

## **3.0 Prudent financial management**

3.1 We were pleased to see that the Mayor's introductory statement had a whole paragraph on the balanced budget: *This year we won't achieve a balanced budget..... Rather than increasing rates immediately to fund asset renewals, we're choosing to borrow more and spread the cost over time. While this approach helps in the short term, we must return to a balanced budget in the longer term to ensure costs are managed responsibly and fairly for future generations. We aim to do this by 2028.*

- 3.2 Will that aim be achieved? Past performance is not encouraging. The LTP 2021-31 (page 210) stated: *Capital renewals – we are moving towards fully funding the long-run average asset renewals programme (net of subsidies) from rates.* The Council later stated its aim was to fund 80% of depreciation from rates by 2031.
- 3.3 In the Draft Annual Plan for 2022-23, depreciation was calculated to be \$292m, of which \$165m (56%) was funded from rates. The situation has not changed. In the current Draft Annual Plan, depreciation is calculated to be \$390.5m, of which \$221m (56%) is funded from rates. This leaves a gap (operating deficit) of \$169m. (The gap between fully funding renewals and the amount budgeted in 2025-26 is a lower figure of \$106m.)
- 3.4 The Consultation Document (page 23) explains that the renewals are forecast to be fully funded by 2032. To achieve this, the proposed rate increase of 7.58% includes an additional \$5m. We strongly commend the intention but doubt whether it will be fulfilled as new cost pressures arise. We expect the operating costs of the two new sports centres to greatly exceed budget, because, in our view, the forecasts of revenue are over-optimistic. The modest sum of \$5m is likely to be ‘gone by lunchtime’ when Te Kaha opens.
- 3.5 We commend the Council for the table (page 23, Consultation Document) which illustrates the savings from funding capital from rates instead of loan. Increasing the rate take by \$2m (.25%) in the coming year brings savings of \$2.6m over the next six years and \$21.3m over the life of the loan. We strongly support this proposal and urge that the \$2m be increased by any savings identified before the Annual Plan is adopted in June.
- 3.6 Elected members who want to see lower rates should see that it is commonsense to move to full funding of depreciation (or at least renewals) as soon as practicable. Ongoing reliance on the credit card is expensive for the ratepayer. (Please see Appendix 1 for a simple example of the advantages of funding depreciation.)
- 3.7 Submission**  
**That the Council:**  
 (i) **affirm the seriousness of its intention to fully fund renewals from 2032.**  
 (ii) **increase the funding of renewals in the Annual Plan to make it more likely that the incoming Council will be able to achieve the intention.**

#### **4.0 Opportunity for savings – Digital capital**

- 4.1 Digital capital has an allocation of \$219m over the ten-year period. Of this sum, \$85m is for replacements, which is reasonable. The balance of \$134m is to improve the level of service. Is there \$134m of benefit to ratepayers? Water supply, a traditional big spender, has a capital allocation of \$852 over the same period. Every pump to be replaced will have been subject to a cost-benefit analysis to determine the optimum time for replacement. Every increase in capacity will be based on an assessment of demand.
- 4.2 The largest line item under ‘To improve level of service’ is ‘Continuous Improvement in Technology’. Who assesses the cost-benefit of ‘Continuous Improvement in Technology’ at a cost of \$87m? Every such enhancement generates a need for replacement after about five years.

- 4.3 If the intention is to improve interaction and communication with residents and ratepayers, is more digital technology the answer? Maybe the public would prefer the Council to employ three or four more people to answer telephones promptly and helpfully. In the last two decades digital communication between government departments, councils and utilities has largely replaced personal contact. Over the same period, trust in government and the satisfaction level with the City Council (among others) has declined. It is worth asking if there is a link between these trends.

#### 4.4 Submission

**That the Council:**

- (i) **subject 'improved levels of service' in digital technology to a cost-benefit test.**
- (ii) **undertake research on the effectiveness and acceptability of various methods of interacting with the public.**

### 5.0 Opportunity for savings - Water Supply

- 5.1 It is a well known fact that the cost of operating a utility network (water, wastewater, electricity) is closely related to the maximum demand on the network. It follows that measures to reduce demand will generate savings. For water supply, demand is highest in the summer months when there is a need to water gardens. The Council's charge for excess water consumption (about which we had reservations) seems to have been effective, as was the campaign decades ago to encourage generous use of compost and watering of gardens in the evening. No doubt the message requires repeating.
- 5.2 Major leaks in the network increase demand and also add to the cost of electricity used in pumping. The last estimate of water lost through leaks was 22% of water pumped. We assume that there is a favourable cost-benefit to locating and repairing major leaks or replacing the mains where they occur. Is such work receiving priority? It would encourage residents to conserve water if they knew the Council was putting its own house in order, so to speak. The converse would also be true.
- 5.3 Much summer rainfall runs off the hard surfaces of drives or roofs into the stormwater system. Collection of rainwater from downpipes and its storage for watering of gardens would be attractive to gardeners, especially those wishing to avoid the excess water charge. The Council could facilitate this by approving designs for the take-off from downpipes, the tank stand, and the tank itself. Home improvement centres would be keen to stock and promote rainwater collection kits. Although the installation of rainwater collection systems might be only marginally economic, many residents would be keen to play their part in sustainability. It would be a partnership in conservation between the Council and residents and set the pattern for future cooperation.

#### 5.4 Submission

**That the Council continue to reduce peak water demand and encourage conservation by:**

- (i) **ongoing publicity about composting for gardens and suitable times of watering.**
- (ii) **giving priority to leak reduction in city water mains**
- (iii) **facilitating rainwater collection systems for gardeners.**

## 6.0 Opportunity for savings – Solid waste and recycling

6.1 From a distance it appears that, in recent years, the Council has focussed on the management of recycling and the collection and disposal of waste. Both are expensive. It seems that reduction of waste at source is no longer an objective. Plastics continue to dominate in packaging even as scientists warn of the contamination by micro plastics of land and sea and even the organs of the human body. In time past, the Council had an objective to progressively reduce the volume per resident of waste going to landfill. This makes sense for the environment and for the ratepayer. Reduction in waste requires the active cooperation of residents, business and industry, especially the building industry.

### 6.2 Submission

- (i) **That the Council set a target for reduction in waste going to landfill and develop a programme to achieve it.**
- (ii) **That progress be monitored and reported in each year's annual plan.**

## 7.0 Climate Resilience Fund

7.1 It is most important that the Council plan for resilience. However, the support for a climate resilience fund is misguided, given the Council's heavy borrowing and current inability to fully fund renewals to achieve a balanced budget. Whoever heard of someone with a big mortgage putting money into a savings account instead of paying off the mortgage? Unless the interest received by the Climate Resilience Fund is higher than the interest paid by the Council on its loans, it would make more sense to use the savings to avoid more borrowing. However, given that the fund has already been established, the funds should be used for current capital projects in the climate resilience programme.

### 7.2 Submission

**That the fund be managed in accordance with the Council's overall financial situation.**

## Grant for Air Force Museum

7.3 We support a grant for the Air Force Museum provided it is paid from rates, not loan. We suggest the grant of \$5m be paid over 4 years at \$1.25m a year.

7.4 Loans should be for capital assets owned by ratepayers. Councillors of today should not commit ratepayers of the future to loan serving costs for 30 years to make a donation towards an asset that ratepayers do not own. It is generosity at someone else's expense. Such borrowing should certainly not take place when the Council has a declared intention to achieve a balanced budget.

### 7.5 Submission

**That the grant to the Air Force Museum of \$5m be paid from rates over 4 years.**

## 9.0 Scoping study for central city shuttle service

9.1 Arranging a preliminary scoping study is sensible. We assume the \$200,000 is the estimated cost of a consultant's report. Records of the electric inner-city shuttle bus which operated for a decade until the 2011 earthquakes can provide reliable information

about operating costs and patronage of that venture. Regional Council staff can provide up-to-date fleet operating costs and expertise, especially about electronic systems that provide minute-by-minute updates about the arrival of the next bus.

## 9.2 Submission

**That a scoping study for the suggested central city shuttle be conducted in-house, in close cooperation with Regional Council staff.**

## 10.0 Living Earth Organic processing plant

10.1 We congratulate the Council on its work to date to progress the reduction of the odour from the Living Earth plant. Accounts from nearby residents show the smell is significantly reduced. However, as residents of the East we are concerned about delays in progressing to the final closure of the Living Earth organics composting plant. We understand the delays are due to the processing of the resource consent. The problems with the odour from this plant were for so long unrecognised as a legitimate odour problem for local residents that delays now only serve to further reduce the level of trust residents have in Council processes.

## 10.2 Submission

**That the Council:**

- (i) **note that it stated at the start of the process that it would give priority to the closure of the plant**
- (ii) **ensure that a pattern of transparent communication is established and maintained with local residents during the remaining stages of closing the plant.**
- (iii) **ensure that relationships with the Regional Council are maintained at the highest level to avoid further delays in the closure process.**
- (iv) **note that similar issues arise in relation to the replacement of the trickling filters.**

## 11.0 Potential sale of Council-owned properties

11.1 We have no objection *per se* to the sale of land that is surplus to requirements. However, we consider that the following principles should be adhered to:

- (i) Proceeds from the sale of land acquired for parks should be paid into the Reserves Fund.
- (ii) Proceeds from the sale of land acquired for road widening should be returned to the roading account.
- (iii) Land acquired for housing, or suitable for housing, should be retained in Council ownership and offered to the Otautahi Trust or Nga Papatipu Runanga, under a peppercorn lease, for development.
- (iv) No land should be sold below valuation in haste; land invariably increases in value over time.

## 11.2 Submission:

**That the above principles be noted.**

## 12.0 Pause in collection of targeted rate for restoration of Cathedral?

12.1 Indications are that work will be resumed in due course. A highly relevant consideration for Councillors is that the Council's City Plan placed the Cathedral in the highest category of heritage buildings. This status in law placed serious legal challenges in the way of the original decision to replace the building. Heritage status imposes significant costs on the owners of buildings. It is the reasonable expectation of owners that the Council will support the heritage objectives in the City Plan. The saving from the pause is only 12 cents a week for ratepayers. We do not think that this is a significant issue.

12.2 **Submission: That the pause not be implemented.**

## 13.0 What we value most and want increased, not reduced – simple, affordable housing

13.1 Local foodbanks, who are in daily contact with homeless people, report an increase in homelessness this year. This is in line with statements from the Auckland City Mission and our local City Mission that the Government's restrictions on access to emergency housing has put more people on the streets.

13.2 We are aware that the Council helps fund Housing First, whose staff do an excellent job, but homeless people may be months or years on their waiting list because Housing First cannot put people into housing that does not exist.

13.3 Immediately after the Mayor's statement in the Consultation Document comes the declaration on Working in Partnership with Nga Papatipu Runanga, whose first priority is **Enabling and providing affordable housing**. However, there is not a mention in the Draft AP about how to give effect to this priority, let alone an allocation of funds.

13.4 What can we do without? We could have done without such a lavish \$683m stadium. As it is, when Te Kaha opens, rugby fans, ironically, will watch in comfort on a winter's night while others shiver in cars or alley-ways.

13.5 **Submission: That the Council recognise its moral and political responsibility to be active in the provision of housing, in its own right, or through agents.**

## 14.0 Local issues

- (i) **Intensification of housing in New Brighton.** There has been unprecedented building of numerous multi-storey flats in Marine Parade and Beresford Street. This concentration of dwellings has created **a need for sheltered pocket parks** where people can relax in a garden setting. Rawhiti Domain and Owles Terrace Park are both at a distance, and the beach, though much enjoyed, is inhospitable on windy days. Funds from the development levy from the new dwellings should be allocated to the provision of sheltered pocket parks.

- (ii) **Local cycleways.** Apart from the Linwood Avenue route to Sumner, we have very few cycleways in the east. We are pleased the Te Aratai (Linwood College) cycleway has been retained. **Our request is for inexpensive on-road cycleways** to serve our large primary schools and new secondary schools, Shirley Boys' High and Avonside Girls' High in particular. This could help take parents' cars off the road during the half-hour rush before and after school.
- (iii) **Stopbanks in Lower Avon and Estuary.** We are pleased that the Council has budgeted to build stopbanks or protective structures along about 4 kilometres of river bank or shoreline. This will prevent the flooding of some areas at risk of inundation and protect other areas from the erosion which has undermined rock mattresses installed by the Council in the 80's and 90s.

## 15.0 The meagre content of the Draft Annual Plan

15.1 The full Draft Annual Plan provides a detailed breakdown of the capital works programme but the barest of information about operational expenditure. What is lacking are performance measures which set out the performance of the past year or years, the target of the current year, and the target of the coming year. How can anyone – staff, managers, elected members, ratepayers – judge performance without a basis of comparison?

15.2 Performance measures should be objective and easy to calculate. In the case of pools, how many swims? For libraries, how many books borrowed? For water supply, how many unplanned outages? How many instances of contamination? Such measures provide confirmation of satisfactory performance or demand an explanation of an aberration. (Perhaps the performance measures are being saved for the Council's official Annual Report, which no member of the public ever sees.)

15.3 More specifically, we are concerned about the lack of any reference in the Draft AP to the great environmental challenge of our times. Several years ago, the Council declared a 'crisis'. What is the Council doing to avert the crisis? Is it working? How is it being monitored?

**15.4 Submission:**  
**That the Draft Annual Plan be amended by the inclusion of simple, objective performance measures.**

## 16.0 Conclusion

We would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our submission.

David Close  
 On behalf of the Policy Sub-committee  
 Christchurch East Labour Electorate Committee

See page 9 for Appendix 1.

## Appendix 1

### A rough model of how the funding of depreciation works – The Chalice

We are indebted to Cr Jamie Gough for the information about the restoration of The Chalice. His comments about the project were fully reported in The Press.

Year of construction	2001
Cost of construction	\$400,000
First year in which full depreciation paid	2002
Cost of restoration	\$700,000
<b>Assumed depreciation rate</b>	<b>5% (20 year life)</b>
Annual depreciation funded from rates	\$20,000
Total depreciation funded from rates 2002-2024	<b>\$460,000</b>
<b>Assumed depreciation rate</b>	<b>7% (14.3 year life)</b>
Annual depreciation funded from rates	\$28,000
Total depreciation funded from rates 2002-2024	<b>\$644,000</b>

At the time The Chalice was constructed, the Council was funding depreciation on all its assets except heritage buildings. The rating for depreciation was built into its Long-Term financial Plan.

**We do not know what depreciation rate was/is used for The Chalice.** If it was as high as 7%, depreciation on The Chalice over 23 years would have contributed \$644,000 to the renewals pool, almost enough to pay for the restoration.

It is important to understand the concept of what we have called the ‘renewals pool’. It’s a notional pool which does not exist in the accounts. Every year every asset contributes to the ‘renewals pool’. **A reservoir contributes at 1% a year for 100 years, and for perhaps 99 years what it has contributed via depreciation is used for other renewals. If depreciation is funded on all assets, the renewal of the reservoir can be programmed when its time comes.**

Assets like The Chalice will always be a problem. Engineers can easily estimate average depreciation rates for items like pumps and pipes, of which there are many, but with one-off items like The Chalice they are reliant on an intelligent guess.

Funding of depreciation means that all renewals, and some new assets, can be funded without recourse to borrowing. The reduction in debt and loan servicing costs strengthens the financial position of the Council.

# **CCC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-2026**

## **SUBMISSION BY THE BECKENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

### **PREAMBLE**

1 At a time of rising living costs, we applaud the achievement of a lower rate rise than was foreshadowed in the LTP, despite the larger rises projected for subsequent years. We appreciate that deferred expenditure cannot be deferred indefinitely, but we hope that, by the time the deferred expenditure has to be incurred, the economic climate will have eased financial pressures on households and that the Council will have found either new sources of revenue or additional ways of achieving savings without compromising service delivery - or both.

2 Subject to some specific matters discussed below, we are generally supportive of the Council's approach as reflected in the DAP.

### **SPENDING AND REVENUE**

3 Subject to the proviso that nothing vital should be neglected, we support the strategy of pruning capital rather than operational expenditure as a means to contain the rate burden.

#### **Operational Expenditure**

4 The explanations given for increases in projected operational spending appear to us not to be unreasonable – except that, when looking at the Operational Spending pie chart, we are surprised to see that 11.4% of the projected spend (*twice the proposed expenditure on Libraries*) is allocated to OTHER. We think that 11.4% is proportionally too large a “fudge factor”, and that the public is entitled to a more transparent breakdown of this item than is given in the footnote accompanying the chart.

#### **Capital Expenditure**

5 We applaud the statement that the Council is “reviewing the capital programme to assess its deliverability” so as to “avoid charging ratepayers for work in 2025/26 that we may not be able to deliver within that year”. Likewise we welcome the stated intention to “ensure that we remain focused on what we can realistically deliver in a cost-competitive way”. Those statements alone provide a rationale for the review and reprioritisation that the Council has undertaken, and for the deferral or re-phasing of some projects – which we broadly support.

### **MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN**

#### **South Library**

6 We would remind the Council that, from the choice of a site through to completion of the design, the creation of the first Christchurch South Library and Service Centre was the fruit of intensive and extensive public consultation and initially steered by a reference group involving representatives of community organisations (including the BNA) drawn not only from within Beckenham but also from further afield (especially Spreydon), with a number of well-attended and highly enthusiastic public meetings held in the design stage of the project. Since its opening in 2003 the Library/Service Centre has come to be a widely treasured public facility whose temporary loss, while accepted as a necessity, is undoubtedly also a source of widely felt pain, especially to those many community members who played a part in its creation.

7 We welcome the start of work on the demolition and rebuilding and thank the Council for confirming the requisite funding provision in the DAP, and for the extensive public consultation up till now on the current rebuild plans. We look forward hopefully to the project being carried through without delay to a successful conclusion, so that the local communities who for more than two decades

have enjoyed using the first South Library should not be deprived of a replacement facility for a day longer than necessary. We will follow progress towards this goal with keen interest,

### **Mid Heathcote Linear Park Masterplan Implementation**

8 The Beckenham Loop of the Heathcote River is a defining feature of our neighbourhood's residential environment and constitutes a major factor in what makes Beckenham an enjoyable and attractive place to live. We would like to place on record our appreciation of the work and resources that the Council has devoted to the care, upkeep and enhancement of "our" part of the river, and of the enjoyment our residents derive from the results of all these efforts.

9 At the same time, we would also remind the Council that the Masterplan, which was practically ready for implementation at the time of the 2010 earthquake, having been the subject of extensive local public consultation in which the BNA was actively involved, has now been deferred for almost 15 years. Although the Masterplan was completed some time ago, its broad principles (including better pedestrian and cycle links along the river, riverbank planting, and waterway enhancement) are if anything more relevant and more widely accepted now. We acknowledge that it is in accordance with the current LTP that the DAP contains only a token funding provision for 2025/26 with nothing thereafter; however, in our view, it would be timely to revisit the Masterplan with a view to including funding provision for its implementation in the next LTP.

### **Major cycleways**

10 We express our strong support for the provisions in the Annual Plan for the major cycleways programme across the city. In the most recent national census, Beckenham had the highest percentage of residents cycling to work of any statistical block in the whole country. There is great demand in our area for safe separated cycleways, and the ongoing work is important to connect the various parts of the cycle network. In this regard, we express our regret that the major cycleway which is planned to pass through the Beckenham Loop (the Opawaho River Route) has been delayed several times and is currently timetabled to be one of the last major cycleways to begin construction. Our area includes a number of busy schools with high numbers of children cycling, including to Cashmere High School. We urge the Council to use any opportunity to accelerate the construction of this major cycleway, and note that this would also be a mechanism to implement some of the principles from the Heathcote River Linear Park Masterplan.

### **IN CONCLUSION**

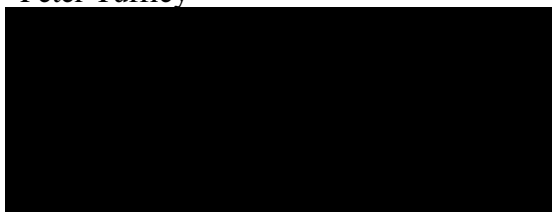
11 Subject to the foregoing comments we support the overall approach shown in the DAP.

12 We wish to be heard regarding this submission.

28 March 2025

for Beckenham Neighbourhood Association Incorporated

Peter Tuffley



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Kia ora

## Submission on Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 and thanks staff for the work done on this matter.

The Board's statutory role is "to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community" (Local Government Act 2002, section 52). The Board provides this submission in its capacity as a representative of the communities in the Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote area.

In making this submission the Board takes into consideration the fiscal environment in which the Council is operating.

The Board's submission considers the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Plan 2023-2025. Our plan sets a vision that *our people are actively engaged and contribute to thriving communities and environments, where they feel they belong and are safe and connected with each other*, and it is with this in mind we make our submission to this Annual Plan.

The Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board submits the following priorities for consideration as part of the draft Annual Plan 2025-26:

### Park and Facilities

1. Addington Park toilet renewal – the Board **supports** the renewal of the toilets at Addington Park given the Addington Farm Community Garden lease proposal. The Board also **supports** the renewal to include a reasonable fitout of the premises to support the activities of the proposed lease, which we acknowledge maybe against Council's general approach to lease management. The Board sees this as a unique opportunity to increase the impact of a community-led initiative and reactivate council assets and public spaces.
2. Somerfield Park toilet renewal – the Board **supports** the renewal or construction of a new standalone toilets at Somerfield Park.
3. Barrington Park toilet renewal – the Board **supports** the renewal of toilets at Barrington Park.
4. Victoria Park toilet renewal – the Board **supports** the renewal of the toilets in Victoria Park.
5. Rāpaki Track toilets – the Board **supports** the establishment of new toilet facilities on Rāpaki Track.
6. Replace Disraeli Reserve Art – the Board **requests** funding to replace the decommissioned art at Disraeli Reserve in Addington.

7. Port Hills Management Plan implementation – the Board **supports** funding to be made available to plan towards the implementation of the Port Hills Management Plan.
8. Sydenham Cemetery Unmarked Graves – the Board **supports** funding being made available to acknowledge the unmarked graves at Sydenham Cemetery. We need to ensure that appropriate resource is dedicated to continuing this important work.

## Transport

9. Innovating Streets – the Board **supports** funding to implement the Selwyn Street Innovating Streets project.
10. Cycle access to The Colombo – the Board acknowledges and thanks the Council for its commitment to funding the rebuild of the South Library and its support of the temporary pop-up facility at The Colombo. To complement and enhance the use of the new temporary pop-up facility, the Board **supports** an assessment of, and funding for, improvements to cycle access to the South Colombo Library pop-up facility.
11. Safer transport choices – the Board **supports** the need for safe, active transport options, the Board supports funding for the following proposals:
  - a. A new cycleway linking Westmorland to the Nor-West Arc Major Cycleway.
  - b. The Slow Speed Neighbourhood programme.
  - c. The CRAF transport programme.
  - d. New links from Barrington Mall and Hendersons Road to major cycleways.
  - e. Wayfinding on cycleways to be improved, including signposts on beginnings/endings.
  - f. Pedestrian safety measures on Hoon Hay Road.
  - g. Improved cycling routes in Waltham.
  - h. The Cashmere Road public transport route.
  - i. Planned bus shelters and seats.
  - j. Communication with community about why safe and active transport matters.

In response to the key matters highlighted as part of the Council's consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2025/26, the Board submits the following feedback:

12. Rating for renewals - the Board **supports** an increase of rating for renewals and supports the rationale that this will keep borrowing and interest costs lower over time.
13. Reduce or cut services to help reduce rates - the Board does **not support** the reduction or cutting of services to reduce rates. The Board believes that services levels across Council should be maintained.
14. Draft Climate Resilience Policy -the Board **supports** the draft Climate Resilience Policy, including the Climate Resilience Fund to support future climate adaptation needs for Council assets.

15. Grant for the Air Force Museum - the Board **supports** the grant of \$5 million towards an extension of the Air Force Museum site. While not in the Board's area, the Board recognises the Air Force Museum as a positive asset for people across to visit.
16. Free central city service shuttle - the Board **supports** the proposal to allocate up to \$200,000 for a scoping study for a central city shuttle service.
17. Potential disposal of Council-owned properties – the Board **supports** in some cases, the Council departing from its Council Policy to support, where appropriate, assets being disposed to community groups or for objectives such as the social housing, aligned to the Council's Housing Policy adopted in 2016.

The Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Your sincerely



**Callum Ward**

Chairperson

Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board

Christchurch City Council

# **CCC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-2026**

## **SUBMISSION BY PETER TUFFLEY**

### **PREAMBLE**

1 At the outset I would like to congratulate the Council on having achieved a lower rate rise than the LTP projected for the coming year, trimming its outgoings just as many families are having to trim theirs at a time of rising living costs. Doing something to alleviate financial pressure on households is a laudable goal, even though making up for deferred expenditure in the future may result in higher rate rises at that time.

2 As a peripheral matter, I would also like to compliment those responsible for the design and layout of the Consultative Document. In particular, I very much like “A day in the life of your rates” – a nicely graphic way of bringing home (in a way that I haven’t seen before in many years of reading CCC Annual and Long Term Plans) the various things the Council does that support citizens’ quality of life.

3 Albeit with some qualifications outlined hereunder, I generally support the approach that the Council has taken in drawing up this DAP.

### **SPENDING AND REVENUE**

4 Under this heading I think the Council deserves praise for two features in particular of this DAP. One is its continued adherence to the principle of intergenerational equity, whereby future generations who benefit from the results of current borrowing and spending pay for the enjoyment of that inherited benefit by repaying the inherited balance of the debt that made it possible.

5 The other feature of the DAP that I consider praiseworthy is that the Council appears to have made the strategic choice to safeguard services by pruning capital rather than operational expenditure as a means to contain the burden on ratepayers. There may be differences of opinion as to what capital items should or should not be pruned, but the principle the Council has followed is important in my view.

6 As regards opportunities to reduce spending on services or projects, I might not advocate but would not be opposed to some reduction on cycling-related spending.

7 I support the idea of increasing rating for renewals as proposed in the DAP.

### **Opex**

8 While I broadly accept the explanations given for increases in projected operational spending, I take exception to a “mystery package” labelled merely “Other” and priced at twice the proposed operating expenditure on libraries. The perfunctory footnote’s “interest on on-lending loans, business contingencies, etc” appears to me to be a grossly inadequate explanation of what \$98m is projected to be spent on – indeed, the “etc” strikes me as downright insulting – and to fall far short of the transparency (in a more detailed breakdown) that ratepayers are entitled to expect. A more explicit breakdown, please!

### **Capex**

9 Ratepayers should, in my opinion, welcome the statements that the Council is “reviewing the capital programme to assess its deliverability” so as to “avoid charging ratepayers for work in 2025/26 that we may not be able to deliver within that year”, and that it aims to. “ensure that we remain focused on what we can realistically deliver in a cost-competitive way”. Indeed, I would go as far as to say that I think the philosophy embodied in those statements should henceforth emphatically guide every Annual and Long Term Plan that the Council makes. With the qualifications given in paragraphs 8 and 9 below, I broadly support the proposed deferrals.

10 I have always considered the Te Kaha project (the third largest item) to be a gross extravagance (no doubt an unpopular view), but I recognise that that is now a long-byrone issue. However, looking at the major capital item (Three Waters - \$279m, 37.9%), it seems to me to be possible that what the Council opts to do under the rubric of “Local Water Done Well” might turn out to have an impact

(whether upward or downward) on the projected figure. (As the Mayor rightly says in his Foreword, “making major changes could lead to a significant change in projected rates”.)

### **Cathedral Reinstatement**

11 I think it needs to be remembered that the restoration of the Cathedral might well have been completed by now had it not been for an obstructive alien Anglican bishop’s disrespect for our city’s culture and historic heritage. I have no doubt that the resulting hiatus has contributed to the loss of momentum that has now regrettably resulted in the project having to be paused and the Cathedral mothballed because of a funding shortfall. I fear that if the Council were to pause collection of the targeted rate, this would have a negative impact on the prospects of making good that shortfall in the future, and would delay still further the restoration of a significant city icon; and I therefore urge the Council to continue collection of the targeted rate. I have no doubt that the impact on rates could be eliminated by judicious – *and relatively minor* – adjustments to major proposed expenditure items – for example, the mysteriously opaque “Other”.

### **Other Expenditures**

12 I support the proposed grant to the Air Force Museum, the proposed method of funding, and the associated conditionality. In addition, I very enthusiastically support the proposed allocation of money for the central city shuttle bus service scoping study. I am sure I am far from alone in remembering having often enjoyed the use and convenience of that bus service in pre-earthquake days.

### **Funding Sources and “Changes to other revenue”**

13 While I have no quarrel in principle with the disposal of surplus properties, I would hope that the scheduling of properties as surplus would be preceded by appropriate consultation within the communities where such properties are located.

14 Noting the projected \$108m revenue from dividends and interest, I would offer two comments: firstly, that I think every opportunity to increase revenue from this source should be keenly pursued (albeit prudently and with due diligence); and secondly, that I am pleased that the dividends are going into the city’s coffers rather than into private hands.

## **LOCAL MATTERS**

### **South Library**

15 I should declare a strongly felt interest in this matter, since I was personally involved in the process of intensive and extensive public consultation that, from the choice of a site through to completion of the design, culminated in the creation of the first Christchurch South Library and Service Centre. The process was initially steered by a reference group (on which I served, representing the BNA) involving representatives of community organisations from across the Spreydon-Heathcote area. In the later stages a number of public meetings were held to consider design proposals and ideas regarding what features and facilities the community wished to see in the building. The memory of these public meetings is still quite vivid for me and no doubt for others who took part; they were striking not only because of the large numbers of local residents who attended but also in the excitement they demonstrated and the energy, enthusiasm and articulacy that they brought to proceedings. Not only has the Library/Service Centre come to be a widely valued and cherished local amenity since its opening in 2003; for anyone who was in any way involved in its creation, its loss, however necessary, can only be especially hurtful. The more speedily its replacement is accomplished, the more that pain will be alleviated.

16 I am sure that the replacement building will be welcomed with strong and widespread appreciation, and I welcome the start of work on the demolition and rebuilding and the provision of requisite funding in the DAP. I very much hope that the project will proceed to a successful conclusion **without falling victim to delay**. Once completed, I have no doubt that the new facility will be at least as well patronized as the old.

### **Mid Heathcote Masterplan Implementation**

17 Like the first South Library, the Masterplan was the subject of extensive local public consultation in which the BNA was actively involved. It was on the verge of being implemented at the

time of the 2010 earthquake, and has now languished in limbo for almost 15 years – far beyond what I regard as a reasonable delay. It is therefore deeply disappointing to see only a token funding provision for 2025/26 with nothing thereafter. In our view, our community has been short-changed more than long enough, and I would earnestly plead for a revival of this project no later than the next LTP

#### IN CONCLUSION

18 Subject to the above points, I support the overall approach shown in the DAP. However, I have no doubt that the matters of local concern discussed above are very strongly felt by many more than me alone.

19 I wish to be heard.

28 March 2025

Peter Tuffley



Submission on the Christchurch City Council Annual Plan 2025/26

From: **Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch**

**Comments on the proposed spending on the transport networks.**

SOC strongly support the completion of the cycling network as soon as possible. We especially in this annual plan endorse the completion of the Te Aratai Cycle connection as outlined.

**The services we value most**

Cycleway infrastructure and infrastructure related to public transport

Libraries

Parks and reserves. Indigenous biodiversity.

Funding of community efforts to support indigenous biodiversity, and other community led work.

Rivers streams waterways care and protection.

The maintenance of our water supply system. Members speak highly of the prompt and efficient response to call outs when water emergencies have occurred in their neighbourhood.

**Feedback on the draft Climate Resilience Fund Policy**

Important that emissions reduction is still front and centre. Better to need less resilience because we are dealing with less rather than max out emissions and then have to adapt to the consequences.

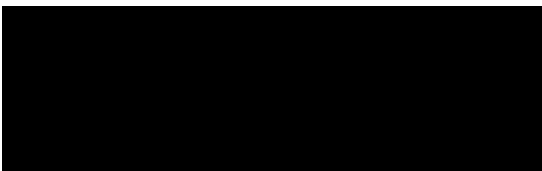
Nature- based solutions are favoured to be used whenever possible by our organisation.

**Shuttle Service in the central city.**

While this seems like a good idea superficially we have struggled to find people who used to use this service in the past. Before we agree that spending \$200,000 on a scoping exercise is sensible we would have liked to know more about how successful this service was and how it is envisaged to fit in the wider transport plans of the city/region.

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We do wish to speak at the hearings.



27 March 2025

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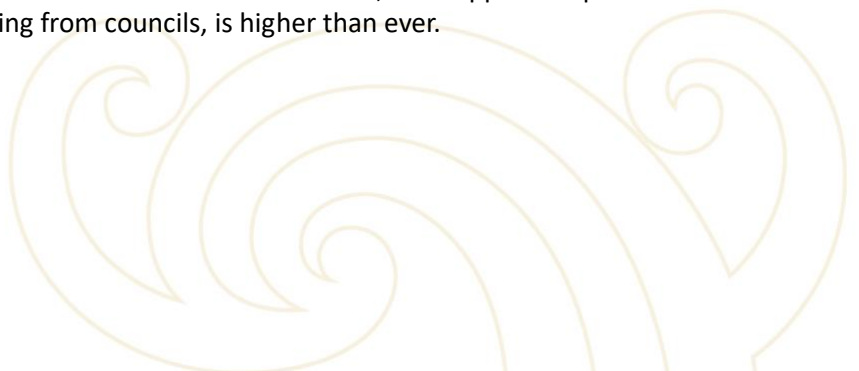
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**Submission to:** Christchurch City Council  
**Subject:** Draft Annual Plan 2025/26  
**From:** Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to respond to Christchurch City Council's draft Annual Plan 2025/26.
2. It's fantastic to see Council's support and celebration of arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori in Ōtautahi, while advancing your vision of the city as 'a cultural powerhouse'.
3. Secure and stable investment from Council in cultural infrastructure, services and activities is vital for a strong, vibrant and resilient arts and culture ecosystem in Christchurch. **We commend Council's investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi throughout its Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.** This enables creative communities and mana whenua to continue making valuable contributions to Ōtautahi communities, and its growth as a prosperous city.
4. We share your aspirations for Christchurch and look forward to working with you to realise the potential of arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi to support your communities to thrive. Our collective approach ensures arts, culture and creativity can deliver value to all New Zealanders and communities throughout Aotearoa.

**Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori are vital parts of local communities**

5. From our most recent *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* research in 2023, we know that New Zealanders' personal connection with the arts continues to grow. Many feel the arts contribute strongly to their mental health and wellbeing. New Zealanders are also increasingly recognising the economic benefits of the arts, and support for public funding of the arts, including funding from councils, is higher than ever.



6. In Canterbury, our research shows that:<sup>1</sup>

- residents' engagement with the arts is increasing, with 80 percent of residents attending or participating in the arts in the last 12 months
- 63 percent agree the arts can play a role in raising awareness of issues facing our society
- two in three Canterbury residents agree that the arts contribute positively to our economy and help improve society.

**Investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi, is investment in prosperous, healthy and vibrant rohe and communities**

7. It's very encouraging to see Council's investment in cultural infrastructure, and arts and cultural activities in Ōtautahi, throughout the Long-term Plan. This is especially so as the city's rapidly growing creative industries continue to strengthen the local economy and revitalise Christchurch.
8. Supported arts organisations and regular arts and culture experiences feed other parts of the creative ecosystem and local economy, including education, health, trade and enterprise, hospitality, retail and tourism. The creative industries in Ōtautahi create jobs, drive economic growth and attract new businesses, while enhancing its reputation as a destination to visit, live and invest in.
9. It's fantastic to see the ongoing development of **major creative infrastructure in the city**, and that major projects like the Court Theatre, Te Whare Tapere and the One New Zealand Stadium at Te Kaha are nearing completion.
10. We encourage Council to continue to work closely with creative communities on the operation and delivery of these spaces. Council's investment in the 'soft' infrastructure that supports these facilities is equally as important as the physical infrastructure. This includes ensuring these facilities resource and support staff who have the skills, knowledge and experience to successfully deliver services and activities. This will help ensure the facilities will be fit-for-purpose, high-quality and responsive to the needs of residents and visitors alike.
11. We also acknowledge Council's support for **Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre** in the Long-term Plan. This will ensure its ongoing operation and support for the wellbeing of Christchurch residents and the city's growing creative economy.
12. To build on Council's important investment, **we strongly encourage Council to ensure its investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori** is reaching across the wider creative ecosystem (including artists, creatives, creative communities and organisations), to retain its valuable contributions to Christchurch and its communities. This includes enabling creative communities to access affordable public spaces in the city to share, create and develop work.

**Te reo, mātauranga and ngā toi Māori, brought to life by tangata whenua and ringatoi, strengthen communities' sense of belonging, connection and are central to our unique national and regional identities**

13. We're heartened to see Council's commitment to actively working with Māori and other cultural communities on projects throughout the Long-term Plan. This includes Council's work

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<sup>1</sup> *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* (2023). Creative New Zealand.

**to incorporate cultural elements and design considerations into infrastructure projects across the city**, including transport projects and park developments.

14. To support this work, we **strongly encourage Council to recognise the importance of ngā toi Māori**, as Council's support is a crucial part of ensuring ngā toi is being produced, enjoyed and celebrated.
15. Success in protecting, revitalising and promoting Māori artforms supports many artists, practitioners and tourism operators in the region, and positively enhances Christchurch's reputation nationally and internationally.
16. Investment in ngā toi Māori also supports the revitalisation of te reo Māori and te ao Māori. It grows knowledge and value of the stories, values and places of importance to tangata whenua. Artmaking activities connect participants to their whakapapa, tīpuna, manga and awa, aiding wellbeing and a deep sense of belonging.<sup>2</sup>

**Local councils play a crucial role in offering stable support for arts, cultural and creative activity and infrastructure that enable communities to thrive**

17. Christchurch City Council is a major, and crucial, investor and partner in arts and cultural activities, and the organisations that deliver them.
18. Although audience participation in arts and cultural events in Ōtautahi is growing, the current outlook for the creative sector is very difficult and we remain concerned about the sustainability of the arts community. Arts organisations are operating on thin margins, with revenue streams under pressure, making them vulnerable to any changes in relationships with funders.
19. Christchurch's arts and culture services are reliant on local government contributions, as this support is not guaranteed from other sources. Creative New Zealand's own ability to support the sector is under strain. Challenging economic conditions are also putting pressure on other funding sources, including community trusts such as the Rātā Foundation, with pressing social needs taking priority.
20. We're proud to have supported *Toi Ōtautahi – A Strategy for Arts and Creativity in Ōtautahi Christchurch 2019–2024* as one of the Strategy's foundation partners. We encourage Council to ensure the Annual Plan continues to embed the vision and directions of Toi Ōtautahi.
21. We value our shared investment and ongoing collaboration with you to support a resilient arts and cultural sector in Ōtautahi.

**Arts, cultural and ngā toi Māori organisations, iwi and hapū can be wonderful collaborators with Council to build strong relationships with communities and create flourishing localities**

22. We welcome Council's commitment in the Long-term Plan to 'build stronger relationships across the city, including increasing community partnership work, outreach and collaboration'.

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<sup>2</sup> Ōtautahi Creative Spaces Trust (2017).

23. Strong relationships with creative communities and mana whenua fosters new partnerships and collective approaches. Arts organisations and practitioners in Ōtautahi hold valuable relationships with funders, government, non-profits, businesses and other community groups.
24. As connectors and innovators, they are also uniquely positioned to help Council communicate and deliver on prioritised work across the city, including city centre upgrades, infrastructure development, climate change adaptation and housing improvements.
25. Take for example, SCAPE have been building relationships with local communities in New Brighton to build a new public art project, with the support of Christchurch City Council's Place Partnership Fund. SCAPE is increasingly installing public art in suburban communities to enhance access to public art and contribute to placemaking across the city. The project also involves local-scale activations including a beach cleanup and community hui.
26. In early 2024, SCAPE installed *He Toki Maitai*, a significant sculpture by New Brighton artist Jon Jeet. This was possible thanks to a collaboration between SCAPE, Council's Public Art Advisory Group, ChristchurchNZ and the developer of the New Brighton Old School site. Creative New Zealand's Creative Communities funding supported the artist to develop a unit of learning that engages school children with the sculpture. SCAPE are working with other artists in the area to develop similar sculptures.
27. The project demonstrates the benefits of multiple funding streams and strong working relationships with the local creative community, to deliver initiatives that meet the diverse needs of the creative community and Ōtautahi residents.
28. This work can also build capacity into the creative ecosystem and play a key part in creative workers' income. While the arts funding system tends to deliver well for the public, it does less well for those working in the sector. The median income of creative professionals in Aotearoa New Zealand remains stubbornly low at \$37,000 compared with \$61,800 for salary and wage earners.

#### **Creative New Zealand's interest and investment in the arts in Christchurch**

29. Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa New Zealand, responsible for delivering government support for the arts. We're an autonomous Crown entity under the Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014.
30. Our legislative purpose is to encourage, promote, and support the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. We do this by *Investing in the arts, Developing the arts, Advocating for the arts, providing Leadership in the arts, and Partnering for the arts.*
31. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua. In 2023/24, Creative New Zealand **invested nearly \$79.4 million in the arts.**
32. We recognise the importance of Christchurch to arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi in Aotearoa. For arts that are delivered in the Canterbury region, **\$5.8 million** of direct financial support was provided by Creative New Zealand in 2023/24. Of this, **\$5.1 million** in funding went directly to Christchurch City, supporting individual arts projects and arts and cultural organisations.

33. Under the Creative Communities Scheme, we also fund territorial authorities directly to support local arts activities. In 2023/24, funding of **\$360,655** was provided to the Canterbury region, which included **\$233,100** to Christchurch City Council and your creative communities.

#### Final thoughts

34. Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to your draft Annual Plan 2025/26.
35. We were thrilled to visit Ōtautahi Christchurch this month to co-host, with the Arts Foundation, *All in for Arts—He waka toi e eke noa nei tātou*.<sup>3</sup> We were excited to work with the Christchurch creative community and hear from locals, who talked about how arts and creativity impact their lives every day.
36. To quote Mayor Phil Mager, “Sometimes amazing things are born out of disaster and in our case, we’ve seen creativity, resourcefulness and resilience born out of tragedy... Christchurch City Council is absolutely committed to supporting the arts and creativity, we know the important role the arts played in re-building Christchurch physically, spiritually and emotionally. And, we understand the sector provides ongoing contributions to community wellbeing, making our city vibrant and a cultural powerhouse.” We’re grateful for this acknowledgement and thank Council for both the continued investment and the central focus of arts and creativity as an enabler for your growing city.
37. While we do not wish to address Council in person in support of our submission, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss this submission further. The key contact person is:

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, nā



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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.thearts.co.nz/all-in-for-arts>

**Youth and Multicultural Initiative – Akaroa and the Bays Community Preferences in response to call by Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt.**

**Akaroa Playcentre**

**Date:** March 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

**To whom it may concern**

In response to Councillor Tyla's presentation to the Banks Peninsula Community Board on 11th November 2024, Akaroa Playcentre strongly supports the proposed Youth and Multicultural facility and urges the Banks Peninsula Community Board and Christchurch City Council to prioritise this investment by its inclusion in the Christchurch City Council's Annual Plan 2025/26.

This initiative aligns with the council's Strengthening Communities, Youth, and Multicultural Strategies by promoting social cohesion, mental well-being, and cultural inclusivity. It also enhances Akaroa's appeal as a family-friendly destination, supporting local economic and tourism objectives.

Akaroa and the Bays are in dire need of a dedicated youth and community facility to provide essential recreational and cultural spaces for young people and families. Currently, the area has no equivalent facilities, forcing residents to travel to Christchurch at significant cost and inconvenience. This lack of access not only limits opportunities for youth engagement but also has serious consequences for mental well-being and social inclusion.

Engaging in such activities provides young people with a safe and structured environment – a crucial space between home and school where they can develop socially, build confidence, and maintain their mental well-being.

You may contact me further regarding my submission on the details below.

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Kind Regards

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## **1. Background**

In November 2024, Christchurch City Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt sought project suggestions from the Banks Peninsula Community Board for his portfolios on Youth and Multicultural affairs. Member Asif Hussain consulted stakeholders, including Akaroa Playcentre, to gather ideas.

Akaroa Playcentre supports the Youth and Multicultural facility proposal in the 2025/2026 CCC Annual Plan.

### **1. A Vision for an Inclusive Community Hub**

Akaroa Playcentre currently leases about one-third of the existing Sports Pavilion site for early childhood sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Space is limited, and during these sessions, the Playcentre also uses the community hire area of this building, which includes the kitchen and adult toilet facilities.

Akaroa Playcentre supports the proposal to expand and modernise the sports pavilion building with a design that better meets the needs of the resident and visitor community. The current facility requires more usable space, safer storage for excess equipment, improved disability access, and upgraded kitchen and bathroom facilities. Additionally, the inclusion of modern multimedia facilities would improve the desirability of the hire space for meetings and functions.

The proposal envisions the recreation grounds flowing from this facility to become a key gathering point and engaging environment for youth and recreation. It includes creating a disability-inclusive outdoor space with extensive exercise equipment for all age groups, a revitalised skateboard area, a new playground, and bike and pump tracks.

These areas are intended to meet modern standards in terms of inclusive access for those with disabilities, as there are children within Akaroa Playcentre and the wider community with both physical and neurodivergent disabilities, and current facilities within Akaroa are poorly suited to their needs.

### **3. Project Overview and Location**

The project aims to create a Youth and Multicultural Centre in Akaroa using existing council facilities to promote social inclusion, youth engagement, and cultural exchange. Proposed locations include Akaroa Sports Pavilion/Recreation Ground, Children's Bay Skate Park, and Akaroa Tennis Courts (Figure 2). Repurposing these sites is cost-effective and timely. The Akaroa Playcentre shares this facility, so future designs must consider its incorporation.

### **4. Facility Upgrades – Akaroa Sports Pavilion/Recreation Ground**

The Akaroa Sports Pavilion is currently underutilised but has significant potential to become a hub for youth and multicultural activities, as identified by participants of this sample group. Planned upgrades include modernised kitchen facilities for community gatherings, enhanced shower and toilet amenities to promote inclusivity, and improved dining and multimedia areas to support educational and cultural programs. Additional developments include outdoor multicultural displays, exercise equipment, and an upgraded skateboarding and bike area to encourage youth recreation. Inspired by the successful Margaret Mahy Family Playground, culturally themed play zones and interactive installations will be incorporated to make the space more engaging.

This aspect of the project proposal is of key importance to the Akaroa Playcentre, which currently occupies approximately one-third of the building under lease to conduct family-based sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Playcentre has its own indoor space and fenced-off outdoor play area. Due to limited space, the centre opens the interior dividing doors and utilises

the Sports Pavilion side of the building during their sessions, which includes access to adult toilets and the kitchen area.

The building's interior is outdated and not fit for purpose. The space is small and lacks adequate storage, resulting in chairs and tables being stacked in piles in one corner, presenting a health and safety risk. The kitchen facilities are dated with old appliances unsuitable for catering purposes. The existing floors, both carpet and vinyl, are worn and dirty, and the adult toilets are frequently broken and leaking.

The building exterior has inadequate drainage, leading to significant issues during rain events. Water flows downhill off the recreation ground to the Playcentre's lower outdoor section, blocking access to the entrance and flooding the storage sheds, contaminating the outdoor play equipment with stormwater.

While the building has a wheelchair ramp on the community side, the two access doors off this ramp into the building are very narrow, posing difficulties for wheelchair users to enter.

## **5. Project Benefits**

Akaroa Playcentre supports creating a safe, inclusive space for youth activities and cultural events. The development will provide a much-needed community hub, fostering connections and well-being, aligning with Christchurch City Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy. This initiative encourages positive social interactions, confidence-building, and life skills, as per the CCC Youth Strategy. It also promotes inclusivity and multiculturalism, enhancing Akaroa's visitor experience in line with the Visitor Strategy.

Additionally, upgrading the Sports Pavilion will attract more rental interest and generate income for the council, addressing current views of it being overpriced due to poor facilities.

## **6. Alignment with Key Council Strategies**

This initiative aligns with several key Christchurch City Council strategies and policies aimed at enhancing community well-being, inclusivity, and the effective use of public resources. The Strengthening Communities Strategy promotes social engagement and inclusion through accessible, multipurpose facilities, while the Youth Strategy focuses on creating safe and supportive spaces for youth development and leadership. The Multicultural Strategy ensures cultural diversity and inclusion, fostering a community where all cultures feel represented and engaged. Additionally, the Community Facilities Network Plan prioritises optimising the use of existing council-owned facilities to meet the evolving needs of the community effectively.



Figure 1 Proposed concept ideas.

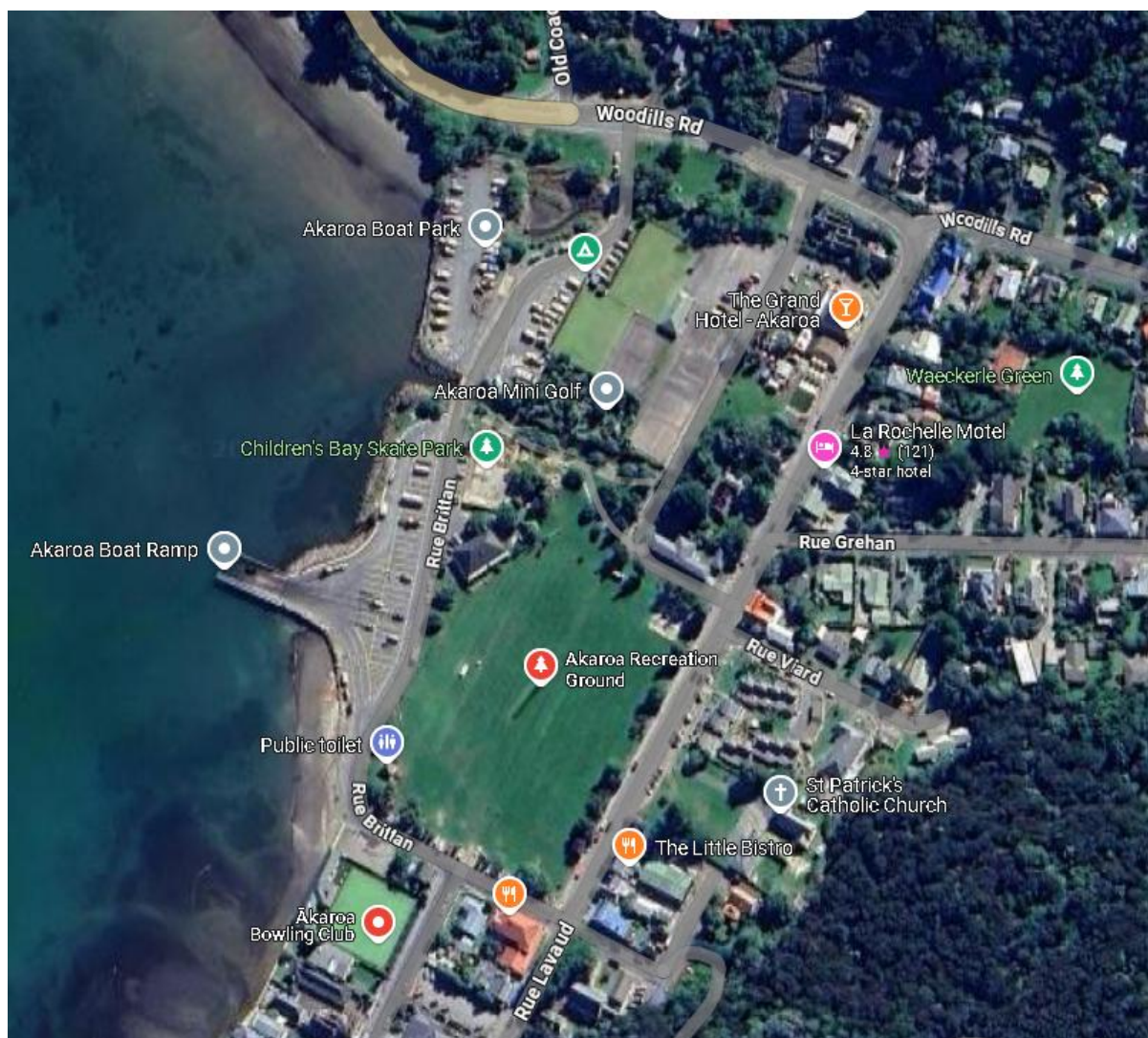


Figure 2: Proposed location for Youth and Multicultural Initiative

## 7. Addressing a Key Gap: A Dedicated Youth Gathering Space

A key gap identified is the lack of a dedicated youth gathering space. With minor upgrades, the facility could become a dynamic hub for Akaroa and the greater Banks Peninsula, serving residents, families, and visitors. Renovations will meet universal design standards, including disability access and gender-neutral restrooms.

Enhancing dining and multimedia areas will create spaces for educational workshops, cultural presentations, youth programmes, and social interaction. Improvements will feature modular seating, high-quality audio-visual equipment, and flexible room configurations to support various activities.

## 8. Revitalising Outdoor Spaces

Outdoor spaces will be modified to reflect the cultural diversity of Banks Peninsula. Multicultural displays and installations will be commissioned to showcase the heritage of the region. Local artists will create art installations, interpretive signage, and interactive exhibits to enhance public spaces. Additionally, outdoor exercise equipment for all ages will be installed

to promote physical activity and well-being. Durable, all-weather fitness equipment will be placed for accessibility.

The existing skateboard area will be upgraded to provide a safe environment for youth. The Children's Bay Skate Park has the potential to become a recreational space for residents and visitors. Local police have identified opportunities to create more activities for youth, with proposed upgrades including new ramps, rails, and safety features. The design process will involve local youth to ensure the space meets their needs. Inspired by the Margaret Mahy Family Playground, the redevelopment of the Akaroa Sports Pavilion will include culturally themed play zones, interactive installations, and nature-inspired play equipment to create an engaging environment for children and youth.

## **9. Conclusion**

The proposed Youth and Multicultural Initiative in Akaroa will serve as a cornerstone for fostering youth engagement and cultural inclusion on the Banks Peninsula. This project not only addresses community needs but also aligns with the Christchurch City Council's strategic goals for community well-being.

Student and community feedback provides a clear direction for the council to enhance youth engagement, multicultural inclusivity, and community well-being. Prioritising investments in recreational infrastructure, communal spaces, diversity, and transport accessibility will contribute to a vibrant and supportive environment for young people.

We invite the Council to support this transformative project, enhancing the social fabric and cultural vibrancy of Akaroa and the Bays.