

Whangamata Community Board Plan 2014-2015

And indicative Direction for 2015-2025



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2. Whangamata Community Board Vision and Priorities

The Whangamata Community Board has identified a number of priority projects for the Whangamata communities over the next year.

Priorities for 2014/2015

Footpath/Roading Construction

The footpath construction programme remains a significant priority for the Whangamata Board. The sealing of the Wentworth Valley is a major priority however this is dependent on works being undertaken to the State Highway which may delay the project.

Harbour Facilities

The renewals budget for Whangamata Harbour Facilities needs reviewing as the Whangamata Wharf needs re-piling. Current budgets will not cover works that are anticipated.

Parks and Reserves

The Board have prioritised Beach Road Reserve development including a new playground as well as identifying that the Whangamata Skate Bowl needs refurbishment.

Community Activities

The Board is continuing its commitment to community groups as well as infrastructure looking at repainting Whangamata Hall and possible re-roof of Opoutere Hall. The Whangamata i-Site is now under new management through Enterprise Whangamata and the Community Board is committed to on-going operation of this because of the benefits it brings to visitors to the area.

Priority Projects for 2014/2015

Local Transportation

- Footpath rehabilitation (\$7,672) and footpath construction (\$158,608) remain a high priority for the Board.
- Service lane legalisation (\$106,000)

Harbour Activities

- A review of Harbour Facilities to reflect that the Whangamata Wharf needs re-piling.

Parks and Reserves

- Beach Road Reserve Development (\$99,327)
- Refurbishment of Whangamata Skate Bowl (\$135k)

Strategic Planning

- Investigation into the location of a new campground in Whangamata

Variations from the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan

Local Transportation

- The Board defer (\$930,000) the Wentworth Valley Road sealing project from the 2013/2014-2014/2015 years to the 2015/2016-2016/2017 years to align this with the Wentworth Valley walkway project.

Parks and Reserves

- Refurbishment of Whangamata Skate Bowl (\$135,000)
- Defer Whangamata Harbour Walkway (Moana Anu Anu) project (\$111,603) from 2014/2015 to the 2015 Ten Year Plan

Priorities into the future

Wentworth Valley seal extension

The Board indicate that this is a future priority project helping to improve Whangamata as a visitor destination and the economic benefits (particularly around tourism) by improving roading conditions to a number of world class walks up this valley. Longer term link with the Coromandel Walks project.

Road safety improvements

The Community Board seeks to have the speed limit at the southern entrance to Whangamata reduced to 70km (from the transfer station to the 50km limit).

Harbours

The Community Board wishes to investigate a substantial renewal of the wharf facility to allow for heavier vehicle movements, a larger capacity and provide for greater recreational use possibly through a public/private partnership.

Community Marae

The Board have indicated their support for the establishment of a Community Marae by way of exploring options with and in conjunction with the Marae Committee.

3. Community Empowerment - Role of Local Boards

In April 2012, the Council adopted a new partnership approach to ensure greater engagement of local communities in decision making. At the core of this approach was providing greater decision making at the local level. This means that the Whangamata Community Board makes decisions relating to activities and services that are within the Whangamata area.

The Role of Local Boards is:

- To govern local activities (see table below).
- To ensure that your communities, through you, have an increased role in determining what happens in your local area.
- Consider all matters referred to the Board by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community in developing local solutions within the board area.
- To set the Board's priorities for the 2014/2015 year
- Input into the Council's budgeting and priority setting documents which includes Annual and Long Term Plans.
- Preparing and implementing work programmes for activities, consistent with the Annual and Long Term Plans.

Decision Making

- The Council has delegated a number of local activities to the Boards to manage, as follows:
 - Boards are also required to actively provide input into decisions on district services
 - Authority to develop budgets
 - Develop fees and charges for adoption by the Council.
 - Authority to approve additional expenditure (within limits)
 - Make decisions on leases, licences or concessions associated with all Council owned property within the Community Board Area
 - Develop and approve local activity policies including Reserve Management policies
 - Approve project definitions for all local activities
 - Recommend to Council the level of bylaw service and enforcement
 - The Board is also obliged to manage your services and expenditure within limits set by the Council and by legislation

Services the Board manages:

- Harbour Facilities
- Community Centres and Halls
- Airfields
- Public Conveniences
- Local Transportation
- Local Social Development
- Community Health and Safety (local bylaw levels of service)
- Parks and Reserves
- Libraries
- Swimming Pools
- Cemeteries
- Local Strategic Planning
- Local Economic Development

Services the Council manages:

- Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- District Transportation
- Community Health and Safety
- District Strategic Planning
- Emergency Management
- Hazard Management
- Water Supply
- Stormwater
- Land Drainage
- District Economic Development
- District Social Development
- Land Use Planning and Land Use Management
- District Leadership
- Local Advocacy
- Building Control
- Natural & Cultural Heritage

4. About the Whangamata Community Board Area

The Whangamata Board area forms the eastern gateway to the Coromandel Peninsula. The three coastal settlements of Opoutere, Onemana and Whangamata area surrounded by rural areas, forestry and conservation parks. The coastal environment is an integral part of the area with long white beaches, world class surf breaks, significant conservation areas, creational lifestyles and coastal commercial activities.

The settlements in our Community Board area tend to have fluctuating population of permanent residents and holiday makers. 65% of properties in the area are owned by non-residents and our population increases by up to ten times during the busy summer months when they and their friends and family frequently visit.

The population in our area is significantly older than the national median of 36 - at 51. Almost half of our population aged 15+ is not in the labour force (this excludes unemployed), indicating a high proportion of retirees, students and/or non-work parents in our communities.

Whangamata is the largest settlement on the east coast of the Peninsula and hosts most of the Community Board area's houses, commercial area and population. Onemana to the north of the Whangamata is a planned seaside holiday settlement. Less planned and structured, Opoutere includes a smaller scale holiday settlement located close to a significant coastal conservation area as well as a more permanent community on State Highway 25.

Key facts:

- The 2013 census results indicate that the usual resident population of Whangamata is 3,471 which has declined by 84 people since the 2006 census.
- Whangamata has 65% of its properties owned by non-residents
- Whangamata's population is significantly over the national median at 51 years of age.
- The population of Whangamata is approximately 3,471 which increases up to ten times this number in the summer.

5. What We've Heard from the Whangamata Community

We've received a lot of input and feedback over the past few years about our communities' aspirations for the future of our area. These also include the 2013 Community Perceptions survey results.

In the 2013 Community Perception survey, Whangamata Community Board area had the **highest level of satisfaction for cemeteries, harbour facilities and parks and reserves**. However, the community was least satisfied with **footpaths and stormwater** services.

In terms of what we have heard from the community over the past 10 years and what the Board and Council can deliver the common themes have included:

- Focus on protecting the harbour, hills and coast from the impacts of development
- Constrain development within current urban boundaries
- Strong focus on harbour and coastal water quality
- Retaining natural character including vistas of hills and ocean
- Provide a variety of community facilities
- Improved walkway and traffic networks
- Permanent affordable accommodation needed
- Address the declining population
- Protecting the 'beach causal' atmosphere

6. Recent Projects in the Whangamata Community Board Area

Moana Anu Anu Walkway - The Moana Anu Anu walkway was completed in 2013/2014 year and now allows for a walking loop from Hetherington Road to Sharon Place along the eastern side of the harbour.

Whangamata to Wentworth Valley Road Walkway

A new walkway has been completed in 2013 from Whangamata (outside Whangamata Area School) to Wentworth Valley Road. This walkway now connects the new subdivision at Widdison Place and has been constructed alongside State Highway 25.

Whangamata BMX

The Whangamata BMX track was completed just before Christmas 2012. This was a joint project between Council and the community.

Housing Development

There has been recent movement in the construction industry in Whangamata, with most of the sections at the Seabreeze Estate subdivision (opposite the Whangamata Area School) now fully developed.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

7. Local Transportation

What is this activity?

The local transportation activity helps enable people to move around their local settlement. It complements the provision of roads through a range of services from providing for pedestrian access and movement to contributing to vibrant and pleasant town centres. It does this through providing walkways, footpaths, street lighting, car parks, local public transport, moving of public berms and upgrading town centres.

Local Transportation Activity provides for new and replacement footpaths, street lighting and street furniture.

In the 2014/2015 year for the Whangamata area, the Council planned that:

- **footpaths** will be provided on one side of the street for 59% of the urban network
- **street lighting** will be provided in urban areas and major intersections, with at least 90% of outages being repaired within one week (excluding circuit faults)
- people can access a pleasant **town centre**
- **vegetation on urban road berms** maintained by the Council will be mowed regularly, with at least 80% of grass having a height of less than 200mm.

Background information about this activity

Last year the streetlight replacement budgets for Whangamata were increased to enable LED lanterns to be used as part of the replacement programme. These will provide a significantly lower whole of life costs resulting from approximately 50% less energy costs.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board makes the following comments regarding these projects.

Local Transportation 2014/2015	
Project	Community Board Comments
Footpath Rehabilitation (\$7,672)	These remain a priority for the Board
Footpath Construction (\$158,608)	These remain a priority for the Board
Streetlight improvements (\$18,133)	
Streetlight renewals (\$11,350)	
Street Furniture Renewals (\$2,951)	
Service Lane Legalisation (\$106,125)	Commenced in the 2013/2014 year, remains a priority for the 2014/2015 year.
Esplanade Car Park Improvements (\$30,214)	
Xmas Lights & Decorations (\$2,270)	

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100% locally
- This expenditure is 100% operating expenditure
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$375,426
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$429,898

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	
Local Works & Services Charge	-128,970
Local Works & Services Rate	-300,928
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	429,898

Whangamata Community Board Priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. Comments were sought from the Community Board regarding the priority for these projects, and for any other projects which have not been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan which the Board would like considered.

Project	Local Transportation 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Footpath Rehabilitation	\$83k								
Footpath Construction	\$1.8m								
Esplanade Carpark Improvements	\$30k								
Wentworth Valley Seal Extension	\$1m								
Service Lane Legalisation	\$235k								

The Board made the following comments.

Local Transportation 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan	
Project	Community Board Comments
Wentworth Valley Seal Extension (\$930,000)	The Board indicate that this is a future priority project helping to improve Whangamata as a visitor destination and the economic benefits (particularly around tourism) by improving roading conditions to a number of world class walks up this valley. Longer term link with the Coromandel Walks project. However the Board wish to delay this project in order to align to the extension of the Wentworth Valley Walkway/Cycleway to the DOC campground. in 2015/2016. It is likely that the budget of \$930,000 will be increased to include a footpath.
Footpaths -	The Community Board wishes to explore options of constructing footpaths, walkways, ditch drains and other alternatives that address road edge irregularities and public safety. The Board will work with the Area Manager and Roading Manager through Council's Code of Practice.

8. District Transportation

What is this activity?

This activity provides for people and goods to move safely around our district. It includes the development and maintenance of the road network including district and local roads, bridges and associated infrastructure. This activity is rated across the whole of the rating base as it is a district wide service. This activity does not cover the entire roading corridor, the State Highways are managed by New Zealand Transport Agency and local transportation includes things such as footpaths and town centre upgrades.

In the 2014/2015 year the Council planned the following levels of service for District Transportation:

- 447km of roads in the area sealed (excluding state highways)
- 0 road fatalities by road factors
- 3.0 kilometres of dust seals completed
- 5 road safety education campaigns delivered
- <1% of the district roads (not state highway) unavailable due to road closures
- Twice daily status updates via Council websites on unplanned road closures
- >90% potholes on sealed roads are repaired within 1 week

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The board makes no adjustments proposed to the Ten Year Plan, at this stage

Whangamata Community Priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 The Board however makes the following comments for the next ten years.

District Transportation 2015-2025	
Project	Community Board Comments
Speed Limits	The Community Board seeks to have the speed limit at the southern entrance to Whangamata reduced to 70km (from the transfer station to the 50km limit).

9. Harbour Facilities

What is this activity?

The harbour facilities activity provides recreational and commercial facilities to support recreation, tourism-related activities, commercial fishing and aquaculture. Harbour facilities can include boat ramps, boat trailer parking, wharf facilities and channel dredging.

In the 2014/2015 year the Council planned the following levels of service for Harbour Facilities:

- Five Community boards with access to all tide boat ramps.
- Nine all tide boat ramps with at least 20 trailer boat carpark spaces within 400 metres.
- Minimum of five harbours in which commercial wharfage facilities are provided and area used by aquaculture, commercial fishing or tourism charters.

Background information about this activity

- \$76,000 was allocated for the Wharekawa Boat Ramp project to upgrade this ramp however it could be delayed pending further investigation and consultation with the community.
- \$138,642 was allocated in the 2013/2014 year for the Whangamata Boat Wash Down Facility however this project will only proceed at this stage if there is private sector interest.
- \$30,000 was identified in the 2013/2014 for a Whangamata Boat Ramp Pontoon to extend the existing pontoon to enable better low tide use for small to medium size boat owners and making easier safe access for all users.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board makes the following comments.

Harbour Facilities 2014/2015	
Project	Community Board Comments
Harbour Renewals	The current renewals budget of \$5,000 does not cover work that is needed to be undertaken for harbour facilities within Whangamata. The Board advocates a review of Harbour Renewals and assets and to reflect that Whangamata Wharf needs to be re-piled. A review of Harbour Facilities and timing for these renewals is a priority for the Board.

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100% locally
- This expenditure is a mix of opex and capex
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$157,966
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$178,341

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	-46,314
Local Works & Services Charge	-87,442
Local Works & Services Rate	-44,585
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	178,341

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. Comments are sought from the Community Board regarding the priority for these projects, and for any other projects which have not been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan which the Board would like considered.

Harbour Facilities 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan									
Project	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Wharekawa Boat Ramp	\$76k								

Harbour Facilities 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan	
Project	Community Board Comments
Renewal of the Whangamata Wharf Facility	The Community Board wishes to investigate a substantial renewal of the wharf facility to allow for heavier vehicle movements, a larger capacity and provide for greater recreational use possibly through a public/private partnership.

10. Parks & Reserves

What is this activity?

This activity maintains an open space network to provide spaces for a variety of recreational and leisure purposes. We are not the only significant provider of parks and reserves. The Council's focus is on providing access to parks, reserves and playgrounds which (for the most part) can be used for recreational purposes. Open spaces include district community spaces, neighbourhood reserves, active recreation parks, indoor sports facilities, conservation and playgrounds, as well as supporting facilities such as signage and events booking processes.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council planned that:

- the Whangamata Community Board area will have 30m² of **reserve per rating unit**, and the district as a whole will have 48m² (no change from current)
- Seven **children's playgrounds** will also be provided in the Whangamata community board area (no change from current)
- 85% of users of these reserves will be fairly/very **satisfied** with the parks and reserves
- at least 85% of urgent customer enquiries will be resolved within 48 hours

Background information about this activity

In the 2013/2014 Annual Plan the following budgets and projects were made a priority:

- \$132,000 allocated for Island View Reserve Development (which included a playground)
- \$15,000 was allocated in 2013/2014 for Beach Road Reserve Development, however this work was completed for no cost.
- \$28,000 was allocated in 2013/2014 for Waireka Place Reserve Accessway for the creation of a right of way at 123 Waireka Place for vehicular access to Waireka Reserve to access water supply bores and pump stations.
- Stage one of the Whangamata Harbour Walkway (Moana Anu Anu) was completed in 2012/2013. \$50,000 was allocated to the project for the 2013/2014 year for the completion of the project
- Reserve management plans have also recently been reviewed.

Community Board priorities for the 2014/2015 year

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015: The Board make the following comments.

Parks and Reserves 2014/2015	
Project	Community Board Comments
Renewals (\$13,950)	
Minor Reserves Projects (\$45,757)	
Beach Road Reserve Development (\$99,327)	The Board prioritises this project as the Whangamata Beach Road Reserve playground is approximately 25 years old and is no longer fit for purpose due to component deterioration, rust and share use. The playground is currently in two parts, one for younger children up to five years old, then ten metres away a section for older children. It is unlikely that any components from the current playground can be salvaged therefore complete replacement is most likely.
Refurbishment of Whangamata Skate Bowl (\$135k)	The existing skate bowl needs re-surfacing. This is a new project, but the Board requests that funds are used from other projects (i.e. Park Avenue Reserve funds \$135,040).

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100% locally
- This expenditure is a mix of opex and capex
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$710,643
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$973,674

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	-16,740
Local Works & Services Charge	-324,046
Local Works & Services Rate	-632,888
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	973,674

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan.

Project	Parks and Reserves 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Beach Road Reserve Development	\$114k								
Island View Reserve Development	\$92k								
Whangamata Harbour Walkway	\$384k								
Park Avenue Reserve Development	\$394k								

The Board make the following comments for the next ten years.

Parks and Reserves 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan	
Project	Community Board Comments
Moana Anu Anu Walkway (2015/2016) (\$111,603)	This project has been deferred by the Board from the 2014/2015 year and is to be discussed as part of the 2015 Long Term Plan
Park Avenue Reserve	The Board would like to explore options for transferring Park Avenue Reserve into the property portfolio for eventual sale.

11. Community Centres & Halls

What is this activity?

This activity ensures that a range of community centres and halls are provided to meet local community needs. They provide facilities for people to get together and take part in a range of activities such as recreation and cultural events. Community centres and halls are used for public purposes as well as private social events.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council planned that:

- A minimum of 14 hours per day the community centres in Whangamata should be open
- Greater than 47% of the hours should be used for community uses
- To offer communities access to smaller community centres and halls

Background information about this activity

A five year lease arrangement has been signed commencing November 2012 between Whangamata Community Board and the Opoutere Hall Committee to ensure on-going provision of the hall.

Community Board priorities for the 2014/2015 year

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board make the following comments:

Project	Community Board Comments
Repainting of Whangamata Hall	The Board are awaiting a condition assessment on the Whangamata hall to determine painting requirements
Re-roofing of Opoutere Hall	The Board are awaiting a condition assessment on the Opoutere Hall to determine re-roofing requirements

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100% locally
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$189,247
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$195,747

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	-20,707
Local Works & Services Charge	-135,891
Local Works & Services Rate	-39,149
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	195,747

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board make the following comments for the next ten years

Community Centres and Halls 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan	
Project	Community Board Comments
Community Marae	The Board would like to consider supporting the establishment of a Community Marae by way of exploring options in conjunction with the Marae Committee.

12. Libraries

What is this activity?

The Council provides and supports a range of library services in the District. There are three Council owned libraries and there are other libraries in our District that are supported but not owned or managed by the Council, and their service levels vary.

Background information about this activity

Whangamata has an independently operated local library that is supported by the Council. In 2013/2014 Council gave the Whangamata Community Library \$51,096 with a service level agreement in place for three years from 2012/2013 to ensure on going provision of this service. The library is further supported by the Whangamata Community Board by way of commercial space provided in the Whangamata Service Centre building.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board makes the following comments.

Project	Community Board Comments
Review of library activity	The Community board have signalled that they would like a review to be undertaken to look at more efficient model of costs and management of this activity.

Managing the Budget

- Just under 20% of the cost of this activity is funded by the district (UAGC)
- The remainder is funded locally.
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$142,193
- In 2014/2015 the opex budget is proposed to be \$138,737

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	
Local Works & Services Charge	-110,990
Local Works & Services Rate	
UAGC	-27,747
Operating Expenditure	138,737

Whangamata Community Priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board makes no further comments for the next ten years at this stage.

13. Swimming Pools

What is this activity?

The Council's key operations in this activity are located in Thames at the Centennial Pool. Council however supports community pools in Whangamata through the Social Development budget as a community grant.

Background information about this activity

In 2013/2014 a \$35,000 grant was given to the Community Swimming Pool Society which has a service level agreement with the Council for three years from 2012/2013.

Community Board priorities for the 2014/2015 year:

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board makes no further comments.

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan: The Board makes no further comments for the next ten years at this stage.

14. Local Social Development

What is this activity?

The social development activity is a broad one, and the Council currently supports a range of social development initiatives including advocacy, social service co-ordination, health education, physical health through sports, creative arts, pensioner housing, positive ageing, community patrols, rates remissions, funding for community pools and other community grants.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council has also planned a broad range of other activities at the district level, including supporting:

- the development and strengthening of **social service networks** (with eight programmes covering funding advice, relationship building and crisis management to be delivered by Social Services Waikato)
- the provision of **health education** and **physical health** (with two life education programmes and eight physical activity programmes to be delivered)
- opportunities for people to participate in, experience and enjoy the **arts** (with 2 creative communities funding rounds held per year)
- the provision of **residential housing for older persons** (with 58 pensioner housing units provided by CILT across Thames, Coromandel and Whitianga)
- the provision of **seasonal swimming pools** in other settlements
- **crime minimisation initiatives** within communities, including financially supporting community night patrols in Whangamata (\$5,000) and other areas

Background information about this activity

In August 2012 the Council adopted new Community Board delegations in line with its Community Governance framework. These delegations provided for (amongst other things) a \$20,000 discretionary fund for each of the five Community Boards.

In addition to funding agreements to deliver the service level above and the community grants scheme, grants are also provided to the following organisations in the Whangamata area (in the 2014/2015 year).

- Community Swimming Pool Society (\$35,000)
- Whangamata Summer Festival (\$20,000)
- Events (\$10,500)
- Whangamata Night Owls (\$5,000)
- Additional Summer Law Enforcement (\$4,500)
- Community Grants contestable fund (\$30,000)

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015, however the Board makes the following comments.

Project	Community Board Comments
Whangamata Summer Festival - Review of contract.	The Board indicated that the Whangamata Summer Festival's contract needs to be reviewed for the 2015/2016 year.

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100%
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$177,916
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$150,009

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	
Local Works & Services Charge	
Local Works & Services Rate	-150,009
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	150,009

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board make no further comments at this stage.

15. Local Strategic Planning

What is this activity?

- This activity is about planning for a sustainable future, making more informed decisions, balancing our responsibilities to our communities and legislative requirements.
- In 2014/2015 Council will continue to monitor progress towards achieving the District's goals, including updating our information on demographics after the national census and contributing to the Hauraki Gulf State of the Environment report.

Whangamata Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year:

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board makes the following comments.

Project	Community Board Comments
Strategic Planning Whangamata Camp Ground	The Community Board would like to investigate the options for the possibility of a new camping ground for Whangamata

Managing the Budget

- The local component of this activity is funded 100% locally.
- In 2013/2014 the opex budget is \$35,067
- The draft 2014/2015 opex budget is proposed to be \$33,572

Funding Sources	Amount
Fees & charges	
Local Works & Services Charge	-33,572
Local Works & Services Rate	
UAGC	
Operating Expenditure	33,572

Whangamata Community Priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board makes no further comments to the Ten Year Plan at this stage.

16. Community Health & Safety

What is this activity?

This activity provides a range of services to ensure that our communities are clean, safe and healthy places to live. This includes minimising public nuisances and offensive behaviour as well as helping ensure public places are safe.

Your new community board delegations give you the ability to recommend to Council the level of bylaw service and enforcement to provide within your community. You are also required to have regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council planned that:

- all **food premises** will be inspected at least once to assess whether they are compliant with food safety regulatory requirements
- **animal control** services will continue to be provided, including carrying out all property inspections on dogs classified as menacing or dangerous and responding to urgent animal control issues within two hours
- the **supply of liquor** will be controlled, including inspecting all premises to check for display of appropriate signage relating to underage and intoxicated persons
- at least 98% of **noise** callouts will be responded to
- random and programmed **parking patrols** will be undertaken in Thames, and freedom camping patrols will be carried out at least 35 days per year
- it will limit **gaming machine** numbers in the district to 306 or less. (This is a sinking lid policy aimed at ensuring no more gaming machines are introduced and those that are decommissioned are not renewed).

Background information about this activity

- In 2013/2014 a new fee of \$25 per dog has been introduced for costs associated with impounding dogs to cover SPCA contributions and new micro chipping.
- In December 2012 Parliament passed the Alcohol Reform Bill 2010 which has significant impacts on the way that we administer liquor licence functions, for which we are required to establish a District Licensing Committee and adopt a Local Alcohol Policy which addresses concentration, location and hours of licenced premises by December 2013. The draft Local Alcohol Policy is currently being prepared with input from stakeholders and the community.
- Freedom camping still remains a hot issue across the district, in 2013/2014 Council increased staff resources for monitoring and enforcement of freedom camping and other bylaws.
- In the Council's 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan there were no major projects however Council is looking to undertake bylaw reviews on the following:
 - Freedom camping
 - Parking
 - Consolidated bylaw

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015 however the Board makes the following comments.

Project	Community Board Comments
Parking	Whangamata Community Board are not interested in parking restrictions.

About the Budget

- This activity is a District funded activity, the responsibility for which lies with the Council.
- This expenditure is 100% operating expenditure.
- Different components of this activity are funded from different types of rates and fees and charges, as shown below:

Component	Fees & Charges	UAGC	General Rate
Community Regulations		High	
Health Licensing (licensing)	High	Low	
Health Licensing (monitoring and enforcement)	Low	Med	Low
Liquor Control	High	Low	Low
Animal Control	Med	Med	

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board have no further comments for the Ten Year Plan at this stage.

17. Cemeteries

What is this activity?

Cemeteries provide memorial spaces for those wishing to remember people that have passed on. This activity involves ensuring that there are adequate burial facilities throughout the District and also includes ensuring that all Council cemeteries are well presented.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council planned

- that cemeteries will be available in each community board, and
- all cemetery interment requests made are responded to within one day.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

There are no projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for 2014/2015. The Board has no further comments.

Managing the Budget

- This activity is currently funded by the District.
- The expenditure for this activity is a mix of opex and capex, mainly opex.

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board has no further comments on the Ten Year Plan at this stage.

18. Public Conveniences

What is this activity?

The Council owns and maintains public toilets, changing facilities and showers throughout the District for the convenience of the community, visitors and tourists. The Council provides three types of conveniences: urban side street toilets, toilets in remote rural areas, and beach toilets which may include changing facilities and showers. Most facilities are provided in areas of high use.

In the 2014/2015 year, the Council planned that

- the public conveniences will be kept cleaned, including resolving at least 85% of urgent toilet related customer enquiries within 48 hours.
- The Council is also considering closing some public conveniences for parts of the year to save on costs.
- It will also target the refurbishment or replacement of public conveniences that are appropriately located for usage demands.
- The Council has directed each individual community board to consider the appropriateness of these matters further for their areas.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year

The Council has provided for the replacement or renewal of at least two public conveniences per year in the District as a whole. The priorities have been identified by staff initially through an engineering and condition rating that assessed overall ambience (lighting, ventilation) and Engineering (septic system and water provision). The Board have not identified any priorities for the 2014/2015 year for this activity.

Managing the Budget

- This activity is currently funded by the District.
- The expenditure for this activity is a mix of opex and capex, mainly opex.

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

There are no forward projects signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan. The Board have no further comments on the Ten Year Plan at this stage.

19. Economic Development

What is this activity?

The Council considers that economic development is a priority now more than ever and seeks to make sure that all the planning and activities that we deliver are conducive to and support our economy wherever possible. In the meantime, this activity continues to support tourism and aquaculture growth as well as partnerships to support diverse economic development opportunities.

In the 2013/2014 year, the Council planned to support and facilitate:

- the promotion of the Peninsula as a national and international **tourism destination** and expects that:
 - the Thames visitor information centre will be open 364 days of the year, and
 - visitor guest nights will increase by at least 5% from the previous year (currently 600,000)
- **sustainable business development** and **new business investment** on the Peninsula:
 - Destination Coromandel will achieve at least 85% of its key performance indicators
 - at least 75% of the district's business community will be satisfied/more than satisfied with the Council's overall performance in this activity
 - the total number of businesses will increase by at least 1% per annum (currently 4,121)
 - the Council will demonstrate a maintained or increased involvement in economic development initiatives.

'Local economic development' as a component of this activity has not yet been specifically defined or confirmed by the Council, however, locally the Community Boards now have responsibility for managing the i-Site service level agreements.

Projects included in 2013/2014

- Council adopted the Major Event Strategy in July 2013 and has committed \$75,000 as a contestable fund for major events.
- A regional partnership programme (\$50,000) including participation in the regional economic development strategy and regional aquaculture strategy and marine farming project.
- A feasibility study is being undertaken for Coromandel Great Walks looking at creating a network of walks across the Peninsula as a tourist and economic development driver (\$50,000).
- TCDC Economic Development and Investment Strategy implementation (\$40,000). Includes funds for implementation of the TCDC Economic Development Strategy due for adoption by the end of 2013 calendar year. This budget will also be used to promote economic development opportunities using the 'Opportunity Coromandel' marketing programme.
- The Council plans to fund local economic development agencies (including visitor i-Sites) at a total cost of \$345,000 per annum.
- Council is reviewing funding structure of this activity particularly i-Sites and has determined that from 2015 the district will fund two i-Sites (Thames and Whitianga) with the other i-Sites funded by local economic development funds.

About the Budget

- This activity is a District funded activity, the responsibility for which lies with the Council.
- This expenditure is 100% operating expenditure
- Different components of this activity are funded from different types of rates and fees and charges.

Community Board Priorities for the 2014/2015 year:

The Board makes the following comments:

Project	Community Board Comments
Campervan Dump Stations (\$22,321)	
Whangamata i-Site	The implications of Council's decision to fund only Thames and Whitianga i-Sites in the future needs to be clarified. The Board would like to know what the local implications of this are.
Property Strategy	The Board signalled that they hold the Property Strategy as being important but need clarification around where money for the assets that are sold is allocated to.

Whangamata Community Priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

In the Council's 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan it states that there is a \$345,000 Grant per annum for local economic development agencies. Destination Coromandel also receive a grant of \$375,000 annually. The 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan also set out major projects for selling of surplus property holdings.

Project	Economic Development 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Selling of surplus property holdings	We will be considering the selling of surplus property holdings that we do not require in future. Proposal will be identified in the draft 2015-2025 ten year plan								
Campervan Dump Stations	\$44k								

The Board makes the following comments for the next Ten Year plan:

Economic Development 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan	
Project	Community Board Comments
Property Strategy	The Community Board will investigate options to develop - high density residential and to sell surplus/non-required land

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

20. District Activities:

Through the new delegations, the Council will give consideration to all recommendations from community boards regarding District activities. Please refer to the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan for descriptions of these activities, the levels of service and their major projects - for the District.

Projects included in 2014/2015 for the Whangamata Community Board Area were:

Activity / Project	Community Board Comments
WASTEWATER ACTIVITY	
Onemana Renewals (\$22,676)	
Whangamata Renewals (\$123,277)	
Onemana Pumpstation Upgrade (\$11,510)	
Whangamata Pumpstation Upgrade (\$34,531)	
WATER ACTIVITY	
Onemana Renewals (\$15,079)	
Whangamata renewals (\$120,054)	
Onemana Systems Improvements (\$124,428)	
STORMWATER ACTIVITY	
Onemana Renewals (\$34,877)	
Whangamata Renewals (\$87,250)	
SOLID WASTE	
Whangamata Re-Use Centre investigations	The Community Board supports the Solid Waste Manager investigation into a solid waste re-use centre and for the identification to identify community groups that could help to run a new centre. If the investigations indicate the potential for the project to succeed it is anticipated that work could begin in the 2015 year.

The Board would like to understand which of the above activities are being deferred if any.

Whangamata Community Board priorities for the next 10 years: 2015-2025

The following projects have been signalled in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan.

	Water 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
Project	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Whangamata Consent Renewal	\$73k		\$110k						
Wentworth Valley Improvements						\$886k			
Onemana Consent Renewal							\$93k		
Whangamata Area of Benefit Extension									\$795k
	Waste Water 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
Onemana Consent Renewal							\$84k		
Whangamata Area of Benefit Extension									\$1.9m
	Stormwater 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								
Onemana System Improvements			\$70k		\$76k		\$81k		\$88k
Whangamata System Improvements			\$597k		\$643k		\$690k		\$746k
	Solid Waste 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan								

The Board makes no further comments to the Ten Year Plan at this stage.