

Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan Hearings

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Date	28 April 2014 and 1 May 2014		
Time and Venue	09.00	28 April 2014	Mercury Bay Boating Club 90 Buffalo Beach Road Mercury Bay
	09.00	1 May 2014	Council Chambers, 515 Mackay Street, Thames

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Mayor	GF Leach JP	
Members	HD Bartley	PA Brljevich
	DR Connors	LA Fox
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	MK McLean JP	JT Wells

In Attendance

Date: 28 April 2014	Mercury Bay Community Board Coromandel-Colville Community Board
Date: 1 May 2014	Thames Community Board Whangamata Community Board Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Presentations

Hearings of Submissions received to the Draft 2014-2015 Annual Plan.

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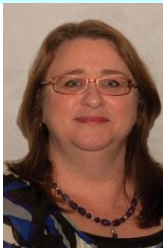


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1 Meeting Conduct

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968, members are reminded to declare an interest in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest. In such circumstances, members are required to abstain from discussion and voting and ensure that the declaration is recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Thames-Coromandel District Council; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting. Each speaker may speak for three minutes but time extensions may be allowed on a vote of not less than 75% of members present at the meeting. Questions from members for information or clarification may be permitted by the Chairperson (Standing Orders Appendix F).

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Thames-Coromandel District Council

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Thames-Coromandel District Council

No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council for further discussion.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the agenda item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

2 Planning and Strategic Relationships

2.1 Hearing Report 2014/2015 Annual Plan

TO Thames Coromandel District Council
FROM Ross Ashby - Governance, Planning and Strategy Group
DATE 2 April 2014
SUBJECT **Hearing of Submissions to the Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan**

1 Purpose of Report

To present the submissions received to the draft 2014/2015 Draft Annual Plan for the hearings. The purpose of the hearings is for submitters to present their case verbally, expand on their submissions and answer any questions from elected members. The hearings is not when the Council debates or makes any decisions on the submissions. This occurs at the deliberations meetings to be held on 12 and 13 of May.

2 Background

The Council is required to comply with the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 02) in respect to the community consultation process for the adoption of the draft 2013/2014 Annual Plan. This includes inviting submissions from the public and giving submitters a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

3 Issue

The draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan was endorsed for public consultation at the 26 February 2014 Council meeting. The submissions period opened for consultation on Monday 4 March 2014 and closed on Friday 4 April 2013.

The content of the Draft Annual Plan was informed by all Community Boards through Board planning sessions for which two were held for each community board which included budget spread sheets. An overview of the development of the draft Annual Plan is as follows:

1. **Week of 9th September 2013:** Workshops held with previous Community Board members to provide them with an opportunity to comment and prioritise the work programme and projects for the next financial year (2014/2015).
2. **Week of the 4th November 2013:** A second workshop provided an opportunity for the new Board members to familiarise themselves with projects and provide comments. The Council's new direction was also presented to the Boards by the CEO and the Mayor and a covering report gave an overview of the financial issues facing Council.
3. **5th December 2013:** A Council workshop was held to discuss financial matters that needed to be addressed in 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
4. **Week of 9th December 2013:** Community Board meetings were held to endorse the 2014/2015 Board Plans.
5. **12/13 December 2013:** Internal staff review of 2014/2015 budgets including recommendations from the project definition peer review team.
6. **18th December 2013:** Council meeting to 'receive' Board Plans as inputs in Annual Plan.

7. **20th December 2013:** A Council workshop was held on the draft 14/15 Annual Plan with Board Chairs and Activity Managers around what priorities are given to work programme for the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
8. **26th February:** Council endorsed the draft Annual Plan to go out for Community engagement

Community Engagement

In addition to a media campaign, which included print and radio advertisements, staff held Community information sessions at the following times and locations across the district:

Market Days

Location	Date/time
Whitianga Market, Soldiers Memorial Park, Albert Street	8 March 8am - 12 noon
Coromandel Market	14 March 8am - 12 noon
Thames Market, Grahams Town	15 March 8am - 12 noon

Community Info Sessions

Location	Date/time
Whangamata Area Office, 620 Port Road.	22 March 8am - 12 noon
Tairua Library, 2 Manaia Rd	29 March 9am - 12 noon
Pauanui Fire Station, 60 Jubilee Drive	29 March 1pm - 3pm

4 Discussion

A total of 167 submissions were received during the month consultation period. This total included all five Community Board submissions.

At the time of writing, four submissions were indicated as late (numbers 75, 100 107 and 108) however these submitter were in contact with staff within time and had some technical issues with submitting their forms and therefore will be treated as being in-time.

There were also a number of submissions that were submitted on behalf of the Mercury Bay Community Swimming Pool Trust. The Trust has written a four page submission that has been recorded as one submission (submitter #163). The Trust has provided 21 signed copies of the same submission with individual names. These have not been able to be treated as individual submissions as there were no postal addresses attached and have not been included in the overall total of submissions received.

A summary of these submissions will be distributed separately in time for Council's deliberations.

Hearing Schedule of Submitters to be heard

At the time of writing there were 53 submitters who wished to be heard. This schedule is included as Attachment A.

Distribution of Submissions

The submissions will be distributed to elected members separately. To avoid sending large volumes of paper to all elected members, the submissions have been created into one volume and made available to elected members as follows:

- An electronic copy of all submissions has been made available to all Councillors and Board Chairs via Council's electronic drop-box system.
- For those elected members without access to the drop-box facility, hard copies have been provided.

Further, the submissions are available publically through the following channels:

- An electronic copy of all submissions is available on Council's website.
- Hard copies of the submissions are available for viewing at the Thames, Whangamata, Whitianga and Coromandel Council offices

As noted above, all elected members have access to all submissions via electronic means. Further, full copies of all submissions will be available at all hearings.

Deliberation dates

Following the hearings meetings Community Board recommendations will be sought at their meetings, week commencing 5 May 2014. Council will then meet Monday 12 May 2014 to Tuesday 13 May 2014 in Thames to deliberate.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Receives the submissions made to the Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan
3. Agrees to accept the four late submissions to the Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan (received on or after Friday 4 April 2014).
4. Receives the verbal submissions made on the Council's Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Hearing Schedule (to be distributed separately)*

Attachment B *Draft Annual Plan Submissions (to be distributed separately)*

