

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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I'm providing a submission (choose one): as an individual

Please let us know what ward you live in Waikanae

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? No

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Submission

If you have any views on these other items, please comment here:

Fees and Charges Community Halls

The Council needs to be doing everything they can to support activities in our local community halls - to encourage connection, health and a sense of belonging (it ticks Place, People and Partnership). It also supports other Council supported mahi- such as the suggested actions from the Age Friendly proposal.

There are many of us that provide activities such as: yoga, dance, older fitness groups, music in our local halls. We are all fully contributing to community outcomes but may be considered in the new pricing to fit under the commercial pricing criteria. If we did fit under this higher pricing band - many of us would be unable to continue or would need to increase our fees to cover the hall hire - reducing our ability to make these activities inclusive to all.

I would ask the Council to change the draft criteria below and ask that they consider non-registered charity groups under group C, if their activity provides more of a significant contribution to community outcomes than a commercial benefit.

Group A – groups with a commercial objective of charging people to attend or making money from the activities of the booking e.g. Housie, socials (ticket entry), concerts, sports clubs.

Group B – groups with social objective which may be a dance or private event such as a 21st, weddings,

funeral or church service, social no entry fee, birthday party, larger meeting.

Group C – groups with a community interest such as registered charities/church meetings

I have been a yoga teacher in Kāpiti for 13 years. I choose to teach in local community halls (Waikanae Community Beach Hall and Reikorangi Hall), to support local community and connection. The majority of the people that attend are older and the majority live within walking/biking distance to the halls that I teach. The Reikorangi location in particular has been really important for locals, reducing isolation, welcoming new people in the area and building community.

I would love to see more focus on supporting our local halls and establishing partnerships with local communities to help to part-own/care for their halls and showing weekly timetables of hall activities. Without a current community centre, our halls are even more important. Please don't price out all the amazing local activities that happen in them. We should be celebrating/supporting them more!

I heard that you have to read all the submissions that come in. So to keep this nice and short, I asked ChatGPT to finish with a Hikau for you:

Council, heed this plea,
Fair fees foster unity,
Community key.

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