

MERCURY BAY COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

Mercury Bay - Social Development/Youth

115. Provision of on-going facilities for younger residents of Mercury Bay.

Submitter # 23 (Tracy Lamason and # 38 Dave Lamason from Mercury Bay Area School Board of Trustees) request that Council provide appropriate and on-going services and facilities for the younger residents of Mercury Bay.

And that the Mercury Bay Community Board take a close look at funding and the provision of services and facilities that younger residents of Mercury Bay are missing out on if not the 2014/2015 Annual Plan, then certainly the 2015/2016 Annual Plan and beyond.

The submitters quote a number of projects proposed to be funded in the Coromandel-Colville and Thames Board area for schools and sporting facilities and state that Mercury Bay does not even have a sports complex that is fully serviced (i.e. no drinking fountains, shelter by netball courts, lights) or a Community Pool with adequate changing rooms and pool equipment and chemical storage areas. The submitters go on to state that it therefore makes perfect sense that funding and provision of much needed services, such as adequate footpaths outside the school, community pool changing room upgrades and pool storage facilities, drinking fountains, lights and shelter at the Mercury Bay Multisport Complex, be provided for in the Council's Annual Plans now and in the future.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Provision of facilities for young people of Mercury Bay.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the Annual Plan

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Council is extremely supportive of younger persons activities in the Mercury Bay Area via funding, project support and the endorsement of the Youth Strategy outcomes. Council provides financial contributions and facilities for the youth of Mercury Bay including the Mercury Bay Multisport complex, community pool funding for upgrades and operational expenditure and support to community groups for activities such as Day Camp, Youth Space activities and the Christmas Parade via annual Community Board grants. Council also have contracts with Sport NZ to employ a local Recreation Coordinator who is working with sporting and recreational groups to encourage youth engagement. Council continues to support the Mercury Bay Area School and

is funding approximately \$20,000 for the widening and new Mercury Bay Area School footpaths in 2013/2014 financial year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Social Development

116. Youth Alcohol and Drug issues.

Submitter # 164 asks what does TCDC intend to do to address the alcohol and drug problem of Whitianga, especially amongst the youth?

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Youth Alcohol and Drug problems.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no further changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council's Youth Strategy (within the justice and crime section) acknowledges that Thames Coromandel experiences low levels of crime (particularly around violent crime) than most other Council's in New Zealand, however it also acknowledges that at peak periods and in certain locations there are higher incidence levels. One of the responses to this has been the introduction of liquor bans. The strategy also acknowledges that only 30% of crime is reported to police. Therefore there may be a greater issue than is reflected officially. Therefore one option is for the youth forum to escalate their experiences through the Peninsula wide youth network to see if young people in other parts of the Coromandel have similar experiences. Each theme of the youth strategy will develop an action plan to address issues raised by young people - the implementation of this action plan will be likely require a multi-agency response.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Local Transportation

117. Footpaths from Kuaotunu

Submitter # 96 requests that Council provide basic services in Kuaotunu, like a safe footpath between the Village and activities such as the shop, cafe and fire station. The submitter states that he pays rates and expects to get basic safe living conditions not IT businesses, rail trails in other districts, Great Walks, Multi Sports Complexes with \$4 million toilets, composting machines producing little, the list goes on. The submitter states that this path has been on the books for 20 years, we have had site visits by councillors, transit and Council roading managers with promises of it happening in the next year.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Footpath between Kuaotunu and the shops.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council have already invested \$30,000 towards safety improvements and thresholds treatment in the Kuaotunu village.

In 2013/2014 Council investigated the design, costing and staging of a footpath from Kuaotunu east to Kuaotunu west. The estimated cost was \$1.2m.

Staff are working with NZTA to look at funding options, which may include a subsidy towards construction.

The Mercury Bay Community Board can consider staged construction of footpaths through their annual footpath programme in the new financial year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and will consider a staged construction of a footpath through their annual footpath programme in June 2014.

Mercury Bay - Local Transportation

118. 309 Road Dust Seal

Submitters # 104, #105, #106, #133, #135, #139, #140, #141, #146 requests that the Council urgently seal the 309 road up to old Coach Road bridge.

Reasons are summaries as follow:

- The little piece of gravel road to Riverlee Early Learning Centre has high traffic usage.
- The submitter has a child at the Riverlee Centre and uses the road twice a day, three times a week, and has come across a number of drivers on the wrong side of the road and trucks that take up a lot of the road.
- The submitter considers that the road is always bad due to the number of cars that use it each day going to the Riverlee Centre.
- It is an unsafe piece of road and putting tar seal up to the Riverlee Centre would make it a lot safer for parents travelling up there.
- The 309 road is a major tourist route and provides an alternative drive between Whitianga and Coromandel.
- Sealing the road would save future costs in maintaining the current metal road.
- Sick of road works, car damage, seasonal mud/dust, boys doing skids.

Specifically, submitters # 131 and #142 requests that the Council tar seal the 309 road up to Riverlee Early Learning Centre, about 300m.

Submitter # 132 requests that Council seal 400m of the 309 road for safety reasons.

Submitter # 134 requests that the 309 is sealed between numbers 1815 309 Road and 1746.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Sealing of the 309 Road

Staff recommendation

That the Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Three dust seal sites totalling 1.4km are included in Council's dust sealing programme for completion in 2015/16. In accordance with TCDC dust sealing policy the residents or the Mercury Bay Community Board have the option of advancing the timing of this work to 2014/15

on receipt of a 50% cost contribution (total estimated cost = \$42k), noting that the Mercury Bay Community Board can only advance the priority of one site.

Should the 50% contribution be received, the effect of advancing one or more of these dust seal sites is that Council will have insufficient budget to complete all the dust seal sites currently programmed for 2014/15 (based on the dust sealing prioritisation procedure adopted in 2009) at the Coromandel end of The 309 Road.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons but requests that as part of the 2015 Long Term Plan the District wide dust seal programme is prioritised from a Economic Development perspective. The Community Board notes that improved roading networks and access are key economic drivers, and improvement to the 309 will be of benefit for the community. The Community Board requests that the dust seal policy and programme be reviewed with that in mind

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

119. Drinking Fountains at Buffalo Beach Road Reserve

Submitter #23 requests that Council provide drinking fountains at Buffalo Beach Road Reserve from minor reserve funding (\$138,946). They state that more and more events for families and visitors are being undertaken on the Buffalo Beach reserve area (i.e. Mercury Bay Seaside Carnival, Power Boat series, Sport Waikato sports days etc). These events more often than not happen during the summer months and hydration is very important. It is therefore requested that some money from the Minor Reserve Projects budget be allocated to drinking fountain(s) on the Buffalo Beach Reserve area.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Drinking fountains at Buffalo Beach Reserve.

Staff recommendation

That a drinking fountain be constructed at the Buffalo Beach reserve in the 2014/2015 financial year.

Staff reason for recommendation

A drinking fountain can be installed using funds from the existing Minor Reserves budget in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan. An appropriate place for the drinking fountain to be installed would be by the existing BBQ area which already has a water supply.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Harbour Facilities

120. Mercury Bay Destination Boat Ramp

Submitter # 91 (the Mercury Bay Community Board) request that the description in the Annual Plan for the Destination Boat Ramp project is amended to read:

This project remains a priority for the board in the 2014/2015 year with funding allocated for physical works which may be in the form of construction of a single new boat launching facility or council be a combination of upgrades to existing facility that create the desired outcome for Whitianga.

Additionally the Board request that \$55,000 of unspent money is carried forward into the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Description of the Mercury Bay Destination Boat Ramp and carry forward of \$55,000 of unspent money.

Staff recommendation

That Council support the change being made to the draft Annual Plan and carry forward \$55,000 of unspent money.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff support the carry forward of \$55,000 in unspent money for the Mercury Bay Destination Boat Ramp project as upgrades to boat ramps in the Mercury Bay area is an important priority.

The project is progressing well with a stakeholder working group formed and meetings held.

This is a three year project and the remaining 2013/2014 budget will be required to progress the project in 2014/2015.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Local Transportation

121. Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade

Submitter # 23 requests that Council provide the submitter with an explanation around where the business case and project plan is for the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade and when this information will be made public. The submitter is disappointed to see that the money allocated for the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade has been removed from the 2014/2015 budget. The submitter asks; how can Council make a decision to remove this project from the budget if it may not in fact be the best thing for the future of the town centre and community of Whitianga?

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Provide answer to status of business case and project plan for Whitianga Town Centre upgrade.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Whitianga Town Centre upgrade has been deferred due to funding constraints and priority being given to other projects in the Mercury Bay area such as coastal erosion protection.

An approximate saving of \$3.059m is made by deferring the budget forecasted in the Ten Year Plan.

It is acknowledged that the Whitianga Town Centre upgrade remains a priority project for Whitianga and the timing and funding of the project will be reviewed during the Ten Year Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and emphasises the \$3.059 million rating impact saving made by deferring the CBD upgrade budget in the coming year.

Mercury Bay - Local Transportation

122. Hahei Ferry Shuttle - Performance Measures

Submitter # 99 Alistair Brickell states that there is no need for TCDC to fund the Hahei Ferry Shuttle at all since commercial operators or Destination Coromandel will do this if there is sufficient demand.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Funding of the Hahei Ferry Shuttle.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council supports the service being available but notes that the shuttle term and operation will be reviewed in the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board asks staff to investigate any contractual obligations that may exist with other involved parties and the possibility of stopping the service completely for the following reasons:

- A commercial operator exists that provides the same service.
- The allocated funding of the shuttle operation (\$15,000) could be used towards funding extended duration of the Park and Ride service, which has been requested by the community.

Mercury Bay - District Transportation

123. Bus service in Whitianga

Submitter # 161 requests that Council provide a bus service in Whitianga. The submitter is mystified as to why there is not a bus service in Whitianga and suggests that Council attempts to reduce the number of cars.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Bus service in Whitianga.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff agree that Council promote alternate transport modes where possible to improve public accessibility. Staff also note a number of community transport services operate in the Whitianga area (primarily for health services) and although demand for public transport services within Whitianga township is unlikely to sustain the need for a bus service, staff (in conjunction Waikato Regional Council) will investigate public transport criteria to check the viability of any new Public Transport service(s) options to inform Public Transportation requirements as part of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan development.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay- Local Transportation

124. All Weather Parking at Cathedral Cove, Hahei

Submitter #40 requests that Council provide \$15,000 CAPEX for the upgrade of 'Jackson paper road' to all weather parking and improve visitor signage(Village Entry/Car parking I-sign/Grange Rd) to enable this area to be utilised as all year parking for visitors to Cathedral Cove. The submitter states that the long term requirement will depend on whether an integrated visitor management concept for the Coromandel Great Walks and Cathedral Cove visitors is viable.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

A new project (\$15,000) for all weather parking and signage at Jackson Paper Road, Cathedral Cove, Hahei

Staff recommendation

That the draft Annual Plan is amended to include \$15,000 for construction of all-weather parking at the current Cathedral Cove park and ride car park as submitted, subject to a project definition and project prioritisation being approved by the Community Board and assessment by staff regarding work capacity.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Initial improvements to Council land allocated for Park and Ride parking were made in the 2013/2014 year. Further improvements will be made in the 2014/2015 year to make the car parking area all weather usable with improved signage.

Staff support improvement to allow all weather parking at the current Cathedral Cove park and ride service car park on paper road at the approach to Hahei village, although not sure if this site is the same as the 'Jackson paper road' site being referred to. Staff agree that consideration of longer term plans for the management and development of the Cathedral Cove experience is a key consideration ahead of any additional investment in the current park and ride facility.

Staff need to work with DoC to address the Grange Road congestion issue in the visitor shoulder season. Car park improvements should not be considered in isolation of the park and ride service. Options for amending the scope of these summer transport services are reviewed annually to maximise value by reducing congestion on Grange Road and enhancing visitor experience through provision of alternate transport options in the Mercury Bay south area. The complimentary nature of these two services is also a key consideration as part of annual service reviews. Staff suggest that an extension of the park and ride service would help address congestion in Grange Road which typically extends well into March and that DoC need to be more involved with providing solutions to address this issue.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay- Local Transportation

125. Cathedral Cove Park and Ride Facility

Submitter #40 requests that Council cease funding the summer shuttle and secure funding (\$20,000 p.a) via Waikato Regional Council to operate a park and ride at Cathedral Cove for an extended period of 60 days.

The submitter states that the summer shuttle and Cathedral Cove Park and Ride was introduced 6 years ago to alleviate traffic and parking issues associated with visitors to Cathedral Cove and to a lesser extent Hot Water Beach. Funding was 50% WRC and Mercury Bay Ratepayers and was hard fought to establish both the concept and central government funding. The vast majority of the cost has been to operate the shuttle.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Funding of the summer shuttle.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council supports the service being available but notes that the term and operation for the Park and Ride will be reviewed in the Long Term Plan process. Reconsideration of the funding model at this point in time may impact continuity of service.

Staff also note that removing the summer shuttle service would free up approx. \$15,000, but is likely to be damaging in terms of visitor experience, based on the very positive feedback received from the 2013/14 patronage surveys.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Board also notes that should Council cease the Hahei Ferry Shuttle service, the operational budget of \$15,000 could be re-allocated to extending the duration of the Park and Ride service.

District-Wide - District Transportation Mercury Bay

126. Dalmeny Corner Flood Mitigation Update

The Chief Executive of TCDC requested by submission that the Council receives the following updated information in relation to the Dalmeny Corner flood mitigation project.

NZTA's business case process has demonstrated that due to the relatively low flood risk (infrequent occurrence, short duration and minor consequence) which currently exists, Council may achieve best value by undertaking only minor works at this location. These works should be designed to mitigate flooding effects on road users such as reducing road flooding from the Newton Road catchment (north of the Whenuakite Stream Bridge) and improving advance flood warning for motorists approaching the site from both directions. These minor improvement works could be prioritised against other district priorities and programmed/funded from the existing minor improvement (district transportation) budget.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Status of Dalmeny Corner flood mitigation project.

Staff recommendation

Council note the update.

Staff reason for recommendation

Not applicable.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

District-Wide - District Transportation Mercury Bay

127. Dalmeny Corner Bridge Widening (Hot Water Beach Road)

Submitter # 21 (on behalf of the Mercury Bay Ratepayer Association and Mercury Bay South Ratepayers Association) requests that Council widen the single lane bridge on Hot Water Beach Road near Dalmeny Corner to a two lane structure. The submitter believes that this bridge is the most dangerous single lane bridge in Mercury Bay due to vehicles ignore the give way rules and there are too many signs approaching the bridge and it is difficult to judge vehicle speed approaching the bridge due to the straight line. The submitter proposes three alternative solutions to bridge replacement:

- Removal of unnecessary signage which could be relocated on the road beyond the bridge.
- The painting of a new give way sign on the road around 50 meters from the bridge to reinforce signage.
- Extending the 80 km speed restriction which currently finishes just by the junction of Hot Water Beach Road and state Highway 25 to the other side of the single lane bridge (6-700 meters approximately).

The matter for the Council to consider is...

To widen the Dalmeny Bridge from single two way or introduce other traffic safety measures.

Staff recommendation

That Council amend the Annual Plan to include minor works required to mitigate both road flooding and safety hazards at Dalmeny Bridge are prioritised against other district priorities and programmed/funded from the existing minor improvement (district transportation) budget.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff have reviewed options to improve road safety and reduce flood risk on this section of Hot Water Beach Road. Based on the relatively minor effects of flooding road crashes associated with driver inattention, the preferred option to address these issues is to install interactive driver warning devices (warning of both the single lane bridge and flood risk at both approaches to the site) and complete culvert capacity improvements adjacent Newton Road, north of the single lane bridge. These minor improvement works could be prioritised against other district priorities and programmed/funded from the existing minor improvement (district transportation) budget.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board notes the safety hazard that exists at the Hot Water Beach bridge and suggests that at a minimum there is funding allocated in the Long Term Plan for a two way bridge at this location.

Land Use Planning - Whitianga

128. Airfield Buffer Zoning

Submitter # 99 requests that Council consider the purchase of 5 sections at the North East end of the main runway at the Whitianga airfield. These are the 5 sections at the extreme eastern end of Austin Drive that lie between it and the SH25 Whitianga bypass. The submitter goes on to state:

- This land should be retained by Council as a buffer/safety zone at the North East end of the runway and it's glideslope zone given that in the long term larger aircraft will undoubtedly be using the airfield as the town grows.
- Only the southern end of these large blocks needs to be retained by TCDC so in time these blocks could be subdivided and the sale of the northern end of the sections could well fund the purchase costs, especially if the purchase is made while the present depressed real estate market continues.
- Low height landscaping of the southern part of these sections could well increase the value of the northern parts that will eventually be sold off.
- The retained areas should eventually be rezoned as 'Airfield'.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Purchase and rezoning of land for airfield buffer

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council support the ongoing continuation of the airfield, however it is noted that the Mercury Bay airfield is a privately owned establishment. Staff also note that there are improved height restrictions in the airfield area provided for in the new draft District Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Community Development Activity

129. Mercury Bay Swimming Pool

Submitter #s 38, 87, 89, 117, 121, 125, 128, 130, 137, 143, 145, 147, 152, 162, 163 (Mercury Bay Community Swimming Pool Trust), and 165 request that Council **provide funding for the Mercury Bay Community Pool Trust to invest in Mercury Bay Community Pool infrastructure including on-going operational and maintenance costs** so that the valuable resource can be used more effectively long-term and so that it can be operated and utilised all year around.

In addition to the above submitters, 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.

The Trust includes the following reasons for the submission:

- Recent enhancements to the pool have increasing numbers utilising the pool and wider range of services (existing and new) being offered to the community such as: Lifeguard Training, Learn to Swim Pre-school Splash, Mercury Bay Amateur Swim Club, Aqua Aerobics, Mercury Bay Area School (MBAS), Public Use, Pool Life Guards.
- The swimming pool would be the one intervention in this area to improve the health and well-being of the Mercury Bay population a swimming pool has the potential to make the greatest impact.
- Swimming benefits all ages but particularly children, seniors, pregnant women, arthritis sufferers, the overweight and anyone with an injury and specifically low back problems.
- The health benefits associated with swimming span all ages, and is one of the few sports that people are able to do all their lives.
- The Draft Annual Plan invests in Thames with sporting facilities investigating/providing \$315,000 for a sports facility, skate park, and swimming pool upgrades. The Coromandel-Colville Community Board is investigating/providing for new netball courts at the Coromandel Area School and swimming pool grants. Residents of Mercury Bay are missing out.
- Chemicals are currently being stored in ancillary buildings not suitable for this purpose and this needs to be sorted.
- Additional funding for this is imperative to enable the completion of the changing rooms (including hot water) to acceptable standard for public use.

At the Annual Plan hearings meeting a representative from the Trust confirmed that the funding request is to go toward the changing room and chemical storage shed, as well as on-going operational costs.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Level of support and funding to the Mercury Bay Community Pool Trust

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submissions and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council is supportive of the development of the Community Pool and provides a funding contribution via a Contract for Community Service with the Pool Trust. Council previously provided a \$100,000 grant towards the upgrade of the Mercury Bay Community pool in the 2012/2013 year.

A grant of \$35,000 per annum is provided by Council for the operation of the pool.

Any change to funding amount for the Mercury Bay Community Pool will be considered during the Long Term Plan process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and agrees that a meeting is needed with the Pool Trust and Mercury Bay Area School representatives to discuss future funding of the pool in relation to the economic development of the school.

Mercury Bay - Local Transportation

130. Mercury Bay Area School Footpaths & Car Parks

Submitter #38 requests that funds be allocated for widening of various footpaths; greater number of angle car parks on South Highway; **and a timeframe for the improvements to be made.**

At the Annual Plan hearing the submitter verbally elaborated on his original submission.

Staff note

In 2012 the same submitter made similar request to the 2012-2022 draft Ten Year Plan, as follows:

That footpaths within a 200m radius of Mercury Bay Area School be widened and improved to allow adequate drainage.

The reasons provided include:

- *The current paths are over-congested and do not allow for safe pedestrian flow.*
- *The current paths do not drain properly and have no grass edging which results in children having wet and dirty feet*

Further, the submitter requested that angled vehicle parking be provided within the area on South Highway between the Mercury Bay Area School and Arthur Street that is currently a wide grass berm.

The reasons provided included:

- *It will provide a safer parking environment for both motorists and pedestrians*
- *There is more than adequate space for angle parking in the area suggested*
- *Extra parking is needed as the area gets congested*
- *The proposal will provide a wider road carriage due to cars parking further off the carriageway*
- *It would eliminate the issue of messy berms from residents not mowing often enough.*

These decisions were directed to the Community Board to prioritise as part of its local transportation programme.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Prioritisation of footpath and parking works around the Mercury Bay School.

Staff recommendation

That the Community Board confirm its intent and timeframe for these works.

Staff reason for recommendation

In 2012, staff considered these requests and noted that whilst the requested scope of the works regarding footpaths was unclear staff estimated the cost of the request was approximately \$180,000.

Similarly, for the angle car parks, whilst the requested scope of works was unclear the estimated cost of the project for 30 car parks would be approximately \$100,000.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and notes that \$18,500 has been recently approved by the Community Board from their discretionary fund for the widening and construction of footpath outside the school. This will be completed before July 2014.

Mercury Bay - Solid Waste

131. Mercury Bay Green Waste service

Submitter # 11 requests that Council establish a weekly/fortnightly green/kitchen waste pick-up bin service in Whitianga.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Green Waste rubbish Collection in Whitianga.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

This concept has been previously considered as part of waste management and minimisation measures, however is not financially viable at this time. The level of investment and on-going operational costs that would be passed on to the ratepayer currently outweighs the benefits.

The Solid Waste Services team is currently working on presenting an alternative package of work that focuses on education on food waste minimisation, access to useful home based tools and exploring the potential for a community based initiative centred on the recovery and reuse of materials and household objects. Similar to the Seagull Centre in Thames and the work that the Coromandel Independent Living Trust do in partnership with Smart Environmental limited.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Solid Waste

132. Mercury Bay Transfer Station

Submitter # 31 Peter Wood requests that Council increase the budget for the Whitianga Transfer Station project from \$350,000 to \$400,000 and include planning of a re-use centre within the new site.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Increase the budget for the refuse Transfer Station in Whitianga from \$350,000 to \$400,000 and include planning of a re-use centre.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The current budget set for 2014-2015 is adequate to incorporate the planning for a re-use centre into a new transfer station operation on site at Moewai Road. No actual construction is planned for in the 2014-2015 year. All investigations and planning for the new RTS site will be completed thoroughly and presented to Council before any construction work will take place.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons. The Community Board also requests that opening hours of the Matarangi and Whitianga transfer station are changed to 9.30am - 5.30pm during the winter period, weekends and public holidays.

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

133. Use of Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex

Submitter # 52 suggests that Council convert the Multisport complex in Mercury Bay into a campground with TCDC staff management.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Use of the Mercury Bay Multisport complex.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

This facility has been purpose built to cater for sports, recreation and events. The location of the Multisport Park does not reflect an ideal location for a campground given the expenditure on the site for sporting and recreational facilities.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

134. Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex

Submitter # 116, (the Mercury Bay Netball Club), #117, #119, #122, #127, #129, #130, #151 request that Council provide:

- Shelters to house sports gear, players and their supporters
- Lighting to enable the players to train after work safely and play games as the senior round starts in May.

In addition, submitter # 117 requested a drinking fountain at the Mercury Bay Multisport complex

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Provision of shelters, lighting and a drinking fountain for Netball at the Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council notes that this is the initial year that multiple codes will be engaged at the Sports Park and the immediate priority is to get the Multi Sport Park facility operating. Once this is completed additional needs for all codes will be considered in the on-going development of the Multi Sport Park, and prioritised.

Staff also note that some of the facilities and amenities requested in the submission may need to be externally funded.

The total cost of the Mercury Bay Multisport Park is approximately \$15 million and any further expenditure will require careful consideration.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Fees and Charges

135. Mercury Bay Multi Sport Complex and Mercury Bay Hall

Submitter # 91 (the Mercury Bay Community Board) requests that Council include the following changes to the Fees and Charges associated with the Mercury Bay Multi-Sport complex and Mercury Bay Hall:

Events - All Areas

Remove - Note line under subheading 'charged as per the existing park and reserves Fees and Charges

Add to table 'sports Ground Facility Charges':

Meeting Room - \$10/hr

Foyer and Kitchen \$20/hr

Barbeque \$10 per use

Change the table heading "Mercury Bay Halls" to read "Whitianga Hall"

Add to the table of fees: All Day Total Facility - \$116

Change "*unless significant community benefit"

to read:"*Unless significant community benefit as approved by the Mercury Bay Area Manager or delegate."

For the following reasons:

Sport Park:

Kitchen has just been fitted out and is now available for use

Sports Park has its own charges for commercial use

The Board requests that a new revenue line is inserted for these new fees and charges.

Mercury Bay Halls:

12 hour users often want both the main hall and supper room. Create option for package

Charges listed are associated with Whitianga Hall specifically

The definition of "community benefit" will need to be assessed on a case by case basis as provided in writing by the applicants and approved by the Area manager prior. This provides for flexibility to cater for special situations.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Fees and Charges for the Mercury Bay Multi-Sport Complex and Halls.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and support the change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff support the change being made to Annual Plan to clarify additional fees and charges for the Multi Sport Park facility and other changes as noted.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

136. Hot Water Beach Parking Management

Submitter # 91 (the Mercury Bay Community Board) request that Council consider an operational budget of \$7,000 be allocated for the maintenance of the Hot Water Beach pay and display machine/project.

For the following reasons:

Now the pay and display project has been in operation for four months the on-going maintenance and running costs for the project are more accurately known and this request puts in place an operational budget for the on-going costs.

The \$7000 for maintenance of Hot Water Beach pay and display machine project is going to be funded from the parking fees revenue with any unspent revenue going back into the parking fee revenue reserve.

The Community Board asks Council to note it will review and make a decision regarding the future of parking exemptions for the Hot Water Beach parking project in 2014.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Operational Budget for Hot Water Beach Pay and Display parking for Hot Water Beach.

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission and allocate \$7,000 as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

A budget is needed for the on-going operation and maintenance of the pay and display machine at Hot Water beach.

The pay and display system has generated over \$20,000 in revenue since its introduction in December 2013.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

137. Whitianga Coastal Erosion - Buffalo Beach

Submitter # 17 questions the amount of money spent on coastal erosion at Buffalo Beach sea wall stating that this is a waste of money.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

The amount of money spent on Buffalo Beach seawall.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission point and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The rock wall was designed by engineers experienced in the design of coastal defensive structures and subjected to an open tender process to ensure the best possible outcome for ratepayers was achieved.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

138. Whitianga Coastal Erosion - Increase in budget

Submitter # 91 (the Mercury Bay Community Board) requests that the Council increase the budget for stage one of the Whitianga Coastal Erosion project from \$520,000 to \$660,000.

For the following reasons:

Designs by Tonkin and Taylor are near completion for the new seawall, and we now have a much better understanding of the design requirements for the wall and based on these can make a better estimate of the budget required to complete a logical section of the wall as stage one. The overall project budget remains the same with the balance of \$1.3m (\$560,000) - proposed, to be used for construction of stage two in 2015/2016.

The Community Board requests Council to advocate and support Coastal Erosion and Coastal Hazard protection being district funded. The Community Board also asks local Council to appeal to Regional Council for funding assistance.

The Mercury Bay Community Board also request that the project description is amended to the following:

In the 2013/2014 Annual Plan we proposed to spend \$1.3m on coastal erosion works on Brophy's Beach over three years. \$80,000 in 2013/2014 on concept design and consenting works, a further \$660,000 in 2014/2015 on construction of a section of the wall (Stage 1), with the balance of the wall construction being funded in 2015/2016. The scope and timing of this project will be further investigated in the 2014/2015 year and progress conditional on a project plan and business case being approved by Council."

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Increase in budget for Whitianga Coastal Erosion from \$520,000 to \$660,000 and to amend the description.

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission and allocate the funds as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council notes the on-going issues with coastal erosion in the Brophys and Buffalo Beach areas.

Council notes the recommendation by engineers that the project is more practical to be staged this way - i.e./ providing more of the estimated \$1.3 million total cost in the stage one construction will result in a more effective wall.

Council also notes there is exposed waste water pipe work and infrastructure that needs protecting from on-going erosion.

A comprehensive process by Council has been carried out to develop a coastal erosion action plan. This work is a priority in the Annual Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Parks and Reserves

139. Coroglen Upgrade

Submitter # 91 (the Mercury Bay Community Board) request that Council re-instate the inclusion of the Coroglen Village Upgrade project funding of \$95,000 in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

For the following reasons:

This budget for this project was allocated last year in November 2013. At it's meeting in September 2013, the Community Board approved the Coroglen Upgrade project to be added to the Community Board Work Programme for the coming year.

Council is completing the purchase of a parcel of land in Coroglen that has been cited for some of the proposed improvement work.

This staff submission requests that the project be reinstated and included in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan for the Mercury Bay area.

The project is a partnership between the Council/Mercury Bay Community Board and Coroglen community to jointly improve the Coroglen village area.

The project will be ILOS funded.

Submitter # 138 also requests that the Coroglen upgrade be re-instated as identified in the Mercury Bay Community Board Plan. The submitter states the following reasons:

- The Coroglen Village in general needs a clean up
- Tourists and visitors often stop in Coroglen and access/swim in the Waiwawa River
- The area has a school, and hall but no public reserve area or recreation park to use for local and visitors
- Coroglen/Gumtown as an important link to early life/rural history and is in need of some TLC
- The recent closure of the Coroglen Sale yards also signals the end of the Coroglen All Purpose Group whom volunteer their time and labour to look after the land where needed.
- There is general concern that the land will become overgrown and unusable to the community.
- The community and visitors would benefit from a reserve/picnic area and access to the river.
- Opening up the space would be a positive opportunity and act as a deterrent to vandals.
- The Coroglen Hall is in the process of a building upgrade and the community have proved their worthiness of this by funding most of it.

- Coroglen is the gateway to Mercury Bay.
- A working committee involving local motivated people would help to volunteer their ideas and labour, machinery to see the project go ahead.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Inclusion of the Coroglen Upgrade project and budget for the 2014/2015 year.

Staff recommendation

That the Council support the submission and include the Coroglen Village Upgrade project funding of \$95,000 in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Council is working in partnership with the Coroglen community, to jointly improve the Coroglen village area. Volunteer labour has been committed by the community, a draft plan has been developed and cost estimate is in place to support this project

The project will be funded locally by the Mercury Bay area. This funding is associated with the project to acquire and develop the Coroglen sale yard land as a public reserve area as the yards were closed in late 2013.

The area has a significant role in the rural village of Coroglen as a meeting and social space. It also provides a key access point to the Waiwawa River.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Cemeteries

140. Whitianga Cemetery

Submitter # 91 (Mercury Bay Community Board) request that the wording in the Annual Plan regarding the Whitianga Cemetery be amended to read:

Stage one construction works, including development of an access road intersection and initial tree planting have been completed in the 2013/2014 year. The longer term plans for the project are under investigation in the 2014/2015 year and will be considered further in the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.

The total development is anticipated at least \$800,000, including the \$251,000 from 2013/2014 and \$40,000 from 2014/2015.

Exact budget break downs of Stage 2 works will be provided once design/construction plans and contract documentation are completed in 2014/2015.

A further submission point asks that Council change the zero budget for capital expenditure to \$40,000 in 2014/2015. For the following reasons:

The proposed \$40,000 capital budget is made up of the following:

- \$15,000 additional plantings and irrigation lines (\$16,000 spent 2013/14 on plantings with additional to complete road frontage and 2 side boundaries).

- \$25,000 for completion of design/construction plans and contract documentation for stage 2.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Wording amendment and inclusion of a \$40,000 for the Whitianga Cemetery project

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission, amend the wording as submitted and include \$40,000 in 2014/2015 for works as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

In the 2013/2014 Annual Plan process Council requested the design and concept plan be reinvestigated. The design requires finalisation in this financial year. Capital budget is required to complete Stage 1, trees need to be in place and maturing and road plans complete for the opening of the cemetery in 3-4 years time.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Harbour Facilities

141. Ferry Landing Historic Wharf

Submitter # 91 (Mercury Bay Community Board) requests Council amend the wording in the description of the Annual Plan for the Ferry Landing Historic Wharf project to:

"This is a priority for the 2014/2015 year as the wharf is in a deteriorated state.

The project includes; restoration works to the existing stone wharf, restoring a missing section of stone wall and restoring missing steps using blocks recovered from the harbour floor, landscaping of the stone wharf area including repaving, introduction of new interpretive signage (associated project).

The project has Historic Places Trust approval and Mercury bay Community Board support for the restoration and landscaping works as proposed. The Board also supports the community involvement and commitment to fundraise monies towards the completion of the project.

The intention is that external funding will be secure which will make up two thirds of the total funding for the construction and restoration works, and is linked to the ferry landing upgrade project in the local transportation activity for funding of Councils a third share of the construction and restoration works.

Should the bid for external funding of the two thirds share be unsuccessful within a reasonable timeframe a Council funded smaller scale upgrade maybe undertaken."

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Wording amendment for the Ferry Landing Historic Wharf Project.

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission to the draft Annual Plan, and amend the text as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Further clarification regarding the project is needed. Staff also advise that NZTA has indicated a component of this project may be eligible for subsidy on the basis that some of the project is associated with restoring a structure required to enable effective public transport. Staff will need to further investigate NZTA funding criteria and prepare a funding request.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Community Spaces - Public Conveniences

142. Toilet and Rubbish Facilities at Wainuiototo (New Chums Beach)

Submitter # 113 the Ngati Huarere Ki Whangapoua Trust requests that there is a need for a toilet and rubbish facilities at Wainuiototo (New Chums beach) and requests that additional budget be added to the Annual Plan in investigate options and their associated costs with a view to including infrastructure improvements for Wainuiototo in the 2015 Long Term Plan.

As part of the investigation the Trust recommends that a park and pay arrangements be appraised to ensure that the costs of accommodating visitors does not fall on local ratepayers. Ngati Huarere would be pleased to be involved with discussion around any proposal for this area and any other issues within the Whangapoua catchment.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Inclusion of an investigations budget for toilet and rubbish facilities at New Chums Beach.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

To be discussed at the deliberations meeting.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

The Community Board note an existing subdivision application for this area. and request that:

- Public access be provided in perpetuity at New Chums Beach through the provision of a 20m public reserve along the foreshore of New Chums Beach (with a width of 20m from the mean high water mark), and a walkway be constructed via the subdivision process, and that this be vested in Council.
- The native bush on the cliff face above the beach esplanade be ecologically maintained by QE2.
- That public toilet facilities be built and vested in TCDC by the subdivider as part of the subdivision process and that Council carry out on-going maintenance and servicing of the facilities.
- The developer also be responsible for a water source and supply to the area.

The Board also delegated the Board Chair and Area Manager to work on any final arrangements in regard to the subdivision and land at New Chums.

Mercury Bay - Harbour Facilities

143. Whitianga Wharf Interpretive Signage

Submitter # 91 (Mercury Bay Community Board) requests Council add the following sentence to the project description for the Whitianga Wharf Interpretive signage:

"This project is linked to the Ferry Landing Historic Wharf project to provide signage that is consistent."

This is to ensure that there is a clear linkage between this project and the ferry Landing Historic Wharf project.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

A wording amendment for the Whitianga Wharf Interpretive signage project.

Staff recommendation

That Council support the submission to the draft Annual Plan as submitted.

Staff reason for recommendation

Project clarification is needed.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Mercury Bay - Wastewater

144. Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant

Submitter #113 Ngati Huarere Ki Whangapoua Trust request that the \$600,000 of funds allocated in the 2013/2014 Annual Plan for the Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade be carried forward to the 2014/2015 year, for the following reasons:

- Due to the challenge to the Matarangi Waste Water Treatment Plant consent it would be financially prudent for the funds to be carried forward.
- The Trust requests that TCDC take all reasonable steps to proceed with the proposed Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade to ensure that the effects of the effluent do not negatively impact on the mauri of the Whangapoua harbour.
- The Trust strongly opposed the consent granted by the Regional Council in December of 2013 due to the negative effects on the mauri of the Whangapoua harbour and the submission outlines a number of reasons for this.
- The Trust submits that as the treatment level of the effluent from the Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant is categorised as "low quality" the residents who use the Whangapoua harbour are disadvantaged in comparison to residents who use the Whitianga, Tairua and Whangamata harbours, where effluent discharge is categorised as "high".
- The Trust questions the equity of TCDC charging all properties connected to a Council wastewater scheme the same rate when the effects on the ratepayers living in the various catchments are different.
- The discharge from the Matarangi Wastewater Treatment Plant is causing distress to Ngati Huarere ki Whangapoua people.
- It is also impinging on the ability to exercise customary activities and is endangering the kapata kai

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Carry forward of the \$600,000 for the Matarangi wastewater treatment plant project.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

TCDC were recently granted a short term, seven year, discharge consent by Waikato Regional Council. The purpose of the short term consent is to obtain a greater level of data relating to the effect of the activity on the receiving environment. As the resource consent reaches the seven year expiry date, decisions will be made, based on the data collected, as to any upgrades or mitigation measures that may be required. In the interim, as a means to be financially prudent and reduce the rates burden, we are not rating for any future potential works and as such, removed the \$600,000 allocation for plant upgrades during the 2013/2014 year.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and also queries the practicality of deferring this budget every year.

Mercury Bay - Ohuka Park Water Supply

145. Ohuka Park Water Supply

Submitter #171, Ohuka Park Water Scheme Association submits in support for the proposed Ohuka Park Area of Benefit Extension in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

The submitter also requests that Council support the proposed Special Consultative Procedure process with all property owners within the extended area of benefit.

Finally, the submitter requests two amendments to the Council resolution of 30 October 2013 regarding Council's proposal to extend the area of benefit for water to Ohuka Park. Specifically, the submitter requests that resolution number 3 of the 30 October resolution is deleted, and that an amendment to resolution number 2 be made to allow for the costs to be paid via a targeted rate over a period of five plus years, together with development contributions of \$2,659 per property as already resolved and agreed.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

An area of benefit extension to Ohuka Park

Staff recommendation

That Council

1. Note the submission
2. Maintain the Ohuka Park Area of Benefit extension project in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan
3. Contact and inform all property owners affected by the proposed area of benefit extension.
4. Continue with its commitment to undertake a special consultative procedure with all property owners within the extended area of benefit.
5. Acknowledge the submitters concern regarding the onus on the Ohuka Park Water Scheme Association to acquire written agreements from individual scheme members due to the fact that the extended area of benefit is proposed to include properties that are currently not associated with the Ohuka Park Water Scheme Association Incorporated.
6. Resolves that it will allow/or not allow the development contributions of \$2,659, and the \$140,000 connection costs for the two systems together with legal costs incurred by Council in the construction of any agreements are to be paid via lump sum/targeted rate for a maximum period of five years and, in doing so, acknowledges that this is different to the resolution made on 30 October 2013.

Staff reason for recommendation

The Council should discuss and consider the request for the 'targeted rate' option for the \$140,000 connection costs plus legal costs as this is different to its previous decision on 30 October 2013.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and supports the inclusion of the Ohuka Park water supply into Council scheme subject to all property owners agreeing and development contributions paid.