

Submission on WCC Mahere ā-tau Annual Plan 2023/24

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Are you are making this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?			
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We are offering community oral forums to speak to Councillors about your submission (informal 60min table discussion with 4–5 Councillors alongside other submitters). Do you wish to speak to Councillors about your submission at a Community Oral Forum?			
Yes		No	
If yes – please indicate a preferred date and time			
16 May afternoon	16 May evening	17 May morning	17 May afternoon

Question 1: Do you have any overall feedback on our 2023/24 Annual Plan?

CVRA wish to request that the capital expenditure for the provision of toilets at the Curtis Street BMX/Skate/Dog Park, south of Ian Galloway Park, be included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

This is a facility used by up to 3000 people per week. The 2015 masterplan for this area included toilets, but they were never installed. A community-led petition in 2022 called for the provision of toilets, as currently users are toileting in the trees and bushes at the rear of the site, and the lack of toilets is a barrier to full participation, particularly for females, and parents with young children. David Harkness (Capital BMX) and Deb King (CVRA) spoke to the WCC Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on Thursday 4 August 2022, in support of the petition for toilets to be installed.

At the meeting, council officers advised that planning activities would be required for the location of services, and indicated that this planning work would start in the 23/24 financial year. We see no evidence of budget for this being provided in the Annual Plan document; this should be added.

Further note: At the meeting, Councillor Calvert put forward a proposal, which councillors voted unanimously to accept, requesting that officers investigate and place temporary facilities on site within 12 months, while council carried out the investigation and produced the strategy and master plan. Please also advise on the progress on this.

We have no specific feedback on the remaining questions (Q2 through Q5) which are concerned solely with the proposed fee increases and fee changes.