

Chairmans Report

June 2022

Bayfair Underpass

under SH2 at Bayfair Shopping Centre to Matapihi.

A victory for common sense!!! Good news story





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WHY DO WE BOTHER?



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Main Points:

1. Growth budget (62% on growth) and not giving Tauranga what the residents want. Little or no quality of life improvements.

Rate take goes from \$192 million to \$412 million per annum. You and I are paying this. Working through the published proposed rate increases, the rates will increase by approx. x2.4. This includes increase in water charges, increase in WBOP rate etc.

If your rates are \$3000 this year, they will be \$7200 or more at end of plan.

Rate increase must be held to inflation plus 5% maximum.

Additional funding for growth should be sought from central government, not the ratepayer base.



Rates example

- Based on the percentage rises, start at say \$100 of rates:-
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 - Year 1 22% of \$100 becomes \$122
 - Year 2 13% of \$122 becomes \$138
 - Year 3 11% of \$138 becomes \$153
 - Year 4 18% of \$153 becomes \$180
 - Year 5 12% of \$180 becomes \$202
 - ie on these figures the rates will **double** by year 5
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- Regardless of who pays what, residential or commercial, the increase is too much for local ratepayers !!!!

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2. Continuing the urban sprawl into the countryside only leads to congestion. Why is Tauranga blindly following every other city and making the same mistakes and creating the same future problems? Is this the wish of the ratepayers?

3. Review of the new rubbish kerbside collection system:

Review is planned for 2022. Review a PAYT system with consultation with the ratepayers.

4. Papamoa East Interchange

Every plan pushes this further into the future and increases the share being paid by TCC ratepayers. Why?

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5. Roads in Papamoa

Need to be upgraded to meet the demands of the increasing traffic flows. All money going to new areas, time to spend in the existing areas.

6. Tauranga City Council Staff Renumeration and Staff Competency:

Any wage increases to match government offer to employees.

the Council should be reviewed by an independent body to ensure that the structure is 'fit for purpose', efficient, and staffing levels are consistent with needs. This is required here **before** TCC increases the staff budget from \$66m to \$80m.

Eg Procurement debacle on Harrington St carpark fiasco. No accountability.

Tauranga Ratepayers Alliance

Up and running.

Next meeting 22 June 2022. Details on web site and face book page.

Rates march protest being planned.

Planting in Palm Beach Reserve Update

TCC staff are not playing fair here and are being very underhanded in trying to get what they want. Full details at www.palmbeachreserve.com



Friends of Palm Beach Reserve

To all residents who live near, use, walk and bike the

PALM BEACH RESERVE

and
HARRISONS CUT

STOP the **COUNCIL** from planting tussock and flax plants

REINSTATE the beautiful areas

OR say goodbye to the beautiful views and grassy banks.

HAVE YOUR SAY
visit
www.palmbeachreserve.com



This is what the council wants the reserve to look like.

Dear Property Owner

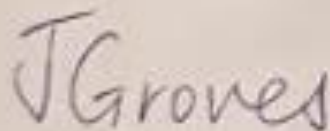
Te Ara o Wairākei (the pathway of the Wairākei) community feedback survey

Engagement regarding planting in the Wairākei Reserve continues with residents in the Palm Beach West area, tangata whenua and the wider community. The survey results will help inform a plan for planting in the Palm Beach West reserve area, that meets the requirements of the resource consent and the expectations of the community.

As part of engagement, we are asking all Tauranga residents who live near or visit the Wairākei Reserve to fill in a survey. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to provide us your opinion and thoughts by completing this survey: www.tauranga.govt.nz/wairakeiplan

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss the project further, please contact me, Jennifer Pearson, on 07 577 7000 or by email jennifer.pearson@tauranga.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Tauranga needs a Sustainable Plan for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031

A very good article by Glen Crowther
and is on the PRRA website.

Sustainable Bay of Plenty

All items mentioned have links from the PRRA
Web site front page.

www.PapamoaResidents.co.nz

Council's focus on
growth will double
the rates take over
the next five years,
and council's debt
will double by early
2025.

Bumper Stickers

  **miss a few, and** 
Recycle 

**Save our Dunes
So they save us**

**Reduce the Rates
at Papamoa**

**PAPAMOA BEACH
"Living the Dream"**