# PRRA Meeting May 2022



**Apologies Treasurers Report** Chairmans Report **Guest Speaker** Questions from the Floor Raffle Results



# Be careful, be safe and continue to enjoy life.



Consider joining the committee for 2022. We need a Membership Coordinator, General Secretary, Promotions/Marketing.



## Chairmans Report



## Lighten Up

Next slides are a little bit of fun.....







Arrived today, too good not to share.



## Emergency Suit in a very small package





## Building of the B2B



## Anne Tolley Real Estate

"We'll get you a lower price than your valuation."

#### **Downtown Parking Building**

Cost around \$29 million to date. Problems with design after half built. Constructions stopped.

Sold for \$1 to the Building company.

#### **Elder Housing:**

- On Wednesday, Tauranga City Council <u>announced it had sold</u> seven of its elder housing villages to Kāinga Ora for \$17.2m.
- The capital value of the seven villages, as of July 2021, totals \$41.65m \$24.45m more than the sale price.



Simon Bridges said it was no wonder rates kept going up. "This means over \$20m more in rates than would have been the case had they sold at market value like they should have." from BOP Times



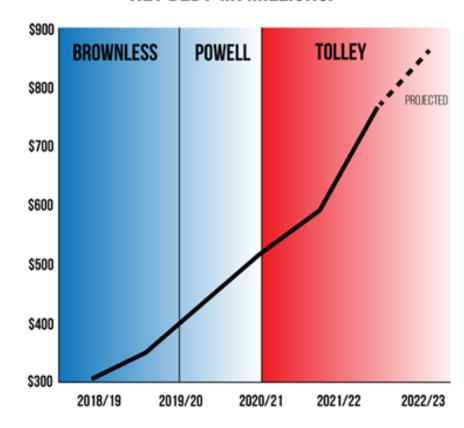
## What is happening.....1

Without a doubt the commissioners are trying to do everything, no part of Tauranga will be left untouched after their period of control. Every week a new idea is announce without any true public consultation.

Tauranga City needs to catch up. BUT the debt will be enormous and the ratepayers will pay for this with ever increasing rates.

The ratepayer debt is never fully addressed. Why doesn't central government pitch in with some funding????

## TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL NET DEBT (IN MILLIONS)



Source: Tauranga City Council Agenda 13/12/21



## What is happening.....2

#### 4 month trial closure of Links Ave is ongoing.

Over 8000 motorists issued with infringement notices -- \$1.2 million of revenue for the council in the first few weeks. \$10 million in fines by the end of the trial? Now Oceanbeach Road is clogged with the extra traffic. Empty buses run down Links Ave.

The community is still waiting for an explanation by Transport Manager

**Brendan Bisley** 

#### Bus lanes on B2B:

PRRA is talking to NZTA and TCC about adding bus lanes to this road. Idea is to take the buses out of Links Ave





#### 3 Waters

All kinds of messages are coming out.

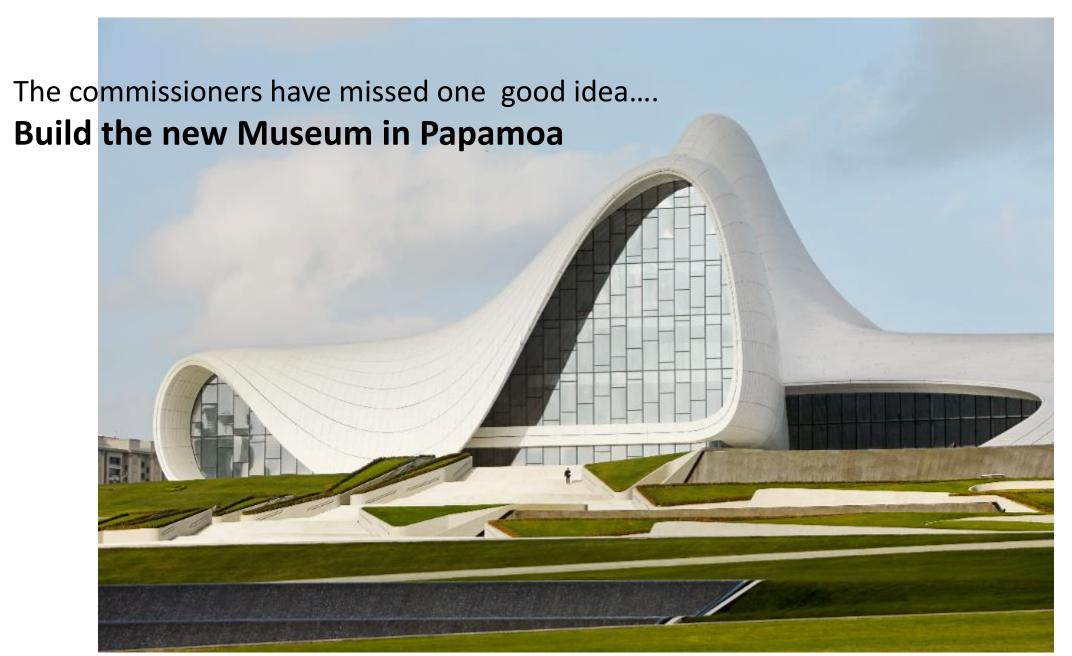
The government is pushing on.

Please read all you can to keep up to date.

A special note on the "Bribe Money"

If a local authority accepts the "gift" money from the government as part of 3 water then the local authority is bound by the agreement **to not** criticise 3 Waters. The commissioners are planning to use this money as part of the funding for the downtown precinct. There goes any negatives against 3 Waters from Tauranga. We are all in without any consultation.





More space to expand. Cheaper land and building costs. Better location.

### Other bits and pieces

- Tsunami Sirens -- part of the latest TCC submissions and online survey. PRRA wants sirens to complement the cell phone warning system. Sirens are successfully used in other areas of NZ. What about some escape routes and bridges over the expressway to higher ground?
- Palm Beach Reserve planting Commissioners have voted to plant this area. More to come. The
  correct process has not been followed and acknowledged.
- Multiuse Arena in Tauranga Domain for concerts and events. Removal of athletics track, community clubs, vital open green space. Published cost is now \$170 million.
- Swimming complex in Memorial Park to be expanded. More green space taken away. Cost not published to date

The green spaces on the Te Papa peninsula are being devoured by these new projects. All without any public consultation.

### Other bits and pieces ..... 2

What is the council planning as new amenities in Papamoa? Zero!!!

Thankyou for upgrading Opal Drive sewer line.

What does this (Papamoa) community need and what is it concerned about?

In the next few weeks PRRA will be surveying our members online on the "State of Papamoa". Any suggestions for questions or topics to include in the survey please send to <a href="mailto:chairprra@gmail.com">chairprra@gmail.com</a>

Candidates Meeting in October 2022!!!! PRRA will invite all intending councillors to a public meeting to speak here at Legacy Chapel.



#### Thankyou

A very warm welcome to our guest speaker, local MP Mr Todd Muller.

Unfortunately Todd has tested positive to Covid at 5pm today. Open microphone.



#### Questions we were going to ask Todd.

- 1. Why are you standing again after announcing your resignation?
- 2. What are your views on the termination of local democracy in Tauranga?
- 3. If National governs after next election, will the commissioners be sent packing and local body elections held?
- 4. Anyone may make a petition to Parliament about virtually any topic. Can you explain the process, please, and tell us if it could be TRIED as a means of bringing council elections back to Tauranga before July 2024.



## OPEN FORUM



Break into small groups of 4-6 people, think about the following and one member of group reports back. 3-5 mins per speaker, usual rules of decency and only one speaker at a time.

## The way forward for Tauranga Identify your three main issues

#### Ideas

Papamoa?
City Centre redevelopment
Future of the commissioners
Rates and growth
Urban Sprawl
Local Democracy



Raffle Results

Next Meeting Monday 8 Jun 2022

