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# PRRA Meeting 11 March 2024

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# PRRA March 2024 Meeting

1. Treasurers Report \$6279.32

2. Chairman's Notes

3. Guest Speakers

Noel Hall - Weeds and Inaction continued..

Keynote Speaker Tom Rutherford MP Bay of Plenty

Questions after all the speakers

3. Raffle draw

4. Next Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

# Introduction from Chairman

Please look at the PRRA website for interesting articles and up to date information.

[www.papamoaresidents.co.nz](http://www.papamoaresidents.co.nz)

## There is a lot happening this year in Tauranga

1. PRRA has written to the local Government Minister, Simeon Brown, requesting that he intervenes and stops the Commissioners from signing the ratepayers up to unsustainable and out of control expensive vanity projects and spend the money on the important projects eg tsunami evacuation paths for Papamoa, roads. Awaiting a response.

2. Tauranga City Council (TCC) has proposed to charge all sports clubs a rental for the grounds they occupy. The original amount would have sent most sports club bankrupt. TCC is now watering this down and trying to reach a fee agreement with each individual code. Divide and Rule principle. The best solution is wait until the new Mayor and councillors are elected and revisit without any urgency. Tom Rutherford and Sam Uffindell called a public meeting last week for the sports clubs. Tom can tell you the feeling of the meeting later.

PRRA has analysed the TCC summary of the Long Term Plan online submissions.  
Here are some key results. The full document is on the website.

1. Retain or sell carparks    Sell carparks 44%    **Retain Carparks 56%**

2. Should we have a community stadium in Tauranga Domain

Staged Implementation                      19%

Single stage 2024-2034                      16%

Single Stage deferred start date    8%

**No stadium in Tauranga Domain 57%**

3. Should we explore Smart Trip (road use charging )

Strongly oppose 76%, oppose 8% , neutral 5%, agree 7%, strongly agree 4%

And today , no more Smart Trip.

## 4. Stadium Update

Remember the survey result from the previous slide

Last week the latest Business Case February 2024 for the Tauranga Domain stadium was released . Even the ratepayers can see it is a bad idea and too costly, the commissioners and Priority One are pushing ahead. Now adding a café and plaza will make it work financially.

## 5. Participation in the Tauranga City Online Long Term Plan survey

Papamoa residents were 15% of the replies. GOOD EFFORT!!!



# Community Survey about Tauranga City Council



Mount Maunganui  
Residents,  
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## Community Survey 2024 Update

Now over 1650 respondents. Full results are on the website

**Tauranga  
Community  
Survey 2024**

## REMINDER:

Elections for Mayor and Councillors finish on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Postal voting.

There are three wards on this side of the harbour, Mt Maunganui, Arataki and Papamoa. The boundaries are not where you would expect.

**If you are thinking of standing as a candidate for the Papamoa or Arataki Ward, or as Mayor, and would like to know more about the issues that affect and concern our residents, contact PRRA and we will have a chat with you. Our email address is [chairprra@gmail.com](mailto:chairprra@gmail.com).**



Speaker: Noel Hall

- Invasive Weeds
- TCC Action/Inaction
- Ombudsman update

## Invasive Weeds - Moth Plant

- Little or no action from TCC where Moth Plant is on private land
- TCC says contact should be made with BOPRC to get enforcement of clearance action
- No clearance by TCC on waterway, but there are lots of Moth Plants, many in places difficult to get to.
- Moth Plant seeds are easily dispersed by the wind, and end up “everywhere”.
- Most people would not be able to recognise the plant as a pest - but if TCC displays little interest, how will anyone know to pull the plants out?





April 2023



March 2024

# TCC Activity

## *Wairakei Landscape Concept Plan (2017) - Design Vision*

*As well as providing its fundamental stormwater function, the Reserve should provide for a high-use recreational asset, strategic cycling route, and tsunami escape route.*

***Objective:*** *Significantly enhance the existing reserve as reference point and locational marker within the suburban environment by ... creating a more natural appearance and enhanced ecological function... achieved by re-vegetation programme to improve safety and amenity, reduce reserve maintenance, provide for cultural harvest, treat stormwater, improve ecological function, and improve water quality.*

In practice, “green” credentials dominated design, and many unsubstantiated claims were made about benefits which would accrue. Conversely, technical justification was not available.

The greatest adverse issue which has arisen since “planting” has been that more maintenance has been required – not less! And this is ongoing and will only increase with time.

The following views show some admirable maintenance work, but all of this is a mere “drop in the bucket” as there’s much more to be done.



# Grant Place Control Weir (about 2 km east of Domain Road)







3 February 2024



8 March 2024

**Inlet basin to Grant Place Control Weir**



# Harrison's Cut



5/11/2023



30/11/2023



8/3/2024





5 February 2024



12 February 2024

## Stream between Beachwater Drive and Fashion Island



## Wairakei Stream – View from about 20 paces









## **FOPBR Submission to Ombudsman – July 2022**

Failure of TCC to have meaningful consultation with residents on the Wairakei Landscape Plan as required by Resource Consent. (8 pages)

Ombudsman's Office started investigating complaint in early February 2024; asked for any updates on matters which may affect the original submission.

Additional information (5 pages) supplied 22-24 February.

We await consideration.

Thank you for listening

Tom Rutherford

MP for Bay of Plenty

Local Democracy & Commissioners

# Questions

Please wait for the microphone.



# Raffle Draw

Next Meeting. 22 April 2024



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