



**HAURAKI PLAINS COMMUNITY HUB (HPCH) SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE
HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Plains Ward Projects

18th April 2024

ABOUT HAURAKI PLAINS COMMUNITY HUB

Our vision:

A sustainable, vibrant, connected Hauraki Plains Community.

Our priorities:

- A place with people at its heart
Our community's wellbeing is the focus of everything we do

Actions:

- Be the connector between our community groups, local government, non-government organisations and grant organisations
- Seek opportunities to connect our district through connecting spaces and places
- Undertake placemaking activations (eg play streets)
- Complete the Hugh Hayward Domain masterplan and seek partnership/funding through Council
- Advocate for our community /groups through a range of forum including the Hauraki District Council Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes
- Provide grants administration support to our community groups

- A place where opportunity abounds
- A place which embraces our green environments
Our community is clean, green, and environmentally friendly

Actions:

- Advocate for additional shade in social areas of the Plains
- Identify opportunities for edible plantings (eg fruit trees) in our green spaces

- A place to belong
Our communities celebrate their uniqueness

Actions:

- Enable a community end of year/Christmas celebration

With 18 member clubs our recent work has been to establish a relationship to understand their needs, wants, aspirations and dreams.

As many of the clubs operate on Council owned land and premises it has been important that we have a good working relationship that is well established so that we may act as a mediator between clubs to encourage them to work together to come up with solutions. This has been necessary when working to develop an effective lighting plan for Hugh Hayward Domain that meets the needs of our clubs.

Hauraki District Council also provides a major source of funding when it comes to facility maintenance, upgrade or development therefore are an important partner and investor in enabling play, active recreation, and sport to happen for people and communities.

The Hauraki Plains Community Hub are excited to work alongside you to ensure a range of opportunities for people in our community to engage with across the Hauraki Plains Ward.

HPCH FEEDBACK ON YOUR LONG TERM PLAN FOR THE PLAINS WARD

In response to the draft 2024-2034 LTP consultation document, we wish to comment on the following:

Project	Description	When	How much
Car park lighting at Hugh Hayward Domain	Installation of solar lighting at Hugh Hayward Domain to improve the safety of the carpark at night.	2024/25	\$75,000 (level of service)
HPCH support this investment and believe it to be an urgent need for our community to improve safety in the carpark around Hugh Hayward Domain.			
Pump track at Hugh Hayward domain	One third allocation for a pump track at Hugh Hayward Domain on the basis that funding from elsewhere will be provided (total project cost \$225,000).	2025/26	\$225,000 (level of service)
HPCH would defer this investment. There are more pressing needs in the utilisation of the field space on Hugh Hayward Domain to develop the sporting clubs currently utilising the Domain. It is important that the community is consulted in co-design of this with			

regards to both the style of pump track and placement. We feel it is important that HPCH are a key contributor to the discussion in this development in the future.			
Pioneer Park Basketball courts upgrade	Joint funding to upgrade basketball court to a 3x3 court at Pioneer Park	2025/2026	\$40,760 (level of service)
HPCH supports this project and will be working with our administrator to apply for grants to fund this project.			
Hugh Hayward domain walking track resurface	Resurfacing of the walking and cycling track around the Hugh Hayward domain.	2025/2026 2027/2028	\$76,425 \$241,425
HPCH would bring this project forward to its earliest possible timeline. The walking track is a highly utilised part of our community that is currently unsafe in parts where the walking track surface is slippery.			
Adult fitness equipment at Hugh Hayward domain	Joint funding towards the installation of new adult fitness equipment in the domain.	2025/26	\$40,000 (level of service)
HPCH would question this investment. Traditional "exercise equipment machines" can be expensive to install, maintain and often are only able to be used for one movement. Once again, there are more pressing needs in the utilisation of the field space on Hugh Hayward Domain that these funds could be used for.			

Other considerations the HPCH would like to put forward to be included that are not currently included in the draft LTP for the Plains Ward

Project	Description	When	How much
Hugh Hayward Domain field upgrade	With the growth of rugby, touch, cricket, and football in our community it is necessary that we have enough suitable playing surfaces that will provide an enhanced experience for participants and	2024/2025	

	spectators alike. This will require four multi-purpose fields so that the whole of Hugh Hayward Domain may be utilised to its full potential.		
Council drain beside HPC field	Council drain to be filled in behind Four Square and beside the HPC field so this space can be utilised as a service lane.	2025/2026	
Connectivity between the Hugh Hayward domain and the Piako river	Build on the highly utilised Hugh Hayward domain walking track and connect to the Piako river stop bank walking track.	2025/2026	
Walkway beside road in Kaiaua	It is urgently needed to have a footpath connecting Kaiaua School to Whakatiwai for children to be able to walk safely to school.	2024/2025	
Operational grant to HPCH	<p>Provide an ongoing operational grant to the HPCH as they continue to work with sporting and community groups in the Plains Ward.</p> <p>We have recently appointed an administrator who will be vital in continuing to increase the funding sources for HPCH and our clubs.</p> <p>It is pleasing to see the growth in sport in our community but this has led to a strain on the facilities and grounds currently available and it is important that we are able to work together to upgrade these</p>	2024/2025 2025/2026 2026/2027	\$5000 per annum

	services for the best outcome for our member club's long term.		
Ward Targeted Rate for the Plains Ward	We suggest that this needs to be elevated in line with the Paeroa Ward which would bring in an extra \$325k per annum to put towards the capital expenditures that we have highlighted to be highly important for our community. It is becoming an increasingly difficult grant and funding environment so we are unable to rely on these providing the bulk of funding for services and facilities in our community.	2024/2025	

HAURAKI PLAINS COMMUNITY HUB CONTACTS

We are pleased to present this submission on behalf of the HPCH and would request an opportunity to also conduct an oral submission at LTP hearing days in May 2024.

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