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Activity: Arts and Culture

General Issues, Policy and Planning Matters

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Community Arts Council		
<i>Thank you for your comments and support.</i>		
218 - Acts as cultural ambassadors for the City in bringing people together in making the City a more interesting place to live. Provides access to some funding for groups to highlight events within their community. Manawatu Irish Society would struggle with radio programme if it was not for the grant from Community Arts.		
Council Controlled Organisations		
<i>The Council has resolved to increase the grants paid to council controlled organisations by 10%, and for them to be inflation-adjusted each year thereafter.</i>		
355 - Members note with concern that Council has not increased funding to CCOs.		
361 - Support absolutely Council support for Regent, Globe, Caccia Birch, Te Manawa and all libraries.		
Te Manawa - Recognition within Council		
<i>The Council has noted your comments.</i>		
444 - Te Manawa is a substantial community asset. Needs to be considered broadly and holistically - including social and cultural capital, not just as a line on Council budget.		

New/Increased Requests

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Te Manawa - Increased Operational Grant		
<i>The Council has resolved to increase the grant by 10%, and for it to be inflation-adjusted each year thereafter.</i>		

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- 82 - Funding should be increased to at least inflation adjustment each year.
- 102 - Support increase from 2001 level to maintain and attract high performing and qualified staff and be able to continue high quality exhibitions and programmes into the future.
- 111 - Far too much money. Took daughter and friend to Bikes Unleashed but did not pay to go in when discovered cost. Would rather go to Te Papa - far better and cheaper. Cut funding and put towards recycling bins.
- 180 - Support modest increase and ongoing annual increases in line with inflation.
- 194 - Increased support required.
- 216 - Science Centre is top favourite with art gallery close behind. Needs an increase, not a decrease, to keep it able to provide educational and challenging experiences.
- 235 - Running Te Manawa is absolute waste of money. Of the 14,000 visitors most of them are school children. Currently there is nothing but a promotion of the last 20 years culture. Get Rangitaane and other Maori organisations involved with historical societies, rail and train, archaeological, DoC etc.
- 248 - I am Chairperson of U3A Manawatu and we make regular use of Te Manawa facilities and receive outstanding service and support from staff. Please maintain funding of this important City facility.
- 249 - Grant has remained unchanged since 2001, also not tied to inflation. Needs sufficient funding to retain professional staff with expertise to enable the institution to continue to fulfill the programme the City expects of it.
- 260 - If PN is to be comparable with other regions, it must invest in improvements to the City. Current funding is at 2001 levels despite increased costs.
- 339 - Support Te Manawa's request for an increase in funding to \$2.7M.
- 354 - Has run on same grant for nearly 10 years. Members understand Council is proposing to reduce grant to the level it was in 2000-01. Te Manawa has a vital contribution to make to each of the 5 City and Council goals.
- 384 - Concerned at proposal to reduce grant by \$100k bringing funding back to 2000-01 levels. No allowance for increased costs or impact of inflation.
- 402 - Te Manawa seeks increase to operating grant of \$350k each year, with ongoing annual inflation adjustment.
- 414 - Funding has remained unchanged since turn of the century and has affected staff, with substantial staff turnover and loss of corporate memory and institutional capability. Support Trust's application for increase with continued inflation adjusted allocations.
- 418 - Would like to see modest increase to allocation.
- 423 - Support ongoing and increased funding. With the project underway for Te Manawa, it is important that this be supported with appropriate funding to follow through Council's commitment to the future vision for PN.
- 444 - Annual grant has been static since 2001 and we recommend Council increase the annual grant and make a commitment to it being inflation adjusted.
- 446 - Concerned that grant has remain unchanged since 2001 despite increasing costs. Wholeheartedly support Trust Board's request for increase.
- 457 - Grant has not kept up with inflation. Te Manawa is a unique institution.
- 474 - Endorse increase of \$300k but note that similar increase in each year of LTCCP would be needed just to recover to the 2001 position.
- 476 - Support needs to be ongoing in order to fulfil the vibrant, caring, sustainable image. Please keep realistic funding available for the benefit of the thousands that visit.
- 491 - Funding remains at 2001 levels despite increasing costs. Staff levels have remained constant despite increasing pressures to generate more activities and more visitors.
- 497 - Operational funding remains at 2001 levels despite increasing costs. Despite pressures to generate more activities and visitors, staffing levels have remained constant.

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534 - Has not received additional funding since 2001. More funding would bring a better product, hence more people would flow through the doors.

536 - Creating a cultural showcase requires funding. Our cultural institutions contribute to our local economy.

Te Manawa - Purchases to Enhance the Collection

The purchase of new art works and other artifacts is an internal issue for Te Manawa, rather than a Council issue as such. Te Manawa have just received a 10 percent increase to their operating grant. They are also about to undergo a redevelopment, after which they may consider this request.

354 - Because funding has been kept to levels below that required to grow the collections base, members ask that consideration be given by Council to additional funding after 2011 for purchases of art and other artifacts to enhance the collection.

Operating and Capital Programmes

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(OP) Caccia Birch - Increase to Operational Grant		<p><i>The Council has resolved to increase the grant by 10%, and for it to be inflation-adjusted each year thereafter.</i></p> <p>391 - Trust Board seeks increase from \$60k to \$67k for 2009-10, and then annually inflation adjusted sum for the balance of the 10 Year Plan.</p>
(OP) Public Sculptures Trust Funding		<p><i>Thank you for your comments. Public sculptures will be controversial, at least to some extent, however the Council continues to support the programme as it enriches our urban landscape and improves the perception of the City as a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and visit.</i></p>

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		<p>21 - Love the new sculptures around the City and would like to see lots more around town. Have got none at Terrace End or Roslyn. Sculptures should stay in one place for 5 years then relocate around the City. (See submission for numerous creative suggestions.)</p> <p>73 - PN could become a leader through its policy of placing sculpture in its spaces as an investment both in visual education and sheer pleasure of its citizens.</p> <p>82 - Very important aesthetic and creative programme enhancing PN image and marketing.</p> <p>149 - Thank Council for ongoing support. At this time of cost constraint, suggest changing support from operating expense to capital, to generate a better than 100 percent return on investment.</p> <p>171 - These works enrich both the environment and the lives of those who take time to consider them. Support maintaining present level of funding.</p> <p>192 - Sculpture enhances the arts maturity of this City. Need more to balance strength of other visual arts. Young people need tangible role evidence.</p> <p>194 - As well as personal appreciation, I see such efforts to add interest and vitality of the inner City an important part of helping my company attract and retain the qualified staff that my business requires.</p> <p>216 - We lag behind many small towns in other countries. Careful positioning make the towns vibrant and attractive.</p> <p>224 - Would not support any further rusting iron so called sculptures.</p> <p>228 - Council needs to fully realise the importance of PNPST. Significant as a body of informed experts active in their projects to beautify the CBD and enthusiastic in judgement and taste.</p> <p>266 - No more unsightly rusty sculptures to litter our lovely city.</p> <p>269 - Endorse continued support for this creative and enlightened initiative that sets us apart from other regional cities and has potential to define us as a distinctive, progress, attractive and sophisticated centre.</p> <p>275 - Spend money on the conservatory rather than further artistic pieces around the City.</p> <p>289 - Interesting focal points, make bold statements and arouse curiosity and comment.</p> <p>329 - Please stop wasting ratepayer money on ugly and unnecessary art sculptures.</p> <p>349 - Sculptures have improved the perception of PN as a creative city. They reach the whole community, not just gallery goers. They support Council's goal - a city where people want to live.</p> <p>350 - A city the size of ours needs more public sculpture. Impressive and beautiful sculptures cannot be acquired without public funding.</p> <p>380 - Love the sculptures. They complement and add interest to The Square, which we also love.</p> <p>387 - Considerable feedback has been received from the community and business sector supporting the Trust and the support from Council.</p> <p>389 - Sculptures are a luxury that this City cannot afford.</p> <p>398 - Wholeheartedly support Council's partnership with the Trust and urge its continuation.</p> <p>428 - Do not support funding for future art works around The Square.</p> <p>490 - Support ongoing funding. Over time they will become a significant icon of the City's identity and a generous gift by the citizens is to be encouraged.</p> <p>521 - Involves and binds the citizens of a city. Funding requested is matched by members of the trust.</p> <p>522 - Admire Council for supporting public sculpture. Cultural advantage to PN is enhanced by our public art.</p>

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(OP) Regent Theatre - Increase to Operational Grant		<p><i>The Council has resolved to increase the grant by 10%, and for it to be inflation-adjusted each year thereafter.</i></p> <p>58 - Great investment.</p> <p>111 - Put it back in - use some Te Manawa funding.</p> <p>210 - Current grant has remained at this level since 1998. Trust Board requests increase in annual grant from current \$92k to \$162,875k to cover effect of inflation, increased audit costs, marketing and audience development costs.</p>
(OP) Te Manawa - Short Term Support for Incorporation of New Zealand Rugby Museum		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council has brought forward funding, so that \$50,000 is allocated in year one, \$103,000 in year two, \$95,000 in year three and \$36,000 in year four.</i></p> <p>33 - Support funds for the museum.</p> <p>321 - To do justice to the redevelopment proposed, which I support, it seems necessary to increase operating grant so that level of activity and service is increased in a fitting manner up to and beyond the RWC.</p> <p>349 - Te Manawa needs continued support to allow it to provide high-quality experiences for children and adults of the City.</p> <p>387 - For community and NZ economic development.</p> <p>431 - Vitally important if the museum is to be run professionally.</p> <p>439 - See submission for list of major projects requiring funding within this programme.</p>
(CN) Globe Theatre - Extension of Bar/Cafe and Additional 100-seat Auditorium		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council has brought forward the Bar/Café stage of this programme to year two of the 10 Year Plan. The Auditorium stage will be undertaken in year five.</i></p> <p>96 - See this development as part of overall enhancement of Cultural Precinct.</p> <p>180 - Essential to ongoing success of Te Manawa as a collection showcase and creating a cultural destination.</p> <p>263 - Support second auditorium to the Globe Theatre.</p> <p>401 - Te Manawa Museums Trust, Globe Theatre Trust and NZ Rugby Museum Society would like stages two and three completed immediately following stage one. Benefits include utilising current experts and consultants rather than re-engaging later for a higher cost, engagement of builders, and visitor experience to redeveloped complex.</p> <p>402 - Essential to ongoing success of Te Manawa.</p> <p>408 - Globe Theatre Trust Board are delighted that stages two and three are included, but serious reservations about timing. As people constantly remind us with reference to the Regent - do it once and do it right. (See submission for detail on concerns.)</p> <p>431 - Support full completion. Will complete development as part of overall cultural precinct.</p> <p>457 - Essential for PN to maintain and improve its vision.</p>
(CN) Te Manawa Redevelopment - Incorporation of Rugby Museum into Te Manawa Complex		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. It should be noted that Te Manawa will not be closed during the redevelopment project. Two significant streams of work will fully occupy staff: preparation of exhibits for the redeveloped facility, including the professional support required to incorporate the Rugby Museum into Te Manawa, and an expanded 'outreach' programme (e.g. exhibits in selected sites throughout the City). It should also be noted that the 'art gallery' will be open throughout the period and will incorporate exhibits from the museum and science centre elements of the complex.</i></p>

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- 33 - Support funds for the museum.
- 34 - Too much money that benefits few. Find their own funding.
- 82 - A cultural icon would be great. A goal to strive for.
- 96 - Urges Council not to delay in achieving the outcome. Vital that the NZRM exhibition is completed before 2011 RWC so that tour operators can plan itineraries in advance. Support submission by Globe Theatre Trust Board.
- 180 - Essential to ongoing success of Te Manawa as a collection showcase and creating a cultural destination.
- 197 - Outstanding facility, however difficult to locate. Post redevelopment, Te Manawa, Rugby Museum and the Globe will be a force to be reckoned with.
- 247 - The rugby museum has already been moved, and now more expense moving it again.
- 248 - I am Chairperson of U3A Manawatu and we make regular use of Te Manawa facilities and receive outstanding service and support from staff. Please maintain funding of this important City facility.
- 281 - Rein in spending. Stick to essentials.
- 306 - Support relocation of Rugby Museum.
- 345 - Nice to have but unnecessary expenditure during recession.
- 346 - Is the Rugby Museum closing for 8 months while the upgrade is taking place?
- 354 - Members are excited about redevelopment project and the potential to greatly enhance the work we do in fostering the arts and culture heritage of our community.
- 355 - Initial redevelopment over 2010 should be seen as the start of a process to give PN a cultural centre, not an end in itself. Council must commit long term to the success of Te Manawa.
- 369 - Have Rugby Union offered to contribute. They have spare millions.
- 377 - Council finds millions for play things but is struggling to find money for a new bridge. Priorities all wrong.
- 387 - For community and NZ economic development.
- 389 - Getting people to something that has been closed will take enormous amount of publicity and cost after it reopens. Will staff be asked to take a holiday or will they be redeployed elsewhere.
- 399 - Look forward to a new enhanced entranceway to this vibrant building.
- 401 - Te Manawa Museums Trust, Globe Theatre Trust and NZ Rugby Museum Society express support of this project. (See submission for detail.)
- 402 - Essential to ongoing success of Te Manawa. Physical interior changes will impact two floors of public spaces and galleries. Will naturally have physical impact including temporary closure of one of the public buildings. Art gallery will remain open 7 days a week.
- 404 - Full support.
- 406 - Should be completed prior to 2011 world cup.
- 407 - Providing a showcase for rugby is priority. Imperative to complete the new home for 2011 world cup.
- 414 - See submission for detail of The Science Centre's support.
- 431 - NZRM is one of the regions and city's few true attractions. City is lucky to have a world class collection.
- 433 - Are there any implications of this project on Globe Theatre users?
- 444 - Realising potential for the new Te Manawa requires significant additional investment and we recommend Council consider additional funding during the period of development.
- 457 - Essential for PN to maintain and improve its vision.

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472 - Te Manawa is the City's leading repository of PN's history and identify.

496 - Original visions for the creation of the science centre need to be preserved. Bring back the conservatory, butterflies and the science in action concepts, and the cafe and store.

497 - Essential to successfully achieving the City vision.

503 - Rugby Museum is PN's top attraction and has great economic spin offs for our City and region.

534 - Essential part of the City and a cultural local point to build on.

535 - Still of the opinion this is an unjustifiable expense and considerable burden on ratepayers.

536 - Central to our cultural development for locals and visitors.

540 - Change signage to add NZ dimension to the name.

(UF) Regent Theatre Expansion - Purchase of Adjacent Property

Thank you for your comments. This programme remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan.

58 - Great investment.

210 - Does not envisage needed in early years of LTCCP, but important that provision retained. Cramped quarters for management, no separate room for Manager, no suitable space for managers of touring events, no facilities for front of house staff, uniform changing, preparation for work, storing of personal belongings.

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Library Opening Hours</p> <p><i>Awapuni, Roslyn, and Te Patikitiki branch libraries closed for four weeks, including public holidays, during December-January school holiday period. Each of the closed branch libraries received regular visits from the Mobile Library during this period. As well, the Central Library was open throughout this period, excluding the public holidays. Ashhurst Branch Library remained open, excluding public holidays, to reflect the transportation differences for that part of the City. These closures, following examples of previous years, were to facilitate staff annual holidays, acknowledge a drop-off in use at the time of the year, and to avoid branch libraries being used as day care facilities by a minority of parents or care givers.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">27 - Horrified that branch libraries closed for most of Dec-Jan school holidays. Dismayed that Highbury Library not open in that needy area. Management convenience does not suit ratepayers and users.</p>		

New/Increased Requests

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Hokowhitu Village - New Library</p> <p><i>The generous offer of financial sponsorship is noted by the Council, with much appreciation. Given the significant use of both the Central Library and the Mobile Library service by residents of Hokowhitu, the suggestion of a local branch library has considerable merit. However, the current plans are for a new branch library in the Kelvin Grove area in 2011/12. Perhaps the Hokowhitu suggestion would be worth consideration at the time of the next 10 Year Plan in 2012/13.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">499 - Long overdue community facility which would provide services for a wide range of residents and local institutions. Would offer financial sponsorship for establishment if Council would include in the 10 Year Plan.</p>		

Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>(OP) Cultural Travel Club - Opportunities to Visit Cultural Institutions and Events</p> <p><i>It is planned to development this initiative in partnership with the Friends of the Library group. Regrettably, the private sector does not offer such an initiative; furthermore it is proposed to run this on a cost recovery basis rather than a profit making venture.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">389 - Would still be staff wages and planning to get any trip organised. More correctly belongs in the private sector.</p>		
<p>(CN) Central Library Shop - Establishment of Retail Facility Complementing Provision of Library Services</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">504 - The library could contribute considerably more to goals with targeted services. A business information service would add to a city which attracts, fosters and retains businesses. The library is an under-utilised resource in the goal of communicating and engaging with citizens.</p>		

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<p>(CN) New City Archives Facility</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council has decided to include this previously unfunded programme in the 10 Year Plan, to take place in year four.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 - Good for bringing schoolgroups, showing them old historical articles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">267 - Would like assurance that by not improving the archival facilities, valuable archives will not be lost or damaged.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">271 - Urge Council to reinstate funding for additional archive storage, preferably within close proximity to the Library and current archive which has close synergies with the local history section of the public library.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">340 - They do a marvellous job considering current cramped conditions. Resources are growing all the time. Strongly urge Council to make necessary funds available for 2009/10 to upgrade the archives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">404 - This should be included in the LTCCP. Great concern that archives will be consigned to a different area. To be supportive of the education and research base of PN, adequate space must be planned.</p>		
<p>(UF) Central Library - Art Print Collection</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your comments. This programme remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 - Would like to see branch libraries supported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">36 - Should be kept a low priority. This existed before and was scrapped and the prints sold because it wasn't effective.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">340 - Is it not possible to make this service self funding by charging a realistic rental eg \$10 per month. Perhaps more publicity needs to be given to this library activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">343 - Oppose because of costs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">400 - Dont need to expand at the moment, so maybe scrap the purchasing of art prints.</p>		
<p>(UF) City Library - Library Nooks (Small Site Libraries - Capital)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your comments. This programme remains unfunded in the 10 Year Plan.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 - Would like to see branch libraries supported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">343 - Oppose because of costs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">400 - We have the mobile library and two or three branch libraries. They are sufficient for now. Revisit when large chunk of debt is repaid.</p>		

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Activity: Parks and Recreation

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Arena Manawatu - Asset Management Queries		
<p><i>The Council undertook the 2008 Asset Management Plan in-house. The building work is based on condition assessments and long term planning by Council staff.</i></p>		
<p>389 - Arena stadiums 1-6 and B&M stadium state majority of work to be spent on structure of the buildings. Arena has had a number of alterations since originally built. Is Council continually influenced by each company they bring in as an asset consultant instead of having a total strategy plan of their own?</p>		
Arena Manawatu - Governance		
<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The land and buildings at Arena Manawatu has been owned by the Council since the 1970s and most of the development funding since then has been provided by the Council. There is no intention of changing the nature of the present land use. At this stage it is proposed to operate Arena Manawatu as a business unit within Council. The suggestion to recognise the gathering place of the 28th Maori Battalion will be followed up along with other historic acknowledgements.</i></p>		
<p>82 - Needs to be protected from Council meddling. Needs to be retained as a whole entity, which means all the land retained for recreation and city sports enhancement.</p>		
<p>273 - When it becomes under control of Council, would like to explore some kind of memorial to acknowledge that this was the place the 28th Maori Battalion came together.</p>		
<p>337 - "Bringing into direct Council control will allow Council to manage it alongside other similar visitor facilities such as the Convention Centre". Why does the City have to manage these assets and has a commercial model been looked at?</p>		
Arena Manawatu - Operating Budget		
<p><i>The Council aims to improve on utilisation with all of its operating assets. For example, where a large indoor complex is planned to cater for the projected demand for indoor court space and attract more tournaments to the City.</i></p>		
<p>337 - Operating deficit of \$44M over next 10 years. A plan should be in place to reduce the net cost over time by improving utilisation. Investment in developing a major events strategy could be offset by a reduction in net operating cost.</p>		
Arena Manawatu - Operating Budget - Request to Reallocate Funds		
<p><i>The Council has not provided to fund any operating deficits for Manfeild Park. This has been interpreted as meaning an operating saving for Arena of a total of \$5 million over years seven to 10 of the 10 Year Plan. Although annual operating deficits for Arena approximate \$5 million in years seven to 10, a significant portion of this sum relates to interest and depreciation which cannot be 'saved'. If \$2.5 million was to be funded to an event fund in each of years one and two, this would add over 4 percent to the rates requirement for year one and a further 4 percent for year two.</i></p>		
<p>447 - Manawatu Regional Organisations request that Council reallocate \$5m earmarked in years 7-10 for funding the annual operating deficits on Arena Manawatu and Manfeild Park and commit this into years 1 and 2 of the plan.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Arena Manawatu - Preparation for Rugby World Cup</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. There are a range of renewal and capital programmes at Arena Manawatu over the 10 year period, which will benefit a wide range of sporting codes. Any expenditure undertaken at Arena Manawatu will be of long-term benefit to the FMG stadium, the Arena itself, and its long-term users.</i></p> <p>170 - Dont waste lots of money on it just for two games of rugby. Not worth it.</p> <p>220 - Undue emphasis on 2011 RWC. Upgrading would result in white elephant structure post RWC.</p> <p>247 - Sports needs to be maintained, but as the need arises not necessarily putting rugby first. There are other sports that need support and these should be looked into carefully.</p> <p>346 - Not a sports fan but believe netball and rugby should get equal share of funding. Although costing a lot of money, means PN fans get to participate and I think this is important.</p> <p>377 - Council finds millions for play things but is struggling to find money for a new bridge. Priorities all wrong.</p> <p>407 - Support in preparation for the RWC.</p> <p>443 - Support more development at Arena, particularly more covered seats on the eastern bank before the RWC.</p> <p>479 - Congrats on bid to host two games. VM will be taking part in a master class on how to maximise economic benefit from the RWC and committed to getting the best result.</p>		
<p>Arena Manawatu - Revenue</p> <p><i>You have been contacted by the General Manager, City Enterprises, who has clarified this for you.</i></p> <p>535 - Please explain why, after budgeting and spending millions of dollars, the revenue drops from \$1.763M in 2008-09 to \$521K in 2009-10 and until 2029-28 is only budgeted for \$321K.</p>		
<p>Clocktower</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments.</i></p> <p>24 - Still hate the cross. Dont replace it when it falls off.</p>		
<p>Hoffman Kiln</p> <p><i>The Council supports the NZHPT in the preservation of the Hoffman Kiln and associated structures. However, it is suggested that Council staff are contacted to discuss the level of support required and any plans available.</i></p> <p>543 - Recommend Council supports NZHPT and other community interests to preserve former front office block, to endorse formation of a community trust to take over management of the kiln site when it passes from current private ownership, and to give financial assistance through the 10 Year Plan for retention of this key heritage site.</p>		
<p>Local Reserves - Income Received</p> <p><i>This additional revenue is from the harvest of the Woodpecker forest which is treated as external revenue within the Council's central treasury system. Separately, the Council budgets for operational maintenance, capital renewals and improvements to the various local reserves.</i></p> <p>416 - Would like explanation of rapidly increasing income from local reserves. Where does it come from and where is it to be spent. Is it confirmed?</p>		

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<p>Manawatu River - Recreational Usage</p> <p><i>Horizons Regional Council is progressively working on rock lining the river's edge, which is stabilising the river banks, but also making the river more accessible. They are building a structure near the Fitzherbert Bridge which will allow people to access the water. The suggestion of weirs on the river at suitable spots to recreational usage of the river, will be discussed with Horizons.</i></p> <p>182 - Perhaps it is time to revise the idea of weirs on the river at suitable spots to improve recreational usage of the river.</p> <p>337 - Why dont we use our river more than we do. Opening up the river frontage may be less about funding than about focusing on maximising what we already have. Could sections be designated for different user groups? Could access be made more obvious. More cafes.</p>		
<p>Recreation Lake</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The recreation lake project is dependent on Council entering into a partnership with private developers to develop a viable proposal. No such proposals are before the Council at present.</i></p> <p>11 - My children and I will certainly support and use it - a fabulous opportunity for our wonderful City.</p> <p>26 - Very much in favour of having a recreation lake for us and our grandchildren to enjoy. Please make welcome any developer that can organise this for our City.</p> <p>36 - Council should not contribute towards its development. Be proud of what we have and not focus on what we don't.</p> <p>182 - Did not support an Aokautere Lake. Perhaps it is time to revisit the idea of weirs on the river at suitable spots to improve recreational usage of the river.</p> <p>202 - Pleased to see statement about lake. Saddened by developers withdrawal. Believe a lake at Aokautere would provide a recreational area that would enable new opportunities for sport and leisure. Are fully committed to being part of any future recreational lake project.</p> <p>247 - PN is only 20 minutes from the sea and Taupo only 3 hours away. Why would anyone live in PN if they are keen sailors.</p> <p>263 - Waste of money.</p> <p>273 - Have and always will remain supportive and wish to be actively involved if this does go ahead.</p> <p>282 - Max size not big enough to provide international use. Not a priority.</p> <p>297 - Definitely not.</p> <p>298 - Support debt repayment rather than spending money on this.</p> <p>306 - Do not support any expense by Council. Support enhancement of Manawatu River walks.</p> <p>314 - We dont need a lake.</p> <p>329 - If it wasn't put here by nature it shouldn't be here.</p> <p>340 - Absolutely opposed to any Council involvement in the development or ongoing maintenance, or the creation of any other body of water.</p> <p>404 - Support Council no longer pursuing.</p> <p>428 - Do not support. More work should be done to improve our river and surrounds.</p> <p>471 - Should continue to support a lake project at Aokautere even if no money is allocated at this time. Will enhance lifestyle opportunities and lead to long term cultural and economic benefits.</p> <p>496 - Neutral on this. Lagoon and river are pleasant, so develop these instead.</p> <p>535 - Pleased Council has moved away from this project. Concerned there is reference to a lake in the Draft Recreational Strategy, that implies a priority over the Linklater Block.</p>		

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Review of Charges - Sportsfields		<p><i>The Council currently reviews sportsfield fees and charges annually, within a policy framework of charging external users 25 percent of incurred maintenance costs. Aquatic facilities are under an external management contract for which the Council currently meets the infrastructure costs but for which activity costs are fully charged to users.</i></p> <p>539 - Support review of sports ground and facility charges with a view of 30 percent cost recovery, as for aquatic facilities.</p>
Ruapehu Drive - Manuka Trees		<p><i>Thank you for drawing this to the Council's attention. Council staff will investigate the problem and will manage the manuka from existing maintenance budgets.</i></p> <p>57 - Concerned about these growing in the gullies. Within next few years Manuka will overtake native trees and the whole area will be covered with scrub in 15-20 years.</p>
Smoke Free Policy - Playgrounds, Sportsfields and Open Space Reserves		<p><i>Council officers have requested evidence from MidCentral Health that signage in parks makes a difference to smoking habits.</i></p> <p>395 - Cancer Society requests that Council owned playgrounds, sportsfields and open space reserves be covered by a smoke free policy and that this be included in the manual of policies. And that the policy be educational as opposed to penal. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>493 - Council is reminded that the Public Health Service has funding for TLA smoke free parks but that funding is only available until 30 June 2009. (See submission for detail.)</p>
Victoria Esplanade - Closure to Traffic		<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The issue of whether or not motorised traffic should be catered for in the Esplanade was thoroughly debated during the consultation process in 2007. As a result of that consultation, the consensus was that traffic be able to access the Esplanade, particularly for the elderly and families.</i></p> <p>285 - Suggest Esplanade be closed to all motorised traffic. Pukekura Park is my model here.</p>
Victoria Esplanade - Demolition of Conservatory		<p><i>In the Draft 10 Year Plan the Council proposed to demolish the existing conservatory and return the site to amenity parkland with grass and planting, with the possibility of the site being used to house the City's bonsai collection. However, a large number of submissions were received during the consultation period from people who clearly stated they did not want the Council to demolish the conservatory and not build a new one. So, in 2012/13, a new conservatory will be built for \$400,000 which will essentially be a direct replacement for the existing structure. The bonsai collection will be incorporated into the area surrounding the conservatory as an additional feature to complement the indoor plant collection.</i></p>

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1 - Keep it or replace it. If not visited enough - promote it. What is wrong with leaving the building as it is. Why return the area to grass, there is enough of that everywhere already.

8 - Conservatory is a place of tranquil beauty and exotic plants. Have always loved walking through it. Do not support demolishing for amenity parkland.

15 - This building does need some serious overhauling, but no way should it be demolished and not replaced. Is a wonderful place to sit and relax, touch and smell allsorts of exotic plants and flowers that one would not normally be able to.

21 - I love the conservatory and dont want Council to pull it to bits. Leave it where it is, you have got no money to build another.

22 - Would hate to see it taken away. Children have chance of finding plants they do not see elsewhere - like the banana tree when it is fruiting. Where else can this be done freely in our City.

23 - Huge asset with chance to see plants one could see nowhere else in PN. Please rebuild it.

30 - Provides a place for plants to grow which would not otherwise last the storms. With my African roots the tropical plants allow me to live in PN and still see tropical plants. Are there implications on tourism and family play areas?

37 - Should be upgraded to more modern standard and enlarged. Great educational asset. Save our conservatory.

40 - Has been a real asset for many years for local and overseas visitors. Do not want to see this go.

41 - The conservatory must remain, it is a great asset and well used.

43 - Every time I visit there are others in there, including overseas visitors. Would be a loss to the City.

45 - Is the history of PN. People of all ages come to enjoy and see different species of plants. Extend this project to schools, give them a corner to cultivate and learn the culture of these plants.

47 - Brings so much pleasure to many locals and visitors. Was donated to City many years ago and should be retained. Not interested in bonsai collection - deformed trees.

49 - Oppose because of its attraction to many people, its educational value and its historical place in PN history.

52 - Hope you will spend some money on it and bring it up to the standard it deserves. Have enjoyed it for over 60 years and I know overseas visitors enjoy it to.

53 - Part of the history of PN and work of the original curator who was instrumental in further development of the Victoria Esplanade dating back to 1908. Funding should be in each year to 2013 and it should be saved or rebuilt.

55 - A great asset to our esplanade. Why should we have to travel to Wanganui when we already have a great conservatory in our own city. Should be plans to maintain and upgrade this for all to enjoy.

58 - New conservatory a must and long overdue.

59 - Would like to retain the conservatory and upgrade to a high standard. Allow future generations to enjoy them as we have.

60 - A place of special interest to locals as well as visitors. Would be a big loss to the city.

64 - Such a previous heritage of plants should be preserved and displayed. Even Wanganui is able to do better than Palmerston North. Don't destroy something great we already have.

65 - Wanganui and New Plymouth outstrip Palmerston North with hanging baskets, aviary, Christmas lights. Please don't get rid of our conservatory.

67 - How could you destroy it. I go there every time I am in the esplanade.

73 - Whatever problems there are with soundness of old structure, surely there are affordable and effective solutions. Suspect has never been widely promoted as one of the City jewels. Need more visually lovely, contemplative, soothing and uplifting spaces for people, not less.

75 - Great place to take kids and overseas visitors to. Council workers do a wonderful job at keeping it tidy and interesting.

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- 77 - Conservatory and glasshouse are a major attraction and should remain at all cost.
- 79 - Visit on a regular basis to enjoy tropical vegetation, flowers and warmth. Also take overseas visitors there. Would be a great loss to the city and its people.
- 81 - Part of the history of PN. Overseas visitors absorb the beauty of the tropical plants. Do not want to be a lesser place than other cities and all large parks overseas have them.
- 82 - Keep it. Victorians were really into their conservatories - it should be special to the Esplanade.
- 83 - Every person that grows plants enjoys looking at plants.
- 84 - Protest proposed closure. Often drive from Woodville. Have made school trips and taken overseas visitors. How can Council get rid of such an asset to the city.
- 86 - Is only in need of a tidy up and coat of paint. Is a real asset to the park. Lots of people admire the flowers in it and appreciate the warmth and quiet it offers.
- 87 - Would like to see it back in the 10 Year Plan. Should be replaced when it can no longer be fixed. Is attractive and well loved part of Esplanade.
- 88 - Should be retained. Build a shell over the top of the present structure.
- 89 - Without the bridge the city could replace the conservatory. A beautifully kept facility that adds to the charm of the Esplanade.
- 91 - Should stay. If you want to cut costs look at not having street banners. No one ever comments on them but they comment on the Esplanade and what a jewel it is.
- 93 - Focal point. Shade and hothouse visits of great interest, especially to elderly and others. Is it possible to relocate to corner of the rose garden?
- 94 - Once gone will never be replaced. Great loss to the city. Is on par with winter gardens at Virginia Lake and ideally situated for less mobile after enjoying afternoon tea nearby.
- 95 - Needs to be rebuilt. Aviary and other improvements, although nice, are not necessary.
- 100 - Strongly oppose. Is a magical area for many people. If we lose it now we will never have one again. Maybe the DIY conservatory could be explored.
- 101 - Enjoyed by many of all ages and is enhanced by the presence of caring and interested gardeners always happy to share knowledge and enthusiasm.
- 103 - Esplanade would lose a lot of its unique splendour. Many of us would never see such things in the conservatory otherwise.
- 104 - An oasis of the tropics in the city and displays a variety of tropical species not seen in this country. Bonsai could be housed elsewhere, eg Te Manawa.
- 109 - A facility that has given all ages pleasure for years and would continue to do so.
- 110 - Must stay. Great to take a visitor to the city.
- 111 - Support demolition if parts can be combined with new aviary - an enclosure within.
- 113 - Is an integral part of visitor attractions. Should not only be rebuilt, be suggest utilising the heating in a possible adjoining butterfly house.
- 114 - Is superior to those of similar sized towns and cities in NZ and valued not only for its aesthetic, but for educational values. If it is closed, the remainder would most likely not be enough to warrant current ranking with the Trust as Garden of Significance.
- 116 - Educational and unique plants which cannot be grown outdoors. Great interest for visitors.
- 116 - Educational for all people. Good to have somewhere to take visitors to enjoy the warmth of other climates.
- 118 - Necessary attraction for visitors and especially for older people, somewhere to visit free of charge and something for those not so young and active.
- 119 - Important feature particularly for those with limited mobility.
- 120 - Public and visitors need to be able to view. Is somewhere where all ages can get pleasure.

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- 121 - Need to attract visitors. Understand that bonsai house is in the pipeline and sufficient money has been donated for it. Can it proceed?
- 122 - We can only have a small garden so its a pleasure to see the beautiful and restful gardens at the conservatory.
- 123 - A pleasure to visit, and bring visitors to see.
- 124 - Rebuild and keep plants.
- 125 - Sell one of the arts objects in the Square and restore our conservatory.
- 126 - Such rare and beautiful plants. Lovely atmosphere and children love it.
- 127 - Please keep it.
- 128 - Leave it where it is.
- 129 - Spend money on natural plants and trees and not spend thousands on art objects that look out of place.
- 130 - Renew structure and retain plants.
- 131 - Love to take my visitors from other cities to visit and admire.
- 132 - Important attraction for all members of our community and visitors to the city.
- 133 - Have visited many times with groups, as individuals and also with out of town visitors. Many collections have been privately donated. Good for children to see exotic plants.
- 134 - A vocal point, greatly used by visitors. Educational for children and adults.
- 135 - An icon for the city. Enjoyed by visitors and educational for children.
- 136 - Entertains visitors. Too much of our rates is spent on unnecessary statues in the Square.
- 137 - For our children, grandchildren and visitors, and overseas visitors.
- 138 - Keep as they are at present. An icon which should remain and not be destroyed.
- 139 - Apart from aesthetic value, is an attraction for visitors and educational for all ages.
- 140 - Main focal point of Esplanade. Readily accessible and popular to the public.
- 141 - Is part of the history. Should never have been allowed to deteriorate. When Council is supposed to be cutting expenses it would be stupidity to pull it down.
- 142 - Is an icon and used for visitors and groups for tours.
- 143 - Have taken children there for many years. They enjoyed finding where plants come from.
- 144 - Love to take visitors from overseas and at home.
- 145 - A wonderful example. Would decrease the enjoyment of a Sunday trip to the Esplanade for a family.
- 146 - A focal point in the Esplanade and would be a backward step to take this away from the city.
- 147 - Older people enjoy the Esplanade, with conservatory playing a large part of interest and pleasure. Children have their playground - the money could be transferred to rebuilding or maintaining the conservatory.
- 148 - Had the Council kept maintenance up to date the conservatory would not require so much work. Take my hat off to staff for the way they keep it.
- 150 - Please keep this very unique addition and educational and tourist attraction. Needs to be extended.
- 152 - We support the building of a new conservatory as we have many overseas visitors staying and always taken them.
- 153 - Great educational value. Contains rare plants and is used by many schools.

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154 - A magic, warm, inviting, inspirational, educational and exotic place - all year round. Well visited by all ages. If Council can no longer fund, explore DIY input.

155 - Bonsai house more suitable perhaps at IPC. As well as many visits ourselves, we take overseas and NZ visitors as well. Educational opportunities.

156 - Esplanade as a whole is a great tourist destination. Conservatory had large influence in Esplanade being designated Garden of Significance. New conservatory and aviary could be joined two-part structure. Has Council considered cost of providing secure housing for Bonsai.

157 - Esplanade is garden of National Significance. Conservatory has more right of place than does the rose garden. Am proud to show overseas visitors. Hard to understand how a Bonsai collection could replace all that the conservatory contains. What grounds were costings made and who considered them excessive. If excessive, why pull down a facility that brings such credit to the city.

159 - Would like it replaced as opposed to removed.

160 - Should be replaced. Is up with the best in NZ. Used by many from outside of PN and used by school and other educational groups. Original building build as NZ centenary project.

163 - Will be a loss to our history and a loss as a spectacle for visitors to the Esplanade.

165 - Instead of removing, please refurbish and advertise more. Such a waste to destroy historic buildings to replace with grass.

168 - Have taken all my grandchildren through it many times and they love it as much as myself. Please leave alone for others to enjoy.

169 - Retrograde step. What is inside is of much more value and interest than any bonsai collection.

172 - Reverse thinking and demolish the aviary and replace the conservatory. Conservatory is a haven of peace, colour and beauty and a credit to the gardeners who maintain it.

174 - Should be enlarged and added to the new aviary and more exotic plants introduced.

177 - Our garden club went through it years ago. A wonderful icon with school children. Dont destroy it, keep the plants.

180 - Strongly oppose demolition and non replacement of conservatory and lath house, and ask that the existing facility be maintained until a new conservatory is built. One year's income from the wind farm could pay for it.

181 - Important national treasure and valuable asset. Keep it and maintain it.

182 - A neat place. Plants are spectacular and pathways well laid out. Encourage people to be fitter and healthier by maintaining public leisure assets and developing further where possible.

186 - Has plants that cannot grow outside. We can learn about interesting plants. A nice warm place to be on a cold day.

187 - I take many a visitor and the elderly from retirement homes to admire and they all just love it there.

189 - An asset to the Esplanade and the City and very much valued by the community. Many of us have enjoyed innumerable visits over the years.

193 - Should be upgraded.

198 - A wonderful facility for residents and visitors. Available in all weathers, all year round. Would be a great loss, nearest being Wanganui and New Plymouth.

200 - Appreciate in the current financial environment the Council is trying to lessen the rates impact, but suggest the conservatory is of such importance to the community that funding should be found to facilitate its retention. (See submission for possible remedies.)

201 - Request Council review, revise and reinstate the maintenance and replacement of the conservatory.

204 - Leave where it is. Dont need to demolish and build a new one unless building structurally unsound.

205 - Incorporate into aviary.

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207 - Would like it to continue not to be axed as it is such a wonderful asset.

209 - Much loved living plant museum. Do not feel a bonsai collection can compete with diverse and interesting collection of plants. Is an ideal compliment to aviary and childrens play area.

211 - Visitor attraction. Could be good dual drawcard with aviary. Asset for students and community.

212 - Educational way to encourage young and old to learn more about the flora - school groups, university students, garden clubs, photo classes, Ozman House, retirement villages, IHC groups, special classes from high schools, national, international and local visitors.

213 - Has history. Lathe house is worth noting. Not just a display house, but a classroom used by many schools, universities, students, gardening organisations and community groups. New one doesnt have to be grandiose. Maybe incorporated with new aviary.

215 - Great asset to the City and should be maintained and replaced when necessary.

216 - At a later date, subsequent generations will regret decisions made by councils who do not recognise historical landmarks.

219 - An educational facility, one in which people can enjoy the beauty of nature.

220 - All leading cities have conservatories which are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, which are long term enhancements and provide a focus for all age groups.

221 - A constant delight in all seasons. A static display of bonsai should be re-donated to anyone willing to house it.

224 - Maintenance is needed on frame, but that is all. The skilled gardening staff should be praised and encouraged.

226 - Wish to have conservatory back in 10 Year Plan.

227 - Used as an educational tool by many school trips and Massey students. Staff work hard. Many plants have been donated and you dont see them unless in conservatory setting.

229 - Very valuable asset and much appreciated by many residents and visitors. Should not be pulled down.

230 - Wide variety of exotic plants provides interest and education for many and should be enlarged not demolished.

231 - One of the very few tourist attractions we have in our City.

232 - Please save the glasshouse plants and repair the glasshouse.

233 - A previous treasure and should be restored or replaced.

242 - Should be retained. Signage improved and the entrance made more attractive.

244 - A feature that is an integral part of the Esplanade. Seek funding from model train and other services to allow this to continue.

246 - Would like to see the bonsai house come to fruition. Would like to be involved with project. Council to carry out provisional estimate of cost and plan for consultation and implementation.

247 - Need to keep it. Great drawcard for visitors as well as residents. With an upgrade it is a jewel in the Esplanade crown.

250 - A valuable facility for education and visiting and could be made even more useful. Should be replaced and extended.

251 - After having built alongside a new Education Centre, why dispose of a key element in the education of young people. Is it because of finance in tough times, or lack of maintenance. Should be reviewed by an independent group to formulate possibilities.

252 - Large variety of plants and too valuable to be destroyed. Very popular with residents and visitors alike.

253 - A City treasure. Improve existing conservatory and keep maintaining. Set aside funds for a better replacement.

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- 254 - Please keep it. Where else can we see exotic plants?
- 255 - Would rather money planned for aviary spent on a new conservatory.
- 256 - A valued asset to the City. Should be replaced with a new one to continue an indoor, all weather feature of the Esplanade.
- 257 - Please build a new one and transfer plants to it before the existing building is demolished. Is the only facility of its type the elderly have easy access to. Please remember citizens appreciate free entry.
- 258 - A must because of the value for both citizens and visitors.
- 261 - Please rebuild. Why do away with one of our assets.
- 262 - Has been a source of enjoyment for years for self, children and now grandchildren.
- 265 - Playground could be done over longer period, freeing up funds to refurbish conservatory. Is contradictory to balk at doing this, given amount spent on other projects around the City, eg Square, Library, bridge
- 266 - Leave completely alone and let it remain the icon that it is.
- 267 - New one is definitely needed and I would be upset if the no replacement was built. Perhaps some money for Arena Manawatu could pay for a new conservatory.
- 268 - The one place that I, at 87, can drive to and park. Is warm and there is seating. Also the one place I have taken my visitors. Oppose any bonsai collection.
- 270 - A real asset and attracts many visitors. Use the money for revamping the playground to repair and maintain the conservatory.
- 275 - Esplanade, with conservatory, is one of PN's best assets. A must for residents, tourists and visitors. Lovely warmth when visiting in winter. Spend money here rather than further artistic pieces around the City.
- 276 - Many gardeners and scientists have spent their lives tending and developing the special conditions. People of all ages enjoy. Plans for bonsai house is an insult to ratepayers.
- 278 - Is unique and visited by all ages over and over again. Consult the gardeners over this, they are the experts. Why not fix what is there.
- 280 - Leave what is already there and dont waste money on a new one or altering it.
- 281 - Desperately needs to be upgraded immediately. Present condition a disgrace compared with similar in other cities.
- 282 - Rebuild the conservatory. No need for expensive update.
- 283 - Popular and educational part of the esplanade. Bonsai collection should be carefully thought out as we understand this donated collection is not in top condition.
- 287 - Long term historical value. Big attraction to visitors. A canopy could be placed over the top to preserve. Could place a donation box - monies for restoration.
- 294 - A great asset and point of interest for all age groups. Please keep it going, or better incorporate with the aviary.
- 297 - Build a new conservatory.
- 298 - Consult with staff before any changes are made, and their views taken on board. Am passionate about preserving esplanade in present form apart from a new aviary being built.
- 300 - Do not destroy the conservatory.
- 306 - Opposed to any money spent on aviary or conservatory.
- 310 - Should be replaced.
- 311 - Wants a new one and transfer as much as possible of existing plants. Consider people that cant afford to go anywhere and can always go there, especially with visitors.
- 312 - Agree it has reached its use by date. Replacement should be considered a low priority as it is a

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nice to have.

313 - Should be replaced immediately. Great pleasure to visitors and educational for the young. Where are the plants going to go. No one would have the right temperature to house them.

318 - Should be retained, upgraded and maintained to enable parents of less means to enjoy with their children.

321 - Reconsider apportioning spending so that it not destroyed and bonsai collection is housed as well. Use the depot relocation money. From observation children like aviary, adults the conservatory.

322 - Should be replaced or at very least adequately maintained. Major attraction for residents and visitors. Educational asset in the same way as exhibits at Te Manawa. Plants have been donated by members of the community.

326 - Asset to the City and esplanade. To remove the other beautiful flora for bonsai does not make sense. Support bonsai display but in conditions they need adjacent to conservatory. Funding for sculptures could be used to upgrade it.

327 - Important cultural and educational asset in the same way as exhibits at Te Manawa. Attraction for visitors. Credit to staff involved. Plants donated by residents.

329 - Must be maintained and or eventually replaced.

331 - Retain the conservatory, plan for its renovation, preferably in conjunction with the aviary, and carry this out as soon as possible.

334 - An integral part of education programme that staff have put in place over the years. Most primary schools, Massy students, IPC, Ucol, probus, garden clubs, age concern, art classes, health groups, etc. come through, plus overseas visitors.

340 - Contains an interesting collection of plants, together with peaceful atmosphere. Accept present structure has reached end of its life, but dont accept pulling it down and levelling the site.

342 - A joy to the community. As good as any seen around the world. How can we not spend such a minimal amount to save it?

343 - Esplanade staff are doing a great job. Valuable educational facility.

344 - A valuable asset to any city. Are schools and related groups expected to travel to New Plymouth, Wanganui or Hamilton? Some of the plants may be the only ones in NZ and if you disestablish the facility these may be lost.

345 - Complete waste of time and money for an already wonderful attraction.

346 - We dont need a conservatory.

347 - What will happen to the collections? Has anyone worked out the cost? What about the education and recreational value? Even though the facilities are old and run down, it was the collections I was impressed with.

351 - Originally a tomato house from Tokomaru. Is old and does need to be replaced. What will happen to the important, valuable collections? The money spent on relocating staff could be put towards a new conservatory.

352 - Please keep the conservatory.

357 - The new conservatory needs to be put back into the 10 year Plan. A great asset for the City.

358 - Photography students, painting groups, horticultural students, botanical PHDs, overseas and national visitors visit and send their colleagues and friends. Far too valuable to be scrapped.

361 - The collection is well worth retaining.

366 - Contains world renowned orchids. Great place to take visitors. Please retain. Suggest it be developed as part of new aviary.

369 - Repair it. Invaluable for children to learn, for elderly, for all.

370 - Cant see grass being more exciting.

371 - Replace or repair now. Hold back the new depot if necessary.

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- 372 - Transfer aviary funding to upgrade the conservatory.
- 373 - Would prefer money be spent on a new conservatory than a new aviary.
- 375 - A community and educational asset appreciated by many residents and visitors. Of more value than a bonsai collection.
- 378 - Keep the conservatory, but not incorporating it as part of the new aviary.
- 379 - Great plants, a lot that cant be grown at home.
- 383 - Excellent, well maintained and enjoyable adjunct to the esplanade. Easily used for educational purposes, formally with classes, or by families.
- 385 - Do not destroy the conservatory.
- 389 - Another piece of PN history being destroyed. On what basis will it be decided who gets the plants? For all that horticulture has meant in PN I believe it is a must.
- 399 - Retain or rebuild a conservatory for the esplanade in the near future due to deterioration of the building.
- 400 - Dont pull it down, replace it. Get prices from ordinary builders instead of high priced people you use.
- 412 - Large numbers of visitors per year would surely justify keeping the conservatory operation. Letting it crumble will erode our credibility in horticultural circles. Inflight aviaries not good for birds, instead aviary should back on to aviaries with clear panels so you can see and hear the birds. Conservator needs to be consulted in upgrade concepts.
- 420 - A vital educational and passive recreation asset.
- 428 - Do not support removal of conservatory until construction process is underway so all work is done as one project.
- 436 - Sooner than later but must be in the same place.
- 445 - One of the major attractions for both locals and visitors. Important to keep for horticultural and educational reasons as well as a visual attraction.
- 446 - Needs regular maintenance just as our roading, water supply and sewage systems do. A new conservatory should be included in the final plan.
- 448 - Make it a community project to keep it if necessary.
- 452 - Attraction for both residents and visitors.
- 453 - Colourful, well kept, and a haven in cold, windy weather. To remove this gem would be to take away a central focus of the gardens.
- 456 - Why the change in plan? Who has been consulted? As well as being a place of great beauty, is also an educational resource. Bonsai would be a poor substitute.
- 460 - A new conservatory does not need to be a flash structure. It houses one of NZ's best orchid collections, far better than bonsai. Gardens have classification with NZ Garden Trust of Regional Significance and would lose this with loss of conservatory.
- 461 - Important visual and recreation value. Such collections should not be destroyed, they are of conservation importance.
- 463 - Major attraction. Outstanding collection. Great for visitors. Resource for students.
- 464 - Do not demolish until new conservatory built in same location near aviary.
- 474 - Replace when present one has reached end of its life. Valuable collection should be treasured and maintained for future generations. Educational asset as well as visual attraction. Bonsai not acceptable.
- 475 - Iconic to PN and should be upgraded.
- 478 - Houses many rare and valuable plants and is visually stunning. Educational facility by schools and university. Money for depot better spent on a new conservatory, Bonsai collection could be included as a side room.

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- 483 - Support retention of conservatory in a new building - perhaps combined with aviary.
- 484 - Valuable recreation and education asset.
- 485 - If demolition is necessary, build a new conservatory now before present invaluable collection is given away, or spend money on maintenance.
- 486 - Ask that you keep or enlarge it so that it can be enjoyed by young children right through to adults. An asset to the community and visitors.
- 489 - All of us mums, grans, visitors, schools love the wonderful fragrances and exotic blooms. Such talent by the staff.
- 496 - Is special. Where else can the children see bananas growing and feel how warm and steamy the jungle is.
- 505 - Can you not do a cheaper fix up as it gives much pleasure to residents and visitors alike.
- 506 - Has a wide range of plants and a wider appeal for people. Support a new one. Bonsai collection of no interest at all.
- 508 - Major attraction for locals and visitors. Horticultural and educational importance, as well as visual attraction. Bonsai collection not an acceptable alternative.
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- 514 - Frequently visit and appreciate its flora. Some Arena money could be diverted to maintaining the conservatory.
- 515 - Special part of the park. High educational value with well kept and unusual plants. Wanganui has the idea. Dont destroy a real asset. Try fundraising.
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- 518 - An asset to the City. Suggest depot be delayed, or construction staged over a period of time to allow for replacement of the conservatory.
- 519 - Wonderful asset. Suggest an outer frame be built over existing frame. Plants would not be damaged and everything would remain intact.
- 526 - Do not destroy it.
- 527 - Backward step, both historically and educationally to not repair or replace. Natural arrangement of plants enhances the visual appeal.
- 528 - Support rebuilding to a larger area in size and increasing its height.
- 531 - Named after the original curator. Well used teaching venue for many groups. Plant collection is unique. We should be doing all we can to preserve and enhance it for future generations.
- 533 - Please do not demolish the previous glasshouse.
- 537 - Should be retained in short term and replaced in longer term. Look at new forms of technology for the construction of a new building.

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542 - Grass plots are replacing gardens all over our City. You can sit in the warmth on a cold windy day. Flowers are so different plus the educational value.

Victoria Esplanade - Expression of Interest to Build New Conservatory (C & R Engineering)

A large number of submissions were received during the consultation period from people who clearly stated they did not want the Council to demolish the conservatory and not build a new one. So, in 2012/13, a new conservatory will be built for \$400,000 which will essentially be a direct replacement for the existing structure. The bonsai collection will be incorporated into the area surrounding the conservatory as an additional feature to complement the indoor plant collection. At the appropriate time, Registrations of Interest will be sought for design services and a tender process will follow.

520 - To remove the glasshouse would take away the enjoyment many people get from visiting it. (See submission for design concept.)

Victoria Esplanade - Expression of Interest to Build New Conservatory (Redpath)

A large number of submissions were received during the consultation period from people who clearly stated they did not want the Council to demolish the conservatory and not build a new one. So, in 2012/13, a new conservatory will be built for \$400,000 which will essentially be a direct replacement for the existing structure. The bonsai collection will be incorporated into the area surrounding the conservatory as an additional feature to complement the indoor plant collection. At the appropriate time, Registrations of Interest will be sought for design services and a tender process will follow.

367 - Express interest to supply a new structure for the conservatory. Can also supply commercial heating systems, computer based environmental control. Can supply for less than half of recently stated cost.

Victoria Esplanade - General

Several comments were received in submissions about the Esplanade in general. The current projects proposed arose from the public consultation process in 2008 and were the most consistently requested items. Current projects do not affect the train and rail network, nor the roads or car parks. The existing playground equipment will be upgraded in 2014/15. Routine tree maintenance operations and replanting will continue. Horizons are in the process of constructing an access ramp to the river near the Fitzherbert Bridge, suitable for kayaks and the like. The duckpond is not a project identified for the current 10 Year Plan, however it may need to be addressed as a future programme in later plans.

24 - Boat ramp into river at the Esplanade was an excellent idea.

82 - Dont mind the duck pond going. Enlarge the playground and keep the train. The paddling pool, aviary and new education centre and cafe facilities are such fin for all the family. Please also look at the trees, replanting and adding new species as appropriate.

115 - Seem to be right on track here, make it better and get people out of their homes and mobile.

170 - Leave it as it is. Maintain it and dont destroy it.

183 - Welcome careful and focused plans for the Esplanade, compared to the grand schemes floated a couple of years ago.

263 - Leave the trains and rails as they are, they have only just been altered.

306 - Opposed to any money spent on aviary or conservatory. More emphasis on native bush walks and upgrade the river bank.

336 - The esplanade is a wonderful asset that needs little change and fear too much change to this treasure may spoil what we have.

416 - Support much toned-down version of changes. Hope developments can be undertaken with as little disruption to routine as possible.

452 - Childrens playground very popular but needs more equipment. Railway excellent and could be extended. Rose garden could be advertised more.

526 - Keep roadways as they are, with no more car parks. Leave the railway exactly as it is, it is excellent.

537 - Have been told the duck pond leaks water. Should be rectified by relining the pond.

540 - Dont mess with the Esplanade, it already has a wow factor. Congrats to staff, the gardens and esplanade are a great credit.

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>Ashhurst Community and School Pool</p> <p><i>The Council is pleased to advise that it has resolved to provide funding of \$30,000 a year (inflation-adjusted) from 2011/12 to the Ashhurst School so it can run its swimming pool as a community facility.</i></p> <p>204 - Would like Council funding for Ashhurst swimming pool. Fantastic existing asset that can only be operated part time during 6 months of the year.</p> <p>274 - Request annual grant to Ashhurst Community Pool so that it may continue to operate. Usage of existing pools needs to be encouraged and utilised.</p> <p>280 - Support it to make use of a current asset.</p> <p>335 - Request support, to improve access and availability to the community. Facility is currently operating part-time for 6 months and is under utilised. Short term this could cover the gap between the costly new 25m pool and meeting LTCCP objectives. (See submission for proposal.)</p> <p>388 - Support proposed funding for some staffing at Ashhurst pool.</p>		
<p>Ashhurst to Manawatu Gorge - Walkway</p> <p><i>This is a project that is being worked on with the Gorge Biodiversity team.</i></p> <p>161 - Please include development of a walkway between Ashhurst and the Manawatu River Gorge.</p>		
<p>Ashhurst Village Valley Centre - Main Stadium Floor</p> <p><i>The Council has a renewal programme for the Village Valley Centre in 2010/11 which will include revarnishing of the floor.</i></p> <p>363 - As part of the City Wide Community Centre Upgrades programme, we would like funding made available for the revarnish of the main stadium floor before this gets any worse.</p> <p>410 - Budget is required to re-varnish the stadium floor and other maintenance items required in longer term.</p>		
<p>Cherry Blossom Weekend</p> <p><i>The Council has considered this suggestion, but has not included provision for a cherry blossom weekend at this stage.</i></p> <p>113 - Now that the new trees are grown into a breathtaking sight, perhaps its time to promote our city again, possibly in conjunction with IPC. We need the conservatory to be part of this.</p>		
<p>City Wide - Increased Activities for Youth</p> <p><i>These types of requests are usually based on demand for new facilities. In order to consider a project such as a new ice skating rink, the Council would require a specific project presented to it for consideration.</i></p> <p>254 - A need for more youth activities. How can we get an ice skating rink? etc.</p>		
<p>Events Stadium - Corner Tremaine Avenue and Rangitikei Street</p> <p><i>The City can only justify one stadium. The Arena Manawatu site has established infrastructure and the Council considers the central location is an advantage for the City.</i></p> <p>329 - PN should be known for being an Events City. Why not put a stadium here. It is near the train station and major roads. Then revamp the train station.</p>		
<p>Hot Baths</p> <p><i>The Council resolved not to fund this request. This may be something that private investors may be interested in.</i></p> <p>70 - Although the one at the Lido is ok, private ones as well as variety of others would do wonders for the city.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Lido Pool - Upgrade of Complex		<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Recreation Strategy has a number of initiatives that will keep the City's aquatic facilities fresh and exciting. An indoor diving pool was not mentioned during consultation on the Recreation Strategy and therefore has not been identified in any future plans.</i></p> <p>4 - Fast approaching use by date. Pools are going to be completely outdated in 10 years time.</p> <p>464 - An indoor diving pool could be used for aqua jogging outside of school hours, in winter months.</p>
Linton - Park Upgrade and Youth Facilities		<p><i>The Council appreciates the support from the NZ Army and others like Massey University in making their facilities available to the public and the community. The Council's preference is that the Army accepts full responsibility for its facilities and enter into other cooperative arrangements to recognise the community support that they provide.</i></p> <p>458 - Inclusion of Linton parks for upgrading is requested. as satellite communities rely on these as much as those in the City. Also inclusion of a skate park and facilities designed for teenagers and young adults.</p>
Manawatu Community Athletics Track - Installation of Shade and Shelter		<p><i>Shading at the track will be addressed by the end of this year.</i></p> <p>337 - Facility unfortunately remains unfinished. Needs shade and shelter for spectator seating to bring it to completion and make it suitable for international track and field events.</p>
Papaioea Park - Maintenance		<p><i>Thank you for bringing this to the Council's attention. It will be addressed under the maintenance service level agreement.</i></p> <p>76 - Rosebeds have never been tendered in almost three years. We feel like second rate citizens when millions are being spent on parks and up town venues we seldom go to.</p>
Pioneer Highway Shopping Centre - New Toilets		<p><i>The Council does have a number of agreements with private businesses to lease their toilet facilities in shopping centres. The Council will investigate the demand for public toilets when it implements the programme for new public toilets in urban growth areas. Funding for this is included in years five and seven of the 10 Year Plan.</i></p> <p>475 - An important issue which has a huge traffic volume.</p> <p>537 - Have requested a toilet here in the past.</p>
Rangitane Reserve - Increased Barrier Protection		<p><i>Thank you for bringing this to the Council's attention. Council Staff will investigate the problem you have raised and identify options.</i></p> <p>217 - Please consider Milverton Park style protection, even if only for most visible entry points. Currently adult 2 and 4 wheel motorbikes can easily be ridden into the park. Number varies with time of year and weather.</p>
Takaro Sports Club - Funding to Support Bowling Section Enhancements		<p><i>The Council considered this request, but resolved not to fund it. The Council understands that the Takaro Bowling Club have approached other funding sources for this money, and wish you well with the club enhancements.</i></p> <p>203 - Request funding support to: Shift green two 5 metres towards road and convert to artificial all weather surface, and replace current fence with one that enables public to view; Extend clubrooms by 5 metres. \$40k in 2009-10 and \$40k in 2011-12.</p> <p>443 - Support Council support for this project.</p>

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Te Manawa to Railway Land - Footbridge Across Pitt Street		
<p><i>The Council considered this request but resolved not to fund it. Pedestrian access is available across Pitt Street at the signalised intersections with Main Street and Church Street. The provision of a footbridge is an expensive alternative, given the current facilities that are available.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">48 - Would like to see a footbridge from Te Manawa to the Railway Land which is a great asset.</p>		
The Railway Land - New Tree Planting		
<p><i>The tree situation on the Railway Land will be discussed with the Arborist team and if required new planting will be recommended.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">537 - A few have been lost due to being blown down or cut down recently to make way for a pathway. Would be good if some provision is made for the future ongoing tree planting here.</p>		
The Square - Maintenance of Trees		
<p><i>The trees are maintained by the Council arborist. Where appropriate native trees are planted in preference to exotic species.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">58 - Request trees have a cherry picker employed to top some high branches. Also, if trees are added can we have Kowhais and Pohutukawas as these may bring in our native birds associated with those trees.</p>		
The Square - New Playground		
<p><i>This was investigated in the development and planning stages of The Square project, but rejected. The Council is concerned that some parents may leave children at the play area while they went into the shopping areas.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">206 - The only thin missing in the Square is a playground for kids. Closest park to Square is in Campbell St or Milverton Park. Would be great to have lunch, then feed ducks and let kids have own play area in the Square.</p>		
Victoria Esplanade - Replacement of Rose Garden Irrigation System		
<p><i>Thank you for your comments. This matter has been taken up with Esplanade gardening staff.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">460 - The roses need a good supply of water.</p>		
Victoria Esplanade - Signage to River		
<p><i>Signage will be enhanced to clearly show the river access route.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">537 - No clear route down to the river. Would be useful to have a sign in the middle of the Esplanade.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
(OP) Kahuterawa Pest Control and Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement		
<p><i>The City Council works closely with Horizons Regional Council to control pests in an effective manner.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">345 - Oppose because Horizons runs its own pest destruction scheme.</p>		
(OP) Woodpecker Forest Harvest and Replanting		
<p><i>The harvesting will generate a profit for the Council. The forestry replanting programme will utilise a more suitable, longer lifespan tree species that will enhance recreational opportunities in the Woodpecker Forest. Where terrain is unsuitable for forestry planting, native species will be used.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">50 - Not all ratepayers want to pay for this. Money better spent on the bridge.</p>		

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(CR) Arena Manawatu - FMG Stadium, Miscellaneous Asset Upgrades		<p><i>These are renewal programmes to maintain the asset in good condition for future users of the facility.</i></p> <p>388 - What in real time support and use will there be for these projects at Arena?</p>
(CR) City Wide - Replacement of Trees on Reserves		<p><i>There are some situations where fruit and nut trees may be suitable for planting in parks. For example there is a proposal to plant fruit trees adjacent to the Highbury Library for use as an educational resource. They could be used to show people how to manage their own fruit and nut trees, and there could be workshops on possible training systems, pruning, thinning, how and when to harvest etc.</i></p> <p>161 - Commend and would encourage preferential planting of fruit and nut trees along streets and in parks.</p>
(CR) City Wide - Walkway Upgrades		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome.</i></p> <p>82 - Stopbanks and Massey walkways are vitally important as recreational areas and used by wide variety of people. Please maintain to a high standard.</p>
(CR) The Square - Events Quadrant Lawn Drainage Upgrades		<p><i>The events quadrant has had significant compaction over the years and has no subsurface drainage system in place. The drainage system will allow the surface to cope with events better and recover quicker than the current situation allows.</i></p> <p>389 - Is the reason that this needs to be done is that when original plans were drawn up design errors were made in that this work was not included at that stage?</p>
(CR) Victoria Esplanade - Upgrade to Playground		<p><i>In the Draft 10 Year Plan the Council proposed to extend and develop the existing playground, including the surroundings. This would have included seating, shade cover, new equipment, water features, plantings and pathways, and would have catered for all age groups and provided plenty of space for parents and caregivers. However, the Council has decided to only include funding in the 10 Year Plan to upgrade the existing playground equipment, and not include any of the new developments mentioned.</i></p>

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		82 - Enlarge the childrens playground.
		95 - Aviary and other improvements, although nice, are not necessary.
		113 - Only when surplus money available.
		174 - All items are not needed. Water features can be dangerous and most things suggested will be vandalised.
		178 - Water attracts uncontrolled numbers of ducks. Grass and paths become fouled with their droppings.
		195 - Do not need to upgrade the playground. We do need the greenhouse, for history and tourism, so invest in that.
		204 - A fantastic facility for both PN families and out of town visitors. Shade cover definitely an additional asset.
		205 - Near the adventure playground there is a nice grassy area and should be left alone.
		215 - Delightful the way it is. Money should be spent on conservatory. Water features would be a hazard. Planting and paths would not enhance - open space is ideal for games, running and picnics. Existing equipment should be maintained and wheelchair access improved.
		235 - How many visit?
		247 - A great activity and makes the Esplanade special, but does not need to be extended.
		258 - Forget the water features, too risky for kids.
		265 - Playground could be done over longer period, freeing up funds to refurbish conservatory.
		270 - Should not be modified to become an all age playground, would make it less appealing for younger users. Emphasis should be on needs and enjoyment of families and young children. Not necessary for this age group to have additional water facilities.
		276 - Reduce spending by cutting out the water feature, we already have the paddling pool.
		278 - Does it need so much spent on it? They seem happy with what is there.
		280 - Good to do.
		321 - Older children need more to do that keeps them separate from younger children. Something along the lines of Milverton park.
		326 - Do not put water features in, there are enough hazards. Having the paddling pool in a separate area adds to the safety of the children.
		329 - Is fine the way it is.
		345 - Will improve free entertainment for families and communities.
		346 - Will add great value to the esplanade and a great many ratepayers and visitors will get the benefit.
		361 - Current one is more than adequate.
		378 - We dont want a concrete jungle. We like it as it is.
		400 - Is fine as it is.
		416 - Hope developments can be undertaken with as little disruption to routine usage as possible.
		448 - My daughter and young family would like shade over toddler play area but would sooner keep the conservatory than have a major playground upgrade.
		540 - One day.

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<p>(CN) Arena Manawatu - Sports House</p> <p><i>This will be a facility that will allow all of the region's sports management and administration bodies to be in one place. The current situation does not allow sports organisations the opportunity to work alongside Sport Manawatu and be monitored in the same way. The new building will ensure that Arena Manawatu can provide improved facilities, including administrative and service areas and kitchens.</i></p> <p>281 - Rein in spending. Stick to essentials.</p> <p>345 - Nice to have but unnecessary expenditure during recession.</p> <p>346 - Should be deferred until economic climate improves.</p> <p>377 - Council finds millions for play things but is struggling to find money for a new bridge. Priorities all wrong.</p> <p>407 - Support in preparation for the RWC.</p> <p>465 - Costs would need to be carefully worked out before I would totally support this venture.</p>		
<p>(CN) Ashhurst Domain - Biodiversity Improvements as Part of Manawatu Gorge Project (capital)</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome.</i></p> <p>161 - Once the bridge is removed from the budget, additional funds will be available and it would be valuable to use these funds on this project.</p> <p>273 - We have got so far and need to keep momentum going.</p> <p>388 - Commend Council. An opportunity to work with other groups to enhance this City entrance.</p> <p>410 - Gorge walk has high pedestrian count and tourism potential for the City and Ashhurst.</p> <p>421 - Commend increased support and funding. Will greatly assist multi-agency programme already in place for this area.</p> <p>426 - Pleased funding is allocated and hope funding will be allocated for further development of walkways in this area.</p> <p>502 - DOC supports Council's planned investment in this project. Welcomes increased contributions from all partners.</p>		
<p>(CN) Ashhurst Domain - Upgrade of Entranceway Through to Camping Ground</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is noted. The cemetery frontage needs to be defined and distinct from other areas of the domain. The hedge has not been well maintained and may not be able to be retained, hence the Council's plans to remove it. Separate works will be undertaken to remove the gum trees however, because this is a major undertaking, it will take several years.</i></p> <p>388 - Support continuation of sealing the roadway. Do not support removal of the hedge, the cemetery does not need to be opened up to the playground.</p> <p>410 - Funding should also be available to cater for removal of the large gum trees beside the internal road. Minimal changes needed and continuing natural feel of the domain is paramount.</p>		
<p>(CN) City Wide - Construction of Walkways</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The current priorities for the walkway system include connecting Ashhurst and Palmerston North alongside the Manawatu River. The Pohangina River Terrace is a long term goal.</i></p> <p>25 - There can never be enough access to our outdoors - part of our cultural heritage.</p> <p>155 - Support development of walkways and loop tracks, though it is important to keep existing ones maintained.</p> <p>161 - Please include extensions along the Pohangina River Terrace in Ashhurst.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
(CN) City Wide - New Public Toilets		
<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council has decided to include this previously unfunded programme in the 10 Year Plan, to take place in years five and seven.</i></p>		
<p>537 - More resources should be put into the provision of public toilets as a matter of urgency. Encouraging walking as a means of transport also means a need for more strategically located facilities.</p>		
(CN) City Wide - Public Access to Rivers and Streams		
<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. A number of access points are being investigated under Recreation Strategy. Motu o Poutua (Anzac Park) is a possibility for a picnic site with an elevated view of the river that is accessible by car.</i></p>		
<p>63 - My wife and I now have no access to the river owing to walking troubles. Please can we have a small car park to view the river and have a picnic between Ashhurst and Opiki. The riverside of Dittmer Drive would be great.</p>		
(CN) Development of Further Covered Court Facilities for the City		
<p><i>The Draft 10 Year Plan provided for a new 4 court indoor stadium to be built between the southern embankment of Arena's main oval and Cuba Street. This would primarily have been for netball, but would also have markings on the courts for other sports such as basketball, volleyball and badminton. The Council has decided to broaden the scope of this programme to allow for consideration of the most appropriate location for either a 4 court stadium or other covered facilities within the City.</i></p>		
<p>85 - Oppose spending of \$10 million. Believe there are more important issues under current climate.</p>		
<p>105 - More important to keep rates increases down.</p>		
<p>235 - There are already sufficient indoor arenas. PN is not South AK. Basketball and other indoor sports are decreasing in numbers. Use the money for debt reduction or development of outdoor assets.</p>		
<p>377 - Council finds millions for play things but is struggling to find money for a new bridge. Priorities all wrong.</p>		
<p>388 - What in real time support and use will there be for these projects at Arena?</p>		
<p>389 - Hope that planners will ensure seating capacity will be beyond the present requirement by Netball NZ in the hope of hosting an international event.</p>		
<p>499 - Why not develop the existing courts on Puriri Terrace, into a centre of excellence. Far more benefit to an established set up than reinventing the wheel.</p>		
(CN) Kahuterawa Outdoor Recreation Hub - Development of Tracks, Including Bridges and Fencing		
<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The intention is to retain the existing character of the Kahuterawa Valley.</i></p>		
<p>361 - Support as long as efforts made to ensure that its wilderness is protected from misuse, motorised traffic, and wind turbines, and the quiet ambience of the access is preserved.</p>		
(CN) Lido Pool - Development of Outdoor Areas		
<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. As in the Draft 10 Year Plan, the Council intends to do this programme in 2012/13.</i></p>		
<p>464 - Now.</p>		
(CN) Lido Pool - Improvements to Internal and External Layout		
<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The gym is not controlled by the Council. The other issues raised will be addressed within the Council's renewals and routine maintenance budgets. It should be noted that the Council reduced funding for this programme from the \$1.8 million in the Draft 10 Year Plan to \$1.3 million.</i></p>		
<p>464 - Gym needs to be bigger. Showers need more water pressure and water waste outlet. Females/family changing rooms also need showers updated. Floors inside Lido are slippery.</p>		

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Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>(CN) Linklater Block - 5.5 ha Reserve Development</p> <p><i>The Council has made the decision to subdivide 4Ha and use the money to start development of the front portion of the block. Despite the staging of development, the Linklater Block will have a masterplan that will be implemented over time.</i></p> <p>388 - Time for action. Stop talking and get on with it.</p> <p>422 - Keen to see it developed.</p> <p>436 - Council must put forward a plan of how this area as whole will be developed including roads and parking. Is not ok to sell off part to fund this while large amounts of money are spent on lakes and the esplanade.</p> <p>535 - Various concerns about spending large amounts of money on other projects, while the Linklater Block remains undeveloped as a reserve. Support it as a whole, less 4ha if need be, being made into a City reserve and a major attraction in conjunction with City walkways.</p> <p>537 - Would like to see funding directed towards this, as it has been neglected in its potential over the past decade. There is a lot of growth in Kelvin Grove and funding should not be solely aimed at the Esplanade.</p>		
<p>(CN) Memorial Park - Capital Development Programme (financial provision)</p> <p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. The Council will be assisting the Memorial Park Sports Trust with lighting design for the park within the capital development programme.</i></p> <p>409 - Would like to see Council invest in lighting design for the park and seating above the changing rooms.</p> <p>496 - A close second as a preferred play area for the grandchildren.</p>		
<p>(CN) Recreation Hub Development - Vautier and Skoglund Parks, Freyberg Community Pool and Featherston Street Pit</p> <p><i>The 10 Year Plan makes provision for the ongoing support requested.</i></p> <p>422 - Are pleased funding has been allocated for 2014. Ask Council continues to support ongoing re-vegetation and development of the Pit,</p>		
<p>(CN) Victoria Esplanade - New Aviary</p> <p><i>The aviary upgrade has consistently been the top rated project during public consultation on the redevelopment of the Victoria Esplanade. In 2012/13 the existing aviary will be demolished and a new, larger, more humane aviary built, focusing on exotic birds and continuing the conservation work currently underway with the Department of Conservation around breeding programmes for endangered native birds. The surrounding natural environment, particularly the bush area will be enhanced to provide an improved habitat for native birds by incorporating plants which provide them with food and shelter. There are currently no plans to incorporate a butterfly house with the aviary upgrade.</i></p>		

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- 1 - Better living conditions for the birds - great.
- 9 - Support but should not wait until 2012/13.
- 32 - Existing facility is looking very outdated.
- 33 - New walk through cage will improve the comfort of the birds and the enjoyment of the public.
- 41 - Birds must be rehoused asap.
- 48 - Could be a great tourist attraction, similar to Marineland in Napier.
- 58 - A must and long overdue.
- 59 - Would like to retain the bird aviaries and upgrade to a high standard. Allow future generations to enjoy them as we have.
- 82 - Such fun for all the family.
- 86 - The present one is a disgrace and cruel.
- 93 - Happy to learn it will be updated.
- 95 - Aviary and other improvements, although nice, are not necessary.
- 100 - Surely warrants higher priority than 2012. Has been in very bad condition for many years and attracted bad publicity from locals and visitors.
- 110 - Great to take grandchildren to see the birds. It looks run down and shabby.
- 111 - If big enough for birds. Lovely place to visit with visitors and kids.
- 113 - Urgently, while we are fortunate enough to have the wonderful supervision and advice there.
- 115 - Seeing the birds well looked after sets a good example so should be done.
- 154 - Strongly oppose timing of work - too late. If it cannot be done now, get rid of the birds or improve plight now by providing shelter plants and plenty of water.
- 169 - Good attraction but very run down. Should be done in association with a new conservatory.
- 172 - The days of birds in cages, however spacious, have gone. Reverse thinking and demolish the aviary and replace the conservatory.
- 173 - Cruel to birds. Do it in 2009-10.
- 182 - An asset of similar note and worth to the conservatory. Encourage people to be fitter and healthier by maintaining public leisure assets and developing further where possible.
- 191 - Bring forward. Present situation is a blot on what is otherwise an excellent facility.
- 193 - It should contain NZ birds rather than exotic birds.
- 195 - Give us our aviary, not just a bonsai house.
- 208 - Would like to see the aviary get remodelled in 2009-10.
- 211 - Would like to see it rebuilt sooner than planned. Current one is an eyesore and embarrassing for visitors to see.
- 224 - Current structure far from ideal. If it is too expensive, then maybe the birds could be sold to some other centre and this area put into grass for children.
- 231 - A necessity but please leave the rest of the esplanade as it is, especially the ducks.
- 242 - Requires further discussion. What are benefits of current program of display and conservation of native birds compared with an aviary for exotic birds?
- 247 - With an upgrade it is a jewel in the Esplanade crown.
- 253 - Present aviary is grim and uninviting and prison like. Year 2011 at latest, not 2013.
- 255 - Caging birds in a larger aviary is still inhumane. Would rather see equivalent amount of money

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- spent on a new conservatory.
- 258 - Long overdue, the sooner the better.
- 261 - Please give the birds their new home.
- 263 - Priority. Birds do not have room to move.
- 267 - Present one is inhumane and needs to be demolished or a new one erected.
- 270 - Some of us doubt whether we need a new aviary and whether it is acceptable to keep birds confined to cages. Also some of us enjoy visiting it and believe it should be improved.
- 280 - No new aviary is needed.
- 281 - Desperately needs to be done immediately. Present condition a disgrace compared with similar in other cities.
- 282 - Rebuild the aviary. No need for expensive update.
- 294 - Incorporate a new conservatory with the aviary.
- 297 - Birds should not be in captivity, give them away and build a new conservatory.
- 298 - Long overdue. Cramped environment is unacceptable.
- 306 - Opposed to any money spent on aviary or conservatory.
- 310 - Should be upgraded urgently.
- 312 - Current facilities are below acceptable standard. If purpose is to allow people to observe exotic or native birds, suggest facility should have very low priority.
- 321 - Not so enthusiastic about it at this point. From observation children like aviary, adults the conservatory.
- 331 - Should begin in 2009/10. Will be popular with most residents. Plan in conjunction with a new conservatory.
- 336 - Support a replacement that is larger and more humane.
- 343 - Esplanade staff are doing a great job. Valuable educational facility.
- 345 - Will improve free entertainment for families and communities.
- 346 - Mt Bruce is less than an hour away. Could save money by not having to maintain.
- 357 - As aviary keeper for over 30 years, the greatest thing for the complex is the native birds, for not only releasing them back into the wild, but the education for schools, groups and general public.
- 366 - Suggest it be developed as part of the conservatory.
- 369 - Urgent and should be top priority.
- 371 - Must happen sooner, it is a current disgrace. Hold back the new depot if necessary.
- 372 - Not Council's business to cage exotic animals. Transfer funding to upgrade the conservatory.
- 373 - Would prefer money be spent on a new conservatory than a new aviary.
- 375 - Bring forward if possible. Present standard is not up to acceptable animal welfare standards.
- 377 - Council finds millions for play things but is struggling to find money for a new bridge. Priorities all wrong.
- 378 - Why should the birds have to wait until 2012-13. Do it this year.
- 379 - As soon as possible. Not good condition for any of the birds.
- 389 - What will happen to the present occupants when it is rebuilt?
- 399 - Would be advantageous for the birds if brought forward to 2010-11.

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- 400 - Build a new aviary.
- 448 - Necessary.
- 452 - Birds need space.
- 464 - Need a new one now.
- 475 - Priority.
- 483 - Support new aviary - perhaps combined with a new conservatory.
- 489 - Great idea, along with a butterfly section to walk through.
- 496 - Is tired but a little maintenance and a tidy up will do wonders.
- 505 - Can you not do a cheaper fix up as it gives much pleasure to residents and visitors alike.
- 506 - Long overdue.
- 526 - Tidy up the aviary.
- 535 - Do not understand what proposal includes, so oppose for that reason.
- 540 - Yes upgrade the aviary.

(CN) Victoria Esplanade - Relocation of Depot to Fitzherbert Park

The current depot buildings and facilities are of poor standard. In 2011/12 the existing depot within the Esplanade will be demolished and a new depot built at Manawaroa Street. This will cover all maintenance activities within the Esplanade and provide a better quality of facilities for the Esplanade staff and a more efficient use of space for recreation at the Esplanade. The new depot will accommodate storage space for plant and machinery, fertiliser, tools and sheds for storage and mixing of soil for the gardens. The staff will still be working in the Esplanade for the majority of the day as they will need to service areas adjacent to the aviary and conservatory.

- 59 - Concerned about spending close to \$1m on a glorified smoko room for the park workers.
- 95 - Aviary and other improvements, although nice, are not necessary.
- 155 - Good long term plan to have everything on the same site and good for staff morale.
- 178 - Very expensive and will isolate Esplanade staff from park users.
- 219 - Keep the staff in the middle of the park.
- 227 - Meeting in the Education Centre on Friday mornings each week when we need staff for anything from sick ducks to help when required, we can find someone.
- 270 - New depot is presumably needed.
- 281 - Rein in spending. Stick to essentials.
- 317 - Although a good idea and more workroom is required, request that a manned office be retained in present workshop area. Because of centrality of present workshop, help is close at hand if public need it.
- 369 - Manawaroa section would be better sold off to maintain and upgrade depot. Would finance aviary and conservatory upgrades. Have residents of Manawaroa St been consulted?
- 371 - Hold back if necessary, to replace the conservatory and aviary.
- 478 - Money set aside would provide money required for a new conservatory. Current depot is adequate and much more accessible to staff work areas.
- 518 - Suggest depot be delayed, or construction staged over a period of time to allow for replacement of the conservatory.
- 540 - One day.

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Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
(CN) Woodpecker Forest - Forest Harvest Works and Replanting		<p><i>Your comments are noted. The Council will receive revenue from this harvest.</i></p> <p>50 - Not all ratepayers want to pay for this. Money better spent on the bridge.</p>
(UF) Ashhurst Domain - Biodiversity Improvements as Part of Manawatu Gorge Project (operating)		<p><i>Your support for this programme is welcome. Programme 97 continues the contribution to the Biodiversity Project. Programme 370 was for additional improvements and was an independent programme for fencing and pest control to complement the larger Biodiversity project.</i></p> <p>273 - We have got so far and need to keep momentum going.</p> <p>416 - This is unfunded. How is it different to the programme listed on page 120. Can they be combined and re-costed lower by getting the local community to become involved.</p>
(UF) New 25 Metre Covered 10 Lane Swimming Pool		<p><i>The Council decided that this programme will remain unfunded in the 10 Year Plan. The demand for any new pool would be based on growth calculations, and would need to be located in an area of the City where the population demand for the facility is highest. You may wish to note that, after considering submissions to the Draft 10 Year Plan, the Council will provide funding of \$30,000 a year (inflation-adjusted) from 2011/12 to the Ashhurst School so it can run its swimming pool as a community facility.</i></p> <p>111 - Put it back in. Lane swimmers will love it. Takaro ward would be good.</p> <p>220 - Why even consider when we have adequate facilities at the lido.</p> <p>274 - Do not support. Prefer annual grant to Ashhurst Community Pool so that it may continue to operate. Usage of existing pools needs to be encouraged and utilised.</p> <p>464 - Submitter suggests a new 25m indoor pool at the current Lido complex. Two would benefit those before and after work, and provide an area for older children while younger children and adults regain space by the lazy river.</p>

