

# Draft Annual Budget 2025/26



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Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 30 April: Morning Thursday 1 May:
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Strongly support adequate funding for Centrepont Theatre, which I have been involved with since 1974 (helping front-of-house, in George Street, etc).
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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Improved funding for Centrepont, to support renovation. It is vital not only vital for the city, but for the whole national professional theatre establishment.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

More support for Centrepont's renovation

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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**Tell us why**

Maori / Rangitane tradition needs preservation and promotion

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

I support the funding of the Centrepont Theatre refurbishment. Centrepont is a long-standing pillar of our community and a huge asset to Palmerston North. Centrepont supports our active performing arts scene and gives back to the community with their Outreach programmes. The refurbishment is the first work on the building for decades and is much needed to present these services professionally. I understand that

the refurbishment has planned economically and focuses on the areas that will gain maximum benefit for Centrepont, including essential repairs.

I take example from the Globe Theatre upgrade and how that supported our vibrant city long-term.

Further, I also believe that the time is right for undertaking this refurbishment when local construction activity has slowed and prices have stabilised. Another positive of this project proceeding is more jobs available in the community during the construction.

We should support Centrepont and the work that they are doing, both for performing arts and their community outreach programmes reaching approximately 20,000 people each year at little to no cost. The funding proposed for the Centrepont upgrade will ensure that this remains a professionally presented, invaluable city asset.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

I am writing in my support of Centrepont Theatre. I commend the PNCC for it's long term support and would ask that it continues it's financial support in, preferably, an increased level. my company has been a financial supporter for over 30 years, and we too are looking to increase our financial contribution.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Increase the level of support to enable the theatre to upgrade their premises. It is old and dated and no longer fit-for-purpose. New premises will encourage greater attendance from the local community and it will establish Palmy as one of the main arts loving cities in New Zealand.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Theatre improvement support

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

I like how the charges are made up of rates based on two valuations, fixed charges and specific fees. It evens out the effects.  
I'd like to read more about what Council is spending on public transport. Surely Public Transport is the business of Regional Council? Support more cycleways and a programme to renovate the footpaths. I've spent a lot on herbicide to keep the footpath outside my house weed free, but see that the weeds keep ahead of the council efforts to remove them.

The dead weeds may be harmless but are just as unsightly. The wide footpaths are great however, after years in Lower Hutt with people making little effort to show their annoyance at having to share the narrow footpath with me or my son in his wheelchair. Easy to share the footpath here.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

I'd always like to pay less but am realistic.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

I always think money spent on catering should be looked at. Some people, whose main source of income is National Superannuation, manage on less food to pay their rates.  
Bit bothered that 14.55% of costs is spent on Recreation and Play? How is that broken down?  
Still like to see collection of food scraps although mine are mostly the inedible parts of fruit and vegetables. My son's poultry can deal with my grandchildren's food waste.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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**Tell us why**

I can't think of a better option. You are going to get burnt though, as the Red Neck Brigade rub shoulders with ACT and New Zealand First, and start to itch at anything looking like the "rash" of co governance.



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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	It all seems very expensive but reasonable. The water costs are obviously the most but it can't be helped and the council have done their best.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Please keep roads and trees in mind with the budget. Vogel Street and Albert St Hokowhitu end is pretty bad. It shouldn't be taking months for street lights to be fixed either.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Soft plastic recycling, the biggest reason there isn't a soft plastic recycling service is because there's no one to pick it up and transport it. Employee me to do it. \$25 an hour I'll happily pick it up and drive it to where it needs to go. Could be a good student job or just someone wanting some part time work. Just like you're doing with water could collectively partner with the other councils. It would look very good pr wise a council taking recycling into its own hands.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?

I write in support of funding to Centrepont Theatr. The only professional theatre outside Auckland Wellington and Christchurch. This theatre employs people which assists the local economy. It provided vibrancy to our city. It brings visitors to our city to see shows. And it provides training to many people upskilling them in their artistic pursuits. It

provides entertainment to many of our citizens.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

If possible provide Centrepont with more funds than are in the budget.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Kept the funding so Centrepont can still remain a jewel in the crown of our city.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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**Tell us why**

This I feel is a great concept to have in the heart of our city.

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

Removal of some \$9.8M worth of capital is prudent move however reducing council debt needs to be a priority as well. Rates increase is still to high so further saving can be made. Removal of non core items from budget should be made ASAP. This is unsustainable for the city and the population. PNCC needs to demonstrate better fiscal responsibility.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Remove this item in it's entirety from the plan.  
it is proposed that \$3.7m be brought forward from 2027/28 to upgrade Cliff Road, in conjunction with the development of Te Motu o Poutoa.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Focus on core function and not the nice to haves. Dont spend \$10M on Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre as it not necessary for the city. The council needs to get back to the basics and stop spend on unnecessary items.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

There is no need to spend \$10M on this item when there are more pressing needs in terms of infrastructure renewal that the city needs over the long term.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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I'm very pleased that attention to making footpaths safer for pedestrians is being implemented. There are quite a few people who struggle walking on unsafe footpaths, especially those with walking frames or mobility scooters.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?
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Less of the spending on cycleways and Public transport. Not every one has the same needs. It's only fair that people contribute to the cost of
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what method they use to get around. Council waging war on cars doesn't help the general public.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Less expansion on Libraries, Museum and other Community centres. These are "nice to have" not "must have". More attention to potholes, and crack down on Boy racers. These are safety issues which Councils need to keep on top of.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

It's far better to have some private input as well as help from Council. That way Ratepayers don't pay the full cost of the organisation. People who are really interested in that organisation have an opportunity to help out as a choice they make.



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## Your submission

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Could you please consider paving the 'limestone' close to the walking bridge, all the way to the eel look out. Being a wheelchair user, accessibility to public spaces is a challenge at the best of times. I love the river path (sealed parts obviously) but feel it would benefit not only myself but other small wheeled transport users (prams, scooters, kids scooters/bikes etc.).

Could you also please consider sending a paving crew to inspect every now and then as there are a few sections that are deteriorating but otherwise it's a huge asset to Palmy!

Cheers

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	It's a ridiculous case of Ove spending and over reach
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I'd like to see an austerity budget which reflects the current state of affairs of the country. This means paring back the nice to haves and DEI objectives.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?

No

Tell us why

Joint ventures of this kind add too much complexity and therefore cost.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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I think the rates should be based on Land value rather than Capital or improvements value. Charging rates on capital value discourages the landowners to carryout improvements , thus stops city development such as small dwelling or sleepouts and making more rental market. Also capital value is disadvantage's the homeowner is the market rate drops.
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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Lower rates, better service to rate payers in terms of improving infrastructure, rather than improving carpark or things that ratepayers don't benefit out of it . Council to focus on actual rate payers needs rather than

**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Garbage collection free of charge, free green waste disposal. The reason is the rubbish is thrown all around especially outskirts of the town

**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

**Tell us why**

Does not benefit Rate payers

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent rates increase. While I understand that the council requires funds to maintain and improve our city, I believe that some of the allocated expenditures may not be essential. Before increasing financial burdens on residents, it would be prudent to ensure that all expenditures are necessary and justified.

Furthermore, I believe there should be a more transparent and consultative approach, making it easier for residents to understand and have a say in such financial decisions. Perhaps a more equitable approach could be considered, where those who specifically benefit from certain projects, such as cycle lanes, contribute more towards their funding rather than distributing the cost across all ratepayers.

I appreciate the work the council does for our community and look forward to your response regarding this matter.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Anything but not another increase in rates

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion



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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Our rates for our lifestyle block are going up \$935.78 - and will go up again next year.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Please consider if this level of increase for lifestyle blocks is a representation of fair distribution of the rates burden. We have no footpaths or street lights where we are. We look after our own water and sewerage. Please prioritise Kelvin Grove Road 5 dips safety

improvements.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Less service that should be run by Govt agencies but hey are pushed onto ratepayer.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

It is proposed that my annual rates will increase by approx 19% with the targeted rate -R1 portion increasing by 92%. The general rate reduced by less than 4%.

My understanding is that this increase is caused by the difference between the land and capital values on my property. The land value of my property will always be significantly lower than that of an equivalent

size property in the city area, hence the difference between that and the capital value will almost always be significantly more than a town property.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

The proposed increase to the targeted rate of 92% will result in an overall 19% rates increase. This is caused by the new rating system, low land values in semi-rural areas and the large difference between the Capital and General rate.

Whilst the other rate increases are understandable and supported, is it really fairer for some rate payers to have increases of 19% and 92%?

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

No

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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Unfair increase of Rates
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Few years back when this 10 year plan started council came up with Small city big city benefit or some sort motto I call it now BS.
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How much you spend so far on the Electric Ghost buses ( total cost ) ? What is the income ?
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What are the income from Parking and Fining ppl ?

Where does those income goes in to ?

How much income does council earn by renting spaces ? ( and Cost ) ?

How much does council spend on the Road works ? Have the work has been regularly audited ?

How much council spend on Traffic management ?

How much have the council has given back to the community like Hospitals or medical centers ?

At an appalling long waits in ED in the hospital isn't it better to solve that first before building parks ( you need people to be healthy to go for a walk ) ?

Spend your money on things that makes people feel taken care of rather than to be the Fanciest Town in the world or what not

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Everything re priorities, listen to the people on Facebook commenting

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Stop these Stupid Buses they are Empty 95% of the time

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

No to having another entity to funnel out money

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	
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I think the council need to stop wasting the rate payers money and start running the city like a business. How much money has been wasted in road works down Cuba Street...for what...I see today it has been ripped up again. How about getting the job done right the first time.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
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How the rates are calculated for lifestyle properties. I pay rates in Palmerston North and my proposed rates will increase by greater than
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30% and you offer me no services. We have no rubbish or recycling collection. I buy my own water when I run out and I pay to have my septic emptied and maintained quarterly. So why should I have to pay extra to subsidize other homeowners who are provided these services. Give me back to Manawatu District Council anyday over PNCC. Manawatu council used to regularly spray the verges and cut way further back on the rural roads.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

How about trying to revive the CBD and attract decent shopping to the city. The amount of people going out of town to Whanganui, Hawkes Bay when if we had a decent CBD we could spend locally!

Have you ever taken a good look at Napier road driving into town. The developers should of had to beautify the side and make it look attractive and supply footpath. It is an overgrown mess!

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

Why set up another organization at the expense of ratepayers.



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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?

There needs to be heavy cuts made to the budget. All government agencies are having to make cuts and make some tough calls however PNCC are seeking to increase there's - seems very out of touch with the current financial strain the entire country is under.

The rate payers are getting an increase in rates while being consulted on the water done well options, all of which will cost every household thousands.

Relook at the projects and sort the basics like water first. Rates should fund basics and if possible do the nice to haves.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

The projects, there is a misconception about project costs. Just because you can have get co-funding from other sources doesn't mean you should go full steam ahead on a project. The projects still require millions of rare payers money to go ahead and we just can't afford it.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Sort the water first and delay the other nice to have projects when we actually have a surplus. For example when you can't afford to sort out water issues then having a civic and cultural centre seems irresponsible. Although it would be nice to have that space, if people can't afford the multiple rates/bill increases then they won't be able to use the space anyways.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

It shouldn't be going ahead while you are asking us to pay more money to fund the basics.  
Just because your salaries are sufficient to continue during a cost of living crisis doesn't mean ours are. People are loosing jobs and you're putting your hands out for more.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	An increase in fees should show an increase in support to the infrastructure of the city. Pathways are neglected. Memorials dilapidated. Potholes increasing and poor repairs.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Less money spent on vanity projects and more on infrastructure and such. Abandoning the civic marae plan and honoring ANZAC park for the lives lost.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Infrastructure projects, roading projects. More housing.
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
Tell us why	Is dishonorable to the ANZAC memory and lives lost.

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Stop the race based signage in New Zealand and start with our Hospital's 17.8 % of our population should not dictate for the rest of New Zealand and should not be given preferential treatment because of who they identify as , I myself am 1/8 Te Atiawa but identify as a New Zealander and proud of my white heritage as well .
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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Privatize water testing !, after visiting Taumata Arowai website I've never seen a more race based site ever , they and their board are over paid do nothings . Can you guarantee not 1 dollar of rate payers money is going to Māori for something that comes from the sky ? The cost of metering every household and business in the Manawatu has also not been made public , but keeping the Taumata Arowai gift has been ! Show us the cost of putting meters on 20,000+ homes and businesses ?

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Too much
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Reduce rates
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	stick to your budget and concentrate on water sewage and roading
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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Really happy with it.

My rates are going down due to cv and thank god! Thank you for finally looking out for the little ppl!

I think you are doing an excellent job and I'm happy with how the city is running

I found the information you provided easy and clear to understand and enjoyed searching my rates on your website and showing my friends and family it too

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Be brave.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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**Tell us why**

This project is important. Don't listen to the racist idiots

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

It is disappointing that the proposed active transport improvements, specifically cycleway improvements, that had already had their budget halved in the long term planned, have been scrapped entirely from the proposed annual budget. The LTP had alternating years of higher spending on this, and the coming year's budget was 2.5m in the LTP, now entirely deferred.

**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Acknowledging the government shortsightedness in changing NZTA funding for active transport means the LTP funding plan is no longer realistic for as long as the current government remains, at least a partial reduction in active transport spending (capital improvements and new) rather than full reduction would have been a better compromise.

There has been little reduction in roading spending, but near total reduction in cycling and walking spending. Part of the rates should be reallocated so that something rather than nothing is accomplished. A starting point would be improving intersections and roundabouts for cycling, many have the cycle lane end abruptly before the intersection with no indication for where the cyclist should go. This encourages footpath cycling for safety which is technically illegal (this is an archaic law that is long due for revision).

**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

The 2019 cycling plan is an attainable goal long term for Palmerston North, a city that previously had some of the highest rates of commuting by cycling, which has fallen over decades. At a time of climate change, increasing fuel costs, insurance costs, vehicle weights and size leading to increased costs on roading maintenance, investment into active transport infrastructure will improve long term outcomes of costs to the city and personally. It has clearly been demonstrated that investment into cycleways in Christchurch and Wellington have substantially increased ridership, as people become more confident to cycle once the infrastructure is safer. Personal vehicles have become heavier and larger, with collisions more likely to be fatal.

An increase in active transport means fewer vehicles on the road, reducing congestion for those driving, improved safety for all, and presumably lower costs in road maintenance over time. Research overseas has shown that people who use active transport to commute have significantly reduced all cause mortality (including death from any cause, cardiovascular disease, hospitalization for cancer etc). Encouraging active transport will improve the overall population health, and thereby reduce strain on the health system which is clearly near breaking point in Palmerston North.

The council should commit to funding, albeit at reduced rates given NZTA constraints, continued improvement and growth in cycleways and other active transport. Cities in Europe (e.g. in the Netherlands in the 1970s, Freiburg in Germany) have been successful in reversing car dependency and promoting active transport, creating pleasant cities to live in regardless of choice of transport (driving, cycling, public transport). Investment in active transport infrastructure gives choice, rather than forcing the default of personal vehicles. Driving will be better with lower congestion if there are more people able to cycle or take public transport.

This funding, if it needed to be at the expense of something, should come from spending intended to increase urban sprawl at the edges of the city. Sprawling suburbs, in examples overseas, actually cost cities more to maintain infrastructure further out and in cases lose money.

In summary, commit to at least funding part of the active transport and cycling improvements in the long term plan and urban cycle network masterplan, with reduced funding due to central government policy changes. If you build it and build it well, people will use it, and the benefits long term will be plain to see.

**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	As always, I don't think it matters what I think, but it does seem the council are doing their best to keep rates down and services up to date and better.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I have no opinion on any changes that appear necessary.
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<b>Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?</b>	Selfishly I know, but is it possible for the council to consider those retired people like myself, that are living on a fixed income, but living alone in a reasonably valuable Hokowhitu home (myself) or similar? My savings have been going through the floor, mainly because of food prices and other items like electricity, insurance, and yes, the cost of rates.
<b>Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?</b>	I don't know / No opinion

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	This is not fair. There is no extra service provided. Where will i get the money.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Stop all projects . I don't want cycle lanes I don't want anything new. I want to eat and live
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Yes. Think of the people and how they can live and survive.
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
Tell us why	I prefer to eat and live. I can't pay more. Think of us as humans not a wallet

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	I am comfortable with the Proposed budget.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I wish to support the tagged \$200,000 for Centrepont Theatre's \$5.3M rebuild. This is an investment in an iconic local arts organisation that greatly contributes to the city's vibrant arts community, and encourages
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engagement by all ages, ethnicities and abilities. The present facilities are long overdue for refurbishment, and the premises is no longer fit for purpose for Centrepoin't's expanding inhouse and Outreach programme.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Rates are FAR too high. unreasonable costs
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Lower Rates
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o	I don't know / No opinion
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	7.7% increase is still too much. Pare it back and give us a break.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Stop wasting money on unnecessary projects. For example, the playground monkey bars opposite the high school on Featherston Street, they appeared and then disappeared? The ridiculous bronze gnomes in the Square....why? The Featherston Street traffic debacle which has made it difficult and nerve wracking to negotiate all those lines and
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lanes. At West End in the little street leading towards the new bridge and Esplanade Park, planter boxes appeared and they too vanished after a short time. Must have cost a fortune. Please use our rates to do necessary work that has been thoroughly planned and researched and that doesn't waste our money. We struggle to pay our rates and just miss out on a rebate by a small margin. We dread further increases as we are on pension and benefit with a bit of kiwisaver and so don't qualify for any rebate. Many others I speak to also dread the rates bills, even some who are working. We ratepayers cannot afford to waste our hard earned money on council follies.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	No increase into parking. The city centre is already struggling with businesses staying open and competing with online shopping. This is going to drive more people away from shopping in our own city.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Less drag events, less flags down Broadway to mark each event we host.
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Provide 2x free Tip passes per house per year to reduce the cost of the illegal dumping clean up.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

Because we simply cannot afford it. Most Marae are self funded, let this not be a council funded project where only a small amount of the Palmerston North population will use this space.

# Draft Annual Budget 2025/26



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Last name	Clark
Organisation you represent	Centrepont Theatre
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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	I don't know / No opinion
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### Supporting information

**Submission to PNCC: Including Centrepont Theatre in the Annual Budget 25/26**

Kia ora koutou,

I am writing to you today to advocate for the continued support and investment in Centrepont Theatre, and why it is important that the upgraded facilities will benefit the community. Theatre plays a pivotal role in the cultural, social, and economic fabric of our community. By upgrading the theatre, you will ensure it remains a thriving hub for the arts, fosters community connections, and contributes to the well-being of all residents.

**Theatre's Role in Community Building**

Theatre is more than just a form of entertainment; it is a cornerstone of community life. It provides a space where people can come together to experience shared stories, emotions, and ideas. Through performance, we not only witness the talents of actors and creators but also engage with diverse perspectives that promote empathy and understanding. This sense of connection is vital in fostering a cohesive, vibrant community.

A well-maintained and upgraded theatre can become an accessible cultural landmark, allowing residents from all walks of life to engage with the arts. It offers opportunities for people of all ages to express themselves, participate in creative workshops, and attend performances that enrich their lives.

**Economic and Social Benefits**

Investing in the theatre brings far-reaching benefits. Cultural events and performances attract visitors, stimulate local economies, and create jobs. A thriving theatre culture can encourage tourism, as people travel from other regions to attend performances, contributing to local businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and shops. Palmerston North is lucky to have such a thriving theatre community.

Act Three Productions, Manawatu Youth Theatre (MYTH) and Manawatu Theatre Society, all contribute to a creative community. Furthermore, Centrepont Theatre provides more creative outlets for students, young professionals, and all individuals seeking personal growth. Outreach programs such as High School Theatre Sports, Improv for Everybody, Basement Workshops, Free Script Writing sessions, and The Attic Programme, help nurture the next generation of artists, while simultaneously offering a space for individuals to gain confidence, develop skills, and express themselves in a safe and supportive environment. Beyond economic considerations, theatres serve as important educational and developmental tools for people in our community.

**Theatre and Well-being**

Theatre has the power to inspire, challenge, and uplift individuals, offering them a sense of escape, reflection, and catharsis. For many, the theatre provides an essential outlet for personal expression and a sense of belonging in the community. By upgrading our theatre, we are enhancing its capacity to support the mental and emotional health of individuals by providing a consistent space for these important experiences.

**The Need for Upgrades**

While Centrepont Theatre has served the community well, its aging infrastructure and facilities limit its full potential. An upgrade would improve accessibility, modernise technical capabilities,

and provide a more comfortable and inviting environment for audiences. Upgrades could include improvements to reception areas, rehearsal rooms, upgraded bathroom facilities and key office space for staff, which would ensure our theatre is competitive and appealing to touring productions, as well as local performers. Additionally, accessibility improvements for individuals with disabilities would ensure that all members of the community could enjoy the theatre experience.

## **Conclusion**

By investing in the upgrade of Centrepoint Theatre, the council will be ensuring that our community continues to enjoy the many social, economic, and cultural benefits that come with a thriving arts scene. This investment will not only support local artists but also provide a valuable resource for the entire community. I urge you to consider the long-term impact that a revitalised theatre can have on our cultural landscape, and I hope you will support the necessary upgrades in the up coming budget to ensure that this iconic institution continues to flourish for generations to come.

Nga mihi nui.

Gary Clark

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

the levy fund Taumata Arowai states it is being funded by the crown with the intent to recover the cost but this is not yet confirmed? This proposed levy date is 1st July and they are considering what that might look like, I really hope you are fair and only charge us what is not covered by the crown? As this statement -For this level of funding, the average cost for those paying the levy would be \$4.14 per person exc. GST

(or around \$11.17 per household) per year, based off 2023 census population data.

Councils or CCOs will be able to determine how best to pass the levy cost on to end users, you are proposing to increase the fees by more than that yearly household fee, not fair

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

You say you have done a great job by keeping the proposed rates lower than expected, but this is still a very large % increase compared to our household incomes and large amounts of households have not had a salary pay rise or increase in out income to cover these large increases for years, where are we meant to find this extra money to cover this rate increase!

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

What you have done in Featherston street with bus lanes and the road is terrible and was a waste of our rates, please don't waste money on doing this to more of our city roads, work on the pots holes and foot paths, clean up gutters, glass on foot paths more. I like what you have done with Lido bathrooms and children parks, I also like the idea of green waste collected at gate if not to expense

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

you can better spend the money on other things, you are looking at having two/ three facilities costing so much, make the Central Energy Trust arena also part of a cultural centre, we dont need two large facilities in the city.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	
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Only essential items should proceed at this time. I have given feedback previously and it seems that PNCC still go ahead with beautification projects that are not essential AT THIS PRESENT TIME. Please stop ignoring these comments from ratepayers

What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
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Beautification needs to be put on hold until the economy recovers and people do not feel like they live in a pressure bubble regarding costs and

xtra non-essential costs.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

STOP Beautification. Essential only to be carried out right now. In the FUTURE, consider building man-made canals/water views similar to Brisbane/Gold Coast with housing and parks- similar to the Lagoon here. That is beautiful living/lifestyle, instead of these isolated one-off buildings everywhere. Water views are nicer and don't have to be just of the river which can pose different risks. This would also offer a recreation area/boating/water skiing maybe if you created a mini lake? Target a younger generation to rejuvenate the city. But this is LATER when the economy recovers, and we have fixed all the broken, vital stuff.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion



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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Far too expensive. How can you justify continuous 7% rises when inflation is at 2-3% My income from my business has seen negative and zero % increases in the last several years, while PNCC continue to live beyond our means.
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Some severe belt tightening, and cancellation of fantasy projects like the new marae. Who exactly do you expect to be using this facility, and will

they be paying?

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

As always the focus should be on roads and services. All the 'nice to haves' can wait.

There are are large number of ratepayers that are struggling to meet increased costs.

Rip out the ridiculous cycle ways and bus parks on Featherston st, it is an embarrasment to the idiot that designed it.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

Cancel the whole project, the city and it's ratepayers cannot afford it.

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Its got a lot of wasteful spending and the pncc needs to get back to its core roles and work with in its own budget not take more money from my budget.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Proposed pet projects dropped and no rates increases
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More of the core aspects and less of the nice to haves
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
Tell us why	Its a waste of rate payers money and should be self funded.

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	
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You need to stop this unnecessary spending. There is no way you should be spending on your wish list of items - right now you need to focus on the needs of the city and not your 'nice to have' projects.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	
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Delay any extension of the Pasifika Centre - they can get by until there is spare cash in the pot! In addition, a cost of \$3.9m is ridiculous. Who is
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quoting for these jobs?

The Marae development on top of Pork Chop Hill also needs to go on hold until you fix more important things like the state of our roads!

Get our roads sorted before these glamour projects and start listening to what the ratepayers want!

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

I don't even want it to go ahead, but if it does, PNCC needs to have full control and run it as a business, not a charity.

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

Every year the rates are increased. Over the last 25 years the Rates take have been over 2.5Billion dollars from the Rate-payers. For this money we probably could have build Palmerston North. But this is used to "improve" Palmerston North. If I look at Palmerston North now it seems to be worse than 25 years ago. Still we are asked to give more. Over the next 10 years our rates are going to increase to over 2,5times it is now. As a person on NZ Super our increase last year was 2% and this year we got 3% increase from the National Government. Everything else is also increasing in price which means that very soon a lot of people

who are on low income cannot afford to keep on paying. But who cares?  
Do you as Council?  
Is everybody allowed to visit the Civic Marae we seem to pay for most of  
the work. At the moment if I want to visit a Marae we have to be invited  
before entering.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

The way rates are charged. Rates should be per person not by property.  
A single person on a property pays the same as 7 or more people living  
on one property.  
This is in my view not right do you?

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be  
considering more or less of, and why?**

The Council should have more control over the work and cost of the  
contractors working for the Council. At the moment, in my view, the  
Council is taken for a ride when contractors put their quotes in. The  
PNCC should consider doing more work themselves to lower overall  
cost.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o  
Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

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# Draft Annual Budget 2025/26



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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	I know this is in our ten year plan, but do we really need to be doing the arena upgrades now? Can we not defer until we are in a better position financially?
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Less nice to have like arena upgrade and marae. Right now that is. Both great but in future
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Think you've mostly got it right with the essential infrastructure projects
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
Tell us why	I agree with this as the governance structure. But I do however think the project needs to be moved back. It is a great project for Palmerston North and as someone who has called this place my home for my whole life, I support it. But not right now in this financial climate. Could we push it back a couple of years?

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Nothing new, I would like to see the basics done well. Basic roading, access ways, and park maintenance would be great.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	It would be great if basic roading was prioritised in our city, pioneer highway has become dangerous with the dips and uneven surface. There's also a number of roads that need marking painted, and school crossing area upgrades. We would love to see some regular pedestrian
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crossing layouts, there are so many types that road users are confused about their role as a driver, a pedestrian or a cyclist. Consistency and basic familiar road designs make using the road much safer.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

We would love to see some rain proof covers on some existing playgrounds so for the next 4-6 months of winter I can get my kids to make use of the playgrounds. I won't let them play when it's raining or if the playgrounds are wet as they're not safe (to slippery). I think Pncc could improve its community consultation, we have a very connected neighbourhood, with 14 families with kids, that could offer some cost effective practical recommendations to playground upgrades. We would love if Rangitaane park had a communist bbq and a pump track for al our kids to use, town is to busy for our younger ones and it's a drive with all the bikes not a walk. I can't fit all the kids bikes in the car.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

We are spending to much money on new concepts rather then keeping our beautiful city clean, and vibrant with basic roading, park and infrastructure management. Get trod of graffiti, up the lawn maintenance and cleaning (milverton was full of alcohol bottles and we found some meth pipes while our babies were playing at the park. Don't spend money rate payers can't afford, just keep what we have in reasonable condition instead of building and spending money on new infrastructure that will become run down.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Adequate. I like the focus on essentials but also understand we need to do some of the other big projects to keep palmy moving forward
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Would like to see less spent in arts, sculptures and play.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o	Yes
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Tell us why

Agree with preferred option. Needs to be council controlled but at the same time needs equal input from rangitane to be genuine and not a tick the box wannabe tourist attraction

# Draft Annual Budget 2025/26



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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

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# ANNUAL BUDGET 2025-2026 SUBMISSION

From:  
Peter and Angela Oliver,

**41-2**

We do not wish to speak to our submission

## SUMMARY OF POINTS

Below is a summary of each heading in this submission. See P2 onwards for more detail.

### Initial Comments

We are aware of the difficulty to accurately forecast amidst the changing environment, particularly with the Coalition Government's new direction, and recent or upcoming changes such as Local Waters Done Well and soon to be changes to the Local Government Act, and many of the comments below are framed around these changes, and the opportunity for PNCC to 'get in early', be a trailblazer, and anticipate for instance the deletion of the four well-beings in the current LGA.

### Significant Forecasting Assumptions: Auditor-General Adverse Opinion on LTP

We may have missed it, but we do not see in the Draft Annual Budget any reference to this adverse opinion and the highly uncertain information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the LTP. If there is no reference and correction to these LTP assumptions and information, there should be.

### What we would like to see changed, including activities we would like to see less of, and why

Housing, Transport, Arts and Heritage, Recreation and Play, A Sustainable and Resilient City, City Library, Supporting the Organisation

The focus for the Council should be on reducing costs further under the activities listed above. Our reasons for this are listed under DETAILS, starting P2.

Economic Development , Urban Design, Community Support, Community Safety and Heath, Climate Change and Sustainability, Biodiversity and the Manawatu River, Resource Recovery, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater

We believe these activities may not allow much cost cutting, but again, there may be some expenses that can be delayed, reduced or axed. Our reasons for this are listed under DETAILS, starting P2.

### Civic Marae and Cultural Centre

If or when there is sufficient funding, and the project goes ahead, we agree CCO is the best option.

### Final Comments

A request from us to make council documents easier to read.

**See over for DETAILS**



## Initial Comments

We acknowledge the work that gone into this, and generally the facts have been presented clearly for the residents to comment. There has been a strong attempt to trim expenses, but can more be done?

Could Palmerston North City Council be the trailblazer for Councils and show how a budget could be trimmed even more?

We also acknowledge how difficult it must be for the Council to accurately forecast amidst the changing environment, particularly with the Coalition Government's new direction, for instance Local Waters Done Well and the upcoming changes to the Local Government Act.

Although we would like to comment in depth, time is not on our side, so many of the comments below are framed around these two upcoming changes:

### Local Water Done Well:

- What projects will be shelved?
- How expenditure will be affected?
- General anticipation from the public and confirmed in Council documents that water costs will increase for the community

### Local Government Act (excerpts from Minister's December 2024 press release):

- *"The Government has agreed to reforms that refocus local councils on delivering essential services and core infrastructure, spending responsibly, and operating under greater scrutiny"*
- *"The local government reform programme will: Remove references to the 'four well-beings' from the Local Government Act 2002, restoring a purpose focused on fixing pipes, filling potholes, and delivering core local services"*
- *"Evidence shows that including the four well-beings in the Act led to about two per cent higher rates growth each year. Removing them sends a clear message that councils must focus on roads, rubbish, and reliable infrastructure"*
- *"Cabinet will consider additional measures next year, which will be included in legislation introduced mid-2025 and passed by the end of 2025"*

## Significant Forecasting Assumptions: Auditor-General Adverse Opinion on LTP

We note that the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 was given an adverse opinion by the Auditor-General, because, quoting from the Auditor's Report:

*"In our opinion, because of the significance of the matters described in the basis for adverse opinion section of our report, the plan does not provide an effective basis for long-term integrated decision-making or co-ordination of the Council's resources and accountability of the Council to the community. This is because of information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the plan that are not supportable and are highly uncertain."*

However, and we may have missed it, we do not see in the Draft Annual Budget any reference to this adverse opinion and the highly uncertain information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the LTP. If there is no reference and correction to these LTP assumptions and information, there should be.

## What we would like to see changed, including activities we would like to see less of, and why

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### **Housing, Transport, Arts and Heritage, Recreation and Play, A Sustainable and Resilient City, City Library, Supporting the Organisation**

The focus should be on reducing costs under the above activities:

#### **Housing**

There are differing views on whether councils should be involved in social housing. Our view is that other organisations are better suited to this task. Not all councils provide social housing. Council should consider supporting social housing through their consenting functions, provision of infrastructure etc, but to sell the stock and thus management and capital expenditure to an alternative housing organisation/cooperative.

#### **Transport**

We note that some projects have been shelved due to lack of NZTA funding and changes in government policy. Unfortunately, we also feel that any plan that was started may be left in limbo, and the vision that the council had may not be achieved. We are happy to see some projects shelved. However, and are hoping that some design faults will be amended.

#### **Arts and Heritage, Recreation and Play, A Sustainable and Resilient City, City Library**

It is possible that many of the programmes under these activities come under the 'four well-beings' so we believe there are savings to be had, in advance of the amended Local Government Act. Taking a scalpel to a budget is not easy, but we would ask the council to be brave and reduce or axe expenses under these headings. As reported in the Minister's press release in December 2024 *Evidence shows that including the four well-beings in the Act led to about **two per cent higher rates growth each year**. Removing them sends a clear message that councils must focus on roads, rubbish, and reliable infrastructure.*

#### **Supporting the Organisation**

We do not underestimate the importance of having good facilities for council and council staff, good resources, good career opportunities etc. But we would again ask the council to review the costs involved here. There may not be much saved, but every little count.

A couple of ideas:

- Reduce the graphics in your documents. Savings would include: cost of time in using graphic design experts, even inhouse ones, printing costs. (Any photos could be in a link to something like an album, for those who are interested). From our point of view, a major benefit too would be ease of reading, when seeking information for submissions. The consultation documents are the 'worst culprits'.
- Reconsider whether upgrading to electric vehicles. If we all did this, does Palmerston North have the infrastructure? Do we want extension leads from houses across the pavement to the road? Something that is happening in places

### **Economic Development , Urban Design, Community Support, Community Safety and Heath, Climate Change and Sustainability, Biodiversity and the Manawatu River, Resource Recovery Water, Wastewater, Stormwater**

We believe these activities may not allow much cost cutting, but again, there may be some expenses that can be delayed, reduced or axed. We would ask council to review these costs and make sure they align with getting back to the basics, so there is more money to fix things like roads, rubbish, and reliable infrastructure.

Possible considerations could be:

- Less events staged by PNCC. Like 'Housing' the council could support events other ways than by funding them. Certainly no fireworks if council funded.
- What capacity are the community venues running at. If 70% or more, then we would support them. Less, and the question should be asked, can we amalgamate, even sell.
- Over the last several decades, councils around the country have, through their activities, increased public expectation to the point we believe many residents just 'sit back' and think the council will sort out everything – from crises to things like pot-holes (expecting the council staff to know about them or by reading their Facebook posts rather than direct contact with the council), providing free entertainment, clean and modern public spaces, and so on.
- Can the public themselves do more to reduce council expenses? We realise council does take actions to educate the public (from what we see through social media mainly). Are there other ways? Push 'Snap Send Solve', or other ways to contact the council so potholes are fixed before becoming caverns, wage war on illegal dumping.
- Use other organisations to get your messages out. We know, for example, Neighbourhood Support Palmerston North currently does weekly newsletters to their 8000+ households.

## Civic Marae and Cultural Centre

Another hard call. It appears that the project kicks off with \$10m funded by the council once another \$3m has been injected from elsewhere. Our view is that, even if the \$3m is promised, this project should not be on the books at this time. Although we realise this project is in the LTP, we would still like council to hold back on such major, expensive developments, and concentrate on funding the absolute essentials, one of which appears to be Nature Calls. Even if a new joint owned council entity ultimately takes that project over, residents will still be paying for it through that new organisation.

When we are all 'well off' again, and the project is cleared, yes, we would agree a CCO is a good option.

## Final Comments

A Request: Would you please consider making your documents easier to read.

Under 'Supporting the Organisation' we suggested reducing the graphics in your documents. From our point of view, this may not only reduce costs but assist ease of reading, especially when seeking information for submissions.

But another trend making the flow more difficult ( not only us but possibly the around 85% of the city's population who are non Maori speakers) is putting Maori headings before English headings.

Council would not be aware of this, as, like the jargon used in local government, it becomes familiar, being part of the work environment. How we read, i.e. the standard direction, for most languages using the Latin alphabet, including English, is viewing pages from left to right, and top to bottom. The Government has realised this, and if you look at [Beehive.govt.nz](http://Beehive.govt.nz), you will see:



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## Hearing

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Mainly submitting in favour of the pacifica community, well needed for this space/ also would love to see the facilities upgraded for the usage of rugby season. Also some shade sails/ more seating and potential bbq areas around the center.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	Pacifica community center.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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Tell us why	Collective mahi is alot better for fairness.
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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	I support the budget as proposed.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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**Tell us why**

It has significant cultural importance and relevance to our community.  
This represents all of us.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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I'd like to specifically comment on the Refurbishment project for the Pasifika centre and vote in favour of this being included in the 2025/2)m6 budget for our Pasifika Community.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?
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Would love to see funding speed over more services catering to the community, not just the same spaces getting the funding while other miss out.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o  
Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?

Yes

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	I am glad you continue to prioritise community.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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**Tell us why**

It is an important asset for our city and more important partnership with Rangitāne.

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Rates are too high
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Rates remaining the same
Are there specific activities or services we should be	council to define core business and reduce spending

considering more or less of, and why?

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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	I am in support of the Pacifica community centre being refurbished so the community can continue to benefit from all of it's offerings
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I support the service of Maori wardens. Our family loves the community events put on and would love to see these continued. Maybe a family day with a market of local businesses and free activities (I think an event like this was run in the square
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however there needs to be vetting for stall holders, so it remains handmade rather than just imported plastic junk).

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion



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E te Koromatua, ngā Kaikaunihera mā, tēnā koutou katoa

**Submission to: Palmerston North City Council**

**Subject: Draft Annual Plan 2025/26**

**From: Creative New Zealand (Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa)**

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to respond to Palmerston North City Council's draft Annual Plan 2025/26.
2. We thank Council for its celebration and support of arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori, to advance your goal of '*He tāone whakaihihi, tapatapahi ana | A creative and exciting city*'.
3. Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori are vital parts of the communities and identity of Palmerston North. They make valuable contributions to the city's social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing by connecting people to place, shaping community identity and building social cohesion.
4. Secure and stable investment from Council in cultural infrastructure, services and activities is vital for a strong, vibrant and resilient arts and culture ecosystem in Palmerston North. **We commend Council's investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori, reflected throughout its Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan.** This enables creative communities and mana whenua to continue making valuable contributions to Palmerston North's communities.



5. We share your aspirations for Palmerston North and look forward to working with you to realise the potential of arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori to support your communities to thrive. Our collective approach ensures arts, culture and creativity can deliver value to all New Zealanders and communities throughout Aotearoa.

## **Arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori are vital parts of local communities**

6. From our most recent *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* research in 2023, we know that New Zealanders' personal connection with the arts continues to grow.<sup>1</sup> Many feel the arts contribute strongly to their mental health and wellbeing. New Zealanders are also increasingly recognising the economic benefits of the arts, and support for public funding of the arts, including funding from councils, is higher than ever.
7. In the Manawatū-Whanganui region, our research shows that:<sup>2</sup>
  - 63 percent of residents agree the arts can play a role in raising awareness of issues facing our society
  - the majority of residents agree the arts should receive public funding and that their local council should give money to support the arts
  - 73 percent of the region's residents see the value of the arts in generating employment in the creative industries.
8. **Young people, Deaf and disabled, Māori, and Pacific peoples** participate in the arts most frequently, and are more likely to agree that the arts are important to their personal wellbeing. **LGBTQIA+ communities** also participate highly in the arts and need more accessible and inclusive environments to support their engagement.
9. We strongly encourage Council to ensure the Annual Plan is retaining the valuable contributions of the creative sector and ngā toi to Palmerston North and its communities. As with other infrastructure, such as transport and water,

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<sup>1</sup> *New Zealanders and the Arts—Ko Aotearoa me ōna Toi* (2023). Creative New Zealand.

<sup>2</sup> Manawatū-Whanganui residents survey findings in *New Zealanders and the Arts – Ko Aotearoa me ōna toi* (2023): <https://creativenz.govt.nz/-/media/project/creative-nz/creativenz/publicationsfiles/2024-nz-arters-and-the-arts/20240730nzartsmanawatwhanganuifinal.pdf>



arts and culture require secure, stable investment from Council as a core funder to survive and service the region.

## **Investment in arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi is investment in prosperous, healthy and vibrant rohe and communities**

10. It's fantastic to see Council's investment in the creative sector in the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan. This includes increased support for the Creative Communities Scheme and Strategic Priority Grants, to empower local groups to deliver projects and initiatives that make Palmerston North more creative, vibrant and full of life.
11. This support creates opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in local arts activities and showcase the city to the rest of the country. Last month, with Creative Communities Scheme funding, the Palmy Comedy Fest 2025 brought together over 50 performers from around Aotearoa New Zealand to perform alongside locals. It has become the second-biggest dedicated comedy festival in the country, with 25 shows across two weekends, giving established and emerging comedians valuable spaces to perform, connect and share their craft with local audiences.
12. We also welcome Council's ongoing commitments **to upgrade community facilities**, including Te Motu o Poutoa – Anzac Park and the Pasifika Community Centre. These facilities are crucial cultural infrastructure and vital spaces for arts and cultural communities to connect, collaborate and coordinate work, and offer affordable and accessible arts and cultural experiences to Palmerston North residents.
13. We strongly encourage Council to work closely with creative communities on these projects. This includes their design and implementation to boost a sense of community ownership and pride, and also the operation and delivery of these spaces. Council's investment in the 'soft' infrastructure that supports these facilities is equally as important as the physical infrastructure. This includes resourcing and supporting staff with skills, knowledge, and experience to successfully deliver services and activities to Palmerston North's diverse communities and visitors.



14. This work can also build capacity into the creative ecosystem and play a key part in creative workers' income. While the arts funding system tends to deliver well for the public, it does less well for those working in the sector. The median income of creative professionals in Aotearoa New Zealand remains stubbornly low, at \$37,000 per annum compared with \$61,800 for salary and wage earners.
15. Supported arts organisations and regular arts and culture experiences feed other parts of the creative ecosystem and local economy, including education, health, trade, hospitality, retail and tourism. The creative industries in Palmerston North create jobs, drive economic growth and attract new businesses, while enhancing the city's reputation as a destination to visit, live and invest in.

**Te reo, mātauranga and ngā toi Māori, brought to life by tangata whenua and ringatoi, strengthen communities' sense of belonging and connection, and are central to our unique national and regional identities**

16. We're heartened to see Council's recognition of the importance of ngā toi Māori, as Council's support is a crucial part of ensuring ngā toi is being produced, enjoyed and celebrated. We know from our 2023 research that ngā toi Māori is increasingly embraced by Māori and New Zealanders as a whole.
17. Success in protecting, revitalising and promoting Māori artforms supports many artists and practitioners in Palmerston North, and positively enhances the reputation of the city nationally and internationally. Investment in ngā toi Māori also supports the revitalisation of te reo Māori and te ao Māori. It can also drive demand for more public art, touring work, lively events and festivals.
18. The integration of Māori design principles in Palmerston North's shared pathway [He Ara Kotahi](#), is a fantastic example of how **visibility and representation of ngā toi Māori in a city's infrastructure inspires pride and engagement for local communities**. It is very heartening to see how the bridge has become a landmark for visitors, while growing knowledge and value of the stories, values and places of importance to mana whenua, including historic pā sites.
19. **Pacific arts groups, collectives and organisations also make significant and dynamic contributions to the arts**, and the cultural, social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Palmerston North, powerfully connecting people,



communities and opportunities. Pacific peoples are more likely to feel the arts are an important way of connecting with their culture and that the arts support their identity. Pacific communities also participate in the arts more often, with 23 percent participating more than 12 times a year (compared to the national average of 19 percent). Investing in Pacific arts further increases understanding of Pacific communities and the place of Aotearoa in Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa.

20. As the third largest population by ethnicity in Palmerston North, we further encourage Council to continue to support the provision of cultural activities and services that support its Asian communities. We know from our research that the arts play a critical role in building and connecting Asian communities in Aotearoa, with Asian New Zealanders' personal connection to the arts strengthening over time.

**Local councils play a crucial role in offering stable support for arts, cultural and creative activity and infrastructure that enable communities to thrive**

21. Palmerston North District Council is a major, and crucial, investor and partner in arts and cultural activities, and the organisations that deliver them.
22. Although New Zealanders' participation in arts and cultural events is growing, the current outlook for the creative sector is very difficult and we remain concerned about the sustainability of the arts community. Arts organisations are operating on thin margins, with revenue streams under pressure, making them vulnerable to any changes in relationships with funders.
23. Many arts organisations receive core investment from Council, often in partnership with central government and private funders. Palmerston North's arts and culture services are reliant on local government contributions, as this support is not guaranteed from other sources.
24. Creative New Zealand's own ability to support the sector is under strain, and shared investment is vital for a resilient and supported arts and cultural sector. To maintain this collective approach, we encourage Council to ensure funding support for arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi Māori remains a core part of its decisions for the city's future.



**Arts, cultural and ngā toi Māori organisations, iwi and hapū can be wonderful collaborators with Council, to build strong relationships with communities and create flourishing localities**

25. Strong relationships with creative communities and mana whenua foster new partnerships and collective approaches. Arts organisations and practitioners in Palmerston North hold valuable relationships with funders, government, non-profits, businesses and other community groups.
26. As connectors and innovators, they are also uniquely positioned to help Council communicate and deliver on prioritised work across the city, including city centre upgrades and housing. Artists and creatives are particularly skilled at designing and delivering innovative, strategic, and cost-effective solutions to challenges, and bringing communities together.
27. Take for example, the successful Pacific Arts Regional Residencies in 2023 and 2024, supported by Council and Creative New Zealand. Last year, the 'Ata-Mai Pasifika Collective of six women of Samoan, Cook Island and Tongan descent, used their residency to create traditional and contemporary art through Wearable Art Garments.
28. 'Ata-Mai has strengthened Palmerston North's vision as an arts incubator, fostering both emerging and established talent. 'Ata-Mai actively empowered Pasifika and local artists to shape the arts landscape. Through the Wearable Arts Mini Showcase, Manawatū Art Trail Open Day and Wearable Arts Showcase they celebrated creativity and advocated for a vibrant, inclusive arts sector. The Collective played a key role in amplifying Pasifika representation and inspiring local artists to engage in the city's creative future.<sup>3</sup>
29. The Creative New Zealand Pacific Arts Regional Residency Palmerston North 2025 will be announced later this year. This will be year three of our partnership with Council, to coinvest in strategic opportunities for Pasifika creatives to develop their artistic work and skills, which will strengthen cultural, social and economic outcomes for our regional communities.
30. We strongly encourage Council to work closely with your local artists, creatives and arts organisations, and mana whenua, throughout your Annual Plan's

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<sup>3</sup> 'Ata-Mai Residency Report 2024, Palmerston North City Council.



proposals, to successfully deliver outcomes for Palmerston North and enhance the wellbeing of your communities.

### **Creative New Zealand's interest and investment in the arts in Palmerston North**

31. Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa New Zealand, responsible for delivering government support for the arts. We're an autonomous Crown entity under the [Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 2014](#).
32. Our legislative purpose is to *encourage, promote, and support the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders*. We do this by *Investing in the arts, Developing the arts, Advocating for the arts*, providing *Leadership in the arts*, and by *Partnering for the arts*.
33. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage and the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua. In 2023/24, Creative New Zealand **invested nearly \$79.4 million in the arts**.
34. We recognise the importance of Palmerston North to arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi in Aotearoa New Zealand. For arts that are delivered in the Manawatū-Whanganui region, **\$1.6 million** of direct financial support was provided by Creative New Zealand in 2023/24. Of this, **\$477,034** in funding went directly to Palmerston North, supporting individual arts projects and arts and cultural organisations.
35. Under the Creative Communities Scheme, we also fund all 67 territorial authorities directly to support local arts activities. In 2023/24, funding of **\$320,522** was provided to the Manawatū-Whanganui region, which included **\$68,222** to Palmerston North City Council and your creative communities.
36. Under Creative New Zealand's Pacific Arts Strategy, we invested in a Pacific arts regional fono in 2023 and piloted the first annual Pacific Arts Regional Residency in Palmerston North. We've also funded the annual Pasifika Fusion cultural festivals for schools, for many years. **We thank Council and your wonderful staff for our positive collaborations for shared outcomes, and we're proud to have partnered with Council to support the development of Council's Creative and Liveable Strategy.** We encourage Council to continue delivering





the vision and directions of the strategy, along with the [Te Mahere Toi, Taonga Tuku Iho—Arts and Heritage Plan 2021–31](#).

## Final thoughts

37. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Plan.
38. It is extremely heartening to see the ways that Council's support for arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi is enabling Palmerston North to thrive. By working together, and in partnership with creative communities and mana whenua, we can continue to build strong, healthy, prosperous and vibrant communities.
39. While we do not wish to address Council in person in support of our submission, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss it further. The key contact person is:

Name: Cara Paterson

Position: Senior Adviser, Advocacy (Local Government)—Kaiwhakamahere Matua  
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Contact: 7(2)(a) Privacy

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, nā



David Pannett  
**Senior Manager, Strategy & Engagement**  
**Pou Whakahaere Matua, Rautaki m**





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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?
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There is no need for an increase as many proposed items are 'nice to have' and are not necessary. I'd also like to see a calculation factor included for the number of people in a residence as a large group use more resources than a single elderly person but both are charged the same.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?
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Remove the proposed development of Pork Chop Hill as this should only
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be funded if there is spare capacity withing the current spend.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Footpaths needs improving as are very rough in areas and are a tripping hazard for pedestrians. If we are encouraging people to walk and not use cars we should make it safer.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

It is an absolute waste of money that we do not have and the location is not central so will be rarely used. The area is better used for a park and exercise area withinn the network of walkways that connect up to it.

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	I do not believe we need a multi million dollar cultural centre at this time. As ratepayers we can't afford it and indeed I think most would vote against spending this much money on a luxury.
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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
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Tell us why

Too much money that we cannot afford.

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Spending MUST come down not up. Grants little pet projects must stop. Council must concentrate on core business. Water, Sewerage, roads, housing and parks.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	The following projects need reviewing or deferred. 727 Material recovery facility development. (defer the spending) 2440 Pasifiki Centre (use a church or Pacific facility already in place)
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1194 CET arena (review the project)  
1895/2239Te Matu o Poutau Development (Use facility at Maxwells Line and upgrade that)

The cost is to great at the present time.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Water and housing.  
Owning the water with other council acceptable but not other individuals.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

Not needed, use Maxwell Line facility, Maybe have weekend visitors there.

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## Your submission

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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?

Snap, Send and Solve app - The Council needs to mark reported snaps as solved when they fix them.  
You make us use that app to report things than need fixing but you don't respect us enough to mark the job as solved - communication goes both ways so step up and mark jobs you've fixed as solved.  
See the Snap Send Solve ID 5506856 - 4 December 2024 - 8:45pm  
Damaged Street Light.....PNCC still hasn't marked it as solved.

The last update was - I sent it too you to sort out.  
I'm purposely not marking it as solved because I haven't solved it - I am not the solver - that falls on you.  
How many completed jobs are misleading the "busy status" of your Council because they were solved but the job wasn't updated in the app to state solved?  
Or is the app just wasted money because the solvers weren't educated on how to mark the snaps as solved?

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion



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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Too much money proposed to be spent on planned un needed projects.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Water managed by a reputable system which benefits our region, environment and not just the councils monetary gain. No Anzac park project, waste of money. Featherston St bus lanes changed back to how they were.
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	<p>Dog park at Linklater left as off leash.</p> <p>Parking around town for employees of businesses bringing money into our local economy to be free.</p> <p>School students to park in their own school car parks, not taking up valuable parking for working residents.</p>
<p><b>Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?</b></p>	<p>Safer communities.</p> <p>Less crime.</p> <p>Footpath safety and roading surfaces.</p> <p>Less buses, go back to old route system.</p> <p>Weed spraying streets, tree trimming of trees in parks and on verges.</p> <p>More cameras on traffic lights to catch unsafe driving and criminals/stolen cars causing damage to innocent residents of the cities cars.</p> <p>Work more with local enforcement agencies for a safer city.</p> <p>Support retail/hospitality and get businesses back into Broadway/square.</p> <p>Find ways to fill up empty buildings and land to make Palmerston North a vibrant city.</p> <p>Stop condensing housing into small plots/land area.</p> <p>Did we really need an extension at Tamatuku?</p> <p>Putting the cost of our rates up is going to put pressure on rental owners, so rent prices will increase. Renters will not be able to afford, causing more emergency housing being needed.</p> <p>Reduce the amount of emergency housing, the old motels are unsightly and take up less accomodation options.</p>
<p><b>Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Tell us why</b></p>	<p>We do not need a council owned marae/cafe and cultural centre.</p> <p>The cafe would pull business away from other local cafes in the city.</p> <p>Sculptures and information boards should be enough for cultural information about the historical signifigance of the area.</p> <p>No need for another marae. Manawatu has enough.</p> <p>Spend the money on safer communities instead.</p>

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

I have concerns are the changes in the rates for those living rurally. I understand that their is an increase in costs, that require rates to rise, however the reduction in the discount for those that live rurally seems to disproportionately high. I live rurally, i provide my own Water and have sewage tanks which I am responsible for getting service and emptied (when required). Yet I am now having to pay for this within my rates, yet it is not council provided. Furthermore I am paying for curbside

recycling, yet I live outside of the boundaries for that being provided, so I collect my own recycling and take it in the town once a month. Again another cost I am paying without receiving any benefit.

On top of the points above, whilst I live on a road that has few houses (right at the end of Turitea Rd), it is also part of the Te Awaroa trail and it sees lots of walkers and mountain bikers nearly every day. The Council has done a very poor job of maintaining this road, in particular grading of the surface and also in regular clearing of vegetation on the sides of the road. The vegetation in particular is a safety hazard, as only being a single lane road, it forces walkers and cyclists into the middle of the road, providing them no space to walk on the verge. This is significant safety hazard. I have had cyclists hit my car, when I have been able to come to a stop well in time, yet as they have been coming down the hill and speed and have not seen me and have had no where to go. No injuries or damages have occurred, yet it highlights the risk of poor maintenance. This is the main service in which the council provides me, yet they are consistently failing to provide.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

Reduction in the increase or levelling out of what rural rate payers pay in their rates.

Or, a reciprocal increase in service provided I.e. regular and quality road maintenance.

If you are asking me to pay more, yet not already keeping up your end of the Bargain, this does not seem fair and equitable.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Road maintenance on the gravel part of Turitea Rd. Which it has few houses, it is very popular for walking and cycling.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

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## Your submission

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

While I understand the need for more money to be going into the system to support the functioning of the council and take into account the rising costs local councils are facing, personally we are facing a \$600 increase in rates between 2025 and 2026 due to the new rating system and the reduction of the lifestyle/rural discount. In an economy where the cost of everything is rising quicker than our pay cheques, this is another blow to families already struggling. It's a double blow for those living rurally who

generally don't often the benefits of the other work the council does and I'm yet to see any reasoning behind this decision.

For our address, we've been told a number of times we aren't 'in the line' of being able to get curb side recycling, despite the pick up location of the bins being the same place as our neighbours 200m up the road, I struggle to see how that makes sense. I get the line has to be drawn somewhere, but this seems like malicious compliance on the councils part.

We live up the gravel end of Turitea road, a single land gravel road that is frequented not only by residents but cyclists, walkers, horse riders and more due to it being part of the TA trail. And yet, despite its popularity, residents have to push council every time the road needs maintaining, we are lucky if it gets done twice a year. The damage the road does to our cars is costly, not to mention makes for an unpleasant driving experience. Due to the nature of the road it needs regular maintenance (including mowing back the vegetation on the sides of the road), which shouldn't be at the behest of the residents when they've had enough of the shoddy road conditions, but done on a regular schedule with inspections after major weather events. We pay for the road to be maintained and your asking for us to pay more for the privilege when your already failing to do the bare minimum.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

A levelling out of the lifestyle/rural discount - this has to be fair without cutting us off at the knees.

Deliver on what your charging us for e.g. curb side recycling - want us to pay more for this? then offer us the service, it's quite simple. Maintain the single lane gravel road that one day will cause an accident that harms people or animal due its poor maintenance.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

No, we just want you to deliver on the services you charge us for to an adequate level. We acknowledge that being rural we don't take 'full advantage' of what the council does and that's on us, but much of the increases in our rates seem to be covering things that the council already does a poor job on delivering.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

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**Tell us why**

This seems like a low priority project for the current times and one that will take business away from local establishments (by virtue of the cafe addition and events centre). There are other priorities to address that are more urgent to enhancing life here in Palmy and putting the over \$10 million the council proposes to spend on this project to another cause. Free coffee and meals for life at the cafe won't even make this spend seem worthwhile right now.

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## Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatū Centre Submission to Palmerston North City Council Annual Budget 2025/26

*Organisation: Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Inc.*

*Representative Name: Miss Josephine Gutry, Health Promoter*

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Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? YES (30<sup>th</sup> April preferably)

CSNZ Manawatū is a charitable organisation covering the Midcentral District Health Board region of Horowhenua, Manawatū, Tararua and Palmerston North.

Our core services are in Health Promotion, Supportive Care, Information and Research. We work with our communities to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer through prevention, raising awareness of the need for early detection and providing support.

### **Rationale**

Cancer is a leading cause of illness, disability and death in New Zealand. The number of new cases of cancer diagnosed nationally each year is expected to rise to around 45,100 by 2040-an increase of nearly 76% from 2019 (1).

Tobacco smoking, excess weight, drinking alcohol, unhealthy eating, workplace risks, physical inactivity, chronic infection and harmful ultra-violet radiation (UVR) exposure are the leading preventable and modifiable risk factors for cancers (2).

### **Executive Summary**

Cancer Society acknowledges Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) for the ongoing commitment made to the health and wellbeing of our community, and the progress we are making in reducing the incidence and impact of cancer. This has been a result of the community consultation processes and the resulting in the creation of the Draft Health Promotion Policy (2024), the Play Policy 2021 (Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!), and the Connected Community Strategy; all putting our region on the map for a healthy future. (3-5).

We need to continue our commitment as a healthy community, a smokefree/vapefree community, and a SunSmart community. Dedication is needed towards cancer prevention with budget allocated for implementation of the Draft Health Promotion Policy, Shade Planning, and the infrastructure needed to support the community being physically active, smokefree/vapefree, and Sunsmart.

Using an equity lens would ensure that health inequalities in our community are identified, and ongoing Council action would be committed to ensure more equitable outcomes. The benefits and costs of proposed development across our city need to be distributed equitably so that high deprivation communities are not further disadvantaged.

Using a Health in All Policies approach ensures that council decision making addresses its impact on community health and wellbeing, and creates a healthier, more liveable community for all, where we live, work and play. (6)

### **Recommendations:**

The Cancer Society submission recommends that:



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- Funding is allocated for the implementation of the Draft Health Promotion Policy once it becomes adopted. Ensuring that each area of health has sufficient budget to achieve actionable advances in community health.
- Ensure the continued consultation and assessment of health initiatives relating to allocated budget, by conducting regular Health Impact Assessment, ensuring an ongoing commitment to initiatives promoting health lifestyles, so that we can call this region a healthy place to live, learn, work, and play.
- Funding allocated towards shade and park improvements, to create play and rest spaces that promote healthy lifestyles and safe for the community year-round, is utilised effectively and efficiently.
- That a Street Tree Policy be considered, to help manage and develop trees on public land and residential streets to achieve a long-term sustainable canopy over the city, mitigate the effects of climate change, provide shelter, and shade to reduce the heat.

### **Supporting Evidence**

#### Smokefree

Current smoking rates in New Zealand have reduced since the 2018 census by almost half, currently sitting at 8.4% in 2023/24 (7). Smoking remains a significant threat to New Zealanders' public health, especially in Māori and Pacific communities. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in New Zealand. Every year 5,000 people die prematurely in New Zealand from smoking-related illness. Tobacco smoking kills as many as two-thirds of people who smoke long-term. It is the single biggest cause of cancer, and cancer is the main cause of death for New Zealanders (8). Stopping people from becoming addicted to smoking in the first place is the most effective way we have of reducing both smoking-related harm and inequalities in cancer outcomes.

The Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre aims to reduce the rate of smoking-related cancers in Palmerston North. This goal can only be achieved with a community commitment to reducing the risk of smoking-related cancer through

Smokefree and vapefree policies in schools and workplaces, reducing the supply of tobacco, supporting Smokefree and vapefree outdoor environments and that Smokefree and vapefree behaviour is the norm where we live, work and play.

The ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey 2024 revealed that smoking rates amongst New Zealand year 10 students remains low. We are also seeing slow decreases in Vaping rates since the 2023 results. Māori and Pacifica students vaping rates are a still particularly higher compared to Pakeha students, although are showing a statistically significant decrease from 2023 to 2024 (9). The decrease in vaping rates across the board is encouraging news, with more stop smoking services opening their referrals to rangatahi and people wanting to quit vaping the rates should continue to decrease.

Ongoing support and advocacy in the smokefree/vapefree space is needed at a local level. We are seeing a decrease in support from central government to our health services that are guiding the stop smoking and vaping support (10). Allocated budget towards smokefree/vapefree advocacy is needing to continue. In the past this has been administered through the PNCC smokefree reference group. If the capacity within council is shorthanded, extending out these resources and support to local services that are already working in this area would be beneficial to community. Health services, such as TOAM, Cancer Society and Te Whatu Ora's health promotion team, work within the area of Smokefree/Vapefree and are encouraged to champion work alongside council to better the health of the communities they serve.

### Shade

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Aotearoa, and along with Australia, we have the highest incidence and death rate in the world. Skin cancer is caused by overexposure to UV radiation and is 90% preventable. Damage from UV radiation builds up across our lifespan. Preventing episodes of sunburn and overexposure to the sun's UV radiation in childhood and adolescence is crucial in reducing the incidence of skin

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cancer in later life. Using shade is one of the key recommendations to reduce our chances of developing skin cancer (11).

Playgrounds are important settings for shade, as they are spaces where children and their guardians can spend larger amounts of time during peak UVR hours. Children are perceived to be more vulnerable than adults to the adverse effects of UVR. We know from many studies dating back to the 1950s, and present, that over-exposure to UVR in childhood is positively associated with both melanoma and keratinocyte cancer development in later life (12,13).

The commitment to provide shade at local parks and reserves gives PNCC an opportunity to promote a healthier community, and shows it believes safety is important for those using its recreation spaces. However, if achieving Council goals such as Active Communities and a Connected and Safe Community are to be encouraged through the use of outdoor spaces and facilities, then effective and efficient use of allocated funds needs to happen. A shade audit evaluates local parks and reserves; its current shade and appropriate additions of shade, while also considering its locations deprivation level, scale of traffic and useability. Using information provided by a shade audit helps to identify the issues in shade quality and propose recommendations for integrated shading strategies to make the best use of the allocated funds. A major concern with the allocated fund is that majority will go towards administration of shade planning and little left for the purchase and installation of appropriate shade. It would be beneficial to the community if shade development was a priority in all new park developments so that more budget could be allocated towards making our outdoor environments healthier to be in.

Each park development project would benefit from having a health perspective involved with planning. Upgrading equipment and resources to be healthier and safer makes parks and reserves more appealing to families. Madden et al. (2018) reported that unsafe play environments (including those with unsuitable UVR protection) often deter parents from allowing their children to play outside, leading them to encourage more

sedentary indoor activities instead. Which is why we recommend a focus on more than just shade additions when creating healthier parks and reserves. Other factors such as water fountains, suitable surfaces to reduce UVR reflection, rubbish bins, and useable space for recreation activities all promote healthier lifestyles. It is not commonly known that surfaces with hard or smooth textures typically have a higher albedo and reflect more UVR, compared to natural ground cover with softer, more varied edges like grass (15).

### **Conclusion**

The Council plays a leading role in promoting community wellbeing, striving to make the Palmerston North region a safe and healthy place, and fostering environments that support this vision. To reduce the rates and impact of cancers linked to UV exposure, alcohol, and smoking—and to ensure our community can thrive in safe, healthy environments where people live, work, and play—we must prioritise the health and wellbeing of our people, especially our most vulnerable: our children and future generations.

The Cancer Society of New Zealand works to raise awareness about the ongoing harms caused by smoking, poor nutrition, alcohol, and over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). By working together, using a health impact lens on our decision-making, we hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by these health issues in our community and our country.

If we are to make real progress in reducing our cancer statistics, meaningfully funding allocation towards the draft health promotion policy and shade development needs to be included in the annual budget.

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Looks Good
What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Would like to see the budget for the footpath on The Square upgrade

between Main Street and Broadway Ave to be moved forward to coincide with the Hotel opening date which will be circa end of 2026. This will save having to dig this up while the hotel and associated retail is in operation.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

N/A

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion



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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	Agree with Mayor's statement ("maintaining community services" & "improving essential infrastructure") but proposal seems to be beyond this.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	If marae & cultural centre to go ahead, relevant iwi (Rangitane?) should contribute at least 80% (can earn from centre if profitable).
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Unsure what community facilities upgrades are deemed required it I

would like to see costs contained.

Understand money can be saved under “Nature Calls” proposal by reducing amount of proposed land to be purchased for discharge (\$150 million if discharged direct to river according to counsellor I spoke to) as long as water quality meets requirements.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

As above, less on new facilities .

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	Yes
Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 30 April: Morning, Afternoon Thursday 1 May: Morning

## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

Age Friendly Palmerston North would like funding allocated to the implementation of the Age Friendly commitment to our community

**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

I don't know / No opinion

**Supporting information**

**Age-Friendly Palmerston North submission to PNCC Budget**

<b>Organisation:</b> Age-Friendly Palmerston North	
<b>Representative Names:</b> Russell Hallam and Kerry Hocquard	
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**About those making this submission:**Age-Friendly Palmerston North

The Age Friendly Palmerston North community group advocates to Palmerston North City Council to support age friendly social and physical environments that enhance the wellbeing of older people in our community. The Age Friendly Palmerston North community group have been key stakeholders in the development of PNCC Age Friendly Action Plan, and in the ongoing commitment to Palmerston North being an Age Friendly community.

**Vision**

An age-friendly community in Palmerston North benefits the entire community by promoting inclusion, respect, and participation for all ages, leading to stronger social connections, better health outcomes, and a more vibrant, engaged society.

### Executive Summary

The submission highlights the importance of supporting an age-friendly community in Palmerston North, which benefits both older people and the wider community. These benefits include improved health and wellbeing, increased participation and engagement, respect and dignity, and access to essential resources for older people. For the wider community, the benefits include stronger social networks, enhanced civic engagement, economic benefits, improved health outcomes, and more inclusive and accessible environments.

The Age-Friendly Palmerston North community group would like to advocate to the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) to fund to support the employment of a Community Development Advisor - Age Friendly to progress the Age Friendly Council and community commitment. The advisor will be responsible for strengthening the Council's commitment to being an Age-Friendly City and coordinating the implementation of actions from Palmerston North Age-Friendly Action and Implementation Plans.

The submission also notes that the Council has previously endorsed the Age-Friendly commitment and allocated \$30K for implementation. However, the group is seeking an additional \$50K to fund the .5 FTE role, which will ensure the continuation of the work to date and the actions needed to coordinate the Age Friendly Action and Implementation Plans.

The benefits of funding the role include a dedicated staff member who can drive the implementation of the age-friendly action plan, ensure progress is tracked and reported, and foster collaboration and coordination between council staff, community groups, and stakeholders. The role will also help to create a more inclusive and vibrant environment, build a stronger and more connected community, and promote innovative solutions to address the unique needs of older residents.

The risks of not funding the role include a scaled-back delivery of actions, damaged relationships with partners and stakeholders, and a community perception that the Council has gone back on its commitment to being an Age-Friendly community.

## **Rationale**

### Statistics

Like many other nations, New Zealand's population is aging, with a growing number of people aged 65 and over. This is also reflected in Palmerston North, where the fastest growing age group is people aged over 65. As a population, we are living longer than ever before. The ageing population is driving an increase in the number of one-person households in Palmerston North. This projected population growth, increasing diversity, changes in our city's average household size, and the number of residents in particular age groups, mean that demand for the number of houses and core infrastructure services will increase (1).

## **Age-friendly Community Support**

*Support expressed by PNCC Council: -*

Palmerston North City Council successfully joined the Age Friendly Aotearoa New Zealand (AFANZ) membership network in September 2023, after meeting the Age Friendly Aotearoa New Zealand (AFANZ) criteria. (2)

Mayor Grant Smith publicly endorsed the Age Friendly commitment recognising that “it made great sense to put in place a strategy well in advance to cater for the wellbeing, safety, health and resilience of the older community.” (3).

Danielle Harris, of Rangitāne o Manawatū also supported the Age Friendly Kaupapa with a “deep sense of responsibility and commitment to our own kaumātua who carry the stories and lessons of our tupuna, our whānau, and the wider community of the city. “The Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan was described as “reflecting our shared vision for a fully inclusive and supportive environment where our elderly can thrive with dignity, respect, full participation and have the opportunity to contribute their invaluable knowledge to the wider community” (3).

At the PNCC Council Meeting 23 October 2024, The Council endorsed the Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan and referred an additional budget of \$50K (.5 FTE) for the development and implementation of the Palmerston North Age Friendly Implementation Plan to the Annual Budget deliberations.

At this meeting Council approved the total budget allocation of \$80K to be referred to the Council Budget Deliberations, including \$30K of existing implementation budget (already allocated in the Long-Term Plan) and an additional \$50K per annum (.5 FTE) for a Community Development Advisor - Age Friendly to:

- guide the Council’s commitment to be an Age Friendly City;
- develop a Palmerston North Age Friendly Implementation Plan; and to
- coordinate the internal and external implementation of actions from that plan (4).

*Community Views:-*

Community engagement with key partners and stakeholders has been completed throughout the development of the Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan. Feedback from key community partners and key stakeholders demonstrated support for a dedicated role within Council to support the implementation of age friendly actions (2).

### **Benefits of funding a .5 FTE for the Community Development Advisor:**

This Age Friendly role will ensure a continuation of the work to date, the development of a coordinated Palmerston North Age-Friendly Implementation Plan, ongoing wider community engagement, and will confirm Council’s previously stated commitment to be an Age-Friendly community.

A dedicated staff member can play a crucial role in implementing an age-friendly action plan by:

- \* Ensuring the plan is not overlooked and progress is tracked and reported

- \* Integrating age-friendly considerations into all council activities through a whole-of-council approach
- \* Fostering collaboration and coordination between council staff, community groups, and stakeholders. This collaboration needs to include the Seniors Reference Group and Age Friendly Palmerston North community group, trusted partners who can provide expert advice on age friendly areas of interest and concern.
- \* Effectively communicating the plan to the public and engaging with older residents to gather ongoing feedback that will help address unmet community needs and challenges faced by older people in our community.
- \* Ensuring the plan remains a priority over time despite staff and priority changes
- \* Creating a more inclusive and vibrant environment that benefits not only older people but also young families, people with disabilities, and other community members
- \* Leveraging resources and support from organizations to access funding, training, and technical assistance
- \* Building a stronger, more connected community where older people feel valued and included
- \* Promoting innovative solutions to address the unique needs of older residents, such as age-friendly business practices and new programs and services.

Overall, a dedicated staff member can drive the implementation of an age-friendly action plan, ensuring its success and creating a positive impact on the community.

*Benefits of an age friendly community:*

An age-friendly community in Aotearoa New Zealand benefits both older people and the wider community. For older people, the benefits include:

- \* Improved health and wellbeing through accessible services and social interaction
- \* Increased participation and engagement in community life
- \* Respect and dignity through celebration of their contributions and experiences
- \* Access to essential resources such as healthcare, transportation, and affordable housing

For the wider community, the benefits include:

- \* Stronger social networks and community cohesion
- \* Enhanced civic engagement and informed decision-making



- \* Economic benefits through older people's spending, volunteering, and skills
- \* Improved health outcomes and reduced chronic diseases
- \* More inclusive and accessible environments for everyone
- \* Reduced social isolation and improved community cohesion

### **Risks of not funding**

The Options Report presented to PNCC Council Meeting 23 October 2024 identified the risks of not providing funding for the Council Age Friendly commitment (5).

The Options Report outlined the risk, of no further funding beyond that of that allocated to the Age Friendly Implementation Plan, could result in a scaled-back delivery of actions, at a much slower pace. This could also lead to relationships with partners and stakeholders being damaged by the perception that Council has gone back on the commitment to be an Age-Friendly community.

### **Conclusion**

For this work to be sustainable and make a positive impact for the Age Friendly community, an ongoing Council commitment, including funding, is needed through a whole of Council response, integrating the Age Friendly Action Plan into Council planning, service delivery and resourcing.

The Age Friendly Programme needs to align with work currently being undertaken by Council including the:

- a. the Accessibility Audit and the future work of the Accessibility Charter
- b. endorsement of the Enabling Good Lives principles
- c. commitment to the Urban Design Protocol.

Our Age-Friendly Palmerston North community group requests the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) to ensure the ongoing commitment to being an Age Friendly community and fund the employment of a Community Development Advisor - Age Friendly. This will help bring to reality the Age Friendly vision: *An age-friendly community in Palmerston North benefits the entire community by promoting inclusion, respect, and participation for all ages, leading to stronger social connections, better health outcomes, and a more vibrant, engaged society.*

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

We would like to congratulate the council on the good work they have done in a very challenging environment. We're proud of being recognised as one of New Zealand's most welcoming communities.

We support funding for upgrades to community facilities, in particular the Pasifika Community Centre.

We support a civic marae and cultural centre at Te Motu o Poutoa. We are happy with this being a council controlled organisation if that is supported by Rangitane.

We understand that there is less funding for transport projects than in previous years but we still support Shared Pathways, cycling networks, public transport, and raised pedestrian crossings, as this is a safer mode of transport for children and people with disabilities. We should not be abandoning the improvements to the public transport network because we should be capitalising on the success of Horizons's new electric busses which have seen a massive increase in patronage. The cost to do this (even without central government support) is not all that much in council budget terms.

We support increasing the shift from land value to capital value in determining rates.

The city library is an invaluable community resource and it is important to keep supporting it.

The council should maintain funding for arts spaces.

We support continued funding for social housing and social housing renewals.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 30 April: Early evening Thursday 1 May: Early evening
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	The rates increase is completely unacceptable and unaffordable
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	zero rates increase
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	No
Tell us why	Unjustified expense and added bureaucracy

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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

I want to see the vision of an Age Friendly community become a reality! An age-friendly community in Palmerston North benefits the entire community by promoting inclusion, respect, and participation for all ages, leading to stronger social connections, better health outcomes, and a more vibrant, engaged society. This takes us the community, and Palmerston North City Council working together!

Please fund the ongoing commitment made by Council and the community to being an age friendly city. The benefits of funding the role include a dedicated staff member who can drive the implementation of the age-friendly action plan, ensure progress is tracked and reported, and foster collaboration and coordination between council staff, community groups, and stakeholders. The role will also help to create a more inclusive and vibrant environment, build a stronger and more connected community, and promote innovative solutions to address the unique needs of older residents.

The risks of not funding the role include a scaled-back delivery of actions, damaged relationships with partners and stakeholders, and a community perception that the Council has gone back on its commitment to being an Age-Friendly community.

I would also like to support the following projects outlined by Council:  
Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre  
Awapuni Library Community Centre Development  
Pasifika Centre

Continue the support for an Aquatics Facility, in particular for Canoe Polo, who continue to excel nationally and internationally in the canoe polo arena. We can be very proud of them, as they are great ambassadors for our region and for their sport.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes



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## Your submission

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Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
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## Submission on the PNCC 2025/26 Annual Budget

Robert McLachlan

I am the Active Transport Advisor on the Horizons Regional Transport Committee. I am on the board of Cycling Action Network, a national advocacy group. I have lived in Palmerston North since 1994.

I now realise the great privilege and freedom I experienced growing up in Christchurch in the 1970s and 80s. In those days, Christchurch and Palmerston North were New Zealand's two pre-eminent cycling cities.

I support the Council's Strategic Goals and highlight the following

– under Goal 1, “An innovative and growing city”: **“safe and affordable transport options for people”, “an economy that uses resources sustainably”, and “a resilient, low carbon economy”.**

– under Goal 3, “A connected and safe community”: **“the support they want to live healthy lives” and “access to safe and accessible community places”.**

– under Goal 4, “A sustainable and resilient city”: **“a sustainable, low-emissions city” and “a circular economy with more resource recovery and less waste”.**

Although we've made some progress, the current plans outlined thorough the budget are likely to see us take a backward step. Investing in better facilities for people to get around by bike for everyday journeys is one of the best spending opportunities available to cities.

The benefits pay back far more than the work costs. International research suggest that in economic terms alone, this can be as much as 13:1., i.e., for every \$1 spent, returns can be up to \$13. When accounting fully for things like healthy active residents, improved air quality, lower noise levels, lower ongoing maintenance, time savings and greater autonomy of people who can't drive, lower costs of living, and more local spending, it becomes clear that cities can't afford to not invest more on making cycling accessible and comfortable.

### Part A: Active Transport

1. I cannot support the reduction in funding for active and public transport as it directly violates our strategic goals as listed above.
2. Total funding for active and public transport is proposed to reduce from \$15.162m in the LTP to \$6.262m in the draft budget. Most areas are cut but the reduction is most severe in new capital works, which go from \$7.140m to \$0.510m, a 93% reduction.

Yes, the government co-funding has been cut, but that is no reason to cut your own funding. I am disappointed that no reason nor explanation has been given.

Further, the LTP calls for capital funding of \$9.965m in 2026/27 and \$10.462m in 2027/28. Is this entire package now at risk?

3. Abandoning these goals at the first sign of difficulty makes me wonder how sincere our commitment was in the first place. Other cities in New Zealand face similar challenges but are not giving up. Christchurch is proposing to **increase** its active and public transport capital spending in the next three years from \$346m to \$403m. (Mostly cycleways, but some PT infrastructure.) Adjusted for population, that would be like Palmerston North spending \$30m a year. Dunedin is proposing to spend \$43.5m in the next three years (also mostly cycleways), which would be like us spending \$12m/year. We are proposing to cut new capital spending from \$7m to \$0.5m, which to me, seems to be totally out of kilter with other major NZ cities.
- 4.
5. The LTP transport plan is to “Implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 2)” (i.e., from 2025/26) but I see no mention of this in the budget at all. I have attached a copy of the LTP transport and climate plans. Despite being agreed last year they seem to bear no resemblance to what is now proposed. A shift to active and public transport is the number one way that cities reduce emissions.
6. The budget for roads increases from \$51.483m in the LTP to \$52.291m in the draft budget. However, the impact is worse than these totals suggest as \$4m in Road to Zero safety funding has been cut by the government. This would have funded, e.g. raised crossings, which would have contributed to our Strategic Goals and the mandatory performance measure of “a reduction in the number of fatal and serious injury crashes from the previous year on the city’s local road network.” How will this be achieved now?

The overall transport plan appears to be a continuation of 1960s-style greenfields growth and ever-increasing road-dominated transport which will increase emissions, restrict transport choices, and endanger our lives.

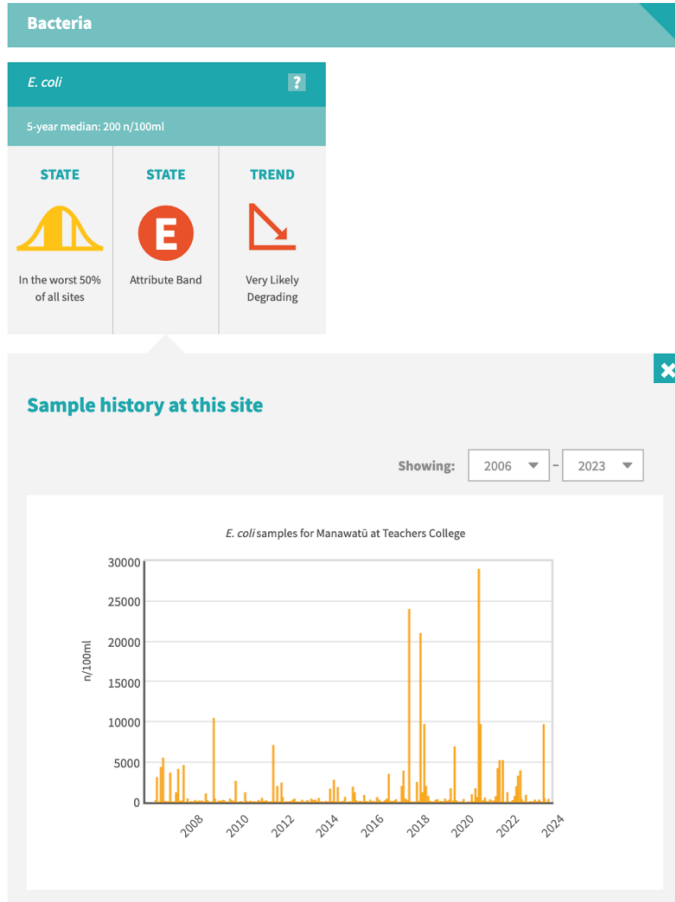
I also point to the performance measures of “outlining how the Council’s actions and information help reduce ... GHG emissions” and “Promote activities that

support low-carbon city outcomes.” It appears to me, that what is being proposed is the exact opposite.

7. All of the planned active transport projects are important – in particular, completing the full length of the Featherson Street cycleway is critical, even if takes a while to fully complete – but I am struck by the cancellation of safety improvements at the intersection of Tennent Drive and Massey University. Someone was killed here a year ago. I am not sure what work is planned but the intersection is still dangerous. Also, the speed limit will be increased shortly from 60 km/h to 70 km/h which will undoubtedly lead to further accidents, which I hope and trust will not be fatal.
8. Overall, the impression from the transport & climate sections of the budget is that nearly all of the goals and actions from last year have been abandoned at the first sign of difficulty. Instead, we should be exploring ways of continuing to implement our vision, even in the face of headwinds, so that we can emulate, and perhaps even better the positive steps being taken by other leading NZ cities.

#### **Part B – Biodiversity and the Manawatū River**

1. I’m not opposed to the proposed spending in this area but I would like more information on how it contributes to the goals and performance measures like “The Manawatū River supports a healthy and diverse ecosystem.” The Manawatū River at Teacher’s College gets an E rating for e coli (the worst possible) – 10 years ago it was a D (still a failing grade). Moreover it is still declining (see image from Lawa website). Seems to be a disconnect from reality here.



## Part C – Rating

1. I support the overall level of rates.
2. I do not support the proposed changes to the rating system. Increasing the UAGC is regressive and will tilt the rating increases towards poorer people – and land- (or capital-) value rating is already regressive. No explanation is given. All the other fixed charges increase as well, far in excess of inflation. No explanation as to whether these increases are due to actual cost increases is given. Overall, fixed charges increase from \$1185 to \$1468 (+24%) while land plus capital charges for a median urban house reduce from \$2195 to \$1976 (–10%). The total increase in this case is 2%. But the increase on a median 1ha rural property is +30%.

**Part D – Recommendations**

1. Fully fund the entire active and public transport package that was agreed in the LTP. Take the funding from the road budget. Road renewals should be delayed until they can incorporate active transport measures.
2. Implement complementary measures to achieve the safety and transport goals of the LTP and the City's 4 Goals.
3. Prepare and carry out a comprehensive transport and climate change plan in order to achieve the transport and climate components of the LTP.
4. Remove the UAGC.
5. Limit other fixed charge increases to the overall level of rates increase (e.g. 7.7%).

# Mahere tūnuku Transport plan

2024-2034  
Long-Term Plan

We want a city transport system that links people and opportunities.

Managing Palmerston North's transport system is a complicated process. We need to respond to many competing demands and balance the needs of a variety of users.

As the city's population grows, congestion, road safety issues and maintenance deficits become more significant. We need to adopt a more proactive and planned approach to manage our transport network. We must prioritise safety, access, value for money, and reducing environmental impacts.

Ka aha mātou?

What will we do?

## Provide a safe, low-carbon, integrated, and multi-modal transport network

### What will this mean?

Palmerston North has a well-planned transport network that supports the right transport mode for the right road. The transport network is integrated with land use planning and is safe for all users.

## Include active and public transport needs in all transport network planning

### What will this mean?

There is enough space allocated to active and public transport in the network. It is safe and comfortable to use active or public transport rather than relying on private vehicles.

### Specific actions

- Maintain the City's bus stops and shelters
- Make improvements to the urban environment to increase safety for people using active modes of transport
- Continue to implement the Urban Cycle Network Masterplan in planning and decision-making

### New or one-off actions

- Develop the Feilding to Palmerston North shared pathway (years 1 to 3)
- Plan and develop a city transit hub (years 2 to 4)
- Consider how to progress the Ashhurst to Palmerston North shared river pathway (year 4)

### Specific actions

- Support Te Utanganui to become a multi-modal distribution hub
- Manage parking in accordance with transport and urban design objectives  
[See [Urban design plan](#)]
- Maintain and upgrade the road, footpath and cycleway network
- Advocate to central and regional government for policy settings and investment to improve roading network efficiency and provide public and active transportation options

### New or one-off actions

- Incorporate the Enabling Good Lives principles in planning for transport (from year 1)
- Identify options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 1)  
[See [Climate change and sustainability plan](#)]
- Implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 2)  
[See [Climate change and sustainability plan](#)]
- Develop plans to support investment in the regional freight ring road (subject to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi funding) (from year 1)
- Develop a plan to support State Highway 57 interventions that connect the Aokautere growth area to the city (years 3 and 4)
- Make safety improvements at Tennent Drive intersection (year 3)
- Make road safety improvements around Stoney Creek Road
- Plan a replacement for the Milson overbridge (years 3 and 4)

## Encourage communities to make active and public transport choices

### What will this mean?

People have access to the information they need to make active and public transport choices.

### Specific actions

- Support cycle skills and safety initiatives
- Improve school crossings across the city to support greater pedestrian safety



# Mahere āhuarangi hurihuri, toitūtanga

## Climate change and sustainability plan

We want to reduce our emissions and the impact of climate change on the Council and the City. We want to make Council and community activities more sustainable.

Climate change is an urgent global challenge. We need to be a low-carbon, climate resilient city within a decade to avoid worsening the impacts of increasingly unstable and unpredictable weather. At the same time, we need to work with our partners to prepare our infrastructure and systems to cope with those unpredictable impacts.

We want to be leaders in sustainability. We do this best by including climate and resource use in all our decision making and by sharing our impact and successes with our community.

We want to do more to educate and support the residents, businesses and other city partners to deliver their own greenhouse gas emissions ambitions.

2024-2034  
Long-Term Plan

### Reduce the production of greenhouse gases from Council activities (e.g. use of diesel, electricity and natural gas)

#### What will this mean?

There is sound information about the greenhouse gas emissions from Council activities. This information is used to make decisions about where to act first.

#### Ka aha mātou?

What will we do?

#### Specific actions

- Make decarbonisation improvements to Council facilities, processes and purchasing
- Provide the Environmental Sustainability Fund (for Council processes) to compensate for the additional cost of lower carbon and more energy- efficient purchases

#### New or one-off actions

- Develop guidelines to prioritise and implement low carbon practices across all Council activities (year 1)
- Audit high-emission council buildings and other infrastructure (from year 1)
- Develop management and efficiency plans for high-emission buildings and other infrastructure (from year 2)
- Install solar systems where this will efficiently reduce greenhouse gas emissions (year 1)
- Provide professional development opportunities for Councillors and Appointed members and staff [See **Governance and active citizenship plan**]

### Encourage and promote sustainable best-practices in Council activities and the wider community

#### What will this mean?

Council shares sustainability expertise and experience with local and regional partners. Council activities support the climate goals of Rangitāne o Manawātū. Community groups delivering climate mitigation or adaptation projects are supported and celebrated.

#### Specific actions

- Develop a common tool set for understanding greenhouse gas emissions with local and regional partners
- Support Rangitāne o Manawātū to achieve their climate change aspirations
- Make sustainability improvements to Council facilities, processes and purchasing

#### New or one-off actions

- Develop guidelines to prioritise and implement sustainable practices across all Council activities (year 1)
- Provide information and education about effective sustainability and carbon reduction (from year 1)
- Provide funding to for-purpose organisations, local communities, and communities of interest through:
  - Strategic Priority Grants (including support for sector-leadership)
  - Environmental Initiatives Fund (through Environment Network Manawātū)

### Strengthen our city's adaptive capacity to Palmerston North's climate-related risks

#### What will this mean?

City preparations for civil defence emergencies include assessment of likely changes to the weather as a result of climate change. Communities in current or predicted high risk areas have the information and support they need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and other emergencies.

### Promote activities that support low-carbon city outcomes, including those that compensate for activities that produce greenhouse gases

#### What will this mean?

There is sound information about the greenhouse gas emissions from city activities. This information is used to make decisions about where to act first. The community have access to seed funding to support low-carbon city outcomes.

#### Specific actions

- Include an assessment of the greenhouse gas emissions of all Council decisions [See **Governance and active citizenship plan**]

#### New or one-off actions

- Identify options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 1) [See **Transport plan**]
- Implement actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport (from year 2) [See **Transport plan**]
- Develop a Green Building Fund (year 1) [See **Housing plan**]
- Support building owners and developers through a Green Building Fund (from year 2) [See **Housing plan**]
- Develop new native forest planting (year 1)
- Co-develop a community-focused city-wide climate action plan, including the articulation of local co-benefits and the identification of projects that may attract co-funding (year 1)

#### New or one-off actions

- Develop a community planning framework to adapt vulnerable communities to the predicted impacts of climate change (year 2) [See **Community safety and health plan and Water plan**]
- Provide information and education about nature-based solutions to climate change adaptation (from year 1)





# Mahere mō te kanorau koiora me Te Awa o Manawatū

## Biodiversity and the Manawatū River plan

We want a healthy Manawatū River, greater biodiversity, and a thriving native ecosystem.

The Manawatū River is of great historical, cultural, spiritual and traditional significance to Rangitāne and to our city. However, our river and the natural environment it supports and depends on, are under threat. The Manawatū River Leaders Accord reflects our commitment to improving the mauri of the whole river system.

Biodiversity contributes to and enhances climate mitigation and adaptation. Conversely, climate change can lead to further degradation and loss of biodiversity. Historic harms caused by land management practices prevent or slow down the re-establishment of native ecosystems. We need to rectify these harms and ensure that they are not repeated in the future. We want to nurture our natural resources and ecosystems as environmental stewards, promoting biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

2024-2034  
Long-Term Plan

### Ka aha mātou?

What will we do?

### Protect, enhance and increase natural areas (e.g. bush remnants, gardens, stream banks, and berms)

#### What will this mean?

The Manawatū River supports a healthy and diverse ecosystem. Natural areas thrive alongside more managed green spaces.

#### Specific actions

- Support the Te Āpiti-Manawatū Gorge Governance group to implement the Whakatakororanga Matua Ki Te Āpiti Masterplan
- Develop biodiversity corridors e.g. along the Mangaone, Turitea and Kahuterawa Streams [See **Recreation and play plan** and **Water plan**]
- Provide citywide pest management [See **Recreation and play plan**]
- Plant native trees throughout the city [See **Recreation and play plan**]

#### New or one-off actions

- Select and trial areas of public space for rewilding (from year 1)

### Encourage and enable the community's connection with the Manawatū River

#### What will this mean?

The Manawatū River is accessible for recreation and is a focus of community activities and events. Communities have information they need to understand the environmental, cultural and historic aspects of the River.

#### Specific actions

- Protect and restore the mauri of the Manawatū Awa and coastal lagoons, tributaries and connections
- Recognise and provide for the relationship of Rangitāne o Manawatū with freshwater sites
- Provide opportunities for Rangitāne o Manawatū to be involved in city planning and delivery of Manawatū River projects
- Provide and facilitate multiple points of access to the Manawatū River
- Incorporate river locations in planning for community events and celebrations
- Develop Te Motu o Poutoa [See the **Heritage plan** and the **Recreation and play plan**]

### Support and fund for-purpose organisations and local communities working to help achieve nature conservation outcomes

#### What will this mean?

Local communities and for-purpose organisations communities of interest have support to promote community wellbeing through conservation initiatives and information.

#### Specific actions

- Provide education programmes and visitor experiences at Central Energy Trust Wildlife Recovery Centre

#### New or one-off actions

- Provide funding to for-purpose organisations, local communities, and communities of interest through:
  - Strategic Priority Grants (including support for sector-leadership)
  - Environmental Initiatives Fund (through Environment Network Manawatū)[See the **Community support plan**]



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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	This is a fiscally irresponsible budget.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	Debt reduction a priority. Big projects placed on hold. A bigger financial buffer for uncertain times. Your so called 'safety improvements' on roads is not wanted.
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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

So called 'safety improvements' to roading should be stopped. You have been defunded by the government. Featherston Street is a disaster and NZTA have defunded you for a reason. Our rates should not be used for something that puts residents at great risk of harm in terms of emergency services having access.

Additional CCTV cameras should be stopped due to budgetary restraints and lack of supporting data about reduction of crime.

The smart cities budget is also money that could be saved. There should be more public consultation before any smart city budgets or plans are formed.

There needs to be more consultation before infilling our beautiful city leading to crowding, violence and slum conditions.

The areas of medium density housing are too large at present. Public consultation was not listened to and the areas went ahead anyway.

The Council should stop all unnecessary projects to stop unnecessary rates rises. The Civic Marae is one example of a project that should not be continued at the expense of rate payers. I know of residents living without power or enough food, and you keep putting in projects that are making this worse.

**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

No

**Tell us why**

This is another example of the Council being out of touch with the pain they are causing residents on the ground with unnecessary luxuries for the few, at the expense of the many.

**From:** Helen Gilmour-Jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 April 2025 8:19 pm  
**To:** Submission  
**Subject:** Annual budget submission

**Submission in support of Neighbourhood Support Manawatū**

**Annual Budget Submission Form – Palmerston North City Council**

**Name:** Helen Gilmour-Jones

**Organisation you represent: (if relevant)** Hokowhitu Village Centre

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**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

I don't have strong views on the proposed budget per se. I understand it is difficult to manage people's expectations while keeping rates increases to a manageable level.

**What, if anything, would you like to see changed?**

However, I am very concerned that PNCC is no longer supporting a very important community group, **Neighbourhood Support**, as reported in Manawatū Standard on 15 April 2025.

With reference to PNCC 2024-2034 Long Term Plan – Community Safety and Health plan – “we want a healthy city, where our community is safe and feels safe” there is a specific action to provide funding to support community safety and harm reduction initiatives. Neighbourhood Support works closely with Police and Fire and Emergency to support people in our community. They assist with PNCC events, provide regular updates on crime prevention and criminal activities, alerting us to scams, and encouraging people to report things that don't seem right. And they encourage neighbours to look out for each other, facilitating setting up groups, providing advice and information.

In my view, failing to support Neighbourhood Support Manawatū is a really bad decision and should be reconsidered.

Helen Gilmour-Jones



Submission to Palmerston North City Council (PNCC)

From

Manawatū Business Chamber (MBC)

Draft Annual Budget 2025-2026

15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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Rahui Corbett, Chairperson, Manawatū Business Chamber

**Manawatū Business Chamber Board Members:** Ed Teece, Paul O'Brien, Blair Alabaster, Rachael Rakatau, Alex Boustridge, Angus Duncan, Hamish O'Brien, Nikki Maw, David Lanham.

The Manawatū Business Chamber ("MBC") is a 470+ Business Member organisation, that represents a sizeable proportion of the city and region's GDP and employment. We are funded by our members. The MBC advocates for business, promotes business growth that supports economic growth whilst providing business services and networking opportunities.

This submission is presented to Council by the MBC Board

**Draft Annual Budget 2025-26** - MBC would like to thank PNCC for the opportunity to submit comments on this draft Annual Budget. (AB).

- 1.. MBC acknowledges and support PNCC's vision He iti rā, he iti pounamu,
2. MBC acknowledges PNCC's proposed rate increase of 7.7% which is (less than last year's at 11.3% and the forecasted 8.9%). (Forecast from LTP indicates 31.5% over the next three years 24 through 27).
3. MBC understands that the reduction in interest rates translates to a \$2.1m reduction in budgeted interest costs, but that these have been offset by increased costs and government levies including \$400,000 for Taumata Arowai, the National Water Regulator and \$100,000 for Water Economic Regulation and other increased costs.
4. In the LTP 2024/2027, with regards to rates determination, MBC supported the hybrid option with general rates being based on land value and the remainder on capital value at a 30/70 split (CV to LV). We felt this seemed the fairest to most ratepayers. We strongly opposed the CV only option, and a high weighting towards same as this would disincentivise and discourage further development in the city and particularly in areas on the outskirts of the city. PNCC consulted on three (3) options and then chose to vote in a 50/50 split that had not been consulted on.

We spoke to this in Council and voiced our views that this was not the fair way to conduct consultation. The 50/50 split is being implemented over the three (3) years of the LTP 2024-2027 with Year 2 (relevant to this Annual Budget) rates being 33/67 Capital to Land (CV to LV) (and the following year being 50/50). Where to from there?

MBC acknowledges that whilst many businesses/rate payers in the CBD who have not made improvements to their buildings and or have earthquake strengthening considerations will pay

similar rates this year to the previous year (due to the 2024 revaluation), that there is a potential **significant change** for those with a high ratio of CV to LV. Those businesses who have invested or will invest will be penalised for this investment. As mentioned in our LTP submission this is a disincentive and discourages further development and improvements in the city and particularly in areas on the outskirts of the city (around the airport and Te Utanganui).

**4a.** MBC ask Council to look at how this disincentive could be mitigated, through tax breaks, differentials or other. The Manawātū Business Chamber would be prepared to work with Council and other organisations to investigate realistic options. We would like to see a plan to encourage city development and regeneration.

MBC understood that the new capital/value-based rate was implemented to fund transport (roading) & economic development activities of the Council, is this still the case and what are these plans?

**5.** MBC agree with Council that the regional freight ring road is the critical project within PNITI and should be prioritised above others. The city needs to be accessible for all and what is best for business is best for the city and community. We are aware that reductions in NZTA subsidies means that many projects have been put on hold but encourage Council to ensure that the regional freight ring road remains top of mind.

**6.** With reference to the ongoing concerns of the public, emergency services and the business community with regards to Featherston Street. We note the outcome from the Economic Growth Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> April following further debate. Of the four (4) recommendations we were pleased to note three (3) are to be reviewed, but disappointed that on a close vote of seven to eight (7 to 8 against) that Council will NOT be reviewing the recommendation to 'Refer repositioning the four in-lane bus stops on Featherston Street between Aroha Street and North Street to a kerbside position' Thank you to those Councillors who supported this motion. The Chamber is seeking further clarification on the statistics that have been relied upon by Council in this regard.

**7.** Capital Programme: In the LPT 2024-27 we supported the investment in the Multicultural Centre as this will support local businesses as well as its primary purpose. We also supported Te Motu o Poutoa Anzac Park on the understanding that this will be funded through existing funding that Council has received from government (yr 1 and 2) and co-funded with Rangitane and other external partners. We would like confirmation that this is still the case? We are also concerned that the infrastructure work for this project to go ahead has not been fully calculated in the overall cost and will end up a lot higher than has been forecast/budgeted. Council is paying \$2.1 of \$4.3m - where is the balance coming from?

**7a.** With reduced funding and subsidies from NZTA, along with rising costs—including those related to wastewater—we believe now is the right time to pause community projects like this. Essential services must take priority, and available funds should be directed toward those needs first. We're not opposed to the project itself, only to its timing.

**8.** Earthquake Strengthening: (vs-a-vs Civic and Cultural Precinct Considerations)

We reiterate our comments on the 2024–27 Long-Term Plan: Council should focus on continuing with essential planned works. While the civic and cultural precinct project may be a 'nice to have,' it serves as a distraction from core priorities. As stated above, whilst we understand there is some reprieve in timescales through central government; the essentials must come first.

**8a.** We need to prioritise the strengthening of our facilities and structures, and plan how to support businesses impacted during this work. MBC is willing to collaborate with Council to explore practical solutions for affected businesses."

## Summary

We have covered several points as above and ask Councillors to please direct particular attention to our paragraphs 4a, 7a and 8a.

Finally, we extend our thanks to all Councillors for your work this year and in previous years. While we may not always agree, we genuinely appreciate that you listen, and we value the thoughtful debates—both among yourselves and with organisations like the Manawatū Business Chamber.

Signed on behalf of The Board of the Manawatū Business Chamber by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Linsley'.

A J Linsley – CEO

*We would like to speak to this submission please - preferably as **early as possible** on either the morning of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April or Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, to have those required from our Board available – thank you*

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## Hearing

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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	n/a
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	n/a
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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Age Concern Palmerston North and Districts strongly supports continued and increased investment in implementing the Age Friendly City strategy and its associated action plan.

An age-friendly city benefits everyone — not just older people — by creating environments that are safe, accessible, inclusive, and supportive across all life stages. As our population ages, it becomes increasingly important to invest in infrastructure and services that enable older adults to stay active, connected, and valued in their communities.

We encourage Council to prioritise the following:

Ongoing coordination and resourcing of the Age Friendly Action Plan, including staff time and operational budgets to maintain momentum and deliver tangible outcomes.

Support for community-led initiatives that align with age-friendly principles, such as intergenerational programmes, accessible transport, digital inclusion, and community events that reduce social isolation.

Infrastructure improvements that support older people — such as accessible footpaths, seating, wayfinding, public toilets, and safe pedestrian crossings.

Partnerships with iwi and community organisations to ensure the approach reflects diverse cultural values and lived experiences of ageing in Palmerston North.

These actions not only align with the goals of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities framework, but also strengthen community resilience, wellbeing, and participation — all of which are vital for a thriving city.

We urge the Council to embed age-friendly thinking across all planning and delivery. Let's build on the progress already made and ensure Palmerston North is a city where people of all ages can flourish.

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**Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?**

Yes

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Preferred hearing dates	Wednesday 30 April: Early evening Thursday 1 May: Afternoon, Early evening
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

**What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?**

Considering:

- 1) So many people are struggling financially
- 2) There being so few signs that things will be improving economically for many people anytime soon
- 3) There will be a lot more people struggling to pay their rates and will possibly be defaulting on their rate payments too (especially when on top of PNCC and Horizons rates - and their increases over time - in 10 years time it is estimated we will be paying around \$2,100 per year under the Council's preferred Local Water Done Well Option 1)

So I say PNCC should prioritise only spending council money on the absolute basics. Spending nothing beyond what is strictly necessary (like sewerage, water, rubbish collection roads etc) at least until there is a major sustained improvement in the population's incomes for at least 5 years.

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**What (if anything) would you like to see changed?**

PNCC should prioritise only spending council money on the absolute basics. Spending nothing beyond what is strictly necessary (like sewerage, water, rubbish collection roads etc) at least until there is a major sustained improvement in the population's incomes for at least 5 years.

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**Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?**

Again I say: PNCC should prioritise only spending council money on the absolute basics. Spending nothing beyond what is strictly necessary (like sewerage, water, rubbish collection roads etc) at least until there is a major sustained improvement in the population's incomes for at least 5 years.

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## Your submission

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What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?

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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?

See attached

Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?

Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?

Yes

Tell us why

why not you do it with other such as Te manawa, The Airport. but it still needs to be lead and managed by Rangitane

# Submission to the Palmerston North City Council Annual Plan 2025–2026

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From: Manawatū Lesbian & Gay Rights Association Inc. (MaLGRA)

Contact: Cam Jenkins, Secretary-Treasurer

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## RE: Request for One-Off Grant of \$20,000 to Sustain Core Operations for 2025–2028

### Introduction

Tēnā koutou,

We are writing to request a one-off grant of \$20,000 from the Palmerston North City Council's 2025–2026 Annual Plan to enable the continued operation of MaLGRA – Manawatū Lesbian & Gay Rights Association Inc., one of Aotearoa's oldest rainbow organisations and the only dedicated LGBTQIA+ service provider in Palmerston North.

Founded in 1977, MaLGRA has stood beside our rainbow communities through law reform, civil union battles, marriage equality, youth suicide crises, and the COVID-19 pandemic. We exist because Palmerston North needs a safe and visible home for rainbow voices—and without this funding, we risk going quiet.

### Who We Are and What We Do

MaLGRA provides a wide range of supportive, educational, and affirming services for LGBTQIA+ individuals, whānau, and allies. Our mahi includes:

- Peer-led rainbow support groups (youth, seniors, whānau);
- Community events (Rainbow Arts Gatherings, Queer Book Club, Rainbow Picnics, commemorations);
- Professional supervision and mentorship for sector workers (free/low cost);
- Volunteer training and connection events;
- Drop-in support space;
- GLITTFAB Wellbeing Network;
- Rainbow Safe Spaces Project;
- Collaboration with Grey Power for a Rainbow Seniors group;
- Partnership with Manawatū Tenants' Union on a Rainbow Housing Survey.

## Why Our Work Matters – The Evidence Is Clear

Recent data from Counting Ourselves 2023 and national research highlights:

- 1 in 5 LGBTQIA+ people in NZ report unstable/unsafe housing;
- 78% of trans/non-binary people experience high psychological distress;
- Rainbow youth are nearly 5x more likely to attempt suicide;
- 40% avoid healthcare due to discrimination.

This is not abstract. It's Palmerston North. It's here.

These aren't statistics floating in some national report—these are lived experiences unfolding in our city, in our suburbs, in our schools, workplaces, and homes.

And when rainbow people in Palmerston North are in crisis—when they've been rejected at home, discriminated against by a landlord, misgendered in a waiting room, or told their identity is “too complicated” to support—MaLGRA is often the only local organisation they turn to.

But it's not just individuals who reach out. We are also the first port of call for other community organisations, educators, health workers, and social services when they need help navigating a sensitive situation involving a rainbow client, colleague, or service user.

Whether it's a caseworker who needs urgent guidance on trans-inclusive housing options, a school that needs advice on supporting a non-binary student, or a manager unsure how to handle a homophobic incident in their team—they come to us. We provide training, informal supervision, policy templates, and safe consultation spaces. We hold the knowledge and trust that others in the sector often do not yet have.

Without MaLGRA, this city loses not just a rainbow community hub—but a critical connector between marginalised people and the systems meant to support them.

## Consequences of Not Funding This Work

Without this grant:

- Reduced access for youth in school, home, or healthcare settings;
- Loss of Rainbow Seniors project;
- Professional supervision support ends;
- No MaLGRA Pride events or national visibility;
- Loss of safe community events;
- Rainbow community left without a support hub;
- Council and sector lose a trusted rainbow inclusion partner.

### **We've Always Been Here—Let Us Stay**

MaLGRA is not a pop-up or temporary initiative. We are a legacy organisation, built by volunteers and run on aroha.

We stood for rainbow rights before this city was ready to listen—and we continue to stand for every person who feels unseen.

Council support isn't just about money. It's about manaakitanga, commitment, and visibility. It's about showing this city is for everyone—rainbow whānau included.

Please help us continue the mahi we've done for nearly 50 years and ensure there's always a place in this city for rainbow people to belong.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Cam Jenkins

Secretary-Treasurer

Manawatū Lesbian & Gay Rights Association Inc.



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Would you like to make a personal presentation in support of your submission at one of our hearings to the Mayor and Councillors?	No
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## Your submission

Please answer the questions below. Alternatively, you can upload your submission in the supporting information field.

What are your thoughts on our proposed Annual Budget 2025/26?	More money for fixing roads. They are shocking and cause wear and tear to vehicles.
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What (if anything) would you like to see changed?	More money fixing what we have and not building new things. Improve our roads to make it better for getting around.
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Are there specific activities or services we should be considering more or less of, and why?	More concerts and events
Do you support our preferred option for managing Te Motu o Poutoa Civic Marae and Cultural Centre?	Yes
Tell us why	Rangitāne should be significantly involved