

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Horowhenua District Community Wellbeing Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 6 November 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

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E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.
Tīhei mauri ora!	

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KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Kia whakairia te tapu	Restrictions are moved aside
Kia wātea ai te ara	so the pathway is clear
Kia turuki whakataha ai, kia turuki whakataha ai	To return to everyday activities
Haumi e, hui e, taiki e!	Draw together, affirm!

Karakia

1 Apologies

2 Late Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Meeting minutes Community Wellbeing Committee, 14 August 2024

Recommendations

That the meeting minutes of Community Wellbeing Committee, 14 August 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record.

File No.: 24/771

7.1 Community Wellbeing Network Report

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PURPOSE | TE PŪTAKE

1.1 This report provides an update and overview of the activities and actions undertaken by the current Wellbeing Network Committees.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION NGĀ | TAUNAKITANGA

A. That Report 24/771 Community Wellbeing Network Report – November 2024 be received and noted.

BACKGROUND | HE KŌRERO TŪĀPAPA

Our Committees:

Horowhenua Youth Services Network

1.2 Horowhenua Youth Services Network met once since the last Community Wellbeing Committee Report.

1.3 From their meeting held on 29 August 2024 the following updates were provided:

- Ethan Pollock, Sport Manawatū presented to the Network. Adapt Horowhenua has been established which is a collaboration between Sport Horowhenua and Uniting Communities. This is for tamariki and rangatahi whaikaha (youth with physical disabilities) in the Horowhenua district. Anticipated launch in Term 4, 2024.
- Mau Rākau - Muaūpoko Tribal Authority and Horowhenua District Council are collaborating to bring mau rākau sessions back for rangatahi in Horowhenua.
- An update was provided for the Teen Talks initiative, including potential speakers like Stan Walker (\$20,000) and David Letele (\$6,000), both of whom exceed the current

budget. Seeking input from rangatahi on preferred speakers. Discussed the idea of hosting a festival with multiple stages to offer diverse content.

- Youth Voice - 13 representatives from three colleges, Horowhenua Learning Centre, and those on correspondence. Ages 13-21, representing a wide range of rangatahi. Attended the Festival of the Future expo and have upcoming involvement at the Future Pathways Careers Expo on 22 October 2024.

Horowhenua Older Person's Network

- 1.4 The Older Person's Network has met twice since the last Community Wellbeing Committee Report.
- 1.5 From their meeting held on 5 September 2024 the following updates were provided:
 - Ted Melton from Horowhenua Community Camera Trust (HCCT), presented to the network. Ted discussed the expansion and maintenance of the camera network across various locations, emphasising the positive impact on community safety. The Trust operates 40 cameras in Levin, with plans for more in the coming months.
 - A de-escalation course was held for community members following concerns about safety on the streets. The course covered how to de-escalate aggressive or abusive confrontations to manage personal safety. Nine people attended, and the course has already positively impacted the library environment.
 - Preparations for the Age on the Go Expo taking place on 11 October 2024 which showcases services and activities available to older persons in the community.
- 1.6 From their meeting held on 17 October 2024 the following updates were provided:
 - Presentation by Ross Branigan – Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Ross invited organisations to participate in Civil Defence training to better understand emergency protocols. New Zealand has the National "ShakeOut" event on 24 October 2024 at 9:30 am, encouraging participation to build resilience and preparedness.
 - Discussed resources such as the "Get Ready" website and Council's "What Happens, Happens" booklet to help the community prepare for emergencies.
 - Age on the Go Expo held on 11 October 2024. A beautiful sunny day ensured a well-attended community event. 57 stallholders were present, with five presentations from various community groups held in the conference room. HLC supported the day with catering students running the on-site café and security staff helping manage the carpark and pack-in.
 - Emergency Housing: Only two people in emergency housing currently, with 170 on the housing register. Kāinga Ora is building 22 new homes and retrofitting 60 existing houses in Horowhenua.

Horowhenua Access and Inclusion Network

- 1.7 The Access and Inclusion Network has met once since the last Community Wellbeing Network Report.
- 1.8 From their meeting held on 8 October 2024 the following updates were provided:
 - A working group is planning the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2024. This will be held at Levin Uniting Communities Church. Plans to

expand on activities from last year, to include musical aspects and to promote the event on social media.

- Neurodiversity Support: The network is exploring potential training or events to raise awareness around neurodiversity. There is a growing impact of ADHD and a lack of resources available. Currently looking into an educational event with a panel of experts about the process for getting an ADHA diagnosis.
- Currently 16 participants have the Companion Card, with further promotion ongoing. Collaboration in progress with Palmerston North, Manawatū, and Kāpiti councils to extend the companion card across regions.

Education Horowhenua Network

THE EDUCATION HOROWHENUA NETWORK MET ONCE SINCE THE LAST COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE REPORT.

1.9 From their meeting held on 29 August 2024 the following updates were provided:

- Te Tomokanga is a primary school-based initiative to support students' return to school using Te Whare Tapa Whā as a framework, emphasising holistic well-being. The next stage is to create a steering group. An Expression of Interest letter will be circulated to identify additional participants for the group.
- The Ministry of Education shared that budgets are very tight with the priorities being laser focussed. They acknowledged that the group already includes multiple agencies but suggested adding a representative from the Health sector. They also recommended that the group prioritise the needs of Māori and Pasifika communities.
- Discussion about anxiety and wellbeing and the effects this has on rangatahi. There are frustrated parents who can't get their children to go to school and attendance numbers are dropping. The Network discussed current options that exist to manage this. There has also been an increase of students attending school by correspondence.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with sections 76 – 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRINGA KŌRERO

There are no appendices for this report

File No.: 24/770

7.2 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report

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PURPOSE | TE PŪTAKE

1. The purpose of the Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report is to provide the Committee with a draft visual dashboard presenting data, analysis and assist in the tracking of the Community Wellbeing Strategy priority areas.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TAUNAKITANGA

- A. That Report 24/770 Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report be received and noted.

BACKGROUND | HE KŌRERO TŪĀPAPA

2. For the purposes of this report, the intention of the Community Wellbeing Dashboard Report is to:
 - At a high level, from a community wellbeing perspective, get a sense of what the community is currently experiencing.
 - Enable the Committee to actively monitor any trends that may require the Committee to pivot, realign its focus, enable action and influence change.
 - Provide an opportunity for the Committee to identify future priority discussions and presentations that the Committee may wish to hear and see to allow for further action and work programming.

DISCUSSION | HE MATAPAKINGA

3. The Community Wellbeing Dashboard (the dashboard) is split into six areas of focus for each Committee meeting and quarter. Each area has a link to the Community Wellbeing Strategy the priorities identified in the Strategy.
4. **Housing**
 - Housing Register - The data displayed on the dashboard highlights the number of applicants on the Housing Register as at 30 June 2024. The Housing Register contains

174 applicants not currently in public housing who have been assessed as eligible and who are ready to be matched to a suitable property. Since March 2024, compared to June 2024 this is an increase of six applicants.

- Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants - The dashboard provides a breakdown of the number of households in Emergency Housing at the end of September 2024. This grant is available to people who cannot remain in their usual place of residence, if any, and do not have access to other accommodation which is adequate for them or their family's needs. As at September 2024 numbers remain the same as June 2024 at 57 grants, but the total amount granted is down by \$9,564. Compared to September 2023, numbers are down by six grants, with a \$36,898 decrease in total grants.
- The average house value in the Horowhenua district was \$565,359 in March 2024, which was lower than the New Zealand median of \$933,612.
- House value growth in the Horowhenua district increased by 1.2% for the year to March 2024. Growth was lower than in New Zealand (2.5%).

5. **Income, Social Welfare and Beneficiary Support**

- Nationally, as of September 2024, 391,224 people were receiving a main benefit, an increase of 29,130 (8%) from September 2023 and up by 10,335 from June 2024. At a local level at the end of September 2024, 4,257 people were receiving a main benefit, which is up by 243 from September 2023 and 111 from June 2024.
- Sole Parent Support: Between September 2023 and September 2024, the proportion of the working-age population receiving Sole Parent Support remained stable or slightly increased, with Central New Zealand (including Horowhenua district) seeing the largest rise (0.2%).
- The average household income in the Horowhenua district was \$100,869 in 2024, which was lower than the New Zealand average of \$132,538.
- Household income growth in the Horowhenua district was 5.9% for the year, reported in March 2024. Growth was greater than in New Zealand (5.7%).
- Per capita income in the Horowhenua district was \$42,944 in 2024, which was lower than the New Zealand average of \$50,854.
- Per capita income growth in the Horowhenua district was 8.4% for the year to March 2024. Growth was greater than in the rest of New Zealand (7.8%).

6. **Education / Youth Employment**

- The Government's recently introduced target is for 80% of students to attend more than 90% of each term.
- Term 1, 2024 data shows attendance at 61.7% across the whole of Aotearoa.
- As part of the Government's attendance action plan that was announced in April 2024, cabinet agreed to mandatory daily reporting from Term 1, 2025 and therefore we are yet to receive that mandatory reporting data.
- According to data from Ministry of Education (via educationcounts.govt.nz) Horowhenua student attendance is below the government's baseline data and current Term 1, 2024 data at 52.7%. The baseline data for term 2 is still unavailable.
- Nationally, short-term illness and medical absences, including COVID-19 and seasonal illnesses, remain the main drivers of non-attendance.

7. Health and Wellbeing

- Local Immunisation Levels: Immunisation rates are 79.5% for 12-month-old children, but lower at 58.7% for 6-month-olds.
- Steering groups meet regularly to develop strategies to boost coverage and Te Whatu Ora is creating resources to enhance understanding of its importance for health care providers, parents, whānau and care givers.
- The Horowhenua Health and Wellbeing Hub is set to open in late 2025 in Durham Street will provide additional healthcare needs for the district in addition to current providers.

8. Growth and Population

- The 2023 Census data, released in early October, reports Horowhenua district's population at 36,693, making it the 10th fastest-growing district in New Zealand. This reflects a 10.3% increase since 2018 and a 21.9% rise since 2013.
- Most ethnicities in the district have grown, increasing community vibrancy, noting that the European population has slightly decreased from 81% in 2018 to 79.3% in 2023.
- Growth in the Middle Eastern/Latin American/African demographic is linked to refugee resettlement. Since June 2022, Horowhenua has welcomed 129 Colombian and Venezuelan refugees, with 80 more expected in 2024/2025. All refugees are supported by the Red Cross in their first 12 months.

9. Community Safety

- The dashboard shows a decrease in robbery and burglary, improving overall community safety, but all other crime types have increased.
- The dashboard does not capture issues such as disorderly behaviour, family harm and crashes, which are more prevalent in Horowhenua but are not reflected in the data.
- The Police's Prevention/Community Workgroup has focused on making the CBD safer, leading to increased reporting and better safety despite higher crime statistics.
- Work will begin in the new year to establish the first bi-annual community safety forum with the Mayor and Council as per an action in the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

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ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRINGA KŌRERO

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Community Wellbeing Dashboard | November 2024



POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Numbers in emergency housing remain static, with a small decrease in amount granted.
- Local beneficiary numbers were up by 2.6%.
- Horowhenua student attendance is below the baseline data and current Term 1, 2024 data. Mandatory daily reporting starting Term 1, 2025.
- Local immunisation levels remain relatively high at 79.5% in 12 months old children. While levels are low at 58.7% in 6 month old children.
- Horowhenua's population has increased by 10.3% since the 2018 census making it the 10th fastest-growing district in New Zealand
- There were 2,323 all crimes for the selected period. All crimes went up by 46 compared to the previous period.

HOUSING

Horowhenua Housing Register as at June 2024

June 2024	Change since March 2024	Change since June 2023
174	↑ 6	↓ 12

Source: MSD

Horowhenua Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant as at September 2024

	Sept 2024	June 2024	Sept 2023
Number of Grants	57	57	63
Number of Applicants	24	24	21
Total Amount Granted	\$95,851	\$105,415	\$132,749
Average Amount Granted	\$1,653	\$1,917	\$2,042

Source: MSD

Numbers remain the same as June 2024, but the total granted is down by \$9,564. Compared to September 2023, numbers are down by six grants, with a \$36,898 decrease in total grants.

Horowhenua Affordability Indicators (March 2024)

	Value	Annual % Change	\$ Change
Average House Value	\$565,359	1.2% ↑	\$6,468
Average Weekly Rent	\$496	5.3% ↑	\$25

Source: THC

The average house value in Horowhenua District was \$565,359, below the New Zealand median of \$933,612. The average weekly rent was \$496, compared to the national average of \$560.

INCOME, SOCIAL WELFARE AND BENEFICIARY SUPPORT

LOCAL BENEFICIARY NUMBERS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2024

Category	Count	Percentage
JOBSEEKER	1,980	47%
SOLE PARENT	915	21%
SUPPORTED LIVING	1,314	31%
OTHER BENEFIT	48	1%

Source: MSD

National: As of September 2024, 391,224 people were receiving a main benefit, an increase of 29,130 (8%) from September 2023 and up by 10,335 from June 2024.

Local: At the end of September 2024, 4,257 people were receiving a main benefit, which is up by 243 from September 2023 and 111 from June 2024.

Horowhenua Household Income (March 2024)

	Value	Annual % Change	\$ Change
Average Household Income	\$100,869	5.9% ↑	\$5,662
Per Capita Income	\$42,994	8.4% ↑	\$3,316

Source: THC

The average household income in Horowhenua District was \$100,869 in 2024, which was lower than the New Zealand average of \$132,538.

EDUCATION / YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Government Target: 80% of students to be present for > 90% of the term.

Target	Baseline Data (Term 1, 2023)	Current (Term 1, 2024)
80%	59.5%	61.7%

Source: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Horowhenua Student Attendance

	Total Students (n)	Students Attending Regularly (%)	Students Attending 80-90% (%)	Students Attending 70-80% (%)	Students Attending 70% or less (%)
2024 Term 2	5,007	42.9	27.1	13.9	16.2
2024 Term 1	5,010	52.7	24.6	10.3	12.5
2023 Term 1	4,831	49.6	26.3	11.5	12.5

Source: Education Counts

Youth Employment – Latest Stats in Horowhenua

NEET Rate	NEET	Leavers with level 3 or university entrance
18.5%	721	27.7%
Job Seeker Support Rate	Job Seeker Support Recipients	Leavers not enrolled in tertiary
15.7%	420	56.9%

Source: MTFJ Youth Employment Dashboard

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

National immunisation coverage – 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024

Milestone Age	Eligible Nationally	Fully Immunised Nationally #	Fully Immunised Nationally %	Eligible Mid Central	Fully Immunised Mid Central #	Fully Immunised Mid Central %
6 months	14,639	9,428	64.4%	521	306	58.7%
8 months	14,746	11,406	77.3%	550	391	71.1%
12 months	14,485	11,847	81.1%	518	421	79.5%
18 months	14,983	9,063	60.5%	590	347	58.8%
24 months	15,076	11,551	76.6%	550	410	74.5%
4.5 years	16,533	10,054	60.8%	649	397	61.2%
5 years	16,257	11,818	72.7%	564	401	71.1%

Source: Te Whatu Ora

GROWTH AND POPULATION

The 2023 Census data, released in early October, shows Horowhenua district's population at 36,693, making it the 10th fastest-growing district in New Zealand. This reflects a 10.3% increase since 2018 and a 21.9% rise since 2013.

The ethnic composition is diverse:

Category	2023 (%)	2018 (%)
European	79.3 ↓	81.0
Māori	27.7 ↑	24.5
Pacific peoples	7.3 ↑	5.7
Asian	4.9 ↑	4.1
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.6 ↑	0.4
Other ethnicity	1.2	1.2

Source: Statistics NZ

Resettlement Programme

Since June 2022, Horowhenua has welcomed 129 Colombian and Venezuelan refugees, with a further 80 to be welcomed in 2024/2025.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Crime Snapshot

Crime Type	September 2024	September 2023	% Change
Assault	253	244	3.7% ↑
Sexual Assault	18	17	5.88% ↑
Abduction	4	2	100% ↑
Robbery	16	32	50% ↓
Burglary	563	660	14.70% ↓
Theft	1,469	1,322	11.12% ↑
Total	2,323	2,277	2.02% ↑

Source: NZ Police

The above does not record everything. For example disorderly behaviour, family harm and crashes are more common issues in Horowhenua but not represented in these statistics. The prevention/community workgroup has been investing its energy into making the CBD safer and feel safe. As a result of this, more people have been encouraged to report matters, so stats have increased, but the area is safer.

File No.: 24/801

7.3 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report

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PURPOSE | TE PŪTAKE

1. The purpose of the Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report is to highlight progress made against the Community Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) and Action Plan. The report also presents an opportunity for the Committee to discuss and raise any concerns or need to reprioritise the focus of the work programme of the Committee.

This matter relates to Community Connections and Better Wellbeing.

Activate the key priorities within the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TAUNAKITANGA

- A. That Report 24/801 Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report be received and noted.

BACKGROUND | HE KŌRERO TŪĀPAPA

2. The purpose of the Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring report is to:
 - Highlight the progress made on the Community Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan. Alternatively, identify any areas of concern or reductions in progress on the Action Plan.
 - Keep both the Council and the Committee accountable for the role that they play in community wellbeing.
 - Highlight work happening across all of Council business that is contributing to the success of the Strategy and overall community wellbeing.
 - Identify community-led initiatives that are also contributing to the delivery of the Action Plan.

DISCUSSION | HE MATAPAKINGA

Community Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan Progress

3. The way in which the monitoring report has been designed is two-fold.
4. The first part, highlights the current actions that are underway and provides further details on where they fit into the Strategy, timeframe, funding, who's taking the lead and current status.

5. For the purpose of this report and for the benefits of the members of the Committee, at each meeting where an item is flagged as 'completed', we will report on that and then, any future meetings those items will be removed from the report as they have been completed and placed back into the work plan if required.
6. The second part is the work programme that has laid out different actions and work streams for the next three years. Noting that when necessary, this can change.
7. The following progress has been made against the Community Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan:
 - 7.1. The 2024 Matariki Programme has been completed for 2024, with 19 events taking place for the Horowhenua community. Impressive numbers were recorded across the many events, including:
 - Te Ahurei o Horowhenua Kapahaka Festival – Which included performances by 16 kapa haka groups made up of kindergartens, primary schools, kura, intermediate, college groups, organisations and community groups – more than 550 performers performed throughout the day.
 - Te Putanga mai o Matariki - Muaūpoko karakia was held on the Wednesday morning. Breakfast was provided after the event with everyone being invited in with waiata – 80 in attendance.
 - Matariki ki Ōtauru – The Shannon community came out to enjoy the kapa haka, bouncy castles, musical entertainment, free hāngī and many other kai options. It was estimated that 2000 people attended.
 - Puna Kaukau – Approx 65 people braved the early morning cold to come along for a dip in the river. Hot drinks and kai were enjoyed after while people took the opportunity to keep warm by the braziers.
 - Other events included, Kapa Haka & Community Kai – 800 people in attendance, Matariki lunchtime Konohete – 100 spectators and Taitoko Night Market – 2000 in attendance.
 - 7.2. The non-contestable portion of the Urupā fund was notified to the district's 12 Marae mid-October. A further contestable funding pool will open in February 2025 in round 2 of the Community Grants and Funding programme.
 - 7.3. Horowhenua is gearing up for a series of vibrant events and activities for all age groups and cultural backgrounds between now and Christmas, including:
 - Multicultural Sports Day, 2 November 2024.
 - Diwali Festival, 23 November 2024.
 - Multicultural Festival, 30 November 2024.
 - Christmas Parade, 7 December 2024.
 - 7.4. Since the last meeting, five community capacity-building courses have been held in de-escalation and first aid, with 56 community members being upskilled.
 - 7.5. The Community Development and Communications team is in the process of developing a centralised directory of services and activities.
 - 7.6. The funding application for the community bus has been put on hold due to the Butterfly Pathway Project taking priority. The community bus has now been deferred to year two.
 - 7.7. The first Community Wellbeing Dashboard will be presented to the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting on November 6, 2024. Please share your feedback for improvements, so we can make our next meeting even more impactful. Together, let's shape a healthier, happier community!
 - 7.8. The Community Wellbeing section on the HDC website has been completed and now includes a list of support services for those in need, as well as information on how the community can support their own health and wellbeing. This includes joining local groups

or volunteering, enjoying the district's many green spaces, and connecting at our community centres and libraries.

- 7.9. Since May 2024, we've issued twenty companion cards—an impressive increase of 12 since our last meeting! This growth reflects our commitment to supporting individuals in our community, ensuring they have the assistance they need to thrive.
- 7.10. The Annual Age on the Go Expo was a success, connecting our older residents with 57 community organisations, groups, and business that can support their health and wellbeing. It is the event of the year for our older residents and it is heart-warming to see so many of them come together to connect, learn and engage with the community.
- 7.11. An internal meeting took place 17 October regarding community members who were displaced or homeless. A central register is being established to monitor the number of people affected with a view to connect with agencies and community to implement solutions.
- 7.12. The Local Welfare Group consisting of agency reps and community groups met on 1 August and again on 14 October, 2024, and continues to receive education and prepare the district for potential emergencies. Training for the wider community will take place during Q4 2025.
- 7.13. Housing - The current focus is around fully understanding the impact of the changes made to the Kainga Ora model through central government initiatives, and how HDC can then pivot to the new direction for social and affordable housing development, which will be led by the CHPs (Community Housing Providers). The focus remains on enabling and influencing positive outcomes for the community in the affordable housing space.
- 7.14. The Parks and Property Team organised a conservation week planting event at Kowhai Park, followed by morning tea for park users. The team planted 10 new kowhai plants and tidied up the park by collecting rubbish.
- 7.15. Council has supported six community-led planting and clean up days. This includes coastal foredune planting at Foxton Beach, where 30 people attended planting more than 3,000 spinifex and pingao plants. The planting continues to build resilience for the Foxton Beach residents, and their ability to live by the coast. Green by Nature provided a BBQ at the end of the planting. The Hōkio Beach Clean-Up was held on 5 October, and Waikawa Beach community held a planting day at the end of September. HDC has provided advice, tools and resources to support their community in their aspirations to build up their environment and provide resilience.

Highlights contributing to the Action Plan

8. The following highlights from across all of HDC business units have also contributed to overall community wellbeing in the last three months:
 - 8.1. We successfully wrapped up round 1 of grants and funding, distributing \$153,000 to 67 community organisations and groups to support and sustain their incredible work.
 - 8.2. In response to the recent threat of lead contamination in the water supply, HDC staff from across the organisation sprang into action to provide vital welfare support to Tokomaru residents. Our dedicated team delivered bottled water, facilitated public meetings, and ensured that up-to-date information was readily available. Throughout this challenging time, we prioritised the wellbeing of our residents, demonstrating our commitment to keeping the community safe and informed.
 - 8.3. Reo cafe's were held at Shannon Library, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō during Wiki o te Reo Māori, providing an opportunity for

community members to connect with each other. There was great feedback requesting more of these events, not just during Wiki o te Reo Māori.

- 8.4. The Solid Waste Team delivered a presentation to Waiopēhu College, educating students about eco-friendly period products. Over seventy students attended. A further presentation on food waste minimisation was also held in Foxton.
- 8.5. HDC's three libraries came alive during the school break, delivering an exciting and action-packed holiday program for our youngest community members. These programs not only provided fun and engaging activities but also play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging from an early age.
- 8.6. The Butterfly Pathway community initiative has gained momentum. When completed, the Butterfly Pathway will provide a place where whānau can remember their babies and children who have passed away.
- 8.7. After receiving feedback from our Libraries Team attendance at the Cognitive Stimulation Therapy webinar, the Team has moved the Dementia Friendly collection downstairs from the mezzanine to better meet the needs of our neurodegenerative community. The new location offers clearer navigation, reduces anxiety caused by noise and confined spaces, and eliminates the disorienting experience of using the lift. It's also closer to the service desk, allowing staff to provide better support, and near the disabled toilet, making it more accessible for caregivers and those they assist. This change reflects our commitment to creating a more welcoming and accessible environment and continuously looking to improve the way in which we deliver our services to the whole community.
- 8.8. A significant amount of work has gone into the Climate Action Plan over the last month, with teams across the organisation providing valuable reviews, with a final version now ready for review by the Executive Leadership Team and Council.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

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Community Wellbeing Strategy Monitoring Report – as at November 2024

This report highlights the progress made against the Community Wellbeing Action Plan and keeps Council accountable for the role that it plays when it comes to community wellbeing. Additionally, this report will highlight work happening across all of council business that is contributing to the success of this strategy and overall community wellbeing. This is by no means an exhaustive list of all the actions Council is undertaking.

Actions Currently Underway							Completed
							Underway
							Road Block
Priority Area	Activity/Action	Timeframe	Funding Source	Activity/Action Leader	Due Date	Story/notes	Status
Culture	Continue the Matariki Programme to celebrate Matariki.	Annually	Existing HDC Budget & External Grant	Council / Community	9 July 2024	2024 Matariki events have been completed for 2024. 19 Events took place across the district.	Completed
Culture	Establish and deliver an Urupā Fund to support the maintenance of burial grounds.	Year 1	HDC Community Grants & Funding	Council	1 February 2025	Community Funding and Recognition Committee approved approach and criteria 18 September. Non-contestable fund letters to marae issued 15 October. Contestable fund to open 1 February 2025.	Underway
Culture	Continue to offer a variety of events and activities that appeal to different age groups and cultural backgrounds and incorporate elements from various cultures into events to celebrate diversity and promote understanding.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	On-going	Multicultural Sports Day, 2 November 2024. Diwali Festival, 23 November 2024. Multicultural Festival, 30 November 2024. Christmas Parade, 7 December 2024.	Underway
Connected Community	Continue to provide support that helps build the community's capacity and capability by delivering a training programme.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	On-going	First aid courses and a de-escalation course held during August and September, attended by 56 community members. Two governance training sessions scheduled for November.	Underway
Connected Community	Develop a centralised directory of services and activities, ensuring regular updates to maintain accuracy.	Bi-annual	Existing HDC Budget	Council	End Dec 2024	First meeting held with Community Development and Communications teams. New platform being implemented which will host directory. Planning meeting scheduled for 29 October 2025.	Underway
Connected Community	Explore funding opportunities for a community bus to enhance educational access for children and young people across the region.	Year 1	External Grant & Corporate / Commercial Sponsorship	Council	November 2024	Application for funding on hold as Butterfly pathway funding application taking priority. Defer to year 2.	Road Block
Health & Wellbeing	Implement the Community Wellbeing Dashboard to monitor key statistical indicators supporting priority areas within the Strategy, presented at each Community Wellbeing Committee meeting.	Year 1 & on-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	14 August 2024	First Community Wellbeing Dashboard to be provided to 6 November CWC meeting.	Completed
Health & Wellbeing	Refresh the Community Wellbeing section on the Horowhenua District Council website.	Year 1 & on-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	End August 2024	Refreshed website page now live.	Completed
Health & Wellbeing	Continue to implement and grow the companion card initiative.	Year 1 & on-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council / Access and Inclusion Community Network	On-going	Launched 29 May 2024. 20 Companion cards issued to date, an increase of 12 since last the last update. Continue to promote and get more business on-board.	Completed
Health & Wellbeing	Deliver the Age on the Go Expo to showcase services, organisations and activities for the older community.	Annually	Existing HDC Budget	Council / Older Persons Network	11 October	The Annual Age on the Go Expo was a success with 57 stallholders showcasing their offerings to our older residents.	Completed
Sense of place and belonging	Implement the Welcoming Communities Strategy.	Year 1	External Grant	Council / Welcoming Communities Committee	31 December 2024	Welcoming Communities Strategy in draft form. Requires input from Welcoming Communities Committee. Welcoming Communities Committee to be re-established.	Underway
Sense of place and belonging	Ensure that Council events are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	31 December 2024	Accessible Events booklet being developed by events team. Draft underway which will require input from Access and Inclusion Network.	Underway
Housing	Create a resource that outlines what social support services are available for those members of our community who are displaced.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	On-going	Second internal meeting regarding homelessness took place 17 October 2025. Central register is being established to monitor number of people affected and determine next steps.	Underway
Environment, Community Resilience & Preparedness	Host two community training sessions to educate on emergency preparedness and resilience-building.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	On-going	The Local Welfare Group consisting of agency reps and community groups received welfare training on 14 October 2024. Training for the wider community to take place in Q4 2025.	Underway
Environment, Community Resilience & Preparedness	In partnership with our community partners and alongside the Parks and Property Team, host at least four community events that enhance the ecology of our open spaces, such as community planting, rubbish collection etc.	On-going	Existing HDC Budget	Council	On-going	Council has supported six community-led planting and clean up days, including foredune planting at Foxton Beach, Hōkio Beach clean-up, Waikawa Beach community planting day, Kowhai planting and clean-up.	Completed
Community Safety	Support and enable the delivery of community safety initiatives through Horowhenua District Council's contracted services.	Annually	Existing HDC Budget	Council / Contracted Services	End August 2024	Funding for Contracted Services approved through the LTP process. Meetings held with all Contracted Services to update their agreements for next three years. All agreements signed and funds paid.	Completed

Community Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan Work Programme

Priority Area	Q1 (July – Sept 24)	Q2 (October –Dec 24)	Q3 (Jan – March 25)	Q4 (April – June 25)	On-going	Year 2	Year 3
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate te reo Māori when delivering our Aquatics swim school programme. Continue celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori by planning and successfully delivering events, activities, and programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an annual multicultural event – 23 November. 					
Connected Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote equity and fairness by removing participation barriers and offering training opportunities to our community organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate a campaign highlighting our people and their connection to our rohe, showcasing their pride in coming from Horowhenua. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively promote Neighbours Day and facilitate small community initiatives like 'Over the Fence Cuppa' events – month of March. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We aim to create inclusive communication materials that represent our community's diversity and ensure accessibility for all residents, including those facing digital exclusion. Continue providing opportunities for our older demographic to enhance their digital skills. Develop new methods to keep our community informed about roading changes, ensuring accessibility and clarity regarding impacts such as road works or closures. We'll partner with Waka Kotahi to keep our community and residents updated during the Ō2NL project, with open communication channels. As members of the Horowhenua Transport Services Governance Group, we will continue planning public transportation with Horizons District Council in a leading role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a review of all community-led initiatives and programs to streamline opportunities and eliminate duplicate services. Advocate for enhanced community outcomes from the Ō2NL construction. Explore funding opportunities for a community bus to enhance educational access for children and young people across the region. 	
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a hui for NGOs to convene, collaborate, and share learning openly (bi-annual). 	Deliver the Age on the Go Expo – 18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a hui for NGOs to convene, collaborate, and share learning openly (bi-annual). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare providers and professionals will have access to participate in an easy read/easy write program. Work with community partners to provide a Health and Wellbeing Expo before winter to promote physical and mental health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of health-related policies and community and national initiatives to increase equitable access to health services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options with the Council and partners to improve access to healthy kai for our community. Implement a strategy for active recreation and sports to promote community health and wellness. 	
Sense of Place and Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate four (1 per quarter) new regular programmes that operate out in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate four (1 per quarter) new regular programmes that operate out in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate four (1 per quarter) new regular programmes that operate out in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate four (1 per quarter) new regular programmes that operate out in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Green Flag status. Collaborate with communities on placemaking projects for positive impact. Ensure Youth Space programming reflects rangatahi feedback, meeting their interests and needs. Ensure community facilities offer programs that build community skills and increase capability. 		

Priority Area	Q1 (July – Sept 24)	Q2 (October – Dec 24)	Q3 (Jan – March 25)	Q4 (April – June 25)	On-going	Year 2	Year 3
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Kāinga Ora developments and advocate for community benefits through the Community Wellbeing Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Kāinga Ora developments and advocate for community benefits through the Community Wellbeing Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Kāinga Ora developments and advocate for community benefits through the Community Wellbeing Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Kāinga Ora developments and advocate for community benefits through the Community Wellbeing Committee. Investigate what options Council has to create a safe space for displaced or homeless members of our community, working alongside our community partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and enable affordable housing choices through the District Plan and Housing Action Plan. Through the Horowhenua Operative District Plan, enable accessible housing opportunities with essential services, such as mixed-use development in urban centres. Continue exploring affordable housing options, including family flat development, through the Affordable Housing Framework. 		
Environment, Community Resilience and Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote well insulated homes, green energy and sustainable water use. Partnering with community stakeholders and our Parks and Property Team, host at least four events (1 per quarter) enhancing the ecology of our open spaces, such as community planting and rubbish collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate community training sessions on emergency preparedness and resilience building. Partnering with community stakeholders and our Parks and Property Team, host at least four events (1 per quarter) enhancing the ecology of our open spaces, such as community planting and rubbish collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote well insulated homes, green energy and sustainable water use. Partnering with community stakeholders and our Parks and Property Team, host at least four events (1 per quarter) enhancing the ecology of our open spaces, such as community planting and rubbish collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate community training sessions on emergency preparedness and resilience building. Partnering with community stakeholders and our Parks and Property Team, host at least four events (1 per quarter) enhancing the ecology of our open spaces, such as community planting and rubbish collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnership with Horizons Regional Council on the Joint Climate Action Plan and the Wellington Leadership Committee to understand environmental vulnerability and coordination of response. Incorporate nature-based solutions through green and blue infrastructure to mitigate climate impacts, and monitor sustainable nature presence in Horowhenua. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give effect to Horowhenua’s Climate Action Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with regional partners advocate for the establishment of public transport within urban environments.
Community Safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and strengthen relationships with key safety agencies through bi-annual community safety forums with the Mayor and Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-establish the Road Safety Group to advocate for improvements in road safety for the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand our Kaitiaki program within Community Facilities to increase community presence and engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and strengthen relationships with key safety agencies through bi-annual community safety forums with the Mayor and Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand our Kaitiaki program within Community Facilities to increase community presence and engagement. 	

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7.4 Emergency Management - Response Form Update

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PURPOSE | TE PŪTAKE

1. The report provides an update to information requested at our last hui in order to prepare ourselves as a community to respond to emergencies in the district.

This matter relates to Community Preparedness

Emergency management planning and preparation.

RECOMMENDATION NGĀ | TAUNAKITANGA

- A. That Report 24/802 Emergency Management - Response Form Update be received and noted.

BACKGROUND | HE KŌRERO TŪĀPAPA

2. At our last Community Wellbeing Committee hui we heard from Ross Brannigan, Emergency Management Adviser who talked about our roles and responsibilities in Civil Defence Emergency Management.
3. As is mandated for local government and government agencies, we work together with the community to respond to emergency events that take place in our rohe.
4. One way of helping to build relationships and connections to prepare us for times of crisis, is to share information of agency and hapū representatives, their roles, and how they can respond in an emergency.
5. Following the hui, Council Officers sent out an Emergency Response Form for Committee members to fill out and return to Council. Council Officers were to share the information with Committee members so we have the correct contact details for members in times of emergency.
6. Council is working with other groups such as the Local Welfare Group who are involved in emergency management response and seeking the same information. Therefore, if your agency is already represented in these groups, you do not need to supply the information again.

DISCUSSION | HE MATAPAKINGA

7. We have only had two responses from members, with at least 20 outstanding.
8. In order to progress this, we ask that members complete the form attached and Council Officers will collate the information and present it to members at the next hui in 2025.

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Emergency Response Form

How your team responds in an emergency and key contacts for your organisation

As lead coordinator for a local emergency event, Council's role is to collaborate with community agencies and groups to support the community during this time. The information collected here will be shared within the Community Wellbeing Committee. It will also be used by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Welfare Team at Council to help plan and understand the activities taking place within our organisations across the rohe.

Key contact person in an emergency:
<i>Name:</i>
<i>Role:</i>
<i>Phone:</i>
<i>Email:</i>
Alternate contact person:
<i>Name:</i>
<i>Role:</i>
<i>Phone:</i>
<i>Email:</i>
Who are your clients? Describe the needs of the community you serve:
What is your agency responsibility to your clients/community in an emergency (see three scenarios below)?:
<i>Significant weather event, storm/flooding</i>
<i>Pandemic</i>
<i>Community threat (siege)</i>
What is your trigger point? When do you move into action? E.g. declaration of state of local emergency, phone call from CE/Minister etc
Other comments, points to note: