



Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Community Committee will be held on:

Date: Thursday 5 June 2025
Time: 11:30 am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber and Audio Visual link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
 Chief Executive

Community and Natural Environment Committee *Te Roopuu Haapori me te oranga o te Taiao* OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Heamana Tuarua

Members

Mayor Paula Southgate	Cr Louise Hutt
Deputy Mayor Angela O'Leary	Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Maxine van Oosten	Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Moko Tauariki	Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Ewan Wilson	Cr Emma Pike
Cr Mark Donovan	Cr Maria Huata
Cr Tim Macindoe	Maangai Olly Te Ua
Vacancy	

Quorum: Two monthly

Meeting Frequency: Six weekly

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Purpose

The Community and Natural Environment Committee is responsible for:

1. Guiding and monitoring the provision of strategic community infrastructure and services to meet the current and future needs of the city and the enhanced wellbeing of its communities.
2. Governance of recreational, community facilities, amenities, and events.
3. Facilitating community and stakeholder involvement and discussion on community infrastructure, community safety, and community wellbeing matters.
4. Ensuring Hamilton is performing to the highest standard in the area of civil defence and emergency management.
5. The execution of Council's infrastructure and operational plans and strategies across Community asset classes.
6. Funding to benefit the social, cultural, physical, and arts wellbeing of communities in Hamilton.
7. Governance of strategies, policies and plans relating to the wellbeing, protection, enhancement, and sustainability of Hamilton's natural environment as identified in this terms of reference.

In addition to the common delegations on page 10, the Community and Natural Environment Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

8. To provide direction on strategic priorities and resourcing for community infrastructure aligned to city's overall development and oversight of strategic projects associated with those activities.
9. To develop policy, approve community-related strategies and plans, and monitor their implementation.
10. To receive and consider presentations and reports from stakeholders, government departments, organisations, and interest groups on community development and wellbeing issues and opportunities.
11. To monitor Hamilton's social demographics and social climate to assess current and future impacts on the Council and Hamilton communities.
12. To monitor the performance of Hamilton's civil defence and emergency management response against Council's requirements under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act including:
 - a) implementation of Government requirements;
 - b) contractual service delivery arrangements with the Waikato Regional Group Emergency Management Office
13. To determine the funding priorities for the Community Grants Allocation Committees, in line with the Community Assistance Policy, Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.
14. To determine the priority of Council projects suitable for contestable and philanthropic funding, excluding NZTA funding.
15. To coordinate and make decisions on proposals, applications for external funding, and the distribution of Council funding and funding provided to Council for public art, recreational and community facilities, and amenity.

16. To develop policy, approve, and monitor implementation of plans and strategies in relation to the performance of Council's investments in the Domain Endowment Fund and strategic property.
17. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for the sustainable use of Hamilton's natural resources, and to monitor their implementation as identified in this terms of reference.
18. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for Council's corporate environmental sustainability, and to monitor their implementation.
19. To develop policy, approve strategies and plans for Council's biodiversity, and to monitor their implementation.

Special Notes:

- The Committee may request expert external advice through the Chief Executive as necessary.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of Reserve Management Plans.
- Performing the Council's functions, powers, and duties (excluding those matters reserved to the Council by law, by resolution of the Council or as otherwise delegated by Council) under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and the Reserves Act 1977.
- Approval of purchase or disposal of land for parks and reserves required for designated works or other purposes within the Committee's area of responsibility which exceeds the Chief Executive's delegations and is in accordance with the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.
- Approval of applications for Council projects suitable for contestable and philanthropic funding.
- Approval of funding for recreational and community facilities and amenities in accordance with the Long Term Plan.
- Approval of public art proposals put forward by the community and/or Council in accordance with the Public Art Development Process and approved budget.
- Approval of the Heritage Fund grant allocation in line with the Heritage Plan.
- Approval of matters determined by the Committee within its Terms of Reference.
- Approval of acquisition or sale or lease of properties owned by the Domain Endowment Fund consistent with the Domain Endowment Fund Investment Policy, for any endowment properties. Note that if the Mayor and Chair consider that a final decision is more appropriately made by Council due to its significance, they may direct that and decision remains recommendatory, requiring ratification by Council.

The Committee is delegated the following recommendatory powers:

- The Committee may make recommendations to Council.
- The Committee may make recommendations to other Committees.

Recommendatory Oversight of Strategies:

- Nature in the City
- Open Spaces Strategy
- Play Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Age Friendly Plan
- He Rautaki Whakawhanake Hapori - Community & Social Development

Recommendatory Oversight of Policies and Bylaws:

- *Alcohol Control Bylaw*

- *Animal Nuisance Bylaw*
- *Citizens Initiated Referenda Policy*
- *City Honours Policy*
- *Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy*
- *Community Assistance Policy*
- *Community Occupancy Policy*
- *Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw*
- *Cultural and Recreational Facilities Bylaw*
- *Disability Policy*
- *Dog Control Bylaw*
- *Dog Control Policy*
- *Domain Endowment Fund Policy*
- *External Funding Applications Policy*
- *Monuments and Memorials Policy*
- *Naming of Roads, Open Spaces and Council Facilities Policy*
- *Open Space Provision Policy*
- *Parks, Domains and Reserves Bylaw*
- *Permanent Public Art Policy*
- *Provisional Local Alcohol Policy (if developed)*
- *Psychoactive Substances (Local Approved Products) Policy*
- *Prostitution Bylaw*
- *Public Places Bylaw*
- *Trading in Public Places Policy*
- *Safety in Public Places Bylaw*
- *Smokefree and Vapefree Outdoor Areas Policy*
- *TAB Board Venue Policy*

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

As per Hamilton City Council's Standing Orders, a period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of this meeting may speak for five minutes or longer at the discretion of the Chair.

Please note that the public forum is to be confined to those items falling within the terms of the reference of this meeting.

Speakers will be put on a Public Forum speaking list on a first come first served basis in the Council Chamber prior to the start of the Meeting. A member of the Council Governance Team will be available to co-ordinate this. As many speakers as possible will be heard within the allocated time.

If you have any questions regarding Public Forum please contact Governance by telephoning 07 838 6699.

Council Report

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Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee
Date: 05 June 2025
Author: James Winston II
Authoriser: Michelle Hawthorne
Position: Governance Advisor
Position: Governance and Assurance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 3 April 2025

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Community and Natural Environment committee confirm the Open Minutes of that the Community and Natural Environment Meeting held on 3 April 2025 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Community and Natural Environment Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes - 3 April 2025.

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Community and Natural Environment Committee
Te Komiti Haapori me te oranga o te Taiao
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Natural Environment Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 3 April 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Heamana Tuarua

Members Mayor Paula Southgate
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Cr Maxine van Oosten
Cr Ewan Wilson
Maangai Olly Te Ua
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Emma Pike
Cr Maria Huata
Cr Tim Macindoe

External Presenters Matthew Cooper and Shane Brodie – Sport Waikato

The Deputy Chair assumed the role of Chair.
The Deputy Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)
That the Community and Natural Environment Committee accepts the apologies of absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, and Cr Tauariki (Council Business), and for partial attendance from Cr Huata (Council Business).
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)
That the Community and Natural Environment Committee confirms the agenda noting that Item 7 (Sport Waikato Update July-Dec 2024) will be taken after Item 5 (Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Open Minutes 18 February 2025) to accommodate availability of external presenters.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**
Cr Macindoe declared a conflict in relation to Item C1 (Momentum Proposal). He noted he would not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

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Cr Pike declared an interest in Item C1 (Momentum Proposal). She noted she was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

Natasha Willison-Reardon & Mareta Matenga (The Serve) spoke to Item 6 (Chair's Report) in support of further work in the Garden Place space and outlined the work they were doing to support people in this space.

Joe Wilson (Waikato Wellbeing Project) spoke to Item 6 (Chair's Report) in relation to the Garden Place activation work and suggested ways to better support those using the space.

5. Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Open Minutes 18 February 2025

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Hutt)

That the Community and Natural Environment committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community and Natural Environment Meeting held on 18 February 2025 as a true and correct record.

Item 7 (Sport Waikato Update July-Dec 2024) was taken after Item 5 (Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Open Minutes 18 February 2025) due to availability of external presenters.

6. Sport Waikato Update July-Dec 2024

The Community Services Unit Director introduced the external presenters from Sport Waikato who spoke to the report, in particular, funding, artificial fields, aquatic planning, coordinating partnership opportunities and regional sport. They responded to questions from Members concerning recent survey results, initiatives they were undertaking, field studies, challenges, economic impact of their organisation, multi-sport facilities, aquatic spaces, work in the older person's sport space and funding.

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Macindoe)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Cr Huata joined the meeting (9.54 am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

7. Chair's Report

The Chair and Deputy Mayor O'Leary spoke to the report highlighting the lack of accessible space for the performing arts area, impact of regional theatre, performing arts growth and future proposals for the creative industries. They responded to questions from Members concerning Garden Place mitigation and the role of current bylaws.

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Thomson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) requests staff:
 - i. investigate social, regulatory, safety and design interventions for supporting street whānau, reducing antisocial behaviour, and activating Garden Place;
 - ii. bring a report to 30 April Council meeting outlining process, timeframe and cost to review and amend the below bylaws and any proposed adjustments to the existing work programme to accommodate this work:
 - I. Public Places Bylaw 2016;
 - II. Hamilton Safety in Public Places Bylaw 2020;
 - III. Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020; and
 - IV. Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019.
 - iii. continue facilitating the Hamilton CBD Interagency Group, and present a report to the

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June Community Committee on identified gaps and opportunities to support street community in Hamilton City, including the role of Council; and

- iv. report back with further information on the impact that population growth and intensification has on community houses and organisations supported via Councils Community Grants Programme in time for consideration in the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan.
- c) notes that this work will be undertaken in coordination with existing internal efforts (such as the central city alignment groups) to ensure consistency across various priorities and programmes of work; with recommendations reported to the appropriate Committee.

Cr Bydder Dissenting

The meeting was adjourned from 10.53am to 11.10am.

Cr Huata retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Cr Pike left the meeting during the above adjournment.

8. Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Quarterly Report

The Safety & Resilience Unit Director took the report as read. They responded to questions from Members concerning medical services, collaborative relationships, operation centres, staff training and earthquake building requirements.

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Maangai Olly)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Cr Pike re-joined the meeting (11.11am) during the above item. They were present when the matter was voted on.

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9. Tree Policy - Request to Consult

The Programme & Planning Manager spoke to the report highlighting the purpose for the tree policy, guiding principles of the tree canopy, amenity value and tree management. They responded to questions from Members concerning existing mature trees, infrastructure impacts, tree removal, species selection, planting and vandalism.

Resolved: (Cr Hutt/Cr Wilson)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Draft Tree Policy (attachment 1) and the Draft Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 2**);
- c) approves public consultation to occur 19 May to 16 June 2025; and
- d) notes that verbal submission will be heard by the Regulatory and Hearings Committee 22 July 2025, with recommendations from the Committee being provided to the 18 September 2025 Council meeting for deliberations and approval.

10. Accessible Properties 2024 Annual Report

The Community Advisor & Grants Manager provided an update on the initiatives being undertaken by Accessible Properties about engagement with the tenants. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning discussion outcomes, social housing and rates.

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that:
 - i. Council staff have reviewed two 6-monthly reports attached for the period ending 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2024; and

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- ii. the reports show compliance with the agreed encumbrances and other clauses in the agreements between the Council and Accessible Properties.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Hutt)
That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Momentum Waikato Proposal) Good reason to withhold) information exists under	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Committee Public Excluded Minutes 18 February 2025) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to avoid the unreasonably, likely prejudice to the commercial position of a person who supplied or is the subject of the information	Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)
Item C2.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)

The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 11.53am.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.35pm.

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Appendix 1. Public Forum Submission:



1 April 2025

Hamilton Christian Nightshelter Trust / Te Whare Korowai Taangata o Kirikiriroa

Written Submission to Hamilton City Council in Preparation for Oral Submission – 3 April 2025

Subject: Supporting the Establishment of Te Rito Awhi: A Collaborative Community Hub for Housing Vulnerable Adults in Kirikiriroa/Hamilton.
Submitted By: Joanne Turner, Kaiwhakahaere Matua / CEO
Date: 01-04-2025
Addendum: Concept overview of 'Te Rito Awhi'

Introduction:

Te Whare Korowai is deeply committed to supporting the most vulnerable members of our community. Within our service we provide a total of 83 warm, dry and supportive spaces to accommodate those who would otherwise be homeless, while they search for their own, sustainable long-term home. In more recent times, we have provided 'visitor' support to male visitors to our male-only facility when we have been unable to provide accommodation.

At the behest of the government late last year, we curated a proposal for a government-wide response to homelessness in Kirikiriroa which includes an increase in bed availability for those who remain on the street. As part of our proposal, we also advocated for the establishment of **Te Rito Awhi**, a collaborative community hub designed to address the urgent needs of those struggling with housing vulnerability and homelessness.

The current approach of policing, criminalising mental health and addictions and further displacing the homeless population is not a solution. Without a cohesive, compassionate, and coordinated response, the cycle of community suffering will continue, with increasingly tragic outcomes.

The Current Crisis:

The failures of our existing systems are well-documented, and we consistently attend to:

- Those who have experienced severe childhood trauma, (including those being made a ward of the state), are pushed out of services.
- People released from mental health facilities to no fixed abode, without follow up support.
- Individuals suffering from addiction with no treatment options available.
- People released from prison to no fixed abode
- People becoming mentally unwell, have no access to timely treatment and pushed out of family/community networks.

The suggestion to return to outdated nightshelter models is not a viable solution. Such models merely serve as **dumping grounds** for individuals that agencies wish to pass on. This approach will not address the underlying issues — it will only exacerbate them.

Te Rito Awhi – A Genuine Solution:

Te Rito Awhi is not just about providing a physical space. It is about providing access to **meaningful support**. It is about fostering partnerships where mental health services, addiction recovery programs, housing providers, the Police, Corrections, MSD and the Council can work **together** to provide coordinated care.

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By offering culturally responsive services, support for addiction and mental health needs, and pathways to sustainable housing, we can create a community where everyone is treated with dignity, compassion, and respect.

Our Request to the Council:

We are asking the Hamilton City Council to:

1. **Support the establishment of Te Rito Awhi** as a collaborative community hub.
2. **Advocate for genuine partnerships** between health services, Police, social support agencies, and Te Whare Korowai.
3. **Reject outdated models of 'night shelters'** that perpetuate the harmful cycle of displacement and neglect.
4. **Provide resources and endorsement** to ensure Te Rito Awhi can function effectively as a long-term, sustainable solution.

Conclusion:

We have the opportunity to build something truly transformative. A model of care that provides hope, safety, and healing rather than punishment, displacement, and further harm.

Te Whare Korowai is ready to contribute our resources, knowledge, and compassion to this effort. But we cannot do it alone. We need the Council's support to make **Te Rito Awhi** a reality and to ensure that our most vulnerable are not abandoned by the systems meant to protect them.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Joanne Turner
Kaiwhakahaere Matua / Chief Executive
Te Whare Korowai Taangata o Kirikiriroa
Hamilton Christian Shelter Trust

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Te Rito Awahi (The Hub)

Te Rito Awahi will serve as the central space for any person 18+ who are 'housing vulnerable' to receive connection, support, and empowerment to achieve positive and fulfilling goals. Designed as a one-stop hub, it will offer in-house support and activities and, through formalising our collaborative relationships, access to external services, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Key Features

1. **Connection and Collaboration**
A welcoming environment where individuals can access health, accommodation, and social services, kai, clothing, community and connection.
Partnerships with government agencies and community providers to streamline support.
2. **Holistic Well-Being – Māori Health Models of Care**
Grounded in *Te Pae Mahutonga* (M. Durie, 1999) concept of well-being, the Hub will focus on:
Mauriora: Supporting cultural identity and access to *te ao Māori* learning and support.
Waiora: Ensuring a safe, inclusive physical environment.
Taiora: Promoting healthy lifestyles through tailored programmes and activities.
Te Oranga: Encouraging active participation in society, fostering pathways to stability and success.
Nga Manukura: Leadership development through collaboration with community leaders.
Te Mana Whakahaere: Empowering individuals to take ownership of their well-being.
3. **Incorporating Connection as a Core Value**
Te Rito Awahi will directly address social exclusion, a root cause of homelessness, by fostering intentional and daily connection. This aligns with research emphasising social inclusion as both a treatment and protective factor for addiction and homelessness.
Drawing inspiration from models like Whakamaru in Wellington and HomeGround in Auckland, the Hub will provide an inclusive and non-judgmental space for all genders and ethnicities to access essential services and connect within their community.
4. **Pathways to Thriving**
Activities will focus on moving individuals from survival to stability, then thriving, through:
 - Mindfulness and creative activities such as art, carving, music, exercise.
 - Access to cultural practices and group *korero* sessions to build confidence and connection.
 - Counselling, advocacy, and well-being support.
 - Values aligned external services who will meet people where they are at by offering supports via *Te Rito Awahi*.
5. **A Tūrangawaewae for All**
A place to stand and belong, free from judgment, fostering dignity and self-worth in those who have experienced exclusion and displacement.

Addendum to HCC Brief – *Te Rito Awahi* concept.

Council Report

Item 6

Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee

Date: 05 June 2025

Author: James Winston II

Authoriser: Helen Paki

Position: Governance Advisor

Position: General Manager Customer and Community

Report Name: Chair's Report

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives the report.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Chairs Report



Chair's Report

Chairs Report June 2025

This portfolio is wide-ranging and always evolving—which speaks to the vibrant, diverse communities we serve. From the people delivering front-line services to the volunteers giving their time and energy, Hamilton is incredibly fortunate to have individuals who genuinely care and who work every day to make this city better. As Chair, I often reflect on how easy it can be to focus only on what needs fixing or improving—and yes, that work matters. But it's just as important that we take a moment to acknowledge, with real gratitude, the good things happening around us every day.

This report highlights just a few of the many positive initiatives being led by our Council teams, community partners, and residents—from cultural celebrations and inclusive programmes, to environmental stewardship and acts of remembrance. These are the building blocks of a stronger, kinder, and more connected Hamilton. In recognising them, we honour the shared effort it takes to grow the kind of city we can all be proud of—not only in the future, but right now, in the everyday moments of care, creativity, and connection.

Tagbusters

Ngā Uri o Hinetūparimaunga was created by Digger Te Kanawa and Chris Booth to mark the entrance to Hamilton Gardens. Inspired by the eroded ignimbrite cliffs of Hinuera, the stone columns reflect the natural history of the Waikato, shaped over time by the Waikato River. To symbolically protect five of the columns, they created a Kākahu—a woven pebble cloak titled Te Kahu o Papatūānuku. Made from 13,000 pebbles from Southland and Kaiaua, it honours and safeguards Papatūānuku, incorporating ancestral designs from a korowai woven by Digger Te Kanawa.

Ngā Uri o Hinetūparimaunga was officially named on 5 April 2005 by Ngāti Wairere kaumātua Haare Puke and John Haunui. The Kākahu was named Te Kahu o Papatūānuku two days earlier, on 3 April 2005, by Haare Puke (Ngāti Wairere), Buddy Te Whare (Maniapoto), and kuia and weaver Digger Te Kanawa.

Recently, this special taonga was in need of care, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Tag Busters team for their outstanding effort in cleaning the sculpture. Recognising the significance of the work, they responded swiftly and respectfully, even completing the job on a Saturday. Their attention to detail helped restore the sculpture to its rightful state. Thank you for honouring the mana of this work and treating it with the dignity it



Memory meadow

In partnership with HCC, the Cancer Society, and Lodge Real Estate, around 80 volunteers came together to plant 5,000 daffodil bulbs in Hinemoa Park—completing Hamilton’s first Memory Meadow, a living tribute to those lost to cancer. With 10,000 bulbs planted at the site in 2024 alone, the event was a true community effort, supported by a dedicated team using augers to make planting through the tough Kikuyu grass more efficient. The final bulb was in the ground before midday, with strong public turnout from 9am. Hamilton’s Memory Meadow is part of a wider regional initiative, with similar plantings in Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Pirongia—and with its success, plans are already underway to expand these vibrant spaces of remembrance across our parks.



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Mangakootukutuku Partnership

I'm proud to highlight the proactive steps our team is taking to deepen community engagement and increase visitation at Gallagher Aquatic Centre. One standout initiative is our growing partnership with Mangakootukutuku College and the Glenview community, culminating in a special Matariki Rising celebration. This event, spanning both the school grounds and Gallagher Pools, represents more than just a collaboration—it's a meaningful opportunity to connect with local rangatahi and whānau through culture, food, and recreation.

Strengthening relationships with our local schools and communities is a strategic priority, and this partnership reflects our commitment to engaging with those we most want to see represented in our public spaces. By supporting vibrant, inclusive events like this, we are not only celebrating Matariki—we are building a stronger, more connected Hamilton

Quiet Time at Gallagher Aquatic Centre

We should also feel proud to support initiatives that make our facilities more inclusive and welcoming for everyone in our community. This winter, the Quiet Time programme has returned to Gallagher Aquatic Centre—offering a calm, sensory-sensitive environment for those who may find traditional pool settings overwhelming. By reducing bright lighting and background noise, our team is creating a space where all individuals, especially those with sensory needs, can feel safe, relaxed, and respected.

Partnership with Autism Waikato has been key to the programme's success. Their insights help the team shape the experience in a way that genuinely meets the needs of the neurodiverse community. This collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to accessibility and continuous improvement across our services.

Libraries

Our libraries are leading innovative, culturally rich initiatives that deepen community connection and wellbeing. In May, the first Researching Whakapapa event at Rototuna Library was held where attendees were inspired by powerful kōrero from Professor Tom Roa and Sister Rangi Parker—with a follow-up already in planning. At Dinsdale Library, a pilot karakia with the community session in April sparked emotional responses and overwhelming positivity, leading to a commitment to host monthly gatherings. Meanwhile, St Andrews Library continues its sustainability journey with a completed solar roof project now tracking energy use in real time, and a beautifully repurposed He Pātaka Kākanoseed library—built from withdrawn books and an old card catalogue—offering a hands-on learning tool for local schools.

ANZAC

ANZAC Day remains a significant moment of reflection and unity for our city, and I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of our Events Team and wider HCC staff for delivering a moving commemoration—beautifully recognised in a recent letter to the Waikato Times editor.

RSA says thanks

On behalf of the Hamilton Returned and Services Association, I warmly thank all of the Community groups and Organisations and the many volunteers for your contribution and participation in our [ANZAC Day commemorations](#) last Friday 25th. Much planning makes a successful event and this was achieved thanks to the determination and devotion to the task of Hamilton City Council Events Management Team, staff and contractors.

Once again, Hamilton City provided a poignant and sincere occasion to remember and honour those who were sacrificed during World Wars, recent conflicts and Peacekeeping Operations abroad whilst also paying respect to those Service Veterans living in our community and those currently serving in New Zealand Defence Force.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank those in the Hamilton community who donated to our RSA National Poppy Appeal which ran during April. Please be assured that the money donated by our generous citizens will be managed by our Hamilton RSA Poppy Trust to help financially assist our veterans and their families within Hamilton and surrounding districts.

Thank you, citizens of Hamilton, for your generosity during our Poppy Appeal.

Bruce Gillespie, Hamilton RSA president

Partnership, Communications and Maaori Volunteer day

On the same day as the Hospice Banquet fundraiser, Council staff's commitment to community partnerships was also on display, with the "Partnerships, Communication and Maaori" group volunteering at the Hospice Lake Road Shop and Cobham Drive sites. Their efforts—fence painting, garden establishment, and planting—transformed the space and deepened connections with the Hospice team. These hands-on contributions are about more than just service; they help build lasting relationships that strengthen the fabric of our community.



Cr Kesh Naidoo - Rauf, Chair, Community and Natural Environment Committee

Cr Anna Casey - Cox, Deputy Chair, Community and Natural Environment Committee

Recommendation:

That the Community and Natural Environment Committee receives this report.

Council Report

Item 7

Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee

Author: Erin Bates

Position: Head Of Community Partnerships, Funding & Events

Report Name: Draft Events Policy

Date: 05 June 2025

Authoriser: Janet Carson

Position: General Manager Partnerships, Communication & Maaori

Report Status	Open
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Purpose - Take

1. To seek Community and Natural Environment Committee approval to undertake targeted consultation with Kirikiriroa event organisers in relation to the Draft Events Policy.

Staff Recommendation - Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

2. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) approves the Draft Events Policy for targeted consultation with Kirikiriroa wide event organisers; and
 - c) notes that a Final Draft Events Policy, incorporating event organiser feedback, will be included on the 28 August 2025 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga matua

3. Hamilton City Council is committed to attracting and supporting events within the city.
4. The Draft Events Policy sits along the Event Enablement work programme to support reducing of barriers (identified by CBD event organisers) to holding events in Kirikiriroa.
5. The Draft Policy was circulated to CBD event organisers and their feedback incorporated into the document in **Attachment 1**.
6. Staff recommend that the Community and Natural Committee approves the Draft Policy for targeted consultation with event organisers. A final draft policy will be provided to the 28 August 2025 Council meeting.
7. Staff consider the decision in this report to have low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council’s legal requirements.

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Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

8. This report responds to a 2024-34 Council Long-Term Plan resolution requesting that staff develop a draft events policy that reduces red tape and enables arts and events to happen easier.
9. On 17 December 2024 staff met with Central Business District (CBD) event stakeholders to understand key barriers to holding events in Kirikiriroa and what the “game changers” might be. Attendees included Creative Waikato, Seed Waikato, Hamilton Central Business Association, Boon Arts, and others regularly running events in the central city.
10. An Information Session was held on 12 February 2025 to seek Members feedback of the key areas for improvement to the events process. These were: permitting (turn around, templates, information, manual system, scalability), noise (a consistent approach to complaints and understanding requirement), youth events (appropriate venues, mentoring) and public liability insurance (cost prohibitive and risk)
11. In response to these improvement areas, a proposed two-year events enablement work programme was presented to and endorsed by Elected Members. This work is being progressed by staff.
12. Proposed policy principles (our customer promise) were also presented at the information briefing. Staff received direction to proceed with these to underpin development of the draft Events Policy:
 - i. we will have a “how can we make this happen” approach to every event enquiry we receive;
 - ii. we will enable and facilitate a diverse year-round programme of events;
 - iii. we will have a continuous improvement mindset to make it easy for the community to hold events; and
 - iv. we will promote a range of diverse places and spaces for events across Kirikiriroa.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

13. The development of the Draft Events Policy has been informed by feedback from CBD event organisers at the December meeting; and subsequent feedback invited on the proposed draft in May 2025.
14. Feedback on the Draft Events Policy was received from Hamilton Central Business Association, Creative Waikato and Te Ohu Whakaita Charitable Trust. This has been incorporated into the Draft Events Policy presented to Council today.
15. It is proposed that if approved by the Committee for consultation the Draft Events Policy be circulated to all Kirikiriroa event’s organisers for feedback. Council’s events permit database will be utilised to identify organisers who have applied for permits in the last two years. This will be approximately 70 organisers.
16. If the Draft Event Policy is not approved for consultation, staff will continue to work with key events stakeholders to continue to support and enable actions that will create the right conditions for enabling events in Kirikiriroa.
17. The draft Events Policy has alignment with the following Council documents:
 - i. H3 (Destinations Group, Hamilton City Council) venue use requirements;
 - ii. Hamilton City Council Event Sponsorship Policy; and
 - iii. Waikato Arts Navigator 2023.

Options

18. Staff have assessed that there are three reasonable and viable options for the Community and Natural Environment Committee to consider. The options are:
 - i. **Option One:** Approve the draft Events Policy for targeted consultation;
 - ii. **Option Two:** Decline the draft Events Policy for targeted consultation with directions for amendments to be made prior to presenting to the Community and Natural Environment Committee at a future date; and
 - iii. **Option Three:** Decline to proceed with the draft Events Policy.
19. Staff recommend **option one** as this aligns with Council's resolution to enable events to happen in Kirikiriroa.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

20. Development of this policy is being covered within existing budgets funded through the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.
21. The costs incurred in the development of the Events Policy are being covered within current operational budgets. It is estimated that staff resource of approximately 200 hours will be required to prepare, implement and evaluate targeted engagement and prepare the final draft report and policy.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

22. Staff confirm that options presented comply with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

23. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

24. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
25. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

26. Events contribute to the social wellbeing of Hamiltonians through enabling opportunities to connect and celebrate as a community. Partnerships with community organisations and Māori to support the delivery of the events encourage collaboration across the sector, utilising resources effectively to benefit Hamilton.

Economic

27. Events have a flow on positive impact for Kirikiriroa economy in two ways: via those who provide support and collateral to the event; and the flow on effects to the city's economy, attracting locals, and visitors alike.

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Environmental

28. The draft policy includes a focus on encouraging use of waste minimisation and Maatauranga Maaori ethos. Our waste minimisation team supports organisers through providing advice and assistance with planning for their event.

Cultural

29. Events contribute to cultural wellbeing through enabling Council and community events that celebrate Kirikiriroa rich cultural heritage and diversity.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

30. There are no known risks associated with decisions required for this matter.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

31. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report have a low level of significance.
32. The views of CBD event organisers have been canvassed via an initial hui; and further feedback invited on the Draft Events Policy.
33. The recommended targeted engagement with Kirikiriroa wide event organisers will provide an opportunity to ensure the Draft Policy resonates and supports the enabling events within the city.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Draft Events Policy

First adopted:	XXX 2025
Revision dates/version:	N/A
Next review date:	XXX 2028
Engagement required:	Targeted engagement
Document Number / Location	<i>Insert Tahi SharePoint link for the final Policy</i>
Associated documents:	Our Vision for Hamilton Kirikiriroa; He Pou Manawa Ora; Event Sponsorship Policy; Community Grants Policy; Disability Action Plan.
Sponsor/Group:	General Manager Partnerships, Communication & Maaori

DRAFT Events Policy

Ko te Puutaketanga

Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to:
 - a) enable Hamilton to reach its full potential as an event enabling and welcoming city.
 - b) outline the Council's roles and responsibilities relating to city events, with a particular emphasis on:
 - Facilitating event-planning and implementation
 - Making it easy to hold city events while maintaining safety, public health, and accessibility standards, and minimising disruption to local communities and businesses
 - Encouraging and enabling city events generally that contribute to the city's strategic direction and add to the city's vibrancy, community spirit, cultural diversity, and economic potential.

Ko te Whaanuitanga

Scope

2. This Policy applies to all city events whether on council property or more generally that council has a role in facilitating, with the exception of:
 - a) Private events on private land not accessible by the public
 - b) Demonstrations and rallies
 - c) Events held outside the jurisdiction of Hamilton City Council.

Ko ngaa Whakamaaramatanga

Definitions

Term	Definition in this Policy
Event	An organised temporary activity that has some impact on the community.

Ko ngaa Tikanga Whakahaere Kaupapahere

Principles of Policy

3. The guiding principles for this Policy are:

Customer Service

- a) Clear communication and timely customer service will drive the Council's permitting process, and it will make continuous improvements to ensure that the process is as streamlined as it can be for event holders.

Diverse year-round programme of events

- b) The Council will ensure there are a variety of events that are representative of its diverse communities. It will collaborate with community groups, iwi and Maaori, and local businesses to make them happen, communicating and promoting events that support the richness, voice and diversity of Kirikiriroa and grow the audience base.

Health, safety and environmental care will be a priority for all Hamilton city events

- c) The Council prioritises the safety and well-being of event participants and the community, ensuring all events adhere to health and safety standards and other permitting or compliance requirements. This includes mitigating the impact of events on Kirikiriroa Hamilton's environment, climate and supporting waste minimisation plans to protect the city's blue and green spaces.

Ko ngaa Tikanga Policy

- 4. The Council will ensure streamlined systems and process to:
 - a) Ensure permitting and event enquiries are channelled through one point of contact wherever possible and event organisers will know who to contact and how.
 - b) Provide permit decisions within designated timeframes.
 - c) Provide clear guidelines, timelines, and permitting requirements.
 - d) Provide support for event managers in preparing emergency preparedness plans for high-risk events.
 - e) Conduct risk assessments for high-risk events to determine additional actions.
 - f) Implement continuous improvement in processes and requirements.
- 5. The Council will provide ready advice and support to anyone holding a city event, whether on the Council's property or generally as needed. Council staff will:
 - a) Offer guidance and resources.
 - b) Provide specific advice on regulatory matters; including but not limited to noise and traffic management requirements.
 - c) Consider additional investment in advice and support through long-term and annual planning.
 - d) Identify suitable public spaces and council venues for hosting events; and provide maps and details to event organisers.
 - e) Staff will identify and recommend improvements for Members consideration through annual plans and LTP.
 - f) Support and advise event organisers on the use of sustainable practices, such as composting, reducing single-use plastics, and promoting public transport and inform them on Mataauranga Maori waste minimisation practices that may be utilised.
 - g) Monitor and review events for compliance, providing feedback and support.

6. The Council will partner with others to deliver city events, and Council staff will:
 - a) Engage with community groups, iwi and Maaori, local businesses, and other stakeholders for input and feedback on city events that the Council holds and encourage their involvement in event planning and execution.
 - b) Support Kaupapa Maaori events and undertake early engagement in planning and decision making with iwi and Maaori led organisations to ensure the partnership pillar and outcomes outlined in He Pou Manawa Ora (Pillars of Wellbeing strategy) are upheld.
 - c) The Council may develop formal partnership agreements outlining roles, responsibilities, and expectations for selected events, and as determined from time to time.
7. The Council will fund and/or sponsor selected events, and Council staff will:
 - a) Promote and provide grants or funding for community-led events that meet identified expectations within the Council's Community Grants Policy.
 - b) Determine grant funding and sponsorship options and levels through the Council's long-term and annual planning.
 - c) Work with community groups and event organisers to support the exploration of additional external funding sources to support event activation.
 - d) Ensure due consideration is given to achieving the Council's core city strategies and plans, including (but not limited to) the Central City Transformation Plan, He Pou Manawa Ora and Rangatahi Action Plan as part of the application for grants and/or sponsorship assessment process.
8. The Council will promote Hamilton city events, and Council staff will:
 - a) Use Council media and social media channels to promote Council-led or sponsored events.
 - b) Offer promotional support for events with wide community reach or interest.
 - c) Maintain partnerships with key stakeholders for major event promotion and activation.

Ko te Aroturukitanga me te Whakatinanatanga **Implementation**

Monitoring and

9. Implementation of the policy will be monitored by the General Manager Partnerships, Communication and Maaori, ensuring that all aspects of the policy are effectively implemented.
10. The policy will be reviewed in response to any issues that may arise, every three years, at the request of Council or in response to changed legislative and statutory requirements (whichever occurs first).

Ko ngaa Tohutoro **References**

Local Government Act 2002

Major Events Management Act 2007

H3 (Destinations Group, Hamilton City Council) venue use requirements

Hamilton City Council Event Sponsorship Policy

Red tape and barrier feedback from CBD event holders 2025

Waikato Arts Navigator 2023

Council Report

Item 8

Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee

Date: 05 June 2025

Author: Philippa Clear

Authoriser: Janet Carson

Position: Community Advisor & Grants Manager

Position: General Manager Partnerships, Communication & Maaori

Report Name: Rangatahi Action Plan

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To seek approval from the Community and Natural Environment Committee for the approval of the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) approves the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028; and
 - c) notes that:
 - i. progress on Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 will be reported annually to the Community and Natural Environment Committee; and
 - ii. any requests for associated funding will be brought to the next Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. During the 2024 Long Term Plan process, 14 community members or groups submitted to Council on the need for a Youth Strategy or Plan.
4. As a result of the Long Term Plan deliberations [4 June 2024 Council Long-Term Plan Deliberation Open Minutes](#), Members supported the development of a Youth Action Plan to be completed in Year One of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.
5. It was requested by Elected Members that staff undertake a co-design process with key stakeholders, including rangatahi, to develop a Youth Action Plan.
6. The draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 (the Plan) has been developed following two community consultations, with significant input from our key partners, and an Advisory Support Team and Working Group made of local youth workers and rangatahi. This can be found in **Attachment 1**.
7. Staff recommend **Option 1** – approval the Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028

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8. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

9. Hamilton City Council last had a Rangatahi Action Plan in 2018, which included a Youth Council to support the delivery. At the end of the validity period, no new plan was developed, however creating an updated Action Plan remained Council's intent.
10. Prior to the 2024 Long Term Plan discussions there had been feedback received through the Community Development Team from several local youth organisations, asking for Council to consider developing a new Youth Strategy or Action Plan.
11. Following multiple written and verbal submissions regarding the development of a youth focused plan to Council through the 2024 Long Term Plan consultation, Elected Members directed staff to develop an Action Plan in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan.
12. Staff started the development of a new Plan by meeting with key stakeholders working within the youth sector both internally and externally, to gather support for the approach for design. Some of the key guidance provided was:
 - i. develop an Advisory Support Team consisting of advocates or key stakeholders that can provide some oversight to the development of Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 (the Plan);
 - ii. develop a Working Group consisting only of young people within the target age-range, ensuring a level of diversity across parts of this sector are represented;
 - iii. allow the youth of Kirikiriroa to direct the outcomes of the Plan; and,
 - iv. work within the age-range for youth, as defined by the Ministry of Youth Development.
13. Expressions of interest were sought for people to support both the Advisory Support Team and the Working Group, with 18 and 22 members from diverse backgrounds appointed respectively.
14. To support a community led approach to the development of the Plan, a community consultation programme was launched in September 2024. This posed three key questions designed to encourage the imagination of our youth.
15. Feedback was sought both online and in person, with the following numbers of interactions:

Community Engagement – Round One: September to October 2024

In-person Engagements	Number of Occurrences	Number of People
Hui	47	370
Events	13	214
Workshops	7	158
Online Engagements		Results
Social Pinpoint Submission Portal – Individuals		560 submissions 4192 interactions
Social Pinpoint Submission Portal – Groups		10 submissions
Facebook Advertisements		74,388 impressions/views
TikTok Advertisements		28,622 impressions/views

16. From the initial consultation and collation of the feedback, staff presented the common themes during a three-hour session with our Working Group. From this, six key goals were identified as a potential focus for the plan, as well as suggestions being provided around actions. The goals were:
- i. our city has more spaces for me;
 - ii. our city is fun with lots for me to do;
 - iii. our city is easy for me to get around;
 - iv. our city is safe for me to live and play in;
 - v. our city values my voice; and
 - vi. our city has opportunities for me.
17. This direction from our rangatahi allowed staff to build some general actions around the goals, and then seek support from our Advisory Support Team to ensure it aligned with what they are seeing across the sector.
18. An Information Session was held with Members on 12 February 2025 to present the initial draft of the Plan, with feedback received from Members allowing further refinement of the actions.
19. To ensure that the draft Rangatahi Action Plan resonated with the community, a second round of consultation was completed, asking "Have we got the Plan right?". Feedback and interactions involved in that consultation were:

Community Engagement – Round Two: February – March 2025:

In-person Engagement	Number of Occurrences	Number of People
Hui	18	273
Events	6	965
Workshops	6	78
Corflute Board Engagements	5	915
Online Engagements		Number of Engagements
Social Pinpoint Submission Portal – Individual		147
Social Pinpoint Submission Portal – Group		10
Facebook Advertisements		188,213 impressions/views
TikTok Advertisements		170,773 impressions/views

20. Feedback from the second consultation was collated and utilised to further refine the draft Rangatahi Action Plan. The changes have been supported by both our Advisory Support Team and Working Group. Some of the key feedback included:
- i. 78% of individuals thought the goals covered the needs of Hamilton's rangatahi well;
 - ii. face to face engagement showed **Goal 3** – Transport and **Goal 4** – Safety as being the goals that mattered most to rangatahi;
 - iii. there was a desire to see the document strongly align with our Maaori rangatahi including use of Te Reo throughout the Plan; and
 - iv. ensure images utilised in the Plan represent a cross section of our community.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

21. The draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 (the Plan) has been developed with an initial delivery period of three years. Due to the rapidly changing environment of the Youth Sector this time frame allows for delivery of key actions, while ensuring flexibility to the needs of young people in Kirikiriroa.

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22. Of the key goals identified during consultation, five were confirmed as a key focus for the first plan, with the sixth goal being woven into these. The goals and outcomes as supported by our community are:
- i. **Goal One:** Our city has more spaces for me - All of Hamilton's rangatahi have access to safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces that support their own needs and aspirations;
 - ii. **Goal Two:** Our city is fun with lots for me to do - All of Hamilton's rangatahi have access to a diverse range of enjoyable and engaging activities that cater to their own needs and interests;
 - iii. **Goal Three:** Our city is easy for me to get around - All of Hamilton's rangatahi can easily navigate the city through a variety of safe, affordable, and accessible transport options;
 - iv. **Goal Four:** Our city is safe for me to live and play in - All of Hamilton's rangatahi feel safe while out and about in Kirikiriroa; and
 - v. **Goal Five:** Our city values my voice - All of Hamilton's rangatahi know about and have a voice in things that impact them and see their future here.
23. Additional actions were added to both **Goals Three and Four**. This was driven by strong community feedback regarding the importance youth place on both transport and safety.
24. It was acknowledged that overall, the Plan has some 'safe and easy to achieve actions', but that future iterations of the plan will allow our city to progress to a more advanced stage of delivering outcomes for our rangatahi.
25. It is proposed that the Plan, once approved, will be directly supported by Council through the Community Development Youth Advisor. **Goal Five, Action One (found in Attachment 1)** supports the development of a Youth Council, which will provide a mechanism for the management of the Plan, as well as working with Council and our youth sector to review the plan as it expires.
26. The actions within the Plan will be delivered by a variety of key stakeholders and have been developed in consultation with them.
27. If the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 is not approved, work with our Youth Sector will continue to be aligned at a higher level within the Community and Social Development Strategy, and other Council Plans and Policies as it relates.
28. The draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 has alignment with the following Council Plans and Strategies:
- i. Community and Social Development Strategy 2021-2026;
 - ii. Long-Term Plan 2024-2034;
 - iii. He Pou Manawa Ora – Pillars of Wellbeing Strategy 2021;
 - iv. Our Climate Future;
 - v. Community Facilities Strategy 2020;
 - vi. Disability Policy and Action Plan 2022-2025;
 - vii. Welcoming Plan 2022;
 - viii. Access Hamilton Strategy 2022;
 - ix. Open Spaces Strategy 2023-2053;
 - x. Play Strategy 2019-2039; and
 - xi. Libraries Strategy 2023-2033

Options

29. Staff have assessed that there are three reasonable and viable options for the Community and Natural Environment Committee to consider. The options are:
 - i. **Option One:** Approves the Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028;
 - ii. **Option Two:** Declines the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 with directions for amendments to be made prior to presenting to the Community and Natural Environment Committee at a future date; and
 - iii. **Option Three:** Declines the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028.
30. Staff recommend **Option One** as this aligns with the priorities of our youth sector and allows Council to focus on '*making Kirikiriroa a better place for all young people*'.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

31. Actions within the Plan owned and delivered by Council are initially covered through existing budgets funded through the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.
32. Any requests for further funding associated with the Plan will be brought to the next Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan if required.
33. The costs incurred in the development of the draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 (including the design work completed on the Plan) are covered within current operational budgets. This includes approximately 400 staff hours.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

34. Staff confirm that options presented comply with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

35. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

36. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
37. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

38. The Rangatahi Action Plan contributes to the social wellbeing of Hamiltonians by ensuring there is an inclusive approach for rangatahi in the provision of facilities and services. This increases a sense of belonging for Hamilton's young people, acknowledging that places and spaces are used differently to achieve positive social outcomes.
39. Partnerships with community organisations to support the delivery of the Rangatahi Action Plan encourage collaboration across the sector, utilising resources effectively to benefit Hamilton.

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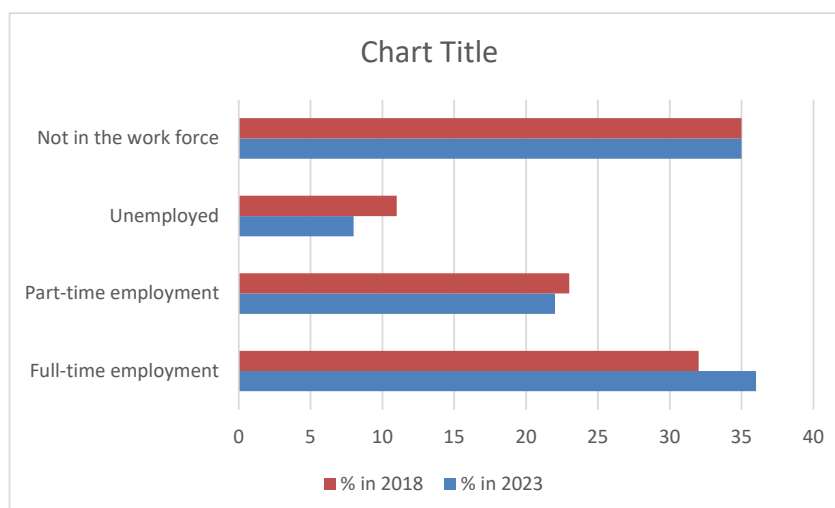
40. The Plan aims to address the goals of rangatahi in an inclusive and accessible manner, respecting the diverse needs of Hamilton. The vision of the Plan is “A Kirikiriroa Hamilton where all rangatahi thrive”, which communicates the hope that all rangatahi will see themselves reflected in this Plan.
41. The second consultation for the Plan included identifying the high-level demographics of people who completed the on-line survey (140 people):

Ethnicity	49% European	39% Maaori	12% Pasifika/other
Gender	34% male	24% female	6% gender diverse or preferred not to say
Rainbow	23%		
Disabilities	30%		

42. During the development of the Plan, it was acknowledged that some outcomes rangatahi are hoping to see are influenced more significantly at a national government level. Despite this, some actions work to enhance the voice of rangatahi and create avenues that support the advocating for the needs of our community.

Economic

43. Economic conditions, including income, food, and housing are integral to wellbeing. Economic Wellbeing is often defined as having present and future financial security, to be able to have economic choices and feel a sense of security, satisfaction, and personal fulfilment. This security, satisfaction, and personal fulfilment flow into people’s ability to participate in wider society and feel connected, healthy, and happy.
44. Community Development Advisors work with organisations and agencies throughout the city to increase the ability of the community to meet its own needs, supporting community partners in addressing the negative impacts of poverty.
45. Employment statistics have been made available through the census for the 15-24 age-group, a population of 26,250 in 2023. This shows an increase in full-time employment, and a decrease in unemployment and part-time employment between 2018 and 2023:



46. The first quarter of 2025 showed an increase in the unemployment rate for youth. At over double the national average, youth unemployment nationally sits at 12.9%.

47. Of those employed, either part-time or full-time, there is a difference of up to 13% across the different ethnicities:

Ethnicity	% Employed
New Zealander	95
European	90
Asian	90
Pasifika	84
Maaori	83
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	82
Other Ethnicity	83
Employment Rate Average	88

Environmental

48. Rangatahi are more aware of climate concerns and our environment than ever before, acknowledging that change is required now. In 2019, 170,000 Kiwi youth marched for climate action across 40 locations around the country. This included Hamilton, demonstrating the passion of rangatahi to see meaningful action from local and national government.
49. The Plan includes a focus on our environment, in alignment with the Nature in the City Strategy. A key focus of the strategy is the environmental wellbeing of Hamilton. Restoring Hamilton's gully systems will provide greater ecological resilience for the city through the improvement of green infrastructure.
50. A number of actions within the Plan show consideration for the environment. Sustainable and safe transport, how we use our 'blue and green spaces', and the opportunities around the creative expression of rangatahi all have potential to positively impact our environment.

Cultural

51. Kirikiriroa is home to more than 170 ethnic groups – Our population is 58.5% European, 25.4% Maaori, 22.8% Asian, 6.8% Pacific Peoples, and 2.7% Middle Eastern/Latin American/African.
52. The draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028 has been developed with the goal of all young people in Hamilton seeing themselves reflected in the Outcomes and Actions. This was supported by focusing on receiving feedback and input from our diverse community.
53. There is a shared sense of pride in being part of a culturally rich and vibrant community. People feel their culture is respected and valued by other members of the community. There are opportunities to learn about each other's cultures.
54. In the development of the Plan, there was a focus on ensuring all actions were aligned with Councils He Pou Manawa Ora strategy. This supports the strategy's vision 'for a city that celebrates its whole history, including its unique Maaori heritage, and ensures everyone has a voice in developing its future'.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

55. There is a risk that not approving this draft Plan will indicate a lack of commitment from Council to our Youth Sector, which is the largest age group by demographic in Kirikiriroa. It will also jeopardise Council's ability to collaborate with and support key organisations in Hamilton, which could negatively impact on the outcomes for youth.

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Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

- 56. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.
- 57. Community views and preferences are already known to the Council through consultations run during the development of the Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028.
- 58. Given the low level of significance determined, the engagement level is low. No engagement is required.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Draft Rangatahi Action Plan 2025-2028.



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He kupu naa te Manu Kaahui

Foreword from the Mayor: Rangatahi Action Plan 2025

Hamilton Kirikiriroa is the fastest growing city in the country. We also have the largest population of young people - more than a third of our residents are under 25. Many of them are children, born and raised here but a number are young people who are choosing to be here.

I love that young people are choosing to build their lives here, due to the lifestyle, diverse work opportunities, fabulous amenities and great location the city offers.

As city leaders we want to ensure our city caters to the needs of our youth, now and in the future. Hamilton City Council has long recognised the importance of engaging with our youth and supporting their aspirations for a thriving future in Hamilton Kirikiriroa.

Youth bring an energy, creativity, and passion that enriches our city and makes it an increasingly desirable place to live, work, and grow for everyone. That is why we listened carefully when young people told us that a new plan, relevant to today, was needed.

In June 2024, the Council approved the development of a new Rangatahi Action Plan. This builds on the Hamilton Rangatahi Youth Action Plan 2016-2018 and the work of the previous Youth Council, which provided valuable insights into the needs and aspirations of young people in our city. This new Rangatahi Action Plan has been created in partnership with the people it seeks to serve - our youth, in all their diversity, capability and dreams.

Engaging with over 1200 rangatahi in person and online, key interest areas quickly emerged: Our young people want vibrant "third spaces"—places beyond school and work; more activities and opportunities for connection with each other, especially in the central city; and improved transportation, safety, and economic wellbeing.

They are also open to learning more about civic responsibility and leadership but need better options for engaging with Council. Rangatahi particularly emphasised their desire for spaces where they can belong, express their cultural identity, and lead youth-driven initiatives. These aspirations have formed the foundation of this plan.

As this new Rangatahi Action Plan is put into action, we thank our young people for shaping its vision and purpose. This plan reflects their aspirations and alongside that Hamilton City Council's commitment to enabling their growth, wellbeing, and success in how we develop the city.

Together, we are committed to creating a city where our youth feel empowered, connected, and celebrated, as vital contributors to the vibrancy of Hamilton, Kirikiriroa.

Paula Southgate
Mayor of Hamilton
Kirikiriroa
"H-Town"



He kupu naa ngaa Manukura

Messages from Councillors

Message from Councillor Kesh:

"As Chair for Community and Natural Environment, I'm proud to support the development of our city's Rangatahi Action Plan in partnership with the youth sector. This collaborative effort brings together diverse ideas and perspectives, creating a unified roadmap to track meaningful outcomes and ensure a brighter future for our young people."



Message from Councillor Anna:

"This plan, developed with young people, promises to create more opportunities for recreation, creativity, social connection and fun. Increased participation and a greater sense of belonging in Kirikiriroa will be our success. Let's bring our promises to life!"



Message from Councillor Louise:

"Like many other young people in our city, I moved to Kirikiriroa at 18 to go to university and to start a career, and at 29, I was elected to Hamilton City Council. To have a Rangatahi Action Plan written by young people for young people cements our commitment to both young people now, and the young people of the future - you deserve to be reflected in our city, to feel you belong in our city, and to imagine a future for yourself here."



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He Whakakitenga
Vision
**A Kirikiriroa Hamilton where
all rangatahi thrive**

**Ki te kahore he
whakakitenga, ka
ngaro te iwi**
**Without foresight or
vision, the people
will be lost**

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Te Hookaitanga

Scope

This plan is a commitment between Council, action partners, and rangatahi - to make our city even better for all youth in Kirikiriroa. It's about ensuring Hamilton's 12 to 24 year olds are supported.

Kirikiriroa is the most youthful city in Aotearoa, with the highest population of under 25 year olds ¹.

35.6%

compared to

32.5%

for the Waikato Region and

31.2%

for the whole of Aotearoa.



Our youth community is diverse, home to more than...

170 ethnic groups

- our population is 58.5% European, 25.4% Maaori, 22.8% Asian, 6.8% Pacific Peoples, and 2.7% Middle Eastern/Latin American/African¹.

The Rangatahi Action Plan was created by asking rangatahi (12-24 year olds) across the city: What would make Kirikiriroa an even better city for you - a city where you can thrive?

We gathered ideas from rangatahi through social media, online surveys, events, and by turning up in the places they like to be. With the help of our Rangatahi Working Group and Advisory Support Team, we turned these ideas into the goals and actions of this plan.

This plan is just one part of all the work happening in Kirikiriroa to support our young people. It is also version one, because we know that as a city, we need to be flexible to respond to changes across our rangatahi community.

This plan will be delivered from 2025 - 2028 with a full review planned for 2028.

¹ Census 2023 <https://rep.infometrics.co.nz/hamilton-city/census/indicator/ethnicity?compare=new-zealand&census=hamilton-city>

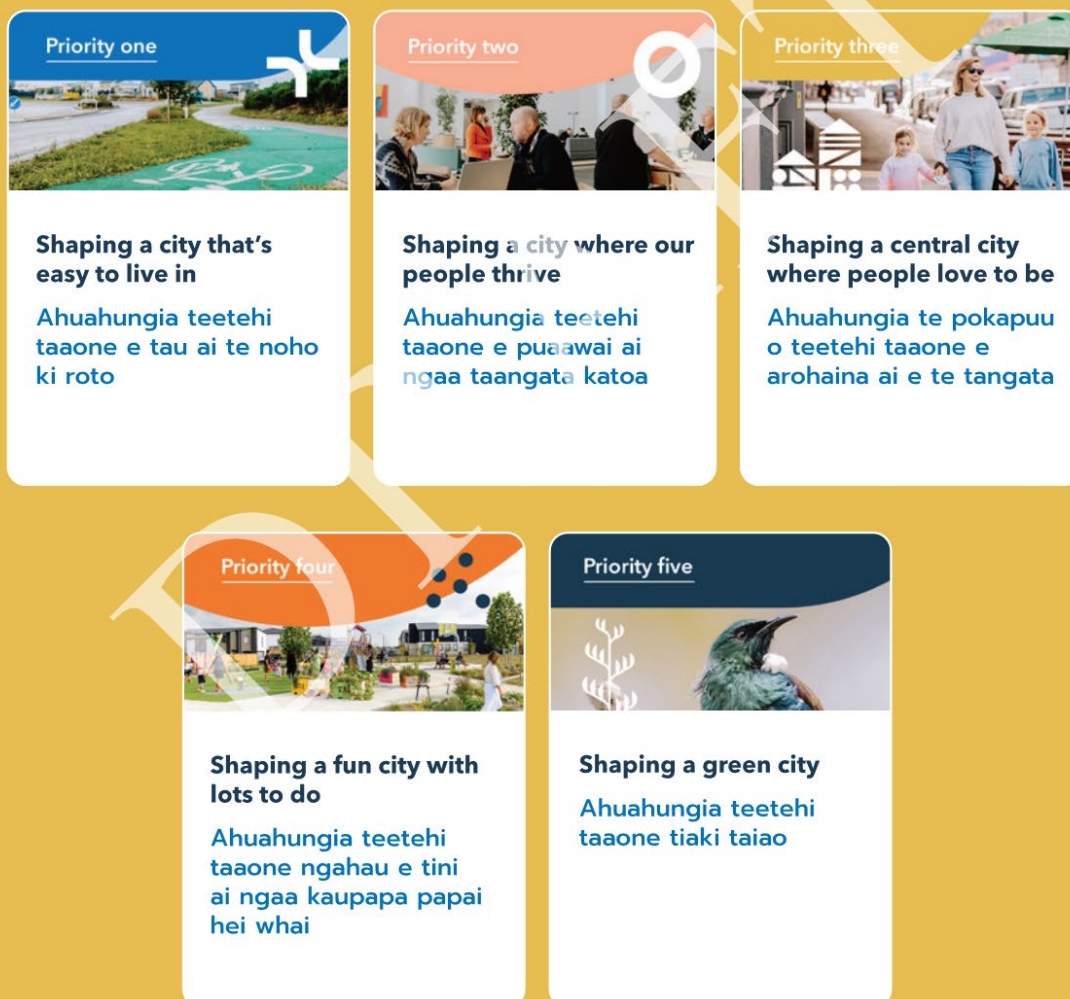
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How the Rangatahi Action Plan fits with Hamilton City Council's purpose and priorities:

Hamilton City Council's purpose is to improve the wellbeing of Hamiltonians. The vision of the Rangatahi Action Plan is to make Kirikiriroa a better city for all young people, and supports Council's existing priorities, strategies, and plans:



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He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing

He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing is our city's strategy for creating a Hamilton Kirikiriroa where everyone, including rangatahi, can stand proud in our shared history. The voices of our youth matters, and every action we take is guided by the Pou (pillars) that support and inspire our community to grow stronger together. It's about helping youth feel connected, empowered, and ready to shape the future of our city.



Pillar of History He Pou Manawa Ora

A pillar that reminds us of the value of our unique history of language, people, place and our commitment to acknowledge and respect our uniquely different values and qualities.



Pillar of Unity He Pou Toorangapuu Maaori

A pillar that gives recognition to Maaori values, knowledge and aspirations. Maaori are equal partners and contributors to the wellbeing of people, place, environment and our shared future.



Pillar of Prosperity He Pou Manawa Taurikura

A pillar that provides safety, security and opportunity for individuals, whaanau and communities to live their best lives and to prosper spiritually and economically.



Pillar of Restoration He Pou Manawa Taiao

A pillar that reminds us of our connection to, reliance on, and responsibility to care for the natural and physical world.

Eetehi atu kaupapa e whai waahi ana ki teenei mahere rautaki - Other Hamilton City Council strategies and plans that have guided this plan:

- Community and Social Development Strategy - He Rautaki Whakawhanake Hapori 2021-26
- 2024-34 Long-Term Plan - Ka hua. Ka puaawai. Ka ora.
- Our Climate Future: Te Pae Tawhiti o Kirikiriroa
- Access Hamilton Strategy - Ara Kootuitui Kirikiriroa 2022
- Libraries Strategy - Kia oho te mauri o Kirikiriroa 2023-2033
- Play Strategy - tuuhura te tini taonga o Kirikiriroa hei whakapakari tinana, wairua, hinengaro 2019-2039
- Community Facilities Strategy 2020
- Nature in the City Strategy - Te Wao nui o Kirikiriroa 2020-2050
- Papa Ahuareka o Kirikiriroa - Hamilton Open Spaces Strategy 2023-2053



Rangatahi Action Plan Ngaa Whaainga

Goals

When we asked Hamilton's rangatahi what would help you thrive, you gave us clear goals: a city where you feel safe, heard, supported, connected, and is full of opportunities. This plan is built around your vision - your goals for a better Hamilton.

Goal one

Our city has the right spaces for me

"I like how Hamilton has places where people can browse shops and share kai together..."

"I like all the street art around the city, makes it fun and interesting."

Goal two

Our city is fun with lots for me to do

"I like how Hamilton has all the gigs for our youth (and) events for them to enjoy..."

"I like how Hamilton has great coffee spots, beautiful gardens and top tier people. I love visiting Made on the weekends (and the zoo)!!"

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Goal three

Our city is easy for me to get around

"I really like the bus routes and how much freedom that gives me and my brothers"

"I like the traffic calming and safety measures put in place - it makes it easier to walk and cycle, and more eco-friendly"

Goal four

Our city is safe for me to live and play in

"I like how Hamilton has many greenspaces, tree-lined streets, cycle lanes and walkways/cycle routes along the riverside."

"I like the bike paths into the city. It makes it much safer. It also enables kids/teens to get places without parental support (cars). More!"

Goal five

Our city values my voice and future

"I like how Hamilton has many different nationalities living in our town!"

"I like that we have people under 35 on Council!"

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Goal one

Our city has the right spaces for me.

Outcome

All of Hamilton's rangatahi have access to safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces that support their own needs and aspirations.

Action 1

Review existing rangatahi facilities across the city (including youth event spaces) and identify opportunities for new/improved rangatahi hubs.

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 2

Identify new rangatahi friendly play and recreational opportunities in the city's green and blue spaces.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
2026-27

Action 3

Provide opportunity for rangatahi input into the development of central city projects.

Status:
New

Timing:
Ongoing

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Action 4

Work proactively with key stakeholder groups and rangatahi to identify appropriate solutions for central city venues (noting the need for spaces like Mesoverse).

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 5

Support the creative expression of rangatahi across the city, including in the display of the history of Kirikiriroa, the Waikato awa, and other culturally significant sites.

Status:
New

Timing:
Ongoing

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Goal two

Our city is fun with lots for me to do.

Outcome

All of Hamilton’s rangatahi have access to a diverse range of enjoyable and engaging activities that cater to their own needs and interests.

Action 1

Promote Nature in the City events and initiatives to encourage more rangatahi participation.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
Ongoing

Action 2

Design and deliver a rangatahi communications plan to provide better access for rangatahi to organisations, services, activities, and events; and use communication platforms that are relevant for youth.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
Ongoing

Action 3

Support recreational sports activities for rangatahi across the city, providing options that cater to each area’s unique rangatahi demographic.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
2027-28

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Action 4

Identify funding options to establish a rangatahi fund for art, events, and other creative outlets, and consider options for a Maaori art specific fund that promotes the city's history and cultural connections.

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 5

Increase promotion, support, and participation in local rangatahi arts programmes and ensure platforms for Maaori cultural expression.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
Ongoing

Action 6

Ensure there are spaces and programmes within our libraries where rangatahi feel engaged and included.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
Ongoing

Action 7

Involve rangatahi in developing and delivering key cultural Council events, including Waitangi Day and Matariki celebrations.

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 8

Establish a mentoring programme for rangatahi event organisers.

Status:
New

Timing:
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Goal three

Our city is easy for me to get around.

Outcome

All of Hamilton's rangatahi can easily navigate the city through a variety of safe, affordable, and accessible transport options.

- Action 1

Promote feedback opportunities and encourage rangatahi to contribute to changes, upgrades, and accessibility improvements to bus and multimodal transport services.

Status: New

Timing: Ongoing
- Action 2

Promote the Flex Bus service to rangatahi.

Status: New

Timing: 2025-26
- Action 3

Continue a city-wide programme of establishing new and upgrading existing bus shelters.

Status: Continue

Timing: Ongoing
- Action 4

Promote and educate rangatahi on public and sustainable transport options.

Status: New

Timing: Ongoing
- Action 5

Support transport providers to work with rangatahi to develop and deliver passenger experience programmes.

Status: Enhance

Timing: Ongoing

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Goal four

Our city is safe for me to live and play in.

Outcome

All of Hamilton’s rangatahi feel safe while out and about in Kirikiriroa.

- Action 1
- Continue to prioritise security around transport hubs, Council services, and in the central city.
- Status:Continue
- Timing:Ongoing
- Action 2
- Involve rangatahi in city lighting review forums and decision-making.
- Status:New
- Timing:2026-27
- Action 3
- Improve visibility of safety measures within the city, including city safe.
- Status:Enhance
- Timing:Ongoing
- Action 4
- Explore research opportunities to better understand what safety means for rangatahi across the city, in order to inform future actions in this area.
- Status:New
- Timing:2026-27
- Action 5
- Work with Community Houses and Hubs that focus on supporting rangatahi to identify solutions to safety concerns when they arise.
- Status:Enhance
- Timing:Ongoing

Goal five

Our city values my voice and future.



Outcome

All of Hamilton’s rangatahi know about and have a voice in things that impact them, and see their future here.

Action 1

Establish a Youth Council to support youth input into Council, community projects, and to facilitate the progress of this Rangatahi Action Plan.

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 2

Establish a youth portal as a 'one stop shop' web page with links to events, opportunities, consultations, and spaces relevant for local rangatahi.

Status:
Enhance

Timing:
2025-26

Action 3

Seek approval to include a new category in the Civic Awards that specifically celebrates the contribution and achievements of rangatahi.

Status:
New

Timing:
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Action 4

Actively promote and encourage rangatahi participation in local and parliamentary elections.

Status:
New

Timing:
2025-26

Action 5

Celebrate Youth Week annually in collaboration with the youth sector network through events, social media, and connection opportunities.

Status:
New

Timing:
Annually

Action 6

Create networking opportunities for rangatahi to connect with local entrepreneurs and business to encourage their potential.

Status:
New

Timing:
**2026-27
Ongoing**

Te Whakatinanatanga

Implementation

Annual progress on the plan will be reported to the Community and Natural Environment Committee of Hamilton City Council, with the plan being fully reviewed every three years.

As per goal five, action one, the delivery of the plan will be facilitated by a Youth Council that will be established. Progress, outcomes, resources, and successes will be recorded for each action, in conjunction with our key partners.

Any projects identified through this plan that require resources and funding outside of current budgets will be presented to Council for consideration as part of an Annual Plan and/or the Long-Term Plan processes.

We will also consider how local and national funders may want to support the work of this plan.

Ngaa Mihi

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all who helped to shape this plan; the community groups, organisations, and youth advocates. We acknowledge all of you who gave your input online and face to face. Most of all, ngaa mihi nui to the rangatahi of Kirikiriroa for sharing your voice. This is your vision for your future and we look forward to working alongside you to bring it to life.

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Council Report

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Committee: Community and Natural Environment Committee

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Report Name: Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To seek the adoption of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 from the Community and Natural Environment Committee.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) adopts of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030; and
 - c) notes that progress on the Plan will be reported annually through the Community and Natural Environment Committee (or similar as determined by the 2025-28 Governance Structure).

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. Hamilton has been recognised as an Age Friendly City since 2018 under the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Age Friendly Global Network of Cities and Communities.
4. To retain the recognition Council must renew our Hamilton Age Friendly Plan following the expiration of the previous Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2021-2024.
5. With the support of the Hamilton Age Friendly Steering Group the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 has been developed with significant input from our key partners. The draft Plan can be found in **Attachment 1**.
6. Staff recommend that the Community and Natural Environment Committee endorse the adoption of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030, as detailed in **Option 1** in paragraph 24 below, noting that the committee will receive annual progress reports from 2026.
7. Staff consider the decision in this report to have low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

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Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

8. The first Hamilton Age Friendly Plan was endorsed by Council in February 2018 and was the basis of Hamilton's inclusion in the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Age Friendly Global Network of Cities and Communities in May 2018. Hamilton was the first city in New Zealand to join this international network.
9. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan is a community-led initiative supported by Council, several other government agencies, and community agencies.
10. The subsequent Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2021-2024 was supported by Elected Members, ensuring Hamilton continued to be recognised as an Age Friendly City under the WHO criteria.
11. A Steering Group of 12 members representing a cross section of Hamilton's older persons sector monitored the current Hamilton Age Friendly Plan, which expired in 2024.
12. Annual updates have been provided to Council through the Community and Natural Environment Committee, which has detailed the implementation and progress made on the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2021-2024 Plan.
13. During 2024, Council worked with the Hamilton Age Friendly Steering Group to review the current plan and engage with key stakeholders around goals for the new plan. This process included the collation of feedback from key agencies and organisations supporting older people in Kirikiriroa.
14. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2021-2024 Plan included 44 actions, with 39 of these either progressed as planned or completed.
15. The draft 2025-2030 Plan includes 49 actions, which is a combination of 24 new actions and 25 enhanced actions that aims to see progress continued in a number of areas of importance.
16. Following the presentation of the initial draft to Elected Members during the 19 March Information Session, five new actions have been added as a result of discussions with Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust.
17. All actions have been supported by the agencies and organisations listed in the draft Plan, with a commitment to work together with wider partners, the Hamilton Age Friendly Steering Group and Council.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

18. The updated Hamilton Age Friendly Plan follows the same format of the previous two plans (2018 and 2021), enhancing and adding actions to align with the priorities of our community.
19. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 continues to follow the eight Age Friendly themes developed by the World Health Organisation:
 - i. outdoor spaces and public buildings;
 - ii. transport and mobility;
 - iii. housing;
 - iv. social participation;
 - v. respect and social inclusion;
 - vi. civic participation and employment;
 - vii. communication;
 - viii. community support and health services; and
 - ix. safety (ninth theme added by the Hamilton Age Friendly Steering Group).

20. The engagement phase of the review of the plan highlighted key themes of concern for our community, these were:
 - i. more support for digital literacy and alternatives for distributing information that do not rely on the internet;
 - ii. safety concerns when out in the city, when using public transport and within neighbourhoods;
 - iii. lack of affordable or appropriate housing for seniors;
 - iv. impact of the cost-of-living crisis; and
 - v. social isolation and loneliness.
21. Actions within the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 have worked to address these concerns where possible, considering the limitations between local and national response.
22. It is proposed that the Plan move from being a three-year plan to a five-year plan. This reflects the nature of actions, which are in general ongoing rather than with fixed completion dates. It will also allow the Age Friendly Steering Group more opportunity to focus on delivering the Plan rather than reviewing and rewriting the Plan every three years.
23. The draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 has alignment with the following Council Plans and Strategies:
 - i. Community and Social Development Strategy 2021-2026;
 - ii. He Pou Manawa Ora – Pillars of Wellbeing Strategy 2021;
 - iii. Disability Policy and Action Plan 2022-2025;
 - iv. Welcoming Plan 2022;
 - v. Access Hamilton Strategy 2022;
 - vi. Open Spaces Strategy 2023-2053;
 - vii. Play Strategy 2019-2039; and
 - viii. Libraries Strategy 2023-2033.

Options

24. Staff have assessed that there are three reasonable and viable options for the Community and Natural Environment to consider.
 - i. **Option 1:** Approve the adoption of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030;
 - ii. **Option 2:** Decline the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 with directions for amendments to be made prior to presenting to the Community and Natural Environment Committee at a future date; and
 - iii. **Option 3:** Decline the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030, removing recognition of Hamilton being an Age Friendly City.
25. Staff recommend **Option 1** as there is community desire for Hamilton to focus on supporting our older people and being recognised as an Age Friendly City. Approval of the proposed Plan will ensure both Council and our key partners remain focused on achieving strong outcomes for our community.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

26. Actions owned and delivered by Council are covered through existing budgets as regular activity funded through the Long-Term Plan.

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27. The costs incurred in the development of the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 (including the design work completed on the Plan) are covered within current operational budgets. This includes approximately 200 staff hours.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

28. Staff confirm that options presented comply with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Climate Change Impact Statement

29. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

30. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
31. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.
32. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

33. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan contributes to the social wellbeing of Hamiltonians by ensuring there is an inclusive approach for older people in the provision of facilities and services. This increases a sense of belonging for themselves, but also ensures that the rest of the community better understands the value they bring.
34. The proportion of older people in our communities is increasing. In 2022, 1 in every 6 people were over the age of 65 in New Zealand.
35. In 2028, 1 in 5 people are expected to be over the age of 65, with the New Zealand population increasing to over a million people over the age of 65.
36. By the 2050's the over 65 age group is likely to make up one-quarter of the population in New Zealand.

Economic

37. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan contributes to economic wellbeing by ensuring that the economic value of older people is understood by the wider community.
38. Older people are a critical part of the job market, with many working beyond the age of 65, or moving into part time or voluntary roles within the community, are also an important consumer Group, and efforts have been made to educate and support businesses to ensure they are age friendly and supporting older people as consumers.

Environmental

39. There are few direct links to environmental wellbeing within the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan. However, older people are generally higher users of public and active transport options. Ensuring these options work well for older people will increase usage amongst this Group directly, and for the wider community as well. Older people are frequently in volunteer roles, particularly in gully restoration projects around the city that contribute to improved environmental wellbeing in Hamilton.

Cultural

40. The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan contributes to cultural wellbeing in a number of ways. It has been well supported by Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust staff member on the Age Friendly Steering Group, and the Trust contributing a number of actions to the Plan. Although not a council-owned plan, the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan has strong links to He Pou Manawa Ora, especially:
 - i. He Pou Manawa Koorero – kaumatua are a critical link to history and culture. A number of intergenerational projects empower Kaumatua to be community leaders and partners with other cultures and generations; and
 - ii. He Pou Toorangapuu Maaori – Kaumatua have been key partners to the plan since its inception in 2016 and have been active participants in bringing the plan to life.
41. Several actions involve the provision of services and facilities that enable older people in Hamilton to express cultural values, both within their own communities and with other older people.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

42. If the recommendation to adopt the draft Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 is not approved, Hamilton risks losing recognition of being an Age Friendly City under the World Health Organisation Global Network for Age Friendly Cities Framework.
43. There is risk that without an intentional focus on making Kirikiriroa an Age Friendly City our growing population of older people may not be effectively catered for. This would be an issue for accessibility, making it difficult for our aged citizens to live here and could also result in a loss of diversity in the city, as people may seek alternative parts of New Zealand to relocate to as they age.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

44. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.
45. Community views and preferences are already known to Council through ongoing discussions with older people in Hamilton. Members of the Age Friendly Steering Group regularly meet with various agencies and organisations with an interest in older people and listen to their feedback.
46. During the review of the Hamilton Age Friendly Plan, Council staff and members of the Age Friendly Steering Group attended several meetings to discuss issues affecting older people. Over 200 people were engaged with, and their feedback included in the reviewed plan.
47. Given the low level of significance determined, the engagement level is low. No engagement is required.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

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Thank you to the partners of the Age Friendly Plan

We would like to thank our following partners for their input into the plan:

Age Concern Waikato, Blind Low Vision NZ Hamilton, Dementia Waikato, Grey Power, Hamilton Central Business Association, Hamilton's Community Houses, Hamilton Chinese Golden Age and Rainbow Chinese community, Kainga Ora, Accessible Properties, Kaute Pasifika, Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust, Neighbourhood Support Waikato, Rainbow Hub Waikato, Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust, Shama Ethnic Women's Trust, Sport Waikato, Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa, Te Whatu Ora, Volunteering Waikato, Waikato Regional Council.



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**He paa kaumatua he paa
korowai te paa taangata**

**We are gifted the cloaks
weaved with the loving hands
of our older people**

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Welcome from the Mayor



Kia ora koutou, warm greetings.

I wish to convey my huge thanks to the partners of the Age Friendly Plan and the Age Friendly Steering Group, for your work in supporting Hamilton's older people and improving their quality of life. It is a remarkable achievement and deeply appreciated.

As the fastest growing city in New Zealand, Hamilton Kirikiriroa is also known for being a very young city, with more than a third of our population under the age of 25 (35.4%).

However, we are also beginning to see the predicted and significant demographic shift towards an aging community, with our over 65 population expected to significantly increase. For Hamilton to continue to evolve as a city that serves all Hamiltonians, it is vital that we meet the needs of our aging community, to develop an inclusive, accessible and safer city for all of us. We should also celebrate the huge and wonderful contributions of our older citizens to our community. They are the builders of our city's foundation, the guardians of our history, and a source of wisdom, community and strength that has shaped who we are today.

At Council, we remain committed to making Hamilton one of the friendliest cities for those 65 and older. Our Hamilton Age Friendly Plan 2021-2024, developed in conjunction with community agencies, organisations, and businesses, has been focussed on ensuring a more inclusive and

supportive city for older residents. As our city continues to grow and evolve, it is timely to review our plan.

Council have been working closely with the Age Friendly Steering Group and external partners to ensure the new 2025-2030 plan is fit for purpose and reflects the changing needs and aspirations of our older community. To date, several key themes have emerged, including:

- older people need more support for digital literacy and alternatives for distributing information that do not rely on the internet
- they have safety concerns when out in the city, when using public transport and within neighbourhoods
- there is a lack of affordable or appropriate housing for seniors
- they have concerns regarding the impact of the cost-of-living crisis
- they have concerns around social isolation and loneliness.

If our people and city are to thrive, we must work together to address these issues.

Council remains committed to working with our partners to take bold steps on these issues, so that our aging residents continue to have a strong sense of belonging to their city, and feel connected, empowered, and valued, as vital contributors to Hamilton. Only by working together can we build a city for all.

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As you will see throughout this plan, there are many people who are a part of bringing this document to life. I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who continues to support the Age Friendly Plan as we adapt and grow with each new version. I also want to thank and acknowledge Councillor Louise Hutt for the time and commitment she has put in

over the past years to support our Age Friendly Steering Group, and to ensure that the needs of our older people remain a priority for our Council.

Nga mihi

Mayor Paula Southgate

Welcome from Councillor Hutt

Being an age friendly city is a qualification we should be proud of – and it's also a commitment to always be doing better for our older community. Hamilton might be a youthful city, with the youngest median age of citizens in Aotearoa, but looking after our elders and having strong intergenerational connections is what helps our city thrive.

As someone in their 30s, I know our older people helped build this city into what it is today and it's our responsibility to work with them on how our city can continue to be their home. This plan has been informed by advocacy and community groups, stakeholders across transport,

healthcare, social services, and other key sectors, and, of course, the Hamilton City Council Age Friendly Steering Group.

Ensuring our city is somewhere that's easy to get around no matter how old you are, where there's ample accessible, safe, secure housing, with communities that value and treasure the contributions of our older citizens, and local services tailored to their needs - we have our work cut out for us.

I look forward to continuing this work and our commitment to our older community.



Introduction

Our goal is for Hamilton to be one of the most age-friendly cities; a place where residents aged 65 and older are valued and respected, feel connected and included. The Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030 provides a refreshed framework to address the needs of our increasing older population, ensuring our city supports our older residents in living accessible, happy and healthy lives. The plan identifies important actions that Hamilton City Council and key partner organisations are working on to improve accessibility, infrastructure, services and supports to increase the quality of life for older Hamiltonians.

Hamilton is growing at a rapid rate, and like other cities in Aotearoa, we are experiencing a rise in our aging population. The number of New Zealanders aged 65+ is expected to double to between 1.3 and 1.5 million by 2046, and Hamilton’s over 65 population is expected to increase from approximately 22,000 in 2023 to 66,000 by 2050. This will have a significant impact on the design and provision of facilities and infrastructure in the future. While Hamilton is already recognised as a great place in which to grow old, it is important to ensure the needs of our older population are met now, and into the future.

Planning and preparing for the needs of older people has been an important focus for the city. Council first established the Celebrating Age Centre

in 1976, and a Council of Elders was established in 1993. Public, private and not-for-profit organisations have made a major contribution to the welfare and support of Hamilton's older people. This includes the significant work of Iwi groups and Maaori organisations, including Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust and Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa.

In 2016, a cross-agency group was formed in partnership with central and local government to work together to achieve collective impact for an age-friendly and inclusive city. As a result, Hamilton’s first Age Friendly Plan (2018 – 2021) was developed. This plan became the basis for Hamilton’s inclusion in the World Health Organisations (WHO) Global Network of Age Friendly Cities, the first city in Aotearoa to be recognised and included in this network.

The second revision of this plan (2021 – 2024) included 44 actions, which were delivered across 27 community agencies and Hamilton City Council. These actions have been successfully implemented, resulting in significant progress towards making Hamilton a more inclusive and welcoming city for older people.

The focus of the 2025 revision is on future-proofing the city's infrastructure, facilities, support, and services to ensure the city is fully prepared to support and serve the growing population of residents aged 65 and over.



Process of reviewing the plan

The revised plan has continued to follow the WHO framework, incorporating the eight interconnected WHO themes that contribute to the wellbeing and participation of older people, with an additional theme of safety to reflect the needs of older people in the Hamilton community.

The Age Friendly Steering Group and key partners have used relationships and connections within the older persons sector to drive community engagement. This allowed for targeted consultation, ensuring the diverse voices of the older community across all sectors were well represented.

During consultation and community engagement the views of many people and groups were gathered using questionnaires, meetings and discussions with older people in the community. The results of this engagement provided the following themes:

More support with digital literacy and exploring alternatives for distributing information that does not rely on the internet.

Safety concerns when out in the city, when using public transport and in neighbourhoods.

Lack of affordable, accessible or appropriate housing for seniors.

Impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

Social isolation and loneliness.



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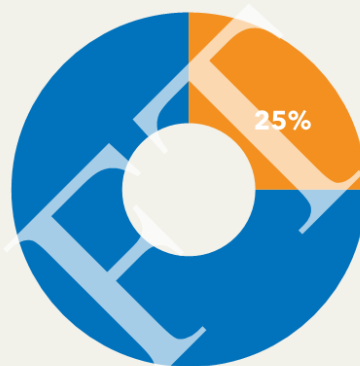


Hamilton has 21,783 residents over the age of 65 - that's 12% of all Hamiltonians.

The number of older people in Hamilton is smaller than other larger cities in New Zealand. However, this number is growing faster than any other age group for our city and is increasingly diverse with divergent needs. Older Hamiltonians are ethnically diverse, with 27% them being born outside of New Zealand.

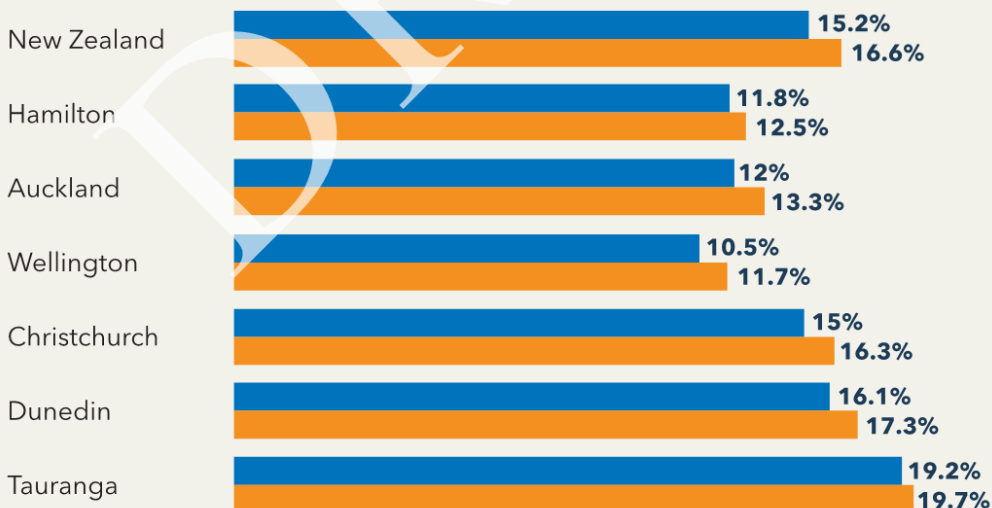
25%
of Hamilton's over 65 year olds
are in the 80 years plus group

● 65-79 ● 80+



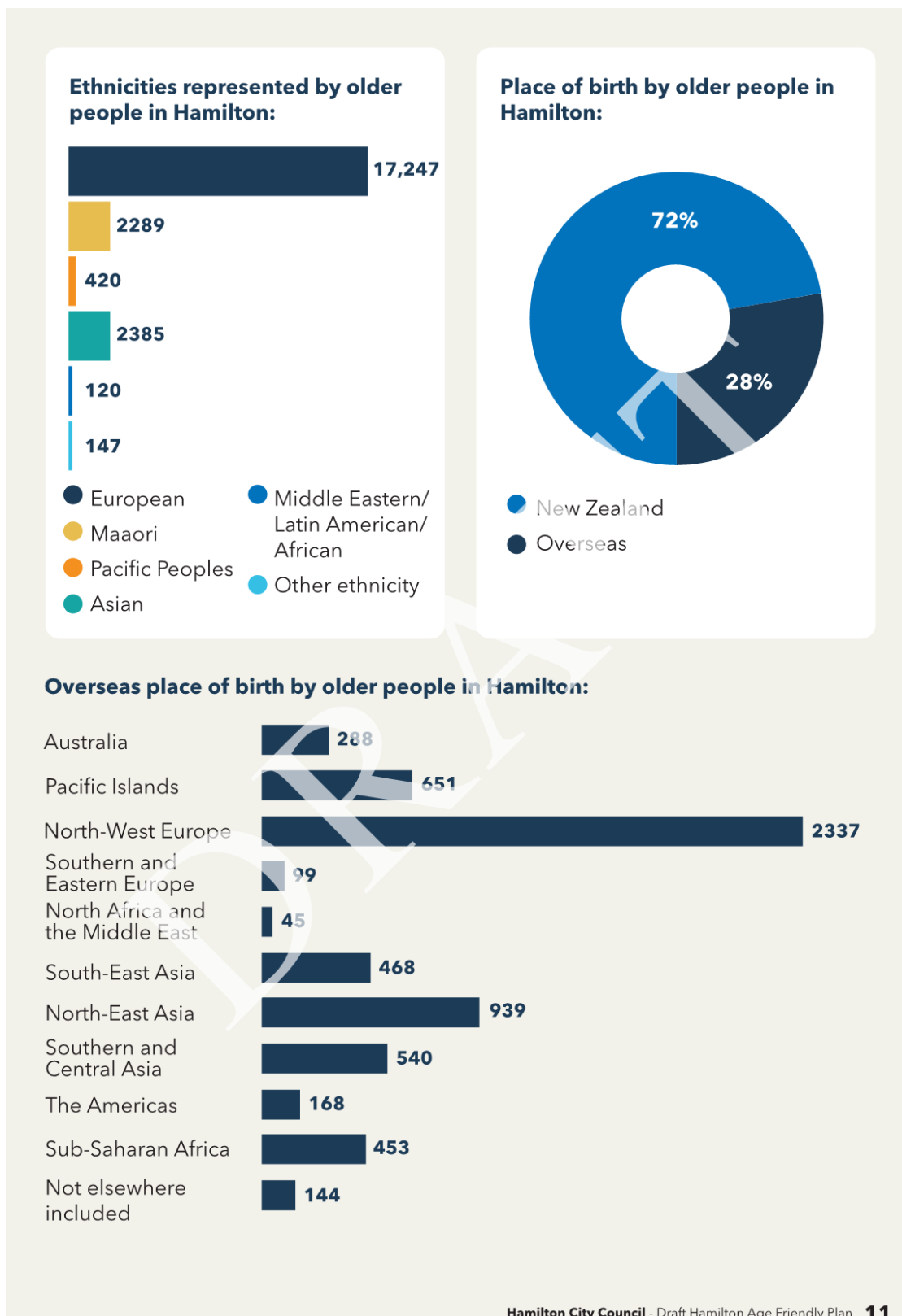
Compared to other main cities, Hamilton has one of the lowest percentages of population over 65 years old:

● 2018 census ● 2023 census

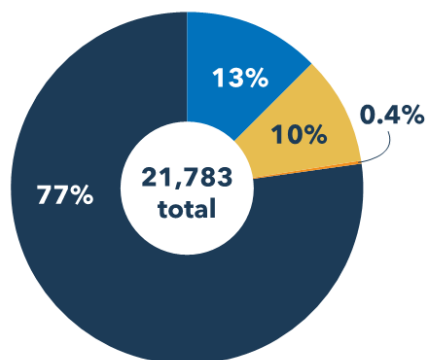


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Employment rate of older people in Hamilton



- Employed full-time
- Unemployed
- Employed part-time
- Not in the labour force



19,968 Hamiltonians over the age of 65 stated their disability status. Of these,

3840 (19%)

indicated they had a disability.

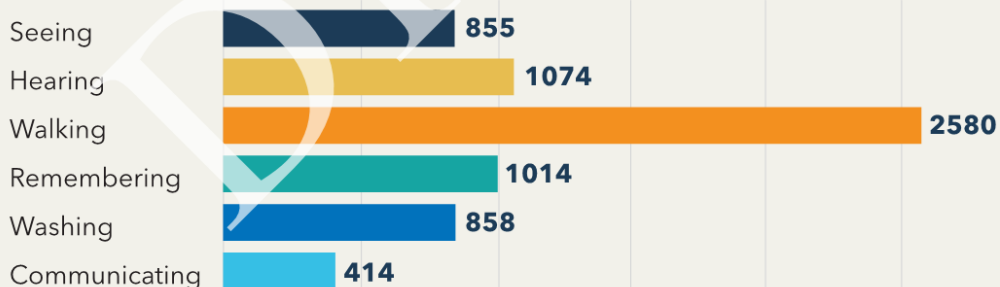


For Hamiltonians over 65, the median personal income before tax is

\$26,400

per year per person

Activity limitations of Hamiltonians over the age of 65 - a lot of difficulty or cannot do the activity at all



Source: Census 2023

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The views of Hamilton's older people



What is going well in Hamilton?

Feedback from our community and partners:

- People generally felt that Hamilton does a good job of keeping its public spaces clean and maintained.
- Positive acknowledgment of our libraries (and staff) for providing dementia friendly resources.
- Community houses provide a wide variety of programmes and activities that older people enjoyed and could easily access in their neighbourhoods.
- The provision of free transport for older people was valued, and there was a good variety of bus routes and frequency.
- The variety of volunteering opportunities helped to reduce social isolation and could help seniors feel they were making a valuable contribution to the city.

What could be improved?

Safety was reported as a major concern from almost every group. People spoke positively of the presence of City Safe Officers and cameras in the CBD, however there was concern about the lack of visible security at the smaller shopping centres (including Dinsdale, Chartwell and Five Crossroads), Hamilton Transport Centre and bus stops.

Cobbled and poorly maintained footpaths were frequently reported as an issue. Older people felt this contributed to trips and falls and were particularly challenging for those who needed mobility support such as a walking stick or frame.

There was consistent feedback that many older people struggled with digital literacy. The significant rise in scams in recent years has made them weary about using the internet, which likely restricts their access to community information.

Access to hospital services, long waiting lists and parking for medical appointments was seen as a major challenge. These were particularly difficult for those with dementia and their carers.



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General feedback

Older people in the community also shared what is important for them to live full and meaningful lives. Their statements have been grouped according to the WHO domains:

Outdoor spaces and buildings

It was felt there has been an improvement in accessible public spaces. However, the availability of more shaded seating areas in outdoor spaces to rest and congregate socially was needed. This was particularly relevant for migrant communities who reported there were limited areas they could safely congregate informally to engage in shared social and cultural activities.

Housing

People told us they would like to see more affordable and accessible housing options to ensure seniors can live comfortably. It was identified there is a need for a greater range of suitable housing options, including supported living housing and rest home care that recognised diverse cultural needs.

The challenge for many of meeting high market rents is of major concern, as the number of older people renting is increasing.

Ensuring safe social housing for older rainbow people was recognised as a concern, with a priority placed on connecting them to inclusive and supportive services.

Communication and information

Many seniors find digital technology challenging. This highlights the need for ongoing and comprehensive support to navigate online resources and stay informed. Scams pose a significant

obstacle to effectively using technology, highlighting the need for increased awareness and guidance. Stakeholders spoke of setting up a trusted information hub for Hamilton seniors that provided accurate up to date information on services, senior housing, promotion of events and more.

Respect and social inclusion

Social isolation and loneliness were one of the most consistently reported issues. Social isolation is widely recognised as a world-wide problem which has a significant impact on the wellbeing of older people.

The Rainbow Community recognised that older people who come out later in life face unique challenges in seeking help, often fearing losing their family, grandchildren and long held social connections. Training to raise awareness among services supporting older people could help address these issues.

Social participation

The cost-of-living crisis has significantly impacted older people's ability to participate in community activities, secure suitable housing and manage everyday costs. The decline in older volunteers was seen as a direct impact from the current economic conditions, as volunteering often incurs costs such as travel and parking, which many can no longer afford. Nevertheless, volunteering among older people provides for ongoing social connectedness and enhances the effectiveness of community agencies and groups.

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Civic participation and employment

It was reported that older people feel they are not always as visible in civic life as they could be. More representation and involvement in local council, boards and committees from older people, particularly our marginalised groups, would help ensure they feel heard.

Although over 20% of older people in Hamilton are employed, there is a feeling from the community that employment opportunities for seniors who wish to remain in or re-enter the workforce are limited. Ageism and a lack of flexible working conditions can be barriers.

Transport

There are limited options for older people unable to use public transport. Community services such as shuttle buses or volunteer driver programmes could fill this gap where other transport is not an option. Public transport should align with essential services, with bus stops closer to these services.

Many older people, especially older migrants ineligible for subsidies and SuperGold Card benefits, struggle to attend events due to limited transportation options and the high cost of taxis.

Older people reported difficulties understanding and navigating bus routes and scheduled stops. It was suggested bus timetable information, both digital and paper based, needs to be more age friendly in design and colour.

Community and health care

Like many others, our older people struggle to access health and social services due to barriers such as affordable and available transport, parking, waiting lists for appointments, and information barriers. The suggestion of a park to ride shuttle directly to the hospital from the main hubs like Te Awa The Base, was proposed by several key partners.

A number of groups provided positive feedback on the Strength and Balance Classes, supported by ACC's Live Stronger for Longer initiative. One senior said, "The number of physical activity programmes being run across the city is impressive and so important for the wellbeing and socialisation of older people".

Safety

It was identified that a better understanding of current safety measures, as well as developing more safety initiatives, is needed to help older people feel safe in their communities. Increasing the visibility of security in the smaller shopping centres, and strengthening neighbourhood support networks and community programmes focused on safety, were suggested.

Training emergency responders to assist older people and encouraging them to develop personal emergency plans was also seen as important to their resilience in a civil emergency.

Where possible, these views and concerns have been addressed through the actions of the Age Friendly Plan 2025-2030.

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How the plan works

The Age Friendly Plan (2025-2030) demonstrates Hamilton's commitment to the city's older residents, to raise awareness of their contributions, and to ensure that their needs are met now and into the future. Enhancing accessibility and quality of life for older people will also benefit future generations.

The Age Friendly Plans vision is 'a city that ensures older citizens enjoy a high quality life'. This vision drives the goals, principles, and actions of the Age Friendly Plan, building on the work of the 2021-2024 plan, with a refreshed set of actions.

The 49 actions will ensure the delivery of the plan's goals, principles, and vision, and have been developed through community engagement by the Age Friendly Steering Group, key partners and Council. The actions reflect the voices of our community and what is important for older people to live full and meaningful lives. They are grouped according to the eight age friendly themes developed by WHO, alongside the ninth theme of safety which has been identified by the community as an important addition.

Each of the nine themes has several actions for completion, with specific partner organisations or council's responsible for delivery. Some actions will provide short-term impact or gradually build impact over time. Each action is defined in one of the following status:

Continue

An existing activity that will continue in its current form.

Enhanced

An existing activity that will be expanded and enhanced.

New

An new action not already being undertaken.

1 Outdoor spaces and public buildings



Goal

The natural and built environments of Hamilton offer public amenities that are designed to be safe, accessible and promote an active lifestyle.

Action 1

Newly developed community facilities will incorporate aspects of universal and age friendly design.

Status: **Enhanced**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 2

Accessibility, inclusion and community needs are considered when undertaking renewal and upgrades in Council open spaces.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 3

Parks and open spaces are looked at through an age-friendly lens to ensure people of all ages and stages can use them.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 4

Develop a map of accessible toilets and amenities in Hamilton's Central Business District for older people.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 5

Commence phase three of the Age Friendly and Dementia Friendly Kaumatua Centre.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust

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Transport and mobility

Goal

All Hamiltonians, regardless of ability, mode of transport or income, can get where they want to in a timely and uncomplicated way.

Action 1

Continue to promote the SuperGold card concession to older people, which gives free travel on public transport during set hours.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Waikato Regional Council

Action 2

Deliver a community engagement programme to educate older people about using public transport. This will include a 'Train the Trainer' and advocacy programme focused on underrepresented and minority seniors groups within Hamilton.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Waikato Regional Council

Action 3

Footpaths are designed and maintained to provide safe use by older people who are: pedestrians, grandparents with children, users of mobility aids.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 4

Cycle paths and lanes are designed and maintained to provide safe use by older people who are cyclists and grandparents with children.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 5

Support the rebranding of the bus scheduling service to enable easier use for the community.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Waikato Regional Council
Age Friendly Steering Group

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Housing

Goal

Older people have homes that are secure, comfortable and accessible, regardless of whether they rent, own or live in shared or residential housing.

Action 1

Advocate for senior housing in Hamilton that meets Universal Design Principles and provides for intergenerational living options.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Age Friendly Steering Group

Action 2

Promote and run events that inform older people about their choices when considering moving into retirement villages and other supported living options.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Age Concern

Action 3

Support the provision of appropriate homes for those living in senior housing, and consider their needs in future housing developments.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Kainga Ora Accessible Properties

Action 4

Housing support services and papakainga developments for kaumatua are supported and planned for.

Status: **New**

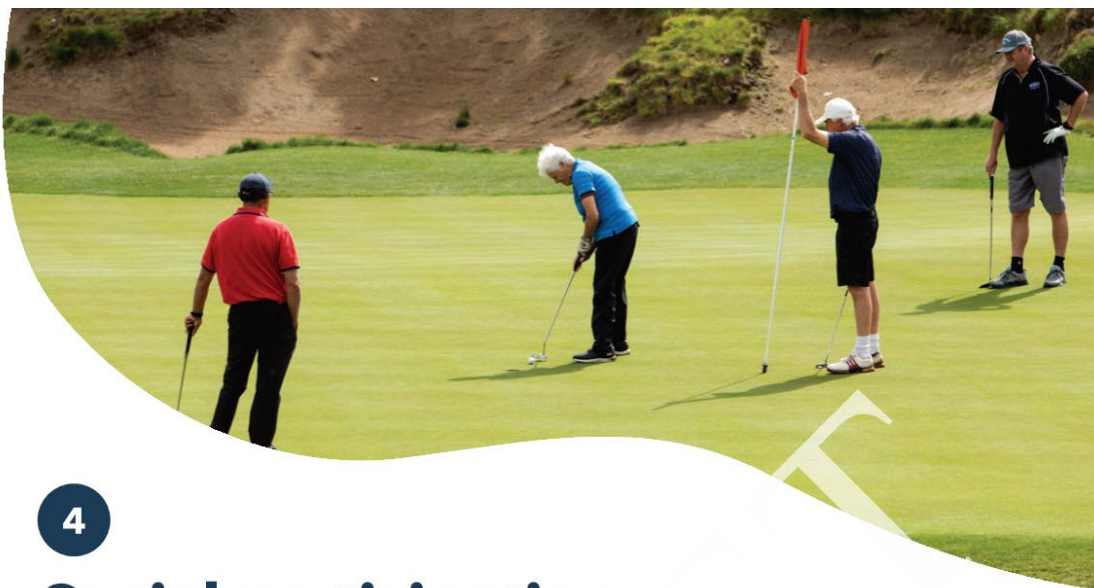
Responsible agency:
Te Runanga o Kirikiriroa

Action 5

Provide advocacy and support for kaumatua in need of housing assistance and collaborating with social housing providers.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumatua Charitable Trust



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Social participation

Goal

Older people have opportunities to connect with family, friends and the wider community, and have places to go to keep them active and socially connected.

Action 1

Community facilities, houses and centres continue to provide a range of programmes and activities for older people.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Community houses

Action 2

Hamilton City Libraries will deliver programmes for older people, including intergenerational programmes that provide older people with opportunities to interact with younger people.

Status: **Enhanced**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 3

Hamilton City Libraries will continue to work towards having engaging and accessible spaces for older people, both physical and online.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
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Action 4

Status: **Enhanced**

A range of kaumaatua-led programmes and activities are provided to achieve "Hei Manaaki ngaa Kaumaatua" - to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of kaumaatua.

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust

Action 5

Status: **Continue**

Events held by ethnic and migrant groups in Hamilton are inclusive of older people where possible.

Responsible agency:
Shama HMS Settlement Centre

Action 6

Status: **Enhanced**

A range of programmes and activities will be provided for older people by Sport Waikato via their Actively website.

Responsible agency:
Sport Waikato

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Respect and social inclusion

Goal

Older people are visible in the community and their experiences and needs are valued and actively considered. There are many positive examples of the contributions they make.

Action 1

Advocate for and support events and research projects that promote intergenerational connections.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Age Friendly Steering Group

Action 2

Advocate for and support central businesses to adopt age friendly practices and recognition as an age friendly business through the WHO framework.

Status: **Enhanced**

Responsible agency:
**Hamilton Central Business Association
Age Friendly Steering Group**

Action 3

Increase awareness of the needs of older people among businesses in Hamilton.

Status: **Enhanced**

Responsible agency:
**Hamilton Central Business Association
Age Friendly Steering Group**

Action 4

Promote and assist people living with dementia (make aware), to access services and/or schemes that will encourage more inclusivity in their local communities.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
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Action 5

Strengthen the awareness of the public and community agencies to the special conditions and challenges of people with dementia.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Dementia Waikato

Action 6

A range of intergenerational activities and resources are organised to support and showcase the engagement of older and younger generations.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust

Action 7

Research opportunities are organised to support the inclusion of kaumatua voices, and to highlight the strength of kaumatua inclusion, in co-creation and development.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust

Action 8

Hamilton City Libraries will continue to work towards becoming dementia friendly spaces through staff upskilling and content/ collection development.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council



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Civic participation and employment

Goal

Older people have an active role in the community through volunteering, supporting local events and taking part in local politics.

- Action 1

Provide opportunities to raise the awareness of older people regarding governance at Council.

Status: Enhanced

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
- Action 2

Provide meaningful opportunities for Hamilton’s older population to participate in the 2025 and 2028 local elections, with tailored education and events during each phase of the election programme.

Status: New

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
- Action 3

Celebrate International Day of the Older Person annually on 1 October.

Status: Continue

Responsible agency:
Age Concern
Hamilton City Council
- Action 4

Provide advocacy and support for the inclusion of kaumātua in the parliamentary submission process.

Status: New

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust

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Status: **New**

Support older people to engage in volunteering activities by actively promoting opportunities in a way that helps remove barriers for education and participation.

Responsible agency:
Volunteering Waikato

Action 5

Status: **New**

Develop a transition to retirement programme for Council staff approaching retirement age.

Responsible agency:
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Communication and information

Goal

Older people are able to easily access information and support regardless of their abilities.

Action 1

Council communication and information about events and important services are accessible for all ethnic and migrant communities, and reflect the diversity of the main languages spoken in the older persons' community.

Status: New

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust

Action 2

Improve digital literacy and support to older people to access new technologies.

Status: Continue

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
Age Concern SeniorNet

Action 3

Progress and information regarding the Hamilton Age Friendly Steering Group are updated on the Council website to ensure ongoing progress of the plan and activities more widely known.

Status: Enhance

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
Age Friendly Steering Group

Action 4

Facilitate 'Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Questionnaire' to identify achievements and gaps in Hamilton becoming a more age friendly city.

Status: New

Responsible agency:
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Office for Seniors
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Community support and health services

Goal

Community-related services and health promotion support older people's physical and mental wellbeing, and promote healthy behaviours and life choices.

Action 1

Ensure ongoing avenues for advice and feedback from older people to Te Whatu Ora governance.

Status: **Enhance**

Responsible agency:
Te Whatu Ora

Action 2

Continue to provide age-appropriate aquatic services and hydrotherapy at the Hamilton Pools, and ensure future planning has a focus on older people.

Status: **Enhance**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 3

Continue to partner with Waikato Masters Swim Club to support and promote their activities for older people, including quarterly club meetings, trainings and events.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council
Waikato Masters Swim Club

Action 4

Continue to provide and develop programmes and activities that support kaumaatua physical and mental wellbeing. For example, Piki te Ora: Kaumaatua Wellbeing and Piki Tech Ora: Enhancing Kaumaatua Wellbeing through Technology.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Rauawaawa Kaumaatua Charitable Trust

9 Safety

Goal

Older residents feel safe and secure in their homes, neighbourhoods, public spaces and in their wider community.

Action 1

Raise awareness of personal safety issues (including abuse and neglect), and avenues for seeking support in addressing these.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Age Concern

Action 2

Develop support and guidance for older people to prepare, respond to, and recover from Civil Defence emergencies.

Status: **Continue**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 3

Raise the awareness and understanding of City Safe staff on dementia and older persons' issues through education and training.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Hamilton City Council

Action 4

Provide educational safety training to age care facilities and seniors groups regarding how to keep safe in public places.

Status: **Enhance**

Responsible agency:
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Action 5

Promote and support community safety programmes, such as neighborhood watch groups and buddy systems, to create a safer environment for older people.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Grey Power

Action 6

Enable communication and connectedness with older residents and their community through membership in a neighbourhood support street group.

Status: **New**

Responsible agency:
Neighbourhood Support Hamilton

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Partnerships and community-led actions

The Hamilton Age Friendly Plan (2025-2030) is a cross-sector community plan that enables collaboration between Hamilton City Council, older people's organisations and communities to achieve collective input for an age friendly city.

The action plan provides direction for targeting resources more effectively, while encouraging the sector and community to work collaboratively, leveraging their collective strengths to achieve results.

In this plan, actions are broadly defined. This is because a community-driven project such as the Age Friendly Plan needs to be flexible to respond to changes in the community itself, as well as the various agencies and groups supporting it.

The Age Friendly Plan has links to, and complements several national and international strategies including:

- Better Later Life He Oranga Kaumātua 2019 to 2034 Strategy
- Healthy Aging Strategy 2016
- World Health Organisation - Age-friendly Cities Framework and Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities
- New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016.

The Plan also aligns with the following Council Strategies:

- He Pou Manawa Ora – Pillars of Wellbeing Strategy
- Access Hamilton Strategy
- Community and Social Development Strategy
- Open Spaces Strategy
- Play Strategy
- Libraries Strategy
- Disability Action Plan.

Implementing and monitoring

Implementation of the plan will be overseen by the community-led Hamilton Age Friendly Steering group who continue to connect and support community key partners in delivering the actions that have been agreed on. The steering group is made up of members from the older persons sector, and represents a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, professions and experience.

Progress on the implementation of the plan will be reported to Hamilton City Council Elected Members annually through the Community Development team. The plan is due for expiry in 2030, when it will be reviewed and updated to reflect the collaboration between Council and community stakeholders in delivering age friendly practices and services that support older people to live a valued and rewarding life.

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Helpful resources/tools for older people



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Your Guide to Hamilton

hamilton.govt.nz/new-settlers-directory

This guide to Hamilton provides basic settlement information for people who have recently moved to the city to live, work, or study.

Kai Map

hamilton.govt.nz/kai-map

This map shows people where they can access low or no cost food across Hamilton.

Hamilton City Libraries

hamiltonlibraries.co.nz

- borrowing books, magazines, puzzles, games, and more
- free access to newspapers from local, national and international sources
- creative resources available through two Auaha Makerspace facilities
- meeting rooms
- Justice of the Peace services
- programmes and events for all ages.

Here to Help You

heretohelpu.nz

Support with access to services including free kai, health support, budgeting and more.

Citizens Advice Bureau

cab.org.nz/location/cab-hamilton

Helps people to know and understand their rights and obligations, and how to use this information to get the best outcomes. Provides people with the confidence and support they need to take action, and work for positive social change within communities and wider society. Provides a free and independent service to all.

Welcoming communities

hamilton.govt.nz/community-support-and-funding/welcoming-communities/

You can find this plan on the Hamilton City Council website or pick up a physical copy from your local Hamilton City Library or the Hamilton City Council reception in Garden Place.

Community houses

These organisations provide safe spaces for connection, support and upskilling:

Pukete Neighbourhood House

43 Church Road, Pukete
07 849 1115

www.puketehouse.org.nz

Western Community Centre

46 Hyde Avenue, Nawton
07 8474873

www.westerncommunitycentre.org

Te Papanui Enderley Community Centre

66 Tennyson Road, Enderley
0800 363 375

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Council Report

Committee:	Community and Natural Environment Committee	Date:	05 June 2025
Author:	Joanna van Walraven	Authoriser:	Rebecca Whitehead
Position:	Programme and Planning Manager	Position:	Unit Director - Customer & Community Services
Report Name:	Update of Arts Action Plan and Request to Consult on Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy		

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To inform the Community and Natural Environment Committee of the development of a Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy and endorses the Arts Action Plan from Creative Waikato.
2. To seek approval from the Community and Natural Environment Committee of the Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy and Statement of Proposal for the purpose of public consultation.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

3. That the Community and Natural Environment Committee:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) endorses the Arts Action Plan (**attachment 1**) from Creative Waikato noting that the Plan will be monitored and presented annually to Community and Natural Environment Committee (or similar as outlined in the 2025-28 Governance Structure); and
 - c) approves the Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy (**attachment 2**) and Draft Statement of Proposal (attachment 3) for the purpose of public consultation.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

4. During Deliberations for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, staff were directed to work with Creative Waikato to develop a suite of arts related guidance documentation, including an Arts Action Plan, and an Arts in Infrastructure Policy ([minutes of the 4 June Council meeting](#)).
5. The Arts Action Plan was developed by Creative Waikato and Council staff to achieve arts related objectives, including those outlined through the Arts in Infrastructure Policy, the Waikato Arts Navigator, and the Arts Event Policy.
6. The purpose of the Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy is to enable the best outcomes for culture and art through the development of Council infrastructure.
7. Staff recommend that the Committee endorses the Action Plan, and recommend **option 1** – approve the Draft Policy and Draft Statement of Proposal for consultation, as detailed in the options section below.

8. Staff consider the decision to consult on the Draft Policy has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

9. During Deliberations for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, staff were directed to work with Creative Waikato to develop a suite of arts related guidance documentation, including an Arts Action Plan, and an Arts in Infrastructure Policy ([minutes of the 4 June Council meeting](#)).
10. A briefing was held on 12 February 2025 where staff were given direction by Elected Members on the policy's guiding principles and proposed ring-fenced funding of 1% of appropriate project budgets.

Arts Action Plan (Creative Waikato)

11. The Waikato Arts Navigator was adopted in June 2024 as Hamilton City Council's Art Strategy.
12. The Arts Action Plan provides a blueprint for achieving arts-related objectives in the city, including those outlined through the Waikato Arts Navigator, the Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy, and the Draft Arts Events Policy. The Action Plan is included as **Attachment 1**.
13. The Arts Action Plan was developed by Creative Waikato in conjunction with Council staff. Implementation will be undertaken by Creative Waikato and Hamilton City Council.
14. The Action Plan maps out proposed activities, responsible parties, and estimated timelines tracked over a three-year period. The Action Plan will be monitored, updated and presented to the Community and Natural Environment Committee annually.

The Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy

15. Staff have worked with Creative Waikato to develop a Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy, which is included as **Attachment 2**.
16. The purpose of the Draft Policy is to:
 - i. Ensure Council processes and investment supports and enables the best outcomes for culture and art through the development of infrastructure, whilst recognising the need for the safe, maintainable and efficient operation of infrastructure.
 - ii. To provide clear guidance and clarity regarding roles, responsibilities and processes that support those outcomes.
17. The objectives of the Draft Policy are to:
 - i. Embed artistic elements into public infrastructure projects to enhance the aesthetic, cultural, and social and economic value of public spaces.
 - ii. Improve the visual appeal of public spaces, making them more inviting and enjoyable in a cost-effective way.
 - iii. Enable artistic and cultural expression and promote a sense of pride, place and identity through public art.
 - iv. Encourage local arts engagement and economic development, creating a more attractive and vibrant city while promoting employment and development opportunities for local artists.
18. Staff have proposed a 1% (maximum) project budget for nominated projects. Funding would be ring-fenced, meaning that art would not be value engineered out of a project.
19. Additional information on the financial impact / consequential opex is provided in the Financial Considerations section of this report.

Scope

20. If approved, the Policy will apply to projects for infrastructure to be owned or operated by Hamilton City Council.
21. The Policy would not apply to:
 - i. Private infrastructure, or externally funded projects that do not allow funding for art.
 - ii. Infrastructure that is not intended to be visible from a public place,.
 - iii. Infrastructure that is located on sites not intended to be accessible to the public.

Artist Selection

22. A key proposal of the Draft Policy is that artists are involved early in the project planning process to ensure art is appropriately integrated into the design.
23. Council staff will work with Creative Waikato to establish a transparent and inclusive process for selecting artists, prioritising local talent and ensuring diversity in artistic representation.

Maintenance

24. An artistic treatment may require ongoing maintenance to preserve its appearance and structural integrity. Any maintenance implications for art installation would be identified and planned for prior to design sign off and be funded through consequential opex budgets.
25. Other considerations include durability of design and materials (including resistance to vandalism), and ability to safely access the work for maintenance.

Options

Staff have identified two options for the Community and Natural Committee to consider:

Option 1 <i>(recommended)</i> – approve the draft policy for public consultation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy Draft Statement of Proposal for the purpose of public consultation. ii. The development of the policy will progress to hear submissions from stakeholders and interested parties.
Option 2) – do not progress development of an Arts in Infrastructure Policy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Do not approve the Draft Policy and statement of proposal for consultation. ii. This will mean development art in council infrastructure projects may continue to be developed with an ad-hoc process and may not achieve priority budgeting. iii. This option does not align with the intention of the Elected Member request during the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Deliberations.

27. Staff recommend **Option 1** - approve the draft policy for public consultation because this approach aligns with the requested outcomes directed by Elected Members.
28. The recommendation supports Council's Policies and Strategies, in particular He Pou Manawa Ora, the Permanent Public Art Policy and Monuments and the Memorial Art Policy.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

29. The cost for implementing this policy will be met through existing budgets until the next review of the Long Term Plan.

30. Future costs relating to implementation of the Policy will be considered through the next Long Term Plan within project and budget proposals. Maintenance requirements and any consequential opex would be considered through project planning and budget approval, only art with high durability and low long-term costs would be considered suitable.
31. Large-scale Infrastructure and Assets projects within the current LTP (years 1-3) have been scoped and are already underway, largely discounting them from short term implementation. The implementation of the policy for Projects of this nature will not commence until the next Long Term Plan, however staff may take up opportunities to embed art into suitable projects if they arise.
32. To provide an example of the potential financial implications of ringfencing 1% of the project cost to integrate art into a capital programme, staff have modelled the impact of this on nominated Customer and Community infrastructure projects for 2025/2026 (year 2). Of this programme approximately half may meet the criteria under the policy resulting in a maximum cost for suitable projects of \$180k (1%).
33. The costs incurred to date to develop the Draft Policy are within the estimated budget for this project. These costings include staff hours to progress the work (200 hours) and include design, public notice, media placements, and printing at a cost of approximately \$3000.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

34. Staff confirm that the Action Plan and Draft Policy complies with Council's legal and policy requirements.

Next Steps

35. If approved for consultation, the Draft Policy will be publicly consulted on for one month from June 5 to July 7, 2025.
35. A public hearing is planned for August 2025 and a Deliberations and Adoption Report will be brought to the September Council meeting.

Climate Change Impact Statement

36. Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation.
37. Though infrastructure projects may have climate change impacts, the addition of art is unlikely to have any material impact. Staff have determined no adaptation or emissions assessment is required.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

38. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
39. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose.

Social

40. Art in public places can be reflective of the community's unique identity. This can instil a sense of pride and belonging among residents.
41. Art installations can encourage social interactions, helping to build social connections and a sense of community. By showcasing diverse voices and perspectives, public art can highlight the richness of different cultures and experiences within a community

42. Exposure to art can have therapeutic effects, reducing stress and promoting mental well-being. Public art provides accessible opportunities for people to experience these benefits in their daily lives without cost.

Economic

43. The arts sector generates employment opportunities for artists, performers, curators, and other professionals.
44. Art installations create vibrancy, interest and attract visitors, which increases spending in local businesses like restaurants, hotels, and shops. Public art and cultural amenity make neighbourhoods more attractive.
45. Cities known for their cultural richness and artistic vibrancy can attract investments from businesses and individuals looking for dynamic and inspiring environments.

Environmental

46. Ensuring that art installations are environmentally sustainable and do not negatively impact the surrounding ecosystem is an important consideration.

Cultural

47. The Draft Policy supports opportunities to celebrate local Maaori history and stories, fostering a city that respects and integrates its rich heritage.
48. Public art can promote a sense of unity by integrating art works that reflect diverse cultural experiences, creating a harmonious, inclusive environment for all residents.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

49. Successful integration of art into infrastructure requires close collaboration between Council staff, Council partners, artists, suppliers, engineers, and community. Coordinating these efforts can be complex and may require extra support from staff to mitigate project delays.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

50. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report has/have a medium level of significance.
51. Given the medium level of significance determined, the engagement level is medium. Engagement is required.
52. The staff recommendation is to consult on the draft in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
53. Council partners, including mana whenua, interested agencies and community stakeholders were engaged to support the development of the Draft Policy. Wider community consultation will enable broader community feedback and test the outcome of the draft with all interested parties.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Arts Action Plan

Attachment 2 - Draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy

Attachment 3 - Draft Statement of Proposal

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WAN Strategic Alignment	Focus Area	Actions/Projects	Timeframe - Y1/2/3 or ongoing	Lead	Partners	Measurement
Creative Experiences	Art in Infrastructure Policy	Development and adoption of a new 'Art in Infrastructure' Policy	Year 1/September 2025	HCC	Creative Waikato	Completed and adopted
		Develop guidance documents and an implementation plan to support policy	Y1/Y2	HCC	Creative Waikato	Completed and implemented
		Support artists to draft proposals and maintenance plans for infrastructure projects.	Ongoing from Y2	CW	HCC	To be determined following implementation plan
		Support artists and facilitate relationships with HCC staff as required to support policy implementation.	Ongoing from Y2	CW	HCC	Tracked through CW Reporting as required
		Develop a process for effective creative community engagement in support of future infrastructure development.	Y1	HCC		Developed and implemented
		Develop an evaluation and implementation framework to monitor progress.	Y1	HCC		Developed and implemented
	Event Policy	Development and adoption of a new Hamilton Events Policy	September	HCC		Developed and adopted
		Create an 'Events Handbook' to provide guidance on how to run events in the city	Y1	HCC	CW, Event organisers	Created and available to community

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		Explore practical considerations around noise level in the CBD and other areas in connection to events, bylaws and district planning	Y1/Ongoing	HCC	CW, HCBA, Event organisers	Development of site-specific noise guidelines for use by event organisers Inclusion of noise related information in the Events Handbook
		Strengthen key relationships with mana whenua and community to enhance Matariki Festival and Waitangi Day Celebrations	Ongoing	HCC	Mana Whenua, Arts orgs	Internal council reporting and relationship management
		Maintain funding and support for current community events and HCC event sponsorship.	Y1 and Y2	HCC		Yes/No
		Explore the feasibility to expand and grow funding pathways for local and major events (this could include the existing Event Sponsorship Fund, and potential Rangatahi event fund in the Rangatahi Action Plan, and Performing Arts Fund pathways in the Waikato Performing Arts Strategy)	Y3	HCC		Creation of a feasibility report for consideration in future planning
	Te Whare Taonga o Waikato	Undertake feasibility to determine how Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum & Gallery could deliver its core purpose.	Y2	HCC		Feasibility completed with recommendations.
		Assess and update funding requirements for the ongoing maintenance of the public art portfolio.	Y2	HCC		Creation of a summary report and proposal for Long Term Plan.
		Explore growth opportunities and partnerships for the development of significant long-term exhibitions about Kirikiriroa Hamilton.	Y2	HCC		Tracked in internal reporting
	Busking zones	Explore the designation of busking zones in key areas of the city centre to support activation and central city	Y2	HCC	HCBA, CW	

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		vibrancy.				
	Creative Community Investment	Maintain and explore growth opportunities for arts, culture and creative community funding. (Through Community Partnership Agreements, Community Initiative Grants, Community Services grants)	Y1	HCC		Granting is maintained through LTP period
Creative Prosperity	Social procurement of local artists	Council to engage local artists and creative service providers wherever possible for events, projects and installations.	ongoing	HCC	CW, Mana whenua, arts orgs	Baseline to be determined
	UNESCO City of Media Arts	Scope the feasibility to develop a full application to UNESCO for Hamilton to join the Cultural Cities Network (next submissions are in 2027)	Y2	HCC	CW	Yes/No
		Develop the partners network in support of the local application with business, education, and creative sector stakeholders		HCC	CW, HCBA, Wintec, Waikato Uni,	To be determined based upon result of feasibility
Creative Innovation	Creative projects for crime prevention	Explore CEPTED and other creative initiatives and activation to support increased perceptions of safety and reduction of crime.	Y1	CW	HCC, Hamilton Police	Receive presentation from Creative Waikato around developments in this area.
	Councillor Leadership and Support	WAN workshop for elected members to ensure creativity is considered in making decisions (particularly with regards to infrastructure and community)	Y1	CW	HCC	Workshop is delivered

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Creative Education	Staff leadership and development	Develop a Creative Activators Group and support WAN Strategy alignment across Council's business units.	Ongoing	CW	HCC	2x meetings of activators group per annum One annual WAN strategy session for council per annum
	Creative Communities Scheme	Continue to support the delivery of the Creative NZ funded, Creative Community Scheme and look to support increased investment in this fund for community impact.	Ongoing	HCC	CW	Yes/No
	Arts Communication support	Prioritise storytelling of major cultural events and developments to connect with community and wellbeing outcomes, in council media	Ongoing	HCC		Baseline data to be determined
Creative Wellbeing	Disability Action Plan	Ensure arts, culture and creativity is included in the update to the Disability Action plan. This should include access to all kinds of creative activities in the city.	Y1	HCC	CW	Disability action plan includes arts, culture and creativity.
	Space brokerage	Work with local property owners to explore the activation of empty spaces with creative practitioners to help activate the local environment and build opportunities for creative businesses	Y2		HCBA, CW, HCC	1 trial activation is supported
	Hamilton City Parks	Explore further possibilities to enable creative no-mow areas in public parks as creative storytelling and playable landscape	Y1	HCC		Yes/no
		Any future playground developments to consider artistic integration.	Y2	HCC		Yes/no

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	Rangatahi Action Plan	Support the provision of spaces for youth events and support for rangatahi events as outlined in the Rangatahi Action plan	Y1	HCC	CW	Measured through Rangatahi Action Plan
	Public Art Policy	Ensure the public art policy supports the activation of local storytelling and placemaking through partnership projects.	Y1	HCC		Yes/no.

Supporting documentation:

https://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Waikato-Arts-Navigator-Regional-Strategy_2023.pdfhttps://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/CW094-Performming-Arts-Strategy_FULL-A4-Document_04.pdfhttps://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Play-with-Arts-Culture-and-Creativity-Supplement_May24.pdfhttps://creativewaikato.co.nz/site/uploads/Waikato-Creative-Infrastructure-Plan_2024-final.pdf**Item 10****Attachment 1**

First adopted:	
Revision dates/version:	
Next review date:	(3 years after adoption unless there is a reason to differ e.g. specified in legislation)
Engagement required:	
Document Number	
Associated documents:	He Pou Manawa Ora, Waikato Arts Navigator.
Sponsor/Group:	General Manager Customer and Community

DRAFT: Arts in Infrastructure Policy

Ko te Puutaketanga Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this policy is to:
 - a) Ensure Council processes and investment supports and enables the best outcomes for culture and art through the development of infrastructure, whilst recognising the need for the safe and efficient operation of infrastructure.
 - b) To provide clear guidance and clarity regarding roles, responsibilities and processes that support those outcomes.
- 2. The objectives of the policy are to:
 - a) Embed artistic elements into nominated public infrastructure projects to enhance the aesthetic, cultural, and social and economic value of public spaces.
 - b) Improve the visual appeal of public spaces, making them more inviting and enjoyable in a cost-effective way.
 - c) Enable artistic and cultural expression and promote a sense of pride, place and identity through public art.
 - d) Encourage local arts engagement and economic development, creating a more attractive and vibrant city while promoting employment and development opportunities for local artists.

Ko te Whaanuitanga Scope

- 3. This Policy applies to nominated infrastructure projects to be owned or operated by Hamilton City Council.
- 4. This Policy does not apply to the following:
 - a) Private infrastructure, or externally funded projects that do not allow funding for art,
 - b) Infrastructure that is not intended to be visible from a public place,
 - c) Infrastructure that is located on sites not intended to be accessible to the public.

Ko ngaa Tikanga Whakahaere Kaupapahere Principles of Policy

- The guiding principles for this Policy are:
- a) Council will seek opportunities to incorporate art into public infrastructure.
 - b) The inclusion of art is considered at the initial stages of infrastructure project planning, and that art is embedded into design where appropriate to do so.
 - c) Funding is appropriate for the context and scaled to the infrastructure project.

- d) Art is purpose built and structurally sound, made using enduring materials, and maintenance is planned for appropriately.
- e) Safety and accessibility is at the forefront of the design. Accessibility is provided for where it is appropriate to do so.
- f) Positive outcomes are enabled without adding red tape.
- g) The art included in public infrastructure projects represents the cultural diversity and heritage of the community.

Ko ngaa Tikanga Policy

- 5. Council will consider the inclusion of art for nominated public infrastructure projects, with an allocation of up to 1% of the planned budget.
- 6. When deciding which infrastructure projects should include integrated art proposals, staff will consider:
 - a) the opportunity for an arts proposal to meet policy objectives,
 - b) the significance and visual impact of the projects,
 - c) the project's location and likely community interest,
 - d) the impacts of the art proposal on the efficient operation of the infrastructure,
 - e) current or planned development of the infrastructure, and
 - f) the potential financial impact, including the cost of future maintenance.
- 7. Proposals must align with other Hamilton City Council policies and strategies (i.e. He Pou Manawa Ora, Permanent Public Art Policy, Monuments and Memorial Art Policy, Hamilton Gateways Policy).
- 8. Council will consider the inclusion of appropriately scaled artistic treatment for small, medium and large infrastructure projects.
- 9. For projects requiring resource consent, the inclusion of art will be additional to any mitigation required through consent conditions.

Planning and Scoping

- 10. The inclusion of art into an infrastructure project will be initiated in the early stages of project planning to ensure seamless integration with the overall design and functionality of the infrastructure.
- 11. Any proposed artwork to be integrated into an infrastructure project must be accompanied by a Whole of Life Cost Assessment to provide a comprehensive understanding of the cost implications over the entire lifespan of the artwork.

Artist Selection

- 12. Council will implement a transparent and inclusive process for selecting artists to ensure diversity and high quality, fit for context work.
- 13. Council will facilitate collaboration between community partners, artists, architects, engineers, planners and staff.

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Engagement

14. Council will undertake engagement with mana whenua to ensure cultural alignment for sites (including but not limited to) waahi taapu areas, other areas of cultural significance (or are known to be significant), including te awa o Waikato and anywhere along the riverbank.
15. For large scale proposals, wider community engagement will be undertaken to ensure art is relevant and meaningful to the community.

Care and Maintenance

16. All art proposals seeking approval must meet Council's maintenance and durability requirements.
17. Operation and Maintenance plans for art proposals will outline the necessary maintenance, cleaning, part replacements, and other care requirements.

Ownership

18. Once an artwork has been vested it shall become the sole ownership of Hamilton City Council.
19. The moral rights of the artwork will remain with the artist; however, the Council has the right to produce images of the artwork for the normal purposes of Council.
20. If necessary, the Council may at any time, remove, relocate or dispose of the artwork.
21. Council will consult with the artist before removal, relocation or disposal.

Funding

22. All public infrastructure projects will allocate a percentage of the total budget for the inclusion of art. This percentage should be determined based on the project's scale and scope, to a maximum of 1%.
23. Council will decide which infrastructure projects are appropriate through the Long-Term Plan process.
24. The portion of funding shall be for the specific purpose of including and maintaining art in the project and excluded from being used for other activities.
25. Where art has been included as part of an externally funded project, Council may be required to separately fund consequential operational expenditure relating to the artwork.
26. Staff will seek external funding opportunities (including public private partnerships) where possible.
27. Staff will encourage private developments to include art in infrastructure.

Ko te Aroturukitanga me te Whakatinanatanga

Monitoring and

Implementation

28. Implementation of the policy will be monitored by the General Manager Customer and Community.
29. Performance will be monitored and reported as part of the Arts Action Plan (2025).
30. The policy will be reviewed in response to any issues that may arise, every three years, at the request of Council or in response to changed legislative and statutory requirements (whichever occurs first).

Ko ngaa Tohutoro

References

31. Permanent Public Art Policy.

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32. He Pou Manawa Ora.

Ko ngaa Whakamaaramatanga

Definitions

Term	Definition in this Policy
Infrastructure	The physical structures built and maintained by Council to operate the city, including transport assets, storm water assets, park assets and community facilities.
Art (and artistic treatment)	Artworks or decorative features that have been created or designed by artists that are commissioned, purchased, or donated.
Embedded Art	Art that is intrinsic to the fabric of the infrastructure, and not a separate entity.
Public Places	Places that are not privately owned and that the public regularly access (for example, Council or Crown owned land).
Private Infrastructure	Infrastructure that is privately owned and operated by a property owner, body corporate or other legally established entity or organisation.

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Arts in Infrastructure
DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL
[June 5- July 7]

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Hamilton City Council (the Council) is seeking feedback on a draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy.

Why are we developing an Arts in Infrastructure Policy?

Arts, culture and creativity play a vital role in shaping strong and prosperous cities, while also fostering cohesive, healthy communities and enhancing overall community wellbeing.

Integrating creative elements into community (Council owned) infrastructure provides an opportunity to create a vibrant city and achieve important wellbeing outcomes for all Hamiltonians.

Currently Council does not have a policy to guide how artwork and creative elements can be included in infrastructure projects.

Council resolved to develop an Arts in Infrastructure Policy at the [4 June 2024 Council Meeting](#).

The draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy will ensure:

- Council planning and investment supports and enables great outcomes for culture and the arts when building or upgrading infrastructure.
- At the same time, we make sure that infrastructure continues to be safe, reliable and works well for everyone.

Council would like to hear from community members who may be interested in, or affected by, the draft Arts in Infrastructure Policy.

Proposal

Council is proposing a new Arts in Infrastructure Policy to help guide how art and creativity can be included in public infrastructure projects – like walkways, bus stops, libraries and bridges. The policy aims to:

- Make public spaces more vibrant and enjoyable through creative design.
- Ensure infrastructure remains safe, functional, and cost-effective.
- Clarify who is responsible and how decisions are made, so projects run smoothly.

What we're proposing...	... and why.
Budget for art	
Council will consider the inclusion of art in suitable public infrastructure projects by setting aside up to 1% of the planned budget.	This helps bring creativity into everyday spaces—like streets, parks, and buildings—while making sure projects stay on budget.
Planning and scoping	

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The inclusion of art will be considered early in the planning of public infrastructure projects.	This helps to ensure the art or creative elements fit well with the overall design and function of the space.
Each proposed artwork/creative element will include a full cost assessment for its entire lifespan.	This makes sure the long-term costs of creating, installing, and maintaining the creative elements are well understood and managed.
Care and maintenance	
All proposed artworks must meet Council's standards for durability and maintenance.	This ensures the artwork can withstand weather and wear over time, keeping it safe and looking good.
Each proposal must include a plan for how the creative elements will be cared for.	This helps make sure there's a clear understanding of what's needed to clean, maintain and repair the artwork/creative element throughout its life.
Safe and accessible	
Safety and accessibility are key priorities in the design of art elements in infrastructure projects.	Art elements will be designed with a strong focus on safety and, where appropriate, accessibility. Ensuring that as many people as possible can engage with and enjoy them.

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Reasons for the proposal

- The key reasons for the proposal are:
- To make public spaces more attractive, welcoming and enjoyable.
 - To reflect local culture and identity, helping people feel proud of where they live.
 - To support local artists and creative industries by creating more opportunities for involvement.
 - To boost community wellbeing and economic development through vibrant, engaging public places.

TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROPOSAL

Before making any final decisions, we'd like to have your input. You can give us feedback from 4 June to 7 July 2025 online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay, or fill out the feedback form included in this Statement of Proposal.

For any queries please ring 07 838 6699 or email: haveyoursay@hcc.govt.nz

NEXT STEPS

Council staff will collect and analyse all feedback at the close of the submission period.

The analysis of this feedback will be presented to the 14 August Regulatory and Hearings Committee meeting. At this meeting, submitters who want to speak to their written submission will be able to do so.

The Council will then consider all the views and make a decision.

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FEEDBACK FORM

Arts in Infrastructure Policy 5 June to 7 July 2025

Hamilton City Council is proposing to adopt an Arts in Infrastructure Policy.

FEEDBACK FORMS CAN BE:

- Completed online at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay
- Posted to: Freepost 172189, Hamilton City Council, Communication and Engagement team, Arts in Infrastructure Policy, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton, 3240.
- Delivered to the Municipal Building. 260 Anglesea Street or any branch of Hamilton City Libraries.
- Email the completed form to: haveyoursay@hcc.govt.nz.

Privacy statement:
Your name and/or organisation may be published with your submission and made available in a report to elected members and to the public. Other personal information supplied will be used for administration and reporting purposes only. Please refer to Council’s Privacy Statement at hamilton.govt.nz for further information.

Do you agree with Council’s proposal to create an Arts in Infrastructure Policy to guide how art and creativity can be included in public infrastructure projects?

☐ Yes

☐ In part

☐ No

Tell us the reasons for your response (Please print clearly):

Run out of room? Feel free to attach additional pages.

Feel strongly about your feedback? (required)
You can also support your written feedback by speaking with us. You can talk to Elected Members at the Regulatory and Hearings Committee meeting (in person or online) on 14 August 2025. We will contact you to arrange a time. Watch our video and read more about what is involved in speaking to Elected Members at hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Yes, I would like to speak to my submission

No thanks

ABOUT YOU:

This section tells us a bit more about you. By capturing this information, we will be able to better understand who is, and isn't providing feedback.

Contact details (Please print clearly)

We will use this to get in touch with you if you would like the opportunity to make a verbal submission.

Name: (required) _____

Phone: _____ Email: (required) _____

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

- ☐ No, these are my own personal views
- ☐ Yes, I am the official spokesperson for the organisation

If yes, what is the name of the organisation? _____

Where do you live?

I live in Hamilton, my suburb is: _____

I live outside Hamilton city:

- ☐ Waipaa District ☐ Waikato District ☐ Elsewhere in New Zealand ☐ Overseas

What is your age group? (at your last birthday)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80+ |

Which ethnic group do you identify with? (tick all that apply)

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|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NZ European | <input type="checkbox"/> Maaori | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> British | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan | <input type="checkbox"/> South African | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Islands Maaori |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | | | | |

Please get your feedback to us by XXXX.

Item 10

Attachment 3

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Community and Natural Environment Committee Unconfirmed Public Excluded Minutes - 3 April 2025) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
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