

# WBOPDC 2013 Annual Plan Submissions

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The following submissions are being made on behalf of all of the ratepayers of the Pukehina Beach area and we see each subject as requiring serious consideration.

Please note we do wish to speak on all items in this summation at the Council Hearing.

## **1. Stormwater - pg 75**

The Association, as it did in last year's submissions, acknowledges that there are funds set aside for stormwater drainage improvements. We thank Council for the concerted efforts to improve the storm water along the Pukehina Parade. Once again; we encourage the council to treat the budgeted planned work as urgent.

As requested last year, the Association seeks immediate inspection and consultation with the residence in Costello Crescent who during heavy rain are subjected to large flows of stormwater flowing from Pukehina Parade down Costello Crescent into their property. This is still an urgent matter that requires immediate action. We believe that there have been service requests made by ratepayers of Costello Crescent re stormwater flow onto their properties.

## **2. Transportation - pg 59, 60, 61, 62 Pukehina Parade - Seaward - Side Kerb and Channel**

The Association wishes to keep the seaward side Kerb and Channel project on the table for discussion with Council. As with our Long Term Plan Submission the Committee, in consultation with its members, state that the footpath is not required, substantially reducing the cost of the project. The Association would encourage Council to re-evaluate the costing accordingly.

The Association states that the completion of the kerb and channelling on the seaward side of Pukehina Parade will solve many of the stormwater problems that exist (see Stormwater Submission Item 1). Please also review the number of stormwater issues recorded on the council planning documents and budgets.

## **3. Solid Waste - Rubbish Collection Pukehina Beach - pg 93**

Support the Eastern recycle centre based in Te Puke – Suggest the hours are increased to 8 am – to 5.30pm as it is a challenge for rural working people to access the services with the present reduced hours. Pg 93 Provide and maintain drop-off recycling service in an appropriate location in the

commercial area close to the BP Service Station – this will deter people from dropping refuse off on the side of the road.

The Association repeats its submissions of 2009 – 2012 in respect to the Council placing the improving the rubbish collection on the District Plan. The Association has, since the 2009 submission, constantly discussed with the executive officers and senior staff the subject of a more practical, healthy and user friendly solution to the problem the residence of Pukehina Beach have.

The committee has been willing to explore various commercial alternatives but it seems that the council policy is still - **the council is not in the business of collecting rubbish**. We as an organisation question that statement and wish to table once gain our disappointment with council's policy on this subject. We submit to the council that rubbish collection is the business of council particularly when it has some impact on health and safety of the residence. In making this submission we ask them to support our alternative scheme as required.

However in response to our member's requests we have investigated an alternative service and at the time of this submission are hopeful that it will be trailing an alternative commercial scheme. This action should not be seen as us accepting the existing council policy. Due to Pukehina Beach's relative isolation there have been companies that state that providing rubbish collection is no longer a viable business option and they have withdrawn their services from Pukehina.

#### **4. Emergency Management Services will be provided - pg 44**

We Support this initiative as well as supporting a number of initiatives to promote emergency readiness and response – emergency plans and actions.

#### **5. Pukehina development fund - pg 112**

We Support the continuation of this fund being collected at \$10.00 per property for capital works e.g. wastewater scheme in the future. pg 127 the total at the end of – pg 213 will be \$33,784

#### **6. Coast Care pg 112 Pukehina Beach protection** – Coastal \$46.00 & inland \$8.30

We support this fund continuing

#### **7. Tsunami Warning System 279314 - pg 46**

We support the funding of this project from rates due to external resources not being available

#### **8. Parks & Reserves - Recreation and Leisure - pg 49**

We support the funding for the continued level of services and thank the council for the care of the reserves in Pukehina Beach and the improvements to Midway and Motunau Reserves and repair of beach accesses.

#### **9. Funding of the Te Puke Pool Rate (\$100,000) - pg 12 & 16**

We support **option 3** that being the historical funding split 90% Te Puke Ward = \$24.10 and 10 % and Maketu paying 10% = \$3.35. We recognise there are some students that attend the Te Puke High School and there are sports events that some of the students from this area do attend

**10. Priority One grant (Economic Development Agency - pg 101**

We support Council spending \$159,972 plus a cost increase of \$164,627 we do however, support the Te Puke EDG

**11. Funding Impact Statement - Rates - pg 110,111, 112,113**

We recommend that Councilors revisit this rating model as any rates rise is unacceptable in this economic climate. We would support deferring some projects from 2013 to enable the rates to be kept to zero rate with the rate of inflation preferably being accommodated within the rating model to ensure no increases in rates to the rate payers.

On Behalf of the Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association

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Ian Rodger - Chairman