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July 2020



WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

Kirsten Wise

Kia ora koutou.

We are more than halfway through the year, well past the shortest day, and rapidly heading towards spring.

July also signals the start of a new financial year for Council, with some important decisions to be made shortly.

I thank all of you who submitted to our Annual Plan, and who listened to, and provided thought-provoking questions for our Facebook live sessions.

While the first of our planned water projects for 2020/21 are underway, there is plenty to discuss at the Annual Plan hearing, given the 300-plus submissions received.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing at the Napier War Memorial Centre on 12 and 13 August, or to watch the proceedings as they unfold, on the Council's Facebook page.

If you would like to hear from me sooner than that, please attend my next Huddle, at the Greenmeadows East Hall, on the 3rd of August, at 5.30pm.

As mentioned during consultation, our focus for 2020/21 is on supporting recovery, and delivering the basics.

Besides targeted rates and rental relief for residential and commercial properties, and organisations which

are charged rent, lease or license fees for Council land or premises, we also have the Recovery Projects Fund.

The aim is to support a range of projects that will positively influence Napier's recovery and renewal post Covid-19 and benefit us all. For example, to assist with building resilience and encouraging innovation among Napier businesses, community organisations, groups, social enterprises, and Council.

We also have Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together. Successful applications will be those which have fresh, simple ideas to help Napier environments flourish. It could be anything from plantings to art installations.

All applications are assessed as they come in, and funding allocated until it runs out, or 12 months has passed, whichever comes first.

We also continue to support Team Napier – Kia Kotahi Tātau O Ahuriri Nei. Have you checked out the fabulous stories and ideas that have been shared on the website? Visit teamnapier.nz to find out more.



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An update on Napier's WATER PROJECTS



Our water programme is our number one priority. At the top of the list is clean drinking water and fixing dirty water issues. Below is some of the major water projects we have underway, with more to update you on shortly.

1 EXPLORATORY DRINKING WATER BORE

An exploratory bore started to be drilled at Sandy Road, Meeanee towards the end of May. The site has shown potential as a water source with low manganese levels. Dirty water issues have been linked to water with higher manganese levels, which oxidises when combined with chlorine to create dirty water. Napier's two main bores that source much of the city's water have higher manganese levels, replacing these with new low manganese bores has the potential to improve water clarity for affected Napier residents. When the drilling and water tests are completed then the next steps will be confirmed.



2 CHLORINE-FREE DRINKING WATER REVIEW

Following the review the potential chlorine-free options will be presented to Council before a preferred chlorine-free option is chosen to compare against the status quo. This will let us know what work we need to provide a safe, modern, compliant network with or without chlorine, what the changes will be to our capital plan, our maintenance work and the costs to do this and the time it will take to do the work. We have local and international experts looking at these options for us and they will work with the Council, and the Ministry of Health to provide the best options going forward. Moving to a safe, chlorine free network will take time and resources and both options will need a significant amount of investment.



3 DECHLORINATED WATER STATION

A second dechlorinated water station has just opened on Marine Parade, next to the National Aquarium of New Zealand. Napier City Council resolved to provide the community with two dechlorinated water stations when the Long Term Plan 2018-28 was adopted in June 2018. The first station providing filtered water was installed at Anderson Park, Greenmeadows, last year.

other UPDATES

Leak detection project

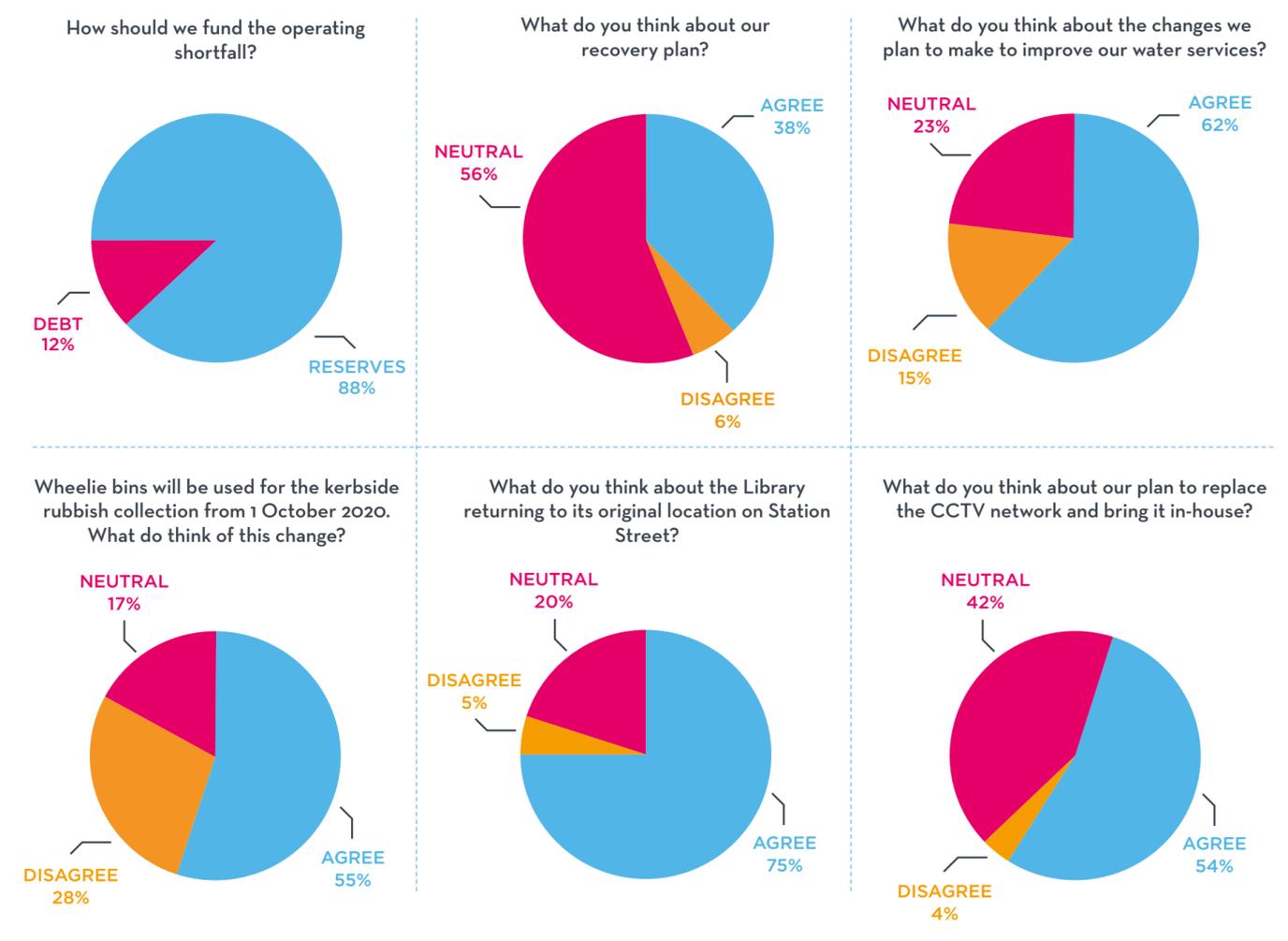
As part of our commitment to our water conservation strategy, this three year project is going to help us better understand the condition of the city's underground drinking water network and find and fix any previously unknown leaks as the project progresses. The focus over the next 12 months will be on Napier Hill, and the area from Westshore to Bay View.

Water mains cleaning

Council's annual water mains cleaning programme is underway, and will continue until October. This year's programme is focused on the areas which have experienced dirty water - Tamatea, Onekawa, Greenmeadows, Pirimai, Poraiti, and Bay View. Affected residents are contacted prior to cleaning being undertaken in their streets, water supply isn't affected before 9am each day, and cleaning is carried out Tuesdays-Fridays. For more information visit www.napier.govt.nz keyword search #mainscleaning

ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21 FEEDBACK

Council received 309 submissions in total. Results shown reflect only those submitters who responded to our request for feedback on these topics:



COFFEE with a Councillor



Nigel Simpson MBA, MinstD - Councillor.

Nigel Simpson has spent more than 30 years working in Local Government, much of it in emergency management. First elected to Napier City Council in 2019, he is the Sustainable Napier deputy chair, has the Three Waters portfolio, and represents Council on the HB Drinking Water Joint Committee and Taradale Business Association, and is back-up for the Mayor on the Coastal Hazards Strategy Committee.

Why did you become interested in Council?

Working for Councils gave me a fantastic insight into what Councils do, and how things could be done. Leading up to last year's election I was concerned about how this council was being governed. Rather than sitting and moaning about it, it's better that you put your hand up and do something about it. Our Councils got a huge workload this term, and I think the changes we're making as a collective are both significant and progressive, and better for Napier. We have to remember we are here to serve the community.

What would you like to share about yourself?

I have three grown children, who live away from Napier. Vanessa and I live on a lifestyle block. I grew up in Lower Hutt, came here 25 years ago and don't want to leave. I'm well travelled and when I compare Napier to a lot of places, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

What do you enjoy about living in Napier?

This is a great city when you compare it with other destinations. My favourite place is Taradale, not just the shopping centre, it's just a nice place to walk around and enjoy.

What's something people may not know about you?

I'm a big Kenny Rogers fan, although my iTunes playlist has 700-plus songs from every genre, to keep me going on long road trips.

What do you wish you had more time for?

Travel. It broadens the mind and those experiences add value to any role you play. We're quite fortunate in Hawke's Bay that many young people who go away choose to come home. I would like it if more of them would come to Council and share their ideas and wisdom with us.

Favourite coffee?

The largest latte possible.

Are you a dog or cat person?

We currently have 2 cats (plus 12 hens and 14 sheep). I would love to have an Alsatian but I don't currently have the time to look after a dog of that size.

Wheelie Bin ROLLOUT

RUBBISH COLLECTION CHANGES FROM 1 OCTOBER

Napier households are getting a wheelie bin for their kerbside rubbish collection!

The wheelie bin service starts 1 October. During September Napier households will receive a new 120L wheelie bin. From 1 October, instead of plastic bags, use the new bin to put out your rubbish.

For further information visit napier.govt.nz and search #binrollout



2020 MAGPIES HOME GAMES



COUNTIES MANUKAU
2:05PM SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
MCLEAN PARK, NAPIER



MANAWATU
4:35PM SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER
MCLEAN PARK, NAPIER



CANTERBURY
7:05PM SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
MCLEAN PARK, NAPIER



WELLINGTON
4:35PM SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER
MCLEAN PARK, NAPIER



NORTHLAND
7:05PM FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER
MCLEAN PARK, NAPIER

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