

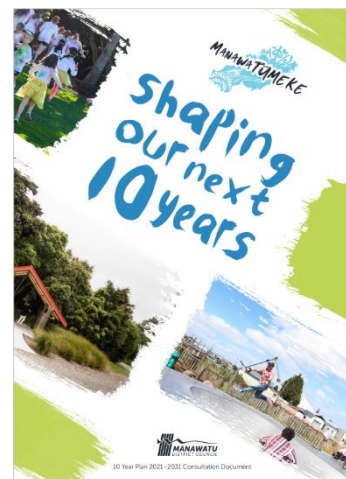
Manawatū District Council

10 Year Plan 2021-2031

Information Document

Easy Read Version

For more detail, see the
full 10 Year Plan 2021–
2031 Consultation
Document



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What is the 10 Year Plan?

This plan says what the Manawatū District Council will do over the next 10 years.

We want to know what you think about the plan.

The 10 Year Plan will start on 1 July 2021.

There is information in this document about

- things Council has to think about
- decisions Council has to make.



Manawatū District





What is important to the Manawatū District Council?

Council wants the district to be a good place to live.

- People feel welcome and enjoy time together
- We work together to make decisions
- We look after our environment
- We are prepared for the future
- Businesses are successful and people live good lives
- Council tries to make good decisions for everyone.



Things Council has to think about



Climate Change

- Temperatures are getting hotter around the world.
- In this part of new Zealand there will be more hot days and more rainy days
- These changes will affect our district in different ways.
- Council needs to make sure everyone is ready for these changes in the future.

Growth



- New Zealand's population is growing. Over time, more people will live in the Manawatū District.
- These people will need houses, water and roads
- The amount of older people who live here will increase.



- Council wants to make sure that we use our land well. Council wants everyone to have a nice place to live.
- Farmers and businesses also need to keep enough land to earn money.
- Council has to make decisions about where people should build houses.
- Council can make rules about which land to save for business.



Changing Rules

The government makes rules
Council has to follow.



The government makes rules to
make sure everyone is safe.

Sometimes these rules can
make more work for Council.
Sometimes it also costs Council
more money.

The government might decide to look after water itself instead of Councils doing this.



This would change some of the work Council does, and how people pay for water.

This affects the water we drink. It also affects wastewater and stormwater.



Wastewater is dirty water. Some shops and factories make lots of dirty water.

Stormwater is the water that needs to be drained away when it rains.

The cost of rates

What are rates?

People who own property in the district pay money to Council to look after the district. This money is called rates.



Council has tried hard to keep rates down.

Council has

- delayed projects
- used loans
- looked for other funding.

It is getting more expensive for Council to do its work. This means rates need to go up.



In this plan, Council says rates will go up by 5.1% in the next year. This is an average.

Each ratepayer's bill is different based on the land they own.

Questions for you to think about



Earthquake-prone Buildings

In 2017, the government made new rules about how strong a building needs to be.

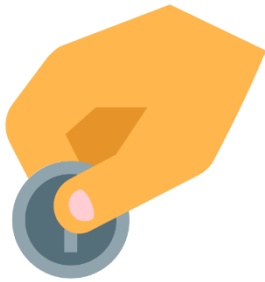
This is so people and things are safer if there is an earthquake.



Some buildings in Feilding's town centre are not strong enough. Making them stronger will cost a lot of money.

Council knows people like the look of older buildings in town.

Do you want Council to help the owners fix these buildings? This will make rates a little higher.



Rates would go up by about 57 cents a month.

It would show the owners how much the community cares about keeping the buildings.

Community events and projects



Council has given money to Feilding and District Promotion to help local businesses.

This means there is less money for Council to give to other groups.

Council will not be able to give money for events like



- Manawatū Tattoo
- Carols by Candlelight
- Christmas Cave
- ANZAC Armistice Service.

Council wants to know how important events are for you.



Do you think rates should go up so Council can fund events and other community activities?

Rates would go up by about 57 cents a month.

What do you think?



You can write to us on our website or on a paper form.

You can also come into the Council to tell us what you think.

To find out more or tell us what you think:

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Tell us what you think before
12pm Wednesday 12 May
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