

Our place - Tōtātou Wāhi

Revenue & Financing Policy

Apr 08, 2024 - Apr 27, 2024

Project: Long Term Plan Policies

Tool Type: Form

Q1 Key change - Stockwater Management: Which option do you support for the management of stockwater?

Multi Choice

Option A: Status quo

Q2 What are your reasons for your answer to the previous question?

Long Text

The stock water system is of little value to most people as they have far more efficient systems of their own

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Long Text

Q4 We are proposing other changes by mentioning Ashburton Airport and Campgrounds as separate activities. Do you have any views on how funding sources for these activities are explained in the policy?

Long Text

I believe that the Ashburton Airfield should not be regarded as part of the Ashburton District Councils "Commercial Property" for the following reasons
1. It is a strategic asset, particularly in terms of emergency management.
2. It should be part of ADC's Reserves and Campgrounds activities as it provides recreation and enjoyment for many people.
3. It is, in part, an Educational Facility as many young people are trained there for future vocations along with some as a hobby.
(see attached)

Q5 Do you support where we have proposed status quo as our preferred option for some activities?

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David Wright

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Multi Choice

No

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I think that there is an opportunity to delineate between the airfield and its activities and what could loosely be called commercial activities if that fits better with ADC policy.

I would see only the hangar rentals being classed as commercial to ADC and given the complete lack of services provided, I see no reason for increasing their rent. The hangars should not subsidise the airfield costs.

The actual operations of the Airfield should not be considered a commercial operation for the reasons I have outlined above and the cost recovery from users should be minimal. This will encourage use of the field by trainees, local pilots and itinerant flyers who contribute to Ashburton's economy and provide activities for the public.

Strategic Asset

There are many situations where the airport becomes important to the whole community. For example, when the river bridges have failed aircraft have been able to ferry passengers to Timaru or for fixed wing medical transport.

The community should reasonably be expected to carry part of the costs for this strategic asset.

Reserves and Campgrounds

The Museum and Aero Club regularly hold events on the airfield which are well attended by the community and bring people in from all over the country. These events add vibrancy to the district in the same way as Reserves, Campgrounds or even Galleries and Museums. The airfield should therefore be expected to carry similar amounts of fees and charges as these.

Training

The Aero Club and Aviation Pioneers give our local young people, along with those from further afield, an opportunity to begin their vocational training close to home while they can still work from home to support themselves. This means these trainees stay in Ashburton and contribute to the economy and culture of the area. They also can have a good amount of their training completed without a student loan. Any burden that ADC places on the airfield, Aero Club and Aviation Pioneers by expecting a commercial return, will be directly passed on to these trainees.

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A water race runs through my property which I have owned for the last ten years but have never had occasion to use the water from the race but have been paying for it for all this time. I will not pay for an increase as this would be unfair to me having no use for this service. User pays I believe and I am not one in this particular matter. I would be more than happy to see the water race diverted from my property and the race dry up. Jacqueline Mackenzie 1771 Rakaia Highway (Ratespayer)

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A 280 percent rise for any service in the current cost of living crisis is preposterous. Those with larger lengths of water race are generally commercial enterprises of varying kinds who can claim these costs as business inputs against tax and the additional GST component. Those on small holdings are generally non commercial and have no method of off setting the costs. It is particularly draconian for those on fixed incomes who are fortunate enough to get a barely 5 percent increase this financial year. Also I take issue with the planned removal of charges for those pumping water from the water race system for their own good. As council practises a user pays for other services, eg water charges and kerbside refuse collection, I see no difference in user pays water pumping

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