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On behalf of the Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust I am submitting a letter to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 consultation.

We wish to have the opportunity to speak to the submission on the 14th or 15th of May. Please contact Shaun Carter 021 677 825 to confirm a time.

Kind regards
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SUBMISSION TO WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028

Piopio Community Swimming Pool Charitable Trust would like to put forward a proposal for Waitomo District Council to consider. As part of its long-term plan budget, a provision for a contribution towards the operational costs of the Piopio Community Swimming Pools is being sought.

Background

In 2014 the Piopio community pools managed by Piopio College were on the point of closure due to lack of funding to operate them. Motivated members of the community rallied to establish The Piopio Community Swimming Pools Charitable Trust. The Trust was engaged by Piopio College and Piopio Primary School to operate and manage the swimming pools complex on their behalf under an agreed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU was signed in November 2016 along with the Ministry of Education as a third party. The swimming pool complex remains a Crown owned asset. The secondary and primary schools are invoiced by the Trust for their annual use of the pools, the Ministry no longer provides any funding to the schools to run or maintain the pools.

Community Use

As well as school use the pools are available for recreational use by the community. This year the Trust accounted for 1,500 swimmers during weekends and before and after school hours.

On top of public use, the Piopio Swimming Club uses the pools in February/March to run a four week Learn to Swim programme. The lessons are available to school age children in the wider community and include students from Aria and Mokau attending. During the 2017/2018 swimming season 70 students attended swimming lessons three afternoons a week. The swimming club comprising 34 club members was held two afternoons a week during the 17/18 season. The swimming programme is run by volunteers.

Operations

The Trust is responsible for managing the operations of the pool, ensuring that the pool's water quality is maintained to public health and safety requirements and that trained lifeguards are employed.

Financial contributions towards the cost of operating the pool are collected from the two schools, swimming club and public entry fees. The costs of general maintenance, repair and upgrades are additional and have been paid from grants, sponsorship and fundraising undertaken by the Trust.

A community asset

The Piopio Community Pools is an integral part of ensuring Piopio and the wider Piopio area has access to a facility that facilitates and enhances the standard of health and wellbeing of our people. Not only does the pool assist in keeping the community fit and active but is also enables school aged children in the community to learn the value skill of swimming, who otherwise may not have this opportunity. In addition, the pool provides social benefits across a large part of the community in that it brings friends and families together during the school events, swimming club activities and public swimming times. Inclusion in the Council's Ten-Year Plan would assist in providing security that this community asset can continue to serve the District's people.

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Note: The swimming pool complex water and sewage usage is included in Piopio Primary School's rates. The Trust reimburses the Primary School for water usage.