

Petition in relation to the proposed Auckland City Council Budget Cuts

To: The Mayor and Councillors of the Auckland City Council

From: The Hillpark Residents Association (HPRA), 34 Hill Road Hillpark Auckland 2102

The Hillpark Residents Association submit this petition of 621 signatures supporting the continued funding of the Nathan Homestead Community Arts Centre, it's staff and programs.

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[Redacted Signatures]					15/3/23
				This is a valuable facility which draws people from afar	15/3/23
				"	16/3
				Stop taking things away from our community.	16/3/23
					16/3/23
				Has the Council Really thought this through?	16/3/23
				Having booked all 4 terms are you going to pay teachers	16/3/23

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				We need more places like this. Leave it alone.	18/3/23
				Our community will not survive WAYNE	18/3/23
					18/03/23
				please dont take this away	18/03/2023
				Take your hands off.	18/3/2023.
				It's a beautiful community place - please keep it alive!	18/3/2023
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				PLEASE KEEP THE EVENING HOMESTEAD OPEN IN THE	18.2.23
				Too beautiful to be Ripped away.	18.3.23.
				Great asset to the community lots of courses, groups & events	18/3/23
				Please keep the Homestead.	18/3/23
				Please keep Nathan Homestead and all the classes available to the public	18/3/23


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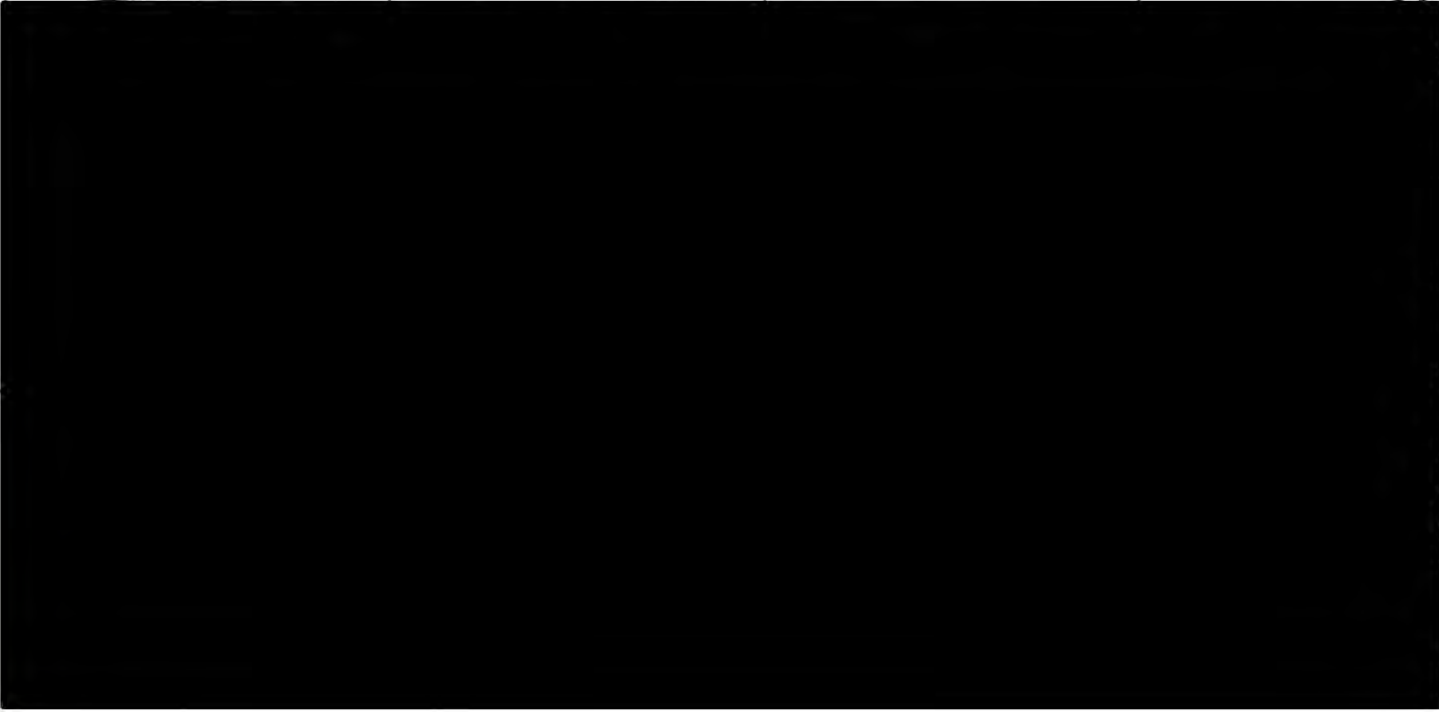
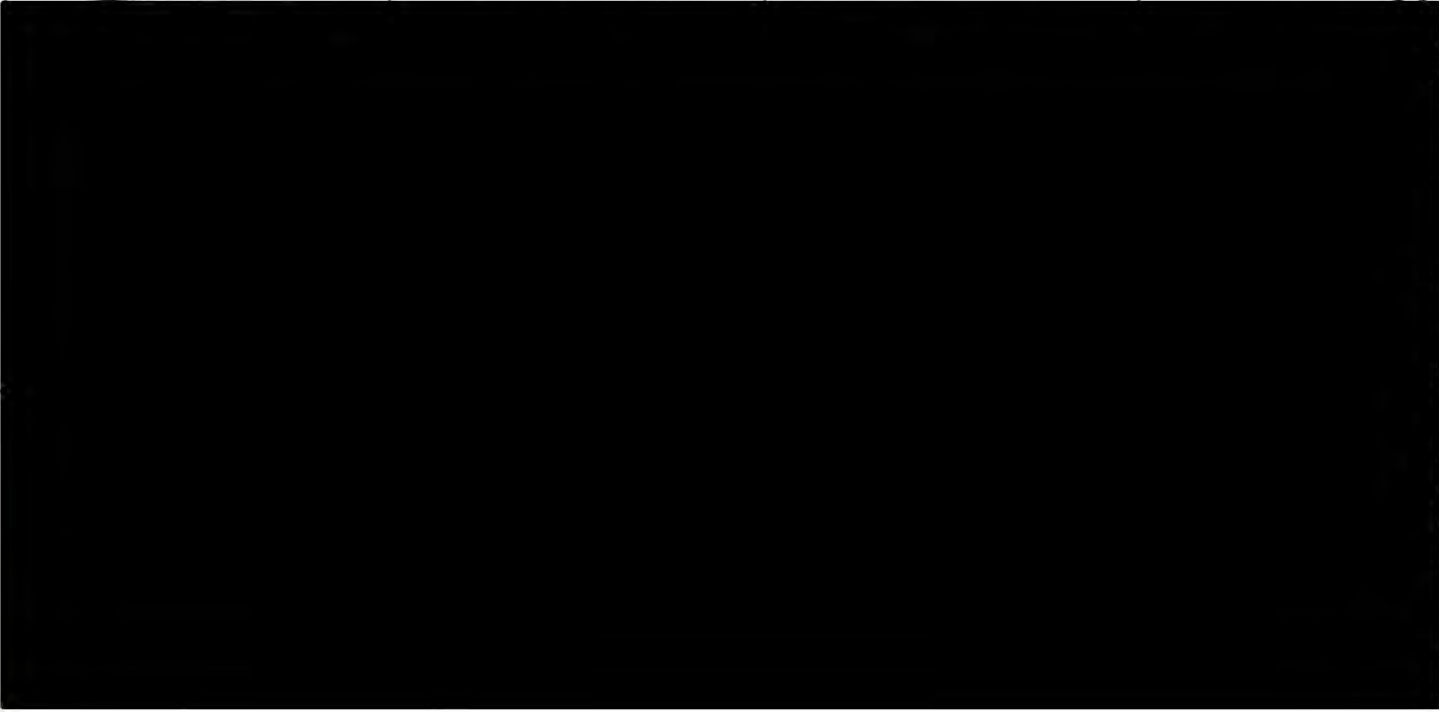
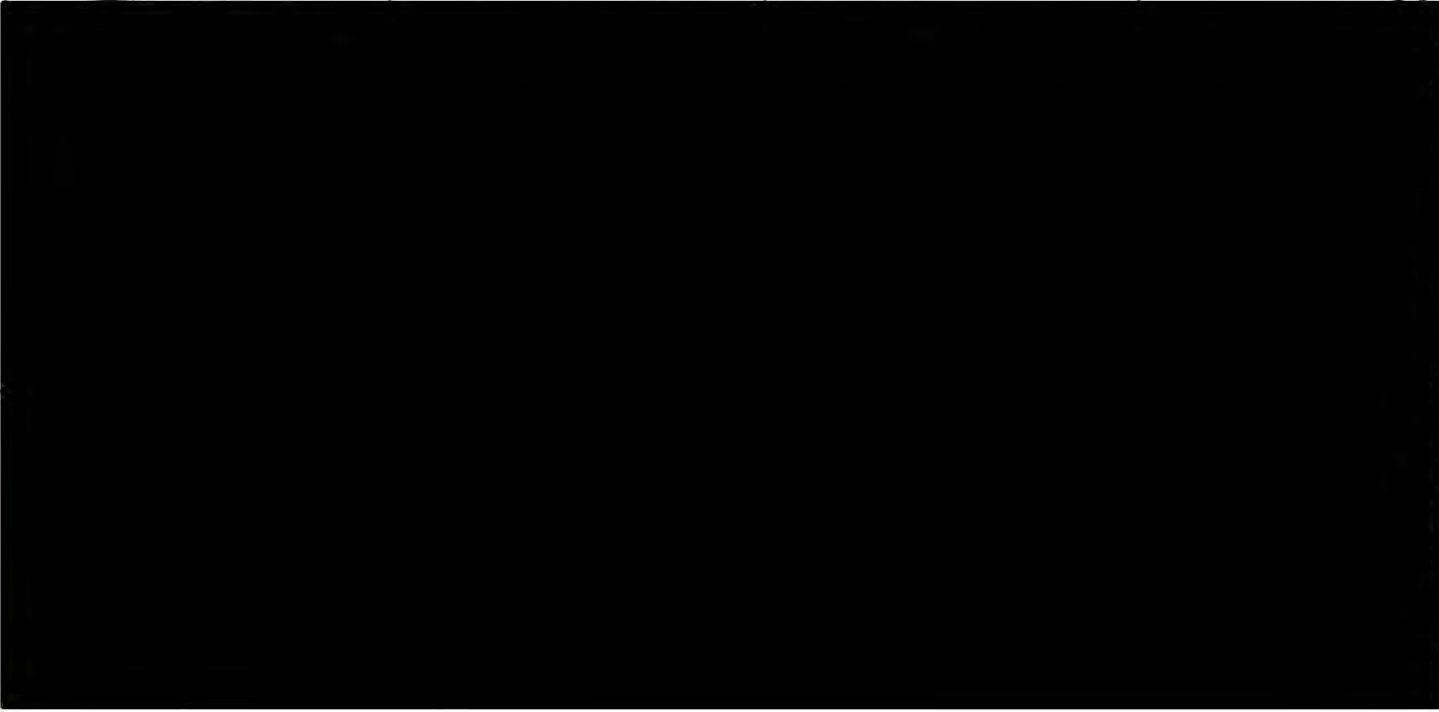
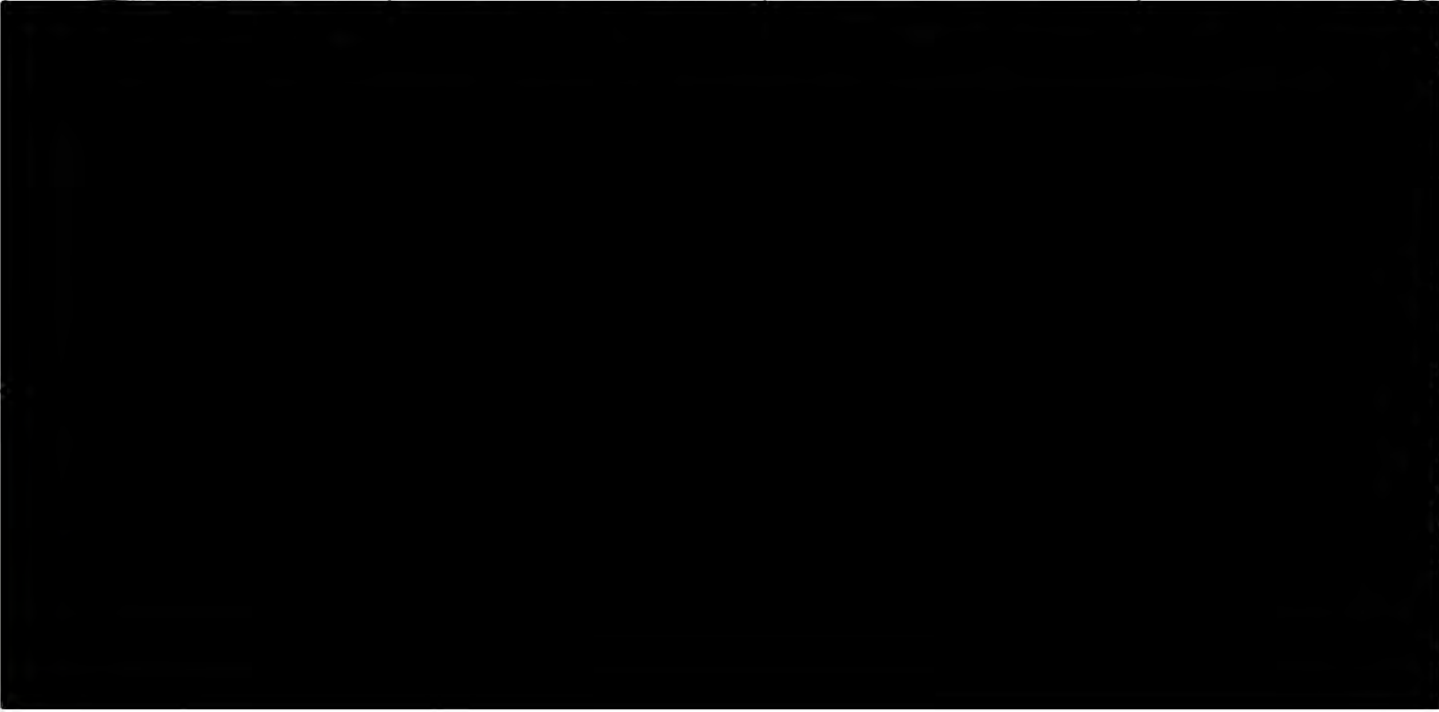
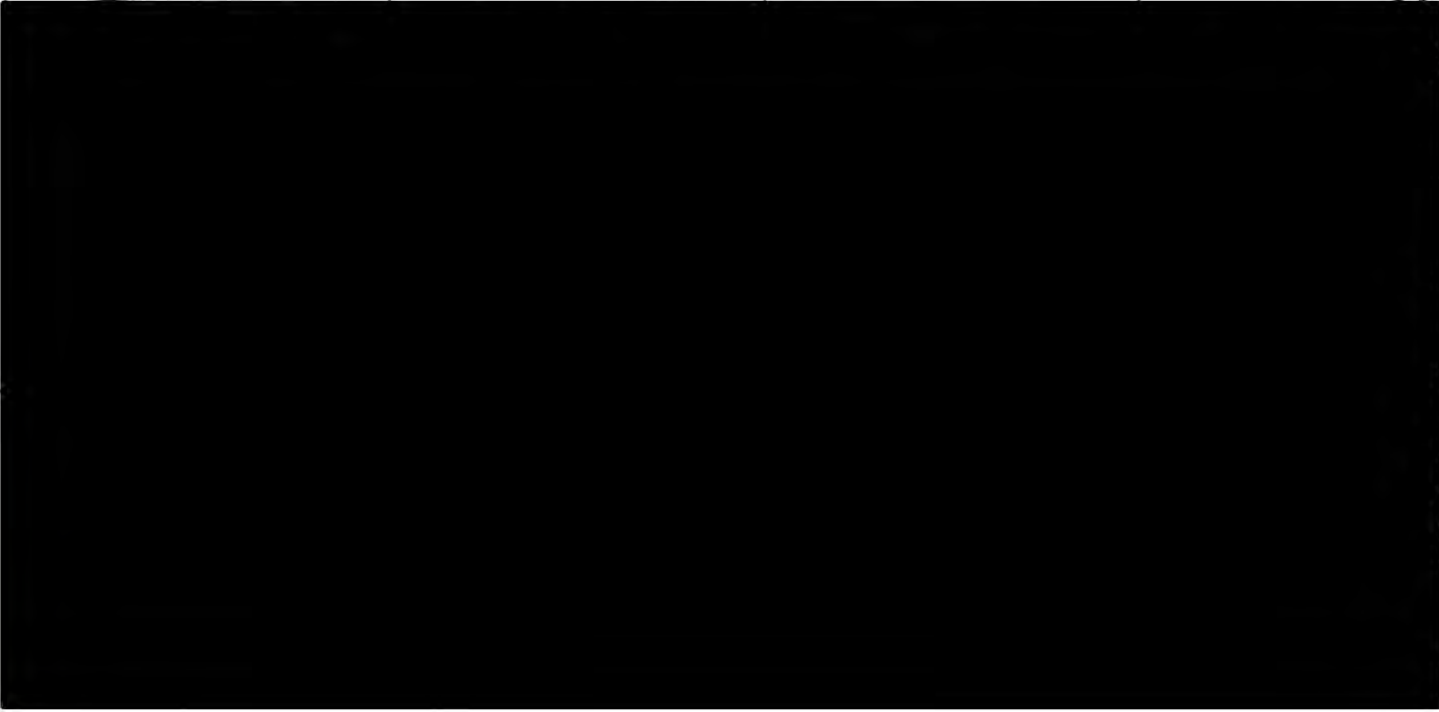
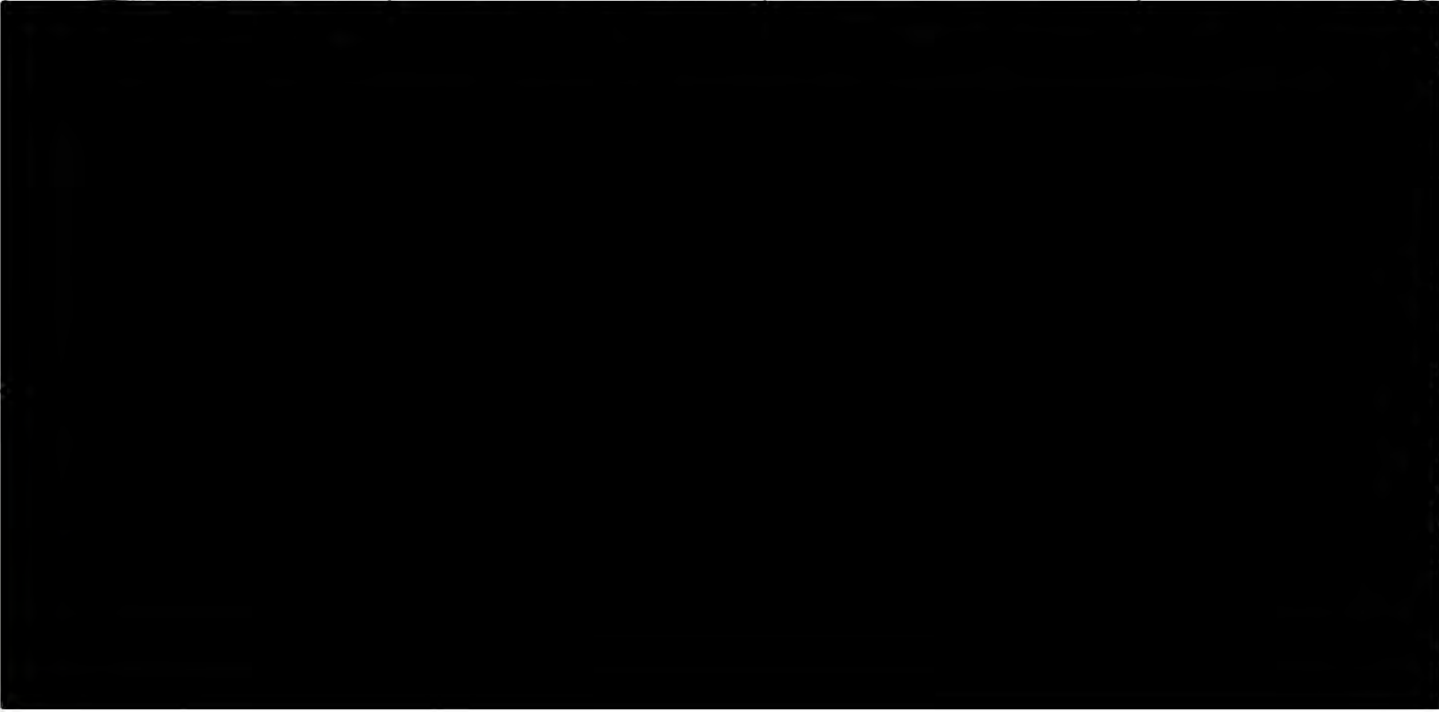
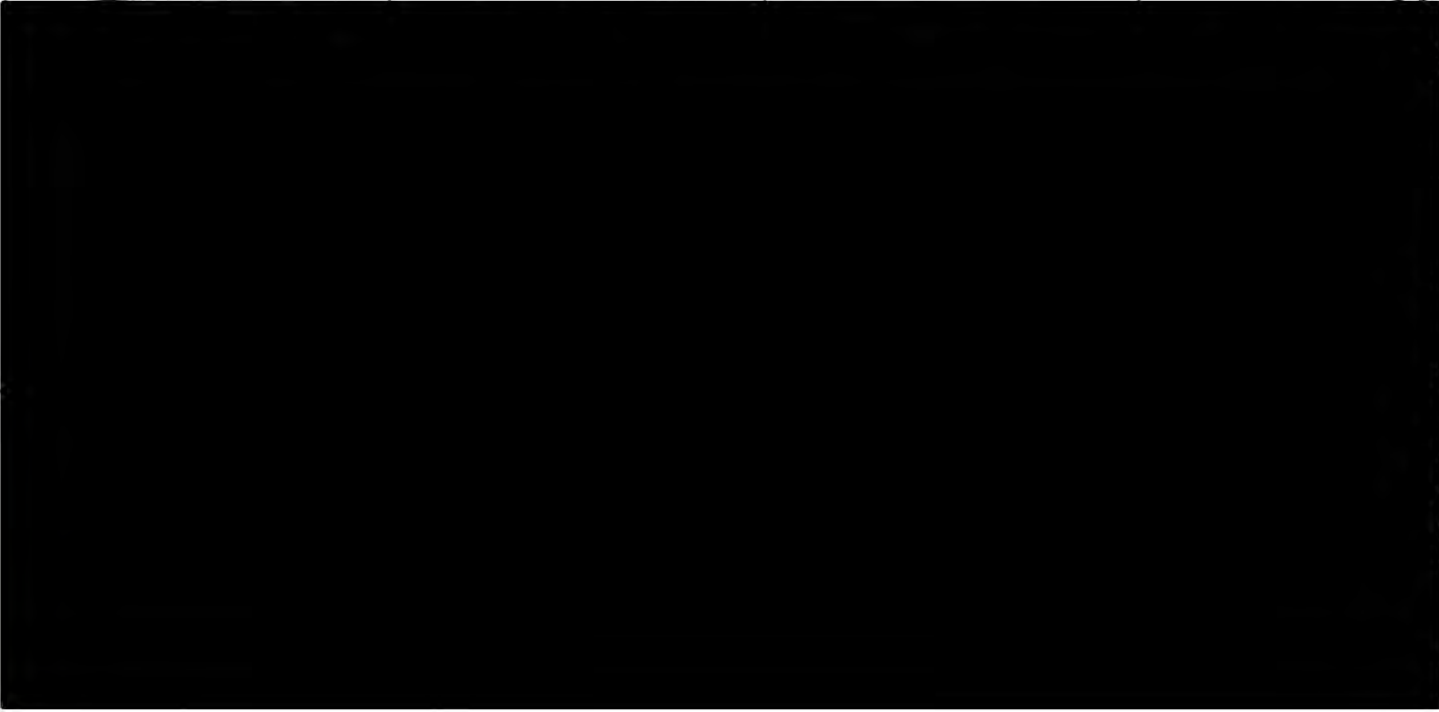
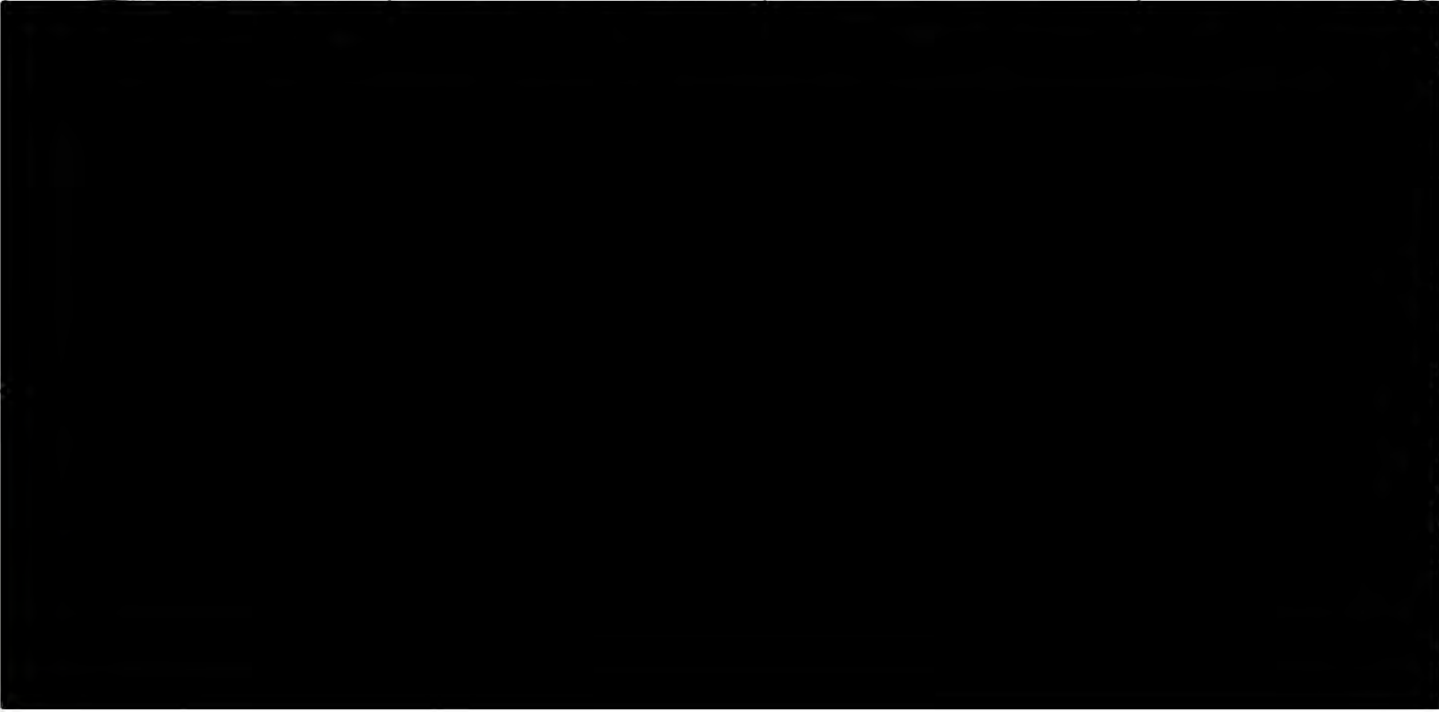
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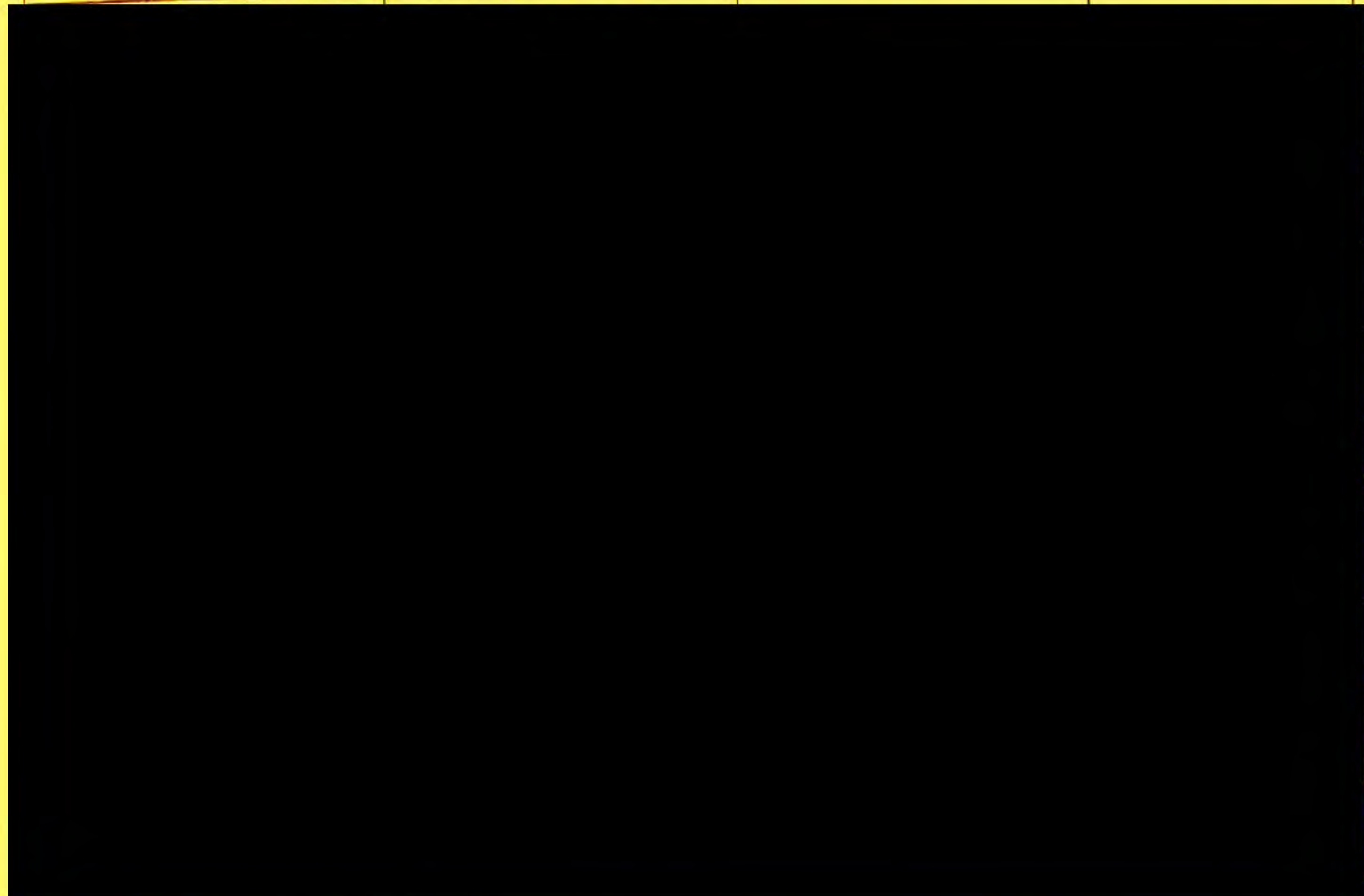
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				THE PLACE IS DRIVING WITH ALOT OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITY AND PEOPLE NOW Love Nathan Homestead	16-3-23
				😊	14/3/23
				😊	17/3/23
				This is amazing & the cake as added so much	17/3/23
				Love Nathan Homestead after yoga / tea evening	17/3/23
				We need places like the Nathan and the community it pull together	17.3.23
				I love this place	17.3.23

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				We need spaces for kids to come and explore, be creative, learn and grow.	18/3/23
				Leave Nathan Homestead alone	18/3/23
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				support for our community + service.	18/3/23

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					15-3-23
				Fund our community arts centre — its well used and very important to the community	15-3-23
					15/03/23
					15/3/23
					15/3/23
				I've taught yoga here for many many years and paid significant rent. we love practicing yoga here.	18/3/23
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					18-3-
				our community buildings need to stay open for all to use	18/3/23

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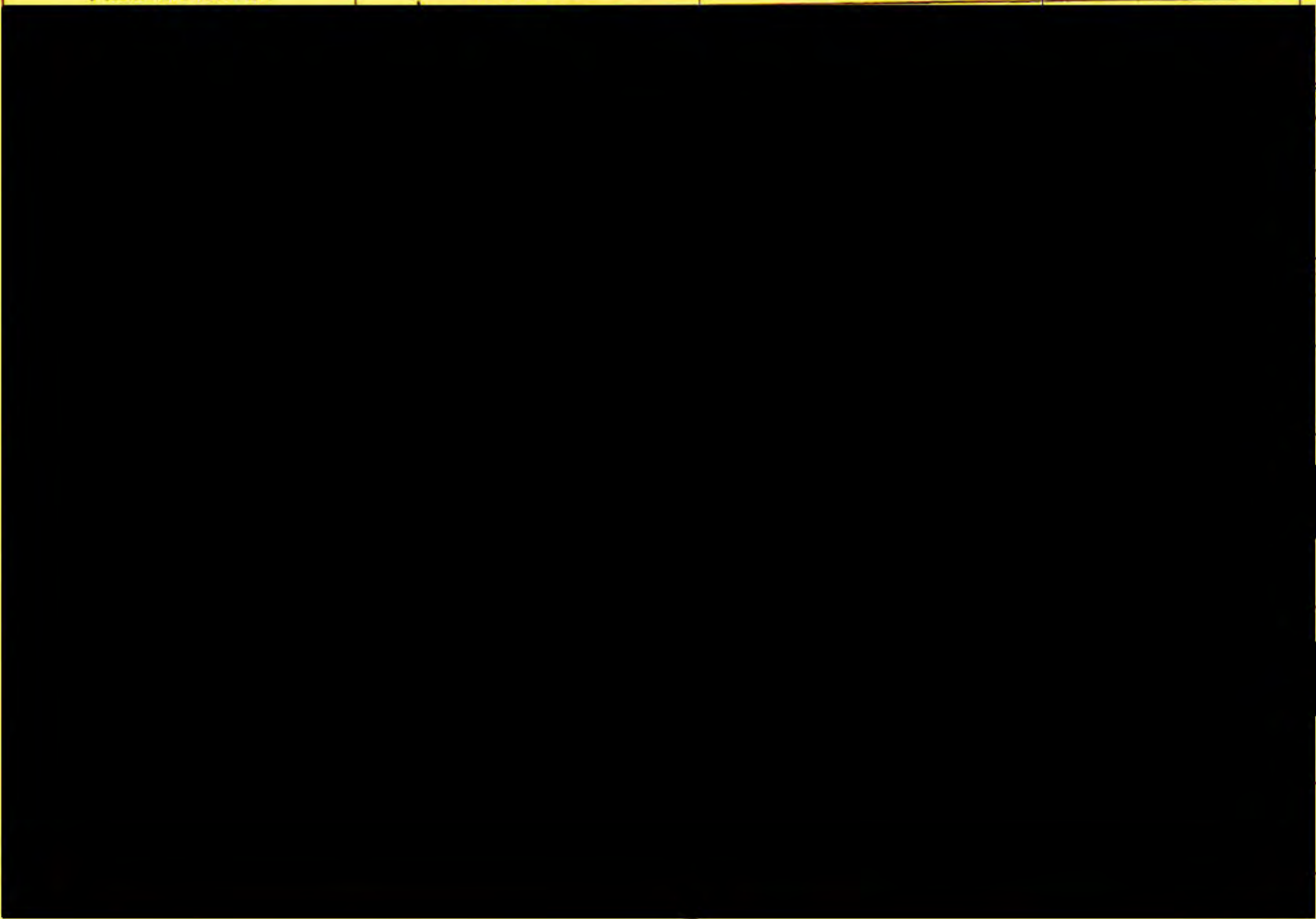

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				Lets keep the community together.	17/3/
				4	20/3/23
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				We need our homestead!	18/3/23
				Save the Homestead	18/03/2023
					18/03/23
				It was donated so it must remain	18/3/23
				Save Our Homestead	18/3/23
				We need our homestead	18/3/23
				Mother	18/3
					18/3/23
				Bizniz as usual :o	18/3/23
				Nathan homestead 	18/3/23

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				ASSET NEED TO KEEP	18/3/23
				BEST facility here!	18/3/23
				History is priceless.	18/3/23
				328 Facilities need to be	
				Hillpark is awesome Nathan Homestead	18/3/23

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				It would be a disaster for our Repair Cafes held each month at N. H.	18/3/23
				Volunteer repairs cannot help disadvantaged in Manurewa	18/3
				Cave visiting Nathan Homestead	18/3
					18/3
				Nathan Homestead is vital to the local community connection	18/3

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				Nathan Homestead is patronised by so many worthwhile organisations	18/3
				Necessary for the community	18/3
				Necessary for meeting place & central point for community	1
				The programmes offered have been and are essential for my well being	1
					1

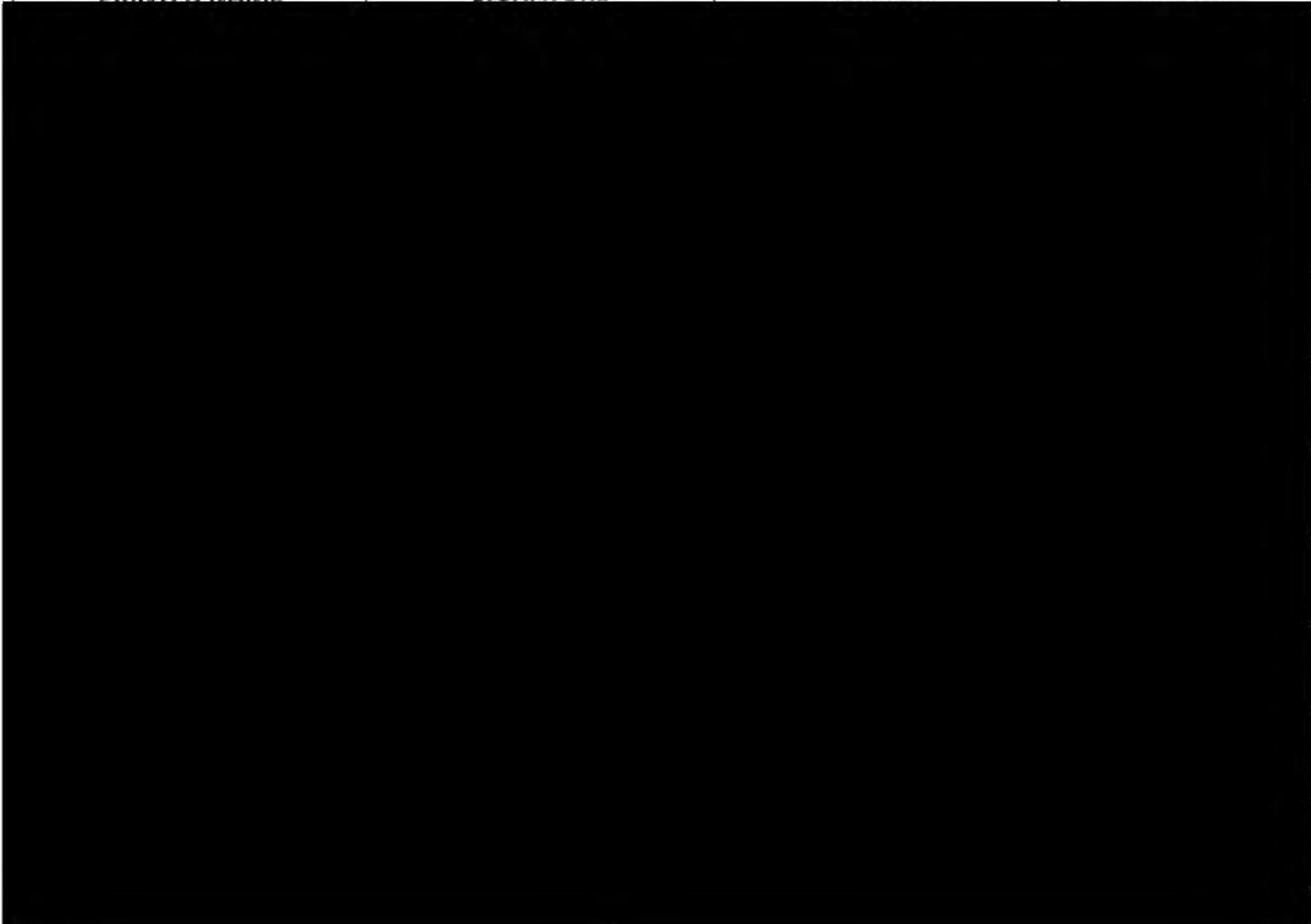
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				My family loves this place. It's such an important place in the community!	18/3/23
				Came see the place, you will see why you should	18/3/23
				Please keep Nathan Homestead alive!	18/3/23
				Keep it open to support the community.	18/3/23
				Please keep open to help serve the community in various aspects.	18/3/23
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				Don't cut this from budget	18/3/23
				Please keep funding great local arts/community centre	18/5/23
				Keep funding please	18/3/23
				We love this place	18/03/23
				Please keep funding	18/03/23
					18/5/23
					18/3/23
					18/3/23
				historical piece. Please keep it is a piece.	18/3/23
				I love this place, it's really good for everyone.	18/03/23

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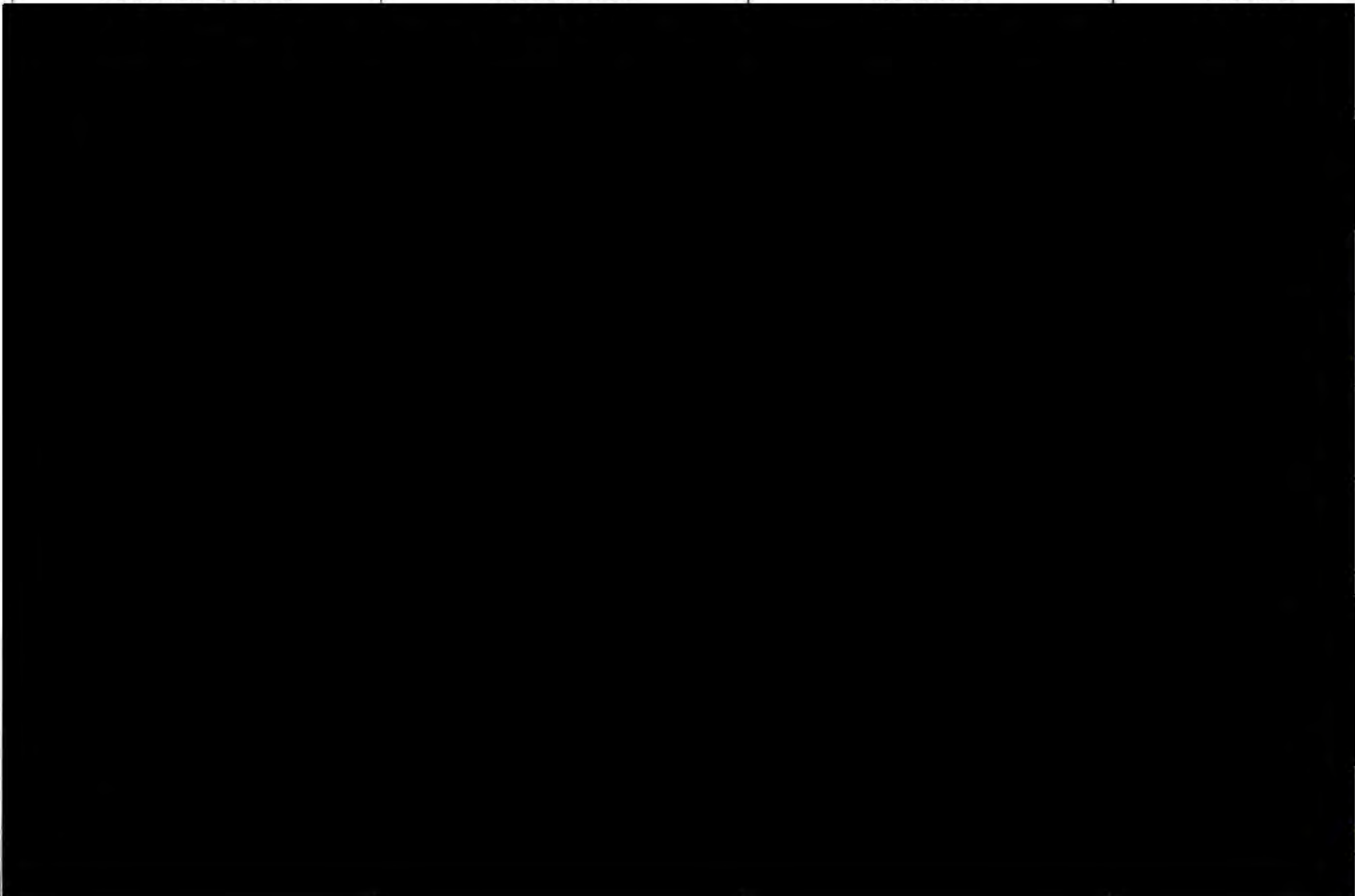
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				Need to stay	18/3/23
				Love this place needs to stay	18/3/23
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					18.3.23
				So many opps to do great things	18/3/23
				have this place	18/3/23
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				We got married at Nathan Homestead - very special space	18/3/23
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				GREAT FACILITY USED BY MY CHILDREN & NOW GRANDCHILDREN. NEEDS TO STAY	18/3/23
				This a community hub that brings all socio economic groups together	18/3/23
				A unique heritage site. Great programmes here, awesome cafe	18/3/23
				Not many heritage areas left	18/3
				Opportunities for tamariki in South Auckland - need more not	18/3
				FANTASTIC WELL USED FACILITY WITH HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE	18/3
				retain community connectivity	18/3
				our community need a place to connect and call (HOME)	18/3
				Vital for Manurewa - connection / classes	18/3

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				Kia Kaha!	18/3
				I hope they listen!!	18/3
				Good luck!	18/3
				KIA KAHIA	18/3
				This place is a treasure!	18/3
				Kia Ora x	18/3
					18/3
				We need art centres in South Auckland - everywhere!	18/3
				— y —	18/3
				Heritage should be kept.	18/3

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				Keep this building.	18-05-23
				What a treasure keep it open.	18/3/23
				community hub!	11
				Awesome community hub	11
				love this place & community classes	18.03.23
				Love this place	✓
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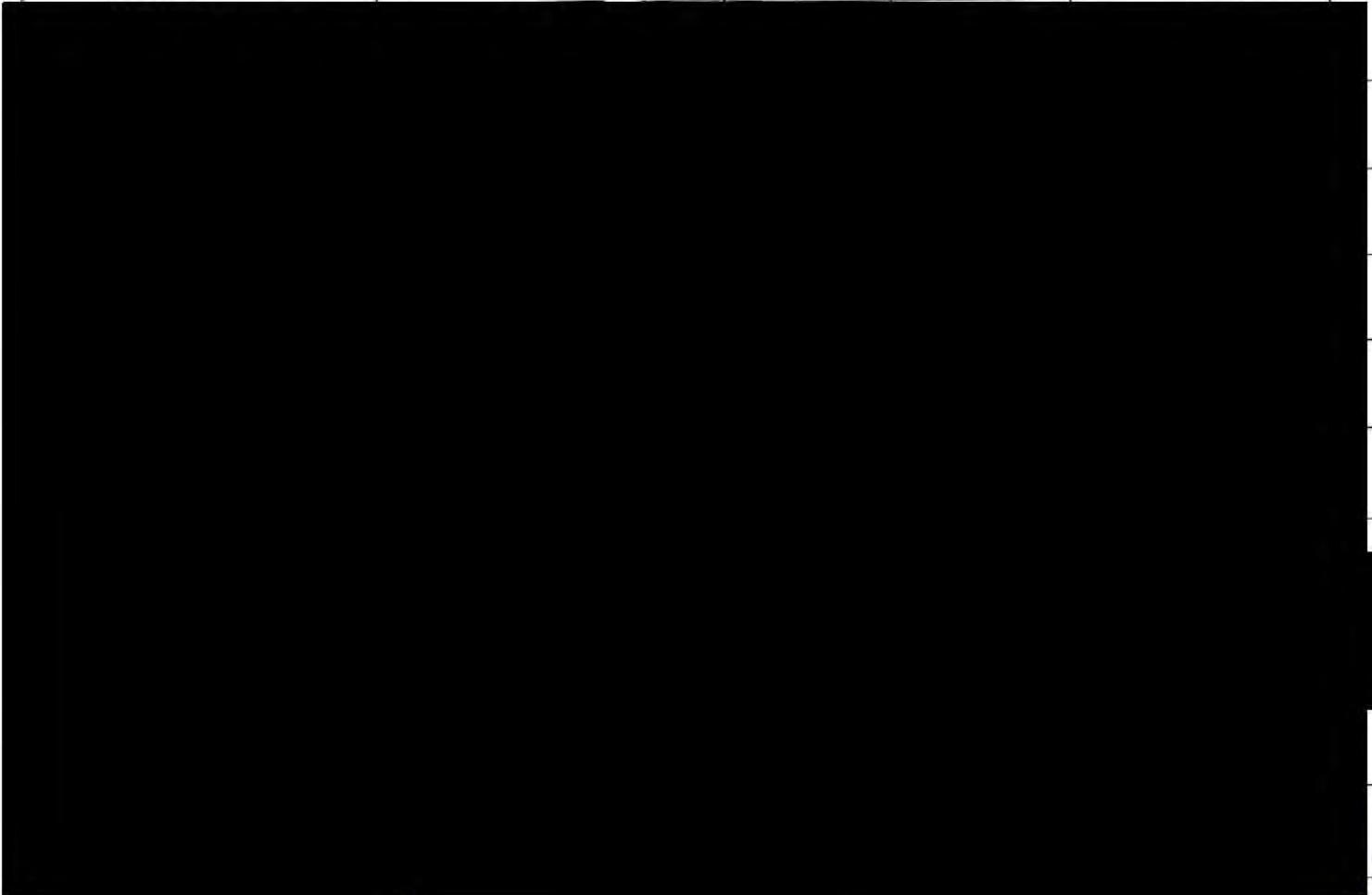
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				I love & attend Jewellery class every Thursday!	17/3/23
				A great community place for lots of activities - should stay!	17/3/23
				I love the music concerts they have.	17/3/23
				Dance classes are my creative outlet	17/3/23
					17/3/23
				CANT BRAT IT FOR A LOCAL VENUE - CONCERTS, FAMILY STUFF & CLASSES	17/3/23
				I think it's a good thing for Māori & should stay	17/3/23
				Should be open to all Māori & People	17/3/23
				This is a good place so should be kept open.	17/3/23
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					17.3.23
					17/3/23
					17/3/23
					17.3.23
					17.3.23
				Homestead was gifted to Manurewa.	17-3-23

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				Strongly object to these cuts.	14/3/23
				Our community love Nathan Homestead.	14.3.23
				One of the best places that bring our community together.	14.3.23
				positive places in our communities are <u>priceless</u>	14.3.23
				Nathan Homestead is a highlight of the area & reason I visit!	14.3.23
				The Hip Hop classes are just great & fun!	14/3/23
				Nathan Homestead is totally needed for the community	14-3-23
				Nathan Homestead is a great place for the community	14-3-23
				Please keep these going as the tamariki love these	14.3.23


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					16.3.23
				This would be a huge loss to the community.	16/3/23
				This class is the main means of creative expression for me.	16/03/23
				These classes must remain intact for the betterment of all the communities.	16/03/23
				How does this action fit in with the Strategic Action Plan to grow arts & culture in Auckland?	16/3/2023
				Closing these classes down will be a terrible Act from the council	16/3/2023
				Keep our Ukulele Class !!	16/3.
				" " "	16/3.
				It will be a shame to lose the classes at night.	16/3
				PLEASE HELP OUR COMMUNITY TO THRIVE BY KEEPING THE CLASSES OPEN. (even for our well being)	16/3

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				Don't be so silly. This was a gift	18/3/23
					18/03/23
				Leave things be.	18/3/23
				HANDS OFF.	18/3/23
				This is a great facility - leave it alone!	18/3/23
				Beautiful facilities	18/3/23
				Essential to Community	18/3/23
				"	"
				Lovely building & environment	18/03/23

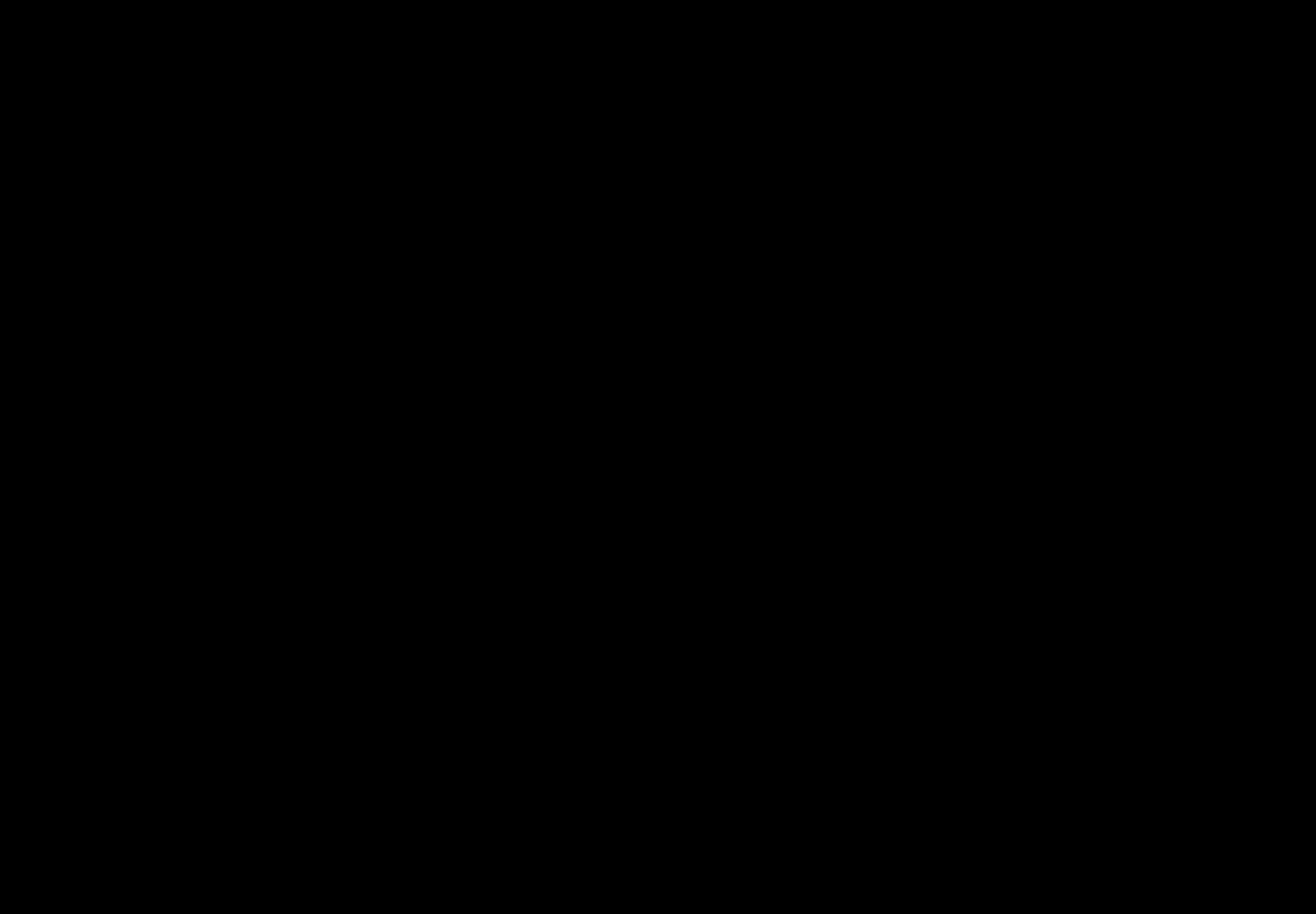
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				Art is Life!	18/03
				I love this place	18/3
				"	18/3
				Do not close it pls down	18/3
				Please don't close down	18/3
				I love this place!	18/3
				Heritage - you can't close this	18/3
				A fantastic place great cafe. Soo much to offer	-
				A waste if closed	18/3
				Used regularly by my family	18/3

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				We cannot lose this valuable resource.	18/3
				Chur, Rewa hard!	18/3
				This is an icon and a place for young people to enjoy art	18/3
					18/3
					18/3
				This is a amazing place it will effect so many people	18/3
				BE ASHAMED TO LOOSE AN HISTORIC PLACE	18/3
				Life of our community - Preserve our spaces	18/03
				- - -	18/03
					18/3

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				I am enjoying the evening jewellery workshop immensely for the last 3-4 yrs. Good de-stress from work	16/3/2023
				I use the venue regularly for CPR training at night	16/3/23
				MY PARTNER COMES HOME WITH ENJOYMENT FROM CLASS	16/3/23
				Great venue, don't want to see gone	16/3/23
				WILL MISS YOGA	16/03/2023
				GREAT CPR TRAINING	17/3/23
				My friend and I are enjoying it	17/3/2023
				Theatre Club is great	17/03/2023
				The arts are so important! People who work during the day need access to this after 5pm	17/3/23
				I have taught yoga at NH for many years and faithfully paid significant amount. Rental My yogis are dedicated to their practice and we need the venue to remain open so that we can continue	17/3/23
				Also my income from my 2 Nathan Homestead classes is the biggest component of my income so if the venue is closed my income significantly would drop. Please keep it open.	17/3/23

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				I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING NIGHT CLASSES HERE FOR 25 years, THIS WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY IF IT CLOSES. ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE THAT WORK FULLTIME, THIS PLACE BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.	17/3/23
				↑ AS ABOVE ↑	
				Seems silly to remove a community centre for locals to use - where will everyone go ?!	18/3/23
				What about the age	18/3/23
				Why DESTROY A LOCAL COMMUNITY PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LOVE TO GATHER?	18 MAR 2023
				Don't Close!!	18.3.2023
				This is such a local icon! Cannot let history go to rot.	19.3.23

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				Very good for the community. I have done classes before	17/03/23
				the community needs these classes as working mums	17/3/23
				so night classes great How can you close something that is so NEEDED in this community when it's needed for Mental Health & wellbeing.	17/3/23.
				it's about the community	17-3-23
				all about giving to our community	17-3-23
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				I have been coming to classes here for over 4 years & need the weekly catch up at the classes for my mental health & creative outlet, if I wasn't doing jewellery I would join the ukulele or the Salsa dancing.	18-3-23.

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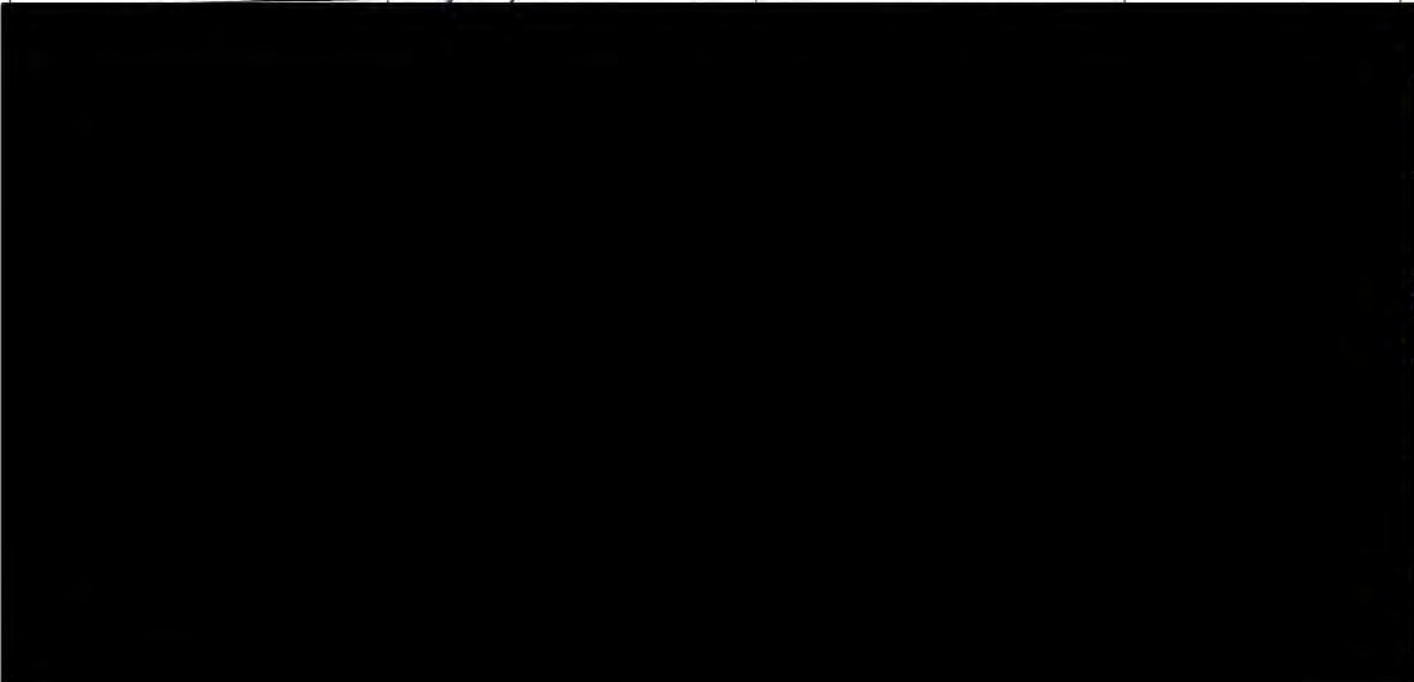
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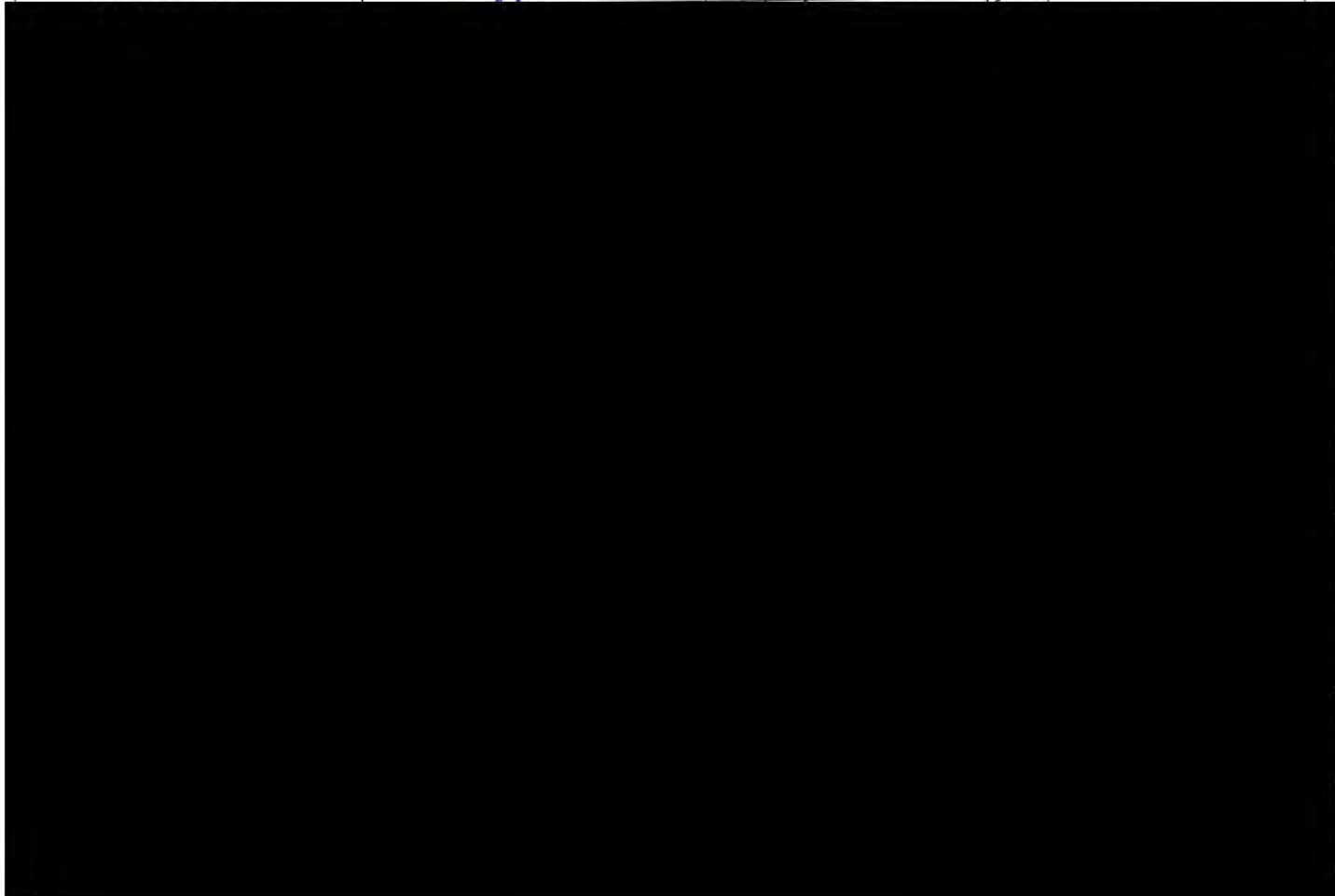
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				"NO BRAINER" INCREASE RATES	15.3.23
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				Increase rates, no cuts to public service, don't sell airport shares	20/3/23
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				Just get on with it	20/3/23

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				Stupid buggers	24/3/23

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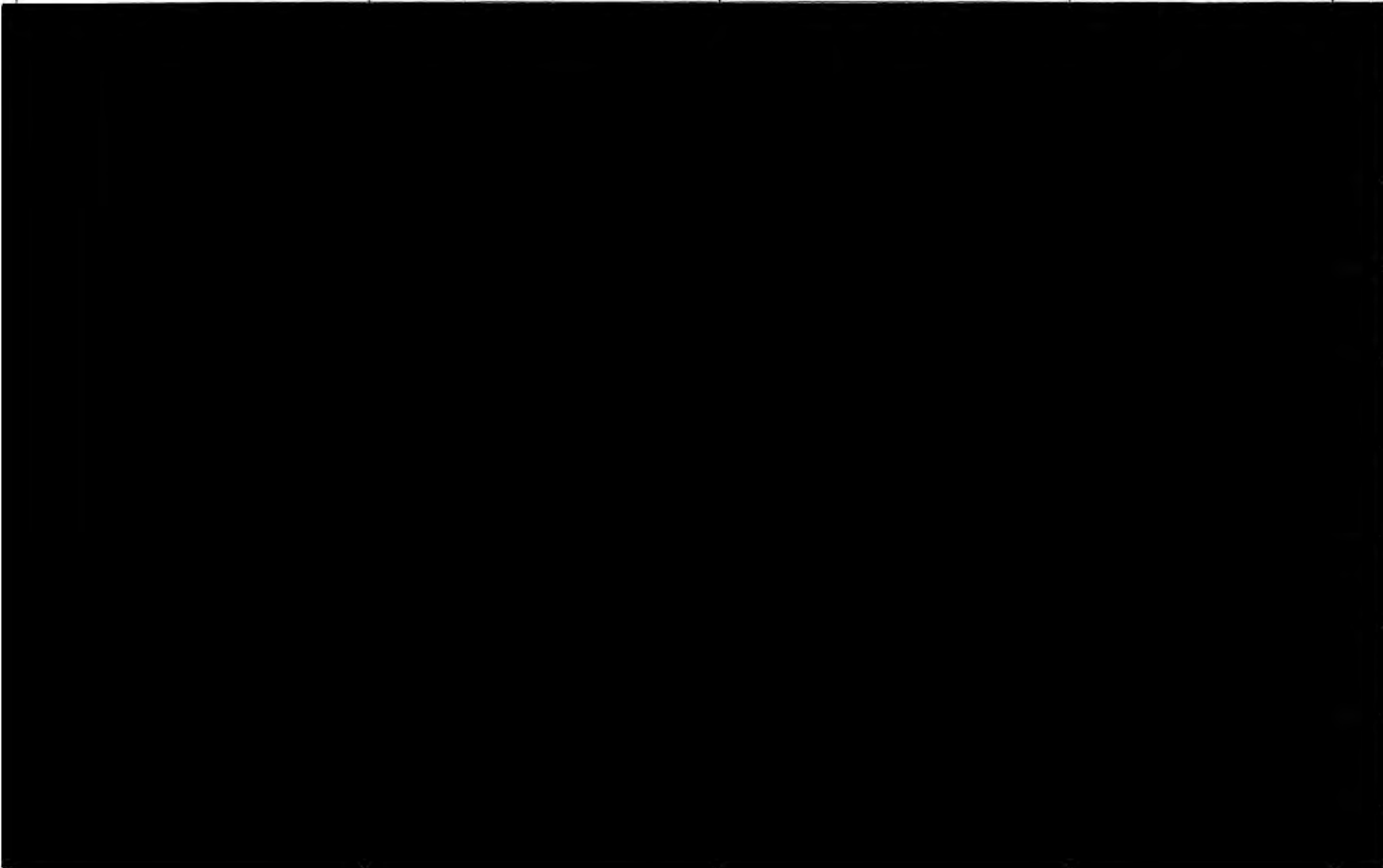
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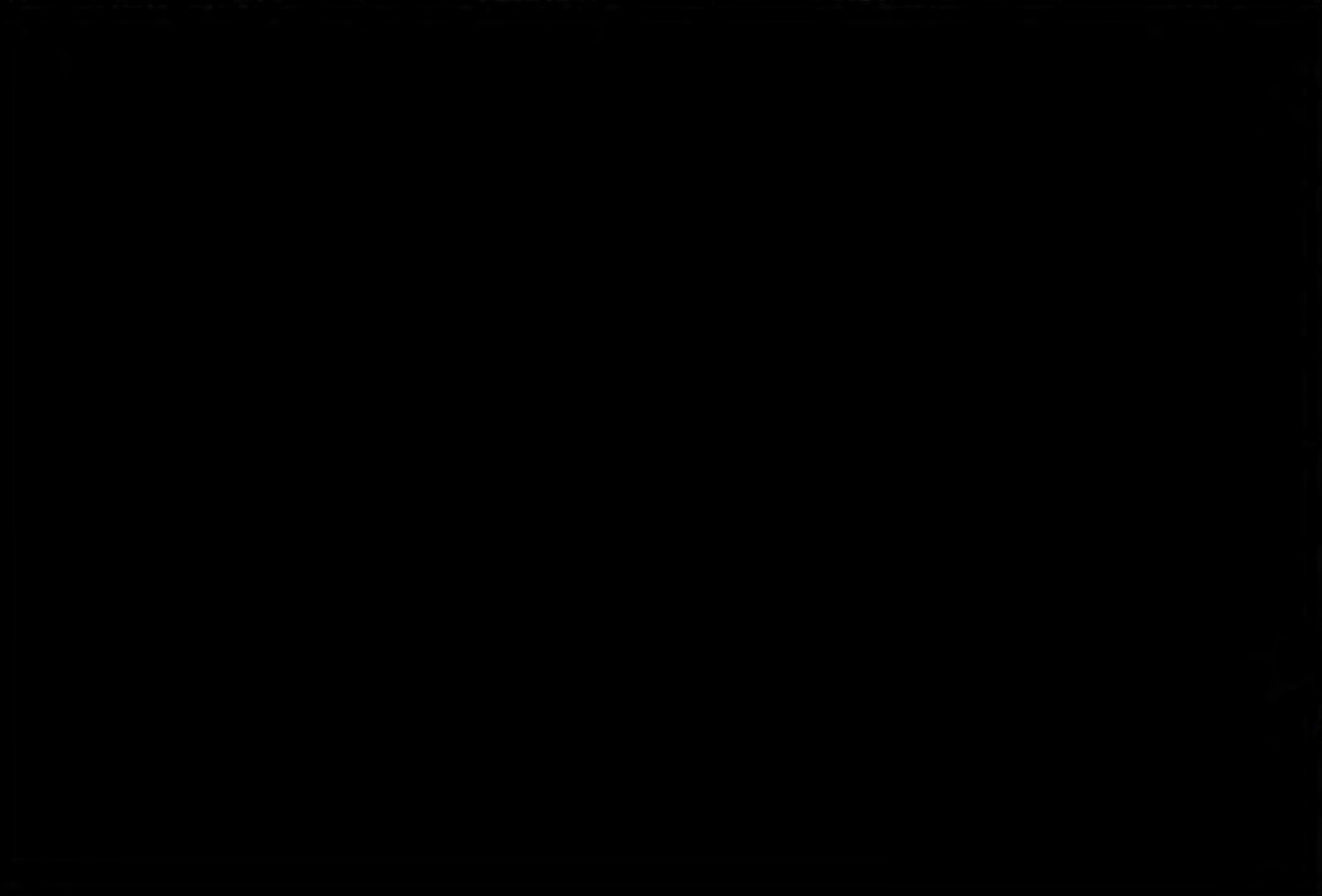
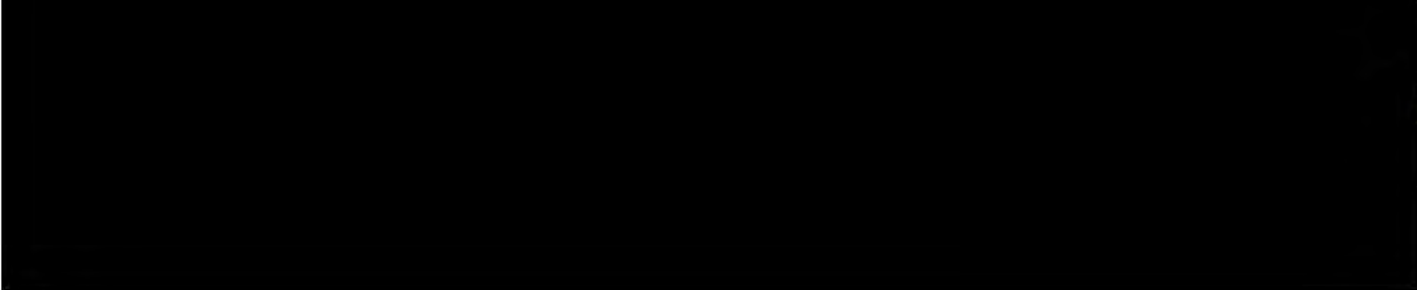
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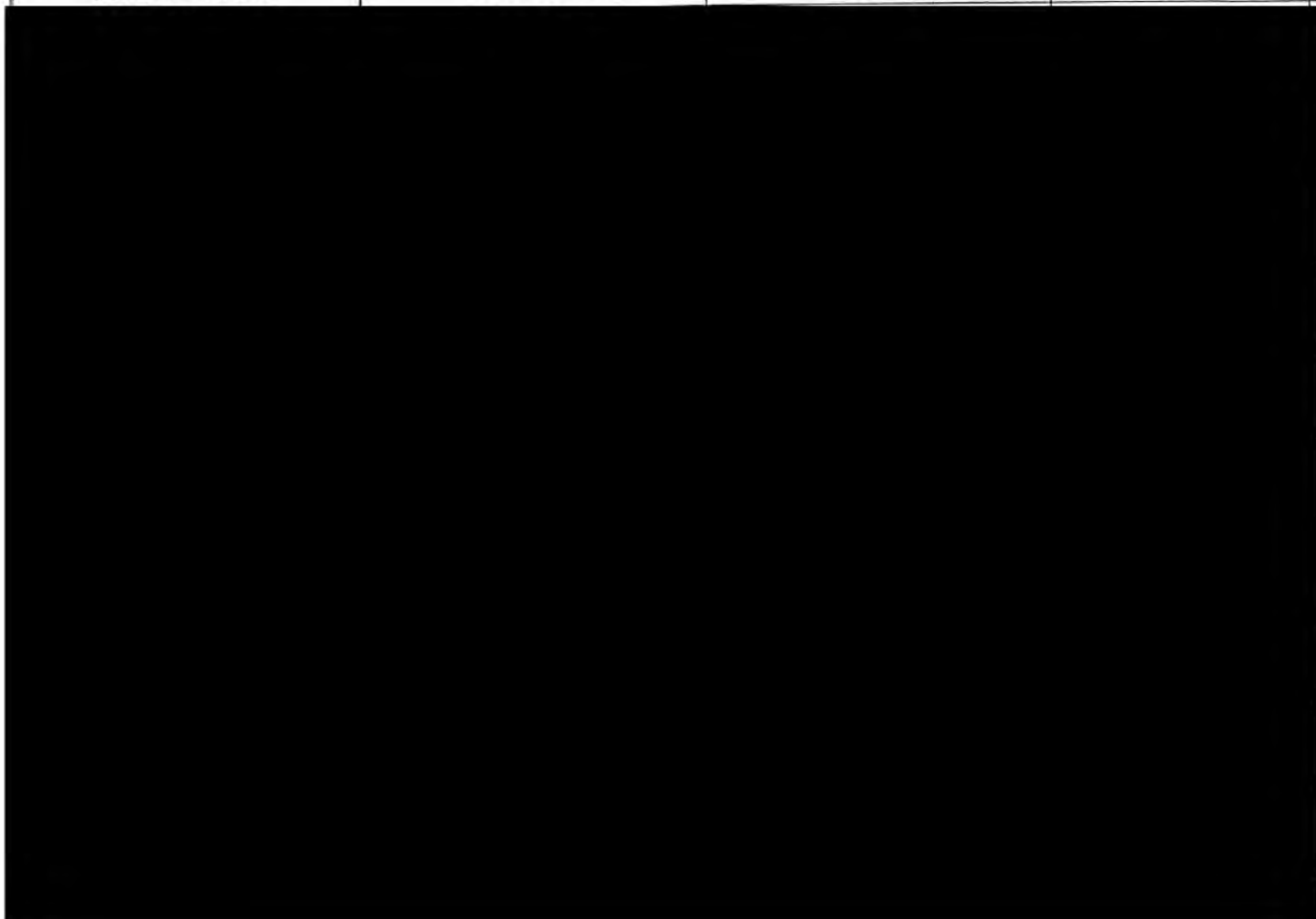
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				NOT HAPPY AT ALL.	22/03/23
				Awful!	22/3/23
				NOT COOL	23-3-23
					24-3-23

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				I go to art every week. Would be devastated	24/3/23
				I go there twice a week. NO	24/3/23
				An essential community hub for our area used every day	27/3/23
				Prescription Medicine.	27/3/23
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				the works are also important	27/3/23

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				the elderly need an art + kids outlet	14-3-23
				Wonderful community building needs gov. funding	14-3-23
				Don't kill community relations	14-3-23
				A GREAT COMMUNITY ASSET NEEDS GOV. FUNDING	14-3-23
				To be kept for its wonder + uniqueness of design	20/3/23
				A haven of civilization and peace.	23/3/23
				a legacy for our community	26/3/23



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	Auckland	New Zealand	16/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is a well used community centre for all the arts. It has exhibition, concerts and theatre facilities. Classes for children and adults in the art's which compliment the wellness wellbeing programs (eg mindfulness and yoga). The community holds all sorts of events and the Homestead part of the communities history. There are opportunities for artists, musicians and actors, cultural events and learning that the people of Manurewa would otherwise not be able to access. I am appalled that the value of this arts and community centre is regarded as dispensable by the very people elected to preserve community services and assets. The people of Manurewa and it's adjacent areas deserve better."
		New Zealand	16/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead Pukepuke is loved by the community. It is a wonderful place to meet people, enjoy the Homestead and gardens, visit at exhibitions or take an art class. It has a top class café and amazing staff that have been vital in making the place vibrant and welcoming. The place is buzzing just like it used to in the 1970s. Did I mention the theatre, outdoor movies and live theatre? Budget cuts would take the heart out of the place."
	Auckland	New Zealand	16/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is central to our community for the arts and children's activities. It enriches our lives"
	Manurewa	New Zealand	16/03/2023	"Nathan homestead has so many activities for all ages. It's an important community space."
	Auckland	New Zealand	16/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is the well-used and popular community centre with great facilities. If anything, the council should invest more money, not cut funding"
	Auckland	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"I use this centre every week for yoga classes, sometimes twice a week. There are very few classes after work that are available in our local area. Our classes are well supported and loved by all. Nathan Homestead is the heart and soul of Hillpark. Please don't close it down."
		New Zealand	17/03/2023	"As a visitor to Manurewa, I have enjoyed visiting Art displays at Nathan Homestead. It seems a well used and important cultural centre for the community."

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	Auckland	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is a treasured resource in our local community. It is part of our everyday lives and my family have been visiting for many years - from ballet classes in 1992 and school holiday and after school programmes as our children grew up. To countless concerts, exhibitions and a quiet place to sit in the garden in 2023. Nathan Homestead is a beautiful place that fills me with pride that it is part of our Manurewa community life - where people gather, learn and live life."
	Auckland	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"Community is the core of our society. No community centres should lose precious funding and Nathan Homestead in particular is a beautiful, historical building that has multiple uses serving the community."
	Auckland	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is an integral part of the Manurewa community - bringing richness of culture, arts and facilities bringing people across Tāmaki Makaurau into our hood. It's far too important to lose any funding!"
	Auckland	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead needs funding in order to continue as a fabulous, well - used community facility."
	Papakura	New Zealand	17/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead and its beautiful surrounds were gifted to our community and have provided a much used and much appreciated venue for weddings, concerts, classes, exhibitions, markets, Music in the Parks, family gatherings and more. It is well used, accessible and enjoyed by locals and visitors to the area. To have funding cut would mean our wonderful community asset would no longer be able to provide these. Unthinkable!!"
	Auckland	New Zealand	18/03/2023	"Sign the petition because the council already took away the daycare and afterschool care that was quite popular and now they want to take more away from Nathan - Homestead. Sign and pass it on and get at least 3 others to sign. Let's get it."
	auckland	New Zealand	18/03/2023	"It is such a valuable resource to many people."
	manurewa	Ecuador	19/03/2023	"I'm strongly against the council doing away with our beautiful homestead"
	Cambridge	New Zealand	19/03/2023	"Manurewa was where I grew up and where some of my family still live. Nathan Homestead has been an important part of this community for as long as I can remember. I am so surprised to hear that Auckland Council is including it in budget cuts, it would be a huge loss."
	Auckland	New Zealand	20/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is such a huge asset to our community and for generations to come. My family and I love this place and it would be a shame to see the funding cut and a loss of services as a consequence."

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	Auckland	New Zealand	20/03/2023	"Defenitely a great community asset that needs to continue the services it offers."
	Taichung C	Taiwan	20/03/2023	"So sad to learn that this iconic community centre could be on the chopping block if the proposed Auckland City Council budget cuts get approved. This was the place I first learned pottery from 7-12 years old, where I had my first exhibition, and where I bought and learned about minerals and gemstones (they had a tiny but amazing geology museum and club). Seriously, it's been an institution for decades and any mayor thinking it's a good idea to let it go needs to be let go themselves."
	Auckland	New Zealand	20/03/2023	"Vital community venue. Gives people a place to belong and off the streets. Dont cut community programs or local youth boards. Ask the people who voted you in where to find the money."
	Auckland	New Zealand	20/03/2023	"There are a lot of activities that go on there, my children also attend 1 of those."
	Auckland	New Zealand	21/03/2023	"Nathan Homestead is a historical landmark & a significant fixture in our community. Cutting the funding would be hugely detrimental to so many groups."
	Auckland	New Zealand	22/03/2023	"This is an important community service that lots of people benefit from."
	Papakura	New Zealand	23/03/2023	"We need community centres for many reasons. Keep this open"
	Auckland	Australia	23/03/2023	"I just hate the the Council LOL.."
	Auckland	New Zealand	23/03/2023	"There are so many great things at Nathan Homestead!!!"
	Auckland	New Zealand	23/03/2023	"My daughter has found a place to belong with other kids who like to create."
	Auckland	New Zealand	23/03/2023	"A wonderful community facility which is well utilised and an important part of Manurewa's history. My 3 x children all attended community classes there when growing up and I even got married there!"
		New Zealand	23/03/2023	"A beautiful homestead and gardens a place to wind down in busy Auckland."
		New Zealand	23/03/2023	"This facility provides services to a rapidly growing community that is inundated with multi high rise dwellings being built all over Manurewa that will increase the population and the community's needs. It is much needed in a generally low income community."
		New Zealand	23/03/2023	"Because we need to protect and save places for future generations to enjoy and use. We need to reserve green and well kept grounds for safety and to enjoy free spaces for those that use it."
	Auckland	New Zealand	26/03/2023	"This is such a great place for our communities children and adults. It is a landmark to the area and is greatly needed more than ever in the era we live in where our communities children need a place just like this."

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		New Zealand	27/03/2023	"This is a well used community hub for adults and children alike. It has been part of the community for a very long time. If cuts need to be made, instead of blanket cuts to all such centres across Auckland each should be looked at on a case by case basis to see what savings may be made for least cost to society. I have attended yoga classes at Nathan Homestead for many years and would hate for that to end."

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	Sydney	Australia	19/03/2023
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Manurewa Local Board

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Tell us why:

If funding for local board activities is reduced, which three of our services do you not want to reduce funding for? (i.e. which are most important to you?)

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Submitter details

Organisation (if applicable):

Your local board: Manurewa

Your feedback

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Auckland Council have already decided to reduce costs by simplifying management structures and sharing resources more across the Council group (including Auckland Transport and other Council Controlled Organisations).

Our proposal to save \$130 million would also require us to make other reductions, including:

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- Reducing our funding to Tataki Auckland Unlimited to save \$17.5m, with some effects on service delivery and pricing at venues it manages such as Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and stadiums and venues in Auckland
- Reducing regional services such as community and education programmes, regional events, economic development, and other social services activities such as homelessness funding, community empowerment and funding for youth centres to save \$22 million
- Reducing local board funded activities across all boards to save \$16 million
- Reducing regional grants to save \$6 million
- No longer directly providing early childhood education services to save \$1 million.

What is your preference on the proposed operating cost reductions?

Do not proceed with some reductions and instead further increase rates and/or debt

Tell us why, and which reductions you would not proceed with if any: Kia ora,

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