

Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 28 February 2017
Time: 10:00AM
Venue: Meeting Room
Buddle Findlay
Level 18
PwC Tower
188 Quay Street
Auckland 1010

AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD

OPEN AGENDA

Membership:

Chair	Mr	Vern	Walsh
Deputy Chair	Ms	Anita	Killeen
Members	Ms	Candis	Craven
	Ms	Catherine	Harland
	Mr	Steve	Bootten
	Mr	Grant	Lilly
	Ms	Lyn	Lim
	Ms	Diane	Maloney
	Ms	Penny	Sefuiva
	Ms	Moana	Tamaariki-Pohe

Leigh Redshaw

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Based on the known work programme for 2017, the following timetable of meetings is proposed for 2017, subject to change as the need arises:

Most meetings will commence at 10:00AM, unless agreed otherwise.

	2017	Meeting / Workshop	Nature of Key Business
Tuesday	28 Feb 2017	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR Funding Board holds Public Hearings to consider public (and other) submissions on the draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan
Tuesday	07 Mar 2017 or Wed, 15 Mar 2017	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board approves final version of draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan to be submitted to Auckland Council to approve proposed levy for 2017-2018
Tuesday	21 Mar 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auckland Council Finance Committee considers ARAFB levy requirement for 2017-2018
Wednesday	26 Apr 2017	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board meets to fix levy for 2017-2018 – must be done by 30 April 2017
Tuesday	2 May 2017	Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC – New Directors from 1 June
	13 June 27 June		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INDUCTION FOR NEW DIRECTORS Meetings or Workshops WILL be required
	June / July		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenity Visits – Two days Required for Amenity Visits
Tuesday	01 Aug 2017	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board normal meeting
Tuesday	5 Sept 2017	Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board receives Amenity presentations for 2018-2019
Monday	25 Sep 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for 2018-2019 Funding Applications
Saturday	30 Sep 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 Annual Reports and Audited Accounts due from Amenities (1 Oct 2017)
Tuesday	10 Oct 2017	Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board considers 2018-2019 Funding Applications for first time
Tuesday	17 Oct 2017	Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenities present their 2016-2017 Annual Results
Tuesday	07 Nov 2017	Workshop & Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Board considers any further information supplied following meeting on 10 Oct 2017 (Workshop) Funding Board makes provisional

	2017	Meeting / Workshop	Nature of Key Business
			allocation of grants for 2018-2019 for inclusion in draft 2018-2019 Funding Plan (Meeting)
	7-20 Nov 2017		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair meets AKL Council reps to discuss proposed levy for 2018-2019
Tuesday	21 Nov 2017 Or 28 Nov 2017 (Standby day)	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt 2017 Annual Report Confirm provisional allocation of grants for 2018-2019; Approve draft 2018-2019 Funding Plan for publication in January 2018
	15 Jan 2018		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish draft 2018-2019 Funding Plan

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Funding Board Directors are reminded of their obligation to maintain a clear separation between their personal interests and their duties as an appointed member of the Funding Board.

Directors should therefore be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict (or a perceived conflict) arises between their role as a Director and any private or other external (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary) interest they may have.

Any interests should be declared at the commencement of consideration of any item on this agenda and the member concerned abstain from voting or discussion on the item, or leave the room for the duration of its consideration.

1. APOLOGIES

At the close of the agenda apologies had been received from Lyn Lim for non-attendance.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board meeting held on Tuesday, 29 November 2016 to be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public,-
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and

- (ii) The presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

4. REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Opportunity for members to update the Register of Members Interest.

Recommendation

That the Register of Members Interest be updated as required.

The Register will also be tabled at the meeting for members to update as required.

(ATTACHMENT 4)

5. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT 2017-2018 FUNDING PLAN

The Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan was published on 16 January 2017 inviting public submissions on the plan. Submissions closed at 5PM on Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

A total of six submissions have been received of which one organisation wishes to present directly to the Board. The purpose of the meeting is to receive any verbal submissions and to determine whether any changes are to be made to the Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan prior to it being forwarded to Auckland Council for consideration and approval of the 2017-2018 levy.

(ATTACHMENT 5)

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Leigh Redshaw
Advisory Officer

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 DRAFT 2017-2018 FUNDING PLAN

General nature of matter to be considered:	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
If required, an opportunity for the Directors to finalise the provisional allocation of grants for 2017-2018.	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h)</p> <p>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	Public conduct of matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason to withhold exists under section 7.

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REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS –

Last Reviewed & Updated 29 November 2016

General Disclosure. To be regarded as interested in any transaction with:

Name of Member	Particulars of Interest
Vern Walsh (Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member – Coastguard Northern Region • Friend of the Auckland Festival • Director– Meeting and Governance Solutions Ltd – works with Auckland Council • Former - Auckland City Councillor, and chair of Finance Committee • Former Director – The Edge • Former Board member - Auckland Zoo Board • Former member - Auckland Zoological Society • Former Director – MOTAT Board
Candis Craven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Director - Niger Holdings Ltd (8/11/2012) • Former Trustee - NZ Contemporary Art Trust Auckland (12/11/2013) (11/3/2014) • Former Director Auckland Art Fair Ltd (12/11/2013) (11/3/2014) • Former Director Auckland Council Investments Ltd (a CCO) (10/11/2015) • Chair - Cognition Education Trust Ltd • Chair – Royal NZ Ballet • Former Director - Philanthropy NZ (25 Nov 2014) • Former trustee - ASB Community Trusts • Former President - NZ Family Planning Association • Former member - Occupational Therapy Board of NZ • University of Auckland - consultant • Consultant to NZQA, & NZ Teachers Council • Company previously undertook work for the Mayor's Office – Auckland Council (1 March 2016)
Catherine Harland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Watercare Services Ltd • Director, McHar Investments Ltd • Director, Interface Partners Ltd • Trustee, One Tree Hill Jubilee Educational Trust • Former Consultant, Martin Jenkins & Associates Ltd (27 Oct 2014) • Justice of the Peace <p>Past Professional Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee and Past Chair: Auckland Observatory & Planetarium Trust (Stardome Observatory) • Councillor, Auckland Regional Council • Councillor, Auckland City Council
Anita Killeen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron – Auckland Theatre Company • Patron – Silo Theatre • Director of SPCA Auckland • Director of Fertility New Zealand • Advisory Board Member of New Zealand Career College • Member of the Ex-Vietnam Service Assn (Neville Wallace Memorial)

	Children's and Grandchildren's Trust (15/4/2014)
Grant Lilly	<p>Current Professional Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member – Civil Aviation Authority of NZL • Board member – Aviation Security Service • Director – NZ Experience Ltd (NZX listed) • Director – Rainbows End Theme Park Ltd • Director – Queenstown Airport Corporation Ltd • Board member NZL Tourism Industry Assn (12/11/2013, Sept 2016) • Chairman, Hamner Springs Thermal Pools and Spa (23/12/2012) • Board member, Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust (23/12/2012, Sept 2016) • Deputy Chairman, Service Skills Institute Inc (17/05/2013) • Contract Advisory Services to NZ AA (10/11/2014) <p>> Past Professional Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director – Jetconnect Ltd (2002-2011) • Board member New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust (2008-2011) • Board member – Board of Airline Representative NZ (2006-2011) • Board member – NZL Inbound Tour Operators Council (2006-2011) • NZ Executive Council member – Australia/NZL Business Council (1995-1999) • Director – Air Nelson Ltd (1992 - 1997) • Director – Eagle Airways Ltd (1992 - 1997) • Director – Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation • Director QualMark NZ Ltd (5/10/2015)
Lyn Lim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB Community Trust Ltd – Director • Asia New Zealand Foundation – Trustee • AUT – Council Member • Centre for Social Impact New Zealand Ltd – Director • Durham Services Ltd – Director • Eva Fong Urology Ltd – Shareholder • FH Holdings Ltd – Director and Shareholder • FH Nominees Ltd – Director and Shareholder • Forest Administration Ltd – Director and Shareholder • Foundation North – Chair and Trustee • Foundation North Grants Ltd – Director • Hartajaya Investments Ltd – Director and Shareholder • Kaya Investments Ltd – Director and Shareholder • Max Cai Trustee Ltd – Director • Mykco Ltd – Director • Onesixone Medical Group Ltd – Shareholder • Public Trust Office – Director • Former Director - NZ Shareholders Association • Former Trustee NZ Chinese Youth Trust • Ex Director - FH Shortland Ltd; FM International Ltd • Ex member - ANZ Private Bank External Advisory Board • Ex council - Auckland District Law Society • Ex member - Auckland District Law Society committees – (various) • Ex executive member - HKNZBA, NZCTA • Former Director Seven Trust Ltd • Member: Institute of Directors; NZ Law Society; NZ Asian Leaders

Diane Maloney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair - Sistema Aotearoa Trust • Funding Assessor - Creative NZ - 2015- • Independent consultant <p>Past Professional Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Chair and Board member – Otara Health Charitable Trust – 2010-2015 • Former Director – IRIS Ltd (Health and Disability sector) • Former Manager – Community Services – Manukau City Council (1996-2010) • Former Member - Auckland South Community Response Forum (convened by Minister for Social Development) (02/08/2016)
Penny Sefuiva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory member – Sahaayta Counselling and Social Support (3/3/2015) • Friends of the Auckland Arts Festival <p>Past Professional Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Contract Relationship Manager <i>Settling in Project</i> MSD (3/3/2015) • Former Council member, AUT University Council • Former councillor, Auckland City Councillor – and Chair of Arts, Culture and Recreation and the Community Development Committees • Former Trustee Vailoa Place Budgeting Service (3/3/2015) (02/08/2016) • Former board directorships include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Auckland Festival Trust ○ The Edge Board of Management ○ Ponsonby Promotions ○ Auckland City Art Gallery Enterprise Board ○ Auckland City CBD Board, ○ Auckland Waterfront Working Party, and ○ PASIFIKA Festival Advisory Board
Moana Tamaariki-Pohe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously employed by WaterSafe Auckland in the capacity of Maori/Waka coordinator. (I continue in a voluntary capacity.) • Maritime Museum: co-ordinating the flotilla at the Waitangi Day Celebrations at Okahu Bay (volunteer role) • Former Trustee - Ngāti Whatua o Orakei Māori Trust Board • Former Auckland City Council – CBD Board – Board member: • Ngāti Whātua o Orakei/ Auckland City Council Reserves Board – Board member: two years • President - Orakei Water Sports • Ngā Mahi ki a Tupato o Tāmaki Makaurau (Regional Unintentional Injury Prevention Group- Wellsford to Pukekohe)– co-founder/ member four years • Okahu Landing User Group (Contributed to the negotiations between the stakeholders at the Okahu Landing the Auckland City Council to secure the interests of all parties) – member three years • Director - Kaitiaki Enterprises Limited • Board member - Matariki Trust • Technical Officer Hauraki Gulf Forum
Steve Bootten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust • Trustee Piha Surf Life Saving Club Trust Fund Inc • Director Framacad Solutions Ltd • Director of Cavalier Corporation Ltd (WEF 10 July 2015) • Chairman Black Interiors Ltd (11/4/2016) <p>Past Professional Appointments:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former Trustee Counties Manukau Pacific Trust Inc• Former Trustee Northern Life Guard Trust Inc• Former Board Member Diocesan School for Girls Inc• Former Trustee Diocesan School Heritage Foundation Inc• Former Director Northern Life Guard Services Inc• Former Director Orizaba Holdings Ltd (11/4/2016)• Former Director Xakeila Holdings Ltd (Ferry Building Partnership) (11/4/2016)• Former Director Hampden Fence Ltd (11/4/2016)
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AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD

Title: Submissions to
Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board
Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan

Report to: Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

Author: Leigh Redshaw – Advisory Officer

Date: 22 February 2017

1.0 Executive summary

Under the provisions of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act 2008 (the Act), the Funding Board is required to produce a draft Funding Plan, which is subject to public consultation.

The Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan was approved for publication by the Funding Board on 29 November 2016.

The Act requires that the plan be available for public comments for a period of one month. The plan was published on 16 January 2017, and the submission period closed at 5PM on Wednesday 22 February 2017.

A total of six submissions were received, including one late submission. A copy of all submissions received is attached.

One submitter wishes to make a further oral submission to the Board.

Oral submissions have been set down to be heard on Tuesday 28 February 2017 commencing at 10:00AM.

Following consideration of both the written and oral submissions, the Funding Board will determine whether changes need to be made to the final version of the 2017-2018 Funding Plan.

Once the final allocation of grants has been confirmed for 2017-2018 the total levy will be determined. Details of the final version of the 2017-2018 Funding Plan and the proposed levy will be forward to Auckland Council to consider and approve the levy at its meeting in March 2017.

2.0 Narrative

In the interests of transparency, the Act requires the Funding Board to publish a Draft Funding Plan for public consultation.

The Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan detailing the proposed total levy and the provisional allocation of grants to the specified amenities was approved for publication by the Funding Board on 29 November 2016. The Draft Funding Plan was published in 16 January 2017. Public notices were placed in the NZ Herald on 16 January and 10 February 2017 advising

that the plan was available for inspection and comment. The Draft Funding Plan was also available for download directly from the website (ara**fb.org.nz**) which also contains details of the boards meetings and previous funding plans and annual reports.

Copies of the plan were distributed to all the Specified Amenities listed in the Act as well as Auckland Council, Foundation North and Creative New Zealand.

A total of six submissions have been received, including the late submission from Auckland Council.

One submitter, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, wishes to make an oral submission. The hearings have been set down to commence at 10:00AM on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Following consideration of both the written and oral submissions the Funding Board will determine whether to make any changes to the final version of the 2017-2018 Funding Plan.

A final recommendation on grant allocations and the total levy requirement for 2017-2018 needs to be made and forwarded to Auckland Council for consideration.

Auckland Council will meet in March 2017 to consider and approve/not approve the proposed levy for 2017-2018. If Auckland Council approves the levy, the Funding Board will meet in April 2017 to fix the levy for 2017-2018 and adopt the Funding Plan. If Auckland Council resolves not to approve the levy, the matter will immediately revert to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act 2008. Irrespective of which course of action occurs, the levy must be fixed no later than 30 April 2017.

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SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2017-2018 FUNDING PLAN

	Submitter (alphabetical order)	Key Matters raised in Submission	Oral Submission	Approx Time
1	Auckland Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that in Council's view the specified amenities are reaching levels of sustainable funding. Expresses concerns at large future year on year indicated by some of the amenities. Acknowledges contribution of Funding Board and amenities in making Auckland a vibrant, attractive and safe place to live and visit. 	No	
2	Auckland Festival Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Funding Plan; and processes followed; provides details of how the Auckland Arts Festival will utilise the grant funds received from the Funding Board. 	No	
3	Auckland Theatre Company Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the Creative NZ increased funding for main centre theatre, not venue operation costs. Increased costs of operating the new theatre will continue to feature in future year funding applications. 	No	
4	Orakei Marae Komiti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports funding for Watersafe Auckland. 	No	
5	Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks additional funding of \$149,000 to cover costs of Regional Lifeguard Service; SLSNR Shared Services; Lifesaving Operations and Development. 	Yes	10:05
6	Water Safety NZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating support of WAI funding. 	No	

Presenters

	Submitter	Presenters	Time
5	Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc	Denise Bovaird Matt Williams	10:05

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Public Submissions

Advisory Officer

Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

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SUBMISSION 1

Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board Drafting Funding Plan 2017-2018 – Submission

To the Chair, Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

Auckland Council acknowledges the contribution the Funding Board and the regional amenities make in helping to make Auckland a vibrant, attractive, and safe place to live and visit.

Most of the amenities have enjoyed substantial increases in funding since the Act came into force. Total ratepayer funding provided under the Act has increased from \$9m in 2009-2010 to \$16,142,500 in 2016-2017.

In light of that increase, Council is of the view that most of the amenities should now be reaching a level of funding that provides a degree of sustainability, especially in view of the principle in the Act that funding is only available if the amenity has made all reasonable endeavours to maximise its funding from other available funding sources. In other words, Council is meant to be the funder of last resort.

In that context, Auckland Council is pleased to see that the Funding Board has proposed an annual levy with a very modest increase (0.14%) to \$16,165,500.

However, we note that the projected indicative grant requests for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 represent 12% and 4% increases on this year's levy. An expectation of large year-on-year increases in funding from Council appears to have developed among some of the amenities. Such increases should only be contemplated in exceptional circumstances. In addition, Council has consistently expressed concern about external revenue generated by the amenities.

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Council therefore again asks that the Funding Board encourages the amenities to focus on generating external revenue, and reminds them that Council should be seen as the funder of last resort.

Finally, Council acknowledges the work which the Board and the amenities have done towards establishing an understanding on what sustainable funding means for the various organisations under the Act. We look forward to seeing the sustainability approach embedded into the Board's work, and into future funding applications by the amenities under the Act.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Ross Clow

Chair

Finance and Performance Committee

Auckland Council

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SUBMISSION 2

**SUBMISSION ON THE
AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD
2017-2018 DRAFT FUNDING PLAN**

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

Submission

The Auckland Festival Trust Board supports the process undertaken for the Draft Funding Plan of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board for 2017-18.

In supporting the process the Auckland Festival Trust notes that the level of funding recommended:

In general:

1. Complies with the Act with regards to the overall levy amount.
2. The Funding Plan takes into account the new funding principles

Specifically related to the Auckland Festival Trust:

The recommended level of funding will assist the organisation to:

1. Develop a programme for the 2018 Auckland Arts Festival (AAF), the third annual festival to be mounted by the Trust, of a scale and reach appropriate to a major international city, and one that will attract significant audiences from Auckland and beyond.
2. Plan a programme of events for the 2018 AAF that will take performances, free events and a strong education programme around greater Auckland.
3. Develop a programme for the 2018 AAF including *Whanui*, that will attract a wider demographic and diversity of peoples through varied multi-genre activities, with Tangata Whenua and peoples of the Pacific being central to the programme and significant large scale international works to make an impact.
4. Include works that will attract new migrants, with a greater focus on delivering works from Asia (including Vietnam, China and India) that will showcase works from these countries and attract an increased Asian audience.

5. Implement marketing, sponsorship and communications strategies and ensure adequate staffing levels and in place to develop and manage these. In particular to generate increased attendances (including audiences with English as a second language), ticket sales, sponsorship, grants, individual giving and other revenue streams.
6. Continue to create significant mentoring and employment opportunities for the creative and events sector including arts marketing, events management and production; and where appropriate support other events with a vision similar to AAF.
7. Retain highly skilled and experienced full-time staff across programming, marketing and administration areas, and ensure succession planning is in place. A new Artistic Director has been appointed for an initial three year term.
8. Continue to play a key leadership role in developing New Zealand work of significance relevant to Auckland and beyond, and through this mentor artists and arts practitioners of Auckland; also to promote Auckland companies to tour nationally and internationally to benefit artists and the Auckland arts industry.
9. Maintain a stable organization with ongoing capability and capacity to stage the Auckland Arts Festival annually. The shift from biennial to annual has seen a doubling of audiences to both ticketed and free events over a two-year period.
10. Contribute significantly and more consistently to making Auckland a great place to live, work and visit.

Submission on the 2017-2018 Draft Funding Plan

1. The specific matters within the Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan that our submission relates to are:

Page 6. Background: paragraph 9. Funding Board's recognition of partner organisation's support of amenities.

2. We seek the following amendment to the Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan:

Not applicable.

3. Our submission is that

Auckland Theatre Company acknowledges the Funding Board's prudent allocation of grants for the 2017-2018 financial year, and the fiscally responsible levy requirement on Auckland Council.

However, Auckland Theatre Company submits the Funding Board's consideration to the Company's role as a Creative New Zealand (CNZ) Toi Totara e Haemata arts leadership organisations, required to deliver a range of impacts and activities for New Zealand arts and arts companies.

Despite CNZ's commitment to fund Auckland Theatre Company at an increased level of \$1 million annually for three years (2017-2019) for the key role of 'Main centre Theatre', this key role funding is not attributable to venue operation costs.

In delivery of these national objectives in 2017-2018, the Company will continue to work hard to ensure that the compatibility of these objectives are true to those of the Funding Board and delivery of the Auckland Plan despite a current budget shortfall of approximately \$300,000.

Auckland Theatre Company's request of \$230,000 from the Funding Board in 2017-2018 as a contribution towards the core infrastructure costs associated with operating the ASB Waterfront Theatre to deliver to the particular needs of Aucklanders and local arts organisations remains current; and will continue to be so in future applications to the Funding Board.

4. Please indicate the cost or saving impact of your proposal if possible:

ASB Waterfront Theatre overhead costs including staff, infrastructure, technology, communications and development (as defined separately from ATC producing overhead costs) are budgeted at \$1.382m in 2018-2019.

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*CHAIRPERSON: Mr Matt Maihi
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13/02/2017

Tena koutou,

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karanga maha tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

This is a letter of support for Water Safe Auckland Inc to provide drowning prevention education to the Auckland Region.

WAI have been inclusive in Maori initiatives including recently appointing a representative from local iwi Ngati Whatua Orakei on to the WAI Board, providing life jackets to Ngati Whatua Orakei Volcanoes Sports and Culture Club for 40+ tamariki to use for waka ama sports and the introduction of the Wai Turama programs with Maori and Pacific youth.

Orakei Marae kaumatua are excited to form a partnership with WAI to address over-representation of maori in drowning statistics.

ARAFa funding is crucial to allow this work to continue.

Should you require further information please contact me directly

Naku noa
Matt Maihi
Manager/Chairperson / Kaumatua



SURF LIFE SAVING
NORTHERN REGION

To: Vern Walsh

Date: Tuesday 21st February

Re: Submission On The ARAFB Draft
2017-2018 Funding Plan

From: SLSNR Chief Executive

SUBMISSION 5

Dear Vern,

Re: Submission On The ARAFB Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan

Thank you for the time taken to review Surf Life Saving Northern Regions funding application.

Surf Life Saving Northern Region seeks to lodge a submission on the Draft 2017-2018 Funding Plan. The particular matter within the draft 2017 – 2018 Funding Plan that Surf Life Saving Northern Regions (SLSNR) submission relates to is the Provisional 2017 -2018 Grant Allocations to Specified Amenities on page 9, regarding SLSNR's proposed allocation of \$1,266,000. SLSNR Director Denise Bovaird and I would value the opportunity to speak to this submission and have provided the supplementary information below to assist the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board (Funding Board) in reaching its decision.

Currently, it is proposed that SLSNR receives a \$1,266,000 Grant Allocation by way of the Funding Board to support our on-going sustainability and the significant contribution we make towards Auckland City. After due consideration, Surf Life Saving Northern Region seek an amendment to the draft 2017 – 2018 Funding Plan to allow for a grant of \$1,415,000 to be made to our amenity.

SLSNR is aware that requesting an increased grant amount based on increased operational expenses; regardless of public's expectations is not automatic grounds for an increase in grant amount. Accordingly, the below is set out to provide historical and current context and to give merit to our proposition while taking into account the wider principles of the Funding Act.

In 2015 SLSNR applied for a grant of \$1,324,000 an increase of \$90,000 from previous actual funding amounts, of which we received \$1,266,000 from the Funding Board for the 2016/2017 funding year. This increase was to accommodate:

Higher costs to the Regional Lifeguard Service in Auckland +\$36,000

- A wage increase to the Regional Lifeguard Service following a legislated change to minimum wage rates
- Improved Personal Protective Equipment Costs as a result of changes to the Health and Safety Legislation and our new duties as Persons Conducting Business Units
- An urgent need to increase the amount paid to clubs for the use of their venues, equipment and consumables as current rates only amounted to 28% of the expense incurred.

Requirements for SLSNR to provide a greater level of shared services to its member organisations +\$32,000

- SLSNR was acutely aware of the need to increase its resource to manage the increasing operational output. Create and deliver a clear strategy and process for the necessary consolidation of SLSNR member clubs financial statements. Deliver to the current need of providing a regional shared services hub

Club Operational Grants +\$12,000

- In line with forecast predictions from previous years, SLSNR sought to increase the operational grant distribution made to its member clubs to catching up to the increasing costs of service

SLSNR had been proactive in meeting these cost increases elsewhere. The increase in requested funding was made following sector-wide appeals to address these costs elsewhere. Trillion Trust had been approached and were unable to assist as the \$286,00 they currently contributed towards full-time salaries was already at a ceiling considering they fund our member organisations independently. Pub Charities, Lion Foundation and NZCT, informed of the strategic direction to move out of the funding of the Regional Lifeguard Service which they saw as the responsibility of Territorial Local Authorities to fund. A position supported by Northland Regional Council and Waikato Regional Council who were moving to fund these programmes fully. Sponsorship income was already fully utilised in contributing to these costs. Alongside this SLSNR was working towards longer term provision of this revenue, lobbying our National body for a greater share of commercial income, and a more representative distribution of funding, and forming a strategy for financing from SAR, Watersafe New Zealand and Central Government.

Following unsuccessful requests from the above funders, the decision had to be made whether to cut the level of service delivered to our member organisations and communities or seek an increased level of support from the Funding Board. This was discussed at length by the Board of Directors who were unanimous that due to the underlying risk to public safety that reducing these service, or levels of service that, it was necessary to approach the Funding Board to support these increased costs.

Following this application, the Funding Board provided an increased funding amount of \$32,000. This increase contributed towards meeting the higher costs in delivering the Regional Lifeguard Service. The need to have uniformity across the Region in moving to a model where Territorial Local Authorities as the primary funders of the Regional Lifeguard Service, led this decision.

In 2016 SLSNR applied for a grant amount of \$1,415,000 and had provisionally been granted \$1,266,000. While our application was a significant increase in previous grant amounts and an increase above that which was forecast, SLSNR was acutely aware of the environment in which they were making this request and the principles of the Funding Act. We believe our case was justified or compelling enough to merit this increase of \$150,000.

In similar fashion to previous applications, this increase was necessary to keep up with the rising costs of service. Changes to previously forecast amounts were:

Regional Lifeguard Service +\$90,000

- In entering the role of Chief Executive, I conducted a full review of the Regional Lifeguard Service. In the Auckland area, the cost of this service was misrepresented as previous management had chosen to recognise direct costs of this service outside of the programme. This practice was misrepresenting the cost of the service as significantly less than what it should be with much of the management labour cost for Auckland being accounted for incorrectly
- Additional to this it was found that as a cost saving measure in previous years' management had made the decision to have volunteers patrol the public holidays during the Regional Lifeguard Service contract to forego the increased labour costs on these days. This was rectified but again brought with it a cost increase
- Finally, in line with grant and gaming funders strategy to no longer support grant requests for the contracted lifeguard services space the 10% of this programmes income which was currently being provided for by gaming and grant funders was requested to be met by the funding board

Beach Educations -\$10,000

- As SLSNR had continued being successful in finding grant and community funders for this programme the level of support requested from ARAFA was decreased and a strategy to continue decreasing this amount was announced.

SLSNR Shared Professional Services +\$60,000

- SLSNR requested a \$60,000 increase (\$20,000 more than the unsuccessful amount requested in 2015) in order to continue delivering professional services to SLSNR member organisations
- The fast burning platform we currently find ourselves on, in regards to meeting these services via short term volatile grants was communicated to the Funding Board and a complete portrayal of the 54 grants we were required to make to meet this cost was shown
- SLSNR viewed these services as absolutely critical to the delivery of service and public safety on our beaches and as such required a degree of certainty around the funding of these items. As such in line with Waikato and Northland a request was made through available processes to seek this funding from the rate payer.

Lifesaving Operations and Development +\$10,000

- Analogous to the points above an increase was sought to continue assisting with the 84,000 hours of patrolling services contributed to the ratepayer of Auckland. It was acknowledged that grant and gaming funding could be available in the short term however this was administratively inefficient and too volatile due to the operational necessity of this income.

The above sets out the lengths SLSNR has gone to over recent years to work with the entire current market and prospective funders to meet these costs. Regardless of whether these new expenses can be met by traditional, new, or potential funders; we simply must deliver the service due to the serious safety implications for that of our members and public if we did not.

Where funding requests have not been successful in the past SLSNR has had to expend its own income with programmes such as the Regional Lifeguard Service and our professional shared services continuing to run at a historic loss.

SLSNR has been proactive in addressing funding issues and continue to drive resource into this space. That being said currently for the 2017/2018 year the deficit in requested and proposed amounts from the Funding Board leaves SLSNR with a significant shortfall of \$150,000. This situation is familiar to SLSNR as we have been through a very similar process with Northland and Waikato Regional Council, the territorial local authorities responsible for funding our services in Waikato and Northland. In both cases following near unanimous support from the community both Councils found they had a responsibility to provide for our services and fund our programmes fully. This process was completed through the Annual Planning round and will be addressed again in the upcoming long term planning round.

In the current instance the ARAFA Act restricts SLSNR from seeking operational funding from Council through both of these mechanisms and requires ratepayer income or revenue be sought through the Funding Board and its application process. Speaking to the principles of the Act, this funding is truly that of last resort. We have exhausted all other avenues and continue to seek out new ones to replace this income in future. Our services are absolutely crucial to the public and the safety of our community.

SLSNR is now overdue in finalising its budgets for the coming season. One of the key elements to this is to secure the additional income from ARAFA or begin the process of communicating with our stakeholders regarding a decrease in historical service levels.

Matthew Williams

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Chief Executive || Surf Life Saving Northern Region

SUBMISSION ON THE

**AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD'S
DRAFT 2017-2018 FUNDING PLAN**

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? **TBC**

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21st February 2017

Public Submissions
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Dear Leigh

Please accept this letter in support of WaterSafe Auckland Inc.'s (WAI) funding application to the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board.

As the Government appointed national water safety leadership organisation, one of Water Safety New Zealand's (WSNZ) core roles is to ensure sustainable funding for the wider water safety sector. Currently, there is a widening gap between the sector's resources and capacity, and the increasing demand in relation to aquatic participation. The success of WAI's application will enable WAI to direct more resources into programme delivery, aimed at reducing the number of drownings in Auckland and New Zealand.

The Water Safety sector has re-stated our strategic vision after a significant independent review commissioned by the Government. The outcome is a collaborative approach to addressing the issue of drowning in New Zealand. The New Zealand Water Safety Sector strategy 2020 sets out the water safety sector's plan to work collectively to achieve greater impact; working towards its vision of no one drowning.

To achieve these goals the sector will work together to deliver new and innovative programmes and drive attitudinal and behavioural change through communications and campaigning. We will also engage in research, set a policy agenda and resource drowning prevention initiatives where the greatest impact can be achieved.

The joint goals the sector has agreed are ambitious. No single organisation can achieve this vision without the collaboration of the wider sector and it is in this capacity that we support WaterSafe Auckland and their application.

WaterSafe Auckland Inc. (WAI) is a lead agency for regional water safety coordination and education in the Auckland region. Their vision, one which is shared by Water Safety New Zealand, is a water safe Auckland free from drowning.

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We are currently working with WAI and other agency organisations in the Auckland region to develop an Auckland Regional Water Safety Plan. Naturally, Auckland is a key strategic region for WSNZ, with WAI being a critical partner focussed solely on drowning prevention.

It is my hope ARAFB will consider WAI's application favourably and I appreciate your support in helping reduce drowning and injuries so that all New Zealanders enjoy the water safely.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonty Mills".

Jonty Mills
Chief Executive
Water Safety New Zealand Inc.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC – WHO NEEDS TO LEAVE THE MEETING

Members of the public

All members of the public must leave the meeting when the public are excluded unless a resolution is passed permitting a person to remain because their knowledge will assist the meeting.

Those who are not members of the public

General principles

- Access to confidential information is managed on a “need to know” basis where access to the information is required in order for a person to perform their role.
- Those who are not members of the meeting (see list below) must leave unless it is necessary for them to remain and hear the debate in order to perform their role.
- Those who need to be present for one confidential item can remain only for that item and must leave the room for any other confidential items.
- In any case of doubt, the ruling of the chairperson is final.

Members of the meeting

- The members of the meeting remain.
- However, standing orders require that a member who has a pecuniary conflict of interest leave the room.

Staff / Advisory Officer

- All staff supporting the meeting (administrative, senior management) remain.
- Only staff who need to because of their role may remain.