

Ordinary Meeting
of the
Whangamata Community Board
Supplementary Order Paper

Whangamata

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Date	20 November 2018
Time	14:00
Venue	Whangamata Service Centre 620 Port Road Whangamata

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6 Finance

6.1 Request to fund a New Year's Eve Safe Zone

TO	Whangamata Community Board
FROM	Eileen Hopping - Community Manager
DATE	15 November 2018
SUBJECT	New Year's Eve Safe Zone

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek the Whangamata Community Board's determination on a request from emergency services to fund a "safe zone" for inebriated New Year's Eve revellers.

2 Background

In previous years, intoxicated youth have congregated at Williamson Park on New Year's Eve. Up to 2018, the Whangamata Summer Festival provided an area where these intoxicated youths could be looked after until their parents collected them or they sobered up. Last year, with the concert on New Year's Eve, the Whangamata Community Board provided a "safe zone" operated by a team from St Johns alongside security provided by Maori Wardens.

3 Issue

With no festival this year, the number and nature of likely issues is unknown. Emergency services have requested that the Community Board to consider funding a safe zone for a second year.

4 Discussion

At a meeting of the Whangamata Emergency Services, held on 14 November 2018, the Whangamata Medical Centre, St John's and Police requested that the Whangamata Community Board consider providing the "safe zone" on New Year's Eve for intoxicated people.

Attachment A is the St Johns 2017 New Year's Eve report showing the statistics of patients that were treated at the "Safe Zone".

The costs associated with last year's "safe zone" were \$4,459. If the Community Board decides to provide the service again this year, with the costs being approximately the same, the service would be funded from the Contract Services Budget. The Community Board has already approved the Browns Group and Kahimahi Waihi Maori Warden security charges to be paid from this budget. The Contract Services Budget has a balance of \$25,000 available. The security charges are \$18,000, with a remaining balance of \$7,000.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Request to fund a New Year's Eve Safe Zone' report, dated 15 November 2018.
2. Determines whether it will allocate up to \$7,000 to fund the "safe zone" from its Contract Services budget.

References-tabled/Agenda attachments

Attachment A *St John 2017 New Year's Eve Report*

Attachment A

New Year's Eve 2017 Whangamata

Safe Zone

- 1 x Intensive Care Paramedic
- 2 x Paramedic
- 2 x EMT
- 2 x First Responder
- 2 X EMT in road vehicles were attached to the safe zone to transport patients requiring treatment and/or monitoring to safe zone, paid for by council.
- 2 x Ambulances assigned to Safe Zone for response/transportation of New Year's Eve associated call outs.
- 1 x Ambulance assigned to Williamson Park event.

(These ambulances were designated to Whangamata for all patients associated to NYE and Council funded events – This allowed for all other ambulance resources to be dedicated to BAU responses i.e. Medicals, Accidents etc.)

Safe zone was utilised for the assessment and monitoring of patient with suspected drug and alcohol overdose.

35 Patients were received at the safe zone.

- 3 x patients transported from Lowe Street adjacent to the Park to the safe zone
- 1 x patient transported from the medical centre to the safe zone
- Rest of patients were brought in from police, Maori wardens, family/friends or frontline ambulances

Without this Safe Zone to treat and monitor these patients, 27 of the 35 patients would have required to be transported to Thames Hospital.

Williamson Park Event

- 1 x Paramedic
- 1 x EMT
- 2 x First Responders

Nil patients were treated or transported from the park

- 1 x assault from Lowe street toilets transported to Thames. This was the only transport to Thames from Whangamata as a result of NYE festivities.

Non New Year's Eve activity related transports

- 2 x transported to medical centre
- 1 x transport from medical centre to Waikato

There were no New Year's Eve related incidents transported to the local Medical centre.