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Do you think we should decrease our day-to-day levels of service to reduce the average rate increase? :	No
Why / Why not?:	It seems you have made all the cuts possible to retain existing services - reduction of services initially on a temporary basis often ends up a permanent reduction. The idea of reducing recreational services would not be good for the long term health of our community - people are already struggling from the loss of exercise 'habit' due to Covid. Equally cultural activities are important to some in the community as well.
If so, what should we do less of?:	An happy that you have delayed non essential capital projects like gardens entrance and hall upgrades - but need to keep existing Community services opperating
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Do you agree with using \$1.7 million from our forestry reserve to pay for major roading repairs?:	Yes
Why / why not?:	Absolutely - this is what reserves are for - put money away for a 'rainy day' - well we had that May 21. The additional road repairs need to be done with urgency before long term deterioration occurs. Would be great if the temporary patches (which seem to be just hot mix poured into a hole which chops out in the next rain or after a couple of heavy trucks travel over) could be repaired with some better material - that initially may cost a bit more - but over longer period result in less patch ups - not sure if this is possible but need investigating.
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General comments:	We have had a very significant event in our Community last May ( 2021) and this means if we want to maintain the asset we have to fund it. While the extra rates will cause some pain to some in our community we all benefit from the infrastructure provided - this is the cost of the rain, increase in wages and overall inflation through NZ which we have to face upto