



ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL

Re-Establishment Rotorua youth council

Presentation to Council

Why a youth council?

- Young people are involved and empowered
- Leadership and learning
- Growing youth population
- A gap for Council
- Part of a wider strategy
- Many councils have one
- Recommendation - Future for local government review



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Youth Objectives

Mission

Young people are involved & empowered

Council objectives

Co-Designing

Informing & contributing to priority setting and decision-making

Representing in leadership & decision-making roles

Individual objectives

Building genuine & authentic engagements

Providing ability to influence and lead

Outcome

Feeling empowered, heard, valued & acknowledged

Enhanced cohesion & prosperity within communities

Working collaboratively with 'adults'



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Where has this come from?

- Lots of feedback
- Gap identified
- We had one in the past
- Great success stories from the model
- Disestablished in 2017
- Need to engage youth in the business of local government



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Alone, a Youth Council can't achieve everything. It does make an important contribution to how Council engages meaningfully with rangatahi and how we develop and invest in democratic innovations, including participatory and deliberative democracy processes.



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What are the benefits to Rotorua?

- Demonstrate our commitment to youth
- Activate and access innovative perspectives of youth
- Strengthen the future of our economy
- Develop capability of our future governors, councilors, leaders
- Our rangatahi = our economic advantage
- Provide assurance that our rangatahi don't need to look elsewhere for opportunities



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What?

The Youth Council will focus on the following four priority areas:

RLC Community Outcomes

	Active	Safety	Tangata whenua aspirations	Housing	Employment and economy	Tourism	Environment – mauri taiao	Connected and resilient	Arts and culture
Inner City Revitalisation Long Term Plan		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
Climate Action							✓	✓	
Youth Voice Strategy for Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long Term Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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What's in it for Rangatahi?

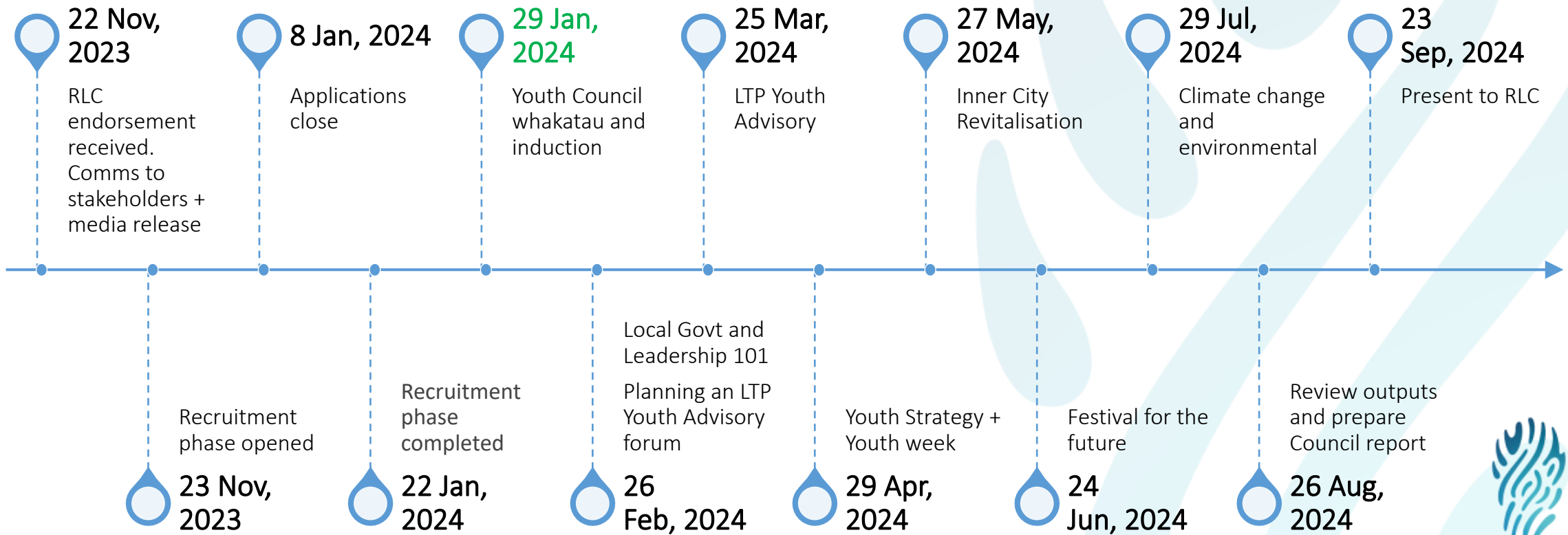
- Civic education
- Leadership development
- Meaningful engagement and voice into strategic Council decisions
- Youth share with Council what's important to them
- Tangible experience that rangatahi can add to their CV's
- Strengthens employability of rangatahi involved




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When?

Timelines to activation:



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Rangatahi will inherit the impacts of decisions made by councils today. They are **passionate** about **complex issues** like **climate change, poverty, housing, and education**. They want to have their **views recognised** and have a say on the **big issues that will impact their future**

Tokona te Raki (2022)

He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku ; Review into the Future for Local Government (2023)



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He Pātai?



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