

Community Connection



David Roache

Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Foxton Community Board I hope that everyone enjoyed a merry

Christmas and happy New Year, and that 2017 will be prosperous for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to a couple of local organisations. First, the Foxton Tourism and Development Association (FTDA) for another successful Spring Fling, putting Foxton on the map and attracting many thousands of visitors to our town. Secondly, to the Save Our River Trust (SoRT) for their successful Resource Consent application to clean-up the foreshore of the Manawatu River loop in Foxton.

The Main Street upgrade has started again for the year. Wet weather late last year slowed progress, but the project is going well. We are planning a public meeting to provide additional updates to those on Council's Facebook page and in other media.

Finally, I'd like to bring people's attention to the Proposed Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, on which the Council is seeking community feedback. Copies of the draft are available at Council's customer service centre at the Foxton Library, and online at www.horowhenua.govt.nz/foxtonbeachreserves

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Chairperson, Foxton Community Board

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Feedback sought on proposed plan for Foxton Beach reserves

There are only two weeks left to provide community feedback on a plan of actions to improve the public reserves at Foxton Beach.

Horowhenua District Council's Proposed Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan allocates the use of \$1 million from the Foxton Beach Freehold Account for improvements to the reserves over a 10 year period.

The public reserves include Cousins Avenue Reserve, Hennessy-Lowe Reserve, Foreshore Reserve, Holben Reserve, Linklater Reserve, Manawatu Estuary, Hartley Street Reserve, Sunset Walkway, Flagstaff Reserve, and Ferry Reserve.

Council Officer Caitlin O'Shea says a major driver for the consultation is ensuring there

is community agreement on the priorities in the Plan.

Miss O'Shea said a series of community workshops were held last year and Council staff received some fantastic ideas and aspirations from Foxton Beach residents.

"The ideas proposed were plentiful and diverse and have been used to shape the actions in the proposed Plan," Miss O'Shea said.

"Now we want to check that the Plan accurately reflects the ideas, issues and opportunities raised by members of the community in the initial workshops and conversations. We welcome any and all feedback."



More information and copies of the proposed Plan are available at Council's customer service centre at the Foxton Library, and online at www.horowhenua.govt.nz/foxtonbeachreserves, where people can also fill out an online questionnaire.

Feedback can be sent to Horowhenua District Council Officer Caitlin O'Shea by email to caitlino@horowhenua.govt.nz, post to Horowhenua District Council, Attention: C. O'Shea, Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540; or delivered to Horowhenua District Council, 126 Oxford Street, Levin.

The closing date for feedback is Friday 3 February at 5:00pm.

New kitchen completes Foxton Beach's Civil Defence centre

A new commercial kitchen built onto the Foxton Beach School hall has significantly enhanced its ability to serve as the community's Civil Defence centre.

The project was driven by the school's Home and School Committee and over the past five years approximately \$50,000 was fundraised to see the goal become reality, helped by local contractors donating a lot of their labour also.

The kitchen will be used not only by the school, such as for students cooking lessons and for preparing food and refreshments for school functions, but also for community events and when the school is activated as the Civil Defence centre for Foxton Beach.

Principal Hamish Stuart says that previously it was just a hall with toilets. However now, with its new commercial kitchen, it has become a fully self-contained facility offering a significantly greater resource.

"It will be used by the school day-in and day-out, but we want the community to use it as well. It's as much a community asset as it is for the school."

The new kitchen was officially opened last month by Kerekere Ward Councillor Ross Brannigan, being a former Foxton Beach School board of trustees chairperson for 13 years.



Hamish Stuart, left, and Ross Brannigan

"We started this project while I was the Board chair, so it was a real privilege cutting the ribbon' to open the kitchen," he said.

Cr Brannigan said the new kitchen completed what is a very important facility for the Foxton Beach community, with its ability to be activated as a Civil Defence centre during an emergency management event.

"It is modern and well-resourced and the kitchen enhances our ability to help look after people in need and who have been forced out of their homes and have nowhere else to go," he said.

"This is simply the best facility in Foxton Beach to suit this purpose. Also, people tend to have an affinity with their local school and they feel comfortable being there."

Public drinking water taps installed at Foxton and Foxton Beach

Crystal-clear drinking water is now available from two public-accessible water tap stations at Foxton and Foxton Beach.

Horowhenua District Council's Water and Waste Services Manager Paul Gaydon says the taps have been installed so that residents and visitors can fill containers with treated and filtered water, providing an alternative option to purchased bottled water.

The taps are located outside the Foxton Pools on Main Street and outside Holben Pavilion at Foxton Beach.

Horowhenua District Mayor Michael Feyen initially proposed having public drinking water taps, such as in some other town and city centres.

"You can press a button on the top to fill up a drinking water bottle, or use your knee to push another button lower down to fill up a larger container while holding it with both hands. They're even designed in the shape of the Foxton Water Tower. It's just great."

Mr Gaydon said that since he started at Council nine months ago, one of his main priorities has been to solve the water clarity problems at Foxton and Foxton Beach.

"The drinking water stations are merely a temporary solution," he said.

"A lot of investigation work to truly understand the problem, look at all the options available, and then identify and implement the right solution to fix the problem once and for all."

On the spot with one of the staff: Andrew Beauchamp, Aquatics Operations Support Officer

The lure of the coastal environment is what drew Aquatics Horowhenua Operations Support Officer Andrew Beauchamp to Foxton Beach.

"My wife and I fell in love with the place during a holiday there about five years ago, when we were still in Palmerston North," he said.

"So, we decided to move to the beach and have now been there for two and-a-half years. Since then, our daughter and her family relocated up here from Wellington and now our other daughter is moving from Feilding to Foxton."

Mr Beauchamp has spent the past 13 years working in aquatics industry. Before joining Horowhenua District Council's staff, he was the Operations Manager for Community Leisure Management, contracted to run Palmerston North City Council's aquatics services, working at the Lido Aquatic Centre and Freyberg Community Pool. Prior to then, he had spent his career in water works infrastructure including reticulation and drainage.

"So, for pretty-much my whole working life I've been involved with water in one way or another. I have a love of water, working with it and around it," he said.

Mr Beauchamp's role with Aquatics Horowhenua sees him working at the Levin Aquatic Centre all-year-round, and at the Foxton Pools and Shannon Pool during their summer opening seasons.

"The job involves day-to-day operations of the plant rooms, keeping the equipment running and maintaining the best-possible pool water quality. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes," he said.

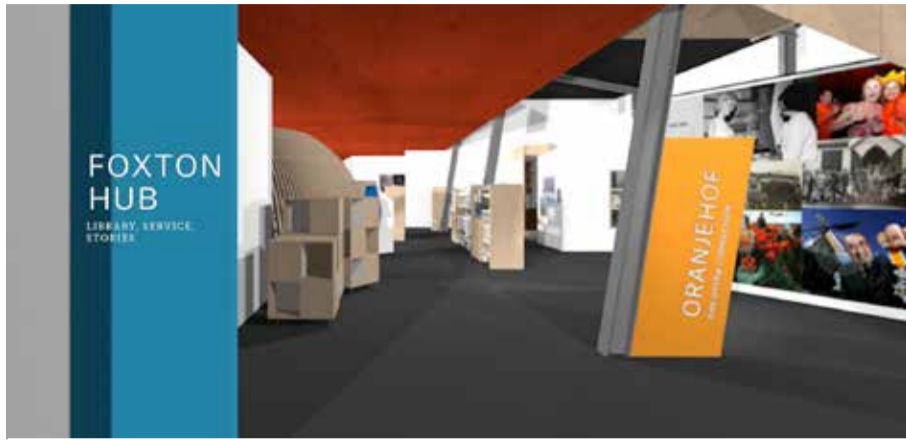
"But I also work poolside, training lifeguards and running weekly skills sessions for them. I'll even fill-in for lifeguards when they're on breaks. I really enjoy the work and we have a great team here at Aquatics Horowhenua."



Andrew Beauchamp

Inside Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom in Foxton will be a flagship facility like nothing else in New Zealand - a highly-innovative combination of recreational, cultural, heritage, nature-based, library and community activities; and a place for people from different cultures to come together in a shared space. The facility is to open this Spring, but here's a preview of some of the interior concept visuals.



The Foxton Hub, including the Foxton Library and Council's Foxton customer service centre.



Inside the Foxton Library.



A dedicated play space for children.



An upstairs lounge in the mezzanine area.



Inside the Piriharakeke Generation Inspiration Centre; celebrating local stories and aspirations, with a focus on Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga and its hapū who have links to Te Awahou (Foxton).



The entry to Oranjehof, the national Dutch Connection Museum, where exhibitions will highlight the major influence the Dutch community has had on the development of New Zealand.

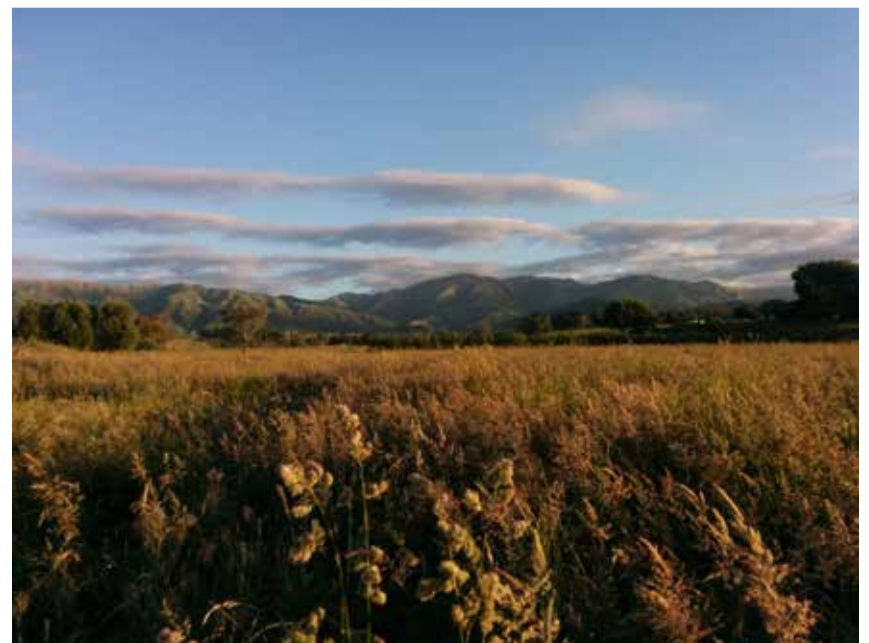
Horowhenua Summer Hot Spots Photo Competition

This summer we would love to hear about your favourite Horowhenua Summer Hot Spots. Perhaps it is a section of a nearby beach that always has good waves, or it's the perfect morning walking location to catch the sun rise - whatever it is, please do share it with us and be in to win a Samsung Galaxy Tab A tablet.

To enter just take a picture of your Horowhenua Summer Hot Spot, send it to comms@horowhenua.govt.nz and tell us what you love about it. Your entry should also include your name and contact number, as well as the names of anyone in your photo. You may enter as many photos as you like.

Photos entered into the photo competition may be used for future advertising and marketing by Horowhenua District Council. Photos must be taken in the Horowhenua District between 12 December 2016 and 31 January 2017. All photos entered may be used on Horowhenua District Council's social media accounts and website.

Winners will be notified by phone on Friday 3 February and announced on Council's Facebook page and website.



Erin Willson, Shannon.



Public Notice

Water Supply Restrictions - Foxton and Foxton Beach

Horowhenua District Council wishes to advise Foxton and Foxton Beach residents and visitors that Level 1 Water Restrictions are in place until further notice. Commercial customers with very high water demand are also advised to take all practicable measures to reduce water use throughout the notice period.

This means that garden sprinklers may only be used during the hours from 5.00am to 9.00am and 7.00pm to 9.00pm on alternate days as follows:

- Houses with even street numbers on even dates
- Houses with odd street numbers on odd dates

Suggested water saving tips:

- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving

- Check your toilet cistern, taps, and pipes for leaks or overflow
- Use a bucket of water and a soft sponge or mop for outdoor cleaning jobs
- Sweep up garden waste, rather than hosing it away
- Do only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher
- Take shorter showers
- Use a bowl or plug in the sink when washing vegetables or hand-washing dishes.
- Install a dual-flush toilet cistern

This restriction applies until further notice.

Enquiries to Council on 06 366 0999 or enquiries@horowhenua.govt.nz

What's happening

For further details and events visit www.horowhenua.govt.nz/events

21 Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January Horowhenua Annual AP&I Show

9:00am to 6:00pm at the Horowhenua Events Centre and Showgrounds, Victoria Street, Levin. A wide range of livestock on display and a hands-on opportunity to mingle with a variety of small animals. Exhibitor competitions for dairy and beef cattle, horses and pigs. Children's calf club and pet lamb classes. In addition to trade exhibits and food and craft stalls, entertainment includes wood-chopping, sheep shearing, bands, singers, dancers, and sideshows. Entry is \$30.00 per family pass, \$12.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child 5-13, with under-5s free. Tickets available from the AP&I Association Secretary's office, Horowhenua Events Centre, Victoria Street, via EFT-POS payment. For more information, visit www.levinapishow.co.nz or phone 06 368 6539.

4 Saturday 4 February Whānau Ora Day

10:00am to 4:00pm at Te Waiora Community Health Centre, 10 Ladys Mile, Foxton. Whānau Ora Day offers fun-filled activities and entertainment to support well-being of families and the community. There will be plenty of information on health and wellbeing to suit all ages. Collect a Health Passport and have it signed at each stall to go into the draw for prizes.

11 Saturday 11 February Ye Olde Medieval Market

9:00am to 4:00pm at the Levin AP&I

Showgrounds, Victoria Street, Levin. Entry is \$5 per person, with under-15s free. Gate sales only. For information and updates, visit the Medieval Market's page on Facebook.

11 Saturday 11 February Foxton Beach Summer Market

10:00am to 2:00pm at Holben Parade Pavilion, cnr of Bond Street and Signal Street, Foxton Beach. Enjoy what this great beach community has to offer such as local arts, crafts, fresh produce. Contact is Sonja Hart, 027 349 1880.

19 Sunday 19 February 'Super Cheap Auto' Spectacular Car Show

10:00am to 1:00pm at the Shannon Domain. Hosted by the Shannon Progressive Association, the annual show last year saw over 500 vehicles on display, attracting several thousand spectators. There will be a range of food trucks and stalls. Entry is \$2 per person. To display a car, book a stall site or for further information, contact SPA Secretary Janette Campbell on 027 253 3955, 06 362 7872 or at owlcatraz@xtra.co.nz

26 Sunday 26 February Behind the Hedges 2017

10:00am to 4:00pm. Horowhenua's popular country trail will showcase eight lifestyle properties. The event is a Koputaroa School fundraiser. Tickets cost \$30 and are available to purchase online at the Behind the Hedges website www.behindthehedges.org

Council Meetings

Horowhenua District Council

1 Wednesday 1 February at 4:00pm in Council Chambers, 126 Oxford Street, Levin. All welcome.

Foxton Community Board

20 Monday 20 February at 6:30pm in the library at Manawatu College, 18 Ladys Mile, Foxton. All welcome.

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