

FOXTON POOLS FUTURE OPTIONS

Horowhenua District Council is consulting on the future of Foxton Pools in response to issues facing the facility. The Council want community feedback on five options for Foxton Pools.



THE ISSUES

BUILDING CONDITION & DESIGN:

- The facility has no vapour barrier or insulation, which causes high condensation.
- Promotes risk of fungi, structural decay and rusts plant and equipment.
- Creates an unpleasant environment.

INCREASE USE & APPEAL OF FACILITY:

- Currently low use of the facility.
- Pool design has limited appeal for everyone in the community.
- Need to provide better opportunities for playing, learning, fitness, and relaxation.

ABANDONED OUTDOOR POOL needs to be resolved.

CATER FOR POPULATION GROWTH.

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY by considering ways to increase revenue and minimise costs.

STRONGEST COMMUNITY PREFERENCE for all-year facility providing indoor-outdoor options which suit the whole community.

DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION.



THE PROCESS

2020 Horowhenua Aquatic Strategy

- Identified the issues at Foxton Pools

Community feedback – October 2020

- 3 options
- 676 community responses – preference for all-year facility

Feasibility Study – February 2021

- 5 options - analyses scope, cost & benefits
- Identifies option 1 as strongest overall option

Draft Long-term Plan – March 2021

- 5 options
- Option 2 preferred option as closest to status quo

We are here

Long-term Plan – June 2021

- Hear the community feedback
- Council will decide which option to implement

OPTION 1 – ALL-YEAR LEISURE POOL

Scope:

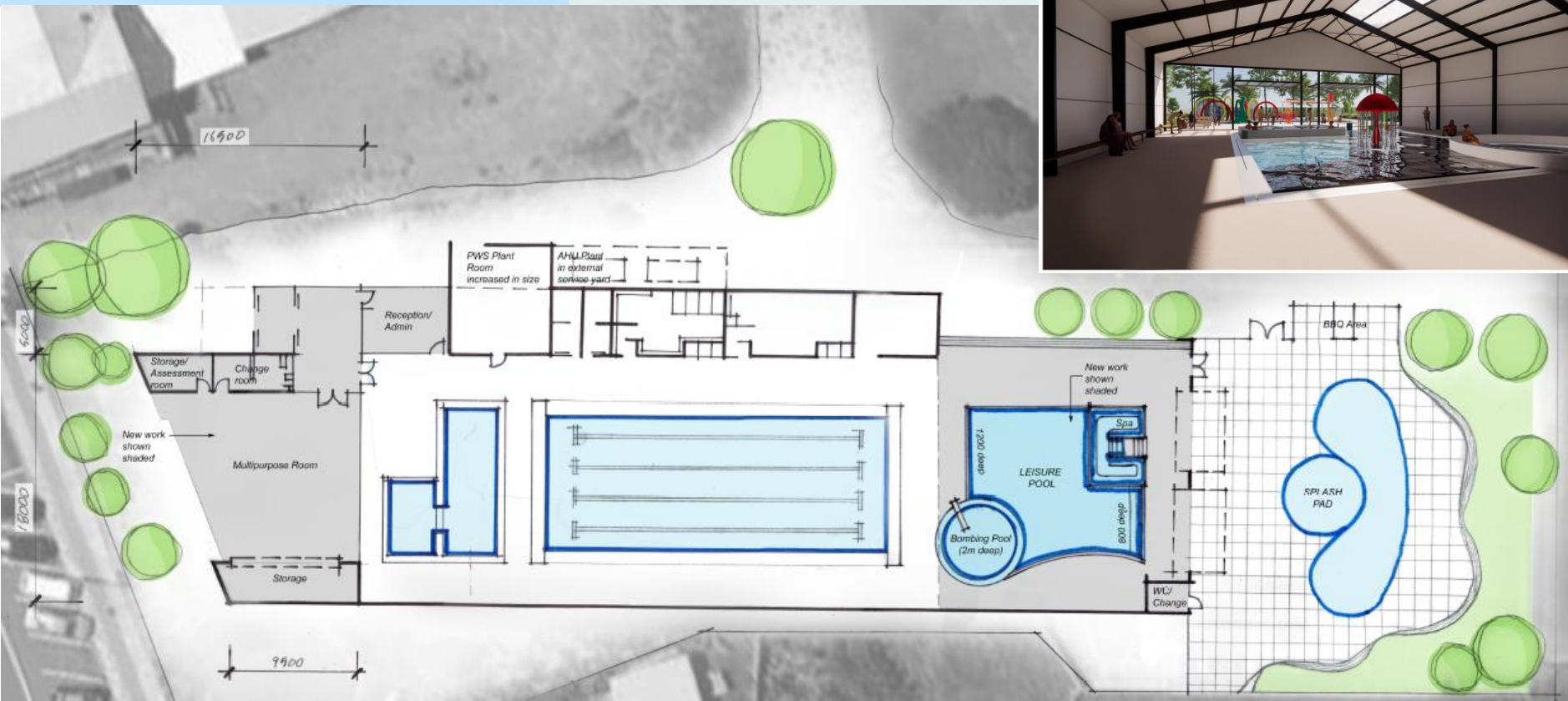
- Demolish & rebuild building
- Keep indoor lap & teaching pools
- New indoor leisure & spa pool
- New outdoor splashpad & landscaping
- New multi-purpose fitness space

Operations:

- 12 month operations
- Weekdays 6am-7pm
- Weekends 8am-6pm
- Estimated Year 1 visits - 59,000
- Increase in visits of around 42,000 per year

Costs:

- Capex \$9.4 million
- Opex \$345,000 – increase of about \$115,000 per annum
- Rates Impact \$44.53



OPTION 2 – ALL-YEAR BASIC POOL

Scope:

- Demolish & rebuild building
- Keep indoor lap & teaching pools
- Grass over existing outdoor pool (no landscaping)

Operations:

- 12 month operations
- Weekdays 6am-7pm
- Weekends 8am-6pm
- Estimated Year 1 visits - 26,000
- Increase in visits of around 9,000 per year

Costs:

- Capex \$2.6 million
- Opex \$350,000 – increase of about \$120,000 per annum
- Rates Impact \$26.61



OPTION 3 – SEASONAL LEISURE POOL

Scope:

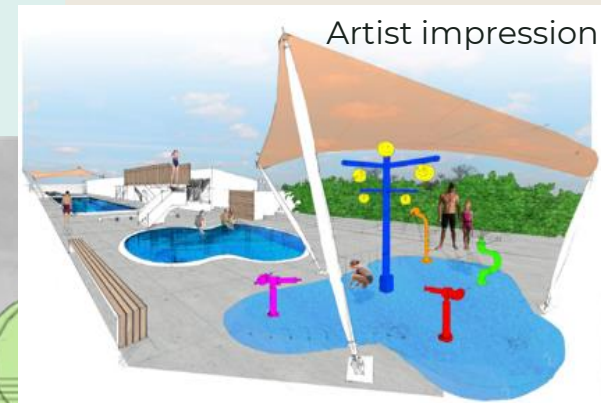
- Demolish building
- Keep lap & teaching pools as outdoor pools
- New outdoor leisure & spa pool
- New outdoor splashpad & landscaping
- New changing rooms

Operations:

- Summer operations
- Every day 10am-7pm
- Estimated Year 1 visits - 21,000
- Increase in visits of around 4,000 per year

Costs:

- Capex \$4.4 million
- Opex \$190,000 – reduction of about \$40,000 per annum.
- Rates Impact \$22.00



OPTION 4 – SEASONAL BASIC POOL

Scope:

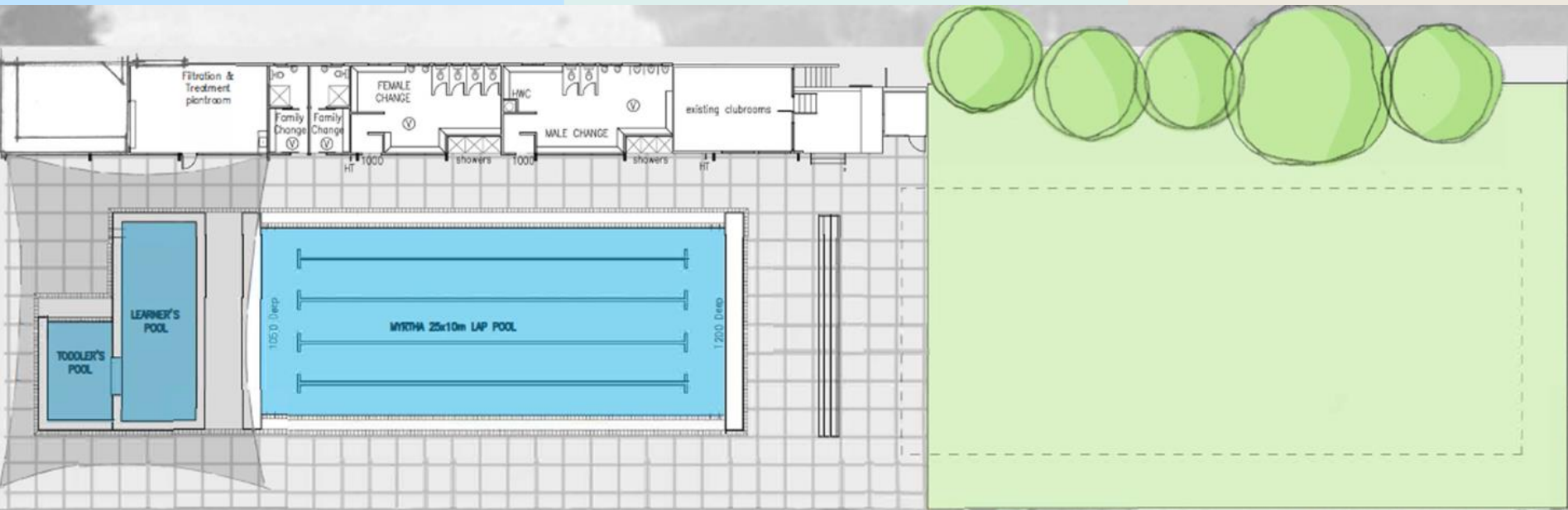
- Demolish building
- Keep lap & teaching pools as outdoor pools
- Grass over existing outdoor pool (no landscaping)
- New changing rooms

Operations:

- Summer operations
- Every day 10am-7pm
- Estimated Year 1 visits - 10,500
- Decrease in visits by around 6,500 per year

Costs:

- Capex \$1.9 million
- Opex \$200,000 reduction of about \$30,000 per annum
- Rates Impact \$16.02



OPTION 5 – CLOSE FACILITY

Building Scope:

- Demolish facility and restore to grass

Operations:

- No operations
- Loss of about 17,000 visits per year

Costs:

- Capex \$350,000
- Opex saving of around \$230,000 per annum
- Rates Impact -\$12.49

SUMMARY OF OPTIONS

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
SCOPE	All-year Leisure	All-year Basic	Seasonal Leisure	Seasonal Basic	Close Facility
Capital cost	\$9.4 million	\$2.6 million	\$4.4 million	\$1.9 million	\$350,000
Rates Impact	\$44.53	\$26.61	\$22.00	\$16.02	-\$12.49
All-year / indoor pools	✓	✓			
Seasonal / outdoor pools			✓	✓	
25m pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leisure pool & spa pool	✓		✓		
Teaching & toddler pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Outdoor splashpad	✓		✓		
Upgrade change rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Shade over teaching pool			✓	✓	
Outdoor landscaping	✓		✓		
Multi-purpose room	✓				
IMPACT					
Address condition & design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resolve outdoor area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Increase use	✓	✓	✓		
Increase appeal: play, learning, fitness & relaxation	✓		✓		
Cater for population growth	✓		✓		
Improve revenue	✓				
Decrease operating cost			✓	✓	✓
Community preference	✓	✓			