

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Foxton Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Monday 19 April 2021  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Ngārongo Iwikātea Room  
**Venue:** Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom  
92 Main Street  
Foxton

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## Foxton Community Board

### OPEN AGENDA

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#### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Chairperson</b>	Mr David Roache	
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	Cr Ross Brannigan	
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**1 Apologies**

**2 Public Participation**

Notification to speak is required by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Further information is available on [www.horowhenua.govt.nz](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz) or by phoning 06 366 0999.

See over the page for further information on Public Participation.

**3 Late Items**

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

**4 Declaration of interest**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest in writing they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

**5 Confirmation of Minutes**

**5.1 Meeting minutes Foxton Community Board, 22 February 2021**

**5.2 Meeting minutes Extraordinary Meeting of the Foxton Community Board, 22 March 2021**

**6 Announcements**

Public Participation (further information):

The ability to speak at Council and Community Board meetings provides the opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions/views to Elected Members as they relate to the agenda item to be considered by the meeting.

Speakers may (within the time allotted and through the Chairperson) ask Elected Members questions as they relate to the agenda item to be considered by the meeting, however that right does not naturally extend to question Council Officers or to take the opportunity to address the public audience be that in the gallery itself or via the livestreaming. Council Officers are available to offer advice too and answer questions from Elected Members when the meeting is formally considering the agenda item i.e. on completion of Public Participation.

Meeting protocols

1. All speakers shall address the Chair and Elected Members, not other members of the public be that in the gallery itself or via livestreaming.
2. A meeting is not a forum for complaints about Council staff or Council contractors. Those issues should be addressed direct to the CEO and not at a Council, Community Board or Committee meeting.
3. Elected members may address the speaker with questions or for clarification on an item, but when the topic is discussed Members shall address the Chair.
4. All persons present must show respect and courtesy to those who are speaking and not interrupt nor speak out of turn.
5. Any person asked more than once to be quiet will be asked to leave the meeting

# Monitoring Report to 19 April 2021

File No.: 21/131

## 1. Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of the Community Board.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 21/131 Monitoring Report to 19 April 2021 be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## Attachments



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### Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

## Signatories

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Approved by	David Clapperton <b>Chief Executive</b>	

Item No	Meeting Date	Item Description	Resolved/ Proposed Action	Responsible Officer	Action by	Status	Officer Comment
14/674	16 Nov 2015	<u>Target Reserve Strategic Plan</u>		A Nelson	July 2020	On-going	Officers are seeking funding to commence planning during the 2021-2041 LTP
	27 July 2020	<u>Victoria Park Proposal</u>	The Board asked for this to be made a separate item on the Monitoring Report, as this should be looked at on its' own rather than captured in the wider strategic plan.	Sean Hester			The proposed February meeting was put on hold due to the latest Covid-19 lockdown in Auckland (NZMCA representatives were to travel from there). NZMCA are currently doing due diligence on this site on Foxton Racing Club land, and HDC officers are currently awaiting a new date for the site meeting. Once this meeting has taken place, a further update will be provided to FCB.
17/39	26 March 2018	<u>Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan</u>	Reporting on current projects to be provided on a quarterly basis	S Hester	March 2020	On-going	Collaboration between all the agencies (HDC, DoC, HRC) is continuing in the Manawatu Estuary area, including weed control and revegetation works planned before 1 July 2021.
	29 July 2019	<u>FB Reserves Investment Plan Review</u>	<i>THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends that the refurbishing of the promenade space, including seating, be placed</i>	A Nelson	Jan 2020	On-going	Potential submission to the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 for these works. There is currently no budget. Officers to continue discussions with FCB to utilise Foxton Beach Freehold money for the work.



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			<i>in the Annual Plan. THAT the Foxton Community Board's support for the foregoing resolutions is conditional on the funding source being other than the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.</i>				
19/150	27 May 2019	<u>Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve</u>	<i>THAT the matter of the Proposal for New Carpark Design near the Pump Track at Holben Reserve lay on the table and be part of the upcoming Strategic Workshop Agenda.</i>	A Nelson	March 2020	Complete	Additional parking has been incorporated into the Holben Reserve Development Plan. Budgets have been included in the draft LTP for 2021-2041.
19/162	27 May 2019	<u>Holben Reserve Wetland Development</u>	<i>THAT the Foxton Community Board supports and recommends to Council the development of a detailed design for a wetland at Holben Reserve and request officers to progress</i>	A Nelson	April 2020	Complete	The design for the wetland has been finalised and budgets have been included in the LTP.

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			<i>to a detailed design through an RFP process.</i>				
19/456	11 December 2019	<u>Adoption of Standing Orders (Council Report)</u>  Review of Foxton Beach Freehold Account Policy and Strategy and Foxton Community Board delegations	<i>THAT the Horowhenua District Council, in line with draft Standing Order 6.6, reviews the delegations to the Foxton Community Board during the 2020/21 Annual Plan process which will include resources and financial delegation; AND FURTHER THAT this review will be carried out in conjunction with the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account review.</i>	D Clapperton		On-going	Limited resource has resulted in a delay in engaging an investment advisor. Therefore this action will not be completed before 30 Jun 2021 whilst other priorities are being worked on.
20/385	28 September 2020	<u>Foxton East Drainage Scheme project</u>	<i>THAT the Foxton East Drainage Scheme Project be placed on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report.</i>	B Tucker		On-going	12/04/21 - Design stage still underway and discussions with property owners ongoing, proposed road culvert extensions to begin once materials have arrived, Horizons are organising the materials.

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# Chairperson's Report to 19 April 2021

File No.: 21/132

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## 1. Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board matters relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 21/132 Chairperson's Report to 19 April 2021 be received.
- 2.2 That these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 3. Issues for Consideration

### 3.1 PNCC Presentation BPO Nature Calls Wastewater project final consultation

Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) are completing a final round of consultation for the BPO Nature Calls Wastewater project in April. PNCC representatives will be presenting to the Foxton Community Board on the refined options shortlist.

### 3.2 Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust Update

Representatives from the Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust will be providing an update to the Foxton Community Board on the Foxton Beach CCTV project and avenues for advancing Foxton CCTV. An outline of the update paper is **attached**.

### 3.3 Board Member Updates

**Attached** to this report is the update from Deputy Chairperson, Tricia Metcalf.

### 3.4 Project Updates

The updates below relating to Foxton and Foxton Beach are information duplicated from the Infrastructure Development and Infrastructure Operations Activity Update reports presented to the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee on 31 March 2021.

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

### Foxton River Loop Regeneration – Stage One

#### Progress update

The Manawatu River Improvement Festival took place as planned on 27 February 2021. The general feeling among people was pride and celebration that this section of the river loop is useable once again, along with a clear desire to see the project carry on and deliver more stages of rejuvenation. Everyone is looking forward to the finished reserve complimenting the widened river. It was pleasing to see the heavy foot traffic throughout the local shops and the rest of Foxton throughout the day.

The day started with a dawn blessing by Ngāti Raukawa, followed by the unveiling of a historic anchor found in the Loop and restored by Save Our River Trust. A flotilla of vessels of all shapes and sizes made an impressive ceremonial entrance to the river loop to officially start off the day's festivities. Coley Street Primary and Foxton Primary Schools performed in the morning followed by musical entertainment in the afternoon. The two winners of our recent colouring competition from Coley Street School and St Mary's Primary School helped Mayor Bernie Wanden commemorate the Manawatu River Improvement Festival by planting flax in the reserve.

## **Financials**

We remain on track for completion of planned works by end of June 2021. Council's contract with the Provincial Development Unit (PDU) required a co-fund provision of \$1.2M for design and project management costs and associated asset improvements to the river excavation and park upgrade. Project management and construction costs have continued to come in below original project allocations, thus allowing for a number of future elements to be brought forward and included in the scope of works.

Council's primary contribution is for roading and shared path improvements. That work is the last of the elements to be constructed and will include safety and pavement upgrades at the Clyde and Harbour Street intersection and the upgrade of Harbour Street south of Wharf Street. A new shared path will also be constructed along the river edge to connect the upgraded reserve to Paretao (Seaview Gardens).

## **Focus for next month**

We are now in the final stages of the project. This month's focus is directed toward constructing a natural playground, shelters with barbeques, viewing platforms, and lighting in the park. We will also incorporate remnants of the old Whirokino Trestle Bridge as a hand railing element to the south of the park, as shown in the image below.

We are almost at planting season. We have planned a planting day on Friday 16 April 2021. This will involve Coley Street School, local hapu and residents of Foxton to commemorate the extraordinary work that has been done at the Foxton River Loop Reserve.

Chosen species to plant in the Foxton River Loop Reserve include a mix of native and exotic plants; Tī kōuka (Cabbage Tree), Kowhai, Pururi, Honey Locust, Golden Ash and Manuka. The proposal is for native trees to be planted toward the south end of the reserve by Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and deciduous trees towards the northern end of the reserve.

## **Foxton Beach Wharf**

### **Progress update**

The Manawatū Foxton Beach wharf is located on Department of Conservation Land and the area is widely valued by the local community. The western end of the wharf requires repair to prevent further erosion and Council has assessed a range of repair options.

Over the past month, Council has met with the Department of Conservation and Horizons Regional Council to confirm the construction methodology and timeline for the works. Council has established an agreement with DOC under the provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, for the authorisation of the proposed repair work.

Horizons has confirmed the proposed work as a permitted activity under the One Plan rule for a Maintenance Activity.

### **Focus for next month**

Physical works anticipated to commence in April/May, tide and weather dependent.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS ACTIVITY UPDATE**

### **Foxton Wastewater Discharge Update**

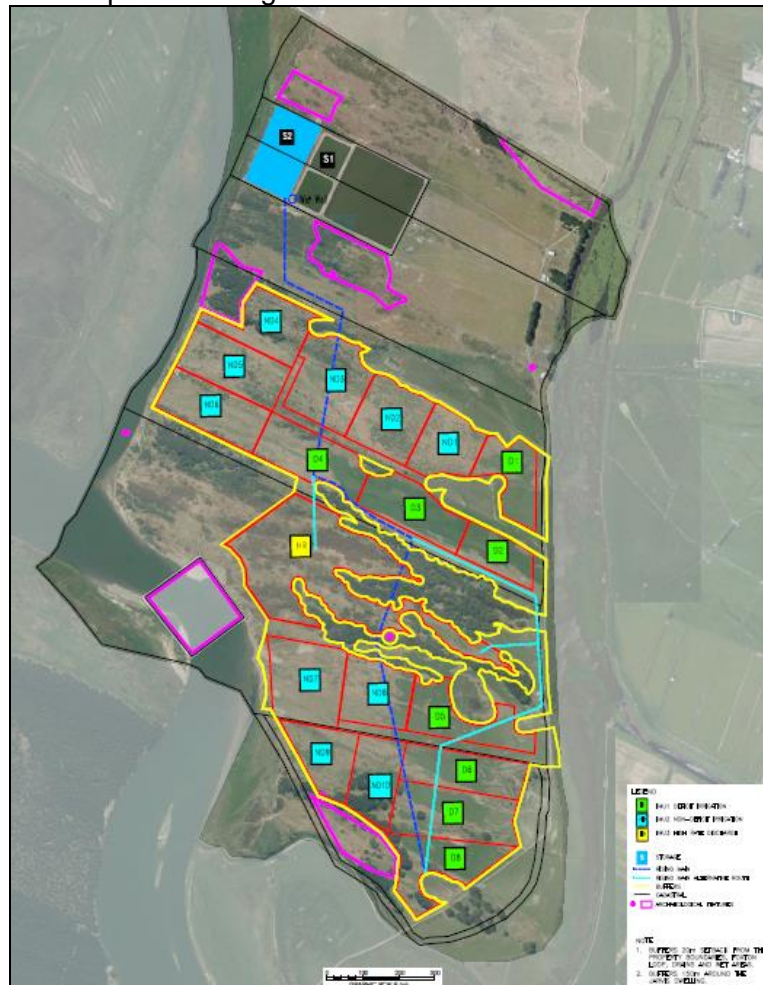
#### **Project Update Summary**

The opportunity arose to accelerate the completion of the Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project this financial year. To comply with the resource consent conditions, the physical work for the upgrade is required to be completed by 4 February 2022. There was a risk that if the contractors disestablished from site that the resource may not be available again in time to complete the project before the February deadline.

**Overview of project:**

The Foxton Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is a 3-pond system located south-west of Foxton between the two arms of Foxton Loop on rural land known as Matakarapa. The WWTP was constructed in 1976 with discharges of treated wastewater going into the western arm of Foxton Loop.

On 4 February 2019, the Environment Court granted consents to develop and operate a land discharge system to replace the Foxton Loop discharge. This allows irrigation of the area of farmland outlined in yellow on the map below and construction of a new storage pond (blue rectangle). The first phase of irrigation is outlined in white.



The preliminary concept work for this project started in 2011 as part of Council's strategy, which is based on Horizons One Plan Policy, that all treated effluent from the district's wastewater treatment plants, should be applied to land.

Following this initial phase, an original budget of \$8.131M was put in the 2012-2022 LTP for the project, with the budget spread across four years starting in the 2015/16 Financial Year (FY) through to the 2018/19 FY. Further scoping of the project prior to the 2015/16 FY indicated that the granting of the consent would take longer, and that the project would be more expensive than was originally envisaged. As such, when the 2015-2025 LTP was developed the budget was amended to \$13.355M, with the funding spread across five years starting in the 2015/16 Financial Year (FY) through to the 2019/20 FY.

However, the consent process took considerably longer, and the cost of this process was significantly higher than anticipated due to the Environment Court process. An updated project budget of \$10.952M was put in the 2018-2038 LTP, with the final year for the project

being 2020/21. By that stage \$2.141M had already been spent in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 years alone. The consent was finally granted in 2018 and the cost spent on the project had grown to \$3.65M by the end of the 2018/19 FY.

Physical construction work for the project finally started in February 2020, with the Horowhenua Alliance being engaged as the head contractor, only for the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown to then cause disruption with the construction paused for one and a half months.

At the end of the 2019/20 FY a total of \$6.109M had been spent on the project. During the development of the 2020/21 Annual Plan it was still unclear what the long term effect of the COVID-19 pandemic was going to be on the project, as some of the materials required for the project were to be sourced from overseas. Early indications were that there could be significant delays. As the direction from Council was to reduce the capital spend for the Annual Plan, it was decided to put \$1.539M to complete Stage 1 in the 2020/21 AP and defer the remainder of the project budget for Stage 2 until the 2021/22 FY.

To comply with the resource consent conditions, the physical work is required to be completed by 4 February 2022. Based on the Annual Plan budget change, a programme was developed to deliver the completed project by the deadline. However, the programme is tight with little room for delays.

Despite the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 event, the project has caught up with its initial programme and is now running ahead of schedule for the construction phase. Due to the fixed deadline for Council to comply with the consent conditions, it is considered that it would be prudent, if possible, to revert back to the original construction timeframe to ensure that the required work is completed in a timely manner. There is a risk that if the contractors disestablish from site that the resource may not be available again in time to complete the project before the February deadline.

To this end, the project management team worked to finalise the Stage 2 designs, update schedules and evaluate of the Stage 2 requirements to ensure that everything was in order if we were to accelerate the project. During this process, an updated geotechnical review of the design for the new storage pond highlighted that stronger pond walls were required to protect against earthquakes, than had been allowed for in the initial engineers estimates. This led to a design change and updated scopes/schedules were developed.

These changes identified that the amount which was signaled to complete the project in the 2018-2038 LTP budget is insufficient. A full review of the scope was then carried out to see whether some works could be deleted or deferred, and what options there were for achieving cost savings while still achieving full compliance with all resource conditions. One of the areas identified was in the area being irrigated. The consent requires an area of 63 hectares be irrigated and the project design had irrigation over 80 hectares, to cater for future growth. The 63ha is sufficient to accommodate the predicted growth for the short to medium period, so the construction of these 17 extra hectares will be deferred, until growth in Foxton dictates that an extension to the irrigation field is required.

Officers then explored the availability of the existing contractors to be able to complete the work sooner, rather than early next Financial Year. The contractors have indicated that they are available to complete the majority of the physical works for the project by the end of June 2021.

Pricing/estimates for the remaining physical works have been carried out and these updated costs are presented below. The project team have carried out a review of the pricing/estimates to confirm alignment with current known rates to ensure that value for money is being achieved.

The life to date cost for the project, to the end of February 2021, is \$7,629,286. That includes \$1,519,953 year to date from the 2020/21 budget of \$1,539,000. An approximate further \$3.9M is required to complete the physical works, \$2.9M this financial year and

\$1.0M next year, including an allowance for contingency. This does increase the total project cost to \$11,529,286, \$576,870 over the \$10,952,416 signaled in the 2018-2038 LTP.

The Wastewater budget for this financial year has been reprioritised to reduce the effect of completing the work this financial year. Overall Council capital expenditure will not exceed the \$30.6 million amount set in the Annual Plan and, as such, will not have an effect on the amount of borrowings planned for the Financial Year.

## **Foxton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Upgrade**

### **Background**

The Foxton Beach Surf Life Saving Club is undergoing seismic strengthening, including a general upgrade to future proof and ensure that it is fit for purpose. The works include:

- Structural strengthening of the building.
- Upgrade to current standards for current fire exit, access and egress locations.
- Redesign and upgrade of public toilet facilities and club changing rooms.
- Upgrade of plumbing system.
- Widening of internal stairs and related relocation of existing first aid room.
- Installation of additional pre-fabricated toilet block in front of the existing building.

The project received external funding of \$806.632 from Surf Life Saving NZ (via Foxton Surf Life Saving Club).

### **Necessary consents**

- Building consent including amendment for Exeloo installation - received
- Resource consent (issued by HDC) – received
- Resource consent (issued by Horizons Regional Council) – received Draft and agreed on conditions

### **Current situation construction**

Following a public tender process, the company **W&W Construction** has been contracted to undertake the physical works. The works contract has a current contracted value of \$982,773.

**Essence design** has been contracted to provide the technical supervision and contract management.

Construction started on 15 March 2021 and the current expected completion of the project is 15 July 2021.

The following has been achieved so far:

- Site established (15 March 2021)
- Safe removal of Asbestos (16 -17 March 2021)
- Demolition of internal walls
- Prefabricated Exeloo ordered (15 March 2021 – estimated arrival time being the last week of June 2021)

### **Next steps**

- Continuation of the construction works.
- Further engagement with iwi to comply with resource consent conditions being:
  - o Site monitoring by iwi
  - o Enhancement of site with cultural and historical aspects
  - o Establishment of accidental discovery policy
  - o Co-management of new building

3.5 **Foxton Beach Progressive Association – Chairperson’s Report**

A report from the Chair of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association to be tabled at the meeting.

3.6 **Foxton Beach Freeholding Account**

**Attached** to this report is a copy of the updated Foxton Beach Freeholding Account projected forecast as at 31 March 2021

**Attachments**



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**Confirmation of statutory compliance**

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
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**Signatories**

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Approved by	David Clapperton <b>Chief Executive</b>	



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## **HOROWHENUA CRIME PREVENTION CAMERA TRUST**

### **Presentation to Foxton Community Board Meeting 19 April 2021**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**We thank the Board chairperson for this opportunity, acknowledge the Board's support for Foxton Beach's CCTV project, and note the Board's enthusiasm for advancing Foxton CCTV.**

#### **PRESENTATION**

- 1. Ted Melton will update the Board on the Foxton Beach installation, including processing centre changes at the Levin Police Station.**
- 2. Chair Mel Douglas will summarise the Trust's history, and plans for responding to district growth and helping more Horowhenua communities to obtain CCTV coverage.**
- 3. Brett Gillies will outline how the Trust hopes to work with Foxton leaders & stakeholders to achieve CCTV coverage.**
- 4. We will conclude by inviting the Board to support recruitment of community safety volunteers, and improved citizen reporting.**

Mel Douglas – chairperson, Ted Melton – deputy chair, Brett Gillies – operations manager.

Report to Foxton Community Board – from Tricia Metcalf as FCB Rep

- Mavtech
- Manawatu Estuary Trust (MET)

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Group	Highlights of Activities
<p><b>MAVtech</b> Highlights from February meeting</p>	<p><b>Grants</b> A grant application was submitted to HDC for a contribution to MAVtech's operational funding with the hope of receiving \$2,000 (\$1,500 received)</p> <p>The Grant submitted to the Capability Fund application to the Ministry of culture &amp; Heritage for \$50,000, was unsuccessful, reason being it did not fit the criteria</p> <p>The committee is working hard behind the scenes to put MAVtech on a solid footing for further grant applications.</p> <p><b>Volunteer – induction process</b> Chair advised that Toni has prepared templates for a <i>Volunteer Agreement</i> and <i>Contract</i> for MAVtech's</p> <p><b>Toni Edmeades</b> Continues to work on collections, has recorded around 500 collections items and has prepared a template for a more detailed description of items and also for recording stories and provenance about the items.</p> <p><b>TANS – Wet Plate Camera</b> MAVtech's wet plate camera along with the current exhibition of wet plate photograph of Maori with Moko, is currently on display at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom</p> <p><b>Other items</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. End of Month MAVtech Movie nights.</b> The last Friday in the month for March was well attended, the movie being "Note Book"</li> <li>The MAVtech Chair will be writing to the Chronicle for a retraction of an incorrect statement written in an article on the 4th April, about a radio station operating in Foxton Beach. It states that Radio Foxton is defunct, which clearly it is not, it is operating 24/7 in the MAVtech building</li> </ol>
<p><b>MET</b> Meeting Highlights from April meetings</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Doc Report</b> Was based around the control of weeds that threaten our waterways Sea Spurge and Alligator Weed</li> <li><b>2. Signage</b> Hopefully DOC can get signage and publicity for Dune and wetland; in subsequent discussions it was suggested MET could contribute to the cost but also that HDC and Horizons should be involved.</li> <li><b>3. Viewing Platform</b> Abi still hasn't heard back from the DOC Operations manager, but told us that we need to get the consent of neighbouring residents. There was considerable discussion around what to do next. It was suggested that we he go and meet with the Operations Manager.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>4. Horizons District Council Sam Fergusson reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Horizons Long Term Plan is out for consultation</li><li>• There will be 2 contestable funds that could be useful for MET: Climate Action \$50 000 and Biodiversity 150 000; these would support community action. MET would need to put in a submission. <i>Action: A submission will be drafted and circulated to the trustees.</i></li><li>• Horizons is looking at moving the Motua Floodway tidal gates using PG funding, which will create a wetland and some improvement to the Loop.</li></ul> <p><b>5. Report on Coastal Restoration Conference held in Whanganui</b> Tricia Metcalf attended and a written report had been circulated. See attached report.</p> <p><b>6. Godwit Farewell</b> Was held at the viewing platform and estuary edge 13<sup>th</sup> March. The tide was perfect for viewing the Godwits, who were resting before their long flight back to Alaska and the many other birds on the spit. With the use of the spotting scopes, the birds put on a spectacular show for us.</p> <p><b>Estuary Management Meeting</b> Was held in the boat club 19 March. There seems to be a huge positive, helpful change in culture by the 3 Statutory Managers ie HDC, HRC &amp; DoC. It was discussed how, Signage with positive, educational messages would be more effective, rather than don't , stop etc to get public buy in for the protection of the Ramsar Site inclusive of all Estuary and Sand-hills</p>
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**Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand  
Annual Conference - Living on a dynamic coast Whanganui March 2021**

**Report from: Patricia Metcalf**

**Dated: 26 March 2021**

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Day 1 - Variety of speakers

**Greg Benet (Chairman)**

Spoke about the Significance of the Awa and the coast to Whanganui iwi

- How our coast is dynamic
- Wind + Sand + Vegetation → Sand dunes
- Exceptional wind + Excess sand + Vigorous plants → Stonking Great Sand-hills

**Ben Potaka (Whanganui Iwi)**

Talked about the dynamic nature of the sea and land

- Sometimes it is sea and sometimes it is land
- If we give it respect we won't damage our land
- Rather than manage our coastal areas and estuaries we need to have a relationship with it
- He spoke about the importance of the estuary, the Tuna: their life and breeding cycle
  - How climate change and increase of water level may affect the babies that swim into the river
  - How a good habitat is needed for better survival
  - How flax helps with the bank of the river but does not provide shelter for the eels as the willow does

**Mayor Hamish McDonald**

Set the Scene for Whanganui

- Whanganui is one of the oldest areas settled in New Zealand – even before Kupe
- Lake Virginia, like the other lakes in the district were formed by sand dunes blocking the waterways
- Castlecliff beach suffered degradation from being a waste water outlet
  - Community Advocacy is helping to restore the beauty
  - Planting programmes done with the help of volunteers and school groups
  - More buy in from the public when the locals and schools help with the plantings
  - No vehicles allowed on the beach – this is not an easy task as wardens have no power to arrest
- Coastal shipping is part of the future of Whanganui and a means to get the trucks off the road

**Sam Fergusson – (Horizons Regional Council)**

Raised many thought provoking challenges

- What is the trajectory of where we are heading?
- Need to improve the degradation of our rivers.
- There is a disconnect with leisure activities in the sand hills
- How do we connect with the people for them to look after the environment?
- How do we engage the communities?

Alastair Clement (Massey University)

Spoke about the Dunelands of the Southwest North Island : Driving forces , development and future scenarios

- Parabolic Sand hills Foxton)
  - Evolved from sand-sheets →lakes & sand migrating → disturbances and sand sheets blowing reaching up to 18 kilometres inland
- Long shore sediment is transported down river to the coast
- Large continental shelves collect the sediment which in turn blows back onto the shore to become sand hills
- How the sand fields developed (JD Cowie study) depends on the development of the soil, Foxton = more developed vs Waitarere = less developed
- From carbon dating:
  - The Rangiotu Reach was from 2300 to 1600 BP<sup>1</sup>
  - Castlecliff (Whanganui)
    - Prior 7000BP a sand ramp formed
    - As sand supplies decreases →on going decrease of ramp→ sand left on cliff
- Manawatu is an example of an accreting coast because of the amount of sediment that the river supplies
- By comparison Southern Kapiti has low sediment and is abating.
- Hundreds of years ago the main sediment was mostly from marine sources,

Colin Ogle (Botanist)

Spoke about vegetation and plants on the dynamic coast from Taranaki to Manawatu

- Foxton Ecological District
  - Many sand dunes had been stripped by early Maori settler for horticultural and general settlement purposes
  - Early European settlers grazed and burned much of the remaining indigenous vegetation
  - 1930's up to 1984 saw the planting of Marram grass - to stop the sand from blowing and to provide work during the depression followed by the planting of lupin
    - Marram creates issues within the dune system by overtopping native plants and reducing the habitat for native birds and insects and altering the size and shape of dunes making them steeper and higher
  - Restoration efforts are now replacing Marram and Lupin with the native Pingo and Spinifex
- Pakipaki – near Hokio is the most largest intact dune forest
- Lake Alice – is the best example of a coastal dune forest in the southern North Island
- Waikawa & Kuku beach area – no or not much vegetation
- Whanganui is the most modified estuary in the region
- Issues raised
  - Do we value our sand dunes sites and species
  - Where are the critical places & can we protect them
  - Who will do and pay for the work
  - How important is local genetic sourcing?(i.e. native to NZ may not be native to our area)

Rudi Schnitzler (Entomologist)

Spoke about the coastal insects and their relationship to the environment

- The Mount Mauler when it bites causes a long lasting itchy rash.
- This little bug is often mistaken for a beetle but is a little tiny fly
- There are tons of interactions between this insect

- They eat other insects
- Although a pest to humans it's responsible for pollinating dune plants
- If this does not happen then we will lose the plants

#### Professor James Renwick (commissioner of the Climate Change Commission)

Spoke about the effect of climate change to the coast.

- Rate of warming has increased from post Industrial 1880's
- The atmosphere and oceans are warming up and is the cause of much erosion
- Need to reduce carbon emissions by 7% each year. The goal is to have zero emissions by 2050
- New Zealand's 2% warming
  - Tripling number of hot days
  - 5-10% less rain
    - tripling drought occurrence,
    - 4-6 months extreme fire danger (Eastern NZ)
  - As sea levels rise → storm waves drive further inland
  - Coastal housing needs a different level of protection
  - Damage to coastal properties and infrastructure
  - Increased frequency of flooding
    - Higher water table → more ponding
- Response
  - Planting vegetation (maybe mangrove)
  - Dune Restoration

#### Day 2 Field trip from 11am to 5.00pm

We travelled to Waverly and Waipipi Dune lakes and Terraces where we looked at the cliff-top plant communities and learnt about the sand mining history.

See pictures below – sand control measure for the beach carpark in Castle Cliff Beach

#### Day 3 Field trip from 9 am to 3.00pm

##### Wanganui Estuary

- The aim was to see the estuarine birds, the tide was high so there were no birds to view
- Whanganui has been given nearly \$30m for the Provincial Growth Fund to reinstate the estuary as a port as it once was.
  - The rationale is to provide employment and to
  - Reduce the amount of trucks and therefore burden on the roads

##### Koitiati Beach (down Turakina Road)

- Our group was warmly met by local residents. We listened to the area's history, the plants and the river movements
- The residents then told about their sand dunes improvement project and their challenges
- They are volunteers who are working hard to eradicate the invasive exotic plants & weeds from the sand dunes and wetlands then replace them with native species
- We were given 2 booklets - A collaborative efforts by Manawatu District Council, DOC Environment Network Manawatu
- "Plant me Instead" a useful booklet identifying ornamental plants that have jumped the fence from gardens and gone wild and suggests locally-sold non-weedy species both native and non-native that can be used to replace these weeds in your garden
- Weed Busting - a guide to recognising and controlling native weeds
- After that we spent an hour or so walking through the sand-hills so we could see for ourselves the work that has been achieved and see that amount of work is still to be done.

### Sand Management in the Castle Cliff Beach Car Park

I have added these photos to show how the sand management is handled in Castlecliff Whanganui. A straight concrete wall allowing Council Machinery to go in unobstructed and clear away the sand. The wall is wide enough for people to sit on and eat their fish and chips.

In my humble opinion the picnic tables and seats in the car park at Foxton Beach while they are nice when the sand is cleared away, it is impossible to keep clear of sand and hard to remove.



Manawatu Estuary Trust - Thank you for giving me this opportunity to attend this conference.

It was extremely informative and lots of valuable learnings were gained by all who attended.

- ✚ We cannot ignore the effect that global warning and sea level rising has on our coasts.
- ✚ In Ben Potaka's words "Rather than manage our coastal areas and estuaries we need to have a relationship with it".
- ✚ Education and involvement in clean ups and replanting, of both adults and children is the way we need to go about changing the culture of how we use our beaches and sand hills for recreation.
- ✚ All of us who have the privilege of living in a coastal area, need to look at what we plant in our parks and home gardens and plant species that will help protect our precious environment.

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(BP) Before Present years is a time scale used mainly in geology, and other scientific disciplines to specify when events in the past occurred. Because the "present" time changes, standard practice is to use 1 January 1950 as the origin of the age scale, reflecting the fact that radiocarbon dating became practicable in the 1950s. The abbreviation "BP", with the same meaning, has also been interpreted as "Before Physics"; that is, before nuclear weapons testing artificially altered the proportion of the carbon isotopes in the atmosphere.

Foxton Beach Free Holding Account - Projected Forecast to 30/06/2026									
		Annual Report		Projected LTP 2018-2038					
		30/06/2020	31/03/2021	30/06/2021	30/06/2022	30/06/2023	30/06/2023	30/06/2025	30/06/2026
			\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Income</b>									
Interest (est) 4.3% pa		177	116	161	153	94	95	96	97
Land Lease Income from Pinewood Camp		29	20	30	30	30	30	30	30
Rents (full year charged in October)		49	44	45	40	40	40	40	40
Gain on Assets sales		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>256</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Less: funded items</b>									
Grant - Foxton & Beach Bowling Club		(21)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant - Foxton Beach School Heat Pumps	Note 3	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on Assets sales		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Contributions		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administration	Note 1	(61)	(62)	(65)	(90)	(90)	(90)	(100)	(100)
Other	Note 2	(0)	(5)	(2)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Rates	Note 3	(6)	(8)	(8)	(5)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(101)</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(102)</b>	<b>(102)</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>(112)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 30th June</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>
Balance at 1 July		5,546	5,713	5,713	5,659	3,481	3,516	3,554	3,586
A Section Sales per year		31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B Endowment Properties freeholding		85	170	170	60	60	60	60	60
Foxton Beach Reserves Projects per LTP 2015-2025 incl pump track		(104)	(29)	(92)	(90)	(87)	(85)	(82)	-
Forbes Road Subdivision extension		-	(11)	(183)	(2,270)	-	-	-	-
CCTV cameras Foxton Beach		-	-	(110)	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) from Trading		155	104	161	123	62	63	54	55
<b>Balance 30th June</b>		<b>5,713</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>5,659</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>3,516</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>3,701</b>
A. Sales of sections are proceeds received less commission and GST for Forbes Road Subdivision									
B. Sales of Endowment Freeholding is net proceeds received									
<b>Note 1</b>		<b>Note 2</b>		<b>Note 3</b>					
Administration	31/03/2021	Other	31/03/2021	Rates/Grants(if any)	31/03/2021	30/06/2020			
HDC administration	(59)	Water	-	Rates	(8)	(6)			
Legal expenses	(2)	General	(5)	Grants	-	(6)			
Valuations	(1)	Insurance	-	-	(8)	(6)			
Consents & Surveys	-		(5)						
Consultancy	-								
Sale costs	-								
Advertising	-								
	(62)								



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## Funding Options for Holben Reserve Wetland

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### 1. Purpose

This report is to inform the Foxton Community Board of the current position regarding the Holben Reserve Wetland Project.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Council officers have submitted two applications to the Freshwater Improvement Fund (Ministry for the Environment) over the past six months for funding. Neither has been successful although positive feedback has been received from the Ministry regarding this project.
- 2.2 Currently, a budget of around \$20 million has been included in the LTP consultation document for a series of improvements at the Holben Reserve over the 20-year period of the Plan of which around \$6 million is to develop a wetland to improve stormwater quality flowing through the reserve to ANZECC 2000 standard (recreational standard water). Officers have been asked to consider other funding options to progress the works and, in so doing, lessen the rates burden on Horowhenua ratepayers, should the decision to include this project in the Long Term Plan be made.

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 21/130 Funding Options for Holben Reserve Wetland be received.
- 3.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.3 That the Foxton Community Board support and recommend to Council that Officers pursue alternative funding options for the desired improvements to the Holben Reserve.

### 4. Background / Previous Council Decisions

- 4.1 The Holben Reserve Concept Development Plan was compiled in 2020, with substantial input from iwi partners, stakeholders and the community. Although the total design is for a comprehensive recreational development of the space, it also includes a concept design for a fully functioning wetland development within the reserve.
- 4.2 The development aims to achieve significant stormwater, ecological and recreational improvements in this reserve, as well as:
  - Greatly improved water quality standards for discharge into the Manawatu Estuary;
  - Strengthened connection to, and promotion of, the RAMSAR site;
  - A strong emphasis on inclusion of Iwi values and history.
- 4.3 The wetland portion of this overall development at Holben Reserve aligns strongly with a number of key objectives that the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) is seeking to achieve in lifting the environmental standards of NZ waterways, including vulnerable waterbodies of which the Manawatu River is one.

- 4.4 This alignment provided a rationale for Officers to submit an application to the MfE's Freshwater Improvement Fund (FIF) round in late 2020. Holben Reserve wetland was included in that application along with a number of other ecological initiatives throughout the district. Unfortunately, Horowhenua District Council was notified in November 2020 that the application was unsuccessful. However, as part of feedback following this decision, Officers were encouraged to submit a stand-alone application for Holben Reserve wetland in the latest round of the FIF which opened 27 January 2021, and closed 10 February 2021.
- 4.5 On 1 April 2021, Horowhenua District Council was notified that its application to this latest round of the FIF fund was also unsuccessful. It should be noted that in this latest round of the FIF, that the following outcomes were communicated in the correspondence:
- \$19 million of funding through this round of the FIF fund was confirmed to successful applicants;
  - A total of 178 applications from across New Zealand were received by the Ministry;
  - The combined total budget sought by the 178 applications (including for Holben Reserve wetland) was \$359 million.
- 4.6 It is clear from the information that was provided that the FIF was highly contested. Consequently, although officers believe that a very strong application was submitted regarding the Holben Reserve wetland, the outcome for the second application was ultimately unsuccessful.

## 5. Discussion

Having undertaken two comprehensive applications through the FIF process, Officers have a substantial amount of material on this project, the strategic context of the works, and the ecological benefits that it would deliver. However, any further applications to alternative funding sources would require Officer time to compile.

## 6. Options

After receiving an unsuccessful response in the latest round of the FIF, Officers have undertaken a preliminary investigation of alternative funding options. These include:

- Ministry for the Environment: Jobs for Nature;
- Lotteries Environment and Heritage Fund.

Although Officers have yet to assess the criteria for these funds in detail, the following points should be noted:

- Substantial information has been compiled on this project to date, which will assist Officers in further applications, and in general accelerate this process should the funding requirements allow an application;
- Other recent applications to a variety of funding sources on different projects have built internal expertise to compile further submissions;
- There is no guarantee of success and both recent applications to the FIF (a sub category of Jobs for Nature) were unsuccessful;
- As indicated above funding applications are inevitably over-subscribed;
- The level of funding available through individual funds is not always transparent at early points;
- Invariably external funding requires a percentage of match funding by the applicant;
- The sum offered to successful applicants may not equate with the total budget required. In this sense, Officers may need to seek further decisions from Council to

address any shortfalls should the scheme be both compatible with the requirements of the fund, and successful in achieving a positive outcome.

#### **6.1 Cost**

In terms of this report, Officer time is the only cost to be incurred in the compilation of any applications made.

#### **6.1.1 Rate Impact**

There is no rates impacts arising.

#### **6.2 Community Wellbeing**

There are no negative impacts on Community Wellbeing arising.

#### **6.3 Consenting Issues**

In terms of submissions to external funders, there are no consents required, or consenting issues arising.

#### **6.4 LTP Integration**

LTP discussions are continuing at present regarding this project. However, in relation to the future submissions to external funders, there are no Special Consultative Processes required.

### **7. Consultation**

There was no consultation required to be undertaken.

### **8. Legal Considerations**

There are no Legal Requirements or Statutory Obligations affecting options or proposals.

### **9. Financial Considerations**

There is no financial impact.

### **10. Iwi Considerations**

There are no Iwi considerations.

### **11. Climate Change Considerations**

There is no Climate Change impact.

### **12. Environmental Considerations**

There are no Environmental considerations.

### **13. Health & Safety Considerations**

There is no Health & Safety impact.

### **14. Other Considerations**

There are no other considerations.

## 15. Next Steps

Should the recommendation be approved for Council Officers to pursue alternative funding options, investigation of the criteria required will be undertaken, and applications submitted to meet the applicable deadlines. Council Governance will be kept informed of progress on these.

## 16. Supporting Information

### Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome

The Holben Reserve Development Project aligns with a number of Council Strategies, including Horowhenua 2040, Foxton Futures and the Foxton Beach Community Plan.

### Decision Making

The decision is not significant, and is able to be confirmed by the resolution linked to this report.

### Consistency with Existing Policy

As per Strategic fit section above.

### Funding

Other than Officer time, there is no significant funding required.

Risk Area	Risk Identified	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Assessment (Low to Extreme)	Managed how
Strategic	<b>No risks identified.</b>				
Financial					
Service Delivery					
Legal					
Reputational					


### Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

## 17. Appendices

There are no appendices for this report

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