

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

**Date:** Monday 27 May 2019  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Blue Room  
**Venue:** Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom  
22 Harbour Street  
Foxton

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## Foxton Community Board

### OPEN AGENDA

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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, 25 March 2019**

**6 Announcements**

Horowhenua District Council Update

There will be update on matters of current Council focus.

Update from the FCB Chair

Reporting on matters the Chair has undertaken on behalf of the Board.

Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc Update

Update from the Association as provided for in the MOU with the Board.

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.

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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 27 May 2019

File No.: 19/105

## 1. Purpose

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

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 19/105 Monitoring Report to 27 May 2019 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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A	Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report from July 2018	8

### 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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Item No	Meeting Date	Item Description	Resolved/ Proposed Action	Responsible Officer	Action by	Status	Officer Comment
14/674	16 Nov 2016  30 July 2018  10 Sept 2018	<u>Target Reserve Strategic Plan</u>	Reactivation of the Target Reserve User Group requested	A Nelson  04.12.2018  18.03.2019		On-going	<p>Target Reserve is not being considered under Council's Property Strategy Plan to be deferred so that it can be considered in parallel with the potential development of Victoria Park as per objective 9.7.3 in the recently adopted Combined Foxton Reserves Management Plan.</p> <p>The RMP recognises that an integrated development of these two major green spaces in Foxton provide a high-profile opportunity to develop the community as a destination. Discussion paper to be presented to FCB in strategic workshop</p> <p>An initial approach has been made to the groups involved and their responses are awaited.</p>
16/16	26 June 2017  7 May 2018	<u>Chief Executive's Report – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment</u>	<i>THAT the Foxton Community Board urges Horizons Regional Council to change the ratio of how the Foxton Stormwater Rate is being charged out between the exacerbator and the Foxton Township</i>	R Green			



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	30 July 18  28 January 2019		<p><i>with the exacerbator to pay a higher share and with the Foxton portion of the rate to be harmonised over the whole of the Horowhenua District.</i></p> <p><u>OR</u> The CE to propose to Horizons that the HDC share could be changed to 60% and have HRC pay the remainder which could be rated over the whole district.</p>			Completed	<p>Independent Consultant to be engaged</p> <p>An update on this in the January 2019 CE's report.</p> <p>The current proposal is for HDC to fund 60% of the cost and HRC to fund the remaining 40%. The final design and associated total project cost are yet to be finalised.</p>
	21 Nov 2016  3 April 2017 26 June 17 7 Aug 2017	<p><u>Increasing parking capacity in Thomas Place</u></p>	<p><i>THAT the Foxton Community Board requests an Officer's report on increasing the parking capacity in Thomas Place,</i></p>	J Wallace			<p>Design work has been completed. A schedule of prices is under negotiation with the contractor and a budget needs to be identified, with it proposed for the project to commence next financial year.</p>

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	11 Dec 17 28 Mar 18 18 Jun 18 30 July 18 March 2019		<i>Foxton Beach.</i>				The school has confirmed that Council can initiate providing an easement to access MoE land to accommodate increased parking capacity. This will be progressed in the 2019/20 financial year.
17/39	26 March 2018  10 Sept 2018 28 January 2019	<u>Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan</u>	Reporting on current projects to be provided on a quarterly basis  Works at Nash Parade/Holben Reserve to be included in future workshop, with FBPA to be invited to attend	S Hester		Ongoing	A workshop was held on 15 October 2018. Quarterly reports on the Plan will now commence in May 2019, to include the work that is proposed for the wetland at Holben Reserve including the drafting of a tender specification for the wetland design.  There are three reports being presented to FCB in the 27 May meeting regarding the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foxton Beach Fore-dune</li> <li>• Holben Reserve carpark extension</li> <li>• Holben Reserve Wetland</li> </ul>
18/209	7 May 2018  10 Sept	<u>CE's Report – MAVtech</u>	A feasibility study on how the facility could be utilised in a sustainable manner going forward to be	D Clapperton			Workshop on concept plan held. Next step is feasibility study. The feasibility study is underway and will be completed by the end of June 2019.





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			<i>Council in applying for either a new consent or a variation of the current consent to allow the dune to be lowered and for the dune to be maintained in its lowered state.</i>				A response was received on 5 March 2019 from HRC requesting more information. Officers will be following up on this request asap. A timeline going forward will be dependent on HRC's response to the feedback received.
		<u>3.2 FCB Meeting Schedule 2019</u>	Quarterly strategic workshop format to be prepared for consideration.	M Lester	25 February 2019		A report on this is included in the 27 May 2019 Agenda.  The first strategic workshop is yet to be scheduled. Awaiting commencement of Marketing Specialist – Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. Suggested dates for Strategic Workshop(s) to be tabled at 27 May Board meeting.
		<u>3.5 Signage – Foxton &amp; Foxton Beach</u>	Follow up with Parks & Property to see if some signage could be expedited.	M Lester A Nelson	15.12.2018 15.01.2019		Foxton Beach Residents Association, the FDTA, and Foxton Community Board have requested some improvements to wayfinding and destination signage within Foxton Beach. The aspiration is to develop a suite of signage that defines Foxton Beach as a tourist destination and provides some continuity/corporate branding. The work requested cuts across a range of Council services particularly Roading and Parks and Property and as such requires an

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	28 January 2019		Manawatū Estuary Trust requested to provide a list of what signs they would like and where				<p>integrated and planned response to maximise short-term and longer-term outcomes that meets strategic and legal imperatives. Officers from Communications, Roading, and P&amp;P will engage with FBRA, FTDA, FCB early in the New Year to develop a design concept that delivers the appropriate outcomes. Currently no budget has been identified for the works.</p> <p>Still to be progressed but an update will be provided by Parks &amp; Property Officers at the 27 May 2019 Board meeting.</p>
18/661	10 Dec 2018	<u>Recording of Foxton Community Board Meetings</u>	Guidelines to be prepared for the Board's consideration as to how recording could be tailored for FCB meetings	M Lester	25 March 2019	Completed	On being discussed and supported by the Chair's casting vote, it did not meet the 75% support threshold required to amend Standing Orders so the status quo would remain.
19/78	25 March 2019	<u>Notice of Motion</u>	<i>"That the Foxton Community Board asks the Councillors of the Horowhenua District Council to request Local Government New Zealand to lobby the</i>	M Lester		Completed	<p>This NoM went to Council's April 2019 meeting via the March FARS meeting and was supported by Elected Members.</p> <p>The remit was then accepted to be presented to LGNZ's 5 April Zone 3 meeting. It was moved by Mayor Feyen and seconded by Deputy</p>

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			<i>Inland Revenue to provide tax relief to building owners for the compulsory earthquake strengthening of their buildings either by way of reinstating depreciation or some other tax relief for earthquake compliance costs."</i>				Mayor Ford of MDC. On being put, the recommendation/remit was <b>CARRIED</b> . The remit will proceed to the next step in the process which is consideration by the 'Remit Committee'. Should the remit satisfy requirements of this committee, it will proceed to the AGM for consideration.





# Chief Executive's Report to 27 May 2019

File No.: 19/106

## 1. Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board, for information, issues relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 19/106 Chief Executive's Report to 27 May 2019 be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 3. Issues for Consideration

### 3.1 Foxton Beach Pump Track – Award for Outstanding Active Park



A great acknowledgement of the vision and work of all involved to provide something that is a great attraction for locals and visitors.

### 3.2 Foxton Beach Progressive Association – Chairperson's Report

A report from the Chair of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association is **attached**.

### 3.3 Foxton Pool Update

An End of Season Report on the Foxton Pool is **attached** for information.

### 3.4 Report – 2019 LGNZ Community Boards Conference

**Attached** is a report on Board Members' attendance at the 2019 Community Boards' Confernece in New Plymouth.

### 3.5 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

**Attached** to this report is a copy of the updated Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund projected forecast.

## Attachments

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FB PROGRESSIVE ASSN INC: **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Foxton Community Board Meeting 27/5/19.

This report highlights activity and issues over the two months since last Board meeting. Our talking points appear below.

**1. PROGRESSING COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR FOXTON BEACH:**

Plan-making will publicly launch on 26 May. A survey/questionnaire has been widely distributed. The Assn stresses that this must be the whole community's plan. Views are sought from anyone interested in Foxton Beach. Of course we want the plan to reflect the Beach's strong connections with Foxton. We also seek to set up an ongoing Steering Group.

**2. ASSOCIATION INPUT TO FB FREEHOLDING FUND STRATEGY/POLICY REVIEW:**

Proposals canvassed by survey were reshaped at our 7 April Assn meeting, and a working group is further developing these. A likely recommendation is that future Fund expenditure favours projects prioritized in the FB Community Plan. The Assn will also suggest what the community review should be.

**3. PROGRESSING COMMUNITY SAFETY: CCTV for Foxton Beach:**

Member Paddy Doyle has been delegated to investigate and consult, to move this important proposal forward.

**4. A WELLBEING & HEALTH STRATEGY FOR FOXTON BEACH:**

Following investigation and consultation, committee member Alaina Gronn is readying to launch a wellbeing/health strategy. A community survey will seek to clarify needs, establish priorities, and draw support. Interim proposals are for a Community Wellbeing Hub & Coordinator, an ongoing Wellbeing Forum, and projects such as an all-ages Exercise Park and Outreach Services.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS IN OUR ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION:**

The Assn wants protection of sensitive Estuary and Dunescapes to be strengthened. Recent news articles have highlighting growing stress on these environments. In conjunction with key agencies and groups, the Association will promote review of action plans from both the Estuary and Coastal Dunes. A proposed part-time 'FB Environmental Ranger' could action some priorities identified, and coordinate agency and voluntary effort to action others. Alongside that, it is hoped there can be constructive political and community debate about whether targeted educational and control measures should be put in place around estuary, dunes and beach.

**6. COMMUNITY ISSUE: The wharf:**

Locals and members have expressed concerns. The Association's management committee will await Council /consultant reports & proposals, before taking any position on this matter with our members. Hopefully reports will satisfy local concerns around accountability for past decisions and expenditure, as well as presenting viable future remedy.

- **SPEAKING POINT:** Concerns over Dunes and Estuary, and the proposed 'FB Environmental Ranger'.

Katharine Wilkinson, Chairperson (May 2019).

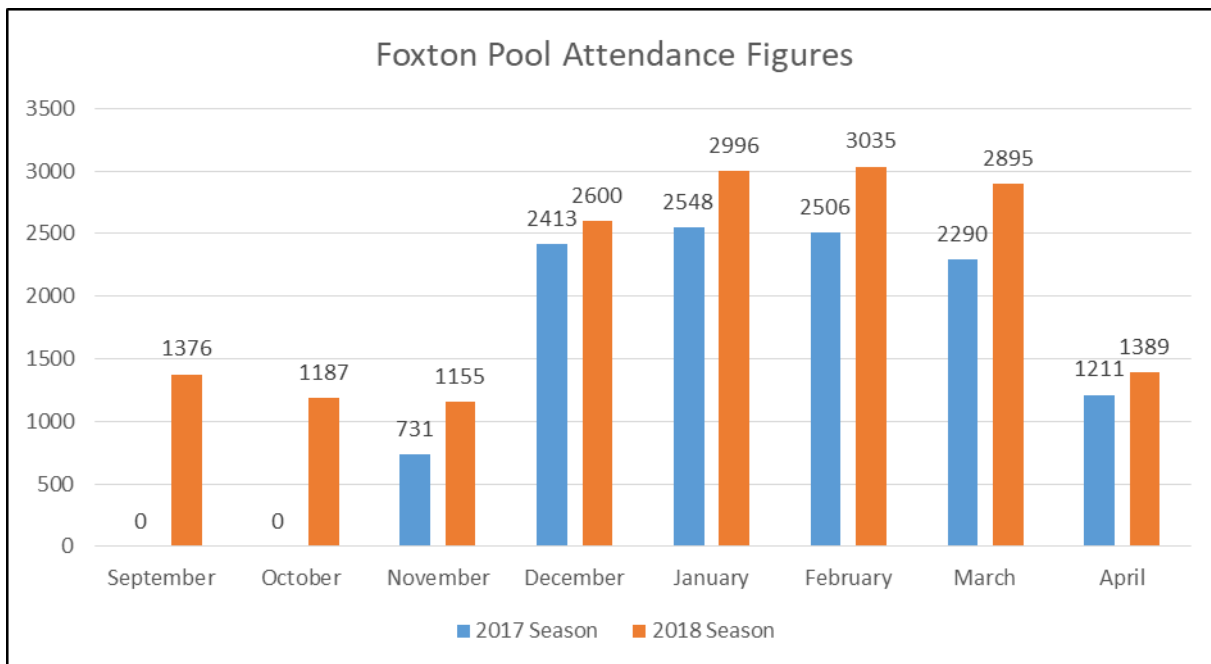
## Foxton Swimming Pool End of Season Report

The extended Foxton pool season has now concluded and it is pleasing to report that it has been successful on many fronts. The attendance statistics below speak for themselves and we are looking forward to growing these even further in the 2019/20 season.

Staff are currently reviewing the results of the Foxton Pool Customer Satisfaction survey and these results are expected to be available in June. Early indications are that customers are very happy with the current levels of service.

### Attendance:

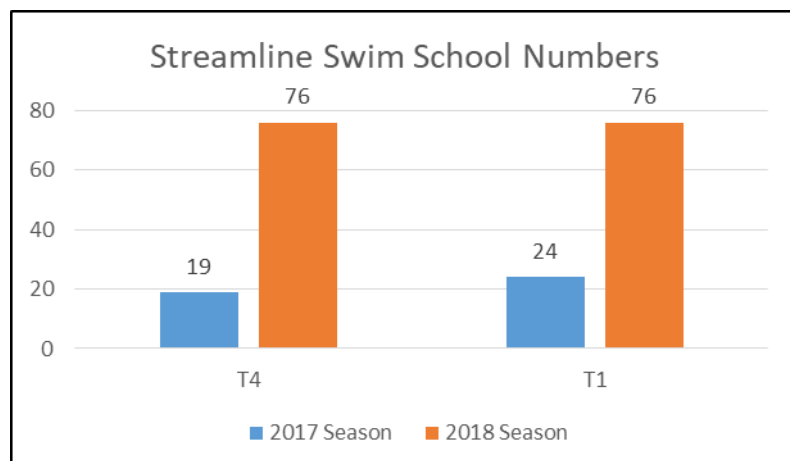
The attendance figures since opening are detailed in the graph below with the 2017/18 year also included for evaluation. The graph clearly illustrates an increase in attendance in comparison with the previous season for all months of operation.



### Streamline Swim School

Registration numbers for streamline swim school have been consistent for both terms at Foxton Pool. Both terms show a significant increase in registrations against previous years and this could be attributed to the longer season. What is interesting is that there has been very little impact on the swim school registrations at Levin Aquatic Centre for both term four and term one.

Term two lessons have just started at Levin and we have the highest number of registrations ever for term two (495). I would like to think that a driver for this increase is the number of Foxton families electing to continue their lessons at Levin based on their positive experience of Streamline Swim School at Foxton pool.



## **Aqua Classes**

Aqua fitness classes were extremely popular in Foxton with classes consistently well attended by members of the public. A meeting was held between the 'Aqua users group' and Pool Management about options for them at Levin and the Plans for Foxton Pool classes next season. There are members of this group that are carpooling to Levin 1-2 times a week to participate in Aquafit Classes run at LAC

Staff will continue to work with them over the next four months to come up with an Aqua programme that works for all parties

## **Seasonal Challenges**

### **Staffing**

Staffing the pool was a challenge particularly from February through to April. This is largely due to seasonal staff returning or starting university and is not uncommon for seasonal pools. Despite best made plans to combat this, a couple of a couple of unexpected resignations at Foxton and Levin resulted in staffing pressures towards the end of the season.

### **Property / Maintenance**

- We had a section of the pool overflow grating fail which has led to an inspection of all the overflow grating at the pool. As a result of this all overflow grating will be replaced. Unfortunately the new grating didn't arrive prior to the pool closing but it will be installed prior to opening on 1 September
- The condensation on cooler days causes it to 'rain' inside. This will always be an issue during colder months due to the lack of an adequate air handling system in the facility.

## **Recreational / Aquatic Feasibility Study**

HDC has commissioned [Visitor Solutions](#) to help it develop the Aquatic and Recreational Strategy. The objective is to collect feedback from the community including current users and non-users to better understand what our future priorities and needs are in relation to Aquatic Facilities and recreational offerings associated with aquatics across Horowhenua. The outcome of the study will inform the next LTP and decision making in relation to:

- The future of Foxton Pool
- The future of the old outdoor Foxton pool grounds
- The further development of the Levin Aquatic Centre
- The consideration of current offerings including tennis courts, squash courts etc.
- The potential for, and scope of, a community recreation hub in Levin (or elsewhere in District)
- The long term use of land within the Levin Domain for aquatic, sporting and recreational activities
- The opportunity for recreational facilities to be shared between schools and communities.

Over the coming month we will be seeking feedback from the community (including Foxton) to understand the issues, trends and opportunities of the aquatic and recreation sector within the district.

Brent Harvey  
**Community Facilities & Events Manager**

## New Zealand Community Boards Conference - April 2019 Report from: Patricia Metcalf and Jenny Lundie

Together with David Roache, John Girling and Mayor Michael Feyen, we attended the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2019 in New Plymouth.

### Conference Theme: **Community Boards in a Time of Change**

- The speed of change is causing problems and pressures.
- Change is part of the human psyche
- Drivers of change,
  - Sustainability
  - Technology
  - Population

#### Sustainability

- We lose jobs with technology but for every job we lose we gain jobs for developing technology
  - The jobs are shifting in what we need.

#### Technology

- Can create solutions to problems we are having
  - Use people from around the world to find solutions to community issues
  - Connect with other communities to create solutions
- Technology interface is improving - Making it simpler to use.

#### Population

- We are much more efficient but the stress is so high
- Millennials have adapted to change
- The grey heads nowadays still to want to interact.

### **Presentations and workshops where based around**

- Looking Forward, encouraging Youth & Talent
- Engaging the next generation
- The important role of Youth voice Groups, locally & regionally
- Engaging with the Maori Community
- Taranaki Mouna Project
- LGNZ – Localism Project
- The Implications of our aging population

### **Youth & Talent – Engaging the next generation**

#### **Youth & Talent**

- Different perspective
- Less restricted about past limitations
- Incredible networkers
- Currency of issue fresh from education
- Use technology

- Adaptable
- Futuristic

### **How to activate develop and empower your local youth voice**

- How do we build capabilities?
- What are the pathways?
  - Enable young ones to build a community of voice so they don't feel isolated.
  - Cannot set up youth groups and leave them to it.
  - Need constant up-skilling.

### ***How well do you feel your community board is supporting youth voice?***

- Create more or better opportunities for young people to participate in decision making
  - Regional platform for youth group from other groups.
    - Enable own idea without being one token person at a board meeting
  - Expand. Nation-wide youth voice
    - Young people supporting young people.
- How do we get young people to get involved with decision making?
  - Have a fund
  - No red tape
  - Make their own decisions
  - Build an App to enable decision making
  - Youth part problem requires youth to solve it.

### **Engaging with the Māori Community**

#### ***It is about understanding:***

- The layers of Connection & areas of activity and Interest
  - Iwi - highest level of governance
  - Hapu – District development of local politics & decision making
  - Marae - Social and Cultural development
  - Whanau – Human Social and Economic capital within families
- “We are tribal & need to go through the layers”
- Multi-faceted and often concurrently
  - It is the micro and the macro of it
    - M.O.U's set the term of the relationship
      - Shared values
      - How to share information
      - The layers of connection
    - Successful Engagement with Maori means
      - to ensure a long lasting relationship
      - realise, there is no quick grab
      - the stories of the past make sure you value and look after the resource

### **Taranaki Mounga Project**

#### **The Problem**

- Much of the native biodiversity has been laid to waste by introduced predators.

## The Project

- Aim was to restore the ecological vitality of the Taranaki Mounga.
- He Kawa Ora – Back to Life
- How did they do it
  - They Formed a Charitable Trust
    - A team of backers providing funding, knowledge and resources
    - Work out – What are we trying to achieve
    - Work together,
    - Be forward thinking, don't get stuck in the past
    - Reciprocity – see others success as your own
    - Collaboration – Support others to enable them to do their bit
    - Transparency – Let others pull it to bits to make it better
  - Success indicators
    - The outcome – eg Kauri die back reversing with the increase in native birds
    - Social
      - New Relationships
      - More people coming to meetings

## LGNZ – Localism Project

We are in this to get change.

- The what
- The why
- The how

### The What

*Central government does not trust local government to run their own affairs.  
So there are many rules and regulations tie local government in knots  
This is not new thinking. 1841 article*

### The Why

- Government cannot control information shearing any more.
- Low voter turnout shows how ineffectual local governance is.
- We need to lay the framework for our youth.
- By only providing rates as funding for local government it is constricting on local government.
- We can't keep putting up rates to pay for what we need.
- Forces us into core infrastructure rates, roads and rubbish
- Need to reform the current financing model.
  - Central government passes a law for Local Government to do e.g Alcohol Premises Licencing..... BUT we have to pay for it.
    - It inhibits growth
    - Always just too late to the party on just about everything
    - Economic growth does not help local government extra taxes go to central

### ***This is because we let it happen***

### The How

- We [LGNZ] are arguing we need to change the regime.



- Asking Central Government to provide funding is a hard ask,
- They will only do it if it is what the people want
- Need to show it is what the people want
  - Data shows as countries get less central they get richer
  - We are under governed compared to rest of world (ie local government)
  - Communities know what the issues are in their communities NZ is way behind the world
  - Localist economies do better
    - If they get the tax take they grow. New Zealand's way doesn't do this

**The Implications of our aging population**

- Hyper – aging
  - What does this mean for current models of rate revenue gathering
  - Resource and service provision
  - Housing demand and supply
- Age Structures and rates of ageing are highly diverse across the country
- Community Boards need to be aware of
  - Almost all towns will have more older people than children within 10 years
  - Many populations will shrink in size or remain static
  - Labour force will be much older > and shrink in size
  - Many local ethnic compositions will change quite rapidly
  - Average household size will fall but demand will increase.

**Conclusion**

A very busy few days, it was great to talk to other Boards, realising that our areas of concern are not just us, but are common concerns to most Boards.

The Conference in New Plymouth has reinforced our belief that there is a strong emphasis in the role of the Community Board, as Boards have a strong connection with the Community at a grass roots level.

Aging and Technology are two areas that are fast changing the face of life. Being proactive and prepared will enable us cope with the challenges of the future.

We as a Board can do better with our lone Youth member of the Board.

The Engaging with the Maori Community speakers, provided a great insight and understanding of the complexities involved. This insight with useful guidance in how to deal with cultural issues.

Finally: all the best to LGNZ with their Localism Project

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Tricia Metcalf – Deputy Chair

Jenny Lundy – Board Member

Foxton Beach Free Holding Account - Projected Forecast to 30/06/2021									
		Annual Report 30/06/2018	Actual Cash only 30/04/2019	Projected LTP 2018-2038					
				30/06/2019	30/06/2020	30/06/2021	30/06/2022	30/06/2023	30/06/2024
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Income</b>									
Interest (est) 4.3% pa		191	174	223	222	218	130	130	137
Land Lease Income from Pinewood Camp		34	23	30	30	30	30	30	30
Rents (full year charged in October)		65	39	45	40	40	40	40	40
Gain on Assets sales		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>290</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>207</b>
Less: funded items									
Grant - Foxton & Beach Bowling Club		-	(116)	(116)	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on Assets sales			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Contributions		(140)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administration	Note 1	(69)	(60)	(100)	(164)	(170)	(170)	(170)	(170)
Maintenance	Note 2	(19)	(5)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Rates/Depreciation (if any)	Note 3	(55)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(283)</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>(229)</b>	<b>(177)</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>(183)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 30th June</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>207</b>
Balance at 1 July		4,780	5,320	5,320	5,559	5,454	3,259	3,249	3,424
A. Section Sales per year		718	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. Endowment Properties freeholding		457	215	215	60	60	60	60	60
8574 Foxton Beach Reserves Projects per LTP 2015-2025 incl pump track		(318)	-	(95)	(92)	(90)	(87)	(85)	(82)
Forbes Road Sub division extention		-	-	-	(183)	(2,270)	-	-	-
8933 Bond Street and Nash Parade Stormwater approved 30 Aug 17 \$432,000 +/-		(315)	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	-
Installation of 2 lamps Foxton Beach launching Wharf and Ramp area		(9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus(Deficit) from Trading		7	48	121	109	105	17	200	207
<b>Balance 30th June</b>		<b>5,320</b>	<b>5,581</b>	<b>5,559</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>3,609</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									





# Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

File No.: 19/107

## 1. Purpose

To present, **for information**, details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 19/107 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

## 3. Issues for Consideration

The following decisions were made under delegated authority:

- (i) Subdivision and Land Use Consents Approved:

### **Subdivision Resource Consents Approved – 16/03/19 – 15/05/19**

Date	File Ref	SUB – Applicant	Address
22/03/2019	502/2019/139	A P Hewitt	11 Thomas Place Foxton Beach
01/04/2019	502/2019/135	Retrac Road Limited	14B Seabury Avenue Foxton Beach
09/04/2019	502/2019/144	M L Seymour	1 Norton Street Foxton Beach
14/04/2019	502/2019/147	L J Nowicki	2 Watchorn Place Foxton Beach
30/04/2019	502/2019/104	C P Long	14 Ocean Beach Street Foxton Beach

### **Land Use Resource Consents Approved – 16/03/19 – 15/05/19**

Date	File Ref	LUC - Applicant	Address
30/04/2019	501/2019/95	G J G Benton & J G E Benton	29 Shortt Street Foxton Beach

- (ii) Road Names Approved

None during the reporting period.

## Attachments



There are no attachments for this report.

### **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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File No.: 19/7

## Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Foredune Works

### 1. Purpose

To summarise matters related to the foredune at Foxton Beach carpark, and to recommend actions to re-contour and replant the dune and potentially refurbish the promenade including seating. This would achieve a long term solution for this popular coastal area, in terms of the protection of the seawall with additional positive outcomes from recreational, amenity and bio-diversity perspectives.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 A seawall was constructed within this dune system in 2009 (resource consent 102904/1) Horowhenua District Council (HDC) Officers have recently been in discussions with HRC to re-profile this dune to alleviate potential damage to the seawall arising from undermining and the impact of driftwood. It is anticipated the dune will be regraded into a consistent profile and planted with Spinifex.
- 2.2 On 15 April 2019, HRC indicated HDC could undertake the dune reprofiling required to protect the seawall. It was inferred the proposed works fall under existing maintenance provisions of 102904/1. A letter was sent to HRC confirming that HDC would look to undertake the works in August/September of 2019. A decision is required from the Foxton Community Board as to whether:
- the works to re-profile and replant the dune can be funded from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan in the 2019/20 financial year
  - the works on the dune can be extended to include refurbishing the promenade area, including seating etc.

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 19/7 Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Foredune Works be received.
- 3.2 That this decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.3 That the Foxton Community Board supports and recommends to Council the use of the 2018-2019 Reserves Investment funding for Foxton Beach to complete re-profiling and replanting of the foredune, and refurbishing the promenade space, including seating (Option 2).

### 4. Background / Previous Council Decisions

- 4.1 In recent months, there has been discussions with the Foxton Community Board, Ward Councillors and members of the community regarding a potential lowering of this foredune. This report seeks to provide context to that request, and outline a maintenance proposal to maintain the efficacy of the seawall and dune, whilst improving recreational and ecological outcomes in this coastal space.
- 4.2 In 2009, the sea wall was constructed on a significant section of this foreshore dune. A consent was approved by Horizons Regional Council for this work, being 102904/1.

- 4.3 As a condition of the current consent (102904/1), HDC has been required to undertake surveys in six separate locations in the vicinity of the seawall since it was installed, to monitor the impact of this seawall on erosion in this section of coast. A report identifying the results of the surveys is supplied annually to HRC (in August of each year). The surveys have concluded that the coast is stable, with no erosion of the beach resulting from the seawall being in place.
- 4.4 There has been a significant build-up of sand on the seawall since it was installed, however damage has occurred in a number of places as a result of wave erosion and impact from driftwood during high tides and storms. The proposal seeks to resolve these ongoing issues whilst improving plant coverage on the dune.

## 5. Discussion

- 5.1 Although discussions at a Community Board level regarding this have largely focused on reducing the height of the dune, officers have investigated this matter in the context of:
- Mitigating damage to the seawall and dune system from storm events and pedestrian access
  - The potential to achieve both ecological and recreational improvements in this coastal space.
- 5.2 The seawall is constantly exposed to localised erosion during storm events and high tides. This results in periodic wave cut of the toe of the foredune, revealing the seawall, and causing occasional blowouts of the dune. Both of these factors have exposed the seawall to erosion and damage. Sections of the seawall, particularly at the southern end have been exposed, with visual evidence of undermining, eroding out at the base of the wall, and a lack of sand and plant coverage in some sections. When sand covering is absent from the seawall, it is exposed to undermining via wave and wind action, and physical damage through the impact of large pieces of driftwood.
- 5.3 The aim of the works will be to ensure that this foredune is stabilised, and a significant reduction in damage and undermining of the seawall is the end result over the long term. The existing deposits of sand on the seawall will be used to achieve these outcomes which will result in regular lowering of the dune.

## 6. Options

Option 1: Re-profiling and re-planting of the foredune

In summary, this approach will be accomplished by the following:

- Ecological assessment of the foredune to check for both flora and fauna. Any specific finds, such as Katipo spiders for example, will result in those species being relocated to the rear dunes of the carpark
- Removal of existing spinifex and pingao to on-site storage
- Utilisation of sand material built up on the top of the seawall to provide buffering and protection of the seawall
- Re-contouring the foredune to achieve a more resistant and resilient profile
- Transplanting the more developed plants removed from the top of the dune to the toe of the dune (to provide improved resilience)
- Replanting spinifex and pingao at 0.5 metre wide spacing on the top of the re-profiled dune to enhance and improve existing biodiversity.



Option 2: Re-profiling and replanting of the foredune, and refurbishment of the promenade area, including seating etc:

- This would include all of the works outlined in option 1 above, and in addition;
- Redesign and refurbishment of the promenade area between the dune and the carpark, including seating and hard surfaces.

### 6.1 Cost

Option	Cost
Option 1: Re-profiling and re-planting of the foredune	\$15,000
Option 2: Re-profiling and re-planting of the foredune, and refurbishing the promenade space, including seating	\$100,000

#### 6.1.1 Rate Impact

There will be no rates impacts arising through adoption of the proposed recommendation (3.3).

### 6.2 Community Wellbeing

Should these works proceed, in the form of either Option 1 or 2, there will be benefits to community wellbeing at Foxton Beach, in the form of:

- The seawall will be protected from further impact and undermining thus maintaining the car-park area as a high-value recreational space
- Improved ecological habitat and a more resilient coastline that recognizes the importance of the site as a recreational area for locals and visitors
- The opportunity to incorporate educational messages and ecological outcomes.

### 6.3 Consenting Issues

The consenting approvals for this work incorporate both Regional Plan and District Plan requirements.

#### **Horizons Regional Council (HRC)**

HRC have indicated in writing to HDC that the proposed dune works can continue without an additional resource consent. HDC have already signaled to HRC that the works could proceed in August/September 2019, subject to funding, but would notify HRC formally as per the maintenance works required closer to the commencement of works.

#### **Horowhenua District Council**

Officers from the regulatory team have confirmed the following requirements:

- Resource Consent advice: This space is zoned open space, and the proposed works for both the dune re-contouring and the work on the promenade are permitted activities under the district plan. There is also a designation overlay on this land, which is designated for "Surf Lifesaving Club and Carpark". A proposal by officers will need to be submitted to the regulatory team that the planned works are compatible with the intent of the designation. No issues are anticipated about achieving this sign off, as all the proposed works would align positively with both the on-going use of the carpark and the recreational space between the carpark and the foredune, as well as the continued use of the Surf Lifesaving Club building.

- Building consent advice: There are no building act requirements applicable to the dune works. In terms of any works on the promenade (regarding seating, concrete plinths etc) any works which are one metre in height or less would be exempted under the Building Act.

#### 6.4 LTP Integration

The proposal integrates with the existing LTP program (2018-2038) as budgets are already identified for the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment program. There are no Special Consultative Processes required.

### 7. Consultation

The level of consultation required will depend on whether Option 1 or Option 2 is preferred. If Option 1 is chosen as the preferred approach, works are able to be undertaken under the existing maintenance provisions of consent 102904/1. HRC has already been informed in writing of the future works, but officers would also fulfil the consent obligations under this consent to formally give notification of the works 5 days before commencement of physical works. Officers would still follow a best practice approach for a project of this nature to keep all parties informed, including a project sign board, and project updates via social media channels.

If Option 2 is chosen, consultation will be undertaken with the relevant stakeholders, to finalise the design.

For options 1 or 2, Officers will consult with Iwi representatives well before commencing, to seek their views on the proposal and whether cultural monitoring is required for the physical works.

### 8. Legal Considerations

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

### 9. Financial Considerations

Should the Foxton Community Board agree for the works, either option 1 or 2, to be funded from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, there is no financial impact on Long Term Plan budgets.

### 10. Other Considerations

In terms of the planting of the dune once it is reprofiled the intention is to have a community planting day to finish off the works. This would be similar to the planting day for the dune recontouring and replanting project undertaken on the rear dunes of Foxton Carpark in 2018.

### 11. Next Steps

- 11.1 If the recommendations in this report are accepted by FCB a report to Council will be required.
- 11.2 Officers will provide an update to the Foxton Community Board on key milestones and timeframes for completion, once these have been determined through the tendering process.

### 12. Supporting Information

<b>Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome</b>
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The recommendations are in line with the Council's Annual and Long Term Plans. They also meet several community outcomes, including:

*Thriving Communities:*

- Our communities have access to health, social and recreational facilities which enable people to enjoy positive healthy lifestyles.

*Stunning environment:*

- We recognise that our natural environment plays a vital role in sustaining the district.

*Enabling Infrastructure:*

- Our community facilities and infrastructure are built resiliently, preparing us to combat climate change and natural hazards.

**Decision Making**

The decision is not significant and does not meet the requirements of a special consultative procedure. The recommendation is in line with the LTP.

**Consistency with Existing Policy**

The proposal is consistent with existing policy.

**Funding**

Should the Foxton Community Board agree to the recommendations in this report, funding will be secured from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

<b>Risk Area</b>	<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Risk Assessment (Low to Extreme)</b>	<b>Managed how</b>
Strategic					
Financial					
Service Delivery					
Legal					
Reputational	Differing community views on the works, particularly as one of the outcomes of the works will be to lower the foredune height.	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	Good communications with all parties including Horizons Regional Council, the Foxton Community Board, and the public.

**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.

**13. Appendices**

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## Appendix One: Foxton Beach Foredune works



Area of Foxton Beach Foredune and seawall



Photos of localised erosion resulting in subsidence and damage of seawall



File No.: 19/150

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## Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve

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### 1. Purpose

To seek a decision from the Foxton Community Board to endorse the design and construction of an enlarged parking area within Holben Reserve, to be funded from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

### 2. Executive Summary

The existing parking provision near the newly installed pump track at Foxton Beach is limited, with only 12 spaces available in the carpark west of the pump track. With the pump track now having been open for approximately one year, use of this new facility has had a substantial impact on the numbers of parks users, and subsequently vehicle parking, at Holben Reserve. Future developments proposed for Holben Reserve, as well as the growth projections for Foxton Beach and the district in general, will place further demands on parking at this site.

The proposal to increase the parking provision at Holben Reserve is to address this current and future demand, and provide a future-proofed solution

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 19/150 Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve be received.
- 3.2 That this decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.3 That the Foxton Community Board supports and recommends to Council the use of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Reserves Investment funding for Foxton Beach to complete the works to increase the parking provision at the western side of Holben Reserve.

### 4. Background / Previous Council Decisions

- 4.1 The existing carparking area at Holben Reserve (see Appendix 1 of this report) is relatively modest, with approximately 12 spaces for accommodating vehicles only. Since the opening of the pump track, and the subsequent increase in numbers of people using that part of the reserve, parking has become more of an issue, particularly at times of high use of the pump track. The existing parking area to the south west of the pump track is proving inadequate to cope with this demand, and this is causing parking behavior to be problematic. Part of the works undertaken to incorporate the pump track into Holben Reserve included the installation of bollards, to ensure that areas of road reserve beside the pump track and lawn areas within Holben Reserve were not parked out by vehicles. These bollards were also installed to protect the newly installed swales and plantings on the periphery of the pump track (corner of Nash Parade and Seabury Avenue).
- 4.2 In terms of a timeline, in 2017 the Foxton Community Board endorsed a process for officers to enter into a contract for services for the construction of the pump track at Holben Reserve. This project was one of the highest priority proposals resulting from the extensive consultation with the community regarding the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan. In 2018, the Pump Track was completed and opened to the public. Anecdotal evidence since



the opening has been indicating greater demands on Holben Reserve from a parking perspective.

- 4.2 In order to gain more insight and to assist future planning, Horowhenua District Council undertook a survey recently regarding the pump track, and had 202 respondents. The following results are pertinent to this report:

Pump Track Survey Results - 2019					
Stars	1	2	3	4	5
How do you rate the pump track?	0.99%	0.50%	2.97%	11.39%	84.16%
Where did you travel from to use the pump track?	Locally: Foxton and Foxton Beach: 49.04%	District-wide: 18.27%	Outside of district: 32.69%		
Would you recommend the pump track?	Yes: 99.03%	No: 0.97%			
How did you hear about the pump track?	Social media: 20.19%	Word of mouth: 43.75%	Newspaper: 5.29%	Other: 30.77%	
How often do you use the pump track?	At least once a week: 24.51%	At least once of fortnight: 20.59%	At least once a month: 37.25%	At least once a year: 17.65%	

- 4.3 From the survey results, it appears that there is considerable interest from users within the wider district, or even further afield, with over half of respondents that are currently using the pump track not living locally in either Foxton Beach, or nearby Foxton. 82.35% of survey respondents use the pump track a minimum of at least once a month, suggesting frequent and repeated visits by parks users.
- 4.4 The survey results underline what officers are observing, which is that the pump track is proving a substantial draw-card with both locals and visitors alike, with particular times of high use being:
- after school on weekdays
  - weekends
  - public holidays, and holiday periods
- 4.5 It should be noted that although the pump track is the most obvious recent development at Holben Reserve where this carpark project is proposed, there are a number of additional factors driving the need to increase the existing parking capacity at Holben Reserve:
- The existing skatepark (adjacent to the pump track); this has had an increase in use, likely because of the high profile (and popular) pump track being installed in very close proximity
  - Additional park amenity improvements since the pump track was opened, e.g. seating, small children's 'road layout' on asphalt paths surrounding the pump track etc
  - Use of existing amenities at Holben Reserve, e.g. tennis, playgrounds
  - An increased emphasis on Shared Pathways in Foxton Beach, driving increased demand by walkers and cyclists. This includes how Sunset Walkway and other pathway connections link through Holben Reserve.



## 5. Discussion

5.1 As covered in the background section, there is an increase in parks users at Holben Reserve now that the pump track is in place, creating the need for increased parking space. However, although use of the pump track is a significant driver of the need for increased parking, Holben Reserve is the largest reserve in Foxton Beach and increasingly becoming a focal point for recreation within this township, and this is also influencing the demands on this open space. In that context, the overall and long-term needs from a parking perspective fall into two distinct streams:

- Existing demand
- Future demand

### 5.2 Existing demand

There are two aspects to the existing demand which should be noted. The first is the installation of the pump track which has generated substantial new usage and visits to the reserve, as well as the 'spin-off' of some of those visitors utilising other nearby (existing) recreational assets within this reserve (see 4.3). The second is the recent growth that has occurred within Foxton Beach over the last 3-4 years, bringing in both new residents, but also changing the profile of Foxton Beach (more families). The next section on Future Demand will highlight these trends with more statistical information for the next twenty years. However the point is that even at this stage, current use of the reserve and the drivers for that are already impacting on the existing parking capacity.

### 5.3 Future demand

As noted above, developments within Holben Reserve like the pump track, are driving an increase in current usage of Holben Reserve. Expectations are that as further development of this open space occurs, that parking demand from users will increase accordingly. Further developments include:

- a wetland concept within Holben Reserve (on the eastern side primarily) in the early stages of development;
- further development of Shared Pathway connections and 'loops';
- greater profile and hence visitors to the RAMSAR site (given its international status)

Horowhenua District Council's Growth Strategy 2040 is also projecting:

- 589 additional households within Foxton Beach over the next 20 years
- 5377 additional households over the district over the next 20 years

If trends extrapolated from the recent pump track survey continue, both the pump track and any other significant future developments within Holben Reserve can expect a similar mixture of both local, district-wide, and visitors from further afield, further driving substantial usage of this open space, and subsequent parking demand.

New residents moving to the Horowhenua, as well as visitors on temporary stays holidaying in the district will all be seeking recreational opportunities in various forms. Given that Holben Reserve is very well placed to capitalise on this recreational demand, the development of a larger parking area within the reserve will display a proactive, future-proofed response to this demand, and minimise the existing parking problems that have started to manifest.

As mentioned in the background section, the existing carparking area at Holben Reserve is relatively modest, with approximately 12 spaces to accommodate vehicles. The proposed expanded carparking area would more than double the parking (30 spaces).

## 6. Options

The only option being put forward is to build a new carpark area in the south western end of Holben Reserve, as outlined in Appendix 1. This would involve:

- Earthworks to build up and increase the size of the existing carparking area
- Carriageway construction, sealing, and kerb and channel
- Battering and re-grassing
- Signage and asphaltic concrete pathways
- Roadmarking

The plan attached in Appendix One includes Shared Pathway construction. However, this report is not seeking funding for that part of the project, but for the construction of the carpark only. The plan outlined in Appendix One shows the extent of the works, and shows where these new shared pathway routes would be installed. These revised Shared Pathways in this part of Holben Reserve are important to strengthen walking and cycling connections within Foxton Beach.

### 6.1 Cost

As noted above, this report is seeking funding from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, for the carpark part of the works only (excluding costs for the Shared Pathways).

The cost of the full works outlined above is \$198,000 and can be completed by 28 February 2020.

Option	Cost
Option 1: Installation of extended carparking area at the western side of Holben Reserve	\$198,000

#### 6.1.1 Rate Impact

There will be no rates impacts arising through adoption of the proposed recommendation 3.3.

### 6.2 Community Wellbeing

Should these works proceed in the form of the recommended option, there will be benefits to community wellbeing at Foxton Beach, in the form of:

- Enhancing the use of Holben Reserve as a recreational space by both residents and visitors alike, now and for future use
- Contributing to the health and recreation benefits of parks users, with the improvement of shared pathways connections, as part of this proposal, in this part of Foxton Beach.

### 6.3 Consenting Issues

HDC's regulatory team has confirmed that these works are a permitted activity under the open space zoning that applies to this land. Therefore a resource consent is not required.

There is a designation in close proximity to these carpark works, being D172 Stormwater Management. Part of the works includes minor earthworks to build up parts of the carpark and batter the edges. The requirement for a sediment control plan from the successful contractor will be included in the contract specifications.

#### 6.4 LTP Integration

The proposal is in line with the LTP program in respect of the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan. There are no Special Consultative Processes required.

### 7. Consultation

There are no consultation requirements for this proposal.

### 8. Legal Considerations

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

### 9. Financial Considerations

Should the Foxton Community Board agree for officers to proceed with the proposal in its current form there is no financial impact on Long Term Plan budgets.

### 10. Other Considerations

There are no other considerations relating to this proposal.

### 11. Next Steps

- 11.1 If the recommendations in this report are accepted by FCB, a report to Council will be required.
- 11.2 Officers will provide an update to the Foxton Community Board on key milestones and timeframes for completion, once these have been determined through the tendering process.

### 12. Supporting Information

#### Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome

The recommendations are in line with the Council's Annual and Long Term Plans. They also meet several community outcomes, including:

#### *Thriving Communities:*

- Our communities live in a safe and supportive environment and are empowered to enjoy positive and healthy lifestyles

#### *An exuberant economy:*

- We recognise and manage the effects of population growth and actively promote the District as a destination of choice

#### *Enabling Infrastructure:*

Our facilities and infrastructure services are planned and developed for each town or village in our District to meet current and future needs

**Decision Making**

The decision is not significant and does not meet the requirements of a special consultative procedure. The recommendation is in line with the Long Term Plan.

**Consistency with Existing Policy**

The proposal is consistent with existing policy.

**Funding**

Should the Foxton Community Board agree to the recommendations in this report, funding will be secured from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

Risk Area	Risk Identified	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Assessment (Low to Extreme)	Managed how
Strategic	None identified				In line with LTP proposals
Financial	None identified				Funding available via Foxton Beach Investment Fund
Service Delivery	None identified				Will improve parking options
Legal	None identified				
Reputational	Increased demand for parking	May result in negative comments	possible	medium	Undertake car-park improvements


**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.

**13. Appendices**

There are no appendices for this report

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File No.: 19/162

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## Holben Reserve Wetland Development

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### 1. Purpose

To seek approval from Foxton Community Board to engage a consultant to develop a detailed design to construct a wetland on Holben Reserve by way of improving the existing water quality of the site and develop recreational use.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The 2015-2025 Long Term Plan contained a submission that \$100k per annum from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account be invested in Foxton Beach Reserves for 10 years to improve the reserves for the benefit of Foxton and Foxton Beach residents and visitors. The submission was supported by FCB and a resolution from Council followed.
- 2.2 An extensive consultation process was undertaken in 2015/2016 to identify where the money should be spent and doing what works. A network of 10 public reserves were identified for investment by the Foxton Beach community with the majority prioritizing Holben Reserve. The Foxton Beach Pump Track was completed in 2017 and has been of significant value to the community. The proposal to develop a wetland at Holben Reserve continues to meet community priorities identified in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 19/162 Holben Reserve Wetland Development be received.
- 3.2 That this decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.3 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 to a detailed design through an RFP process.

### 4. Background / Previous Council Decisions

- 4.1 Council resolved that 100k per annum be invested in an investment plan for the reserves at Foxton Beach as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
- 4.2 The Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan was developed following significant public consultation during 2015/2016. It prioritized the community's wishes for investment in the Foxton Beach Reserves and was adopted by Council in March 2017.
- 4.3 The Foxton Beach Pump Track as prioritized by the local community was completed in March 2018.
- 4.4 The current proposal to install a wetland at Holben Reserve is a continuation of the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan and meets a number of the priorities raised by the local community.

### 5. Discussion

- 5.1 The Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan identified community priorities rated from 1 to 9, with 1 being of least importance and 9 of major importance to the community. Of the 10

reserves included in the consultation process only Holben Reserve achieved a prioritization score of 9 (6 items).

5.2 The installation of the pump track at Holben Reserve in Mar 2018 was the first project rated as high priority by the Investment Plan (rated 9). The development of a detailed plan for the installation of a wetland and the improvement of recreation and leisure facilities at Holben Reserve addresses 4 further items prioritized highly by the consultation process including –

- prepare working drawings for construction in order to bring the track above water levels and/or install boardwalk sections where required (9);
- improve visibility, connectivity and safety, while retaining wind-break from the western edge and estuary edge of Holben Parade (9);
- improve quality of vegetation along western edge of Holben Parade (9);
- undertake detailed design to area surrounding Holben Pavilion, to improve usability for community events (9).

5.3 The proposal addresses a further 2 priorities rated as (8) in the Investment Plan that relate to Holben Reserve, being –

- improve ecological function of waterways and increase amenity of environmental asset (8);
- Introduce additional walking tracks throughout the reserve so to provide connections to key locations and to better define sub-areas within large unused open space at north of reserve (8).

5.4 It is proposed that with agreement from the Foxton Community Board and a subsequent resolution from Council to proceed, Officers will seek a Request for Proposal (RFP) from suitably qualified contractors/consultants to develop the design. The RFP has already been prepared with the outcomes identified below in 5.5.

5.5 Anticipated outcomes include the development of a detailed design that –

- Facilitates the installation of constructed wetland to pre-treat and filter stormwater;
- Achieves recreational water quality for pools and watercourses throughout the reserve;
- Develops accessible tracks and boardwalks throughout the northern bisect of Holben Reserve connecting the surrounding roads (Holben Parade; Bond Street; Nash Parade and Seabury Avenue);
- Develops break out spaces for creative play in the northern bisect;
- Improves in the woodland edge and watercourse planting in the northern bisect;
- Develops the open space behind Holben Pavilion to facilitate open-air community events.

## 6. Options

Only one option is being considered that being the planning and development of a detailed design for a constructed wetland, and the improvement of environmental, and recreational outcomes at Holben Reserve. There are no rate impacts in respect to the proposal as the budgets already exist in the LTP.

### 6.1 Cost

Costs related to the proposal will be met from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment fund if agreed by the Foxton Community Board and subsequently Council.

#### 6.1.1 Rate Impact



There will be no rate impact arising as the budgets have already been identified as part of the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Program

## **6.2 Community Wellbeing**

The proposal meets the requirements outlined in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, will if progressed to physical works, turn a sub-optimal recreation area into a fully functioning recreation area which will add to the unique offering in Foxton Beach, and complement already completed projects (Pump Track). It is anticipated the work will further enhance Foxton Beach and nearby Foxton as destinations.

The proposal meets the following LTP outcomes.

- Thriving communities – by developing a ‘sense of place’ that enables healthy recreation. It assists in making healthy lifestyle choices and is entirely complementary to other recreational developments on site.
- Exuberant economy – the proposal would support economic development in terms of persuading visitors to come and potentially stay longer at Foxton Beach. The development is in close proximity to local cafes and the Top Ten Caravan Park. It adds to local visitor attractions. The development of such a feature supports the existing natural features like the Ramsar site in terms of ecological tourism.
- Stunning environment – the proposal will improve existing water quality in and around Holben Reserve
- Enabling Infrastructure – the proposal allows for the management of stormwater from the surrounding roads and looks to improve the value of it in an ecological context
- Partnership with Tangata Whenua – local iwi will be consulted with as the proposal develops.

## **6.3 Consenting Issues**

No significant consenting issues are anticipated.

## **6.4 LTP Integration**

The expenditure is an existing item in the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan (8574.3.8473), arising from the Foxton Beach Reserves Improvement Plan. There are no special consultative processes required.

## **7. Consultation**

- 7.1 The Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan was developed following significant public consultation during 2015/2016. It prioritized the community’s wishes for investment in the Foxton Beach Reserves and was adopted by Council in March 2017.
- 7.2 The Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan was the prime consultation document that established the proposal as a high priority to the community. The Foxton Community Board, Iwi, interested parties (including FBPA), and other stakeholders will be consulted with as the proposal develops.

## **8. Legal Considerations**

There are no legal requirements or statutory obligations affecting options or proposals.

## **9. Financial Considerations**

There is no financial impact.

## 10. Other Considerations

There are no other considerations

## 11. Next Steps

Should FCB confirm its support for the plan a report will go to Council (12 June) for the necessary resolution and sufficiently well-qualified consultants/contractors will thereafter be approached for a proposal.

Should the recommendation not get approval from FCB or fail to obtain a Council resolution, Officers will arrange a subsequent workshop with FCB (and FCB invited stakeholders) to consider other options identified in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Program..

## 12. Supporting Information

### Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome

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**Decision Making** N/A

### Consistency with Existing Policy

The proposal is consistent with Council Policy. The 2015-2025 Long Term Plan contained a submission that \$100k per annum from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account be invested in Foxton Beach Reserves for 10 years to improve the reserves for the benefit of Foxton and Foxton Beach residents and visitors. The submission was supported by FCB and a resolution from Council followed.

An extensive consultation process was undertaken in 2015/2016 to identify where the money should be spent and doing what works. A network of 10 public reserves were identified for investment by the Foxton Beach community with the majority prioritizing Holben Reserve. The Foxton Beach Pump Track was completed in 2017 and has been of significant value to the community. The proposal to develop a wetland at Holben Reserve continues to meet community priorities identified in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

Funding					
Risk Area	Risk Identified	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Assessment (Low to Extreme)	Managed how
Strategic	Not applicable				In line with strategic documents
Financial	Not applicable				Budgets already identified
Service Delivery	Will increase costs of maintenance	1	5	low	Managed from existing budgets
Legal	Not applicable				No specific issues
Reputational	Not applicable				No specific issues

**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.

**13. Appendices**

There are no appendices for this report

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